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Editor's Comment



HAVE you been gripped by the forthcoming General Election on July 4th – or are you suffering from voter apathy, puzzling who to vote for?

Having worked in the media for more than 40 years and covered more elections than I care to remember, I have to say there appears to be less appetite for a General Election than on previous occasions.

We all knew it was coming, but maybe didn't expect it to come quite so soon, with just a six-week window for candidates to get themselves in the shop window. I suspect a lot of candidates had to be quickly found and indeed our former MP Andy Carter, made a sudden u-turn and opted to contest the seat The Warrington South again after announcing he would be standing down 12 months ago.

Mind you, although he lives

in Lymm he wouldn't be able to represent the area he has done for the past five years due to boundary changes which now places Lymm in the Tatton seat – one of the reasons he initially decided to stand down.

Here at Lymm Life, like our other publications, we are fiercely politically independent and do not endorse any candidate appearing within our publication, of which two have chosen to do so.

As always, we say vote for the best person to represent you and try to look beyond the party colours – although that rarely happens in a General Election.

I suspect quite a few of you are still undecided and waiting until the last minute, maybe even at the

ballot box before making up your mind!

Don't forget you will need voter ID and please try and avoid voter apathy and get out to vote for the best person to represent Lymm at Westminster.

Whoever wins, we look forward to working with them closely to ensure you are represented well in Westminster.

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"Affordable" homes and land gifted to NHS for medical centre as part of new development

PLANS for more than 100 new homes on former green belt land at Lymm will include "affordable" properties and land gifted to the NHS for a new medical centre in the area.

Bellway has received planning consent for a new residential development in Lymm, comprising 108 properties, following on from the first phase of the Tanyard Farm site, which had been opposed by local residents.

Located off Rushgreen Road, the housebuilder has now exchanged contracts on the land, which is 10 acres in size.

The new development will be known as Narrowboat View, providing an impressive range of two-bedroom apartments, two and three-bedroom mews, three-bedroom townhouses, semi-detached and detached houses plus four-bedroom townhouses and detached family homes.

Each property at Narrowboat View has been expertly designed to an exceptionally high standard, with attractive features and all housing M4 (2) compliant, which means they will be accessible and adaptable for disabled use.

With its desirable location in Lymm, purchasers at Narrowboat View will enjoy a short walk from the development into the village, and some properties will boast a

beautiful canal-side setting too.

Grace Yarlett, Sales Director at Bellway, says: "We are thrilled to have exchanged contracts and are excited to be returning to Lymm. The first phase of this Tanyard Farm site was such a success so naturally we can't wait to be back, delivering more homes in the affluent and leafy village of Lymm."

Bellway hopes to start on-site by the Summer, with the first properties expected to be released for sale in Autumn.

In addition to the new development, Bellway has made Section 106 contributions of circa £1 million, the housebuilder has also gifted land to the NHS to help bring forward a new medical centre in the locality, plus 30% of the properties will be affordable housing.

Described as a "superb project", Bellway worked with several North West-based businesses on the design, planning and purchase, including APD Architects, TEP Ecology, Shoosmiths and Gateley Solicitors, Eddisons Highways, E3P Ground and Lees Roxburgh Drainage.

Grace added: "We are hoping construction on site commences in the coming months and aim to start selling the homes later this year. We anticipate huge demand."

For further information, or to register your interest in Narrowboat View, please call 01952 924250 or visit www.bellway.co.uk



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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting Tuesday July 9th, 7:30pm
Lymm Parish Hall
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LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB

Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm
Details: 07708 172015

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP

Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30pm
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
Details: 01925 755926

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM

Meets at Warburtons Parish Rooms on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 8pm
Contact 01925 919053

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS

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

LUNCH AT THE BROW

Eagle Brow Methodist Church
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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

LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (ex Aug), 7.30pm
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Details: www.lymmphotosoc.org.uk

LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE

3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 756444

LYMM CONCERT BAND

Rehearsals every Thursday evening
United Reformed Church, 8pm.
Details: 01925 752934

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cath@cstones.co.uk

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www.u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/home
Contact: enquiries@lymmthelwallu3a.org.uk



LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday July 9th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

Up to 20 weeks of work to refurbish historic village centre road

UP to 20 weeks of work is set to start on Pepper Street in Lymm village centre.

