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Six week road closure

A BUSY Lymm road will be temporarily closed for resurfacing from July 19.

Work on Cherry Lane will cover the area from the junction at The Avenue to the junction at A50 Cliff Lane/ M6 roundabout. It will take about six weeks to complete.

The Lane will be closed to through traffic between the motorway roundabout at the southern end of Cherry Lane, and the junctions with Booths Hill Road and Elm Tree Road while the work takes place.

The alternative route during the road closure will be A50, Cliff Lane/ Knutsford Road and A56 Stockport Road/Camsley Lane/ Booths Hill Road.

Work will take place Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm in phases to minimise disruption. Pedestrian access will be available at all times during progress of the works. Access will be available for residents up to the points of closure.

Editor's Comment



FESTIVAL season has come and gone and well done to all those community minded volunteers who helped ensure Lymm May Queen and Lymm Festival were once again a resounding success.

These events, along with Dickensian Day are what help make Lymm a unique community - and long may it continue.

We are also blessed with many community groups like Lymm Roundtable, Lymm Lions, Lymm Ladies Circle and the Rotary Club of Lymm, to name but a few, who do lots of good work in the village.

With more and more cuts from

central and local government looming difficult, times are ahead for all of us, so it is more important than ever that we pull together as a community, to ensure Lymm remains a vibrant community we can all be proud of.

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TV star launches Festival event

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The former Coronation Street actress, who now stars in Waterloo Road launched the Get On Your Bike family fun event.

She is pictured admiring 5-year-old Sophie Smith's decorated bicycle along with other youngsters at the Get On Your Bike Family Fun Day and Teddy Bears Picnic at Ridgway Grundy Park.

Denise was on hand to open the event and later judged the decorated bicycles.



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Survey leads to parking ban

A WEEK-day parking ban is to be introduced at the top of Eagle Brow, Lymm, following a survey of nearby residents.

Yellow lines will be painted on both sides of the road from its junction with Church Road to its junction with Brookfield Road to solve problems caused by vehicles parking in the road.

The ban will apply Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm.

Coun Sheila Woodyatt (right) said: "We received a lot of complaints from residents so the highways department carried out a survey. We found overwhelming support for yellow lines.

"There have been some incidents caused by parked cars. One lady had to stop suddenly and another car ran into the back of her.

"Various options were considered and the parking ban seemed the most sensible solution."



Martin is new Rotary President

THE new President of the Rotary Club of Lymm is Martin Dunkley, who begins his year with a Summer Luncheon and hopes for "a successful and entertaining year".

He was presented with his chain of office by retiring President Tony Cookson.



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example, a fracture or ruptured cruciate ligament). Certain breeds are predisposed to the condition and it is exacerbated by your pet being a touch on the heavy side. You may notice that your dog is stiff after exercise or periods of rest, is reluctant to go for walks or seems to have lost his or her general zest for life. Cat owners may notice that their pets are more reluctant to jump up onto high surfaces or are struggling to climb the stairs.

The good news is that there are several medications available to manage your pet's condition, all of which are stocked at Lymm Veterinary Surgery. The medications are designed to relieve pain and inflammation and can be given daily for the rest of your pet's life so you can be sure they are pain free.

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This month we'll be concentrating on the possible causes of weight loss in the cat.

There are a multitude of factors that can contribute to weight loss in the older cat. By far the commonest is that the animal has a worm burden and they are simply not able to take in enough food to satisfy both the needs of the worms and the cat; therefore weight loss ensues.

Another common cause in the older cat is also an overactive thyroid gland. This causes the cat's metabolic rate to skyrocket and even though your puss is eating enthusiastically, they just can't put

weight on. An overactive thyroid can also be accompanied by the cat looking hyper-excitable and having a dull coat.

Diabetes can also cause weight loss, as too can kidney failure, both of which are accompanied by an increase in thirst and the need to urinate more frequently. Other conditions causing weight loss include liver failure and digestive upsets.

If you notice that your cat has any of the signs or symptoms mentioned above, pop them along to Lymm Veterinary Surgery and we'll do our best to get to the bottom of the problem and treat it appropriately.

Hay field hit by blaze

FIRE crews were called to Lymm when fire broke out in a field, off Oughtrington Lane.

Flames spread rapidly and dense smoke billowed around St Peter's Church.

Local resident Lesley Campbell - who took this picture of the outbreak - said the fire spread dramatically within a matter of 10 minutes.

Within minutes it was licking at the fence on Oughtrington Lane.

She said: "The smoke was very thick and it quickly became apparent that it would be unwise to drive through it."

At one stage Oughtrington Lane was

closed to traffic.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined - but one possibility is that it was caused by the hot sunlight. The field was full of hay, lying out to dry prior to being baled. Two fire appliances were called to the scene.



