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ANOTHER year has literally flown by and after all the trials and tribulations of the COVID pandemic we now find ourselves in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis.

I'm sure lots of us will be thinking of our budgets as Christmas fast approaches and I have already put out the message around my own family not to worry about buying me Christmas presents as the greatest gift is being around those you love at Christmas time.

Christmas is also about acts of kindness and giving not receiving.

Here in Lymm we can look forward to the annual Lymm

Dickensian Festival, which not only provides a boost for local traders, but also gives local organisations a chance to raise their profiles and raise much-needed funds.

One such organisation is the Rotary Club of Lymm, who each year, for as long as I can remember tour the streets of our village and surrounding area, with Santa, collecting funds to hand out to worthy causes.



The volunteers from Rotary dedicate many hours to not just walking the streets with their army of volunteers but also planning this event, with the aim of trying to ensure every child gets a chance to see Santa.

While times are tough, please give generously to this great cause and let's all try and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas seeing what we can give not what we can gain.

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Kat is highly commended in national apprenticeship awards

A YOUNG woman from Lymm has been highly commended in this year's North West final for the National Apprenticeship Awards.

Katrina Clark is working towards a Level 3 apprenticeship in project controls with Warrington-based United Utilities.

The 20-year-old was nominated as a regional finalist in the Level 3 advanced apprentice category, and collected the highly commended accolade at a ceremony in Manchester, with her

parents, and line manager Alan Barker watching on.

Kat has already achieved a Level 3 certificate in project controls since joining United Utilities in September 2021 and says she has grown in confidence through the opportunities she has been given.

She said: "From leaving college, I was keen to continue developing

myself in an academic sense, but wanted to begin my journey in the world of work.

"An apprenticeship seemed the best possible route to develop whilst putting my learning into practice."

Kat is part of a team that looks after programmes across the business, helping to ensure they are delivered on time and to budget.

"It's a really fulfilling role and I've developed many skills through it," she said. "It's also helped to drive my ambition and motivation, and now I'm always looking for new responsibilities to help support my development within United Utilities. "I was so pleased to be shortlisted, and to come out with the highly commended award is just brilliant."

Alan Barker is Kat's line manager.

He said: "Kat is a fantastic part of the team and we're all so proud of her.

"She's always willing to learn and is also supporting others as part of the North West Apprentice Ambassador Network and through reverse mentoring with colleagues here at United Utilities, which just shows the level of dedication and passion she brings.

"It's clear that Kat has a bright career ahead of her, and we're delighted to be able to support her at the start of her journey."


Kat is also a finalist in the UK Project Controls apprentice of the year awards in November.

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Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm
Details: 07708 172015

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

'Alice in WonderLymm' panto tickets on sale



IT'S that time of year again when tickets for Lymm Rugby Club's annual adult panto are now on sale to the general public.

Rehearsals for this year's 'Alice in Wonderlymm' are in full swing and it promises, once again, to be a spectacular performance and not to be missed.

'For a show that is in its 36th year we work very hard to come up with new ideas to keep this performance special and unique. I'm delighted to report that this year's production is no exception and we have a few surprises up our sleeves,' commented Lymm Panto impresario Simon Plumb.

'As a fundraiser, the Lymm Panto plays an important role in generating funds for the club but it also shows the local community

how much fun everyone has at Lymm Rugby Club,' added Simon.

'As a local sports hub, which now includes rugby, squash, hockey and now tennis, we are keen to continually engage with the community, and beyond. We also promise a night of continuous laughter and singing, and everyone tells me it starts their Christmas,' concluded Simon.

To buy pre-allocated seated tickets online for the Lymm Panto visit www.lymmrugby.co.uk

Alternatively, you can purchase tickets from behind the bar at Lymm Rugby Club, Crouchley Lane Lymm.

Garden room plan rejected

A PLAN to erect a detached garden room in the front garden of a Victorian house in a conservation area at Lymm has been refused for a second time by Warrington planners.

The proposal sought to place the timber summerhouse in the garden of the locally listed house in Brookfield Road, Lymm at its junction with Church Road.

A previous application in 2021 was refused on the grounds it was inappropriate development on a prominent corner site in the conservation area.

The new scheme involved moving the building further back from the road so it would be screened by existing vegetation, sinking it into the garden by 0.3m and including a 2m high fence around the corner of the garden.

There were no objections from neighbours although Lymm Parish Council expressed concerns.

