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WHILE this is our October edition, much of it was put together during the school holidays in August and early September, traditionally the quiet time of the year for many.

In the media world August is often known as "silly season" with many people away on their holidays, with news stories and advertising in short supply.

In reality this has probably been the busiest period since before the pandemic, which created the perfect storm for a free publication which couldn't be distributed and most of our clients were forced to close!

At one time I was left wondering if there was going to be a way back in print - but thankfully we managed to ride the storm, thanks to our many loyal clients who continued supporting us online.

Throughout the school holidays we remained extremely busy on the news front. Not just here in Lymm, but also with our Warrington and Culcheth titles.

We have also seen a big upturn in local advertising, in particular from new businesses setting up in the local community.

We welcome a number of new clients on board in this latest edition and our other titles and hopefully it is a sign that the economy is finally starting to bounce back after the double whammy of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine leading to the cost-of-living crisis.

What I have found most rewarding is the fact new businesses are seeing

the value of promoting themselves and raising awareness in print.

It's no big secret that social media has had a massive impact on print advertising over the past decade.

But more and more businesses are gradually realising that while social media is an important marketing tool, it will never replace the lasting impact of full colour print with a long shelf life.

Here at Lymm Life we endeavour to give our clients the best of both worlds, with a quality print product, that can be read online in digital format and also shared on our various social media platforms, reaching thousands of potential customers, not just in Lymm but beyond.

Next April we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary since the launch of Lymm Life - a time long before Facebook, Twitter (Now X) Instagram and Tik Tok!

Let's hope we can continue to see a resurgence in traditional print - I doubt I will still be around to celebrate 50 years of Lymm Life as Editor, but I wish I had a crystal ball to see the future of publishing!

Finally good luck to all the new businesses starting out - I hope you will be around to celebrate your 25th anniversaries and still be supporting your local publications!



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Lauren said: "Personally, as centre manager, I am a qualified GCSE Maths teacher but prior to this I worked in a primary school for over ten years. During my time in schools, I taught a variety of different students with a range of needs and this experience I have transferred into my tutoring practise.

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Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm
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Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30pm
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Details: 01925 755926

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Meets at Warburtons Parish Rooms on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 8pm
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LUNCH AT THE BROW
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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
lymmfloralart.org.uk

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Details: 01925 756444

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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday October 10th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

Exhibition displays art by local care home residents



CHESHIRE Grange Care Home in Lymm celebrated the residents' artistic talent by holding an art exhibition for their Open Day.

Jo Eland, Activities Coordinator at Cheshire Grange said 'We had amassed quite a collection of residents work over the year, and had the idea of showcasing it with our own exhibition'.

There was a great variety of work on display, paintings inspired by Van Gough, Monet & Frida Kahlo, some creative pieces replicating the style of Rennie Mackintosh alongside some fun craft items including the Andy Warhol inspired piece titled 'Roarsome'.

Dawn Holsgrove-Smith, General Manager at Cheshire Grange said: "Art is very popular with everyone who lives at Cheshire Grange and creative activities are always a

favourite. I myself was surprised at how many pieces there were ranging in styles, we really do have a talented group of ladies and gents, I hope this becomes a regular feature. Residents and visitors to the home have really enjoyed admiring the work".

Cheshire Grange care home is run by Barchester Healthcare, one of the UK's largest care providers, which is committed to delivering personalised care across its care homes and hospitals. Cheshire Grange provides residential care, nursing care and dementia care for 50 residents from respite care to long term stays.

Lymm services ranked as the UK's cleanest service station


NEW research has revealed Lymm motorway services as the cleanest and tidiest service station in the UK, according to reviews.

Research by Hippo Leasing has analysed 12,738 reviews from 110 of the UK's official service stations to reveal which are deemed the cleanest by visitors, based on how many times keywords relating to cleanliness are mentioned within the individual reviews.

Lymm services on the M6 at

Junction 20, had 243% of reviews containing cleanliness-based keywords, meaning most of their reviews received two or more positive mentions of the service station being "clean", "neat", "pleasant" and "tidy".

