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CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in organising all the community events which have been taking place throughout the summer including Lymm May Queen, Lymm Festival and Lymm Transport Day.

Not only do these events bring a huge amount of enjoyment for local residents but they also do wonders boosting the local economy.

Organisers of the recent Lymm Transport Day had just released information on their fundraising as we were going to press with this issue - so I thought I would take the opportunity to share the good news about the local good causes who are set to benefit from the over £8,000 raised.

A contribution of £3,000 will go towards the upkeep of the Lymm Heritage Centre as the single largest donation.

Lymm Air Cadets will receive £700 for the purchasing of equipment that

will help increase the level of training they can provide.

Lymm Swimming Club, a volunteer group that's been teaching kids to swim for 50 years is set to benefit from a bursary that will pay for a young volunteer to train as a professionally qualified swimming instructor, enabling them to give back to the community by teaching even more children to swim.

Lymm High PTA will receive £500 to help fund new equipment for the school.

Warrington Community Transport (Dial-a-Ride), which gives over 300 free rides a week to elderly and disabled people across Warrington will receive £600. The money will

go towards the purchase of a fifth vehicle to help them keep up with demand for the service.

Money is also being donated to Lymm Rugby Club, Ravenbank PTA, Oughtrington Luncheon Club and St Rocco's Hospice, all of whom kindly provided volunteers for the event.

Other recipients are the Cheshire Blood Bikes, the Wooden Canal Boat Society, Bikeability, the Lancashire Mining Museum at Astley Green and Warrington Disability Partnership.

The money raised will make a huge difference to all these organisations - once again a huge thank you to all the volunteers involved in organising the event! You really are changing lives for the better!

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RESIDENTS and staff from Cheshire Grange Care Home in Lymm were in for a treat with a visit to Lymm High School to watch Warrington Youth Orchestra perform as part of Lymm Festival.

Residents marvelled at the talented youngsters as they performed a varied selection of pieces from composers Wagner & Gershwin and familiar pieces from TV & Film. There was a special moment as an orchestra member played his own composition in memory of his grandfather with a small ensemble and residents were in awe of the two members who took centre stage for solo performances.

One resident commented; "what a lovely treat, I never expected the children to be so talented."

General Manager, Dawn Holsgrove-Smith said: "Our residents and staff had a wonderful

time at the concert! We do our best to provide a wide range of activities and entertainment at Cheshire Grange as part of the lifestyle enrichment programme for residents, and being part of a community event made this one very special"

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LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
 Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm
 Details: 07708 172015

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
 Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30pm
 Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
 Details: 01925 919052

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
 Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

LUNCH AT THE BROW
 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 2nd Friday in the month
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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
 Lymm Village Hall
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 Details: 01925 752934

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday September 12th, 7:30pm
 See parish council website for details.

Heritage Centre seeks new trustee to help move forward ambitious plans

LYMM Heritage Centre is seeking a new trustee to join the team to help with ambitious plans for the future.

Now six years on from when it first opened, the Heritage Centre has been one of many great initiatives in Lymm over the past ten years or more, all aimed at strengthening a sense of community.

The relaunched Youth & Community Centre, Transport Day, Sanctuary Hub, Lymm Rocks, Mix 56, (which started as Lymm Radio) and Lymm in Bloom are all examples.

Lymm Heritage Centre which went from being just an idea in 2015 to a new centre in a beautifully converted building that opened in the heart of the village in June 2017. Since then it has welcomed over 30,000 visitors as well as thousands of children on school learning visits. The Lymm Archive, set up by the Centre has just passed 5,000 entries. It's a unique and valuable online collection of photos and documents. Well over 100 volunteers have contributed to the Centre's success, both giving of their skills and also learning new ones, while thousands of people worldwide have enjoyed interacting with the Centre on social media.

plans to develop further and as part of the plan it is seeking to strengthen the team in a number of areas including marketing, fundraising, exhibition strategy, community engagement and education. The Centre can be contacted via its website www.lymmhc.co.uk.

