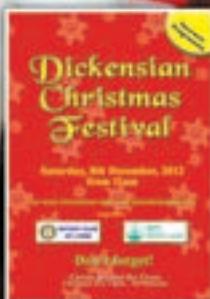


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# Editor's Comment

**THERE is no doubt it will have been a tough year for many businesses in the Lynn area but hopefully the season of good will can bring a welcome boost.**

The Dickensian Festival is fast approaching which is a vital trading period for the village traders and also a welcome opportunity for local charities and community groups to raise their profiles and generate much needed funds.

It was pleasing to see that Lynn Round Table's annual bonfire and firework display at Lynn Rugby Club raised a staggering £6,500 for local good causes - this is indeed a fantastic amount of money during difficult times for many.

Many of those looking in from the outside see Lynn as an affluent area - but it has suffered just like many other areas and I am sure there will be

many families facing extreme financial hardship.

It is with this in mind that this year's Lynn Dickensian Day will feature many free activities for local youngsters to enjoy - and lets not forget that however bad we feel the economy is at the moment - it is a long way from the Victorian Days of work houses and soup kitchens.

So let us look forward to Christmas and the New Year with optimism and when we see Santa and his helpers on his rounds during December please give generously if you can, to help those who are less fortunate.

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# Bonfire raises £6,500 for charity

**CROWDS turned out in force to support the annual bonfire and firework display organised by Lymm and District Round Table and helped raise £6,500 for charity.**

The event, sponsored by Kids Planet Nursery, was held at Lymm Rugby Club.

It featured two firework displays – including an early one especially for

children – and a range of food treats to keep everyone happy. There was also the return of the popular designated area for disabled people and their carers.



Organiser and Round Table member Mike O' Crowley said: "It was another great bonfire event and we're particularly pleased to have raised so much given the number of other local displays also held on that evening."

"It was a bitterly cold night so it was great to see so many people

come for both the earlier children's display and the main display – their support will go towards helping out a charity or community group in need. A big thank you must also go out to the volunteers who helped to run the stalls too including Lymm Ladies Circle and Lymm Lions."



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# Winter Warmer is a sell out -thanks to Lymm Life!

**LYMM Festival Winter Warmer series gets off to a flying start on November 22nd with the appearance of TV and Radio personality Tony Hawks.**

Following publicity in the last issue of **Lymm Life** the evening sold out weeks ago and promises to be a memorable occasion.

The festival already has three events lined up for the New Year. It kicks off with the ever popular Blues Night on Feb 1st at Lymm Golf Club and is followed by Peter Corbett taking us on a hilarious trip down memory lane with his one man (no bear) show - "25 years with my hand up Soothing's bum" on Feb 28th at the Lymm Hotel.

The Big Sing choir swings back into action in the New Year too under the guidance of Susan Healey. In March they will be welcoming a very special guest - Denise Leigh whose recent performances include singing to a UK audience of eight million at the opening of the paralympics. Winter events organiser Alan Williams told **Lymm Life** "We are incredibly lucky not only to have someone of Denise's international reputation appearing in

Lymm but she has also kindly agreed to include two pieces that will feature the Lymm Big Sing Choir". The concert will also include local singing star Helen Monks and is on March 17th at Lymm United Reformed Church. Details of all events at [www.lymmfestival.org.uk](http://www.lymmfestival.org.uk). New choir members welcome - no audition [lymmbigsing@gmail.com](mailto:lymmbigsing@gmail.com)



## Community asset transfer success

LYMM Youth and Community Centre has been taken giant steps forward since Warrington Borough Council agreed to make a Community Asset Transfer of the premises in the village centre.

Using grants released by the Parish Council and with help from local volunteers, the Association has already fitted new double glazed windows and a new kitchenette in the upstairs lounge area and a new computerised security system with new doors and keyless locking is being installed. Grant applications are being submitted for a new central heating system with unlimited hot water, and renovations to the downstairs toilets, and new folding chairs and tables have been ordered. Yet while these improvements to the building are much needed, the Association is mindful that the building is only a resource which enables it to provide facilities for the local community.

Volunteer organiser, Su Williams, threw out a challenge to local people and organisations saying: "This is your Centre, we want it to be a hub which local people and local organisations can use to meet your needs.

"We have secured these premises for

our village for the next thirty years purely by the efforts of our volunteers. We want volunteers from the community to tell us what the centre should be used for and then come and help us to mould it to your needs".