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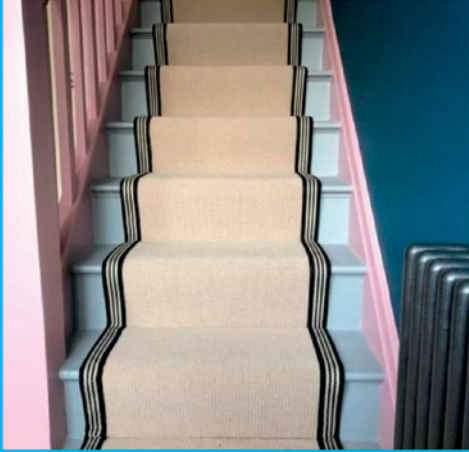
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Dear Residents,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and you are well and refreshed after the summer recess. As autumn approaches, the Parish Council is gearing up for a busy season filled with important meetings and community events. Our dedicated staff have worked tirelessly throughout the summer updating and planning our meeting schedules, liaising with local community groups, training and researching projects and events going forward.

Our diary is quickly filling up with meetings and events. Our Events Committee will be discussing the upcoming Remembrance Day and review options for Carols and winter events. The Parish Council believes that we should celebrate these special occasions together as a community and ensure that they are enjoyable and memorable for all residents and of course ... offer good value for taxpayers as well as being safe.

We're pleased to announce that the village hall roof project is moving forward. On approval of our loan application this essential renovation project will soon be underway, ensuring that our community has a safe and well-maintained space for gatherings and events. We'll keep you updated on the progress.

Our dedicated Councillors are committed to serving the community effectively. To enhance their skills, some of our Councillors attended planning training sessions, which helps the Council to make informed decisions on local planning matters.

The deadline for Parish Grant applications for this year has now closed with the next round opening again in Spring 2024. The dates will be announced as soon as they have been set. This is an excellent opportunity to secure funding for your local community projects.

We are reviewing our approach to maintaining the village hanging baskets and flower displays to ensure we are getting the best value for our community. Thanks to all the volunteers and teams involved in making Lymm such a special place to live. Your input and suggestions are always welcome. Our Environment Team continues to do a fantastic job throughout the village. Well done to the team - it's very much appreciated by everyone.

Repairs and upgrades are underway at the Oughtlington Community Centre to enhance the facilities for everyone's enjoyment.

Mark your calendars! In May 2024, there will be elections including for Parish and Borough Councillors. This is a fantastic way for you to make a difference and give back to your local community. Parish Councillors actively engage with residents, foster a sense of community and can play a vital role in providing and maintaining local amenities and services including buses, protecting green spaces, championing local conservation efforts and promoting eco-friendly practices. Consider applying and becoming involved in the grass roots decision-making process that shapes our village's future.

We value your involvement and support in our community. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Together, we can continue to make our village a wonderful place to live.

Best regards,

Cllr Ann Johnstone

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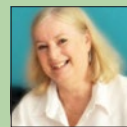
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Lymm continues to be one of top performing state schools

LYMM High School continued its performances as one of the very top performing state schools in the North-West with another very impressive set of GCSE results.

The majority of students will now be staying at Lymm to join the 6th form.

Mrs Emma Feast, Deputy Headteacher, said: "I am incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and the outcomes that they have achieved. Sharing in celebrations with them has been wonderful. They have been a real pleasure to work with and I wish them all the very best with their next steps."

Mr Gwyn Williams, Headteacher said: "Watching students opening envelopes has been joyous. The resilience they have shown over the past few years to get to this point has been remarkable, but it's been a lot more than that; this cohort has been an especially good humoured, well-mannered and well-rounded group of young people. We have enjoyed working with them immensely and couldn't be more confident that they will go on to be great successes in whatever they do."

"The large majority will be staying with us for the 6th form, and we look forward to seeing them again soon; to everybody else, we wish them all the very best of luck for the future."

"From a whole-school perspective, we are delighted to see another set of truly excellent results. This has been a lovely follow-up to the brilliant A level results. Year 11 had a lot to live up to and they certainly haven't let us down!"

The school reported that nearly 40% of all GCSE grades were at grades 9-7 (i.e. equivalent to at least the old grade A) and well over a third of students scored 9-7 grades in at least five different subjects. Almost 85% of students picked up 9-4 grades (i.e. the old

grade C and above) in at least five subjects.

