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Editor's Comment

IT was a humbling moment when Lymm's Town Crier AJ Powell stood on Lymm Cross and announced the 25th anniversary of Lymm Life magazine.

It was hard to believe that 25 years earlier I had stood in almost the same spot, taking a photograph of his grandad, the late Peter Powell, announcing the arrival of Lymm Life on our very first issue.

I am sure Peter would have been extremely proud to know his grandson would be keeping the tradition going as the village's official Town Crier.

AJ certainly has big boots to fill as Peter was a larger-than-life character with a booming voice – but just over a year into the role AJ is coming on leaps and bounds and is doing a great job.

How things have changed over the past 25 years – in particular in the world of media. Town Criers

were of course the traditional way of announcing local news and can be traced back to medieval times.

They were also employed by Town Council's to make public announcements.

We thought we were groundbreaking when we first published Lymm Life, particularly alongside Warrington Worldwide - the first independent daily online newspaper in the UK.

But things have evolved at a rapid pace and while Lymm Life is still produced in traditional print, the way we report the news has completely changed – with everything now done on a mobile phone.

I wonder what AJ's grandad would have made of appearing on TikTok announcing the news!

If you've got to grips with TikTok check out AJ's performance on @GarySkent

Meanwhile, on the first Saturday of each month AJ generally makes an appearance on Lymm Cross to make any special announcements as well as attending most of the key events in the village.

If you would like AJ to make a special announcement for you he can be contacted at powellandrew693@ icloud.com



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Plan for 170 new homes approved

A CONTROVERSIAL plan for 170 new homes on a greenfield site has been given the go-ahead by Warrington planning chiefs despite major opposition from nearby residents and councillors.

Lymm Parish Council, 28 nearby residents and local borough councillor lan Marks lodged objections to the scheme which involves three fields on either side of Warrington Road,

Statham.

But the borough's development management committee approved the outline proposals.

The area involves three fields and

amounts to 7.2 hectares. Detailed proposals will follow.

Applicants Gladman Developments consulted Lymm Parish Council, local borough councillors and MP Andy Carter before submitting the proposals.

Objections were mainly based Green Belt and traffic issues and road safety concerns at nearby Statham Primary School. Residents highlighted existing traffic congestion on Warrington Road and the lack of shops and other amenities to serve the new homes. The new residents would be forced to use cars for even local shopping in Lymm village.

There were also concerns about a well-used public footpath which crosses the site, linking Warrington Road with the Trans Pennine Trail and the Bridgwater Canal.

Gladman said the scheme would include structural landscape planting and the retention and positive management of key landscape teatures.

There would be about 2.79 of green infrastructure, hectares including amenity space, a new woodland_belt and recreational recreational Tree-lined routes streets envisaged within the development. Most existing trees on the site would be retained.

There would be pedestrian links to Warrington Road and the Trans Pennine Trail including a new footpath connecting to the footpath outside Statham Primary School.

Heavy screening would be provided between the site and Statham Lodge Hotel.

Planning officers said the site was removed from the Green Belt with the adoption of the Warrington Local Plan last year.







What's On in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council

LYMM MAY QUEEN Saturday May 18th

LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
Next meeting Tuesday May 14th, 7:30pm
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Meet Third Wednesday of the month Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP

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Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (ex Aug), 7.30pm Spread Eagle pub, Eagle Brow. See our rolling display in Lymm Library Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

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LYMM PARISH **COUNCIL**

Tuesday May 14th, 7:30pm See parish council website for details.

Homes in the grounds of existing property rejected by planners

PLANNING chiefs at Warrington have rejected proposals to build two new homes in the grounds of an existing property in Birchbrook Road, Lymm.

They say the proposed development, at the rear of the existing house, would be inappropriate and harmful to the Green Belt and that there are no very special reason that would outweigh the harm to the Green Belt.

Parish Lymm Council opposed the scheme because of concerns over a flood risk and borough councillor lan Marks

objected on similar grounds
Three members of the public also
lodged objections on Green Belt

grounds, loss of privacy, harm to visual amenity, removal of trees, harm to wildlife and highway safety issues.

