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Editor's Comment



WHILE the death of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was not unexpected, aged 96, it still came as a complete shock to many – just two days after being pictured with a beaming smile welcoming new Prime Minister Liz Truss to Balmoral.

It certainly marks the end of an era, as she was a constant through many of our lives and while I am not a monarchist as such, I had huge respect for Her Majesty as I will also for her son, King Charles III.

No one can question the late Queen's selfless dedication to duty after being handed such a huge role so young in her life, which has seen many ups and downs over the past seven decades.

Whatever woes have taken place, the Queen was always there, as reassuring Head of State.

While there is no public record of her ever visiting Lymm in an official capacity, she did make four official visits to the borough of Warrington

during her lengthy reign.

Her first visit was in May 1968, when she visited Bridge Street (Pictured), which had undergone a facelift.

The Queen's next visit came in November 1979 when she toured the newly opened Golden Square with Prince Phillip.

In August 1998 the Queen visited the newly opened Hollins Park Hospital at Winwick and her last visit was when the Queen and Prince Phillip officially opened the Orford Park Jubilee Hub in May 2012.

As we enter a new era I am hopeful King Charles, will follow in his mother's footsteps and continue her legacy.

As we witnessed the outpourings of national grief following her death, it is clear The Queen's loss will be felt greatly for some time to come.

But on a positive note it was pleasing to see the unity of our country in mourning and hopefully this can continue moving forward under the reign of King Charles III.

Rest in Peace the late Her Majesty the Queen – Long Live the King!

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The Queen pictured in Bridge Street in 1968. Picture: Eddie Whitham.

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Council wildflower meadow wins praise

LYMM Parish Council has won praise from residents for a wildflower meadow initiative in Ridgway Grundy Park.

A linear "meadow" has been created along the full length of the football pitch in the park – a haven for bees and numerous other insects and a blaze of colour in places.

The work was carried out by Warrington Borough Council. But the idea came from the parish – who also paid for the work to be done.

A second meadow has been created in the park, near to the Bridgewater Canal.

One Lymm resident said: "When

I first saw what was happening I was baffled. It just seemed as if the grass along the side of the soccer pitch had been ripped up.

"But the ground had also been re-seeded and is now a blaze of colour in places. It really looks beautiful – and it must have given a big boost to local wildlife."

It is expected that although the meadow will be damaged during the football season it will grow again next year.



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**LYMM PARISH
COUNCIL**

Tuesday October 11th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

Lymm Festival welcomes back Sir Stephen Hough

LYMM Festival welcomes back internationally acclaimed concert pianist, composer and author Sir Stephen Hough to the village on Monday, October 17.

The recital at Statham Lodge Hotel will feature pieces by composer-pianists and also a composition by Sir Stephen himself, entitled 'Sonatina Nostalgica' based on his experiences of the village of Lymm. This is the first event of the Festival's 2022/2023 Winter Warmers season.

Already a CBE, Sir Stephen received a knighthood, for services to music, in the Queen's Birthday Honours this year, her Platinum Jubilee year.

Sir Stephen has childhood roots in the Lymm area and has played at Lymm Festival events several times over the years. To see Lymm included in his concert appearances schedule alongside such venues as Paris, Singapore, Salt Lake City and Amsterdam seem surreal.

Sir Stephen writes in his programme notes that the recital has two themes: the world of charms and spells, and a celebration of the work of composer-pianists "as creators at the piano". The

programme for the evening will feature works by Frederico Mompou, Scriabin, Debussy and Liszt.

Carol Devine, Festival Committee member leading the events programme said: "Lymm Festival would like to acknowledge the generous support of Yamaha Music, London, who have made available one of their most exclusive pianos for this recital. It will be wonderful to hear such a great pianist playing on such an amazing instrument".

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Sir Stephen's nominated charity.

Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the recital will start promptly at 7:30 pm. Please note that late arrivals will not be admitted until the interval.

Tickets for the event are priced at just £18 with under 21s and students at £5 and are on sale now at www.lymmfestival.org.uk, where full details of the programme can be found.