Association Chairman, Steve Griffiths added: "We are very conscious of the trust that both the Borough and Parish Councils have put in us in helping us to develop this facility for our community. We have started the process to update and develop these premises at the heart of our village, but are very aware that the really important task is to develop services for the people who make up our community, particularly the old, young, disabled and disadvantaged. We already run clubs for young people from 7 to 17 years old, Socials for Seniors, Sunday Markets, Thursday Breakfasts and Film Shows but we want to engage with organisations and individuals who can suggest additional facilities that could be provided."

The Centre will be providing refreshments and hosting stalls as part of its contribution to the community on Dickensian Christmas Day. A full programme of current activities can be viewed at the LYCA website: [www.lymmyca.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.lymmyca.org.uk/whats-on/)



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# Wolves winning ways with Probus

**NEIL Kelly, Warrington Wolves Foundation Director, spoke to Lymm Dingle Probus Club on Wolves work in the community.**

Neil outlined the set up of the Foundation and its aim to use sport as a motivator to engage with young and old alike. This activity is promoted across a wide range of activities from sports coaching and education for the young to healthy living in later life.

Wolves directors, players and staff are hands on in their support to give an added dimension to the work. The Foundation, being a standalone charity, is recognised by Warrington BC and is well supported by a number of local companies. Even so, fund raising is one of Neil's prime concerns, sponsorship, donations or volunteering all bringing various benefits to participants.

Neil brought along the Challenge Cup for Probians to admire and fielded questions after his talk on why the name Wolves had been chosen, to the potential for developing Rugby League as a nationwide sport.

David Birchall responded by revealing that his father had been a shareholder of "The Wires" and that he had a vivid memory of attending his first game at Wilderspool in 1946, when Wire played Workington. David could hardly forget the game; Workington kicked off, the ball soared on high and came down in the stands to knock him out. He has remained a staunch supporter ever since and retains his father's now worthless shares in the old club as a souvenir.



*Roger Anderton - President of LDPC, The Challenge Cup and Neil Kelly - Warrington Wolves Foundation Director.*

## Residents oppose stables plan

**THIRTY nearby residents have lodged objections to a plan to erect a stable block on land to the north of Booths Lane, Lymm.**

Objections have also come from Lymm Parish Council and local borough councillors Sheila Woodyatt and Ian Marks.

Planning officers have recommended the scheme be approved - but members of the borough council's development management committee have decided to visit the site before reaching a decision.

Objections are based on various grounds, including overdevelopment, harm to the Green Belt, sub-standard access, traffic, etc.

The plan involves an L-shaped timber stable block, with five loose boxes. Access would be to Booths Lane and an internal track would be provided between the access and the building. According to the applicant, the horses to be accommodated would be Connemara ponies - smaller than most breeds of horses but class as large ponies.

The stables would be for private use only by the applicant and his family. A storage barn, originally included in the proposals, has been omitted.

Residents have formed an action group which has engaged a barrister to fight the plans.

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# Bungalow plan angers neighbours

**A PLAN to build a bungalow on the edge of the Green Belt at Lymm has outraged nearby residents.**

The proposal involves a small parcel of land off Longbutts Lane at its junction with Grammar School Road - and over a period of more than 40 years five previous planning applications have been thrown out.

The most recent, two years ago, was for three affordable dwellings and went to an appeal before being finally refused.

Other previous schemes have involved two retail units and a detached house with garage.

Nineteen nearby residents have lodged objections, along with Lymm Parish Council and local borough councillor Sheila Woodyatt.

She said: "The site is totally unsuitable for development. It is a locally very sensitive site and any

development would compromise the openness of the adjacent, very precious green belt.

"Longbutts Lane is a substandard highway and not suitable for additional traffic."

The parish council say the development would have an adverse impact on a safe route to local schools."

The borough council's nature conservation officer says no ecological assessment has been provided. A brook runs alongside the site where protected water voles might be present.

Members of the borough council's development management committee are to visit the site before reaching a decision.

## Rotary fund-raiser for Children in Need

MEMBERS of Lymm Rotary Club will be out on the Cross on Saturday, November 17, raising funds for the BBC's Children in Need appeal.