Officers also said the proposals would not improve the economic, environmental and conditions of the area and did not comply with the development plan so did not comprise sustainable development.

There were no conditions which could be reasonably imposed which would make the development acceptable.





Impressions of the two dwellings proposed.



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Cancer survivor reunited with radiographer 11 years later

A CANCER survivor from Lymm has been reunited with the radiographer who helped to successfully treat him at The Christie in Manchester 11 years ago.

Phil Ormesher, age 75, a semiretired surveyor, was treated for prostate cancer by consultant radiographer Cathy Taylor.

He was recently elected Governor of The Christie for the Cheshire area and wants to use his new platform to help raise prostate cancer awareness. He is particularly keen to thank the clinical team at The Christie who treated him, including Cathy Taylor and Dr John Logue.

Phil was first diagnosced with

Phil was first diagnosed with prostate cancer in December 2012. Having lost his father to lung cancer, he was aware of how

serious cancer is.

Although he had no symptoms at the time of diagnosis, a regular PSA blood test had indicated an increased risk of prostate cancer, which promoted further investigations. Thanks to a close friend's advice, Phil had been arranging annual PSA tests for several years. His first tests were normal, though they showed a slight increase each year, which is normal, but the level of PSA in the 2012 test went up by 50 per cent in just one year.

in just one year. Following the PSA test, Phil had an examination that found lumps that shouldn't be there, and a subsequent biopsy found cancer aggressive enough to need treatment rather than an "active surveillance" approach. An MRI scan showed that the cancer was still in the early stages and was contained within the prostate.

Phil said: "I'm hugely grateful that my friend Mike Lockett talked so openly about his cancer and encouraged me to have regular PSA tests. It meant I was able to act promptly and catch and treat the cancer early to maximise my chances of survival."

He was referred to The Christie for treatment in January 2013 and, in March 2013, went through an internal form of radiotherapy called brachytherapy, where radioactive seeds are surgically implanted in the prostate. Phil made a good recovery with no side effects from the treatment, and seven months later, the treatment was deemed successful, with his PSA level back to a normal level. "I did have a slightly awkward time at Athens airport, though, explaining how I had managed to set off their radioactivity alarms," said Phil.

"The knowledge that my cancer had been found early and that the

"The knowledge that my cancer had been found early and that the treatment had a good chance of success helped me get through the experience.

"My impression of The Christie when I was going through treatment was that it was first class. The Christie is rather special. It's a centre of excellence for cancer treatment, and I feel incredibly fortunate that it is on my doorstep.

"It was lovely to meet Cathy again after so many years. During my treatment, she was very reassuring that everything possible was being done and was also very friendly and caring."



Phil continues to have regular PSA tests and feels great. His most recent test showed a PSA level of 0.1 well inside the safety zone

O.1, well inside the safety zone.
Since being diagnosed, Phil
has made it his mission to raise
awareness about prostate cancer.

"I consider myself to be very fortunate," he said. "I hope that sharing my story encourages men to learn more about prostate cancer and to get a regular PSA test. I also hope my experience demonstrates that prostate cancer doesn't have to be a killer if caught early enough

be a killer if caught early enough.
"When I was first diagnosed, I
was surprised about how little men,
in general, knew about prostate
cancer. I told my close family faceto-face and later emailed friends
and colleagues.

"Coming from a sales and marketing background, I'm comfortable with public speaking. Since 2014, I have delivered over 430 individual talks to some 15,000 people, my largest 'client' being Rolls Royce aero engines, where I have delivered over 50

where I have same talks.

"Although I am not medically qualified, I have made prostate cancer my specialist subject, and several urologists and other medical professionals have complimented me for being factual and well-balanced. I am a trustee and ambassador for the awareness charity Prostate Cancer Support and a lead champion for Answer Cancer, a Manchester-based cancer awareness campaign.

"Very sadly, I have lost close friends to prostate cancer after it was diagnosed late and had already spread outside the prostate to other organs. One friend survived over 10 years following treatment, but another died at the age of 61, less than two years after diagnosis. Part of what drives me to raise awareness is that I don't want to lose any more friends or acquaintances to prostate cancer.