It follows on from a public consultation when almost 250 people gave feedback on the best refurbishment options for the historic stone sets.

The majority of respondents said they would like to see the road reconstructed with reclaimed sets.

Warrington Borough Council has made an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of which is as follows: -

Temporary Prohibition of Driving & Clearway: Pepper Street from its junction with Rectory Lane to its junction with The Peppers; Longbutt Lane from its junction with Orchard Avenue to its junction with Scholars Green Lane (East); Grove Rise from its junction with Pepper Street for 20 metres; Domville Close from its junction with Pepper Street for 20 metres.

Temporary Clearway: Rose Bank Turning Head at western end adjacent to Nos. 1 & 2; Scholars Green Lane from its junction with Limefield Avenue to its junction with Longbutt Lane.

Temporary Suspension of The Borough of Warrington (Longbutt Lane, Lymm) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 1982 in its entirety.

The Order will be effective from 17th June 2024 for 20 weeks. The restrictions will be carried out in phases as follows: Phase 1 Longbutt Lane 8am to 5:30pm for 1 to 2 weeks; Phase 2 Pepper Street Works Closure 7pm to 1am up to School Summer Holidays; Phase 3 Pepper Street Closure 24/7 from start of School Summer Holidays until completion of sett paved area; Phase 4 Longbutt Lane 8am to 5:30pm for 1 to 2 weeks, however will be in place as detailed & when signed on site and dates/details will also be confirmed at: www.warrington.gov.uk/pepper-street-lymm. Access will be under the control of the relevant Contractor for the duration of the works. The alternative route will be via Orchard Avenue, Longbutt Lane, Scholars Green Lane, Grammar School Road, Higher Lane, Rectory Lane and vice versa. The restrictions are required for highway maintenance works.

It is unlikely any full road closures will be put in place, but if required they will take place in the evening to minimise disruption.

For the latest updates visit www.warrington.gov.uk/pepper-street-lymm

Ancient tradition of Lymm Rushbearing set to return

THE ancient tradition of Lymm Rushbearing is set to return to the village on Sunday, August 11.

The Lymm Rushbearing procession will leave the Lower Dam at 4pm and arrive at St Marys church about 4.30.

The origins of Rushbearing dates from the Middle Ages and Lymm is one of the few remaining communities in 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 provide the entertainment while Lymm May

Queen and Rose Queen also join the procession.

The rushbearing 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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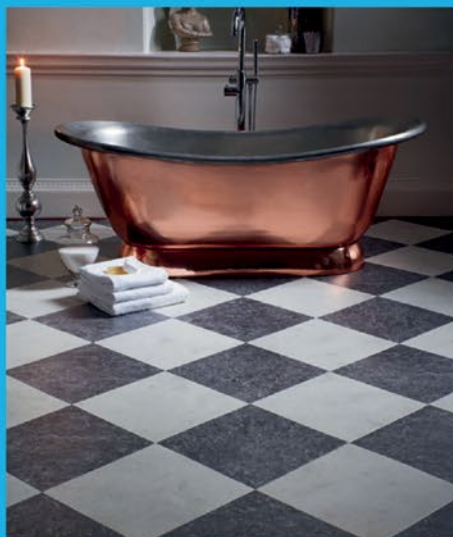
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Introducing Esther McVey Conservative Candidate for Tatton

Having been the MP for Tatton since 2017, I am delighted to welcome Lymm into the Tatton Parliamentary constituency at this general election, and hope local people will support me in the election.

