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Editor's Comment



HER Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service as we celebrate this landmark occasion in June.

The May Bank Holiday Weekend has been moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Lymm like many areas across the nation is planning a wide range of activities to celebrate this historic occasion.

Lymm Parish Council has been working hard to help coordinate a wide range of activities involving crafts, heritage, street parties, music, readings, church services, floral art and a 'Light Up Lymm' beacon ceremony by the Lower

Dam.

Full details are available in a special booklet which should be delivered to most homes in the village.

There is also a big screen showing of how Lymm marked the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 if you want to take a trip down memory lane at Lymm Heritage Centre.

Whether you are a royalist or not - 70 years on the throne is an amazing achievement, unlikely to ever be repeated - certainly not in our lifetime.

Her Majesty has been an

outstanding ambassador for our country, dedicating a lifetime of service.

She has been a constant throughout my lifetime and a look forward to raising a glass or two to celebrate this historic occasion.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Deadline for the July issue of Lymm Life is June 7

Motorist who challenged fixed penalty notice fined £1,000

A motorist who ignored parking restrictions on a zebra crossing near Lymm Dam has been ordered to pay more than £1,000 in a fine and costs by Warrington Magistrates after contesting a fixed penalty notice.

The driver was issued a fixed penalty notice for unnecessary obstruction where the vehicle was parked on the zig-zags at the crossing at Lymm Dam on Sunday

12th December last year.

But the driver disputed the ticket and the case was heard at Warrington Magistrates on Monday 25th April.

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Lymm Parish Hall
Check www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk for details.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Meets at Warburtons Parish Rooms on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 8pm
Contact 01925 919053

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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MARKET LUNCHEES

Eagle Brow Methodist Church
3rd Thursday in the month
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GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

Lymm Village Hall
Third Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome. Contact: 07876 176501
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LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (ex July & Aug), 7.30pm
Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow.
Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

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3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 756444

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Details: 01925 752934

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Details: www.lymmprobus.club

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Details: www.lymmdingleprobus.club
Club secretary 01925 759995

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Tuesday June 14th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

Thousands flock to Lymm Duck Race



THOUSANDS of people flocked into Lymm village as the Lymm Duck Race returned after an absence of two years due to the pandemic.

Organised by Lymm Roundtable and supported by local businesses, the event is expected to raise over £10,000 for good causes, with a £5,000 donation already pledged to the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine.

Members of the public also purchased hundreds of plastic ducks which were emptied in the lower dam in the middle of the village, with prizes for the first ones

to cross the finish line.

It is one of a number of events organised by Lymm Roundtable to help raise funds for good causes.

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Play your part as Lymm rises to the challenge!

THERE has been a fantastic response from the community to the launch of plans for a new centre for the performing arts in Lymm, with many groups who would use the centre getting behind the project.

Kieran Walshe, who chairs the Lymm Performing Arts Working Group, said: "We've had great support from groups and individuals from the outset and throughout our community consultation last year, but we were blown away by the response to the launch, on social media and in person."

The plans envisage a new, purpose built facility on the Lymm High School site, to be used by all schools and the community. It will have a large, professionally equipped performance hall which can be used for big events such as

school productions, dance shows, concerts, Lymm Festival events, music gigs, and even touring companies and shows.

The school's recent production of the musical Grease (pictured) showcased the talent in the local community which will benefit from the project. The new centre will also have drama, dance and music studios and practice rooms, media facilities, and a recording studio. It will be used by schools during the day and by the community in the evenings and at weekends.

The Working Group is now

collaborating with Warrington Borough Council on bids for funding.

Kieran added: "This can't happen without a substantial capital investment from public funds, but we will also need to fundraise from the community. We are starting discussions with a number of charitable funders, and we've already had one big donation from a local charity."

The overall cost to build the performing arts centre will be around £3m, but fitting it out and providing equipment could add to that.

The full case for investment is on the Lymm Performing Arts website at www.lymmperformingarts.org.uk.

For more information, email info@lymmperformingarts.org.uk



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Lymm Parish Council is working hard with volunteers from the village to put on a full set of events and activities to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Street parties, lanterns, craft activities, floral displays, decorations, church services, sing songs and the climax of lighting the Jubilee Beacon will all enable Lymm Residents to celebrate this unique event together. Lymm Radio will be providing full coverage.

A souvenir programme will be delivered to every home in the village.