In particular, the Centre would like to be able to appoint at least one new Trustee to join the existing team of four, chaired by local man Alan Williams. As well as complying with the statutory key duties of a charity trustee, that person would be expected to contribute to an ongoing strategic review of the Centre's activities, helping to identify and develop new initiatives that will contribute to the ongoing success of the Centre. Working with such a small organisation the Board would be looking for someone also prepared to take a hands-on approach, willing to apply their skills and get involved in depth in at least one specific area such as those mentioned above. If you would like to know more just get in touch via alanlymm@lymmhc.co.uk or alanlymm@gmail.com for an informal chat.

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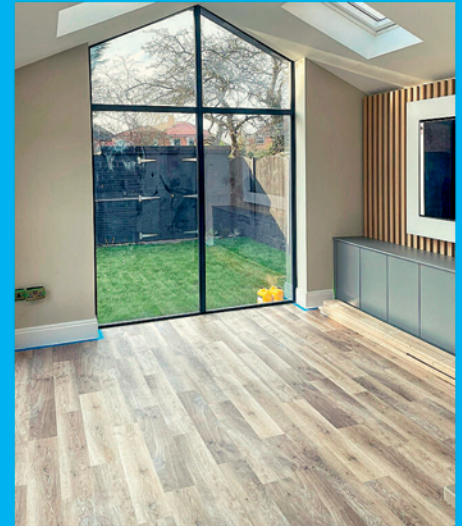
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Revised proposals for controversial retirement apartments plan

REVISED proposals for a development of 45 retirement apartments on Green Belt land at Lymm have been submitted to Warrington Borough Council.

The scheme, put forward by McCarthy and Stone, split the local community when it was first submitted last year – with 57.6 per cent of people responding to a consultation by the applicants themselves, opposing it.

A further 24.2 per cent of people supported the scheme and 18.2 were undecided or neutral.

Lymm Parish Council also opposed the scheme.

Now revised proposals have been submitted for a part three, part two-storey block of 45 apartments, 21 of which would be of two bedrooms and 24 of which would be single bedroom.

The development is at Watercross Farm, off Thirlmere Drive.

McCarthy and Stone – who already have a development off Cherry Lane, Lymm – say the site is ideal for retirement homes.

They say the proposal represents an ideal opportunity for the redevelopment of a sustainably located site in Lymm in accordance with the Government’s housing and sustainable development policies.

It would provide for much needed specialised accommodation for older people within a sustainable location, freeing up existing under-occupied stock.

They say: “This proposal is

located in an accessible location with good links to Lymm village centre and is within easy reach of the shops, public transport facilities and other essential services, which all benefit residents in maintaining an independent lifestyle. This specialised form of housing generates extremely low levels of traffic and the convenience of the location close to public transport opportunities would further reduce the need for car use, not least because purchasers of such housing accommodation generally no longer need or wish to have the ‘burden’ of car ownership.”

Warrington Borough Council planning officers are currently studying the revised proposals



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Sunshine and showers as large crowds visit Lymm Historic Transport Day

THERE was a mixture of sunshine and showers as thousands of people visited the annual Lymm Historic Transport Day as hundreds of vehicles, including steam engines, paraded through the village.

While the early part of the day was blessed with sunshine, heavy showers arrived mid afternoon as visitors packed onto the Lymm May Queen field to see more than 400 vehicles on display and various community stalls.

Starting with a Drive-In parade more than 100 cars of all shapes and sizes took part, along with cyclists and motorcyclists as well as various steam engines. Village Town Crier AJ Powell was on hand to officially start the parade.

Following the parade crowds flocked onto the May Queen Field were as well

as numerous vehicles there were various stalls and dozens of exciting attractions and live music.

Maple Lodge had a fantastic lego display while the Village Hall hosted a stunning model railway set up.

There was also an exhibition at Lymm Heritage Centre charting a decade of Lymm Historic Transport Day, while next door in the community centre there was an artisan market.

Numerous historic canal boats also gathered on the Bridgewater Canal.

