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AT the last meeting of Lymm Parish Council Lymm Leisure Centre, based at the local high school, came under fire for not being up to standard.

Well it is pleasing to see elsewhere in this month's edition that the leisure centre is set to undergo a major refurbishment thanks to some funding from Sport England and Lymm Swimming Club.

With around 5,000 homes in the area the village really does deserve

a leisure facility we can be proud of.

To compete with the numerous leisure facilities nearby Lymm Leisure Centre has been long over due a make over and hopefully the new look facility will provide something we can all be proud of.

Health is always high on the

agenda and swimming and a work out in the gym, combined with a healthy diet are the best ways to keep in trim – I just wish I had more spare time to make use of the facilities we have in the surrounding area.

Hopefully the proposed changes at Lymm Leisure Centre will tick all the boxes for those who have been complaining about the facilities and once it is up and running we will make sure *Lymm Life* gives the low down on how it shapes up to the demands of the 21st century.

Meanwhile I can't believe I am penning the Editor's Comment for September – Christmas is just around the corner – where did the summer go!

Lions golf day raises £3,000

MEMBERS of the Lymm Lions have been perfecting their swing and raising £3,000 for charity at the same time during their annual golf day.

Corporate teams from across Warrington and some teams from the Midlands took to the greens at Lymm Golf Club for a charitable event in sunshine.

After a round on the course, players were entertained after an evening meal by compere Malcolm Lord and Yorkshire comedian Lee Evans.

All of the money raised will be donated to various groups within the local community.

Anyone interested in taking part in next year's event, which takes place on Friday, July 3, should contact 01925 755 615.

Picture shows Mike Evans and his team.



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Dad's plea to speeding drivers – 'Kill your speed not my daughter!'

A CONCERNED parent is pleading with drivers in Lymm to kill their speed and drive sensibly after his nine-year-old daughter was sent flying over her handlebars by an on-coming car.

Thankfully for David Viehoff, his daughter, Willow, escaped with just cuts and bruises after falling into the kerbside on Rectory Lane.

"I could see the panic on the woman's face, she probably didn't want to scratch her car and missed my daughter by about an inch.

Willow went over the handlebars and into the kerb, I'm convinced the driver saw what had happened," David said.

The driver of the car, a yellow mini, didn't even stop or look back when she reached a junction a matter of metres away.

David, who also had his four-year-old son in a seat on his bike, was left to help his daughter back up and back on her bike.

"Willow survived the experience without a tear and with only bruises and scrapes, but after four years of riding on the roads with me, she decided to cycle home on the pavement," David added.

His major concern now is with more children using their bikes on the roads during summer holidays, there could be more similar incidents that could lead to serious consequences.

He commented: "The worrying thing for me is there are a lot of kids around at the moment and drivers need to be told there is no harm in slowing down. My daughter isn't naive on the roads and was with me at the time, yet was still involved in an accident. Needless to say it wasn't exactly a good start to the summer holidays."

Using common sense when driving

is a feature David is keen to press home, particularly when it comes to passing cyclists.

"Even if the speed limit is 30mph drivers should still slow down. If they are doing 30 and the cyclist is travelling at 10, that's a collision at 40mph, which is going to be very serious," he added.

As for Willow, David thinks she will be back in saddle soon enough and enjoying her summer holiday.

He said: "Willow hasn't been out since the incident, but I'm sure she will be. She usually cycles into the village at the weekend to get us some bread. I would still like to speak to the woman though, not to prosecute her, just to talk to her and get her to apologise to my daughter."



Bond theme ball

A JAMES Bond themed fundraising ball is being held for the Grass Roots sports appeal at Lymm Rugby Club.

The autumn ball will be held at Mere Golf and Country Club, Knutsford, on Friday September 26.

It will feature a James Bond lookalike and other characters and themes from the films, live music, a three-course meal and pre-dinner cocktails (shaken not stirred!).

