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# Editor's Comment



**CHRISTMAS is fast approaching, and I suspect many of you, like me, will be wondering where another year has gone!!!!**

I also suspect many will be contemplating the cost of Christmas and wondering how to cover ever increasing bills, as the cost-of-living crisis continues?

The recent budget did little to help businesses already struggling, with further increases which will impact the bottom line while price increases to cover the costs are certainly not going to go down well with customers.

Here at Lymm Life we have pretty much only had one price increase in 25 years to cover our production costs, which have escalated tenfold since we first launched in April 1999.

We are working hard to keep our print edition going as we know how popular it is and for this

we rely on local businesses and community organisations to support us with advertising – which sadly is the first thing many cut back on when times are tough.

Over 40 years' experience has shown me that sadly many of those who cutback or stop advertising, don't survive in business much longer.

We are here to help and advise local businesses and community groups on how to get their messages out to the local community and can pretty much tailor an advertising package to suit any budget.

As well as the magazine we have a strong online presence especially through our Warrington Worldwide website and social media channels.

So, if you are looking to kick-start your business in January, traditionally a quiet time of the year, drop us a line and we will see how we can help.

Meanwhile, I would like to thank all those who continue to support us, while wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year!

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# Mixed emotions as family visit heritage centre display

**THERE was pride mixed with sadness when Enid Edwards visited Lymm Heritage Centre recently with her daughter Diane and granddaughter Katie.**

They were all coming to see the new window display, installed to mark Remembrance Day, which honours the all too brief life of Enid's great uncle Edward (Eddie) Johnson.

Every year, to mark Remembrance Day the Centre tell the story of one serviceman who lost his life in one of the two World Wars.

Edward (Eddie) Johnson was born in the Rushgreen area of Lymm in 1897. His early childhood was hit by a double tragedy. His father, a canal boatman drowned in the Bridgewater Canal in Lymm in unexplained circumstances.

Eddie was brought up by his uncle, George Hazlehurst and his family who ran a small shop near Lymm Bridge. (A re-creation of their shop window is displayed in the Heritage Centre). He attended Pepper Street School and was a chorister at St Mary's Church. He had a brief working life at the Linotype Works in Altrincham before enlisting in June 1915.

He fought at Passchendaele and was reported missing on July 31 having been part of an attack which formed the beginning of the 3rd

Battle of Ypres. He died on August 2, 1917, aged just 20, probably in captivity after being wounded. He is buried at Harlebeke New British Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium. There is also a half-size

memorial to Eddie in the cemetery at St Mary's.

"It is a wonderful tribute," said Diane. "Mum recalls her family talking about Uncle Eddie, especially around Remembrance Day. What a shame they can't all see him honoured in Lymm village this year!"

Enid and her family shared a collection of photographs and family memorabilia with the Heritage Centre some years ago and digital versions of these are now preserved for posterity and accessible online in thelymmarchive.co.uk





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Next meeting Tuesday December 10th, 7:30pm  
Lymm Parish Hall  
Check [www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk) for details.

### 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  
2nd Friday in the month  
Light lunches 12 noon till 1.30pm.  
All proceeds to The Y Project Room at The Inn

### 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](http://lymmfloralart.org.uk)

### LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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](http://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

### LYMM WI

Every second Wednesday, 2-4pm at Lymm Youth and Community Centre. Visitors welcome.

### LYMM AND DISTRICT MIXED VOICE CHOIR

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[cath@cstones.co.uk](mailto:cath@cstones.co.uk)

### PROBUS CLUB OF LYMM

A small, friendly social club for retired people. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays at 2:15pm.  
Details: [www.LymmProbus.club](http://www.LymmProbus.club)

### LYMM DINGLE PROBUS CLUB

A friendly busy social club for retired men. Meets on alternate Thursday afternoons at Lymm Baptist Church.  
Details: [www.lymmdingleprobus.club](http://www.lymmdingleprobus.club)  
Club secretary 01925 759995

### FRIENDS OF LYMM LIBRARY CRAFT GROUP

Lymm Sanctuary Hub  
Fridays 1.30-3.00pm  
Details: 01925 754016

### HEATLEY WI

Meets the second Thursday of each month at Oughtrington Junior School, 7pm  
Visitors welcome. Details: 01925 752014

### LYMM & THELWALL U3A

Speaker meeting 3rd Thursday of the month (excluding August & December) at Thelwall Parish Hall 10.00am. Prospective members welcome.  
[www.u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/home](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/home)  
Contact: [enquiries@lymmthelwallu3a.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lymmthelwallu3a.org.uk)



## LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday December 10th, 7:30pm  
See parish council website for details.