Warrington's Local Plan has been submitted to the Government for its "Examination in public" which must be passed before the plan can be adopted. The plan has proved particularly controversial in South Warrington because of the amount of greenbelt that will be lost and the fear that it will allow unsustainable car-dependent estates of large homes, without delivering the affordable and sustainable homes that residents tell us they want.

Lymm Parish Council is a member of the South Warrington Parish Councils' planning group which will be funding a legal and a planning consultant to put the residents' view at the Examination.

The Council is looking for ways to expand and improve to work on maintaining the local environment. Our Environment Team has been much praised for the work they do and their "before and after" shots on Instagram.

The Parish Council will work with Warrington Borough Council to improve the coordination of adding and maintaining benches in our popular open spaces, as well as regularising the maintenance of memorial benches sponsored by members of the public.

We continue to receive a lot of complaints about speeding, parking and HGVs passing through the village. To have better grounds for negotiating with the Highways Department the Parish Council is funding ten monitoring cameras that count cars, pedestrians, cyclists and HGVs as well as providing an idea of the speeds at which these are passing through the village. The devices only count, they retain no data and do not identify vehicles or individuals. We are also waiting for news on our participation in an average speed monitoring pilot on the A56.

We hope everyone enjoys their Jubilee bank holidays.

As always, the Parish Council, is pleased to hear from the public, particularly from those who have ideas for improving life in Lymm.

Cllr Bob Barr.
Chairman



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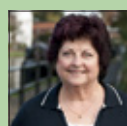
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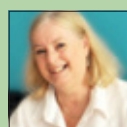
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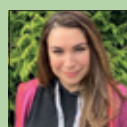
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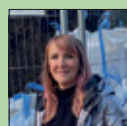
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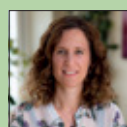
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The countdown to Lymm Festival is on

Lymm Festival returns at the end of June and organisers are calling on village residents, friends and families to get involved in the fun.

There will be lots of great events taking part over 11 days with something for everyone of all ages and interests: art and literature, music, comedy, food, heritage and family fun.

Every household in Lymm should be now have had a copy of the Event Guide delivered to their door containing details of all the events.

The highly popular FoodFest will kickstart the Festival on Thursday 23rd June when the village will come alive with stalls from local restaurants, street food traders and entertainment.

With over 40 events to choose from, head over to the website: www.lymmfestival.org.uk for more information and to get your tickets. They are already going fast, with over 100 tickets being bought within 24 hours of the site going live!

As the BBC's Royal Correspondent, for 14 years, Jennie Bond was at the heart of events that made headlines



around the world: from the fairytale marriages to the adultery, the divorces and the deaths.

Jennie will be sharing her experiences and hilarious adventures as Royal Correspondent during an entertaining evening event at Statham Lodge.

Staying with a 'Royal' theme, the ever popular Scarecrow Trail has 'Famous British Figures of Queen Elizabeth II's reign' as this year's theme. There is lots of scope for some great characters to create - either people or fictional: Winston Churchill, Harry Potter, Alan Turing, Spice Girls, Stephen Hawking, James Bond, Wonder Woman, Adele, Usain Bolt.

Another famous name joining the Festival line up will be Dr Phil Hammond, ahead of his appearance at Edinburgh Festival. Phil Hammond was an NHS doctor for 37 years and is also an award-winning writer, broadcaster and comedian, and Private Eye's medical correspondent for 30 years. His account of the pandemic "Dr Hammond's Covid Casebook" is a Sunday Times Bestseller.

Follow Lymm Festival on social media: facebook, twitter, Instagram and YouTube or register for the newsletter via the website to receive regular updates.



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

It's going to be a fantastic day with lots of traditional things to do on the May Queen field following the procession through the village. The procession is to commence at 12pm.

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"Superhero" twins raise £3k for research

IDENTICAL eleven-year-old twins Oscar and Sebastian Spink, who both suffer from a rare muscle-wasting condition, have raised over £3,000 for Muscular Dystrophy UK, after embarking on their biggest ever physical challenge.

The boys from Lymm were diagnosed with fascioscapulohumeral dystrophy (FSHD) in 2019 – a rare, progressive muscle-wasting condition that slowly destroys muscle, making any physical movement difficult, and there is currently no cure or treatment for the condition.

Now Oscar & Seb have completed their biggest physical challenge yet with a 2,000-step challenge at their Lymm home!

Mum Kery Spink said: "They are mad about Marvel and have been completing a massive task – to climb the equivalent of the Stark Tower from the Avengers films(we've given it a cheeky rename too) through April – that's 130 flights or 2000 steps!