I have already been out campaigning in the May local elections, and held a number of Q&A sessions with local residents in Lymm - something I do all year



round across the whole of the Tatton constituency.

For those who don't me, I was born in Liverpool and spent the first years of my life in care with Barnado's. I studied Law at University, and did a Masters in Corporate Governance. I moved into the media as a TV presenter and producer, starting with the BBC and working with the wonderful Eamonn Holmes on GMTV.

I left the media to run my own business in the North-West, setting up the biggest women's business network in the North of England, and establishing a charity to provide school pupils with careers advice, before moving into politics.

I am proud to live in the Tatton constituency, and pride myself on being accessible and visible in the local community, and getting results for local residents who seek assistance from me.

I know from my conversations with local people that there is a huge amount of concern regarding Warrington Borough Council being in debt to the tune of £1.8bn. This unsustainable debt level will mean the council will be spending huge sums each year on debt interest

payments - servicing that debt - which should be money being spent on frontline services.

If you are good enough to elect me as your representative in Parliament, you can be assured that I will hold Warrington Council to account, be a champion for Lymm

locally and in Westminster, and will always play an active role in the local community.

If anyone wishes to contact me they can do so at esther@tattonconservatives.org.uk or on 01625 522263.



Esther McVey Conservative candidate for Tatton

- ◆ Lymm is moving into the Tatton constituency for the first time at this election
- ◆ Esther's home is in Tatton and 10 minutes from Lymm
- ◆ Esther holds regular Q and A sessions throughout the constituency year round - and has already held some in Lymm
- ◆ 'I know Esther is going to be the active, visible local champion that people - whatever their political persuasion- really value and appreciate' -Kath Buckley, retired Lymm Councillor



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Plans to rebuild collapsed wall at 192-year-old church

PLANS to rebuild a section of collapsed wall in the grounds of the 192-year-old Grade 2 Listed St Mary's Church, Lymm have been submitted to Warrington Borough Council.

The dangerous condition of the wall has made it necessary to seal off parts of the churchyard for some time, preventing access to many family graves and the War Memorial.

The planning application seeks permission to rebuild the collapsed section of the wall and build new, stone-clad structural supporting piers against the wall.

Where possible, existing stones will be used to rebuild the wall. But some matching, new stones will be used.

Reports being studied by council

planners say the proposals include a new opening in the existing wall, adjacent to the church car park, to allow easy access into the graveyard. A new path will replace the existing path which has reached the end of its serviceable life.

The new entrance into the graveyard and the new and replaced paths will provide a safer, all-weather access into the churchyard.

St Mary's Church is believed to be the fourth church on the site. A Saxon church is mentioned in the 1086 Domesday Book. This was

replaced by a Norman church while a third church was built, probably in the early 14th century.

The present church was built in sandstone in 1852.

Overall, the works proposed are believed to be necessary to enable safe and appropriate public use of the graveyard.

The design suitably reflects the setting and harm to the Listed areas is considered minimal, the reports state. Additional buttresses to the wall which differ from the original are considered necessary to ensure structural stability and integrity for the future.

Last year, a temporary bridge was provided by the borough council to allow access to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

An archaeologist with a watching brief will be present during all ground works. If any human remains are exposed, or are otherwise encountered during the works, all work in the vicinity must be stopped immediately and the remains lightly covered with soil. The Diocesan Registrar must be notified.

The directions of the Diocesan Registrar must then be followed.

Maintenance of the churchyard at St Mary's is the responsibility of Warrington Borough Council.

Council planners are now studying the proposals.



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Dear Residents of Lymm

Welcome to another 4 year term of office for the Parish Council following the May elections.

I am privileged to have been voted as Chair of the Parish Council for another year. With great enthusiasm, I look forward to working with our dedicated Parish team and supporting our ongoing projects in the coming months. I would also like to thank the retiring Parish Councillors for the support they have given over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

I am delighted to welcome five new Councillors to the team, whose fresh perspectives and ideas will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our community.