The following students gained a hugely impressive eight or more grades 8 or 9: Katie Allan, Domimic Bloomfield, Maisy Boyle, Robert Broadhurst, Emma Clarke, Reuben Compton, Gemma Dutton, Abigail Freaney, Heather Hail, Leon Johns, Evie Kenyon, Leo Maudsley-Barton, Lara McDonald, Henry Millachip, Amelia Minnery, Raghav Mittal, Elizabeth Nelson, Jessica Norton, Sofia Ottiwell, Beth Parkinson, Martha Parkinson, Lucie Reynolds, Abbie Robertson, Sarah Robinson, Ryan Rushton, Benjamin Somerfield, Madeleine Sparkman, Evie Tinsley, Kallika Vyas and Lars Williams.



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Oliver, 23, saved the lives of four people through organ donation

A 23-year-old man from Lymm who saved the lives of four people through the gift of organ donation has been posthumously honoured at a moving award ceremony.

Oliver Wright was one of a number of people from across the North West who received the Order of St John for Organ Donation at a ceremony in Manchester. He was the eldest of four – he had a brother

and two sisters – and had passed his Class 1 HGV at an early age.

Oliver was working for a Manchester based haulage firm, CSM (North West) Ltd – driving all over the UK.



Scarlett, Oliver, Harriett, Simon, Jill and Henry with his girlfriend Olivia

Sadly, he died in December last year. He had signed up for organ donation and was able to donate to four people, giving his kidneys, pancreas and liver. Oliver also donated heart tissue.

His Dad Simon said: "Oliver's big passion in life was driving – cars and big trucks! Oliver was a beautiful, fun loving young man – the best friend you could wish for always, willing to help others even if things were not going well for himself. Oliver was the character that got everybody going at a party and was a larger-than-life personality in a room."

"Oliver passed his driving test as soon as he possibly could – going on to pass his Class 2 HGV and then as soon as he could he went in for his Class 1 HGV – all of which he passed first time. Everyone remarked on such a young man driving these huge articulated trucks wherever he went."

"He was the first of his three siblings to join the local primary school – always ready to support and make friends with anyone that wasn't too confident or needed a friend to help them. This kind and caring nature would stay with him throughout his life – looking after his brother and sisters but also friends whenever anybody needed help. Oliver was always offering to help wherever he could."

"Oliver also went out of his way to give time and spoke to neighbours young and old whenever he saw them. Oliver was always willing to give his time up for others and it came as no surprise that Oliver had chosen to help others if anything was to ever happen to himself."

"Oliver's death came suddenly in the hospital and as a family we were asked about organ donation. In the moment when the news of losing a loved one is at its most raw and painful – the very thought of thinking about anything else is extremely difficult to absorb and even more difficult to consider anything other than the most awful news that has just been given."

"The organ donation team are extremely well versed in handling this point in time and use a very patient and considerate method, however they are tasked with delivering the question and finding out if it is a possibility in a very restricted time frame."

"We as a family discussed the possibility of organ donation for Oliver and we arrived at the decision to say yes – we were then told that Oliver himself had previously given consent to organ donation. He had signed the register when he got his driving licence, off his own back and we didn't know. We found it massively comforting to know that both us and Oliver believed in the same value of organ donation and we knew we were doing the right thing."

"Organ donation is a decision that you hope to never have to make but it's a decision that can change lives – it was also to prove something that we as a family have found huge comfort in and has given us a legacy to hold onto which we would not have had

without the organ donation.

"When we were contacted to inform us of the Order of St Johns awards we were 100 per cent sure that we wanted to attend in Oliver's name. The occasion is very poignant especially when you see other families who have lost someone – but the pride and love in the room from all those people is very moving."

"We are immensely proud of Oliver and the gift that he has been able to give others means we know somewhere a little part of him continues."

"For us the loss of Oliver has left us with a permanent hole in our lives where he used to be – the thought that out in the world other families have perhaps been saved that same loss gives us a great deal of comfort."

Oliver's mum is Jill and his siblings are Henry, Scarlett and Harriett.