The borough council's conservation officer recommended the proposal again be refused and said it would have a negative impact on the setting of the locally listed building and the character and appearance of the Eagle Brow conservation area.

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Sponsored abseil provides bittersweet moment for retired photographer

RETIRED photographer Alan Taylor had a bittersweet moment when he was on hand to take pictures of his son and grandson abseiling down the side of the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre in memory of his wife.

Until his retirement twenty years ago, Alan Taylor was well known in Lymm for his photographic work as Chief Photographer of the Cheshire Guardian group.

In that time he undertook a huge range of assignments but there can have been none more emotional or bittersweet than his "shoot" at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre recently.

He was there to photograph son Michael (52) and grandson Josh (16) who were taking part in a charity abseil down the 150-foot glass front of the building in aid of the hospital. It was their way of saying thank you to the staff who had cared for Alan's wife, Eileen, who sadly passed away there on July 29th this year.

It was Michael who, on the very morning of Eileen's funeral had spotted the opportunity to take part in the weekend of fundraising activities.

"It was not an easy time for any of us" explained Michael "and the thought of being able to do something positive for my mum and for the Centre gave us something worthwhile to focus on.

"I won't pretend I wasn't nervous and was a little concerned for my son Josh who had never tackled

anything like this before – I needn't have worried, his experience in the fire cadets obviously stood him in good stead. He had nerves of steel".

Grandson Josh added: "It was kind of surreal. As we were bouncing down the building we were looking into some of the wards where the staff and patients were cheering us on. At the same time passing cars were beeping their horns and people were applauding."

Their exploits have so far raised £1,105 plus gift aid for Clatterbridge on a fundraising weekend that saw many others facing challenges in support of the hospital's charity.

"The response has been amazing" added Alan. "The abseil plus the collection at the funeral mean that all together we have raised close to £2,000.

"I will be thrilled to be able to pass this on to Clatterbridge. I am so proud of my lads, as I know Eileen would have been, and so grateful to all those who have contributed in her memory."

It's still not too late if you would like to add the fund. Simply go to www.justgiving.com/team/2taylors



Homeowners at the Limes raise £538 with Macmillan coffee morning

HOMEOWNERS at The Limes – the McCarthy and Stone retirement development at Lymm – raised £538.69 with a Macmillan Coffee morning.

A number of Lymm residents joined the homeowners for the event.

Tea and coffee were served together with home-made cakes and other goodies.

A popular attraction was a collection of hand-made dolls made by homeowner Louise Eaton.

They were snapped up by people looking for early Christmas presents.

The event was organised by a team of homeowners including Sally Cross, Sandra Cotterill and daughter Claire, Pam Hilton, Anne Shadbolt, Karen Slater and Elaine Leytham, working with house manager Helen Mathie.

A number of donations were also received.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings are held all over the country and claim to be the biggest coffee morning in the world.

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Keate House care home celebrates National Activity Provider Award

KEATE House Care Home in Lymm has recently been crowned with a prestigious NAPA National Activity Provider Award.

The care home has been awarded the Inclusion Award, a recognition that signifies the exceptional commitment of Keate House in promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) within its activity provision.

The National Activity Provider Association (NAPA) awards are a highly respected acknowledgment within the healthcare and elderly care community. The Inclusion Award, in particular, showcases Keate House's dedication to creating an environment that

embraces diversity and ensures that every resident can participate in meaningful and enjoyable activities, regardless of their background or abilities.

The award highlights Keate House's commitment to an atmosphere of inclusivity, where residents and their families can feel valued, respected, and supported. Diane Clarkson Care Manager at Keate House Care Home, expressed her gratitude for the award, saying, "We are truly honored to receive the

NAPA National Activity Provider Inclusion Award. At Keate House, we believe that every individual should have the opportunity to live their life to the fullest, regardless of their background or circumstances. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team, who work tirelessly to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for our residents."

Keate House Care Home has been a beacon of excellence in elderly care, and this award further solidifies its position as a leader in the field of promoting Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in the care sector.



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The perfect Christmas gift - When May was in June!

A new book for Christmas has become something of a tradition at Lymm Heritage Centre and this year is no exception.

The title, a little mysteriously, is "When May was in June" though many Lymm residents will probably guess the reference to Lymm May Queen which for many years was held in June.

Today we know plenty about May Queen since World War Two but the event goes back to the Victorian era.