We also have two new staff members on the Parish Council team. James has become the latest Environment Team member and will help keep the village a greener, cleaner and sustainable place to live and Carl is our new keyholder, looking after the village hall.

Our village is looking splendid with the recent addition of bunting and flowers. The new railing planters are a beautiful touch, bringing vibrant colours and a fresh feel to Lymm. Special thanks go to all the volunteers especially the Lymm in Bloom team, as well as E Smith and Sons for their ongoing support and hard work in making our village so delightful. This all adds to the elements that the Parish Council supplies. The additional wildflower locations that the Parish Council has provided will also start to be visible soon and cover all corners of the village.

Have you spotted any of them yet?

Information sharing sessions on Martyn's Law will be taking place on June 13th and 14th

Full details can be found on social media. Do come along if you think you might be affected and want to know more about the draft bill.

The second round of grant applications has a deadline of 1st September. It's not too early to submit your completed applications for activity during the autumn and winter.

A recent meeting to support local businesses will see the creation of 4 new schemes that will benefit businesses, residents and visitors to the village. A community toilet scheme, a water bottle refill scheme, dog friendly premises as well as used paper cup recycling will all soon be launched. Let us know if you want to be involved.

Following the arson attack, the final figures for the removal and refurbishment of the public toilet at Lymm Dam have now been received and sent to the insurers. This should trigger the removal and refurbishment of the unit and its reinstallation at the end of summer.

Outside the Parish Council, the much-anticipated work renewing the setts on Pepper Street will commence in June and is expected to last approximately 20 weeks. The work will cause some inconvenience, including access to Pepper Street car park.

We are pleased that the scaffolding outside Boots has been removed following the completion of the renovation work. The difference is remarkable, and it has greatly enhanced the appearance of the area.

Your continued support and engagement are vital to the success of our community initiatives. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making Lymm a wonderful place to live, work, and enjoy.

Warm regards,
Cllr Ann Johnstone, Chair

Lymm May Queen blessed with fine weather as new queens joined by former queen

AFTER losing the use of the Lymm May Queen field due to heavy rain earlier in the year the annual event was blessed with fine weather as it paraded through the village.

Organisers worked hard to ensure the event could continue, by making use and adapting the local car parks in the village centre.

The crownings took place of Lymm May Queen Eleanor Macdonald and Lymm Rose Queen Caitlin Ellison who were joined by Dorothy Greenhalgh, the esteemed May Queen of 1948, returning to grace the parade.

The Lymm May Queen tradition dates back to 1847 with the establishment of the Band of Hope by Jabez Tunncliffe, a venerable Baptist Minister in Leeds. In an era where alcohol held sway as a societal norm, the Band of Hope arose as a beacon of sobriety, staunchly advocating for complete abstinence. This noble movement, embraced by various denominations, offered children a sanctuary away from the temptations of alcohol, birthing alcohol-free sanctuaries like the esteemed Temperance Hotel in Lymm.

The inception of the Lymm & Oughtrington Band of Hope Festival in 1889 marked a union

of two venerable traditions: the religious processions commonplace in the North West and the May Queen Fair originating from Knutsford, immortalized in Lord Tennyson's timeless poem "The May Queen." While the May Queen Fair exuded a romanticized aura of a bygone "Merrie England," Lymm endeavoured to infuse its solemn procession with elements of joviality, revelry, and the crowning of a Lymm May Queen, all while remaining steadfast to its roots in church ethos and temperance principles.

Organisers said: "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers at the Lymm Heritage Centre, custodians of the invaluable records that serve as the bedrock of Lymm's storied past. Without their tireless efforts, delving into history's annals would be a daunting task. As a committee, we are committed to preserving this rich legacy by donating all official photographs from our event to the Heritage Centre, ensuring that the tapestry of Lymm's history continues to unfurl for generations to come."

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All set for 33rd Disability Awareness Day!