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Resilient students celebrate excellent A-Level and GCSE results

STUDENTS at Lymm High School celebrated excellent A-Level results as strong as those before the pandemic hit – if not stronger, with nearly all gaining their university of choice.

Mrs Hayley Jennings, Head of Sixth Form said: "Having to put up with all the Covid-related disruption throughout their two years in the 6th form was tough enough, but this cohort then had to endure the pressure of sitting public examinations for the very first time (this being the year group that was unable to sit GCSE exams in 2020). Nerves beforehand were probably greater than ever and it has therefore been especially satisfying to see such a superb level of performance today."

Despite concerns raised in sections of the press about potential problems with people securing places at university this year, there don't seem to have been any problems at Lymm High Sixth Form, where almost all students have won places at universities of their choice. This includes very high numbers going to the prestigious Russell Group universities and Jay Palombella and Owen Longton heading off to Cambridge University to study English and Engineering respectively. Others have won much sought-after apprenticeships.

Owen, Jack Powell and Matthew Stow were the very top performers at A level, with no fewer than four coveted A* grades each.

Headteacher, Mr Gwyn Williams said: "We've had a lot of very happy young people around the place today – and quite rightly so. They have worked so hard and showed so much resilience, maturity and good humour throughout the last couple of years that they thoroughly deserve all the success they have had. I am just so proud of all of them, as indeed I am of the staff who have worked so hard to help make all this happen."

Meanwhile despite the disruption of the pandemic Year 11 students at Lymm High School also performed exceptionally well with their GCSE results. There were so many individual success stories, but at the very top of the tree came Thea Benson and Eve Kayll, both of

whom registered absolutely perfect performances, with grade 9s in all ten of the subjects they entered.

Thea and Eve were closely followed by a select group who scored the top grade 9 in nine of the nine or ten subjects they entered. These were: Erin Allsup, Thomas Anderson, Ella Brabin, Alex Feyler, Charlotte Liu, Benjamin Hutchison, Lucy Quayle, Anna Shaw, Charlotte Storey and Lucy Williams.

Headteacher, Mr Gwyn Williams, said: "Given all the volatility with exams over the past three years, it wouldn't be appropriate at the moment to focus on overall percentages or comparisons with previous years. However, what I will say is that we can see already that Lymm High School students have done brilliantly again."



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MEMBERS OF Lymm Adivas dance troupe performed well in dance championships in North Wales competing against other troupes from across the North West.

In an exceptional performance, they won three first places and a second place and were also named as Troupe of the Year for Tinies, Juniors and Seniors.

Many other awards were won for best leaders, mascots and individual dancer awards.

Lymm Adivas has been running since October 2013 and has a wide range of dancers in the troupe.

The troupe is run by Kate Pritchard who is exceptionally proud of all of the dancers and their achievements.

New dancers are always

welcome and the troupe train on a Wednesday in Lymm Methodist church hall. They compete in around 14 competitions a year across the Manchester area.

The troupe is run by volunteers: Kate, Liz and Lorraine who work exceptionally hard in order to create the wonderful "Adivas family".

There are many other troupes in Warrington who will also be attending championships in the upcoming weeks. Adivas would like to wish them all the best of luck.



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Volunteers wanted for Lymm Festival 25th Anniversary

LYMM Festival will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next year and organisers are looking to strengthen their team of volunteers as preparations get underway for planning next year's event.

It all started back in 1998 when Lymm Parish Council set up a Festival Organising Committee to put into effect the wishes of many people and organisations who thought it would be a great idea to have a Festival in the village. The first newsletter said it would be 'a showcase of Lymm talent' and 'include a wide range of events and activities such as jazz, folk music, a classical concert, art exhibitions, a range of dance

programmes, dramatic happenings and live poetry, nature walks and boat cruises.'

Since then, it has grown in scale and there are around fifty events in the summer plus others during the autumn and winter. During COVID only online events were possible but this year it was back to 'near normal.'

Chairman Ian Marks said: "We are excited about our 25th Festival and want it to be better than ever. Running the Festival has become more complicated in recent years and we are looking to expand our team of volunteers. One important need is for someone to lead the

publicity team. This year's publicity lead did an excellent job but has had to stand down because of the demands of her full-time job. Commitment is required throughout the year but there is a lot to do in the run-up to the summer Festival. To spread the publicity workload, we would also welcome other volunteers with a marketing, publicity or communications background to step forward and join the team and take on specific tasks.

