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Editor's Comment



IT is certainly a busy time of the year for events and activities in Lymm – in fact probably the busiest I have ever known it since we launched Lymm Life over 25 years ago.

With the return of the giant marquee at Lymm Rugby Club, it provided a whole host of events and depending on when you are reading this you may be able to still catch some of them.

Check out the Lymm Rugby Club website for details.

Add to this the hectic schedule of Lymm Festival (June 19th to 29th) Lymm Transport Day (June 22) and the forthcoming Lymm May Queen (July 5th) it certainly is a busy time of the year.

It was pleasing to see that many of the Lymm Festival events had the sold-out signs going up, thanks to the quality of the events and some excellent marketing by the organisers.

All these events are dependent on the hard work of many volunteers so a BIG THANKYOU to all of you who give up your time freely to support these great occasions.

They all help make Lymm a truly unique place.

Just down the road we also have Disability Awareness Day at Walton Hall & Gardens on Sunday, July 13th, probably the largest event of its kind in the world.

If you or a family member are impacted by any kind of disability, I would recommend visiting this truly amazing event. In fact, even if you haven't got a disability, you can still enjoy a fantastic day out – there is literally something for everyone.

Many of these events help local

charities and good causes raise their profiles as well as much-needed funds.

If you have any spare time on your hands, there are also lots of volunteering roles available in and around the local community.

In the mean time enjoy the summer – the nights will be drawing in again before you know it!

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Since 2022, Lymm and Warrington South has helped improve the quality of life for more than 680 Clients and their families, supporting clients to live safely and happily in their own homes.

Under the guidance of Clare Coke, Care Director, the team of CareGivers and office staff are highly trained and have a genuine passion for helping people in the local community. With preferred visits lasting a minimum of one hour, they have the time to deliver quality care that is unrushed and tailored to individual client needs. Whether that's personal care, preparing meals, housekeeping or even an outing in the community, the team are there to help however they can.

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Clare Coke, Care Director says: "All members of our team are dedicated to helping clients and we work tirelessly to provide care that is tailored to meet their individual needs. We are so proud of the standard of care we provide and in knowing we are making a difference to the people in our community."

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May/Rose Queen selection May 17th
May Queen Festival July 5th

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

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Speaker meeting 3rd Thursday of the month (excluding August & December) at Thelwall Parish Hall 10.00am. Prospective members welcome.
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Contact: enquiries@lymmthelwallu3a.org.uk

Care home helps charity buy new pottery wheel

BROOKFIELD care home in Lymm recently presented Create Bolton with a cheque for £1,000 to buy a new pottery wheel.

Create Bolton are a Christian charity in the middle of Bolton who use their art in the widest sense to bring people and the communities together.

The grant had been awarded by Barchester's Charitable Foundation, a charity that helps older people and adults with a disability or mental health problems across England, Scotland and Wales by offering grants to help people connect or re-connect with others in their local community.

The care home visited Create Bolton with two of their residents to deliver the cheque and celebrate with them at being awarded the grant.

Carol Hardman, Operational manager, said "The extra wheel will enable us to make larger items and to run larger classes, which means we will be able to support even more people in the community, it will be wonderful, we can't thank you enough."

Sarah Nolan, General Manager at Brookfield care home, said: "We are always keen to show as much support as we can to local charities. This charity is so important to the community of Bolton as it helps so many people who need kindness and support, a bit of time out or simply to socialise and get in touch with their Creative side."

"We're making our homes as safe as possible and will ensure that all new residents and staff are vaccinated before moving in or working in our homes. Please do give us a call on 01925 755363 if you are looking for care or need any further help."

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Countdown to 34th Disability Awareness Day

LOCAL charity Warrington Disability Partnership, the organisers of the UK's and possibly, the worlds, largest free to enter voluntary led pan disability awareness day, are finalising the plans for this year's 34th annual show.

Held within the grounds of Walton Hall and Gardens on Sunday July 13, DAD 2025 will be the finale of a week of complementary events that includes.