LOCAL charity Warrington Disability Partnership, the organisers of the UK's and possibly, the world's largest voluntary led pan disability exhibition are finalising the plans for this year's 33rd annual event.

Disability Awareness Day founder and co-ordinator Dave Thompson MBE DL said, "We are very pleased to announce that disability education specialists Expanse Learning Group and the North West's water supplier United Utilities, are leading our list of sponsors for DAD 2024".

The aim of this year's event is to promote independent living through the theme "It's what disabled people can do that matters". DAD 2024 exhibitors will highlight solutions supporting independent living and mobility, with equipment, products, transport, employment, education, training, health and social care, leisure activities, alongside over 100 charities/support groups.

Most of this year's exhibitors will be housed in a huge, tented village of marquees that will be supported by: an extended Sports Zone, a Main Arena, a huge Performing Arts Marquee, two further Arts Marquees for art and crafts, a Silent Disco, a children's fun fair and play areas. Entertainment will also be available adjacent to the entrance bridge and Heritage Yard.

On Disability Awareness Day, visitors can gain an insight into the help and support that is available locally, regionally and nationally from statutory organisations, businesses and voluntary sector groups.

They can "have a go" at

sports activities including Tennis, American Football, Snooker, Rugby League, Martial Arts, Tai Chi, PowerChair Football, CrossFit and Scuba Diving in the on-site pool. In addition, Warrington Youth Zone's giant sports inflatables.

For those looking for a more relaxed day we will have a fantastic line-up of talent in the Arts Marquee with some of the UK's leading disabled artists including Ella Together, Creating Adventures, BSL Choir, Stars Drama, Wolf Print Dance and Groovy Movers. BSL interpreters will support all acts.

Alternatively, sit alongside the Main Arena watching Guide Dog display team, Reach Sled Dogs Display Team, Batida Rio Samba Band, Royal Marines Corps of Drums and sports demonstrations.

Children can visit the funfair rides or Walton Gardens accessible onsite zoo, crazy golf, high ropes and pitch and putt.

Disability Awareness Day 2024 will be the finale of a week of complementary events that includes:

- Tuesday evening: Creating Adventures "Greatest Show" with a wide range of variety acts. Tickets required.

- Wednesday daytime: Merseycare NHS Trust "Ignite Your Life", mental health and wellbeing festival.

- Wednesday evening: Ella

Together "Summertime Special", a showcase of talented entertainers. Tickets required.

- Thursday daytime: Warrington Carers Hub "Wellbeing Festival", join us for a day of socialising, information, and pampering.

- Thursday afternoon and evening: "Party in the Park" for disabled children, young disabled people and young carers.

- Friday evening: "Bjorn to be Abba", the UK's leading Abba tribute band. Tickets required.

All of the events listed above will be held undercover. A licenced bar will be available at the evening events (except the Party in the Park).

For more details and tickets

please contact the DAD Admin team on 01925 240064 or visit www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk

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Your pet questions answered

By Dr Rachel Dean,
Burford Lane Vets

How can I keep my dog cool during the hot summer months?

During the hot summer months, it's essential to ensure your dog stays cool to prevent heatstroke. Provide plenty of fresh water and make sure there are shaded areas in your garden or outdoor space. Avoid walking your dog during the peak heat of the day, when they are at most risk of heatstroke and burns, both from the sun and from hot pavements, which can hurt their feet. Instead, try to take them out when temperatures are cooler in the morning or evening. You can also use cooling mats or damp towels for your dog to lie on, and ensure your home is well-ventilated. Never leave your dog in a parked car, as temperatures can rise dangerously high very quickly. It is also worth considering how you can amend your dog's grooming regime to help them cope with the warm weather, for example by brushing more often or taking them for a trim.

Is it safe to take my dog swimming in lakes or rivers during summer?