Mick Messenger, Chancellor of the Priory of England and the Islands of the Order of St John, said: "It is a pleasure and privilege to work with NHS Blood and Transplant again on a 10th year of ceremonies to mark the wonderful gifts of life given by people who chose to donate organs and their families who supported them in this decision. These events are always very emotional and I pay tribute to all the families that attend and, most of all, to their loved ones who have selflessly helped others to live after their own passing."

Anthony Clarkson, Director of Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation at NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "Organ donors and their families are truly inspirational people. Every donor transforms the lives of people they don't know and the pride their families rightly feel is incredibly powerful."

"Patients who have received a transplant tell us that organ donors and their families are their heroes. The Order of St John awards, which we are proud to have been running with the Order of St John for 10 years, are a chance for us all to recognise organ donors and their amazing contribution to society."

"We hope these awards will inspire other people in Greater Manchester and Cheshire to decide they want to donate their organs and confirm their decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register. Saving the lives of others is an amazing legacy to leave and donor families say donation is a source of pride that helps them in their grief."

"We want to ensure as many people as possible have the opportunity to donate their organs and save lives. Please confirm your decision on the NHS Organ Donor Register at www.organdonation.nhs.uk."

For more information about organ donation, or to register for organ donation, visit: www.organdonation.nhs.uk or call 0300 123 23 23. NHS app users can also use the service to record, check or update their organ donation decision.

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Students celebrate "best ever" A Level results

AFTER a long, nervous wait over the summer, Year 13 students at Lymm High School were able to celebrate the best set of post-16 A Level results the school has ever had.

The school also believes the highest number of students ever have achieved their preferred university choices including high numbers heading off to prestigious institutions including Oxford and Cambridge.

Head of Lymm High School Sixth Form Mrs Hayley Jennings said: "I'm absolutely over the moon for the students. This is the cohort who didn't sit GCSE exams because of Covid, which means they missed out on the benefit of the experience of sitting public exams – so the whole process has been even more nerve-wracking than normal. I am so proud of the way they have handled everything and just delighted to see them doing so well."

Despite fears in the press about pressure on university places, nearly all Lymm High Sixth Form students have already secured places at their preferred universities – in fact, at the time of writing, the school thinks these numbers are higher than ever. This includes very high numbers heading off to the most prestigious institutions, including Oxbridge, and onto the most competitive courses, such as medicine.

Headteacher Gwyn Williams said: "I'm simply delighted for the students. They have not had an easy time of it, and so to come through and post results like these reflects

incredibly well on them; they really do deserve all their success. I'm also delighted for their teachers, who have worked incredibly hard to navigate all the changes and uncertainty surrounding exams over the last few years.

"The impact of Covid on national results over the past three years means that we need to be a little careful making direct comparisons but, taking into account that we have returned to pre-Covid patterns across England, A' level results today are the best that Lymm High School has ever had. Given that outcomes in the Sixth Form have been consistently excellent for some years now, this really is quite an achievement, and everyone involved deserves huge congratulations. It is genuinely humbling to be able to work with such fantastic staff and students, and I am a very proud Headteacher this morning."

There are so many individual students who have performed brilliantly (including some who have had to overcome some very significant personal challenges) and it's impossible to acknowledge every single success here. Traditionally though, we always mention the highest attaining students and so congratulations especially go to Ben Bower and Isabelle Rogers who



scored straight A* grades in their A' levels (four for Ben and three for Isabelle) – an incredible achievement given how challenging current A' level specifications are.

Particular congratulations also go to the following students, all of whom gained at least three A*/A grades: Rachel Beattie, Oscar Bode-Hey, Atticus Burnett, Adam Case, Sally Dodd, Isabelle Elliott, Charlie Evans, Tom Fowler, Arianna Good, Anya Grieve, Anna Hodgkinson, Niamh Johnson, Holly Matthews,

Emily McConville, Nicole Nevitt, Eloise Newhouse, Lottie Price, Amélie Proctor, Lauren Slater, Saranne Wright and Olivia Wood. A special mention also for Charley Benson, who scored a perfect triple-starred distinction in his BTEC Sport Extended Diploma.