The Lymm club's President, Mike Boothman said: "This is a wonderful partnership between Rotary and the BBC Children in Need which started last year and raised over £100,000. Every day, everywhere Rotary clubs work hard to improve the lives of others, especially for young people, and the people of Lymm are always supportive of causes. We just need some good weather and lots of people for our collection to be a success. Last year we raised over £700".

## Raising money for good causes

PUPILS and parents from Statham Primary School have been busy raising money for good causes.

The Parent Teacher Association's second ladies' pamper evening and fashion show by Jessobel Boutique was supported by local beauticians and was a great success, with all proceeds going towards the PTA's current fundraising project to install a cycle shelter at the school.

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## Recycling project

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Staff would be transferred from Stockton Heath and Knutsford.

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The changes would mean Stockton Heath Fire Station would change from its current day crewing arrangement to become an on-call station. The aerial appliance based there would be moved to Warrington.

Another new fire station would be built at Penketh.

## Produce show beat the weather

DESPITE the wettest summer for 100 years, there were still plenty of entries for the produce show at Oughtrington Community Centre.

Poor weather and a lack of produce is thought to have increased competition for the best Victoria sponge. Winner Sarah Barber was pleased with her first place - as she'd invested in new cake tins to boost her chances.

A new category was the wildcard entry, which was won by Caroline Henderson with her raspberries.

Other notable entries were in the beer, wines and spirits, where Donald Reid took the two beer top spots and Audrey Faulkner, won first, second and third with her fruity spirits. Evie Davis won top spot with her "very cheeky" most amusing vegetable.

The show had intended to host the first gardening primary school competition, but the weather scuppered the schools' crops. However, Cherry Tree's Foundation Stage class mustered a prize winning mass entry in the Mr Cress Head competition.

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# Silly socks fund-raiser

## CHILDREN at Statham Little Foxes Pre-school wore silly socks to raise funds for the charity STEPS as Part of Ponseti Awareness Week.

One of the Little Foxes Ted Murphy, aged two, was born with a unilateral clubfoot.

Lymm based STEPS is calling for greater awareness of Clubfoot/Talipes amongst parents and health professionals.

Ted started the Ponseti treatment in Edinburgh at the age of 1 week and continues to be treated at the Manchester Children's Hospital.

At 2 1/2 he wears a boots and bar brace every night but is otherwise just like any other normal little boy.

STEPS provided vital information and support to his Mum and Dad when he was born and helped to find someone to continue his treatment when the family relocated to Lymm earlier this year.

Clubfoot affects a staggering 1 to 2 in every 1000 babies and occurs more often in boys than girls. In about 50% of cases, both feet will be affected.

However, using the 'Ponseti method', a non-surgical, non-invasive treatment, 95% of cases will result in fully functioning, pain-free feet.

Not every hospital in the UK provides the Ponseti treatment and STEPS would like to see this change.

Ted's dad Peter, was born with clubfoot 35 years ago and underwent a series of operations as a child.

"I am very grateful that Ted has been treated using the Ponseti method" said Peter.

"The long term outcomes for Ted are likely to be much better than I have

experienced and all children born with talipes should have access to a properly trained Ponseti practitioner."

The Ponseti method involves a specific casting technique and a strict routine with a boots and bar brace which should only be undertaken by specially trained practitioners.

Poor technique and straying from the correct wearing of the boots and bar can lead to poor results.

Sue Banton, Director of STEPS, said, "People in the UK really aren't aware of the number of children who are born with clubfoot or what to do if they have a child with the condition and we want this to change. Currently, there are no official guidelines describing the exact Ponseti Method and no governing body to ensure that practitioners are adequately trained to carry out the treatment. We would like to ensure that every parent who has a child with this condition knows what the best treatment is and where they can access it."

She added, "The purpose of our Ponseti Awareness Week is to highlight the need for consistent training and treatment for clubfoot across the UK. We have produced a booklet called 'The Parents Guide to Talipes/Clubfoot' which includes the Ponseti Method Checklist, as described by Dr Jose

Morcuende (Ponseti International Association) so parents with children diagnosed with clubfoot can check if their hospital is deviating from the guidelines and whether they should be concerned."



From left, Archie aged 2, Ted Murphy aged 2, Faye aged 3 and Hayden aged 4 with preschool assistants left, Diane Harper and Nicky Kelly.



