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LYMM certainly knows how to party when it comes to celebrating the Queen's 70th anniversary Platinum Jubilee.

The Beacon lighting in the village centre organised by the parish council attracted thousands of people into the village for a right Royal knees up, while numerous street parties also took place around the village over the four day Bank Holiday Weekend.

Meanwhile the Lymm May Queen Festival had previously set the tone with a Royal theme celebrating this special Jubilee year.

Out of the many photographs we took over the four days – I think the front page picture on this month's issue captures the spirit of the whole occasion perfectly.

A big thank you to local photographer Andrew Collier and our photographer John Hopkins for capturing the spirit of the occasions

perfectly. In other news the Secretary of States decision to order Warrington Borough Council not to proceed with planning permission for the controversial Six56 development, alongside the Government decision to axe the Galborne Link from the HS2 proposals, is good news for the local countryside and those who would have been impacted by these proposals.

We are not out of the woods yet with the Six56 development as I am sure the applicants, Langtree, will have something to say about this almost unprecedented decision – but at least it has given campaigners some breathing space.

Finally good luck to all those involved in helping organise this

year's Lymm Festival, which makes a welcome return after the impact of COVID – and I'm sure there will be plenty more laughter, colour and fun to light up the village.

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New bid to save "haunted pub"

A NEW bid has been launched to safeguard the future of an 18th-century pub which, according to local legend, is haunted.

The Star Inn, in Star Lane, Lymm is the last remaining pub in the hamlet of Statham. The building itself dates from the 1840s when it was a fustian cutting house.

Lymm Parish Council is seeking to have the pub listed as an asset of community value. They say the pub, as the only one in Statham, contributes significantly to local community life.

It is used by many local organisations, including the local school's parent-teacher association, the local Labour Party, the Star Gun Club, CAMRA and Warrington Angler's Association.

The pub holds regular quiz nights, its darts team competes in the local darts league and has large screen televisions which screen popular sporting events, bringing local people together.

It offers refreshments to walkers and cyclists using the nearby Trans-

Pennine Trail, many of who are fascinated by its history, including the legendary ghost from the 17th century.

Over the years, the top floor of the three-storey building has been subjected to poor quality partitioning. However, a lot of the original features still remain including the large beams that were used to support the heavy fustian cloth cutting bench.

The pub is believed to be one of the best examples in the village of Lymm's association with the fustian cutting industry which was once Lymm's main source of employment.

The Star has been listed as a community asset before, but the protection lasts for only five years.

If the listing is granted again, it means the local community would have the opportunity to put together a bid, in the event of the building being put up for sale.



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LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

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GARDENING CLUB

Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
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LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

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See parish council website for details.

Lymm Vaudeville Show tickets now on sale



AS part of Lymm Rugby Club's grassroots clubhouse fundraising appeal, the Lymm Panto troupe will be staging the 'The Vaudeville Show' on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 21, 22 and 23 July, with tickets now on sale.

"Following a barnstorming Lymm Panto run last December, we will be back on stage in the rugby clubhouse, with a fantastic, three-night variety show," said show creator and impresario Simon Plumb.

"This is an all-seated, theatre show for 150 each night, and our lovely and loyal audience can expect great entertainment with some classic favourites like 'Cheap Flights', 'Bring in the Clowns'

and Charlie the vent dummy. We are also producing new songs, sketches and dance routines. This classic variety-style show is great fun, not to be missed and now in its seventh year!

"It is recommended you buy tickets, at £25 each as soon as possible as we are expecting a sell-out," commented Simon.

Please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/Lymm-Rfc-Ltd for tickets

St Peter's Church celebrates 150th birthday

ST Peter's Church at Oughtrington is celebrating its 150th birthday on June 29 and a number of events have been planned to mark the occasion.

A Flower Festival on the theme 'Celebration' takes place from Friday 24 - Saturday 25 June.

Then on Sunday 26 June at 9.45am there is a Patronal Eucharist and Lunch for church members only, followed at 8pm the church hosting a Concert by Eblana Trio in the Lymm Festival.

On Sunday 3 July at 9.45am there is Eucharist (members only)

followed at 2.30pm with Afternoon Tea - which is also members only, in church and finally hosting a concert by Alteri in the Lymm Festival at 4.30pm.





