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I must say I have been impressed with the line up of events for this year's annual Lymm Festival - and hats off to all those volunteers who have been involved in organising the event.

Together with the annual May Queen Festival and Dickensian Day, it certainly helps make Lymm village the unique community we all know it is.

Hopefully the level of effort in organising these events will be matched by support from members of the public.

Many of the "warm up" events have been a sell out success and hopefully we will see the sold out signs going up at the forthcoming events.

There appears to be something for everyone - and you can find out more details from this month's edition of Lymm Life or by checking out the festival website - book your

tickets now!

It is vital that the festival becomes self financing as the pots of funding which have been available in the past will undoubtedly be getting smaller and smaller.

Classic

One major new attraction to the Festival this year is the Historic Transport show which looks set to be a fantastic occasion, when we can hopefully see hundreds of classic vehicles arriving in the village.

Hats off to organiser Alan Williams who has certainly shown plenty of passion and enthusiasm for driving this project forward.

I doubt he could have worked any harder on this project if it had been a full time salaried job - let alone a willing volunteer!

I realise there is a big team of volunteers working hard behind the scenes and Alan will not thank me for publicly naming him alone - but when someone goes beyond the call of duty to support a community event - I believe they should be publicly thanked!

Meanwhile I would also like to say a big thank you to those organisers for supporting our own publication - without the support of local businesses and community groups we would not be able to deliver a FREE monthly publication every month - dedicated to Lymm.

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A local British Legion branch which was founded more than 90 years ago could be forced to close if it does not find some new volunteer helpers soon.

Lymm & District Rotal British Legion, which was founded by the father of club President Raymond Massey, had a membership of more than 1,000 in the past.

But with falling numbers and a committee of advanced years, coupled with health issues, the future of the branch is now in serious doubt.

A previous appeal for help at the last AGM failed to bring forward any new volunteers.

Secretary Tony Bone said: "Despite the situation being made abundantly clear, pleas for assistance have not materialised.

"If people want the charitable and admirable work to continue we need some help now."

During recent years the branch has raised record amounts for the Poppy Appeal, increasing year on year.

"Owing to advancing years, coupled with health issues with the current members of the committee, the work engine, it is not possible to continue as we are," added Tony.

Anyone with some spare time who can help is urged to call Chairman Len Woodward on 01925 754180 or Secretary Tony Bone on 01925 753924.

If the branch was to close it would not affect the Rotal British Legion club, which is now called The Boat Stage, based in the village centre near the Bridgewater Canal.



Members of Lymm & District Royal British Legion at Lymm Cross. From Left, Richard Heskeith, Len Woodward chairman and Len Jones.

Kids help hatch chicks

AFTER learning about hens and eggs children at Kids Planet, Lymm hatched four eggs.

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June 11
LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
 Lymm Parish Hall 7.30pm

LYMM LIONS CLUB
 Meet: Bridgewater Club, Lymm
 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. 8pm
 Contact: 0845 833 5729

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
 Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
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 Details: 01925 755126

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM
 Every Wednesday at Statham Lodge Hotel
 7.15pm for 7.30pm
 Contact the secretary 01925 650189

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 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.
 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

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 Eagle Brow Methodist Church
 3rd Thursday in the month
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LYMM SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB
 St Mary's Church Hall
 Second and fourth Fridays (Sept - May)
 7.30pm. Details: 753853

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 12 noon to 1.15pm. £2.50

GARDENING CLUB
 Meet Third Wednesday of the month
 Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
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 Lymm Village Hall
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LYMM PARISH COUNCIL
 Tuesday, June 11
 Lymm Parish Hall
 7.30pm



Roll up , Roll up .. Join In !

TWO of Lymm Festival's favourite participation events – The Scarecrows & The Big Picture - are back.. both with new themes.