The book tells the story of how it got started and its struggles to survive a small pox scare, a falling out between churches, rain sodden days and a lack of money. In spite

of all that year after year the village staged a spectacle that brought crowds from far and wide by bus, bike, boat and train. To be chosen as May Queen was to have an unforgettable experience.

Packed with pictures the book also tells news stories year by year, many of them long forgotten.

"When May was in June" will be on sale in late November at the Heritage Centre and Lymm Post Office or online at www.lymmhc.co.uk



WHEN MAY WAS IN JUNE

The story of the early years of Lymm May Queen told alongside local news of the time.



ALAN WILLIAMS & ALAN TAYLOR

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Volunteers wanted for Lymm Festival



ORGANISERS of Lymm Festival are seeking volunteers to join the team to help organise the 2024 event.

Ian Marks who chairs the Festival Committee said: "We have started planning our 'Winter Warmer' events and next year's main Festival which will run from 20-30 June 2024. Our 25th Festival this year was a great success and we are determined to continue providing great events which appeal to all sections of our community.

"Whilst we are always on the lookout for enthusiastic local people to join us to refresh the team, we currently have three specific gaps we want to fill. So we're making a special request for help in those areas.

"Firstly, we need someone to work alongside our Treasurer to support our work on event insurance. In the last couple of years, the rules and regulations have been tightened up and ensuring all our events are properly covered is now a bigger task than it used to be. No specific insurance background is needed - just someone who has some time available and the attention to detail to make sure all the information and coverage are in place.

"The second role is for someone to look after ticket sales and the Box Office, which opens in the run-up to the summer Festival. We sell tickets

both in person and online, so we need someone with reasonable IT skills and a willingness to work with a spreadsheet! This role is covered for next year, but the long-serving husband and wife team who have jointly carried out this role for many years have given notice that they will be stepping back in twelve months. Taking on a new volunteer now will enable a smooth transition."

"Finally we need support on social media. Festival Publicity Lead, Adrian Bull commented: "Our social media presence is vital to promote both the Festival as a whole and the individual events. Whilst we have a presence, it's an area we need to develop further. This year we only had the resources to use Facebook, but we also have an Instagram account and there may well be other channels we could be using. I'd love to hear from anyone local who's proficient in using social media and who might want to become a member of the Festival Publicity team!"

If you have any of these skills or any other expertise that could be of benefit, Ian or Adrian would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact either of them on chair@lymmfestival.org.uk (Ian) or publicity@lymmfestival.org.uk

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As we approach the end of another year, I am pleased to share with you the accomplishments and ongoing efforts of Lymm Parish Council. 2023 has been a busy year and challenging at times. We are grateful for the support and engagement of our local community.

The past few months have included planning and preparation for the Remembrance Day Parade and the upcoming village Christmas decorations as well as the traditional Carols from The Cross. These events bring our community closer together and showcase the true spirit of Lymm.

Our Environment Team continues to do a fantastic job, with excellent feedback about the display of poppies throughout the village for Remembrance Day. Well done to our dedicated team for their efforts.

One of our significant achievements this year is the planning and final approval of our loan application for the replacement of the village hall roof. We are thrilled to announce that the work is scheduled to commence at the beginning of December with the hall closed for 8 to 10 weeks during the renovation. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. The venue for Council meetings during this time will be announced soon.

The village will be decorated with two large Christmas Trees and a selection of small trees and lights towards the end of November, in preparation for Dickensian Day on Saturday December 9th. This annual event has become a beloved tradition in our community, and we encourage everyone to join in with the celebrations.

Plans are afoot for Carols from The Cross to take place in the village centre on Sunday, December 24th. The format will be similar to last year, with a stage at the Lower Dam and an improved sound system. This event will once again be supported by Cheshire's Mix56 (Lymm Radio). But, we need your help. Please consider volunteering to steward the event. Your support is vital to the success of this heartwarming tradition. Sign up on the Parish Council website or at one of the stalls when we are out and about.

We are delighted to share that Lymm in Bloom has been presented with another Gold award by the North West Bloom Society. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in keeping our village beautiful and vibrant.

A vacancy for the position of Assistant Clerk has arisen following the resignation of Rob Tucker, who worked tirelessly during his time with the Council. Full details of this position can be found on the Parish Council website. We appreciate Rob's contributions and wish him all the very best in his future endeavors.