During the evening there will be a casino, charity auction and raffle and Bond comedy provided by Lymm RFC's panto performers.

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What's On Column
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Rain fails to dampen festival spirits

DESPITE torrential downpours at two of the key outdoor events, the spirit of Lymm Festival 2008 was not dampened or depressed.

Many of the indoor events were sold out or nearly so, and the village community supported the ten-day Festival with great enthusiasm.

"Even though we had to bring the Street Fun and Food Fest to an early close due to the deluge that flooded the Cross, we were still amazed at the number of people who turned up to sample the food on offer," commented Honor Giles, the Festival's Director.

"The Festival Picnic was also affected, but many people stayed to the last, dancing in the rain and having a great time."

The Festival committee are delighted to be able to announce that, as a result of Festival activities a sum of over £4000 has been donated in support of various organisations and charities.

'Thank You'

At the Thank You party, held at the home of Jean Scudamore, Festival Chairman, Ian Marks presented cheques to Mary Cottrell, on behalf of the SOS Children's Fund (the proceeds of Joe Griffith's Local History Walks), Dave Marshall on behalf of Oughtrington Scouts for stewarding services, and David Millichip on behalf of Lymm Scouts for help with the Big Picture.

Peter (aka Matthew) Corbett also accepted cheques representing half the proceeds of his two shows, which



are to be donated to The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research Race for Life. He has donated the other half of the proceeds back to Festival funds.

Another major fundraising effort is the Open Gardens, the proceeds of which go to St Roccas.

Next year the Festival will celebrate

its 10th Anniversary and plans are already being made to make it the biggest and best so far. Dates for next year will be Thursday June 25 to Sunday July 5.

For more information contact Honor Giles on 01925 758856 or email Honor.Giles@talk21.com

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New 'bobby' on the beat

LYMM has now got a new 'bobby on the beat' overseeing the work of the village's Police Community Support Officers.

Steve Martin, is the new 'beat manager' for the area and has already been working in Lymm for the past 12 months tackling crime.

In his new role Steve will spend his weekdays focusing on the community, overseeing the work of the PCSOs but at weekends he will continue to be involved alongside fellow officers tackling any 'anti-social' problems in the village.

"The structure of the community units has been changed but it has not changed the number or strength of officers on duty," he told members of the parish council.



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Left to right: Lynn Parry, Jo Yellond, Linda Monks of Lymm Lions, Margaret Pownall, Roger Lounds, Joyce Penlington, Catherine Lewis, Geoff Bates vice chairman Oughtrington Community Centre, Marjorie Radcliffe and Barbara Howarth.

A FAREWELL lunch for Lymm High School's headteacher, Roger Lounds, and assistant headteacher Catherine Lewis, who have both retired, was given by members and friends of Oughtrington Luncheon Club at the Barn Owl pub. Mr Lounds retired after 10 years at the school and Ms Lewis after 27 years.

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Charities benefit from Rotary concert

LYMM Rotary club has made two donations to The Christie Hospital and the North West Air Ambulance thanks to a well supported concert event. John Bamforth and Mike Wood organised the event which saw around 200 people from the Lymm club travel to Bridgewater Hall to see tenor Martin Toal perform alongside soprano Suzanne McGrath, violinist Craig Owen, the Trafford Philharmonic orchestra and choir and the June Rendell School of Dance.

John Stalker, also from Lymm, compered the evening's entertainment. Chairman of the rotary club, Barrie Braham, who recently presented the two causes with cheques, said: "This was one of the largest fund raising events ever organised by Lymm Rotary Club and the enjoyment of all attending had made it worthwhile."

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Major facelift for leisure centre

LYMM Leisure Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment – thanks to grant aid from Sport England and with help from Lymm Swimming Club.



The fitness suite is being extended and the changing rooms – criticised in the past for sub-standard conditions - are to be upgraded.

A climbing wall is being added to the facility and the whole centre, under new manager Adam Harris, will be up to Sport England standards. The centre remains open during the work and every effort is being made to minimise inconvenience to users.