"Their muscles have got much weaker in the past 12 months. They now have severe lordosis (curved spines) and shortening of their leg muscles, so climbing stairs is a real effort for them.

"They're fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy UK to help those with the condition and fund research into treatments for FSHD. There is currently no way to treat or stop the progression of this cruel condition, so we know they are going to get even weaker as time goes on, relying on their wheelchairs full time and needing full-time support.

"Every little bit of support helps MDUK reach those with muscle-wasting conditions and the search for treatments.

"If you'd like to donate to their "Superhero step challenge" to show your support for our "April Avengers", you'll be their heroes! #superheroes #musclesmatter #superherosteps."

The superheroes completed their challenge at the end of April.

Last year the twins helped raise £13,000 from a whacky hair day at their local school, while the year before they raised over £4,500 by completing 26 laps of their garden.

Donations can still be made online via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/superherostepchallenge



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Lymm welcomes Ukrainian "guests" to village

THE first Ukrainian refugees have started to arrive in Lymm after villagers rallied to set up a support group, to help those fleeing their war-torn country following Russia's invasion.

While the war in Ukraine has shocked everyone, the response from Lymm has been to open up their doors to the refugees – more hospitably called 'Guests', and give refuge from the violence they have been experiencing in their country.

Dozens of people have registered for the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme, offering everything from single rooms to whole houses.

Lymm Local Lesley Loughridge was one of the first to welcome her guests to the village. "I joined the Lymm Ukrainian Group on Facebook and quickly matched with a young couple. We began chatting online, to learn of their situation. They were first bombed

on the 23rd February (they lived very near an air base), and didn't realise that within 6 hours their lives would change dramatically. They packed up what they could in the back of a mini and embarked on a 6 week journey to Lymm, via Russia. We had an emotional meeting as they pulled up in their little Mini. They are totally adorable and we are now getting on with all the paperwork to get them ready to work, which they are very keen to do quickly. It is so lovely to think you can do your little bit to help."

Still waiting for their guests is Sheila and Eric Quirk. They signed up immediately for the homes scheme. Sheila said: "On April 2nd we offered to sponsor a family



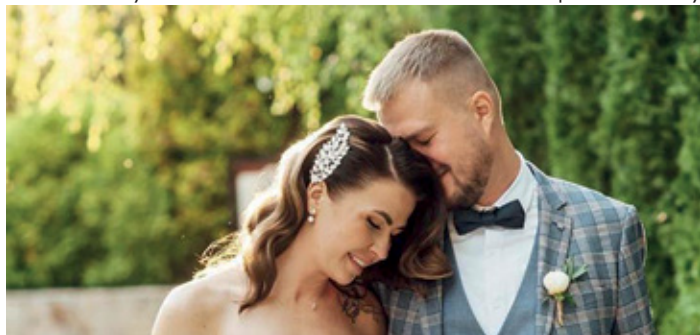
of 5. Mum, Dad and 3 beautiful girls aged under 11. They live in Western Ukraine but close to the Belarus border., and they started the visa process immediately. So far, we have received 4 of the 5 visas after 4 weeks of waiting. Within days of submitting the visa, a council housing officer arranged to visit our house to check that we had room for 2 adults and 3 children and another officer performed DBS checks as we were hosting children. So, we are all set to go - subject to finding some bunk beds and clearing out the wardrobes!"

Sheila has been working with lots of people in the village to plan to provide weekly meeting venues and social cafes for the guest families, so they can meet up during the day to a chat or to learn

English. She added: "if you see posters in the village in Ukrainian or hear a foreign language emanating from the various meeting rooms in Lymm, stop by and say hello to our guests."

Working on the Village response team is Cllr Graham Gowland. Graham added "Lymm always steps up in a crisis, but seeing all the different people offering their homes, arranging support groups for both the hosts and guests and generally working together has been really inspiring. We've an amazing community and I know every Ukrainian will receive a warm welcome to the village."

People interested in becoming a local host can find out more at <https://lymm.uk/ukraine> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3096199497306336>



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The green will be open to visitors between 10.00 and 4.00 on Saturday for a go at bowls and a cup of tea.

The Club which has a hundred members has enjoyed its idyllic location for 100 years but always welcomes new members to carry on the legacy and to share the joy of the sport.

Chairman Fred Taylor said: "This is a fantastic sport where grandparents can participate alongside their grandchildren. Mums and dads don't stand on the sidelines watching but join in and play together."