- Warrington Carers Hub's, Carers Wellbeing Festival,
- Creating Adventures, Tribute to We will rock you,
- Ella Together, Summertime Special,
- Party in the Park for disabled children, young disabled people and young carers organised by Warrington Disability Partnership, Warrington Youth Zone and Warrington Carers Hub,
- Party Time with Bjorn to be ABBA.

Local disability education specialists Expanse Learning Group and the north west's water supplier United Utilities, are leading the list of sponsors for DAD 2025.

The aim of the event is to promote independent living through the theme "It's what disabled people can do that matters". DAD 2025 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.

During 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.

Most of the 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, with some of the UK's leading disabled artists.

Three further marquees will house a range of arts activities, including the new Access All Areas Arts Project, a collaboration between Warrington Disability Partnership and Culture Warrington. With a gallery showcasing the work of local disabled artists.

Also new for DAD 2025 is a programme of "have a go" workshops in the Arts Zone. Hosted by Walton Lea Partnership, another addition is the Chillout and Wellbeing Zone in the Courtyard behind the Greenhouses.

The Sports Zone offers "have a go" sports activities including Tennis, American Football, Snooker, Rugby League, Martial Arts, Tai Chi, Football 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. 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.

All this and a Silent Disco, Circus Skills and play areas, plus Walton Gardens accessible onsite zoo, crazy golf, high ropes and pitch and putt.

Support services at DAD 2025 will include a free accessible Park and Ride service, free accessible buses from Warrington Town Centre courtesy of Warrington's Own Buses, a free mobility scooter and wheelchair loan service (subject to availability), British Sign

Language interpreters, additional unisex wheelchair accessible toilets and over 60 trained stewards and helper's eager to make it a day to remember for everyone.

The team involved behind Disability Awareness Day have worked with teams from across the world, who organise events in Cameroon, Gibraltar, Egypt, Sudan, Thailand, Uganda and many more countries.

For more details and tickets for the evening events please contact the DAD Admin team on 01925 240064 or visit www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk



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Fundraising Ladies Day helps raises over £20,000 for muscular dystrophy charity

A fundraising Ladies Day organised by the Lymm mother of twin boys suffering from a rare form of muscular dystrophy raised over £20,000 to help support people living with muscle-wasting conditions.

Kerry Spink organised the luxury Ladies Day at Cottons Hotel & Spa near Knutsford, fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy UK, inspired by her twin sons Oscar and Seb who live with Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy (FSHD).

A total of 160 guests joined organiser Kerry at her first Ladies

Day event which included a two-course lunch, boutique shopping and entertainment. Inspired by her twin sons Oscar and Seb, 14, Kerry organised the event with Mandy Rafferty, who lives with the same condition as her sons, and Cara Keig.

The Ladies Day was hosted by TEDx speaker and comedian John Cooper, with entertainment from singer-songwriter Chloe Jones who appeared on The Voice UK in 2019, and a powerful speech by Susanne Driffield whose son Joe lives with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Among the 160 guests were Cheshire's Mix 56 radio breakfast host Rachel Aitken and 'The Soulful Stylist' Kate Harrison.

Explaining the motivation for the event, Kerry Spink said: "In some ways, Oscar and Seb are just like many other teenagers their age – they love gaming and are football mad. But they live with a rare condition, Facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy (FSHD), which causes their muscles to weaken over time.

"From a young age, the boys experienced hip pain and poor weight gain, as well as having a lack of facial movements, so we knew something wasn't right. It took 18 months to reach a diagnosis but at the age of eight, Oscar and Seb were diagnosed with FSHD. It was



a huge shock to all of us and that's when we found Muscular Dystrophy UK, who helped us understand the condition and enabled us to meet other families going through the same thing. Organising this event is my way of giving back and ensuring the charity can be there for other families like ours."