Well done again to everybody and, from everyone at Lymm High School, the warmest of best wishes to all Year 13 students taking those exciting next steps.

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Villagers keep alive ancient tradition of Lymm Rushbearing

THE ancient tradition of Lymm Rushbearing returned to the village and was greeted with fine weather and a good turnout.

Local dignitaries including Warrington South MP Andy Carter joined villagers to process from the Lower Dam through the village to St Mary's Church carrying bullrushes gathered from local waterways.

The origins of Rushbearing dates from the Middle Ages and Lymm is one of the few remaining communities across the UK that continues the tradition. The Lymm event was revived in the 1970s by local resident Chris Limb.

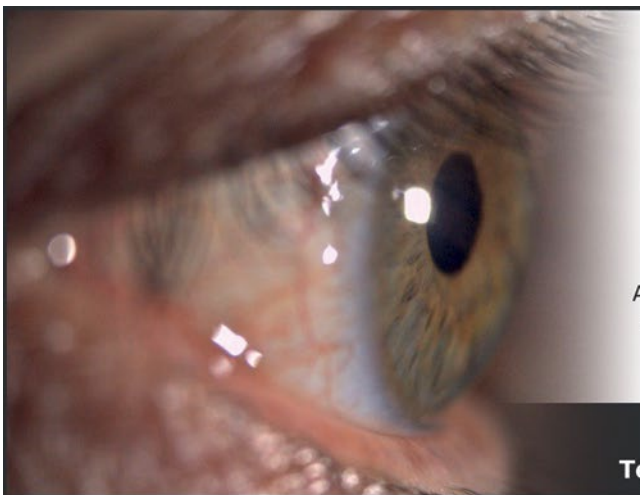
Local Morris troupes Lymm

Morris and Bollin Morris provided the entertainment while Lymm May Queen and Rose Queen led the procession.

The celebration takes place each year on the Sunday closest to August 15th, which is St Mary's Day who is the patron of the village church.

The job of replacing rushes on the earthen floor of the church became a festival and in many places (including Lymm) had Morris dancers and music.

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Celebrity gardener entertains crowds at Fruit Festival

CELEBRITY local gardener Sam Youd was on hand to entertain the crowds at the Primrose Hill Nursery Fruit Festival over the Bank Holiday Weekend.

Sam Youd was the head gardener at Tatton Park for 32 years and is one of the UK's leading horticultural experts!

He shared his horticultural wisdom and passion for gardening at the annual fruit festival event.

As well as Sam's enlightening talks there was lots of entertainment, plenty of parking and a world of exciting things to see, taste, and get involved with!

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Other entertainment included a magician and balloon-making extravaganza providing a great day out for the whole family, filled with wonder and fun.

Other attractions include craft stalls and delicious treats on a BBQ.

Professional singer Poppy also provided entertainment with her fantastic vocals. There was also an opportunity to win a fruit tree!



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Projects run by local people, for local people

It's all about the people right now at Lymm Sanctuary Hub and Business Centre!

Actually, that may be a little misleading because the Hub (and its activities and projects) has always been 'all about the people'. Their charitable purpose after all is to provide services that build a resilient community and that support the mental and physical wellbeing of local people and organisations in Lymm and South Warrington.

It may therefore be more accurate to say that as well as running community projects, the Hub has recently been focusing on its own people. An organisational restructure coupled with National

Lottery Community Funding has seen the creation of local employment opportunities with the appointment of a Volunteer Coordinator, Community Projects Administrator, two Business Centre Administrators and a new Office Manager. They join existing Trustees, Project leads and volunteers, and the Hub Management team to help grow the business centre and Hub community projects.

For further project news, volunteering opportunities and upcoming events, including the next Hub Open Day and IT Recycling Scheme (20 October), sign up for the 'Community Matters' newsletter at: <https://linktr.ee/lymmsanctuaryhub>



Left to Right: Marzena Lewis (Centre Administrator), Jo Cope (Office Manager), Jan Vale (Centre Administrator), Sally Mbousia (Projects Administrator), Ceri Chamberlain (Volunteer Coordinator)

Long-established law firm opens new office

Chambers Fletcher Solicitors has opened a branch office in Stockton Heath, operating from Suite 4, Cambridge House, 16 Walton Road.

