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IT'S fantastic to see all the community events back in the calendar following two years of cancellations for many.

While the pandemic is still far from over, these community events certainly help with a return to some kind of normality and also give us plenty to report on.

At time of press the annual Lymm Duck Race was about to take place, which will be followed by Lymm May Queen and then Lymm Festival.

It has been a quick turn around for the Lymm May Queen team after last year's event in September, while the Lymm Festival returns to its normal format after some online activity last year.

There is also a watered down version of Lymm Transport day with a Steam and Boat event taking place in the village.

It will certainly be good to see all these community events taking place and we wish them well and hope members of the public will turn out to support them, while being mindful we are still in a pandemic.

Meanwhile for our readers who are used to picking up our free community magazine from High Legh Garden Centre, we have sadly had to remove our rack, as the new management don't feel it is appropriate, saying they don't want to stock something which promotes the "competition."

The good news is the rack has a new home and magazines are now freely available just down the road at Primrose Hill Nursery – like us a

family business.

For those of you who don't get it delivered via our door to door deliveries, the magazine is also available in other local outlets including Lymm Leisure Centre, Lymm Library, St Rocco's Charity Shop and Sainsbury's to name but a few.

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300 children "Experience Easter" at Lymm church

MORE than 300 children from Lymm's four primary schools visited "Experience Easter" at St Mary's Parish Church.

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For example the Hopes and Dreams display, told the story of Palm Sunday, there is a road, palm leaves, and a cross. Children were invited to pick up a stone, draw or write their hope and dream upon it, then place it at the foot of the cross. The displays were not just for

children – adults could also join in the activities or have a quiet moment to reflect and pray in the run-up to Easter.

Rector the Rev Beverley Jameson said: " In 2018 and 2019 the children loved the interactive story of Experience Easter. However, it does not matter if you are seven or seventy, we can all feel alone and afraid sometimes and we can write or draw something to remind us of that and leave it in the Garden of Gethsemane.



The Rev Beverley Jameson at Experience Easter's Garden of Gethsemane.

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LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
Details: 01925 755126

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Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
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The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 756444

LYMM CONCERT BAND
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United Reformed Church, 8pm.
Details: 01925 752934

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Tuesday May 10th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

MP helps Gladys celebrate her 100th Birthday



WARRINGTON South MP Andy Carter was amongst 30 guests to join Gladys Taylor from Lymm, celebrating her 100th Birthday at the Oughtrington Luncheon Club.

Born on April 12th 1922, Mrs Taylor arrived in Warrington 80 years ago and has been part of the Oughtrington community ever since.

Andy said: "What a privilege to join Gladys, her son, daughter-in-law, Lymm Town Crier Peter Powell and friends for a wonderful lunch to celebrate her very special day".

Mrs Taylor said: "I've had some lovely surprises, I'm very lucky to have such good friends at the luncheon club who've organised for everyone to be here".

For many years, Mrs Taylor ran

a popular hairdressing business in Mill Lane. After that she became a volunteer worker at the St Rocco's charity shop in Lymm – where she still amazes customers with her youthful appearance and lively personality.

She is a member of Lymm Methodist Church in Eagle Brow and when asked her advice for a long and healthy life she recommends a sensible diet, daily walk with gentle exercise and an outlook that says "don't worry about things you can't change."

New recruits wanted for St Mary's Lymm Festival Choir

ST Mary's church in Lymm is inviting members of the community to join their adult choir for special occasions forming St Mary's Festival Choir.

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Musical Director Susan Gadd email susangadd@hotmail.com or telephone 07398 399121 or just turn up to rehearsals at St. Mary's Church:

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Heritage centre volunteers unearth 57 varieties of Listed buildings

VOLUNTEERS from Lymm Heritage Centre have unearthed 57 varieties of Listed buildings in the village, which can now all be viewed via the Lymm Archive.

They include a former pigeon house in Millbank, a sandstone block by the fuel stop on Higher Lane and a cast-iron milepost on Booths Hill Road.

They all feature in Lymm Archive's new collection of photographs, which aims to celebrate the village's fifty-seven entries in the National Heritage List for England.

To view the collection, you need to open the website <https://thelymmarchive.co.uk/> and find the icon "Listed Lymm". From there, you can drill down through the different groupings or select the map and click on an icon. This will lead you to an image, a little information about the entry and a link to a fuller description on the Historic England website.

It's just the latest project from the volunteer team at Lymm Heritage Centre.

Listing buildings and sites all have special architectural and historic interest. They are protected by laws that aim to ensure they can be handed on, essentially unchanged, to future generations.

Most of these sites, buildings and structures are private property that cannot be entered without the owner's permission. The good news is that most can be easily seen from public roads or footpaths. For those

that can't...well, the Lymm Archive collection includes an image for you to look at.