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There are 54 staging dates in total spanning October 2012 to February 2018. The largest employers (those employing 120,000 workers or more) must have a pension scheme in place from the 1st of October 2012. Employee numbers get progressively smaller as the staging

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Running alongside are the minimum contribution levels that rise over time. For employers with staging dates to 30th of September 2017, the total minimum contribution is 2% (1% employer funded). From 1st of October 2017 to 30th of September 2018, the total minimum contribution is 5% (2% employer funded) and from the 1st of October 2018 onwards, the total minimum contribution will stand at 8% (2% employer-funded).

All eligible jobholders' must be automatically enrolled: this means employees aged 22 to state pension age, working in the UK and earning more than £8,105. Workers outside of these criteria may have the right to join the scheme, and the employer must supply opt-in details—but the employer is not obliged to enrol them automatically.

Employers can use any 'qualifying scheme'. This can be a defined-contribution scheme including a minimum contribution or hybrid scheme meeting certain criteria. Since Defined Benefit schemes are a

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# Stuart's a winner - on wheels and on foot!

**A LYMM man won two races in two weekends - one on wheels and the other on foot.**

Stuart Baird, 67, won the HSCC Formula Ford race at Silverstone and followed it up a week later by winning the Veterans Class in the International OMM Mountain Marathon.

At Silverstone, Stuart won the final round of the Formula Ford Championship in a closely fought race, beating all the championship favourites, most of who were much less than half his age.

Stuart who was a top runner in both single seater and saloon car racing in the 1970s, only returned to racing this year following a 35 year layoff.

Throughout that time he never lost the urge to return to the race track, so after retiring from full time work he bought a Merlin Mk11A Formula Ford and set about regaining some of his old speed, which he proved at Silverstone was still there.

His other passion is fell running and the following weekend he competed in the International OMM Mountain Marathon with his running partner, Lymm dentist Barry Clayton. They were winners of the Veterans Class.

This year's race was held in the Howgill Fells and was run over two days where competitors ran 60 kms involving 8,000 feet of climbing.

Competitors had to carry their own tent/clothes/food etc and were

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It was the third time Stuart and his partner had won this prestigious event.



Stuart after his Silverstone win and at the start of the mountain marathon.



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# All set for Lymm D



**FINAL preparations are being made for the 27th annual Lymm Dickensian Festival - which has become one of the biggest occasions in the community.**

Town crier and local councillor Peter Powell and a team of volunteers have once again pulled out all the stops to ensure the village can look forward to a memorable event, which last year attracted around 5,000 visitors to the village.

Traders are being urged to enter into the spirit of the occasion by dressing up in period costume as Lymm turns back the clock to Dickensian times.

Local schools and charities have been given stalls free of charge - but they must be booked in advance.

Meanwhile even greater focus has been put on free entertainment this

year, especially for young children.

"There have been some concerns raised in the past about the expense of fairground rides, especially for families with more than one child, so we have put a greater emphasis on free entertainment this year," said Peter.

The event has moved with the times and not only has a website at [www.lymmdickensian.org](http://www.lymmdickensian.org) but it now also has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Lymm-Dickensian-Christmas-Festival](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lymm-Dickensian-Christmas-Festival) which includes all the latest up to date information.

Visit the website for contact details or call Peter on 01925 754793.



## Santa Claus is c

**FATHER Christmas will once again be teaming up with the Rotary Club of Lymm for their annual street collection - which is the group's biggest single fund-raiser of the year.**

The float will take to the road on Tuesday December 4th, visiting various streets around the community, culminating with a final appearance on Lymm Cross on Saturday December 22nd.

Santa and his helpers will also be taking part in Dickensian Day. Santa will be out and about on the following dates:

Tues 4  
Booths Hill (1) - Assemble: Dingle Bank Close, Lakeside Road, Baycliffe, Elmtree Rd, Oaklands, Parkwood, Cherry La (upper), Lady Acre Cl, Huntsfield Dr, Booth La, Highfield Dr, Hilltop Rd, Highfield Rd (top).

Wed 5  
Booths Hill (2) - Assemble: CO-OP Store Cherry La, Cherry La (lower), Cherry Tree Av, Old Smithy La, Wychwood Av, Heyes Dr, Edgerton Rd, Hardy Rd, Highfield Rd (lower), Massey Brook, Massey Av.

Thur 6  
Booths Hill (3) - Assemble: Camsley La Garage, Booths Hill Rd, Princess Rd, John Rd, David Rd, Thornley Rd, Barsbank, Barsbank Clo, Daisy Bank Rd, Oak Rd, Moston St, Ridgeway Gdns, Grove Av, The Anchorage, Eagle Brow, Brookfield Rd, Maltmans Rd.