The Parish Council is currently in the process of setting the budget and precept for 2024/25. We value your feedback and invite all residents to participate in a poll and input towards prioritising Lymm's services, projects and events. You will be able to access the forms online, and at stalls held around the village in late November. Please take a few minutes to complete the form, as your input is invaluable in shaping our community's future and what projects will (and won't) take place from April.

Christmas tree decorations will be available for a donation from our stall at the Cross during November and December. Be sure to check our website for the dates you can find us, and join us in making our village look even more festive this year.

As we approach the festive season, I want to extend warm wishes to all of you. Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you at our community events and gatherings. Let's make 2024 an even better year for Lymm.

Cllr Ann Johnstone - Chair of Lymm Parish Council

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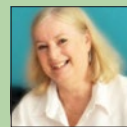
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MP investigating ways of challenging Warburton toll bridge decision

WARRINGTON South MP Andy Carter says he is “incredibly disappointed” by the decision to allow tolls to increase from 12p-£1 to fund repairs on the Warburton toll bridge and is considering what options to take to challenge the decision.

It follows on from a planning inspector ruling in favour of Peel following a public inquiry held in Warrington.

Mr Carter said: “The Planning Inspector’s decision to allow Peel to proceed with their toll increase on the Warburton Bridge is an incredibly disappointing outcome. I have opposed these plans at every stage and I share the frustration of my constituents, particularly those who are frequent users of this crossing for work purposes. It is not fair that they should be saddled with the costs of the Bridge repair works.

“Since the Inspector released his report I have been meeting with senior Council Officers, Clerks in the House of Commons and the Transport Minister to discuss what possible options are open to me as the MP to challenge the decision. When I spoke with the Minister Huw Merriman MP, I made clear my opposition and have urged him to look again at how the Bridge repair costs can be split between the Manchester Ship Canal owners and motorists who need to travel

over the bridge.

“While I am presently not aware of any method to amend the Order myself in the House of Commons, there is a right to challenge the validity of Orders made under the Transport Works Act within 42 days of the Order being made if the decision reached is not within the powers of the TWA or if any requirement imposed by or under the TWA has not been complied with.

“Such a challenge must be made via an application to the High Court and has to come from the Local Authority, not the MP.

Having spoken with the Chief Executive of Warrington Borough Council about this, it is my understanding that the Council are now taking legal advice on the grounds for such an application. I will support them in any way I can should they decide to proceed.”

At the time of the judgement, Cllr Hans Mundry, cabinet member for highways and transportation, said: “As a council, we are dismayed that the judgement has not been ruled in our favour.

“We believe we put forward a very strong and compelling case. Objection to the toll bridge price hike is a matter that has cross-party consensus and overwhelming support from our residents and businesses, too. This decision doesn’t appear in line with the lengthy and detailed feedback the council, partners and residents put forward.

“In the order decision, the inspector acknowledged that increasing the toll would cause considerable financial pressure

for people who are reliant on the bridge. It is a great shame that despite this the ultimate judgement is to proceed with plans to increase charges.

“We don’t dispute the benefits of upgrading the bridge and its approach roads, and introducing an automated tolling system. What we do dispute however is who will ultimately be paying for these improvements.

“We will carefully consider our position and next steps in light of this decision.”



Residents celebrate new accessible stretch of Trans Pennine Trail

LOCAL residents celebrated the re-opening of a newly improved section of the Trans Pennine Trail at Lymm, with free events for all ages on the popular path.

People on foot, using a wheelchair or other mobility aid, buggy or bicycle, can now access the trail between Whitbarrow Road and Camsley Lane subway, thanks to a new smooth weatherproof ‘Flexipave’ surface made from recycled tyres. Cumbersome A-frame barriers on Star Lane, which prevented people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters from getting on the trail have also been replaced by new, accessible versions.

Free activities included a pedal powered Scalextric Set, Tree ID walk and a Dr Bike.

The charity Sustrans worked with Warrington Borough Council, the highway contractor AE Yates and the Trans Pennine Trail to upgrade accessibility on the one-mile section. The work was funded by the Department for Transport as part of Sustrans’ national programme to create ‘Paths for Everyone’.

It’s the second phase of work on the route in this area. Last year the path section between Reddish Lane and Whitbarrow Road was also resurfaced with Flexipave, and six restrictive ‘A’ frame barriers were replaced.

Warrington Borough Council’s Cabinet Member for transportation, highways and public realm, Cllr Hans Mundry, cut a ceremonial ribbon to reopen the path.