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Anger over retirement home plan for Green Belt land

ANGRY residents are opposed to plans by McCarthy and Stone to build 45 retirement apartments on Green Belt land at Watercress Farm next to the Dairy Farm estate in Lymm.

Local Councillor Ian Marks said: "This land is in the Green Belt and I don't believe there are any very special circumstances to justify release of this land now. It follows soon after a proposal by Bellway to build houses and a medical centre next door to this site.

"Both these proposals are premature because the Local Plan has yet to be examined in Public by an Inspector. This examination is expected later in the year and will determine if any Green Belt land in the area is to be released.

"In 2007 McCarthy and Stone applied for planning permission for 53 sheltered apartments for

the elderly on what was then the Rushgreen Filling Station but is now Sainsbury's. This was turned down on appeal. Although circumstances are different now, some of the reasons for dismissing the appeal still stand and set a precedent against development.

Cllr. Marks added: "We have campaigned for years to retain the gap between the settlements of Lymm and Oughtrington and this proposal would be a significant intrusion. The entrance would be at the end of Thirlmere Drive which is far from ideal. Residents are horrified at all the disruption that would result during the construction

period."

McCarthy & Stone say the plans propose the construction of 45 Retirement Living apartments set amongst attractive, landscaped gardens with on-site parking provision. The proposed development is in a sustainable location near the centre of Lymm, with all the amenities that the village has to offer just a short distance away.

McCarthy Stone has carried out a pre-application public consultation with the local community on its proposals, including a virtual exhibition from the 6th to the 20th of May 2022, which over 2,000 residents, businesses and stakeholders were invited to view.



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Right royal occasion as Lymm May celebrates Queen's Platinum

IT was a right royal occasion for the 130th Lymm May Queen Festival with a theme to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This year's May Queen was Fay Griffiths while the Rose Queen was Lilly Raftery. Thousands of people turned out to support the event in the village enjoying the parade and events on the May Queen field.

It also marked the final official event of the year for the first citizen and Mayor of Warrington Cllr Maureen Creaghan, who handed

over her chains of office recently.

The Lymm May Queen parade involving villagers and local school children and community organisations was led through the village by Town Crier Peter Powell.

A note of thanks to all those who give up their time organising the event too, led by the local Cllr Kath Buckley, Chair of the organising committee.

Pictures: John Hopkins



Lymm May Queen Festival Jubilee



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As chair of Lymm May Queen, I would like to thank all those who showed their support towards another successful Lymm May Queen.



After a challenging year we hope that our festival gave a lift and cheer to our village celebrating the Queen's Jubilee. It is a privilege once again to be chair of this significant and historic event and I would like to thank the committee who make this event happen!

Kath Buckley, Lymm May Queen Chair


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Villagers turn out in force to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee

VILLAGERS in Lymm turned out in force for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations which included the lighting of a Beacon organised by Lymm Parish Council.

The Beacon was one of thousands lit in the UK and the Commonwealth, forming part of the official programme announced by Buckingham Palace for the Jubilee Weekend.

The Beacon was lit at the Lower Dam in the centre of the village, one of over 2,022 lit by charities, communities and faith groups all

over the UK.

Earlier Town Crier Peter Powell, who was kept busy over the bank Holiday celebrations, had read out a proclamation on Lymm Cross, watched by members of the public and parish council, while local residents took to the streets, with special parties to celebrate the historic occasion.

Pictures: John Hopkins and Andrew Collier



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Volunteers help seniors celebrate Jubilee

LYMM Youth & Community Centre held one of the village's first Platinum Jubilee events recently for its seniors who attend a regular monthly "social" at the Centre.

Like all the activities at the Centre it was run entirely by volunteers with these social events also receiving regular support in the form of food and drink from the local Co-op.

The senior socials take place on the third Wednesday of every month from 1.30 to 3.30pm. As well as afternoon tea there is a range of activities from bingo to visiting speakers or occasional short film shows. If you would like to come along or know of someone who may benefit from and enjoy a regular trip out to meet up with friendly faces in an informal setting call Pat Bramwell

on 07722 078030. Transport can be provided if needed and the event is free though a small donation welcome from those who can afford it.