Among the stars of the collection are, of course, Lymm Cross – the village's only Grade 1 structure - and the complex of buildings and other features at Lymm Hall. This includes the moat, an icehouse, and two cockpits – places where people came to watch the cock fights and gamble on the outcome. And there are some you might not have thought of, like the waterpoint case by the canal at Agden or the modern house of a 20th century architect in Danebank Road.

Being listed doesn't mean no change can take place. Buildings need to be maintained and adapted to meet modern needs. Changes are managed through the local planning system and in consultation with Historic England.

Equally, being listed doesn't guarantee that the building will be maintained in pristine condition. For example, it is particularly difficult for a business to maintain a redundant building that happens to be listed. Heritage England maintains a Heritage at Risk Register. At present, none of the Lymm listings appear on it - but you may disagree.

The list can evolve and this



is where you could play a part. Perhaps there's a historic building or structure you think has been missed off the list; or perhaps a site that should be scheduled. What about the remains of the slitting mill for example which is considered to be the best-preserved site of its type in the country. The assessors will be looking for historic and architectural features of national importance, not necessarily that it is old and looks nice.

If you consider that the list should be changed by adding or removing an entry, or if you are concerned that a listed building is at risk email lymmheritagecentre@gmail.com

Historic England has a scheme called "Enriching the List," which invites members of the public to add to the information held about each entry. If you have any stories, photographs or information - about past occupiers for example - please contact the Heritage Centre. Who knows we may put it all together in a new book!



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THE Queens have been selected for the 130th Lymm May Queen Festival which takes place on Saturday, May 21, starting with a procession at 12 noon.

This year's May Queen is 13-year-old Faye Griffiths who is a patrol leader with 2nd Lymm Guides and also a member of Latimer Hulse Lamda Drama Group.

She enjoys football and hanging out with her friends. She takes over from last year's May Queen Charlotte Booker.

Rose Queen is 10-year-old Lilly Raftery from Little Bollington Primary School. She loves dancing

and has been with Lymm Adivas since the age of four. She also enjoys football, playing out with friends and walking her dogs.

She takes over from last year's Rose Queen Leah Poole.

Originally known as Lymm & Oughttrington Bank of Hope Festival, the first-ever crowning was held in 1889. At that time the Queen was chosen from various Chapels in turn. The very first



New May Queen Faye Griffiths (right) with retiring Queen Charlotte Brooker.

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It involved all the villages that made up Lymm: Oughtlington, Heatley, Statham and Booths Hill. Each village had its own May Queen Committee. The May Queen event stopped due to the Second World War. In 1947 the May Queen was restarted and apart from a serious weather incident and Covid 19 the festival has continued with a now small, but very enthusiastic committee.

The May Queen and the Rose

Queen plus the retinue are chosen every year in March, before the event. Anyone who lives in Lymm can apply and the age limit is 12.

Every year a theme is chosen and this is reflected in the procession which contains bands, dancers, school floats and floats from local organisations.

Following this year's procession, there will be fair rides, stalls and food and drink for everyone to enjoy on the May Queen field.

For more details visit www.lymmmayqueen.co.uk



New Rose Queen Lilly Raftery (right) with last year's Queen Leah Poole.

LYMM MAY QUEEN
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The Lymm Village historic May Queen is to take place on Saturday 21st May 2022.

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Lymm Ladies Circle: Calling all new members



LYMM Ladies Circle is looking for new members interested in making new friends, having fun and fundraising for good causes.

Part of the national Ladies Circle group, Lymm Ladies blends the rich heritage of this established network with its own unique approach.

Its ethos is about helping women make new friends, try new things and be an active part of the community. From sponsored walks to paddleboarding, there's a host of activities to suit all tastes.

The group moved online through the restrictions and lockdowns of the past two years, adapting its gatherings accordingly, which included cookery classes, crafts and cocktail-making. It's now marking the return to in-person events with a call-out to prospective new members.

Chair of Lymm Ladies and local mum Helen Elliott said: "We're really excited to be getting together in person again and it's a great time for new members to join and enjoy a bit of a social boost post-pandemic. We've got a packed calendar of events for the months ahead, so whether you fancy glamping it up at Chester Races or doing a spot of arm knitting, you'll find something to enjoy."

Events so far this year have included a magnificent Burns Night supper hosted by member Bev Jameson, and a disco night. Next

up is a new members' evening at Lymm & Tonic.

Jennifer Loxton joined the group in 2020, as a newcomer to the area in the midst of lockdown, and has made firm friends. She explains what Lymm Ladies means to her: "I live and work locally but when I moved to Lymm from Scotland, I didn't know anyone. Through the group I've built some great friendships and it's wonderful to know I have people close by I can count on if I need them, or simply to pop out with for brunch or dinner."