Coun Sheila Woodyatt, a governor at Lymm High School, said: "This is very good news for users of the facility because it is going to mean much higher standards."

"People should be reminded that the leisure centre is not a council facility – while it is available to the whole community it belongs to the school."

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Mercy mission to Moldova

FOUR Lymm High School students and two of their teachers are back home after a mercy mission to Moldova – generally regarded as the poorest country in Europe.

They have been working, together with international volunteering group Service for Peace, at an orphanage in the tiny country, which is sandwiched between the Ukraine and Romania.

They have been entertaining the children and helping with the running of the orphanage.

Staff and students worked hard raising funds to offset the high travel costs and raising £1,000 to take to the orphanage to purchase clothing, games and computer equipment.

Parents at Oughtrington Primary School also joined in the fund raising with a variety of different events.

The four students were Olivia White, 18, Alex Sims, 17, Nicola Woollacott, 18 and Jonathan Case, 18 while the teachers were Michael Scott, who co-ordinated the trip and Rebecca Iles-Smith.

It was the first time Lymm High has sent a group of volunteers to Moldova.

Olivia White said: "It was a life-changing experience for us all. We made many friends among the staff and children at the orphanage and it was heart-rending to have to leave the children. They were all saying: 'Please come back.'"

"I would love to be able to return

and I am sure all the others would too.

"The children were all well cared for and healthy but they have so little compared with children in this country."

The school hopes to send other groups to Moldova every other year as part of an on-going project.

Picture shows the four students (left to right) Alex Sims, Jonathan Case, Olivia White and Nicola Woollacott.



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Lymm Parish Council Annual Report 2007 / 2008

1. The precept for the year was £95,000 and £43558 was brought forward from the previous year. The total income for the year was £162387. The expenditure for the year comprised £25318 for administration, £16587 for the Village Hall, £1267 for the allotments and £95197 for miscellaneous items. The miscellaneous expenditure included Grant Aid totalling £46586 of which £12,000 was match funding for the Lymm Life Project, £7950 was to Lymm CAB, £4750 to Oughtrington Community Association, £3000 to Lymm Festival and £3000 to Lymm Dickensian Christmas. The total expenditure for the year was £138269.
2. During the year the following matters were either discussed, carried out or supported :
 - a. The Duck Race in 2007 had to be cancelled for Health and Safety reasons. To facilitate all future road closures for Lymm events the Parish Council has worked with Sean Kerfoot who has set up Lymm Events Management. Lymm Events Management undertook the road closures for the 2008 Duck Race and this event was extremely successful. The co-operation of Warrington Borough and the Police had been greatly appreciated in setting up the Lymm Events Management Team
 - b. To improve the sound quality at Carols at The Cross on Christmas Eve the Parish Council purchased a P.A system that was used at the 2007 event and the sound quality was greatly enhanced. The P.A system is available for hire by any of the local Lymm groups.
 - c. The Rotary Club and Round Table organised a very successful Lymm Dickensian Day in 2007 and Tony Horne ran Radio Lymm for a period leading up to Dickensian Day.
 - d. The Parish Council has worked with the Police to address the problem with speeding vehicles on Mill Lane. The Parish Council has continued to fund three Police Community Support Officers in

Lymm. The Lymm Police Office will now be open every Tuesday afternoon.