The £20,000 was raised through ticket sales, a raffle, live auction, and donations. "I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our guests, helping to raise so much money for Muscular Dystrophy UK," added Kerry. "Obviously, this is a cause very close to mine and Mandy's hearts, and we were really moved by people's generosity and support. A special thank you also to Susanne

Driffield for coming and sharing her story, which undoubtedly inspired everyone in the room.

"The day wouldn't have been possible without the help of our sponsors, so thank you to Blok Projects, Climate Energy Group, Duerr's Foundation and Persimmon Homes, as well as those who donated auction lots and raffle prizes, including the stunning diamond necklace from David M Robinson jewellers and lunch at Aiden Byrne's new restaurant LI-LY. We hope to be able to make this Ladies Day an annual event so look forward to seeing everyone again next year!"

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Your pet questions answered

By Dr Rachel Dean,
Burford Lane Vets

How can I help my dog stay cool during summer?

Hot summer weather can be dangerous for dogs, so it's important to take steps to keep them cool and avoid heatstroke. Always offer plenty of clean water and ensure they have access to shaded spots in the garden or wherever they spend time outdoors. Try to avoid walking them during the hottest part of the day, when they're at higher risk of overheating or burning their paws on hot pavements. Early mornings or late evenings are usually safer times for exercise. Cooling mats or damp towels can provide relief, and a well-ventilated home will help them stay comfortable. Never leave a dog in a parked car, as temperatures can rise to deadly levels within minutes. Grooming adjustments, such as more frequent brushing or a tidy trim, may also make the heat easier to handle.

Is it okay for my dog to swim in lakes or rivers during warm weather?

Swimming is a great way for dogs to stay active and cool in summer, but there are a few safety points to keep in mind. Make sure the water is clean and not affected by harmful algae or bacteria, which could make your dog ill. Local updates about blue-green algae are often available online. Keeping up with their regular parasite protection will also help protect them while exploring the outdoors. Avoid fast-moving water, always supervise them while they swim and ensure they can exit the water without trouble. It's also a good idea to rinse them afterwards to remove any dirt or chemicals. If your dog isn't a confident swimmer, a canine life vest adds an extra level of safety.



What are the symptoms of heatstroke in cats, and how can I avoid it?

Though cats can suffer from heatstroke, it's often less obvious than in dogs. Warning signs include heavy panting, dribbling, listlessness and uncoordinated movements. In serious cases, they may collapse or be sick. To help prevent this, keep your home as cool and airy as possible, and make sure your cat always has fresh drinking water. Avoid letting them out during the hottest times of day, and provide shaded spots if they do go outdoors. If you think your cat might be experiencing heatstroke, move them somewhere cool and get in touch with us straight away.

Can rabbits get flystrike in hot weather – and how do I stop it?

Flystrike is a serious risk for rabbits during the summer, but good care can prevent it. Dirty or damp fur encourages flies to lay eggs, and when these hatch the maggots can burrow into the skin, causing severe damage. Even tiny wounds can be a target. You can reduce the risk by cleaning out any soiled or wet bedding every day, keeping their living area clean, giving them a fibrous diet to prevent soft droppings and grooming long-haired breeds regularly. If you ever see signs like fly eggs, maggots, fur loss or wounds, get in touch with our team immediately, as flystrike is a veterinary emergency.

Care home provides a break for charity cyclists



CHESHIRE Grange care home in Lymm provided a well-earned break for a group of care home staff taking on a gruelling 225-cycle challenge to raise money for charity.

The ride was from Duffries to Cheshire and was to raise funds for the Barchester Charitable Foundation, which supports older people and other adults living with a disability or mental health problems by helping them to connect or re-connect with others in their local communities.

Cheshire Grange is part of the Barchester Healthcare group and was one of 17 care homes the group of cyclists visited during the four-day challenge.

They laid on refreshments and staged an Alice in Wonderland themed fun day to help raise more funds.

At the same time, Jo Eland, Barchester's life enrichment lead, along with Barchy Bear, the foundation's mascot, was tackling a 225-mile sponsored walk to raise more money.