"Although some men will have slow-growing prostate cancer that may not cause any problems during their lifetime, others have fast-growing cancer that requires treatment to prevent it spreading, with the inevitable consequences.

"Early diagnosis is the key, but early-stage prostate cancer can be asymptomatic, with four out of five men having no symptoms. That's why I am passionate about raising awareness and keen to encourage men to get the PSA test done regularly, ideally annually, as this is the only early detection test available.

"Having the PSA tested annually allows you to see the pattern and whether the level is increasing over time; just having a one-off test isn't the most reliable way to find early-stage prostate cancer, as certain activities and conditions can skew the result."

When he isn't raising cancer awareness in his spare time, Phil enjoys golf, classic cars and sportscars.





Village PCSO bids fond farewell after funding cut

AFTER a seven-year stint Lymm village's PCSO Phil Redshaw has bid a fond farewell following a funding cut by the parish council.

PCSO Redshaw has been a familiar face in the village along with PCSO Daren Dennis but has now moved on after Lymm Parish Council withdrew the £40,000 funding a year they paid towards a

second community support officer.
PCSO Dennis will continue as
the PCSO for Lymm and PCSO
Redshaw will move onto another area within Warrington.

Commenting on his departure PCSO Redshaw said "I have PCSO Redshaw said "I have loved looking after Lymm for the past 7 years and have enjoyed serving and protecting the Lymm community. It has been a privilege getting to know you.

"I hope that I have been able to make a difference and know that I move on leaving Lymm a safer place for you to live and enjoy. Thank you."

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The decision to cut the funding was met with criticism by local borough Cllr Kath Buckley who said: "Thank you Phil. I cannot thank you enough for all the hard work you have put in for our village. You were fantastic with regard to training the Rurford Lane. regard to training the Burford Lane residents on the speed gun etc. You will be a sad loss to the village. So short-sighted to let you go.

Commenting on the decision

previously, Chairman of the Parish Council Resources Committee, Cllr lan Marks said: "Lymm Parish Council has funded an extra Council has funded an extra PCSO for many years. Councillors appreciate the work they do and their role in helping police officers. However, there is only one other Parish Council in the whole of Warrington that funds an extra PCSO. That is Great Sankey which is nearly twice the size of Lymm. All other Parishes appear to cope with just one PCSO funded by Cheshire Constabulary.



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The weather didn't stop crowds from flocking to the annual event organised by Lymm Roundtable to raise thousands of pounds for local

good causes.

Hundreds of plastic ducks were launched into the lower dam as they made their way into the village

There were also fairground rides and food stalls to entertain visitors who travelled from far and wide.

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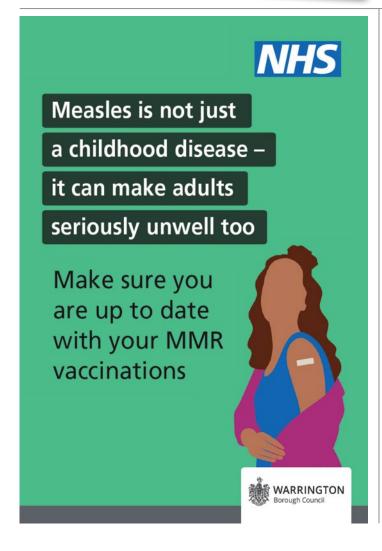




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Building site remains "blot on the landscape"

A Lymm building site remains a "blot on the landscape" despite attempts to get the former factory site cleared since October last year.

Neighbours of the former Elastomer site on Carlton Rd, Lymm remain up in arms over the state of the building site. Large quantities of waste – including material marked as asbestos have been dumped on the site, which has been left unsecured and open to anyone to access.

Local resident Nathan Davies said: "There is contamination onsite including plasterboard and what could be Asbestos. We as a group of neighbours are now talking to a Solicitor to take legal action. We now have sofas, fridges and washing machines dumped there along with the old faithful flytipping favourite a mattress. The site is no longer locked up and we have seen an increase in activity of different vans coming on and off the Tip since the enforcement notice."