# New Lymm book reveals hidden "House" history



**FROM Monday to Friday, most weeks of the year, it is Lymm's busiest building.**

But how many of its users realise that they are walking in the footsteps of history?

The building we are talking about is, of course, Oughtrington Hall and now for the first time, that fascinating history has been explored in "House Through Time" style.

The result is a brand new publication "Oughtrington Hall – The House and Its People" by Lymm Heritage Centre researcher and author, Roger Hannam.

Today the Hall echoes to the sound of thousands of students and staff as it forms the original core of what is now Lymm High School.

But two hundred years ago it would have been the much more subdued sound of cooks, maids, grooms, governesses and butlers that would have resonated around the building as they went about their daily chores in the service of the owner of one of Lymm's great estates, Trafford Trafford.

With many newly published illustrations, the book traces over

two centuries of history from an early link to Peterloo through many wealthy owners and tenants to poignant stories of the building's role in two world wars, first as a haven for refugees and later as a temporary home for pupils of a revolutionary outdoor school. The book goes on to describe how the building became the fourth home of Lymm Grammar School followed, finally, by its transition into the school we know today.

Whether you are a student, ex-student, parent or just curious to learn more about the story of the place where you live you are sure to enjoy "Oughtrington Hall – The House and Its People" – available only at Lymm Heritage Centre (12-4 Thursday to Sunday), Lymm Post Office or online via [lymmhc.co.uk](http://lymmhc.co.uk). Priced at just £6.50 it makes a great Christmas stocking filler too and is just one of many fascinating books about Lymm on sale at the Centre along with many other Lymm themed items.

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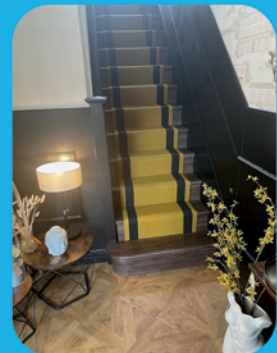
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# Lymm in Bloom team pick up Gold Award



**THE Lymm in Bloom team have again picked up a "Gold" in the North West in Bloom competition.**

A party of members travelled to Bolton for the presentation and were thrilled to receive a "Gold".

Lymm in Bloom are all volunteers and help manage many of the beds, planters and green spaces around the village, including the Peter Powell Memorial Garden (formerly known as the Sunken Garden), the Lower Dam, Davies Way, The Cross, The Dam, Ridgeway Grundy Park, Sandy

Lane, Statham, Howard Avenue and Broomedge

They are part funded by Lymm Parish Council.

But despite the big impression, the Lymm in Bloom team make on the village, they are always short of volunteers.

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# Lymm Rotary Christmas Float routes

**LYMM ROTARY Club will once again be taking to the streets with their annual Christmas float, collecting donations for good causes.**

The dates and times and routes are subject to weather conditions.

Rotary will once again be joined by various community groups who will get a share of the proceeds.

**Sun 1 Dec - Abbey Leys**  
10 am to 12 noon.

**Mon 2 Dec - Thelwall (1) - Assemble: Woodlands Drive (Lymm side) off All Saints Drive (Off A56)**

Woodlands Dr.(Lymm side), Gateley Close, Woodlands Drive, Straight across and then Pickering Cre, Moore Av, All Saints Dr, Parry Dr, All Saints Dr to bottom, turn left on to Thelwall New Road, 1st right into Alderley Road, Wilmslow Crescent, Handforth Close, Mobberley Close, rest of Alderley Road, join Prestbury Drive, Handforth Close, to Thelwall New Road, cross over and along service road, back up All Saints Dr collecting top to Assembly Point.

**Tues 3 Dec - Thelwall (2) – Assemble: Woodlands Drive (Warrington side)**

Along Woodlands Drive to Wilson Close, back to Stanton Road, collecting to Barley Road to end, back to Dunmow Road, to Pelham Road, left and then left into Baldock Close, back to Pelham Road, right then left into Buntingford Road, back to Pelham Road, Welwyn Close, Harlow Close, Waldron Close, to end of Pelham Road, left back to Stanton Road, Selworthy

Drive, Stanton Road to bottom, Beech Avenue and back up Stanton Road to the end, not collecting Woodford Close & Ferryside, back to Woodlands Drive Assembly Point.