Cllr. Mundry said: “It’s great news that the upgrade to this section of the Trans Pennine Trail is now complete. It was previously in poor condition and inaccessible

for people in wheelchairs or mobility scooters, particularly in poor weather. Now, thanks to these improvements, it will be accessible for everyone, all year round.

“The Trans Pennine Trail is one of our priority routes as runs through the heart of Warrington and is a key part of our wider cycling network. We’re really pleased to have been able to work with Sustrans over the past few years to deliver big improvements to several sections of the trail – in Sankey Bridges, Latchford and now in Lymm.”

Rosslyn Colderley, North of England Director for Sustrans said: “These improvements to the Trans Pennine Trail mean so many more people will be able to enjoy this beautiful tree-lined path away from noise and traffic.

“The new surface and more open access mean that families with double buggies who may have struggled with the route before can now easily walk onto and down the Trail.

“It’s designed to be fully accessible for people with mobility scooters, wheelchairs or larger adapted bikes. And cargo bikes will also be able to use the path.

“It really is a path for the whole community.

“We want to continue working with local authorities across the whole length of the Trans Pennine Trail and the wider National Cycle Network, to create high quality routes which everyone can access, no matter what their ability.”

John Wilson, Chair of the Trans Pennine Trail Partnership said: “It’s great to hear another project has been delivered to improve accessibility on the Trans Pennine Trail – whatever type of user you

are, having full accessibility is vital to make sure you can have a wonderful experience on the Trans Pennine Trail. Huge thanks to our partners at Warrington who were one of our first across the Trail to have guidance available to help assess access controls. Thanks too to Sustrans for securing the funding needed.

“This is a wonderful off-road section that has an abundance of flora and fauna for everyone to now freely enjoy without fearing they wouldn’t be able to get on the Trail or use the Trail to visit the wonderful village of Lymm. Great work by everyone involved.”

Sustrans has worked with local authorities in Yorkshire, Merseyside, Manchester and Cheshire to make improvements along the 370-mile Trans Pennine Trail. The long-distance coast-to-coast path runs between Southport and Hornsea, and has several additional spurs.

The Lymm improvements to the

Trans Pennine Trail links to wider plans for walking and cycling routes as part of Warrington Borough Council’s Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The council has also delivered upgrades to other sections of the Trans Pennine Trail in Warrington including alongside the Manchester Ship Canal in Latchford.

For more information on improvements to the Trans Pennine Trail in Lymm see: www.warrington.gov.uk/TPT-Lymm

Warrington Borough Council welcomes comments on their active travel plans for Warrington, which can be sent to active.travel@warrington.gov.uk

For more information on the Trans Pennine Trail look up www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

Find out more about Sustrans Paths for Everyone programme: www.sustrans.org.uk/about-us/paths-for-everyone/



Cllr. Hans Mundry, Warrington Borough Council’s Cabinet Member for transportation, highways and public realm, cut a ribbon to celebrate the re-opening of the new route section. Also holding the ribbon is John Nichol, the Council’s Transport Planning and Strategy Manager (right) and Nick Brelsford from Sustrans (left). PHOTO: Paul Heaps

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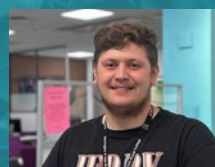
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Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson
Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors

Q. Am I right in thinking that if myself and my ex can't agree on the arrangements for our children over the Christmas period we can ask a court to decide?

A. Christmas is a special time of year for families and for young children in particular and I would encourage the pair of you to work very hard at trying to agree and to find a fair compromise but if you really can't agree then yes, either of you may apply to the family court for an order to determine the arrangements. But there would of course be a cost associated with this and for many people Christmas is expensive enough without adding to it with legal fees. If the court does have to decide it will make whatever decision it thinks is best for the children because whenever the family court has to make decisions about a child the paramount consideration is the child's welfare. Depending on the specific circumstances I would expect the court to take the view that it is best for the children to see both parents over Christmas and so to find a way of enabling them to spend some time with each.

Q. I have discovered that earlier this year my husband had an affair with another woman but he says he ended it months ago and that anyway he'd deny it in court if I tried to divorce him for it. I don't feel that I can trust him anymore so how do I go about proving it?