- e. As part of the Westenders Project Oughtrington Community Association received a grant from WREN. The Parish Council provided £5270 as third party match funding to secure the grant from WREN.
- f. The Parish Council has continued to support the Youth Club during the year. The Youth Club has been incorporated and is now known as Lymm Youth and Community Association. The Churches Together Group is keen to support the Youth Club and see the building more extensively used
- g. The Churches Together Group, as part of Hope 08, has organised two litter picks in Lymm which have been well attended and greatly improved the tidiness in the Village Centre. Several more litter picks are planned during 2008.
- h. To prevent notices being attached to the trees at Lymm Cross the Parish Council has provided a notice board erected on the outside wall of the Somerfield Store.
- i. The Parish Council has continued to work with local horse riders to explore the possibility of having more bridleways in Lymm. Warrington Borough Council made a grant application to WREN to upgrade the TPT to a bridleway between Mill Lane and Birchbrook Road which was unsuccessful but a further application is being considered.
- j. The Parish Council has been involved in the organisation of a Sports Forum bringing together various local sporting groups in conjunction with Lymm Leisure Centre.
- k. A second Lymm Fair was held in the Village Hall for local groups to advertise their activities and recruit new members.
- l. Lymm Festival : This event took place for a ninth year and was very successful. Honor Giles continues as the Festival Director.

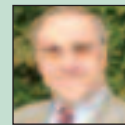
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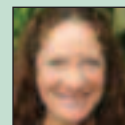
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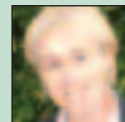
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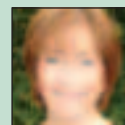
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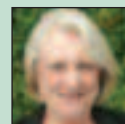
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The Parish Council's priorities for the year 2008/2009 are :

1. Car Parking in Lymm

Lymm Parish Council will continue to urge Warrington Borough Council to introduce pay and display car parking in Lymm to improve the car parking facilities for people shopping in the village. Warrington Borough Council will be carrying out a consultation exercise to ensure that the final scheme is the most suitable for both shoppers and local residents. The consultation is programmed to commence from September 2008 onwards

2. Working with Voluntary Groups

The Parish Council will continue to work with the local voluntary groups in Lymm and support all the Lymm Festivals. The Parish Council will host another Lymm Fair in March 2009 in the Village Hall to give local voluntary groups the opportunity to promote their activities and recruit new members. A steering group will be set up to organise and publicise the event. Anyone interested in joining the steering group should contact Cllr Griffiths on 754651.

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Fundraisers meet researchers

LYMM couple Anne and Paul Scales who have raised £90,000 for research into the rare Kabuki Syndrome in memory of their daughter, Hannah, organised a trip to see how the money was being used.

Friends, relatives and the community have supported the fundraising in memory of Hannah who died, aged six, from meningitis after her immune system had been weakened by Kabuki.

The couple organised a visit to a Kabuki research group at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to find out more about their work.

A total of 21 people went on the trip.

They were welcomed by Professor Dian Donnai who diagnosed the rare syndrome in Hannah – and who was full of praise of the couple's 'spirit and enthusiasm'.

As a result of the fundraising a dedicated researcher, Dawn Struttman, was appointed to work in Professor Graeme Black's research laboratory at the hospital.

Progress

The visitors were given a tour round the laboratory, shown the complex equipment which can look for genetic clues about the cause of Kabuki syndrome and told about the progress of the research.



Lymm visitors with the medical team.

They also met Peter Mount, chairman of the Central Manchester Hospitals Trust, who also oversees the research endowment funds. He congratulated Anne, Paul and their friends on the "magnificent" fundraising success.

Before returning to Lymm the party enjoyed tea and cakes, and were able to ask questions about the work.

After the trip Anne said: "It was an absolutely amazing visit and everyone was impressed to see exactly what research is being done. Everyone really enjoyed the visit and the team made us very welcome."

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Gill had always wanted to run her own shop premises and had carried out curtain making at home for many years.

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Cancer ball

ORGANISERS from Lymm are holding a grand ball in Daresbury to raise money for charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

The black-tie grand event includes a free welcome drink, dinner, dancing and auction at the Daresbury Park Royal Hotel.

It takes place on November 1 and follows on from breast cancer awareness month in October.

Tickets are priced at £40 each and can be obtained by contacting Liz MacPherson on 01925 751 769.

All donation cheques should be made payable to Breakthrough and sent to Liz at 59 Lady Acre Close, Lymm, Cheshire, WA13 0SN.