**Wed 4 Dec - Thelwall (3) – Assemble Quays Community Centre, 233 Thelwall New Road, WA4 2XT**

Bradshaw Lane, Ollerton Close, left on Bradshaw Lane, back to Thelwall New Road, turn right to Mottram Close, Thelwall New Road, right and then left into Woodford Close, Ferryside, back onto Thelwall New Road, right then left into Richmond Avenue, Ashley Close and back to Quays

**Thu 5 Dec - Booths Hill (1) - Assemble: Coop – Cherry Lane**

Cherry La (lower), Cherry Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Egerton Rd, Heyes Drive, lyme Gro, Hardy Road, Highfield Rd (top), Hilltop Rd, Highfield Dr, Booths Lane, Cherry Lane (top), Lady Acre Clo., Huntsfield Close, Lady Acre Clo., Cherry Lane (upper), Elm Tree Road, Elm Tree Av, Elm Tree Road, Oaklands Dr, Parkwood Clo, Wayside Clo, return to Oaklands Dr.

**Fri 6 Dec - Booths Hill (2) – Assemble: The Anchorage**

The Anchorage, Newfield Road, Ridgeway Gdns, Hawthorn Road, Oak Rd, Grove Av, (left down



Newfield again to), left on to Daisy Bank Rd, Barsbank La, Booths Hill Road, Princess Road, John Road, David Road, Thornley Road, Highfield Rd (lower), Massey Brook La., Massey Brook Ave, Beech Grove, Booths Hill Rd, back to The Anchorage.

**Mon 9 Dec - Oughttrington / Sandy Lane – Assemble: Stage Lane (near Church Hall)**

Stage La, The Paddock, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Oughttrington Cresc., Sandy Lane, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Sandy Lane, Bridge Meadow, Sandy Lane, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Ashfield Close, Sandy La, Rushgreen Rd (from Sandy Lane to Howard Avenue), Howard Av, Heatley Clo, Lodge Cl, miss Richmond Dr & Richmond Close, Oughttrington Vw, Church Vw, Moss Grove, return to Richmond Dr & Richmond Close, turn right up Sandy Lane collecting now, to return to start.

**Tue 10 Dec - Rushgreen (1) - Assemble: Rushes Meadow (off Birch Brook Rd near Heatley CO-OP Store)**

Rushes Meadow, Chaise Meadow, Farcroft Road, Chaise Meadow, Millington Gardens, Longcroft Place, School Drive, Reddish Lane, Springfield Ave, Moore Grove, Reddish Lane, Springbank Gds, Rushgreen Rd., Elderfield Gdns, Rushgreen Rd., Adey Rd, Green Vw, return to Rushes Meadow Assembly Point.

**Wed 11 Dec - Rushgreen (2) - Assemble: Bucklow Gardens**

Bucklow Gardens, Rushgreen Road (towards Lymm), The Greenacres, Rushgreen Road, Dyers Lane, Rushgreen Road, Rush Gardens, Woodyatt Way, Little Clover, Hey, back to Rushgreen Road left then Dyers Lane, Mardale Cres, Langdale Avenue, Thirlmere Drive, Dairy Farm Close, Grasmere Rd, turn right Rushgreen Rd (Eastwards), Reddish Cres, Linden Clo, Reddish Cres, Bollin Dr, Bollin Cl, Bollin Drive, St Peter's Cl, Warburton Cl, Whitefield Gro, Whitefield Clo, return to Bucklow Gardens Assembly Point.

**Thur 12 Dec - Statham 1 - Assemble: Statham Avenue (outside former Lymm Hotel site)**

Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Avenue, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Turnbury Close, Poole Lane, Brookside Ave, Oldfield Rd,

Whitbarrow Rd, return to Statham Ave Assembly Point.

**Fri 13 Dec - Statham 2 - Assemble: Albany Road (near Star Inn)**

Capella Close, Albany Rd, Albany Gro, Albany Road, Albany Cres, Albany Road, Sycamore, Northway, Albany Road, Whitesands Rd, The Farthings, West Heath Gro, Jubilee Gro, return to Albany Rd opposite Star Inn Assembly Point.