Pictures: John Hopkins





LYMM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Residents,

I am delighted to take this opportunity as the newly elected Chair of the Lymm Parish Council to provide you with an update on the recent activities and initiatives that the Parish Council has been working on. I am excited to work alongside my fellow Councillors and the dedicated staff to achieve the priorities set by the Council, which include protecting the green belt and combating climate change. Your support and involvement are crucial, and I welcome any suggestions, comments, and input from all of you.

Lymm has a new Town Crier, AJ Powell, who happens to be the grandson of Peter Powell. AJ performed his first Royal proclamation by announcing the Coronation of King Charles II. He led the Parade at the May Queen event and unveiled the Big Picture of Peter Powell and his son on the wall of the Village Hall, marking the beginning of the 25th Lymm Festival. It was a truly special moment for our community.

On a sombre note, we unfortunately lost Joe Griffiths, our local Village Historian, in May. Joe was not only a former Chair of Lymm Parish Council but also recently made an Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Lymm. He was a legend in Lymm, and his contributions will always be remembered and cherished.

To enhance our local spaces, a new Parish Council working Group has been established to explore future potential development of the Sunken Garden. We believe this initiative will bring together a number of groups for the long term benefit of the community.

The Parish Council grant funding is reopening, with applications required by 1st September for a share of the £6500 pot.

The beds, containers and hanging baskets are looking fabulous in the village. Thanks to all the teams and volunteers that make this happen.

Our Parish Council Environment team continues to do outstanding work throughout the Village. Their dedication and efforts are commendable, and we are fortunate to have such a great team working towards a greener and more sustainable future for Lymm. This is truly a team effort, and I want to express my gratitude to everyone involved.

An application to register a new Public Right of Way in Heatley will soon be submitted and if successful, will see the footpath past the mere recognised as a permanent path for public use.

The latest proposals for HS2 are also available to view from the Parish Council. See our website on how to make an appointment.

Please also follow us on Instagram and Facebook for more up to date information on Parish Council activity.

In conclusion, I am eager to serve as your Chair and contribute to the betterment of our community. I encourage all of you to share your ideas, suggestions, and feedback with us. Together, we can shape the future of Lymm Parish and make it an even more vibrant and inclusive place to live.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Cllr Ann Johnstone

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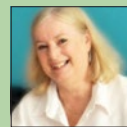
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Glorious sunshine draws huge crowds to Lymm Festival Food Fest!

THE glorious evening sunshine ensured huge crowds turned out at the Lymm Food Fest- the event to kick-start the annual Lymm Festival.

The village centre was packed with people of all ages, enjoying the evening sunshine, while sampling the fine foods of local restaurants and eating establishments.

More than 50 events took place including the Historic Transport Day, when hundreds of vintage and specialist

vehicles paraded through the village centre.

Festival events covered Art & Literature, Comedy & Drama, Music, Food, Heritage, Family Fun and much more.

This year's Lymm Festival ran for 11 days from 22 June to 2 July.

Pictures: John Hopkins



Expectations greatly exceeded at Lymm Festival event

THE audience at the Lymm Festival event at the United Reformed Church had a treat which greatly exceeded their expectations.

There was one-man performance of 'Great Expectations' by Gerald Dickens, the great, great, great grandson of the author Charles Dickens. He received an enthusiastic standing ovation for his show, which took the audience through the life of orphan Pip from the lonely cold Kent marshes to the respectable world of London. Along the way we met many of Dickens's greatest characters such as Miss Havesham and Magwitch.

Lymm already has a strong connection to Charles Dickens, with the annual Dickensian Festival taking place in the village each December. But Festival organisers recently uncovered another link, when they learned that one of Charles Dickens's great, great,

great grandsons happens to live in the village. The event provided the opportunity for a brief family reunion when Gerald was introduced to Ollie Danby, who is the Manager of Lymm Tennis Club – a venue which the Festival used for its Music Night.