Chambers Fletcher, whose head office is in Northwich, is a long established Cheshire law firm with a history dating back to the 1700's.

The firm focuses on a select few areas of law and provides expert advice and guidance in those areas. Senior partner, Peter Wilkinson from Appleton, is an experienced family law solicitor and litigator specialising in all aspects of family law including

divorce, financial settlements and child arrangements.

Partner Stephen Worrall from Lymm is head of the firm's busy property department dealing with both residential and commercial property transactions such as house sales and purchases, remortgages, transfers of equity and also commercial lease matters.

The firm also deals with Wills, Trusts and Probate work and the

setting up of Powers of Attorney. This section of the firm is headed by partner Daniele Marks.

Peter Wilkinson comments "It's fair to say that Chambers Fletcher has stood the test of time with a very long and proud history of providing high street legal services from its office in Northwich and the partners are excited and delighted

to now be expanding the firm into South Warrington to make our services more accessible to the people and businesses of the local area."

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Brave mum diagnosed with breast cancer raises over £6,000 for charity with sponsored hair cut

A MUM of three from Lymm facing chemotherapy after being diagnosed with breast cancer has bravely had her long blonde hair cut short, helping raise over £6,000 for The Little Princess Trust charity.

In the knowledge she would lose her hair, Becky Carroll had it cut with her children, family and close friends all cutting off a lock each to send to the charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment, or to other conditions such as Alopecia.

Becky said: "I'm overwhelmed

and incredibly grateful to everyone who has kindly donated to this wonderful charity. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I have received such love, kindness and support since my diagnosis and feel like the luckiest person.

Her proud mum Alison Owens said: "There were a few tears but there was also a lot of love, laughter and celebration that Becky

was empowered to cut off her hair for an excellent cause rather than endure the misery of watching it fall out."

The Little Princess Trust is one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK and relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give Hair and Hope to so many children and young people

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Paul paints 'Sooty's House' again

SEVEN years after he first painted the landmark building in Lymm known by many as "Sooty's House", artist Paul Scales has painted it again.

In December 2016, Lymm Life printed the original painting and commented that Paul's paintings showed Lymm in a new light.

Now we print the new picture which, as Paul says, is just as "quirky" as the first.

He said: "Two paintings of Lymm - both still very quirky but with some major differences. My style is still very naive which is fun for me when I am producing any new painting. The new painting is more detailed in many ways from the first but still very much painted in the Paul Scales Art style."

"The new painting shows more of the canal and a canal narrow

boat of course. The trees are shown in a totally different way as are the flowers slightly more realistic but remaining naive.

"The ducks and the swans are still pure fun as are the people and the dog. The "fun seagull" on the chimney, who now finds his way into most of my paintings, almost as my "trade mark" is here to stay.

"It has been a pleasure to produce the second version of this iconic and probably the most photographed building in Lymm. I have now produced 24 paintings of Lymm, many of the pubs and retail outlets in the village and there will be many more to follow."

"Sooty's House?" Well, in case there is anyone who doesn't know, it used to be the home of Matthew Corbett, of "Sooty and Sweep" fame.



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Volunteers busy preparing for annual Poppy Appeal



VOLUNTEERS are once again busy preparing for the annual Poppy Appeal at Lymm which helps raise thousands of pounds for the Royal British Legion.

The 2023 Poppy Appeal starts on Saturday 28th October and runs through until Saturday 11th November with Remembrance Sunday on the 12th November.

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Lymm Linda Monk said: "There are times when you feel immensely proud of your local community, and that's never more true than during the period of Remembrance. For the last couple of years we've been proud to display Poppies along Rushgreen Road, through the village and up Eagle Brow and also this year we're hoping to be able to extend them along the A56. And, our community has supported us with such very generous hearts for which we are immensely grateful."

"The Royal British Legion Poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and Hope, hope for a peaceful future. For over 100 years Remembrance has been part of the fabric of society, honouring those who served and continue to serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life."

We unite across faiths, cultures and background to remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth," added Linda.