**Sat 14 Dec - Dickensian**

**Mon 16 Dec - Higher Lane (1) - Assemble: Crouchley Lane (outside Wright House)**

Crouchley La, Manor Rd (top), Manor Road (bottom), via Higher La (not collecting) to The Crescent, Greenwood Rd, Mayfield Vw, The Hatchings, via Higher La to Grammar School Rd., Scholars Green, Scholars Grn, Limefield Av., Scholars Green, Churchwood View, Grammar School Road, Higher Lane, return to Crouchley Lane Assembly Point.

**Tue 17 Dec - Higher Lane (2) - Assemble: Woodlands Av (off A56)**

Woodlands Ave, Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, Newarth Drive, White Clover Square, Clanbrook Avenue, Welcroft Gardens, White Clover Square, Marlfield Avenue, Longbutt Lane, Oughttrington La, Foxley Cl, Higher La, Bellfield Clo, return to Woodlands Ave Assembly Point,

**Wed 18 Dec - Broomedge - Assemble: Jolly Thresher car park**

High Legh Rd, Park Rd, Agden Park La, Burford La,, The Dr, Chapel Walks, return to Assembly Point: Jolly Thresher

**Thu 19 Dec - Village - Assemble: Danebank Road East (near junction with New Road)**

Danebank Rd East, LymmHay Lane, Yew Tree Close, Brooklyn Dr, Willow Close, Dane Bank Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Domville Close, Grove Rise, Rose Bank, Hartley Cl, Quayside Mews, Crossfield Av, Fairfield Rd, Orchard Av, Racefield Close, Cyril Bell Cl., Pepper Street, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds, Rectory Lane, New Road return to Dane Bank Rd East Assembly Point.

**Fri 20 Dec - Lymm – General Area**

Extra evening to allow for problems earlier in the collection period where we had to omit an area due to bad weather

## Give a little Lymm this Christmas



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# Local CEO raises over £12.5k from gruelling charity trek across Cambodia

**A Lymm mum has raised an incredible £12.5k after a five day 94km trek across Cambodia to Angkor Wat for the EY Foundation charity.**

Clare Roberts, based in Lymm, was raising funds for the charity that works with young people from low-income backgrounds to support them into employment and education.

Clare, CEO of national nursery group Kids Planet Day Nurseries with its HQ in Lymm, said prior to setting off "I'm doing this because I know I'm in a privileged position and feel it's important to give back. I've done lots of things for children over the years with Kids Planet, but as my children are getting older, I'm recognising more that there's a real gap for young people in society."

In 2022, Clare took on the gruelling challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro for charity. This time, the charity Cambodia trek took place over nine days starting on 3rd November 2024 in Siem Reap and finishing at Angkor Wat.

Clare was part of a group that walked through varying terrains of valleys, hills and dense forests where temperatures were expected to reach 35 degrees during the day.

The trekkers were also camping in the jungle for a week during the hike in solo tents. Clare commented ahead of her trip: "This is the kind of trip where your out-of-office is on and you stick to it."

On her preparation, Clare said "I've been working on the premise that my running is my preparation. I haven't technically put on my walking boots in about four months, but I run at least 30 kilometres a week so I'm hoping I have a level of fitness from the running, and that if I can run it, I can walk it."

Kids Planet's leadership teams and nurseries across the country have been raising money for Clare's trek. Kids Planet Prestwich held a crazy hair day where practitioners and children tried out new funky hair styles for the day; the head office team hiked to a waterfall in Lymm; Kids Planet Llandudno went for a long beach walk and hosted a danceathon; Macclesfield will be doing a sponsored stomp and Crewe have created an art gallery

of the children's creations to name a few.

EY Foundation's programmes tackle some of the major obstacles to social mobility in the UK. The charity works directly with young people facing barriers to employment, and with employers and social entrepreneurs in the UK, to create and support routes into education, employment and enterprise.

Clare explains "I've been a judge for the EY Foundation for some of their projects and sponsorships that they were doing for young people, so I've seen firsthand what the foundation does to support young people and to raise their resilience, their work skills, and to give them a focus in life, post-school."

Lynne Peabody, CEO at EY Foundation commented, "Our fundraisers are such a critical part

to achieving our charity's mission. I am so grateful to Clare and the Angkor Wat 24 trekkers, who are not only fundraising to support our charity and young people, but taking time out of busy schedules and challenging themselves to trek through the hills and heat in Cambodia. Thank you, to you and your donors for your support!"

Clare added, "Anything that can be done to support groups of people who are more disadvantaged and give them equal opportunities is vital. I am excited to get my walking boots on, and be a part of an amazing team raising money for what is a brilliant charity."