Picture: Lesley Campbell, shows smoke billowing around the graveyard at St Peter's Church.

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Family face gruelling bike challenge

A LYMM businessman and his two sons are gearing up for a gruelling bike ride from Vietnam to Cambodia in aid of charity.

John Duggan and his two sons, John junior aged 23 and Daniel aged 20, are gearing up for the challenge of a life time, cycling from Vietnam to Cambodia in aid of Claire House

Childrens' Hospice.

John and his sons, who all work for family business 4 Seasons, locally based climate control specialists, who are being backed by Latchford based

MJ Cycles, are now looking for the support of the Lymm community to help them raise funds for the hospice which cares for terminally ill children from the local area.

John said: "Claire House are also one of our customers and this is our way of saying thank you. They have opened a new wing for teenagers and urgently need funding to help with the running costs.!"

Their gruelling challenge will take them over 400 kms from Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to the ancient temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

John is no stranger to adventure, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2007

when he raised £5,000 for the hospice.

To support John and his sons and to help them support Claire House log on to www.virginmoneygiving.com/warringtonlads where you can make a secure online donation.



Village collection

A HOUSE-to-house collection in Lymm raised £5,950 for Christian Aid.

The event was organised by Lymm Churches Together and local organiser for the charity Anne Jordan thanked all those who supported the collection.

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Rotarian honoured at the double

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Neville was presented with Lymm Rotary club's top award, the Cyril Bell award, for services to the community, for his hard work supporting Lymm Youth and Community Club and his many year's supporting the Poppy Appeal.

Neville was nominated by The Royal British Legion for his work and efforts to raise awareness and support for the ailing Lymm Community and Youth Club and for his many years of support for the Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Neville was presented with the Cyril Bell trophy, a cut glass rose bowl and a cheque for £500, to his nominated charity.

On the same evening, a social event attended by Rotary Members, their wives and friends, Neville was also presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the highest accolade placed on an individual Rotarian. This award was nominated by and endorsed by the members of the Rotary Club of Lymm.

Another highlight of the evening was when President Tony Cookson, together with Neville, presented a cheque to Howard Newhall, of the Christie, Manchester, for £6000, raised at the recent Charity Concert held in the Bridgewater Hall.

Picture shows: President Tony Cookson, Howard Newhall from Christie Hospital and double award winner Neville Davies.



Shop plan refused

PLANNING chiefs have rejected an application to change the use of an office building on the A56 Church Road at Lymm to a shop.

Members of borough's planning sub-committee went against the advice of officers who had recommended the change be approved.

Three nearby residents objected and Coun Sheila Woodyatt raised concerns about inadequate parking facilities.

She said the premises were close to the junction of Church Road and Eagle Brow and a pedestrian crossing. There was only one parking on-site space, and that had an unsatisfactory access. Customers visiting the shop would park on the A56 causing a hazard.

Neighbours objected on similar grounds and pointed out there were existing problems caused by illegal parking.

After the committee threw out the proposal, Coun Woodyatt commented: "I think this was a commonsense decision."

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Students' mercy mission to Bhopal

A LYMM medical student is spending five weeks in Bhopal, in central India, working among people still suffering in the aftermath of the infamous Union Carbide chemical disaster 26-years ago.

Joe Malone, 21, is a third year medical student at Liverpool Medical School and with fellow student Lotte Hardman, 22, from Bristol, is working on behalf of the Bhopal Medical Appeal, a Brighton-based charity which almost exclusively funds the free medical care and research.

The pair are spending their time in Bhopal as an elective part of their course.

Joe, a former pupil at Lymm High School, has lived in the village all his life, until leaving to study medicine at Liverpool University.

At the moment it's the peak of summer in Bhopal and Joe and Lotte are waiting for the monsoon rains, due at any time.

They are working at the Sambhavana Clinic which provides free general medicine, Paediatrics, Gynaecology and Ayurvedic (complimentary therapy - traditional Indian medicine) and Panchakarma (five detox therapies).

Joe said: "We hope not only to contribute our medical knowledge and skill but to highlight the ongoing commitment of the Indian medical staff to the chronic conditions left in the wake of this tragedy.

"Bhopal has been suffering from the aftermath for the last 26 years. The Bhopali people not only suffer from the damage inflicted during the explosion in 1984, but also the ongoing effects of the discarded toxic chemicals as they continue to seep into a wider and wider perimeter from the dumping ground near the factory.

"The recent conviction of lower level Indian managers involved has provided the first example of justice in the Bhopal story.

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Grandad's 1,000-mile charity bike ride

A GRANDFATHER took part in a 1,000-mile charity bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End raising more than £1,600 for charity.