A. Actually you don't have to. Gone are the days when you need to prove fault or wrongdoing as we now live in an era of 'no fault' divorce which means there is no longer any need even to allege blame let alone prove it. If you feel that your marriage has irretrievably broken down and you want a divorce then you're entitled to apply for and be granted a divorce without alleging any basis for it and regardless of your husband's wishes and denials. The process would likely take about 6 months but there may be other aspects to resolve which could take longer, such as sorting out a financial settlement and / or settling child arrangements.

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Work ongoing to resolve flooding issues



WORK is ongoing in a bid to resolve flooding issues on Oughtrington Lane at Lymm.

The road near Lymm High School was closed recently following heavy rain caused by Storm Babet which left a number of roads in the village inaccessible.

Heavy rainfall has caused flooding issues on the road several times in recent years, causing access issues for Lymm High School.

A Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said: "We have identified two issues causing flooding on Oughtrington Lane and we are working to resolve these.

"There are two separate drainage systems at this location. One runs

through the school grounds and we believe it's been cut off. The other runs into a combined system on Oughtrington Lane.

"The highway gullies and manhole were completely silted up and preventing the road from draining. These were cleansed on Monday morning and the flooding drained."

While the school was closed for half term the council planned to carry out further investigation works, along with looking at how they can increase the capacity of the systems.

Lymm Rotary Float dates and destinations

THE Rotary Club of Lymm will be out and about collecting donations with Santa on their float from Sunday December 3 to Friday December 22.

The float will be at Abbey Leys on Sunday December 3 from 10am until 12 noon.

Then from Monday December 4 until Wednesday December 6 it will be out in the Thelwall area.

On Thursday and Friday December 7-8 it will be covering the Booths Hill area.

Then on December 9 it will be at Lymm Dickensian Day.

On Monday December 11 the

float will be in the Oughtrington area followed by Rushgreen on Tuesday and Wednesday December 12-13.

It will be out in the Statham area on Thursday and Friday, December 14-15 and Higher Lane Monday and Tuesday December 18-19.

On Wednesday December 20 it will be in the Broome area followed by the areas around the village centre on Thursday December 21.

Finally on Friday December 22 there will be a general collection including any area omitted due to bad weather.

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International award success for Lymm author

LYMM resident and crime writer Martin Edwards, has received the Macavity award from Mystery Readers International for his book The Life of Crime.

It is the latest accolade in an extraordinary year for Martin, who has received no fewer than six major awards from his crime writing, and three additional nominations.

A major highlight came in April, he and Anthony Horowitz were two British authors to receive prestigious Edgar awards from the Mystery Writers of America at a glittering banquet in New York City.

Martin has also received two lifetime achievement awards this year for his crime writing. The Popular Culture Association honoured him with the George H. Dove award for his outstanding work, previously awarded to the late P.D. James. At the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention in San Diego he received the Golden Derringer for lifetime achievement as a writer of short stories. The only other British author who has ever been similarly recognised was the late Ruth Rendell.

At San Diego, Martin was also presented with the Anthony award for the best non-fiction book of the year. Back in Britain, he has received the H.R.F. Keating award for The Life of Crime and was shortlisted for the Gold Dagger. His novel Blackstone Fell was nominated for the Crime Writers' Association's Historical Dagger. This book is the third in his popular series featuring the 1930s detective Rachel Savernake and has recently been followed into print by Sepulchre Street.

'It's been an incredible few months,' Martin said. 'I'm deeply honoured by this recognition, and it's also highly motivating as I start work on my next novel!'

And it doesn't end there. Martin has recently been announced as International Guest of Honour for the World Mystery Convention at Washington D.C. in 2027. 'I'm looking forward to it already!' Martin said.



Your pet questions answered

By Dr Diane Wilshaw
Lymm Veterinary Surgery



Q: My cat has a brownish coating inside her ears. I thought it was just ear wax but my friend says it may be ear mites. Is she right?

A: It is difficult to say what the coating is without seeing it. Cats do have ear wax which is normally a creamy/brownish colour. This can be cleaned with ear cleaner. Ear mites are tiny and cannot be seen with the naked eye. They irritate the ear canal and may cause the cat to shake their heads and scratch. Ear mites cause the ear to produce more wax which is often a darker brown and sometimes crusty. This will need cleaning out and an ear mite treatment to get rid of the cause.

Q: I have a 4-month-old Boxer pup who hasn't shown any signs of teething. Should he be teething by now?