Every penny raised could give a young person a place on an EY Foundation employability programme, and a chance to change their future. If you can, donate via this link <https://eyfoundation.enthouse.com/pf/clare-roberts-angkor-wat-2024>

Clare was expected to complete her trek as Lymm Life went to press.



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# Keate House residents enjoy spooky fun



**STAFF and residents at Keate House Care Home in Lymm enjoyed a Halloween celebration full of spooky fun and festivities.**

A week of baking frighteningly delicious cupcakes, had the care home buzzing with excitement as Halloween approached.

The big day featured a Halloween-themed lunch, where residents enjoyed seasonal treats crafted by the kitchen team. Afterwards, residents and staff danced to festive music, played games, and shared laughs throughout the afternoon. Staff donned their scariest costumes, and

residents joined in the fun as judges for the best-dressed competition, adding an extra thrill to the event.

"It was a wonderful day, filled with laughter and joy," said a staff member. "It's heartwarming to see our residents enjoying themselves and getting into the Halloween spirit."

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## Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson  
Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors

### Some common questions

**1. How do I get a divorce?** As of April 2022 'no fault' divorce laws were introduced meaning that married couples no longer need to allege blame and establish fault (such as adultery or unreasonable behaviour) to get a divorce. Instead, one or both spouses need only state that the marriage has irretrievably broken down and apply for a divorce on this basis.

**2. How long does it take?** It can vary but typically at least 6-7 months. There's a mandatory holding period of 20 weeks after the divorce application is issued which provides time for the parties to reflect on the marriage breakdown and to make a start on trying to resolve any issues concerning finances and child arrangements. After the holding period the applicant can apply for a conditional order and 6 weeks after the conditional order they can apply for the final order.

**3. How are the finances resolved?** There is a concept of fairness, which does not necessarily mean equality. If an agreed settlement can be reached there will be no need to go to court but if an agreement can't be reached either party may apply to court for a financial order. The court would first look at meeting the needs of any dependent children and then the needs of the parties, especially housing and income. The court would consider several factors such as the length of the marriage, contributions, needs, earnings & earning capacity. Although an equal split is not uncommon the goal is to achieve fairness, and which may be different from equality.

**4. What about child arrangements?** Decisions will need to be made regarding who the children will live with and how much time they'll spend with each parent. If arrangements can be agreed there will be no need to go to court but if agreement can't be reached either party may apply to court for a child arrangements order, for the court to decide the arrangements.

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# Incredible start to the season as table-topping Lymm tame Leeds Tykes

**LYMM Rugby Club have had an incredible start to the season as the first proper autumnal day of the year saw an exhilarating top-of-the-table clash at Beechwood as the hosts made it nine from nine with a 30-26 victory over Leeds Tykes.**

Just a point separated the two unbeaten teams at the start of the day, and for Lymm followers the contest would answer the question that has been at the back of everyone's minds – is this lofty position a true reflection of the team's ability? This though is clearly not a doubt that has affected the players and coaching staff, as they put on a very confident and contained performance.

Lymm would be missing fly half maestro Tom Shard (second highest points scorer in the league) and powerhouse prop Ralph McEachran. To manage the lack of Shard the coaching team effectively went with two number 12's, with Sam Wadsworth donning the number 10 shirt. This was to prove very impactful on the final score.

Leeds started very strongly, quickly showing their power as they threatened Lymm's line. Lymm were able to repel these raids but were giving away penalties, one of which resulted in a line out 5 metres from the try line. The subsequent maul sucked in the Lymm defence leaving the Leeds winger in acres of space on the right, and the fly half found him easily with a long kick pass to open the scoring. 0 v 5. The conversion was missed.

The restart saw Lymm finally get into the Leeds half, but a kick ricocheted off a Leeds player and they were able to kick long and again Leeds were deep in Lymm territory. A penalty to Lymm at the lineout allowed them some relief and they then began to find some possession, and go forward.

A couple of Lymm attacks were thwarted by knock-ons, but Leeds were now being penalised allowing Lymm to keep the pressure on. A high tackle on half way saw Leeds number 8 yellow carded. Lymm chose to kick for a lineout rather than the posts, and were now 12 metres from the try line. From the line out Lymm scored the most un-Lymm like of tries, an irresistible 12 metre long rolling maul. 5 v 5. Conversion missed.