You can still donate by visiting www.justgiving.com/page/tour-de-barchester-25

Dental practice found to be safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led

A Lymm-based dental practice offering NHS and private services was found to be safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led following a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The on-site inspection at Warrington Dental Care (trading as Smilebay Lymm) took place on 23 April 2025.

The CQC found the practice had met regulations. Infection control procedures in place were effective. The practice had effective systems to identify and manage risks.

Patients' care and treatment was provided in line with current guidance. Patients were treated with dignity and respect and at the time of our inspection, could access care, support and treatment when required.

Recruitment procedures reflected current legislation. Systems to review and investigate incidents and accidents were not consistently followed.

Warrington Dental Care (trading as Smilebay Lymm) based on Rushgreen Road, Lymm, provides NHS and private dental care and treatment for adults and children.

There was step-free access to the practice and car parking spaces available near the practice.

The practice had two treatment rooms. At the time of the inspection, there was a total of 14 staff, of which there were 6 dentists, 1 dental therapist, 2 qualified dental nurses, 3 trainee dental nurses, 1 receptionist and the practice manager. The CQC inspectors gathered feedback from staff and spoke to a range of staff during

their inspection, including 2 dentists, 1 dental nurse, 1 trainee dental nurse, 1 receptionist and the practice manager.

Prior to the visit, they asked the practice to encourage patients to share their views of the service. Feedback was received from 5 patients. Their responses provided a positive view of the dental team and care provided by the practice. Comments included, "Very polite, friendly and explained everything in a manner easily understandable to the lay man", "Really good service and very kind staff", and "Service was really good. Environment was clean and safe and hygienic. Friendly and helpful. Reception staff are lovely too".

Patients also commented positively about the standards of cleanliness.

Patients felt able to book appointments within an acceptable timescale for their needs and said they had enough time during their appointment without feeling rushed.

Patients said they were given clear information to help them make an informed choice about their treatment and any associated costs. They were involved in decisions about their care.

Patients said that when they were prescribed medicines, sufficient information was given.

The practice shared patient feedback with the team. Inspectors were told this was reviewed and where suggestions had been made, appropriate action would be taken.

While the practice does have an NHS contract it is not currently accepting new NHS patients.

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Warburton Toll Bridge under threat of closure

WARBURTON Toll Bridge could be shut during the ongoing upgrade works to protect the safety of other road users and engineers who are being put at risk by the drivers of tractors, lorries and other heavy vehicles.

Since the tolls were withdrawn to facilitate the upgrade works last year, various measures have been put in place to deter overweight vehicles with limited success.

In addition to clear signage which warned of the restrictions, barriers were introduced in order to further deter dangerous access for overweight vehicles, but even those haven't stopped drivers from illegally accessing the route.

Some tractor drivers have even taken to obscuring their number-plates to avoid being caught on camera and claimed to site staff that they have a permit issued by the Manchester Ship Canal Company,



although no such permits exist.

Jon Hassett, Deputy Port Director said: "We have put in place a number of safe and sensible measures to deter these irresponsible drivers and ensure everyone's safety.

"Unfortunately the problem persists and unless we are able to resolve the illegal use of overweight vehicles using the bridge, we will be left with no other solution than to shut the road completely.

"It is essential that we can focus our efforts and resources on completing the upgrade as soon as possible rather than tackling this selfish behaviour."

Contractor Taziker, whose staff are doing most of the Warburton Toll Bridge upgrade works, echoed the call for responsible bridge use.

Neil Harrison, MD at Taziker said: "While works like these are going on there has to be a weight restriction to protect the structure, all road users and our workers. It is extremely disappointing that some drivers are so willing to put other people at risk for their own convenience. It's also unreasonable to expect our staff, or indeed anyone, to be policing access and risking confrontation with individuals who have so far shown

little regard for others."

Local authorities have already been advised of the seriousness of the problem. Peel Ports Group and Taziker are monitoring the situation daily given the frequency of the breaches, with the full closure of the bridge being a real risk in the near future.