"The Club has teams in competitive

leagues playing across Cheshire, but also welcomes those who enjoy a social game on a sunny afternoon"

Club Secretary John Groves said: "The health benefits of bowling are recognised nationally – whether from the benefits of being outside, physical activity – not necessarily too strenuous, meeting other people – a good stretch of the limbs and a great way to de-stress after a busy day."

The Club can provide instruction and bowls for new starters to try things out and would be delighted to meet anyone interested on the open day or they be contacted via email at oughtringtonbc@outlook.com





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Q: A female stray cat has 'adopted' us. We are happy to have her as a member of the family but we don't want her getting pregnant. Is a vet able to tell if she has been spayed?

A: Before you 'adopt' the cat make sure she doesn't belong to anyone else as she won't be the first cat to have two homes! Ask around the local area and take her to the local vet to see if she is microchipped. Vets can do blood tests to measure hormone levels which can indicate if she still has her ovaries, they could shave a patch of fur to check for a spay scar or perform minor surgery to check if a uterus is present.

Q: I noticed an advert for a vaccination that covers rabbits for Myxomatosis and Viral Haemorrhagic Disease. I have heard of Myxomatosis but not the other disease. What is it and how common is it?

A: VHD is a highly infectious and often fatal virus that first appeared in the UK in 1992. Because it is transmitted by direct contact between rabbits or from surfaces contaminated by other rabbits

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Q: My collie has started eating compost from the tubs in the garden. He is 16 years old and has never done this before. He is eating all his dog food every day so cannot be hungry. Can you offer any advice?

A: There are a number of reasons why he may be doing this. The first is that, like humans, as dogs get older they can undergo 'senile' changes which can result in odd behaviour. It could be due to a deficiency of a mineral substance in his diet but if you have not changed his diet recently this is unlikely. The third reason is a change in your dogs metabolism which means he cannot absorb the minerals he needs. It would be worth seeing a vet who can run tests and advice on the correct course of action.

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Generations come together to create fresco



WITH its innovative multi-age concept fast taking shape in Lymm, the McGoff Group brought young and old together for an exciting art project to commemorate the start of Global Intergenerational Week (25 April).

Pre-school children from Back to the Garden Childcare, the Group's natural child-led day nursery, joined elderly residents from Grosvenor Manor, one of the Group's beautiful residential care homes, to transform an unused part of the development hoarding along the side of Satham Avenue into a stunning spring fresco.

Peggy Steib aged 96 and 84-year-old Joyce Hurst started the project off and were joined by three-year-old Miller Carty, Olivia Yu who is three and a half and her brother Joey who is two. Young and old worked together to populate the picture with colour and detail; the children used finger and handprints to create beautiful pink cherry blossom and daffodils and the adults using different brush applications for trees, greenery and colourful flowers in bloom.

The resulting image is a wonderful reflection of what can be created when people of all ages come together to support and inspire one another and will be reproduced digitally on weatherproof vinyl and installed permanently on the hoarding.

Director at the McGoff Group, Chris McGoff, said: "Global Intergenerational Week was the perfect opportunity for us to facilitate this super activity highlighting how important it is for the youngest and oldest members of

society to spend time in each other's company, sharing knowledge and skills, developing friendships and essentially having fun and is a great representation of the concept and thinking behind the creation of our new development in Lymm."

Grosvenor Manor resident Peggy Steib trained at Guy's Hospital in London and has worked as a nurse, midwife and health visitor. She added: "It was absolutely delightful for me because children and babies were my business when I worked a long time ago. I helped a three-year-old paint something and it was lovely to have both generations together – we just had a lovely time."

Due for completion later this year, the McGoff Group development on Whitbarrow Road is one of the first of its kind in the North West and will bring young and those in later life together to form a vibrant new micro-community with proven health, social and wellbeing benefits for all. When complete, it will feature an award winning care centre, natural child-led day nursery and 45 individually designed residential apartments which benefit from an on-site concierge and the option to ask for a little extra help as and when needed. For further information on the development, please visit www.mcgoffgroup.com

Obituary

David Gleave

THE funeral took place at Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday May 11, of David Gleave, who lived on Higher Lane, Lymm.

David very sadly passed away at St Rocco's Hospice Warrington on April 22, aged 60.

David lived most of his life in

Lymm, attending both Satham Primary School and Lymm Grammar School. He was a member of Lymm Rotaract in his younger years.

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