Cllr Graham Gowland added: "I've visited the site on a number of occasions, and it's an absolute disgrace. Its been reported to a number of different organisations due to the insecure nature of the building site, the unlicensed deposits of waste, and the hazardous substances apparently on the site. The landowner is ultimately responsible for this, and needs to work with the developer to address the problem."

The site has been left derelict since outline planning permission was granted last year but with the requirement for a satisfactory traffic plan to ensure safe access from the development onto Rushgreen Road.

Warrington Borough Council started investigations last October but no action has been taken to resolve the problem.









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Family set up drone fundraiser in name of missing Ellie

by Wendy Johnson

A devastated family from Lymm, who have been searching for their lost Cocker Spaniel Ellie since December 5th last year, have set up a fundraiser to buy a high-tech, eye-in-the-sky that could be vital in the search and rescue of missing pets.

The Drinkwaters, from Fairfield Road, are still coming to terms with losing their five-year-old 'fur sibling' who ran off towards farmers' fields near Lymm Dam. Since then, they have searched continuously, aided by experienced search teams, residents and members of the community. Although there were a few initial sightings of Ellie, her disappearance remains a mystery, but the family believe a thermal drone, used during the early stages of their searches, could have helped bring their beloved canine

"Due to so much support within "Due to so much support within our local area of Lymm and having been through the most awful experience in losing our beautiful golden cocker spaniel Ellie, we have made the decision to set up a GoFundMe page to buy a thermal drone." said owner Laura.

She added: "From the very beginning we have received

beginning we have received support from not only family and friends but also total strangers who have rallied round helping us in so many ways. All of the support has been hugely appreciated. We knew nothing about lost dogs, and now know so much. We believe that if there was a thermal drone available to us in the first few days (we weren't able to secure one for over a week), the outcome of our search may have been completely different.

"We had so many wonderful people stepping up with drones, however, thermal drones are however, thermal drones are essential and the one that is highly recommended to us can fly in all weathers, without restrictions, but this comes with a price tag of just under £10,000." explained Laura

Laura said that she also hopes to raise enough money to purchase spare batteries as well as funding registrations for thermal drone pilots.

Laura, her husband Neil and children Josh and Saffy have reluctantly made the heartbreaking decision to scale down their search for Ellie, who they say has simply 'vanished off the face of the earth' and now want to focus on helping others find their lost pets.

The use of thermal drones in tracking dogs has had a high success rate. In some cases, from deployment lost dogs have been

tracked with exact coordinates and rescued by owners

within minutes.

"We would love to be able to raise enough for at least one all-singing, all-dancing thermal drone that we would store at home." said Laura. "It would be available to Laura. If would be available to Lymm and surrounding areas within a radius of 5 miles. This particular drone has the ability to search for missing animals and we would make it available for missing dogs and cats in the local area. If we are lucky enough to raise extra funds, we intend to purchase other search and rescue equipment

Laura went on to add: "We want to turn our nightmare experience into potentially another family's positive one.

Ellie's drone fund has already raised nearly £3,000 – Anyone wishing to help the Drinkwaters reach their target, can do so via 'GoFundMe' and donate to the 'Ellie's Lymm Thermal Drone Fund'



A special Easter visit for Keate House residents







DURING Easter weekend, residents of Keate House Care Home at Lymm were treated to a special visit from none other than the beloved Easter Bunny!

Easter Bunny!
Spreading joy and sweetness wherever he went, the Easter Bunny delighted residents of all ages with his cheerful presence and delicious chocolate eggs. The boundless energy matched only by enthusiasm for bringing smiles to faces, the Easter Bunny hopped from lounge to lounge.

Throughout the Easter week of festivities residents enjoyed a

delightful Easter-themed an engaging Easter quiz, a lively Easter bonnet parade, and an exciting Easter egg hunt. One of the highlights of the Easter festivities was undoubtedly the Easter bonnet parade, where residents showcased their creativity and flair by donning elaborately decorated bonnets adorned with springtime motifs and colorful Easter decorations. The parade provided a platform for residents to express themselves artistically while spreading joy and cheer to fellow residents and staff alike.