Lymm then scored a very Lymm try straight from the restart. Wadsworth fielded the kick and drove hard into the guts of the Leeds defence. The ball then found its way to Paddy Jennings who made yards down the left before feeding centre Toby Wilson. Wilson kicked on and chased his kick which was spilled just short of the try line by the Leeds defender and Wilson was able to roll over the line. Wadsworth converted well from the wing, 12 v 5. Soon after Wilson would leave the

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pitch injured.

Having the greater of the possession Lymm gained another 3 points from a penalty, 15 v 5. But Leeds responded well and found themselves once more in scoring positions. This time coming away with 5 points after some nice link play in midfield. The converted try made it 15 v 12. This was the tough match everyone had hoped for, and just before half time Leeds lost their number 11 to injury.

Again Lymm's response was swift. Jennings caught a clearing kick and then found Wadsworth who broke numerous tackles, and overcame a stumble to score a fine try, 20 v 12.

With time running out in the half Leeds began to pile on even more pressure but time after time Lymm stood firm defending their line. However, each success was followed by a penalty, which meant a large period of extra time.

When Olly Higginson emerged from a maul with the ball it looked as if Lymm had managed to survive the onslaught but rather than kick for touch and end the half they kicked down field, allowing Leeds one more attack. This eventually led to a rather controversial penalty try, and a yellow card for Steve Pilkington. 20 v 19.

HALF TIME: 20 v 19.

The opening exchanges of the second half were again characterised by Leeds attack meeting Lymm's defence with neither team able to break the deadlock. The scrums were proving interesting with Leeds being physically dominant but Lymm emerging with penalties going their way. It was one of these scrum penalties that would give Lymm the next score with Wadsworth kicking for goal, 23 v 19.

As Leeds continued to threaten Lymm saw another yellow card, this time for Paddy Jennings for a deliberate knock on, stopping a Leeds long pass to a winger in a dangerous position. The tension was building, and both sides were camped on half way. Lymm though would find a way to score, after Leeds knocked on at base of their own scrum on their 22.

This was followed by a Lymm lineout that saw the ball worked to the captain, Nathan Beesley who had come in from his left wing. In the middle of the field he threw a huge dummy and sliced through the Leeds line to score under the posts, like a knife through butter. The conversion



made the score 30 v 19.

With time nearly up and the swollen crowd on tenterhooks, Lymm were trying to run down the clock in their own half. However a piece of careless play saw them penalised at a ruck and Leeds had one last chance to score. They worked the ensuing maul very well to secure their losing bonus point with the last action of the day. It will be interesting to see if that is important at the end of the season.

Director of Rugby Adam Fletcher was euphoric: "What a fantastic day for the club! It was great to have the support from the M&J section, the guard of honour was epic. The rest of the senior squad was in attendance and made their voices heard. I've never seen or heard the club like that before."

"We felt confident going into the match and believed our attack would cause Leeds problems. Our defence was physical and aggressive from the off and it kept knocking Leeds backwards. Tom Bray (Defence Coach) has taken the defence to another level this season and the boys are loving it. The coaches put together a great game plan and it came to fruition."

"It was great to be involved in a top of the table clash against Leeds. They are a class outfit with strike players all over the pitch. We're desperate to keep this run going and will have to be at our best again next week at Billingham," he concluded.

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## Obituary

## Marjorie Raymond

THE funeral has taken place of Marjorie Doris Raymond who sadly died aged 87, on October 27 at Statham Manor Care Home, with her family at her side.

She will be greatly missed by her husband Aubrey and all her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

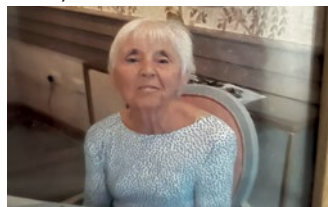
A celebration of her life was held at Altrincham Crematorium, with donations to Alzheimer's Research UK.

Marjorie moved to Lymm when she was 16 years old and worked for the Dixons who lived on Brookfield Road. She met her soulmate Aubrey, who lived in Statham Avenue, at a dance at the Spread Eagle when she was 17 and they were married the

following year.

Over the years the couple moved several times including Bowdon Vale, Hale, Timperley and Latchford before returning to their beloved village of Lymm.

Marjorie was a dedicated housewife and mother to her family. Her passion was knitting and she would knit for all her family and friends. She loved playing Crown Green Bowls and used to play for the Ladies Down's team in Altrincham. She also enjoyed travelling and spent many a happy time in Tenerife with Aubrey and their friends.



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