Membership fees are used to support both group events and fundraising, with recent charity contributions made by Lymm Ladies including donations to Red Cross (Ukraine Appeal), St. Mary's Church, Explorer Scouts and Home-Start Warrington, to name a few.

The group also gets involved with hands-on support at local events such as the Lymm Beer Festival, Lymm Transport Day, Bonfire Night and more.

New members should contact Lymm Ladies Circle on Facebook messenger for details of membership or call 07866 895 041 to find out more about the next events.

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By Anthony Josephson

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High Legh 10k was "best yet!"

AFTER an absence of a year due to the pandemic The Robert Moffat Memorial 13th Anniversary High Legh 10k Race returned, with participants describing it as the "best yet!"

The High Legh Community Association and Lymm Runners were thrilled to be able to hold this wonderful local race again.

The sun shone to encourage one of the highest turnouts of runners ever – 544, supported by a super-efficient organising team, friendly marshals on the course and local High Legh residents, who came out to cheer everyone on.

High Legh 10k Race Director, James Hurrell commented: "It was amazing to welcome back a record number of runners from Clubs around the region, as well as individuals. It was especially pleasing to see the latest graduates from the Lymm Runners Beginners Course complete their first race. Running is back!"

The organisers also continued their moves to reduce the

environmental impact of the race by using biodegradable goody bags, offering entrants the opportunity to opt-out of having a T-shirt to plant a tree instead which raised a massive £700.00 for the Tees for Trees charity, having wooden finishers medals, and using paper bags instead of plastic for the iconic gingerbread men.

Nick Gerrard, Race Team Chair commented: "Lymm Runners and the High Legh Community Association would like to thank all the volunteers without whom this friendly and popular event would not be possible: this includes the organising committee, the goody bag and registrations teams and also the ever-cheerful Marshals who always have such a positive impact on the runners, and not forgetting those who helped to clear up."

All photos courtesy Brian Tuohy photography

"We have had more sponsors than ever this year and they have been, as ever, very generous. We would like to thank them for their donations of cheques, vouchers or in kind, including plants, water, fruit and other prizes."

"We would also like to congratulate first male and female runners, Sam Aspinwall of Sale Harriers, Manchester in 33 minutes 43 seconds and Alison Roberts of Lymm Runners in 39 minutes 43

seconds (both are pictured below). Well done also to the winners of the First Male and Female High Legh residents home – Cathal McCosker in 38 minutes and 8 seconds and Rosie Martland in 41 minutes and 57 seconds.

"Best one yet, (and it was a high bar)...great organisation, brilliant marshals.....loved the use of paper cups for the water...and the lovely cake stall." Susan R.



Success for karate youngsters

ALMOST 50 local children took part in a spectacular karate grading event at Lymm Leisure Centre.

The event, hosted by Lymm-based Gen'Dai Martial Arts proved extremely successful, with all the youngsters moving up to their next belt.

The students had worked very hard over the past few months,

having attended karate lessons at the club's Lymm and Partington venues, and also at Cherry Tree and Ravenbank primary schools.

The grading was presided over by former national champion, Sensei Dave Shipton - 5th Dan, who was assisted on the day by club members George Bainton and Dave Lomas.



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Lymm Year 8 Girls crowned Cheshire County football champions!

YOUNGSTERS from Lymm High School's Year 8 Girls football team are celebrating after winning the Cheshire Cup Final!

They beat Wilmslow 2-1 to be crowned the Cheshire County Champions. As well as winning the trophy they had a special mention on National Radio from Jo Whaley on Radio 2!



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School trust celebrates first successful year!



THE Beam Trust, involving four primary schools at Lymm, is celebrating its 1st birthday in May and making plans for next year after a successful first year.

Gill Marsland, CEO for The Beam Trust said "I am extremely proud to be the CEO of The Beam Trust, leading such a wonderful group of schools with dedicated staff, governors and children where collaboration is key to our further success".

The Beam Trust was formed by four extremely successful schools; Oughtrington Primary, Ravenbank Primary, Statham Primary and Thelwall Infant School. The Trust celebrates the individuality of our schools, our pupils and our staff, is focused on the future and is driven to pioneering learning experiences.

The four founding member schools have worked collaboratively together for years and the formation of our MAT in 2021 has brought incredibly exciting opportunities for the schools to work even more closely together. It has allowed them to share knowledge, best practice, training and resources in order to ensure that children across

the schools are able to benefit from the best experience of primary education possible.

Reverend Beverley Jameson Rector of St Mary's Church Lymm and Chair of Trustees said: "The excellent dedicated teachers and staff of the Beam Trust supporting one another across the four schools will provide a brilliant education for our wonderful young people. Bringing my previous experience as a governor in other primary and high schools and my secular experience prior to ordination, as a Director of Corporate service in a local authority, I am thrilled and honoured to be part of this exciting adventure".