The other important need is for someone to act as our Secretary and to help out with some administrative tasks. Our present Secretary has stepped down after many years in

the role."

Deputy Chairman David Smith added: "We are very pleased with our new website and we have support from the designer on this, but we also need someone to take us forward on more general IT matters. Someone with a health and safety background would be an asset too as would someone who has worked in event insurance. If you have any of these skills or any other expertise that could be of benefit, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact chair@lymmfestival.org.uk or depchair@lymmfestival.org.uk




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Church invites people to join Harvest Festival Choir

AFTER their hugely popular Festival Choir for the Jubilee celebrations in June, St Mary's Lymm is again inviting people to join the choir for upcoming special festival events.

Beginning with the Harvest Festival 25 September, other special events include, St Mary's Carol by Candlelight, Christingle and Christmas Services. There are possibilities of joining St Mary's Children's Choir for the Christmas Tree Festival and Dickensian Festival.

Everyone is welcome to join, no experience is necessary just a love of singing. There is no charge to join the choir.

For further details please contact Susan Gadd St Mary's Musical

Director at susangadd@hotmail.com or go along to their adult choir rehearsals which take place 6.30pm every Thursday evening at St Mary's Church, Lymm.

Reverend Beverley Jameson, Rector St Mary the Virgin Lymm said: "we are looking forward to people joining us for these special services and events. Please come along to our choir rehearsals and join us for our harvest lunch after the Harvest Festival Service in September".



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Poppy Appeal is back

AFTER raising over £21,000 in 2021 the Lymm Poppy Appeal is back and hoping to build on last year's success.

Last year lots of village shops and businesses supported Lymm's Poppy Appeal by displaying a Poppy in their windows.

Organisers of the appeal are delighted to say that this year it's hoped to build on that and during the Remembrance period they are hoping to put Poppies not just in the village but on the lamp posts along Rushgreen Road, through the village and up Eagle Brow.

The Poppy Appeal raises much-needed funds for the work the Royal British Legion engages in to help ex-service personnel and their families at times of need. In Lymm, the community last year raised over £21,000 to support that work. The team of wonderful volunteers were out collecting at the two Sainsbury's and at the Truck Stop every day for two weeks. Local schools, churches, shops, businesses, garden centres, hotels, pubs and restaurants all displayed Poppy Boxes and collecting tins, supporting the Appeal with tremendous generosity.

Lymm's Poppy Appeal Team Linda Monk, June Gittins and Neville Davies is now hoping that many people will also sponsor one of the Lamp Post Poppies. Sponsoring one costs £10.00. If you'd like to take part in this initiative this year then all you need to do is to contact Linda at linda.lymmpoppies@gmail.com

The Flanders Poppy was so named after the poem, probably one of the best known of the war poems, that was written by a Canadian,

John Maclare. It was a poem he wrote following the death in the trenches of a close friend who died in the area around Ypres known as Flanders. Maclare noticed how quickly the poppies grew in the fields of Flanders where previously the bodies of the men had lain. So from that day on, the Poppy has been the symbol of Remembrance, Respect, Regeneration and Hope for a peaceful future.

Linda said: "Sadly, since the end of the Second World War the world has still endured conflicts which have resulted in our service personnel being injured, sometimes that's a physical injury but all too often it's also that unseen injury, the mental or emotional one, which can cause so much pain, distress and hardship. Whether it's financial, physical, mental health, housing, bereavement, employment, training, advice or guidance or those issues which are related to short-term crises, the RBL is there to provide help to that ex-service personnel and their families in times of personal need or crisis."

To find out more about the work of the RBL go online and enter Royal British Legion. Amongst the information you'll find there are some personal stories which are both extraordinary and humbling.

Linda added: "Please help us to help our ex-service personnel by supporting our Poppy Appeal and sponsoring one of our Lamp Post Poppies."

Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery

Q: We are moving house soon. How can we minimise the stress for our dog?