Chris Wakefield, 67, (pictured) a retired chemical engineer, of Lymm, raised the money for the Marine Conservation charity.

He completed the ride with 600 other cyclists as part of the Ride Across Britain challenge, riding about 120 miles a day. Chris said: "In 1957 my sister Caroline died from polio caught through swimming in sewage polluted seawater. As a result, my parents

founded a charity that lobbied successfully for UK implementation of the European Bathing Water Directive. "They also started what has now become the Good Beach Guide."

His parents merged their charity with the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), which lobbies for clean seawater and the protection of marine life.

Chris said: "Last year, the MCS

featured on Panorama during which the BBC repeated a 1957 interview with my parents. This was a moving experience for me and encouraged me to do something in their memory by raising money for a cause to which they devoted a large part of their lives.

"The programme highlighted the problems that still exist and attitudes that have not changed."

After completing his ride Chris said: "It was a tough challenge riding from John O'Groats to Land's End in 9 days this June. Six hundred of us set out but not everybody reached the end. The sea at Lands End looked perfect and this reminded me again of the importance of keeping it that way and of my chosen charity the Marine Conservation Society." Anyone who would like to donate should visit www.justgiving.com/chris-wakefield.



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Dad's fund-raising thank you

A LYMM man took part in a year of endurance challenges helping raise £9,000 for Warrington Hospital Children's Ward as a thank you for the care his children received when just a few weeks old.

Michael White, 35, of Lymm, and his business colleague David Coleiro, 37, from Hale, pushed their bodies to the limit when they took part in 12 challenges over 12 months, which became known as the 12for12

adventure.

Challenges involved endurance, running, hiking and adventures throughout the country. Their challenges included the three peaks challenge, the West Highland Way

(a 96-mile hike in Scotland) and white water rafting in Wales. They also completed a 95-mile bike ride and ended the year with a six-hour football marathon.

Michael said: "Anyone who has experienced having a sick child in hospital will know that it is a harrowing time. I have gone through this with both my children. My son Ben had a medical condition when he was first born that meant he had recurrent Urinary Tract Infections.

"I will never forget having to hold him in my hands bent double, when he was five weeks old, as a doctor performed a lumbar puncture to rule out meningitis."

His daughter was six weeks old when she was admitted with what was believed to be a viral infection.

He said: "I remember her lying in the cot with a fluid drip in her arm and leads from all sorts of devices attached to her. She looked so small and so helpless and for days she was so ill she was completely unresponsive to anything around her."

He took part in the challenges as a thank you to staff and to help parents of young children who were going through similar experiences.


Children's matron Jane Scott said: "This is an amazing feat by David and Michael and we are very grateful for considering the Children's Ward when setting out on this adventure. Kind donations like this allow us to purchase equipment, toys and other items to benefit the children on our ward that budgets do not cover."



At the hospital are (left to right) Kath Coleman (play specialist), Andrea Davies (staff nurse), Michael White, David Coleiro, and Jane Scott (children's matron) with front Donna Rhodes (ward assistant).

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Lymm Food Fest sizzling success!

THE annual Lymm 'Food Fest' proved to be a great success attracting thousands of visitors to the village centre to help kick start the local 10 day festival.

Town Crier Peter Powell helped launch the event in glorious sunshine with 12-year-old Bethan Catchpole (below left) helping him keep his cool sharing her ice cream.

The event helped local restaurants and food outlets showcase their dishes in the village centre.



Town Crier with Bethan Catchpole



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Lads enjoying their meal



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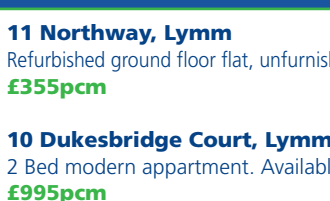


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For our main courses we chose Chicken New Yorker, with chips and vegetables and Seared Tuna Steak, with roast potatoes and vegetables. Both came in generous portions and were tasty and attractively presented.

Other dishes we noted on the menu - or chalk board - included an eight ounce sirloin steak, a giant mixed grill, slow braised lamb steak and a "curry of the day." But there were many more, including "light bites" for people wanting something less formidable and, of course, a range of John Willie's famous pies

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New afternoon tea service

VISITORS to Lymm on a Sunday afternoon have a new venue to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a cake.

Lymm Youth and Community Centre opens every Sunday from 2pm to 4.30pm for teas, which are proving popular with both locals and visitors.

Centre secretary Neville Davies said: "Right next to the beautiful Bridgewater Canal, the centre is the only tea room open on a Sunday and visitors stop from all over the country to enjoy a drink and some tasty home-made cakes."

"Every weekend, visitors leave positive comments in our visitor book, often saying how the teas are 'much needed after a nice Sunday stroll,' complimenting the volunteers for their 'friendly and welcoming service' and praising the centre."