This year's scarecrow trail will feature The Circus "The possibilities are endless" suggests event organiser Alison Aldridge "clowns, ring masters, high wire acts, sword swallows, lion tamers, jugglers an infinite choice to suit all tastes.. We would love to see local businesses participating too and adding an extra dimension to Foodfest. So don't delay – entry forms are available online at www.lymmfestival.org.uk or at The Coffee House on Eagle Brow, Harrisons & Rushgreen Services.

The last date for entries is Friday, June 14 and all Scarecrows should be on show for June 19.

The Big Picture picks up on the Transport theme with a portrayal of Ford Madox Brown's "Opening of the Bridgewater Canal AD 1761" which is part of a mural in Manchester Town Hall. Contact Jackie Marshall via art1@lymmfestival.org.uk if you would like to paint a panel.

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Joe had been looking after the trees since their delivery late last year and along with Warrington Borough Council Ranger Tim Baker, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Geoff Hawley, Youth Club leaders Alex Wright and Su Williams, he brought the trees to the park for 20 members of the club to plant in an area which will be maintained by Tim.

Rotary seek nominations for top award

LYMM Rotary Club is seeking nominations for its annual Cyril Bell Award in memory of their former club president who died during his term of office.

The award, the highest honour to be bestowed by Lymm Rotary Club, is made in recognition of outstanding service by an individual to the community of Lymm or Thelwall, either as an individual or member of a deserving group.

The award is made annually but only if a suitable nomination can be found and previous winners are ineligible.

Nominations must be received by June 1. The "Cyril Bell Memorial Award" trophy is to be held for one year and then returned to Lymm Rotary Club. A personal certificate will be presented to the successful nominee, together with a cheque for £500 made out in favour of their chosen charity.

The awards will be made at the Rotary Club's Ladies' Evening on Wednesday, June 19. Nominations forms are available from John Beard at egerton2491@btinternet.com or by calling 758398.





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The aim of the recipe swap is to get people thinking about where they can buy fresh, local and seasonal food, reducing reliance on fossil fuels for transport and travel as well as saving money.

They are planning to create a collection of recipes from local people using produce grown or bought locally. It's not a competition but a way of sharing loved local recipes.

They are now looking for local residents to share their favourite local recipes both sweet and savoury. When sharing they would like to know

* What you call it, supplying a list of ingredients (weights in lbs/oz or grammes) and the method

* Why it's special...you can tell them who you are, why you love it, the last time you cooked it or it was cooked for you and if you have any special memories attached to it

* Where you can buy the ingredients locally and if there are any variations you make depending on the season

Bring it to an event at, either:

* Lymm Food Festival on Thursday, June 20 - look out for their post box

* Produce Show at Oughtrington Community Centre on Sunday, September 8 2-4pm - Peg it on the

recipe line

* Email it to orchard@oughtrington.co.uk

The orchard can be found behind the Rectory next to Oughtrington Community Centre and can be seen from the canal bank just along from Dog Bridge. The

orchard has successfully gained a grant from Local Food to fund the purchase of an apple press and to support their annual produce show. The press is available to hire and more details about this year's show will be available on their website soon, look out for it on www.oughtrington.co.uk/orchard



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Community association's "vision" for the future

LYMM Youth and Community Association want to employ a paid, professional manager to help the group extend its role as an integral part of village life.

The proposal, which could cost around £30,000-a-year, is highlighted in a vision for the future of the youth and community centre, in Bridgewater Street, presented to Lymm Parish Council by association chairman Steve Griffiths.

Employing a manager would be the first step in a three stage process to develop provision, organise and support volunteers who would help deliver community services and re-development the premises.

Next step would be to engage local architects to carry out a feasibility study and suggest three possible designs for the centre, give presentations to the borough and parish councils and organise a public consultation to ensure the proposals had the support of the community.

Mr Griffiths told the parish council the centre - built as a youth centre in the 1960s - was generally in sound construction but was dated. It had not kept pace with either its broader brief as a youth and community centre nor younger people's expectations.