Fri 7  
Statham - Assemble: Lymm Hotel, Statham Av, Statham Clo, Statham Dr, Lymington Av, Star La, Pool La, Brookside Ave, Oldfield Rd, Warrington Rd, Turnbury Cl, Whitesands Rd, Jubilee Gdns, West Heath, Albany Rd, Northway, Sycamore, Albany Dr, Albany Cres, Whitbarrow Rd.

Sat 8  
Dickensian Day

Sat 15  
Sainsbury's Warrington

Mon 10  
Oughtrington/Sandy La - Assem-

ble: Oughtrington Cres, Stage La, The Paddocks, Crown Grn, Whitebroom, Sandy La, Hopefield Rd, Ashcroft Rd, Woodbine Rd, Birchfield Rd, Cedarfield Rd, Sandy Lane, Rushgreen Rd.

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# Village prepares for Dickens of a Christmas

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THIS year's Lymm Dickensian Festival is once again being organised by local councillor and Town Crier Peter Powell and a team of hard working volunteers.

Taking place on Saturday, December 8th, it is financially supported by local sponsors and Lymm Parish Council.

There will be various stalls and activities taking place in the village centre throughout the day, with the annual fancy dress parade setting off from the Lymm Hotel at 1.30pm.

There will be plenty of free entertainment starting in the village centre from 11 am.

Peter said: "We have placed a much greater emphasis on ensuring there is plenty of free family fun taking place in the village centre with lots of childrens entertainers.

"Dickensian is one of the biggest events of the year for the village and provides a major boost for local charitable organisations who raise an estimated £20,000 from various stalls and street collections.

and street collections. Various community organisations are involved in the event which also provides a major boost for village

traders.

The event was first started about 27 years ago by the late Monica Spence.

Any one who wants more information about the event or to book a stall should contact organiser Peter Powell on 01925 754793.

The full list of events appears below.



## EVENT TIMINGS



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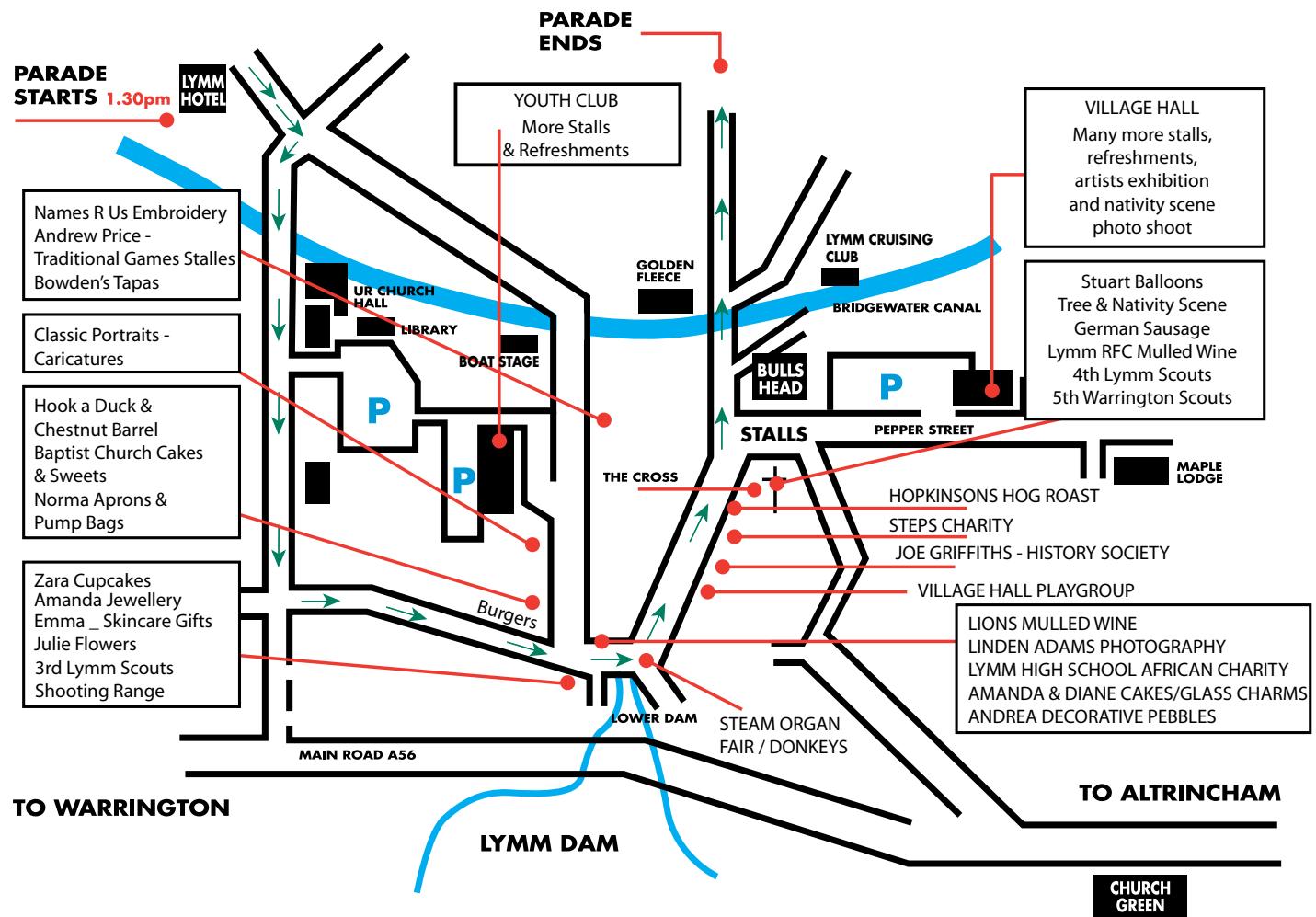
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Warrington Brass Band  
Ravenbank School  
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Wed 19