More information on the upgrades to the bridge and the warnings and other updates given to motorists can be found at www.warburtontollbridge.co.uk



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Over £20,000 raised for local man killed in motor cycle crash abroad



MORE than £20,000 has been raised to bring home a popular restaurant worker who died tragically after a motor cycle crash in Indonesia.

Graeme Coll, of Lymm, died after suffering critical injuries in the road traffic collision in Bali.

A friend, Louis Forrest, organised a GoFundMe online appeal to support Graeme's grief-stricken family and this has raised over £20,000.

Louis Forrest, who organised the appeal, said at the time: "It comes with great sadness to have to write this as a long-time friend of Graeme.

"We now need to get him back home so that we can all give him the send-off he truly deserves.

"We desperately need the funds to help his loved ones to get him back home. I'm hopeful if everyone can donate as much as possible this will take a small percentage of the stress away that his family are going through."

Tributes have also been paid to Graeme by colleagues at the Eighteen the Cross restaurant in Lymm, where he worked.

Anyone who would like to donate to the GoFundMe appeal should visit gofundme.com/t/get-graeme-home

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Divorce Column

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Birdnesting

Whilst this is definitely not an article on ornithology the concept of birdnesting in divorce gets its name from bird parents who keep their chicks safe in a nest and alternately fly in and out in caring for them. Birdnesting, in the context of divorce, is a co-parenting arrangement where parents take turns residing in the family home with the children while the other parent lives elsewhere.

The children remain in their familiar home and the parents rotate in and out, aiming to minimise disruption and maintain a sense of stability for the children.

The primary goal is to keep the children's environment as stable as possible during a divorce/separation. This minimises disruption for them and provides them with the security of knowing they get to sleep in their own bed each night. In cases where birdnesting is agreed it is typically treated as a temporary solution while longer term living arrangements are being worked out.

One parent lives in the family home with the children while on a rotational basis the other resides/stays temporarily elsewhere. The children's home remains the same providing a sense of security for them during an otherwise unsettling time.

However, there are some obvious challenges with this sort of arrangement. For it to work there must be effective communication between the parents. There must be mutual trust, but which is so often absent in divorce, and careful thought needs to be given to meeting/sharing the expense of the arrangement – the expense of the family home and perhaps also the expense of living elsewhere depending on where elsewhere is.

Birdnesting can be a viable co-parenting temporary option for some families. It's obviously not for everyone, probably not for most, but it might be worth a try for some. It requires careful planning, open communication and a willingness on the part of both parents to work together.

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Emilia qualifies for the prestigious Horse of the Year Show

A YOUNG amateur rider from Lymm, Emilia Stone and her pony, Scotgate Spot On have qualified for the prestigious Horse of the Year Show in October.

Emilia and her mother Sarah's Dartmoor pony, made the trip to Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire for the SEIB Search for a Star qualifier on May 25. They will now go on to compete under the bright lights of the HOYS Arena at the NEC in Birmingham in early October.

The pair competed in and won the Working Pony class under top judges Sam DeCaprio and Louise Gaunt to earn their HOYS qualification.

Thirteen-year-old Emilia said: "He's been a bit cheeky at the last few shows so we were hoping he'd be happy to be here today! I came to Search for a Star last year and got to the Your Horse Live finals in the Pony Club class so we thought we'd come back this year and try a HOYS qualifying class!"

Sarah said: "We're moving to France in August for my husband's job so we will have to make a plan now for HOYS! We won't be able to take our ponies there and will be living in central Paris. We will ride at the Ecole Militaire – the Military College – near the Eiffel Tower!"

SEIB Search for a Star organiser, Nicolina MacKenzie said: "Search for a Star is all about the journey and learning and improving over time. Our team of judges and stewards are all invested in providing support and encouragement to help competitors and their horses and ponies perform to the best level they can."

See www.seib.co.uk/competitions for updates. To enter visit www.seib.co.uk/competitions/schedule



Fun in the sun at club's tennis festival



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