Ollie said, "I first met Gerald when I was a teenager but the last time I saw him was in 2012 when there was a large family gathering to celebrate 200 years of Charles's birth. I know his brother and some cousins well and it was great to catch up with Gerald again."

Gerald added, "I thoroughly enjoyed the performance and I wish the team all the best for the rest of the Festival. I hope we can work together again in the future. Meeting up with Ollie again was a completely unexpected bonus."



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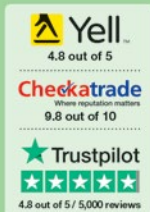
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Reconomy supports Lymm McDonald's complete circular store refurbishment with YMCA Together



THE recent refurbishment of a McDonald's restaurant at Lymm – with furniture donated to YMCA Together as part of a social value initiative – has provided a new circular template facilitated by Reconomy, the largest outsourced provider of waste and resource-led services to a broad range of industries.

Last year, Reconomy was awarded sole supplier status to help deliver increasingly sustainable environmental excellence and identify circular solutions to minimise waste as part of McDonald's 'reimaging restaurant refurbishment works programme'.

As part of the project, Reconomy identified a significant reuse opportunity through the surplus-to-requirements furniture from a McDonald's restaurant in Lymm owned by franchisee Jayne Aspin-Mayne which included stools, chairs, benches, tables, sofas and even the recycling station. An agreement was reached to donate the furniture to Liverpool branch of YMCA Together, removing it as a waste stream and creating a social value opportunity.

The reuse within a community-focused initiative generated £5,500 of social value – activity that has a direct impact on people and the community such as volunteering and spend with social enterprises. Diverting the materials from landfill and preventing them from being wasted, saved 0.4 tonnes of CO2e. An exciting aspect of the solution is its scalability: the YMCA Together project is now acting as a template for all the work taking place across the UK & ROI as part of McDonald's annual reimaging store refurbishment works.

Ben Angove, Sales Director at Reconomy, commented: "We identified a social value opportunity to donate these items to registered charities and the project has been a positive experience, harnessing the benefits of the circular economy to support the franchisee and a community youth organisation."

Dominic Murphy, Restaurant Manager from the McDonald's Lymm restaurant, said: "Transforming our restaurant was not just about creating a vibrant space for our customers; it was also an opportunity to embrace sustainability on a larger scale. We are proud to see our old furniture repurposed and given a new lease of life and we are happy to support our local community and do our bit for the environment."

Jason Thomas, Operational Housing Lead at YMCA Together, said: "The ability to receive furniture and repurpose money into other work that we do with the local community has been amazing. Our homeless service in Knowsley, for example, has revitalised its computer area, while the new recycle unit in their communal lounge is supporting residents with recycling opportunities while within our Leeds Street service, we're hopeful that this lounge can be used for a wide range of activities."

Green light for plan to transform former bank into bar restaurant and retail units

AN ambitious plan to transform the former Barclays Bank at Lymm into retail units and a bar restaurant has been given the green light by Warrington planners.

The proposed change of use of the bank at 4-6 Eagle Brow, which has been empty for several years, involves external alterations to form ground-floor retail units and 1st-floor bar/restaurant with 1st-floor rear extension

The plan, which sits within the Lymm Village Conservation Area, was submitted by applicant Corinna Nuttall.

The building sits in a prominent location on the corner of Eagle Brow and Bridgewater Street in the centre of the Lymm village conservation area. The immediate area is predominantly made up of retail units of various uses due to the site's location within the centre of Lymm village.

A Heritage Statement prepared by local architects Randle White says the nature of the proposal is internal and external alterations of this vacant former bank building at 4 Eagle Brow, Lymm. At the ground floor the existing open plan layout will be broken up to form three separate retail units whilst at the first floor an open plan bar/restaurant space will be formed. A modest 1st-floor extension has been proposed towards the rear of the property which will not be able to be viewed from either Eagle Brow or Bridgewater Street.

As the original building at 4 Eagle Brow was demolished in the mid-1970s and replaced with the existing building there is little to no historical interest in the building.