Higher La (1) - Assemble: Crouchley La, Crouchley La, Manor Rd, Higher La, The Crescent, Mayfield Vw, Greenwood Rd, The Hatchings, Higher La, Grammar School Rd, Scholars Grn, Limefield Av.

Thur 20

Higher La (2) - Assemble: Woodlands Av, Woodlands Ave,

Woodlands Dr, Longbutt La, Cotebrook Hse, Oughtrington Lane, Foxley Clo, Higher La, Bellfield Clo.

Fri 21

Village - Assemble: Davies Way Car Park, Danebank Rd, LymmHay La, Brooklyn Dr, New Rd, Millbank, The Cross, Pepper St, Grove Rs, Rose Bank, Hartly Clo, Crossfield Av, Racefield Clo, Cyril Bell Clo, Orchard Ave, Fairfield Rd, The Peppers, Rectory La, Rectory Gds.

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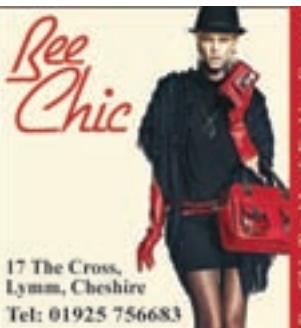
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Managing Director Paul Mason said: "A long with the White rooms team, we intend to become THE place to go for health fitness and well being information and advice in Lymm, Knutsford, Warrington and various other locations around the Northwest.

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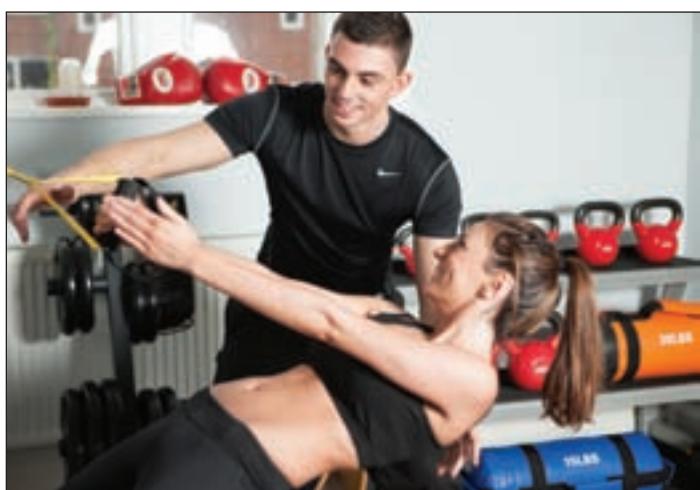
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Paul added: "We would like to thank various local business for their help and support in making a great start to a long term future in Lymm. Sarah and her team from Sextons for the great food, Sharon and Steph at Mood Design, Neil at Natural Focus photography, Ken who runs Lymm.com and finally Gary at Lymm Life.