Every Poppy sold helps the Royal British Legion to make a difference to the lives of people in our Armed Forces Community. Their work is entirely dependent on the generous support of the public and all donations raised during the Poppy Appeal help the RBL to provide life-long support to serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces, their families and dependents through hardships, injuries, rehabilitation and bereavements.

Again, this year the Lymm fundraisers asking people to wear your Poppy with pride and, in addition, if you'd like to make a donation to sponsor one of their lamp post poppies in remembrance of a loved one then please do contact Linda on linda.lymmpoppies@gmail.com

Plan for Alpaca shelter

PLANNERS are being asked to approve proposals for an agricultural field shelter for Alpaca grazing off Cherry Lane in Lymm.

A full planning application for the erection of a 24 unit agricultural field shelter in association with the use of land adjacent of Cherry Lane for alpaca grazing has been submitted on behalf of the Egerton Trust, which also has an Alpaca Farm at nearby Thelwall

The works will also consist of a new paddock fence and gate which benefit from permitted development rights.

The proposal seeks consent for the erection of a 24-unit agricultural field shelter to support the use of the land for alpaca grazing. For clarity, the site will not be used for alpaca trails or any commercial use but rather for agricultural grazing of alpacas. This will allow rotation of other grazing lands owned and controlled by The Egerton Trust and to allow the separation of alpacas when required.

The proposal seeks a "modest" timber-construction alpaca shelter for up to 24 alpacas to the South East of the site.

The alpaca shelter will measure

approximately 7.8 x 15.8m and will be a maximum height of 3.6m.

The British Alpaca Society recommends that sustainable acreage for alpaca farming is approximately one acre per five animals (however ten alpacas can be kept per acre if it is possible to supplement the grass with hay and clean up more often as well as rotate the pastures).

The paddock on site will be more than 3 acres, meaning the proposed number of alpacas are well within the recommended capacity. A new secure paddock fence line and gate will be erected - these will be less than 2m in height and therefore benefit from permitted development rights.

The site will be accessed directly via Cherry Lane. It is anticipated the site will only be accessed sporadically by small vehicles tending to the alpacas. No engineering improvements are proposed or required to access the field, though ground protection mats can be used where required.

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Two Lymm centurions receive accolades



Left to Right: James Yates, Club Captain, Andy Leach, Club Treasurer, Nick Ashton, receiving their Club Waistcoats.

TWO Lymm centurions, Nick Ashton and James Yates have been presented with their club waistcoats in recognition of their achievements.

Lymm Rugby Club Treasurer, Andy Leach, made the presentations of their Club Waistcoats to James and Nick on the occasion of their 100th appearance for Lymm First XV.

Describing both players as "outstanding clubmen", Andy gave the background of each player individually.

Tight-head prop forward Nick joined Lymm in 2011 when he moved into the area after university, having played previously from a young age at Newport Salop. Whilst Nick could hardly be described as a prolific try scorer, he has been a cornerstone of the front row such that it was always reassuring to see his name in the match day squad as it was a given that the set piece would be stronger for his presence.

It was also recalled that Nick did gain some notoriety in the 2021/22 season when he single-handedly managed to force the away fixture at Alnwick to be postponed when he received a positive Covid test result whilst

sitting on the team bus on the M62! Nick has already put his hand up to help with the organisation and management of the second XV this season.

Second-row and current club captain James Yates is a "Lymm lad" through and through, having come through the junior ranks. Having made his first team debut in 2012, work took 'Yates' south to Bedford for a couple of seasons when he played for Bedford Athletic. Returning home, and after some injury-plagued seasons, it was only in the 2019/20 season that James became a First XV regular, becoming an inked-in name in the Second Row.

In 2021/22 James was an ever-present, starting every one of Lymm's 26 match season and winning the 'Player of the Year' Award. He stepped into the captaincy in 2022/23 and, despite missing nine matches through a head injury, was a motivating force for Lymm throughout the title-winning season.

Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery



Q: My dog has torn his nail – what should I do?