'You may not believe it, but . . .'

FRESH from a tour of Westage Farm in Great Budworth last month, members of Heatley WI were back "home" to hear a talk by Gordon Farr entitled "You may not believe it, but..."

Retired Headmaster Gordon kept members fascinated and entertained throughout, while chair for the evening, Vice President Irene Thomas, read the report from the AGM at the end of the evening.

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Ladies' luncheon raises £10,000

A LADIES' luncheon event has raised almost £10,000 for a local children's charity.

The Children's Adventure Farm Trust in Millington, near Lymm, was the benefactor of the event held at Mere and Country Golf Club, which raised £9,500.

Around 240 ladies packed out the luncheon event that included a cocktail reception, three course meal, butlers in the buff, performance from singer Cole Page, a range of stall and an auction.

Julie Gray, Community Fundraiser at the adventure farm, said: "Every year this event goes from strength to strength and we have to move to a bigger venue to accommodate our wonderful guests."

"This year certainly didn't disappoint, we're all overwhelmed at the generosity of the guests. Their support really will have a huge impact on the lives of children in desperate need from all over our region."

The Children's Adventure Farm Trust provides holidays, respites and Christmas parties for disabled, disadvantaged and terminally ill children and their families.

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Earlier in the year in his budget speech, Alistair Darling set out a radical new way in which vehicles would be taxed. He has announced that the current seven band system will be replaced by a new 13 band system.

Currently cars are split

between bands 'A' and 'G' according to their CO2 emissions, with cars emitting below 100g/km falling into band 'A' and anything producing more than 225g/km falling into the highest band 'G'.

From next April, the bandings will be tightened up with a new band 'L' applying to cars emitting between 225g/km and 255g/km and a new 'super band' 'M' for cars that put out more than 255g/km.

Because the government wants to crack down on

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Sorting office closure plan under fire

A COUNCILLOR has slammed Royal Mail over its proposals to close Lymm sorting office.

Coun Pam Marks says the whole idea of closing the sorting office in Bridgewater Street, Lymm, would lead to a poorer service for village residents and would not, in the long term, prove cost effective for Royal Mail.

In fact, Royal Mail had put off the closure pending talks to find alternative premises in Lymm, following a strike threat by the 14 postal workers based in the village.

Coun Marks says she is relieved the closure, which would involve moving the workforce to Altrincham, has been delayed.

The local postmen provide a high quality service and have a great deal of local knowledge which they use with

initiative. Losing such a workforce can only be detrimental to the postal service, she said.

"Secondly, with the present concerns about global warming and the use of fossil fuels, it seem ridiculous to send a complete workforce in their own cars on a daily round trip of about 16 miles to collect their deliveries when at present a high proportion of them walk to the Lymm sorting office because they have been recruited locally."

Coun Marks asks where the postmen are to park their cars on their return to Lymm.

Currently, the postmen use pedal cycles and she wonders where these will be kept.

The present owner of the current sorting office is, says Coun Marks, willing to refurbish the building to bring it up to the standards require by Royal Mail and has also offered a long lease.

The councillor adds: "I am sure that if

you had consulted with the parish council and the local workers instead of 'briefing' us after the decision had been made, a more viable, environmental, economically sound and user friend outcome could have been achieved."

Change of name – and a transformation!

A POPULAR Lymm eating-out spot has undergone a transformation – and changed its name.

Hopkinson's Deli, at The Cross, is now The Terrace and, in addition to a completely refurbished café, now boasts an attractive alfresco dining area overlooking Lymm's sunken gardens, where customers can eat in the open air with the sound of the Slitten Brook in the background.

Proprietor Joanne Hopkinson, daughters Sophie and Steph and husband Malcolm - who runs the nearby Hopkinson's butchers - unveiled the new Terrace with a special evening for friends and regular customers.

Drinks and appetisers were served indoors and out.



Buddy!

YEAR six leavers from Ravenbank Primary School rolled back the years to give a special farewell performance of 'Buddy'.