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**St. Andrew's Day Festival** – Saturday 1 December – Bridge Street / Market Gate

**Christmas at the Children's Zoo** – Sunday 2 December – Walton Hall & Gardens

**Christmas Gift Cabins** – 2-8 December – Market Gate

**Street Animation** – 1, 8, 15 & 22 December – Bridge Street

**Santa's Workshop** – 8, 15 & 22 December – Bridge Street

**Vienna Festival Ballet presents The Nutcracker** – Saturday 8 December – Parr Hall, 2.30pm

**Walton Winterland** – 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 December – Walton Hall & Gardens

**Christmas Carvery Lunch** – 9, 15 & 23 December – Walton Hall & Gardens

**Warrington Lantern Parade** – Thursday 13 December – Queen's Gardens, 6.30pm & 7.30pm

**Light Spectacular** – Thursday 13 December – Town Hall, 7.15pm

**Ken Dodd** – Thursday 13 December – Parr Hall, 7.30pm

**Houghton Weavers** – 13 & 14 December – Pyramid, 7.30pm

**Christmas in the Cultural Quarter** – 13-16 December – Queen's Gardens, from 7.30pm

**Christmas Comedy Store** – Saturday 15 December – Pyramid, 7.30pm

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## Motoring

# A glimpse of the future

AUDI have provided a glimpse of the future with its crosslane coupe concept car - a new fusion of technology, engineering and design.

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1.5-litre three-cylinder, TFSI and two electric motors redefines the benchmark, with potential fuel economy returns equivalent to 256.8 mpg and CO2 emissions of just 26 grams per km.

The result is a sophisticated vehicle that will appeal to young customers in particular, thanks to a removable roof and the customisable services available under the Audi connect concept.

The Multimaterial Space Frame of the compact coupe comprises three materials - aluminium, carbon fibre-reinforced polymer (CFRP) and glass fibre-reinforced polymer (GFRP). The car has an unladen weight of about 1,390 kg, including the large lithium-ion battery.

The plug-in hybrid drive, which is described as a dual-mode hybrid, is as innovative as it is efficient. It comprises a combustion engine, two electric motors and a single-stage transmission. It sprints from zero to 62mph in 8.6 seconds, and in pure electric mode takes 9.8 seconds. The car's top speed is 113mph. It offers the potential for up to 256.8mpg and emits 26 grams per km of CO2. The lithium-ion battery has an output of 17.4 kWh, sufficient for an operating range of around 53 miles in the electric mode.

The car is classed as a 2+2-seater and is 4.21 metres long, 1.88 metres wide and 1.51 metres high, with a wheelbase of 2.56 metres. Its body design comes across as powerful and striking, and it already provides a foretaste of the design language of a future generation of Audi Q models.



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The pub is a focal point of the village and while undergoing some modernisation and development work it still retains a traditional country pub feel with a fine selection of traditional meals and drinks.

The very fact it has been awarded The Community Pub of the Year 2012 by CAMRA North Cheshire, speaks volumes for the premises.

The venue is suitable for a general meal out or a special occasion.

We started with a tomato soup, which was freshly made and piping hot.

This was followed by Beer Battered Fish and Chips - Fresh beer battered cod fillet served with homemade chips, mushy peas and homemade tartare sauce.

Our other main course was an 8oz Sirloin Steak served with homemade chips, garden peas, tomato and mushrooms.

Both meals were well presented and very enjoyable.

Sweets change on a regular basis and we went for the cheesecake which was again well presented on a slate board.



## Get hooked on books

**JUST English, Lymm based Tuition service, have set up a reading group run by students for students.**

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## New role for Terry Waite

**FORMER Lymm resident Terry Waite is the new president of Chester Music Society.**

He succeeds Professor Sir Bernard Lovell, who died in August after 41 years as the society's president.

Mr Waite, who is already patron of Warrington Male Voice Choir, was educated at Stockton Heath Secondary School, where he was head boy. He went on to higher education in London and later was appointed as an adviser to the Archbishop of Canterbury, travelling the world and negotiating the release of several hostages in Iran.

But in 1987 he was himself taken hostage and held in Beirut for almost five years, four of which were in solitary confinement.

Chester Music Society chairman David Woods said: "We are greatly honoured to have Terry Waite as our new president. We look forward to a close and fruitful working relationship in the years to come."