The teas are providing fundraising opportunities for Lymm Youth and Community Association. Other charities and groups such as PTAs, Scouts and Guides can staff the stall to raise money for their organisations.

Mr Davies said: "The association asks for a small donation towards the running costs of the centre and the group can keep the profits raised on the day."

Tennis club achieves Clubmark award

MANOR Road Tennis Club, Lymm has received the Tennis Clubmark Accredited Award.

Barbara Bloor president of the Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association, centre, presents the award to left, club chairman Peter Sumner and right, Pete Radcliffe chairman of the club's new courts project.



Toddlers' enjoy teddy bear's picnic

CHILDREN from Statham Little Foxes Pre-School took part in a sponsored 'toddle waddle' and teddy bear's picnic.

Due to wet weather the youngsters enjoyed a picnic in pre-school before walking along the Trans Pennine trail to the Rangers' Hut in Statham, instead of picnicking in the garden of Leckonby Cottage as initially planned.

At the end of the walk all the children were presented with a medal, certificate and teddy bear biscuit created especially for the event by Sexton's Bakery who also sponsored each child who took part.

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Players wanted

A LYMM girls' football team is looking for new players as it changes from seven to 11-a-side.

Lymm Rovers Lions girls' team current U12 squad won the recent Northwich Victoria five-a-side competition.

Alan Williams, of the Lymm club, said: "They are changing from seven-a-side football to 11-a-side for the coming season but are really struggling to find additional players."

Year seven girls of any standard are invited to take part in training.

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Picture after the Northwich tournament are Tim Roach (coach), Eileen Bass (manager), Chris Roach (coach), Hannah Stevenson, Julia Kaut, Elizabeth Roach, Cerys Anderson, Lauren Williams, Ellie Anderson and Kirsty Bass.



Obituaries

Eva Bartlett

THE funeral has taken place of Eva Bartlett, nee Downs, aged 89, of Chaise Meadow, Heatley Mere, Lymm, who died in Warrington Hospital on May 18.

Mrs Bartlett was the widow of the late John Bartlett and had lived in Lymm for the last three and-a-half years after moving from Stockport, where she was born. She had made many new friends in Lymm, at the luncheon and housebound clubs.

She leaves a daughter and granddaughter.

The funeral was at Dunham Massey and Father Michael Burgess officiated. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm.



Josephine Ford

THE funeral has taken place of Josephine Ford, aged 65, OF Shuldhm Close High Legh.

Mrs Ford, nee Smith, worked as a cook at High Legh Primary School and later at High Legh Garden Centre. She was a member of High Legh Women's Institute.

She is survived by two daughters, Julie and Jaclyn, and one granddaughter, Evie.

The funeral service was at St John's Church, High Legh and afterwards at Altrincham Crematorium. Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons, of Lymm.



Recycling plant can expand

A CONTROVERSIAL plan to expand a waste recycling centre on Green Belt land has been given the go-ahead.

More than 20 residents, two councils and three individual councillors lodged strong objections to the scheme at ADS Recycling, in Camsley Lane, Lymm - but after visiting the site, members of the borough council's planning sub-committee gave approval

The scheme involves building two industrial steel frame buildings - one for use as a waste reception area and the other to provide a second waste picking station.

Planning officers had recommended approval because the development will increase the recycling of materials and so reduce the need for landfill. But strong opposition came from Lymm Parish Council, Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council, 25 residents and borough councillors Ian Marks, Sheila Woodyatt and Elaine Welborn.

Councillors were told the site was originally used for processing animal carcasses but since 1992 had been used for recycling inert waste. It already

had permission for use as a haulage depot and in 2001 permission was granted for installation of a waste picking conveyor. Objectors claimed the expansion would be inappropriate in the Green Belt, would cause noise, smells, dust, vermin and loss of rural outlook.

Planning officers said many of the objections related to the existing site and the proposals would actually improve the situation. There would be no increase in the amount of material processed and no increase in traffic movement.

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Members turned up expecting a fun evening, but their speaker on A Funny Life was unable to attend.

Disappointment was dispelled when Sue Fielding turned up with her stories of ghosts.

Members were very quiet during her talk which also covered ghostly tales of castles, secret tunnels and hidden burial places - with photographs and newspaper cuttings to prove her tales. Members said they were pleased it was still light when they left the meeting.

To tie in with the original theme of the meeting the competition was for a joke and the winner was Margaret Armstrong. Gladys Taylor won the raffle prize.

The secretary was away but her place was taken by Lisa Bates, who dealt with the business with Liz Wellbelove. Future events were discussed.

Plants from the president's table were given to members - with one going to Zena Morgan for doing the press reports.

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