A: Generally, puppies will start to get their permanent teeth between two and seven months of age but some may be later. The important thing is that all the temporary teeth are lost before the permanent ones replace them.

Q: Is it OK to take my female dog out for walks when she comes into season and what should I do if a male dog tries it on with her?

A: Your dog will be in season for around 2 to 3 weeks and during that time we would recommend that you keep her completely away from un-neutered male dogs so they can't try it on. Don't even leave her unattended in your garden as male dogs will go to great lengths to get at a bitch in season.

Q: My cat sleeps on my daughter's bed - is this OK? Can cat fleas be passed on to humans?

A: Cat fleas will not live on humans but if present can bite humans which can cause discomfort. There are a number of preventative flea treatments available for cats and also environmental sprays which can be used in the soft furnishings around your home which may contain the eggs and larvae of the fleas.

Q: I have a cat and two dogs. It doesn't matter where or when I put the food out they eat each others. Is it harmful?

A: Cat and Dog food is produced specifically to give the right types of nutrients and the right balance of proteins, vitamins and fat for each species. Dog food lacks a substance called taurine - an amino acid that is essential for cats. Dogs love cat food but as cat food is much higher in calories it is sure to cause obesity if dogs consume it over a period of time. Dogs can also sometimes suffer from gastrointestinal upset if they eat cat food.

Q: How do I know if my rabbit is the right weight?

A: It is very difficult to generalise about the ideal weight for a rabbit due to the number of different breeds. Rabbits all tend to look fat around their abdomen. Rather than visually assessing your rabbit you should be able to feel their ribs and their vertebrae down their spine, but not be able to see them.

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Brewery Tap pub celebrates 10 years of CAMRA membership

LYMM'S Brewery Tap has been presented with an award from CAMRA for ten consecutive years in the real ale pub guide.

'The Tap' on Bridgewater Street, has previously been two-time runner up as best CAMRA UK pub.

The award also coincides with the pub's 10th year anniversary.

Local poet and writer, Rick Varden, has written a poem in celebration, which can be seen below and proudly mounted on the wall inside the pub.

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By the Urban Poet

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politics, and much more,
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seasons of the year,
This is the place you can even do a quiz,
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the staff can never do too much for.
The service is excellent, the management too,
Everything is top notch, like the ale they brew.
This is the place where the culture is at,
Where is it? It's Lymm Brewery Tap!
So let's all stand for a toast and say cheers!
Here's to ten more fantastic years!



Double celebrations as care workers named national champions

THERE were double celebrations at Cheshire Grange care home, Lymm as two members of the team were crowned national champions in this year's Barchester Care Awards.

Carl Marsden, health and safety champion and Gill Jones, hospitality champion, were named national winners, beating hundreds of other nominees.

The awards celebrate the staff who go the extra mile for the benefit of the 13,000 residents living in Barchester's 257 care homes and private hospitals across the country.

Categories range from 'Team of the Year' and 'Carer of the Year' to 'Dementia Care Champion' and 'Activities Coordinator of the Year'.

Almost 4,000 nominations were received from homes and hospitals across the UK – and all the entries were of a high standard.

Carl Marsden said "I am so proud and must thank everyone who nominated and voted for me. It's amazing to be recognised when there are so many others who work just as hard, keeping our services safe environments for all service users"

Gill Jones added: "I just can't believe I have been named the national winner!. It means the world to be recognised for doing the job I love."

Carl and Gill's achievement was announced at a special national award ceremony to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Barchester's many exemplary staff members who work tirelessly to deliver the best care to their residents and patients every day.

Cheshire Grange general manager Dawn Holsgrove-Smith said: "This is such a fantastic achievement, to be named the best across the entire Barchester business and to have two members of your team named is something very special- the whole home is so proud of Carl and Gill."

Dr Pete Calveley, chief executive of Barchester Healthcare, added: "We have the best teams in the world and I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of our members of staff – they are all absolutely amazing."



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Obituary

Michael Evans

THE funeral has taken place of Michael Evans, of Rosebank, Lymm, who passed away on September 25 aged 83 after a short illness.

The service took place at Dunham Crematorium on October 11.

Michael loved being a part of Lymm Rotary Club and Lymm Dickensian as well as gardening, playing golf, seeing friends and watching football.

He leaves behind his wife Beryl, children Jill, Mick and Tim, Gill and John and grandchildren.

The family would like to thank James at John Burrows and Sons for the amazing support throughout the arrangements.



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