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## Praised

Developers the PJ Livesey Group was praised for community consultation and its "respect for and understanding" of the site when granted planning permission and has been put forward as Developer of the Year.

Two of the fine 19th century buildings, the distinctive butterfly shaped Crossley Wing and the red brick Dunham Building are now complete and occupied and the finishing touches are being made to the grandest of the trio, The Beeches.

Built originally as the home of John Sidebotham and his wife Anne, the large villa was converted in 1885, to house patients suffering from consumption and started the hospital which was named after Anne.

Its Italianate lines and distinctive cream brick were obscured over the years as the hospital grew but

Liveseys have restored it to its former glory.

The Beeches has now been converted into seven exclusive apartments, accessed through a dramatic foyer lined with huge mirrors and lit by two chandeliers.

The ground floor apartments are all sold and occupied and the final two apartments are now released.

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## Obituary

### Joan Gage

THE funeral has taken place of Joan Gage, aged 91, of Howard Avenue, Lymm, who died at the home of her son, Paul, at Kingsley on September 25. The service took place at Altrincham Crematorium on October 4.

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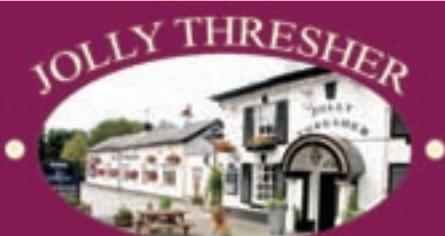
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# Tales of the lady killers!

**WEAPONS and methods used by female murderers was the theme of a talk given to Heatley WI.**

Speaker Alan Hayhurst had some gruesome tales to tell in his talk called Lady Killers. He talked of female murderers and women killed...and revealed the warning that wealthy women should beware.

A competition for weapons attracted a range of entries including knives, daggers, swords, scorpions and even an icicle. The winning weapons were a simple rolling pin and a dish of mushrooms.

The speaker was thanked by Carol Turner who presided in the absence of president Liz Wellbelove.

Golden flowers were presented to two members celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, Jean Latham and Jean Brownhill.

Meetings are held at Oughtonton Primary School and the plant was given to the caretaker to thank him for his help.

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# Cycling in the footsteps of heroes

A LOCAL man whose father-in-law took part in the D-Day landings is preparing to cycle hundreds of miles across the fields of Normandy to raise funds for communities wrecked by war.

Peter Stott, 63, from Heatley, will ride in the charity D-Day cycle challenge next June - tracing the steps of those who fought their way through Normandy during World War 2.

The event will raise funds for Manchester-based Nobel Peace Prize-winning charity, MAG (the Mines Advisory Group), whose work to clear landmines and destroy weapons helps some of the world's poorest people rebuild their lives after war.

Peter is encouraging people to sponsor his two-wheel test in memory of his father-in-law and Royal Naval telegraphist, Tony Young, who fought in a Combined Operations Bombardment Unit (COBU).

Said Peter: "What those men went through was incredible.

"My father-in-law was at D-Day, and wrote his memoirs of the whole thing - from the secret training, through the day itself, to the aftermath. They're extremely moving."

The cycle challenge will track an allied soldier's journey from Portsmouth to Normandy, where on June 6, 1944, the COBU landed for the historic Allied assault on German-occupied France.

Operation Overlord, or 'D-Day' as it became known, marked the start of the invasion of Europe and signalled a major turning point in the Second World War.

MAG organiser Lesley Achim, said there is already lots of interest in the "heritage cycle" by those keen to pay homage to their heroic ancestors or family currently serving as part of the British Forces.

She said: "Our participants range from history enthusiasts to those who simply want to support MAG's life-saving work. But for many it's an opportunity to pay homage to family heroes who played a part in one of the 20th century's defining moments.

"We're keen to bring together as many as possible of the descendants of those courageous men."

More details are available at [www.maginternational.org/ddaycycle](http://www.maginternational.org/ddaycycle) / or by contacting Lesley on 0161 238 4886 or email [Lesley.Achim@maginternational.org](mailto:Lesley.Achim@maginternational.org)

## Thank you

DIANA Struthers, wife of the late Walter Struthers, whose death was reported in the October edition of Lymm Life, would like to thank most sincerely everyone who sent flowers, cards and donations which amounted to just under £800.

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