The exterior appearance was not well-liked and contributed little to the character of the village.

But despite the handicap of a "tired building" it hosted many activities of benefit to the community, from senior socials to community markets, film club and junior youth club.

As a result of the Community Asset Transfer approved by the borough council last year there was a "golden and exciting opportunity" to extend the centre's role as an integral part of village life, in partnership with the borough and parish councils.

"The centre would like to become the natural home and facilitator for a wide range of essential community facilities, particularly those for the old, young, disabled and disadvantaged," Mr Griffiths said.

"It would further like to become a hub for additional appropriate activities for relevant interests across the whole of South Warrington and even beyond."

It was hoped to extend around and above the existing building to provide a more attractive face to the village, make more use of the canal frontage and provide more storage and user space.

Facilities could include public toilets, out-of-school alternatives to exclusion, NHS clinics, police drop-in, library services, etc.

The association was conscious the ambitious proposals would take

a number of years but was keen to start the ball rolling in a modest way with a paid manager to oversee the maintenance, improvement and development of its services to the community. They would like to invite the parish council to be a partner in the development and include a sum in its budget planning which could be committed at a later stage to specific items which they felt would offer good value to the village.

Parish councillors confirmed they were fully committed to give moral support to the association but stressed they would need full details of any financial support requested before they could consider a specific amount.

Taster day

LYMM Golf Club had a very successful "Ladies' Taster Day" when more than 20 women and junior girls entered a putting competition followed by an introduction to the golf swing from Club Professional, Steve McCarthy.

When they tried for themselves on the practice ground they found it wasn't quite as easy as it looked causing much hilarity which was enjoyed by all.

Club Captain, Dan Heaphy, presented prizes for the putting competition

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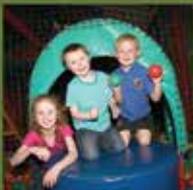
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LymmFest goes on Safari

LymmFest goes indoors this year with simultaneous live music in four venues around the village on the evening of Saturday June 22.

Event organiser Dave Sawyer explained "With a huge outdoor event – Historic Transport Day – scheduled for the next day, we decided it was would just be too much to go for another open-air session the day before.

"The more we started to think about the multi-venue approach the more we liked it".

LymmFest goers will be able to buy an open ticket for the whole evening and either stay in one place or move around from venue to venue to catch a variety of acts.

The four venues – The Spredaeagle, The Venue, The Bridgewater Club and The Narrowboat at The Golden Fleece will each have a theme.

As an example the Narrowboat is gearing up for a night of Jazz, Americana and Western Swing while other venues will feature, folk, singer songwriters plus some talented young local bands.

"It is a great opportunity to hear your favourite music but also sample something new by moving from venue to venue," added Dave.

Tickets for this and all the other events including poet/ comedian John Hegley as well as Mark Radcliffe (pictured) and Foes are on sale now on-line at www.lymmfestival.org.uk or via the order form in the Lymm Festival programme – out mid-May.

There is also a special advance ticket deal for the Historic Transport Day (available only on the order form or via Box office) with a family ticket available for just £10 including a FREE souvenir programme.



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All set for Lymm May Queen!

ANYTHING goes at this year's annual Lymm May Queen Festival on Saturday June 8, with organisers choosing an open theme for floats.

May Queen elect is Eve Shaw aged, 11 from Ravenbank Primary School while Rose Queen elect is Ellie Caple, aged 10, a pupil at Statham Community Primary School.

Both girls have taken part in the May Queen retinue for over six years and are delighted to have been selected as this year's Queens!

The parade starts at 1.30pm

from Eagle Brow, followed by the crowning on the May Queen Field.

This year there is no theme to the procession and local community groups are urged to enter floats.

Organisers are urging local businesses and individuals to get involved and help support the event.

For more details or to get involved call 01925 755827.



another one behind you!