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Lymm Solar Farm – Your questions answered

IN response to questions and concerns about its solar farm plans, Lymm Community Energy (LCE) has produced answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) which are based on responses to Warrington Borough Council's planning consultation and LCE's recent information events.

The FAQs, together with solar farm update information, can be viewed by scanning the QR code or by visiting: www.linktr.ee/ lymmcommunityenergy

Key questions area concerned with the visibility of the solar panels, access to the site for construction and maintenance purposes and installation on green belt land. "As a local community organisation, we take any concerns very seriously and are looking at ways in which we can mitigate any negative impacts", says Richard Pearce, Director of

Lymm Community Energy.
"However, it is important to stress that the solar farm will stress that the solar tarm will bring significant benefits in terms of reducing CO2e emissions, improving the biodiversity of the site, supplying local customers and investing any surpluses into community projects via LCE's community projects via LCE's Community Benefit Fund. Whilst the solar farm is in operation, the site will still be available for agricultural purposes and it will not result in any long-term loss of green belt land since it will be returned to its former state when the solar farm is decommissioned"

LCE submitted its planning application to the Council earlier this year for a 2.5MW solar farm, and the associated ancillary infrastructure, on land owned by Wildersmoor Hall Farm, Whiteleggs submitted its Lane, Lymm. Details can be seen by visiting the Council's Planning Portal using the reference 2024/00087/FULM.

anyone unfamiliar with For LCE, the organisation was created in 2014 and is a not-for-LCE. profit Community Benefit Society established to enable local people to invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency installations. energy Notable achievéments include putting solar panels on the roofs of the four Lymm village primary schools in 2015 /16. The installations have been generating an average of 92,000 kWh of clean electricity a year enough to power 32 homes, cutting CO2e emissions by 183 tonnes, since the start, and saving the schools £thousands a year on their energy

LCE is staffed wholly by volunteers and has raised £184K

volunteers and has raised £184K through two community share offers in the summers of 2015 and 2016. The money raised has been used to install solar systems on all four primary schools in lymm - total capacity of 126kWp (476 panels). 70 people, mainly from lymm and the surrounding area, originally invested in LCE. Some of these people have invested on behalf of their children and grandchildren who will become members when who will become members when they reach the age of 16. LCE pays interest

LCE pays interest to its shareholders and any surpluses, after operating costs, are transferred to a separate community benefit fund to help finance environmental projects in Lymm and the surrounding area.

more information **ICF** at: contact info@ lymmcommunityenergy.org.uk or visit www.lymmcommunity energy.org.uk



Bid to extend property rejected on Green Belt grounds

A bid to extend a property at Lymm with a double garage, home office and leisure suite has been rejected by Warrington planners on Green Belt grounds.

Permission was being sought for a proposed single-storey side and rear extension to create an attached garage, home office and leisure suite at Christmas House, The Avenue, Lymm.

The proposal was seeking permission for an attached double garage, home office and leisure suite adjoining the south side of the elevation.

Also a single-storey glass attachment to the rear running alongside the existing lounge to

connect the space

Lymm Parish Council raised concerns about the development being in Green Belt.
Refusing the

application Borough Warrington Council planners said proposed the would extension represent disproportionate addition dwelling that has already previously been extended. It would therefore represent inappropriate development that by definition would be harmful to the Green Belt. Very special circumstances have not been demonstrated to date that are deemed sufficient to outweigh



Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson **Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors**

Financial remedy

Following the breakdown of a marriage or civil partnership there are often financial issues that need to be resolved. This aspect used to be known as `ancillary relief' but it is now termed financial remedy

A divorce or dissolution can give rise to a number of financial claims which either party may be able to make against the other and fully understanding or in some cases unravelling financial affairs can get complicated and involve careful analysis and critical thinking so as to be sure to arrive at the right outcome.