Swimming can be a great way for dogs to cool off and get exercise during the summer, but there are some precautions to take. Ensure the water is clean and free from harmful bacteria or algae, which can make your dog sick. You can search online for local reports of harmful algal blooms. Keeping up with their routine preventative parasite treatments will also help keep them safe when out and about. Avoid areas with strong currents, and always supervise your dog while swimming. Make sure your dog can always get out of the water easily, and rinse them well afterwards to remove any residual chemicals or contaminants. If your dog is not a strong swimmer, consider using a canine life jacket for added safety.



What are the signs of heatstroke in cats, and how can I prevent it?

Cats are also susceptible to heatstroke, though it can be harder to spot. Signs include excessive panting, drooling, lethargy and unsteady movements. In severe cases, cats may vomit or lose consciousness. To prevent heatstroke, keep your home cool and well ventilated, and ensure your cat always has access to fresh water. Avoid letting them out during the hottest parts of the day, and provide shaded areas if they do go outside. If you suspect your cat is suffering from heatstroke, move them to a cool area and contact our team, or your usual vets, immediately.

I've heard that rabbits can get flystrike in summer. How can I prevent this?

Flystrike can be a serious problem for your rabbit, but is easily prevented with good hygiene and husbandry. If their skin or fur is wet and dirty, flies will be encouraged to lay eggs on it. When these hatch, the larvae will damage your rabbit's skin, taking advantage of even the tiniest wound to feed beneath it. A few simple tips to keep your rabbit happy and healthy in summer include daily removal of soiled or wet bedding, regular cleaning of their hutch, a healthy fibrous diet to avoid diarrhoea and frequent grooming of long haired breeds such as angora and lionhead. Flystrike requires urgent veterinary treatment, so contact our team immediately if you notice any fly eggs, maggots, hair loss or open wounds on your rabbit.

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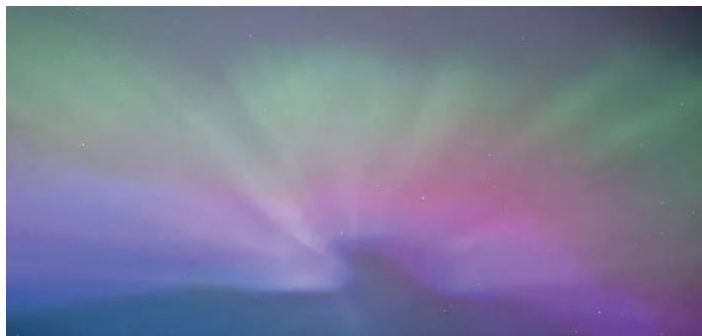


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Northern Lights light up Lymm!



Clairey Bee

THE skies over the UK, including Lymm, were turned various shades of pink and green as the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) produced incredible displays for skygazers on Friday May 10.

The incredible Aurora Borealis, usually only visible from northern parts of the British Isles, was clearly visible across large parts of the UK overnight, including Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and, unusually, southern England.

Meteorologists say the display was caused after America's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued its first severe solar storm warning since 2005 as a huge geomagnetic storm raced towards Earth. The NOAA said the G5 geomagnetic

storm, which is considered extreme and is the strongest level of a geomagnetic storm, hit Earth on Thursday and brought with it the risk of affecting communications, GPS and power grids.

Aurora Borealis displays occur when charged particles collide with gases in the Earth's atmosphere around the magnetic poles.

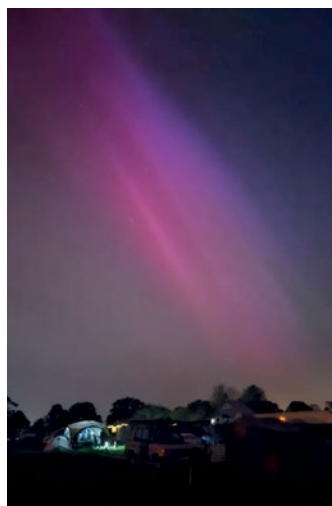
Lymm residents managed to take some stunning photographs which they shared on social media, some of which can be seen below.