Based on the life story of music icon Buddy Holly, pupils performed classic numbers in traditional costumes for the rest of the school to enjoy.

Front row from left, Zoe Kinsella as Cindy Lou, Chloe Proctor as an English Girl and Emma Kearton as Marie Elaina. Back row from left, Sam Crowe as Elvis, Alex McDonough as Buddy and Sam Foster one of the Crickets.



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Warrington Streets Alive will feature performances outside the market, at Market Gate and in Bridge Street from some of the North West's top entertainers.

There will be a mixture of static and live shows each day between 12 and 2pm outside the market and between 12 and 3.0pm on Market Gate and Bridge Street.

"In a Spin" will feature in the static show and is based around a musical washing machine and "ironing board of death."

"Bar Ha Ha" is also part of the static show and is a performance of multiplying bottles, flying glasses and country music.

The walkabout show will feature "The Crooning Captain", which gives the audience the chance to join the captain in his mobile barrel bar for live songs and tomfoolery.

"Los'tronaut" will be asking for directions during the bank holiday as this intrepid spaceman taxis along the streets on his electrically propelled space shuttle in search of mission control.

Picture shows Stilt Walker one of the acts appearing during the two day street festival.



Guides awarded after completing challenges

THREE members of the 2nd Lymm Guides are celebrating after being awarded their Baden Powell badges.

Stephanie Linnell, 15, Amelia Sandbach, 14, and Katrina Caldwell, also 14, completed 10 challenges in zones named "Healthy Lifestyles", "Global Awareness", "Discovery", "Skills and Relationships", and "Celebrating Diversity."

As part of the challenges, the three guides, who all live in Lymm, took part in Fair Trade challenges, made cook books and created songbooks for campfire songs.

Completing the full challenge takes two years and cannot be started until a Guide is 12 years old.

The awards, which are the highest badge available to the guides at their age, were presented by the District Commissioner.

Mary Clarke, a Guider of the 2nd Lymm Guides, said: "We are very proud of all three girls because they have worked very hard over the past 2 years and stayed with Guides when there are so many other options open to them."



L to R - Stephanie Linnell, Amelia Sandbach and Katrina Caldwell.

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New site manager at Beechwood

CROSBY Lend Lease has recently appointed Grattan Hughes as Site Manager at Beechwood in Lymm, as the development of apartments, mews homes and townhouses opens to the public.

Grattan Hughes joins Crosby Lend Lease with a wealth of experience working with major house builders within the North West, and over the past 25 years has worked as Site Manager on various residential projects from exclusive gated-community developments to social housing and apartment blocks.

Reporting to Paul Winstanley, Contracts Manager for Crosby Lend Lease, Grattan's role as Site Manager at Beechwood will encompass the whole project management for the construction of the development's 35 contemporary homes.

Situated just a short walk from the centre of Lymm, Beechwood will feature a selection of 2 bedroom apartments, 3 bedroom mews homes and 3 and 4 bedroom townhouses all with the very latest specification. Beechwood recently opened to the public with the launch of a temporary Sales Suite on July 5th and the appointment of Michelle Baker as Sales Consultant.

Construction is currently underway



at the site on Sandy Lane and completion is expected by summer 2009.

Commenting on the appointment of Grattan as Site Manager for Beechwood, Paul Winstanley said: "Grattan brings to the company a vast amount of experience working on a wide range of developments. Having worked with Grattan previously I am extremely pleased to have him on my team again and I'm sure everybody at Crosby Lend Lease will join me in wishing Grattan the very best in his new role."

Grattan adds: "I am delighted to be joining Crosby Lend Lease and look forward to being involved in the success of Beechwood".

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Catherine strikes flower show

A LYMM woman has struck gold at the RHS Tatton Park Flower Show by scooping first prize for the best back-to-back garden.

Catherine Wright, from The Peppers, Lymm, received the gold medal and glass bowl prize for her design called "Five A Day with Hidden Play."