There are only two ways in which the financial issues are going to be resolved: either (1) by both parties agreeing on the terms for financial settlement, or (2) by the court deciding on what a fair financial outcome would be where the parties are unable to agree. There are a few different ways by which parties may be able to reach agreement but ultimately either agreement is reached or it's not and if it's not then it will be necessary for the court to make the decisions.

So as to create a legally binding resolution regarding finances then any proposed settlement must be made into a court order. Where the parties are in complete agreement then such an order would be a 'consent order' which involves submitting a draft to the court for approval by a Judge, but where the parties are unable to agree then a formal application for a financial remedy order will need to be made and the court will set a structured process and timetable to be followed for progressing the contested application all the way through to a final hearing if necessary, for a family Judge to determine how the finances, property and other assets are to be divided. The Judge's decision will be binding on both parties and following the decision a doubled will be made detailing the terms which have been decided.

It is often put to me that 'we just divide everything equally don't we?' but the answer is no, that's not what the law says. The aim and object of the law of financial remedy is to achieve fairness and which does not always mean equality. It is not uncommon for the parties to have a different vision of what fairness looks like, and therein lies the problem.

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Records tumble at High Legh 10K

RECORDS tumbled at the recent High Legh 10K with the bar raised very high for future events.

Winners James Westlake of Crawley AC and Abigail Howarth of Vale Royal AC spectacularly broke the historic Course Records in terrific times of 30.53 minutes and 36.47 minutes respectively. James knocked a full 1 min 44 seconds snocked a tull 1 min 44 seconds off the previous male record set in 2017 by James Wignall while Abigail broke Sarah Lomas' long standing 2009 record by a whole 1 minute 52 seconds. Both have set the bar very high for future races.

After finishing, James commented:"It's been a great seally a special of the second se

event, really enjoyed it. I was a little bit worried about knowing where to go but the marshals were fantastic. I'll definitely be coming back again.

There were other firsts too. The huge field of 516 runners from all over the UK was one of the largest ever, and included a big team of over 50 Runners from Royton Road Runners, as well as over 100 from Lymm Runners: almost a quarter of the total membership of the Club! Finally, the event welcomed three

competing runners over 80. David Phillips of Royton Road Runners who was 1st in his category in a time of 1hr04m, Harry Newton of Macclesfield Harriers in 1.08 and finally Eilish Glavey who was celebrating just turning 80 and who finished in 1h33m.

The runners were supported, as ever, by a super-efficient organising team, friendly marshals on the course and local High Legh residents, who came out to cheer everyone on, while Cheshire's Mix56 team of presenters added to the party atmosphere by broadcasting Live from the venue.

Everyone enjoyed the event very much with one runner from North Manchester summing it all up by saying 'it's such a friendly race in a lovely setting. I wish I'd found it years ágo!'

The race, of course, isn't just a fun morning out, it also benefits the local community as proceeds go towards High Legh projects and High Legh Primary School (via the PTA) which also serves as Pictures: Brian Tuohey Photography

the Race HQ. Many runners also took advantage of the opportunity to give money to Tees for Trees

instead of having a T shirt in their goody bag, resulting in a donation of over £250 for the charity.

Nick Gerrard, Race Team Chair commented: 'Lymm Runners and the High Legh Community Association would like to thank all the volunteers without whom this friendly and popular event would not be possible: this includes the organising committee, the goody bag and registrations teams and also the ever-cheerful Marshals who



Abigail Howarth

always have such a positive impact on the runners, and not forgetting those who helped to clear up. It's a fabulous team to work with on a great community event'

"We have had more sponsors than ever this year and they have been, as ever, very generous. We would like to thank them for their donations of cheques, vouchers or in kind, including water, fruit and other prizes.

The race will be back again in 2025, after everyone has had a well-earned rest!







A massive turnout for Lymm Runners.

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Obituary

Zena Morgan

THE funeral has taken place of Zena Morgan, who passed away on February 28 aged 95. The celebration of her life took place at Altrincham Crematorium

on March 18.

Originally from Lisvane, just outside of Cardiff, the family moved to Lymm in 1970.

She was a staunch WI member, sun worshipper and inveterate collector of handbags!

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