A: A house move with a dog is usually less traumatic than a cat. Cats have hunting territories based around their location whereas dogs are more concerned about people and familiar belongings. If all your dog's familiar items – bowl, bed, toys etc are taken to the new house you shouldn't have much of a problem. The stress of seeing their items removed from a house into a removal van could be more traumatic so it may be better to leave your dog with a friend or relative on the day of the move.

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

A: Green droppings are quite normal for a budgie but if they have suddenly changed colour and you have not changed your budgies diet then it could be a sign of stress or an indication of a more serious kidney or intestinal problem. The best thing to do is to have them checked out by an avian vet.

Q: I have a female Guinea Pig who appears to be losing the fur on her back – is this normal?

A: Without knowing about your Guinea Pig's environment, Mange is one common cause of hair loss in Guinea Pigs, and this may have been 'introduced' through their hay or bedding. Treatment for such an issue is usually straightforward however it needs an accurate diagnosis to ensure the correct treatment is given.



Q: I think our beloved family cat suffers from fur balls. She grooms a lot and is often sick for days at a time. She is a moggy with quite a long coat – what do I do?

A: It sounds very much like your cat may have a fur ball which could be causing an obstruction to the bowel. This is a very common issue in long-haired cats. The hairball has likely been caused by your cat grooming herself. Firstly, you need to make sure she doesn't have an underlying problem that causes excessive grooming. I would also suggest that you groom your cat daily to remove any loose fur.

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Key route linking Lymm with M6 set to remain closed until at least November

A key route linking Lymm with the M6 is set to remain closed until at least November while work continues to install cables for extra electric vehicle charging points at Poplar Services.

It follows frustrations back in June, when Cherry Lane was closed at short notice with little warning for local residents.

During this time the section from The Avenue to the Services will be residents access only, as will the sections being worked upon – so Cherry Lane will remain closed from the services.

Once work is completed on Cherry Lane, work will continue round the corner along the A56 to Barsbank Road, which will be worked under traffic light control. This work will continue until January, and will include part of Barsbank. At this point, Cherry Lane will be open (IE from November.)

Residents will always have access, with access to Cherry Tree School and any local businesses, but there will be a "traffic management system" in place with 7am-7pm working Monday to Friday.

The stretch of road has already remained closed since June.

Local Cllr Graham Gowland

commented: "It's great that there will be improved charging facilities on the motorway, but the impact on local residents has been huge – we've seen closure of a main local road for months, with local businesses impacted. I hope the remaining works will take place without any issues. Scottish Power have been working hard to keep residents updated, and we'll of course continue to keep residents updated."

SP Energy Networks have been awarded £27.8m of funding to support the transition to Net Zero and deliver a green economic recovery from Covid-19 in England and Wales.

They have worked with Ofgem, the Energy Networks Association (ENA) and stakeholders in local communities to identify shovel-ready projects that can be delivered with the right investment in their distribution network.

Obituaries

Kenneth Bremner Derrick

THE funeral has taken place at Walton Lea Crematorium of Kenneth Bremner Derrick, of Holly Bank, Cherry Lane, Lymm, who died on August 8, aged 90.

A man of many talents, Ken was a marine chief engineer and had lived in Cherry Lane for nearly 60 years.

He was the much loved husband of the late Greta Derrick and is survived by his son, Stuart, daughters Helen and Greta, grandchildren Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, Benjamin and Jeremy and great grandchildren Georgia, Alice and Evelyn.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



John Anthony Clayton

THE death has occurred of long time Lymm resident John Anthony (Tony) Clayton, who passed away peacefully on July 17. He was 83.

The husband of Yvonne and father of Deborah Louise, John was born above his grandmother Annie Elliott's sweet shop at 26, The Cross. He lived the majority of his life in Lymm - the village he loved.

He will be sadly missed by his family.



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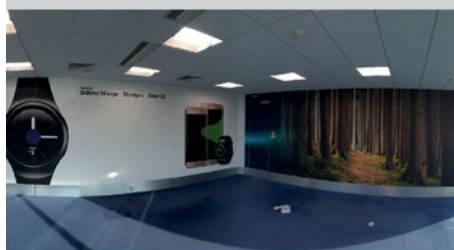
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