Her team, which also included Jim O'Rourke and Margaret McDonough, were called Reaseheath Alumni, after

the college where Catherine studied garden design.

Catherine was delighted with the award. She said: "It came as a real shock - it was a lovely shock though! We are very pleased with it, especially as it is the first year we have entered on our own."



From the left, Catherine, Joe Swift of BBC Gardener's World and Margaret McDonough.

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There are many secret "dens" in the garden and there is also an emphasis on health, as fruit and vegetable patches make the garden ideally suited to fulfilling the needs of a modern family.

A Day with Hidden Play is described by judges as: "An inspirational garden demonstrating how a small space can fulfil the needs of a modern family and also highlight the rising importance of food miles and need to improve diet."

Catherine began the design work to enter the garden in the show in December last year, before receiving



entry confirmation in January and starting work on the prize winning garden.

She commented: "Once we had our entry confirmed, we had to then go round asking people to help make different parts of the garden. We've borrowed water jumping jets that would normally cost around £3,000."

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Obituaries

Ivy Coombs

THE funeral has taken place on Ivy Coombs nee Hinton, from Wordsworth Avenue, Warrington, who died in hospital of heart failure aged 86 on May 22.

Ivy, who was born in Statham, lived in Lymm for most of her life before moving to Stockton Heath, eventually serving in the armed forces where she met her husband Bob.

She was a mother of four and is survived by three of her children, Joyce, Douglas and Janet, together with many grandchildren and great grandchildren and her sister Barbara.

The funeral took place at Walton Lea Crematorium, with all donations given going to the British Heart Foundation.

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Victoria Murray (nee Waddell)



THE funeral has taken place of Victoria Murray nee Waddell of Booths Hill Close, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on June 23 aged 97.

Mrs Murray was born in Belfast and moved to Lymm in 1980 where she regularly attended the House-Bound group and the Sion Independent Methodist Church.

She is survived by nieces Joan, Alison, Myrtle, Iris and also by relatives in Australia.

The funeral was held at Walton Lea Crematorium and donations were made to Warrington Hospital League of Friends.

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Nellie Graham



THE funeral has taken place of Nellie Graham nee Jenkins who died at Warrington Hospital on June 14 aged 93.

Mrs Graham lived at Keate House Residential Home after previously residing in Lymmington Avenue, Statham, Lymm.

She leaves two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, a brother and sister.

The funeral took place at Altringham Crematorium.

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John Arnasalam

THE funeral has taken place of John Arnasalam, of Richmond Close, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital of a heart attack on June 19 aged 43.

Mr Arnasalam was the adored husband of Pamela, stepfather to Isobel, father to an unborn child due in October and also father to Jade, Jay and Amara.

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Early risers at Lymm were shocked to find the documents on the Davies Way car park alongside the Bridgewater Canal. Many had blown into the canal - and others were picked up by passers-by.

Some were scattered around a recycling centre on the car park, but others had been blown all over a wide area between the paper bins and the canal.

Concerned residents collected as many as possible to avoid the possibility of them falling into the wrong hands.

Police were informed and a team of workmen from Warrington Borough Council arrived at the scene to collect the documents. Data protection authorities were also alerted.

Many of the documents bore the name Classic Mortgages, with an address in Manchester.

A spokesman for Classic Mortgage Partnership Ltd., said: "Classic Mortgages went into liquidation a couple of years ago. We are a different company.

"I placed a box of old documents relating to the former company in the paper bin at Lymm at 9pm. They were all safely inside the bin when I left them.

"Someone must have got into the bin and scattered them around.

"But they were all several years old and no longer of any significance."

But a resident who helped collect the papers, Hilary Knowles, said: "These documents bear the names of people applying for mortgages, with their addresses, bank details, etc. They could still be relevant!"

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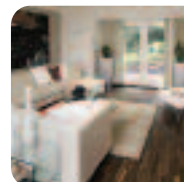
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