The applicant wishes to reintroduce many of the architectural features of the original bank building such as its timber window surrounds and traditional sash windows which were lost following the building's demolition in the mid-1970s.

The building's significance in terms of its group interest and setting contribution will be in essence improved by the proposed changes and have no perceived harm to the Lymm Village Conservation area.

This application hopes to secure the future of the building in the form of an alternative and sustainable use. In the balanced planning judgement that the application requires, it is therefore concluded that the proposal satisfied the planning guidance on undesignated assets and therefore the application should receive approval.

The application was approved by planners under delegated powers.



Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery



Q: My budgie's nails are really long. Can they be cut and is this something I can do?

A: You can certainly cut your budgie's nails. You may find it beneficial to ask your vet to show you how to do this correctly the first time, your vet will also be able to tell you how to avoid cutting the 'quick' (the part with blood vessels in) which grows with the nail. If this is cut it will cause bleeding and injury to the bird.

Q: We will soon be moving down South and be taking our two cats with us. The cats hate being in the car – even on the short journey to the vets. Do you know of any large cat carriers that have a litter tray and room for food and water bowls?

A: From experience we find that cats tend not to want to eat or go to the toilet when travelling. You must however provide water and there are carriers available that have clip on water bowls. If your cats are not drinking from the bowls when the car is moving, make sure you stop frequently to give them the opportunity to drink. Resist the temptation to let them out of the carrier as you risk them escaping from the car. Also be aware that if you have your car heater on, the temperature can soon become too hot for cats. Also, don't forget to update your address and contact details for your cat's microchip, following your move!

Q: I have an 8-year-old chocolate Labrador who has all the systems of hay fever. Can I give her a Piraton tablet?

A: Whilst we do use antihistamines to treat pets, I would always recommend that you have your dog checked out by a vet before giving any medication that hasn't been prescribed for them.

Q: How do I know if my cat is pregnant?

A: A pregnant cat will show abdominal distension and, eventually, hair loss around the nipples, which become pinker and more prominent. If in doubt, a vet will be able to feel or scan for kittens at about 3 to 3 1/2 weeks. Pregnancy in cats lasts about 63 days and when she is due, she will seek out somewhere secluded to deliver her kittens.

Q: My poodle always seems to have 'sleep' under his eyes. What is the best way to clean it?

A: Firstly, I would advise having him checked out by a vet just to ensure that there isn't an underlying problem – especially if it is a new condition. You can clean the sleep with an eye wipe, soft tissue or damp cotton pad but remember to use a separate one for each eye and use a fresh one each time.

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Piranhas gobble up the silverware

IT was a busy end of season for Lymm Piranhas Junior Football Club with its teams competing for their respective league titles and cup finals.

The U15 Rangers secured a league and cup double, first capturing the Alf Holt Cup with Jayden Cameron winning the Player of the Match title, awarded by the league officials.

Four days later they went on to secure the Warrington Junior Football League (WJFL) Division 1 title.

U15 Rangers manager and club chairman Bruce Underhill said: "I'm so proud and delighted for the lads. Six of this squad have been

in the team since it was formed as U7s"

Other Piranhas teams were also picking up silverware.

U14 Eagles secured the WJFL division 3 league title.

U13 Villa were promoted as WJFL division 3 runners up.

U12 Lightning promoted as WJFL division 1 runners up.

U13 Villa were Alf Holt Cup finalists.

U12 Lightning were Presidents Cup finalists



Manor Road Tennis Club opens at Lymm Rugby Club

THE new home for Manor Road Tennis Club at Lymm Rugby Club's Walled Garden has opened featuring four new floodlit all-weather, artificial grass courts.

Social tennis, available to all visitors is available on the new courts. Social Tennis is a relaxed and friendly format for all abilities and particularly as an introduction for new players or those who have not played for years.

Mixed league matches from 18th July will also be played on the new courts. Competitive league and

tournament tennis will be available throughout the year.

Coaching has also started and a comprehensive coaching programme is scheduled for adults and juniors,

including summer tennis camps for juniors during the school holidays.

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