A: Ideally, you will need to remove the part of the nail that has torn off with clippers and wash the area with warm water. Often this type of injury leaves exposed tissue that will be sore and sensitive so it's often best to contact us so we can help or advise you to come in, sometimes a local anaesthetic injection is given into the area prior to removal, this can be a quick procedure and the area may need to be bandaged and often medications are prescribed to keep the area from becoming inflamed, infected and to keep your dog out of discomfort. It's essential to keep nail beds from becoming dirty as they can quickly develop into infections as a dog's paws are often quite dirty. We can help advise on how to avoid this.

Q: My dog has a sticky eye with pus visible. I am bathing it with cool boiled water several times a day, but it doesn't seem to be improving.

A: This sounds like it could be bacterial conjunctivitis which will need to be treated by a vet with antibiotic eye drops. Your vet will also check that there are no ulcers or lacerations that have caused this. For any eye issues like this, it is better to use an eye-safe saline solution rather than boiled water. This needs to be bought over the counter. Don't be tempted to make salt water at home as it is difficult to get the quantities right which may cause irritation to your dog.

Q: My vet has told me that my young cat has a heart murmur. I have read all sorts of things on the internet and

now I am totally confused – please help.

A: Vets grade heart murmurs from 1 to 6. A grade one murmur is hardly detectable and may have no real impact whilst a grade 6 will most likely seriously affect a cat's activity levels and life expectancy. You need to speak to your vet to find out what grade it is and then they will work with you to manage the condition. They may need to do blood tests to check on the heart's condition or ultrasound/X-Ray the chest to get the best idea of how it may affect your cat.

Q: My cat keeps squatting as if to have a pee and just stares ahead, but nothing happens. Can you tell me what it might be please?

A: The increase in frequency of urination or trying to urinate is most likely caused by a disease called FLUTD (feline lower urinary tract disease). Causes can include infections, bladder stones, inflammation and even stress! Your cat will need to be seen by a vet to check it out. It is particularly important if you have a male cat with these symptoms that you seek advice quickly as some male cats can develop a blockage in the urethra which means they cannot pass any urine at all and this can be fatal if left untreated.

Obituary

Marguerita Mary Birch

THE funeral has taken place of Marguerita (Rita) Mary Birch, of Cyril Bell Close, Lymm, who died on July 20 at Warrington Hospital. She was 92.

A Requiem Mass took place at St Winefride's Church, Lymm on August 8, conducted by Father Tony Elder.

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Manor Road Tennis Club launches new home

Manor Road Tennis Club (MRTC) has launched its new home in Lymm Rugby Club's Walled Garden with a celebratory opening ceremony.

Dignitaries, VIPs, club members, guests, sponsors and media enjoyed an Open Day of celebration as the new facilities were showcased.

Four new, floodlit, all-weather courts, created using state-of-the-art 'Tiger Turf', are now available and a number of guests enjoyed the playing experience during the Open Day.

"We are delighted to offer this exciting new, year-round tennis facility to our existing membership and to new members we are keen to attract, including participants of other sports played here, namely hockey, squash and rugby," commented MRTC Chair, Keith Moss.

"For example, the Mini and Junior rugby sections have many family groups who could join at discounted rates on a special deal, giving them a year-round opportunity to learn and play a great sport," added Moss.

Importantly, we also offer a 'Pay and Play' scheme to provide access to this outstanding facility to non-members via an easy-to-use online booking system.

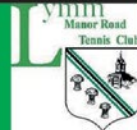
"I would also like to sincerely thank Lymm Rugby Club, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and Warrington Borough Council for helping us make this happen," he concluded.

MRTC offers a range of social and competitive tennis to suit players at all levels, with coaching programmes available to adults and juniors, delivered by an experienced and fully qualified LTA accredited tennis coach.

Lymm Rugby Club Chair, David Simpson added, 'We have been planning to create a sports hub at the club for many years, offering a multi-sport experience to the local community. It is encouraging, and very exciting, to see all this come to fruition.'

"We now have firm plans to build a new, all-encompassing, clubhouse in the Walled Garden that our members and visitors can call home. With everyone's continued support, we are determined to achieve this significant ambition," he concluded.

For details of how to join the Lymm Sports Hub, with special joint family and individual membership deals, please visit: lymmrugby.co.uk



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