Lymm Youth and Community Centre was saved from closure by a dedicated local team almost twelve years ago now and has gone from strength to strength with a huge range of activities taking place throughout the week. New volunteers are always very welcome to help support events including fundraisers. Find out more at www.lymmca.co.uk



Left to right Kath Angel – Nigel Bacon – Angela Terrill – Rachel Cunniffe – Pam Higham – Pat Bramwell – Maureen Burton – Linda Cooper and holding the teapot... John Parry

Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery

Q: My rabbit has gone off his food. What should I do?

A: Lack of appetite in rabbits is not good news and can often be a symptom of pain. The problem could also be linked to dental problems. Have your rabbit checked out by your vet to get to the cause of the problem.

Q: Our Boxer has developed itchy, sore looking areas between her toes. She continually nibbles and licks them and the fur has gone an orangy colour. She is on antibiotics and antihistamine but it doesn't seem to have helped. What would you suggest?

A: It sounds like a classic case of Pododermatitis – an inflammation of the skin. Your vet has advised the right treatment. If the condition doesn't improve it may need a course of steroids or other anti-inflammatories to get it under control.

Q: Our 7 year old cat is showing odd behaviour when we stroke her at the bottom of her back by her tail. She dips her back down and turns her head up and towards her tail and sometimes hisses. There isn't anything visible – what could it be?

A: This could be a skin problem, possibly secondary to a flea allergy or overgrooming which could be stress related. Other causes of this behaviour could be a cat bite abscess or even arthritis. You need to have her checked over by a vet to find the cause of the behaviour.



Q: I have a 9 year old Labrador. She is healthy but suffers from a weak bladder. Is it just old age or can something be done to stop this?

A: This can be common in older bitches especially if they have been spayed. There are a couple of drugs available which we have found to be very effective in curing this in most cases.

Q: Is it safe for my cat to play with my knitting wool?

A: No. It is relatively common to see intestinal injuries as a result of cats ingesting wool or string. It would be much better to get her a good quality cat toy.

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Summer Festival promises fun for all

THE theme for this year's long-awaited Lymm Festival is 'a summer of fun for all the family'.

In addition to all the regular events that make up the programme including the FoodFest, comedy night, well known personalities and family fun, there are events that are organised by community groups



Eblano Trio

to ensure there is something for everyone.

On the music front there is an eclectic mix of events planned from choral groups and classical musicians to blues, folk and talented local vocalists. Amongst the classical performers, the critically acclaimed Eblano Trio who have performed to audiences across the UK and beyond will deliver an evening of music including works from Bach, Mozart, Schubert and Moeran.

Lymm's Churches will play host to local choirs including the Bridgewater Singers, Lymm and District Chorus and Churches Together whilst the Alteri Chamber Choir will present an afternoon concert of choral music from Tudor times to the present day. The highly popular Big Sing will feature at

Lymm High School with music from stage, screen and popular hits.

If you are looking for inspiration for your garden, then Sunday 3rd July is for you. Eleven gardens of varying sizes will be open in and around the village for visitors to admire whilst enjoying refreshments. Some of the owners are arranging their own mini entertainment with donations going to worthy charities.

Lymm's 'Big Weekend - 50 Years On' will be celebrated with a new exhibition at the Heritage Centre to mark the 50th Anniversary of the biggest event ever to take place in Lymm, when tens of thousands of people and hundreds of boats descended on the village in a bid to save the proposed closure of the Bridgewater canal following a major burst at Dunham in 1971. Visitors can see the whole story via cinefilm and a newly discovered collection of photographs.

Although there will not be a 'full blown' Historic Transport Day this year, traction engine and historic boat owners will be creating a real buzz around the village on

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June. Some of the boat owners will be inviting visitors on board to discover what life was like on a working boat 100 years ago. The historic boat sail past will take place on the Sunday at 3.30pm.

This year, the programme includes lot of creative events for younger children. The Library will run ten free fun sessions, including one where local author and illustrator of the 'Sophie Slewfoot' series will share their inspiration for the series and what they love about writing and illustrating.

For the creative adults, several groups will be displaying their works of art, photography, poetry, flower arranging and will meet visitors to talk about their interests and persuade others to join their group.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit www.lymmfestival.org.uk If you prefer to get your tickets in person, the Box Office will be open at the Village Hall Annexe on selected days/time between 18th June - 3rd July.



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Obituary

Brian Thomason

The funeral has taken place at Altrincham Crematorium on May 30 of Brian Thomason.

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