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Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson
Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors

Cohabitation Breakdown

Times have changed. People and families evolve and an increasing number of couples move in together and start a family without getting married, and whilst some might give some thought to what would happen with respect to their home and other assets in the event the relationship breaks down, I know from experience and from some of the common questions we are asked in cohabitation breakdown scenarios that many people do not, or perhaps they have given it some thought but they have mistakenly thought the legal position is different from how it really is.

The key thing to understand is that the law in relation to cohabitation breakdown is not the same as for marriage or civil partnership breakdown. There is a common misconception that unmarried couples who live together are 'common law' partners and have the same rights as married couples or civil partnership partners, but the fact is that they don't. It's not true; it is a myth! There is no such thing as 'common law' marriage and so it follows there is no such thing as common law husband and wife or common law partners.

Unmarried couples who live together are quite simply an unmarried couple living together and it comes as a surprise to some to discover on the breakdown of the relationship that they have no automatic right or entitlement to make financial claims against the other and that this is the case irrespective of how long they have lived together. That is, no right to any form of financial support for themselves (child support being a separate issue) and no right to a share of the other's pension. As regards the family home this on the face of it depends on how the property is owned but it can get complicated and in some cases the dispute can involve complex contractual, trust and land law principles. Each case turns on its own facts and sometimes the smallest of details can have a significant bearing on the eventual outcome.

If you are in need of advice and assistance regarding the issue of cohabitation breakdown then feel free to get in touch – we have a lot of experience advising, guiding and supporting clients in this area of law.

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Meet the candidate: Ryan Jude, Labour's candidate for Tatton

Residents in Lymm will be voting for a Tatton MP this time. The Tatton constituency has seen its fair share of political drama over the years but its largely been viewed as a Conservative "safe seat" – until now.

The latest opinion polls show that Tatton could be a closely-fought battle between incumbent Conservative Esther McVey, the self-proclaimed Minister for Common Sense and GB News presenter, and Labour's Ryan Jude, who works as a team leader in an environmental non-profit business.

Ryan, 28, who is married to Sarah, grew up in Cheadle Hulme and his love for the environment - now his career - was nurtured in the local area. He's spoken to more than 3,000 local residents in the last few weeks on everything from restoring public services to the cost of living.

Ryan said: "My parents moved to the UK from India to work for the NHS, and they made it their new home. I spent my youth enjoying the wonderful natural environment

and local towns and villages.

"Growing up, I volunteered at local groups supporting children and adults with learning disabilities, like my brother. Such groups provided a lifeline for members and their families. I saw first-hand the impact that former Tatton MP George Osborne's austerity cuts had on these local groups, families and communities. I knew I had to help fix things.

"The people of Lymm deserve better. We are all paying more, for less. As public services crumble around us, and our environment is polluted, anti-social behaviour is rocketing, while Esther McVey seems more interested in her TV career.

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Mary Sawyer

THE funeral has taken place of Mary Sawyer who passed away at Keate House Care Home aged 81 after a long, dignified battle with Alzheimer's disease.

The funeral service took place at St. Winefride's Catholic Church, Lymm, on 21st May, followed by Walton Lea Crematorium.

Mary moved to Lymm in the mid-70s with her late husband, Tom, and two young children, Sharon and Stephen. They ran Central Garage on Higher Lane followed by Colstan Motors on Crouchley Lane, until Tom passed away suddenly in 1982.

Mary was a well known and popular figure in the village. As a founding member of Lymm Swimming Club - which she was involved with for close to 40 years - she helped hundreds of local

children learn to swim, a legacy that she was incredibly proud of.

Mary also volunteered for St Roccas and the Royal British Legion, and was always found helping out at May Queens, Dickensian Days and Remembrance Sundays.

Mary had a huge network of friends and was never happier than when catching up over a cup of tea.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



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