Anyone interested in becoming a Member or a Trustee, or know anyone from the local community who would be interested, and would like to find out more about the role, responsibilities and time commitment, please contact admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk

Police seek man and woman following dog attack which left eight sheep dead

POLICE have launched an appeal in a bid to trace a man and woman following a dog attack incident on grazing land at Statham near Lymm, which resulted in the deaths of eight sheep, including young lambs and an expensive Ram.

The attack took place on March 30th, on farmland near dairy farm GP Broadsmith & Son based at nearby Pool Farm who had put out an appeal for information in a bid to trace golfers who may have witnessed the incident.

Golfers have now come forward with further information and police are now bidding to trace a man and woman in their 50s who were seen in the area with a black dog.

PC Jim Clark from Cheshire Police Rural Crime Team said: "This attack has resulted in the death of 8 sheep of which some were several young lambs and a very expensive Ram."

"Once again occurring due to inability for a person to ensure their

dog was under control.

"The incident occurred near Pool Lane, Lymm on the 30th March mid-morning.

"It is believed the dog owners a male and female late 50's with a Black Labrador style breed dog knew exactly what had occurred and thankfully the incident was witnessed by several people.

"If you are reading this and have a conscious or have any information regarding this matter please contact me via the Constabulary Web page quoting IML 1237140.

"If you need me to reiterate the importance of keeping your dog under control and this reads as a revelation then perhaps you need to reconsider your suitability to own or have a dog in your control!"

Information can be provided via 101 or online via www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/

Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery

Q: My Tibetan Terrier has a hacking cough that he seems to get every spring. It generally lasts for a few weeks and then goes away. He doesn't go into kennels so I don't think it is kennel cough. What do you think?

A: Firstly, despite its name kennel cough can be picked up anywhere that dogs come into contact with each other such as a park etc. The fact that the cough is happening at the same time each year would tend to indicate that it could be allergy based or that he is getting something stuck in his throat during spring walks.

Q: Why are my budgies droppings green rather than black and white?

A: Green droppings are quite normal in a budgie but if they have suddenly changed colour and you have not changed your budgies diet then it could be a stress reaction or an indication of a more serious kidney or intestinal problem. The best advice is to have him/her checked out.

Q: How old do puppies have to be before they can leave their mum?

A: We generally advise that they should be around 8 weeks old.

Q: My daughter wants to be a vet. What subjects should she study at school and what grades will she need?

A: All vet schools have slightly different entrance requirements and competition for places is fierce. Generally you will need A grades at GCSE and A level in sciences and maths. Work experience at



a vets and experience of working with farm animals and horses is also vital.

Q: My cat has bald patches on her back legs. I don't know if she is nibbling there and pulling the fur out. Should I be worried?

A: There are a few common reasons this could happen including poor nutrition, fungal infections, allergies or parasites. If the skin is crusty, scabby or inflamed it is more likely to be an infection which can be treated by a vet. If the skin is normal it could be fleas so make sure your cat's flea treatment is up to date. Cats can sometimes exhibit an obsessive compulsive behaviour such as over grooming a particular area and this can be down to stress. If so see your vet as there are steps you can take to help this.

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Obituaries

Matthew Eborall

THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on Tuesday March 22, of Matthew James Eborall of Hollytree Gardens, Lymm.

Matthew sadly passed away at The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in Liverpool after a long and hard battle with Sarcoma on March 8, aged 39.

He loved living the 'lymm Life' as he called it, and had a passion for cars and bikes.

Matthew leaves behind his loving wife Sarah and his two children Jaden and Summer, who will hold him in their hearts forever.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Esther Johnson

THE funeral took place at Lymm Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 23 of Esther Johnson, nee Goodwin, a Lymm resident for 60 years.

A member of Lymm Methodist

Church and a past president of Lymm Inner Wheel, Esther formerly lived in Woodland Avenue, Lymm. She died, aged 96, at High Peak Nursing Home, Croft, on March 11.

She is survived by two sons, Roger and Rick.

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Lymm Festival returns for a jam-packed 11 days of live events



AFTER a notable absence, due to the pandemic, Lymm Festival is back and it promises to be better than ever this summer.

Kick-starting on Thursday 23rd June to Sunday 3rd July, the festival has something for everyone, with old favourites like the FoodFest where the village comes alive with the tantalising sights and smells of local restaurants and street traders.

There'll be new events too including the spoken word, plus some great headliners and music.

The full programme of events will

be launched in early May when the Festival Guide will be distributed in Lymm and the surrounding areas.

There'll also be a new website to coincide with the launch.

Keep up-to-date with all things Lymm Festival by following them on Facebook and Instagram and keeping an eye on the website, where you can also sign-up for the newsletter.



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