ONE of the listed attractions at this year's Historic Transport Day on June 23 is the Vintage Bus Park and Ride (included free in the event ticket price).

So when a local Transport Museum pulled out unexpectedly due to resourcing issues it was back to the drawing board for event organiser Alan Williams.

"I got no luck on the internet but a chance trip to the Sandbach Transport Festival turned up trumps". The event is now set to welcome a fifty year old single decker provided by the Potteries Omnibus Preservation Society who were exhibiting in Sandbach. The group could not have been more helpful and as part of the package we get not only a driver but a conductor too – though he will have no fares to collect".

"The bus will be similar to those that operated through Lymm in the early sixties."

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Lymm 10k success

MORE than 700 runners took part in the second annual Lymm.com 10k race - almost double the number from last year's inaugural run.

The runners had to compete against strong head winds as they ran through some of the countryside around Lymm village.

Starting and finishing in Lymm High School on Oughtrington Lane, the event also included fun run for children earlier in the day, helping raise funds for Children in Need.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Lymm Concert Band.

Winner of the main event was Ben Fish from Blackburn Harriers in a time of 32:21 with second place going to Tarus Elly in a time of 32:35.

Third place went to Ryan Holroyd from Staffs Moorlands AC in 33:23.

First female to cross the line was Kirsty Longley from Liverpool Pembroke Sefton Running Club in a time of 39:40.

The first to cross the line from Lymm Runners were Jonathan Smith in 40:13 and Madoc Batters in 40:22 who finished 16th and 17th respectively.



Youngsters in the fun run



Members of Lymm Runners

Unbeaten youngsters make it a hat-trick of Cheshire cups!

LYMM RFC's under 11s completed a hat-trick of county titles after beating Sandbach RFC 14-0 in the Cheshire County Cup Finals held at Winnington Park RFC.

The under 11s side has now stretched their astonishing unbeaten Cheshire Cup record to three years by winning the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Cheshire Cups.

Lymm's impressive youngsters have now gone unbeaten in the competition since April 2011, winning 18 consecutive games scoring a total of 75 tries and even more impressively not conceding any.

Their record is equally impressive at a match-by-match level where they have defeated many of the North West's best junior sides by playing some excellent rugby well above their years.

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Posh Party returns followed by stand-up comedy night

LYMM Rugby Club is once again hosting a huge summer marquee ball entitled 'The Posh Party on the Pitch', in a large marquee erected in its grounds.

An exotic black tie summer ball will take place on Saturday, June 15 with a drinks reception from 7.30pm.

There will be a three course dinner, a return of the excellent live band, Soul Jam with DJ, and a charity casino.

"Following our hugely successful marquee events in previous years, this will be the rugby club's third marquee summer ball and we are

planning for it to be the best yet," said organiser John Cartwright. 'I promise everyone a great night!'

Tickets are £50 per head and table bookings of 8, 10 or 12 can be made by contacting Colette Cartwright on 07789 265447 or ctcartwright@talktalk.net.

Smaller number bookings will also be welcomed and catered for.

This will be followed by a Stand Up Comedy night on Friday

June 21 as part of the Lymm Festival, when the rugby club will be hosting a line up of top circuit stand-up comedians.

Also performing will be some familiar faces from the cast of the world famous Lymm Panto.

Tickets are priced £12 and available from behind the bar at the

rugby club or by visiting the festival website at www.lymmfestival.org.uk.

Doors open at 7.30pm until midnight with a late bar.

Proceeds from both events will go the Lymm Grass Roots Sports Appeal, a charity to help create a sporting social hub for the wider community.

Cherry Lane parking

A NEW traffic order is to be introduced to prevent long-stay parking outside the Co-op store in Cherry Lane, Lymm.

This follows a survey by highways chiefs following complaints from residents about parking and traffic difficulties in Cherry Lane.

Council seeks new parish clerk

LYMM Parish Council is on the lookout for a new parish clerk.

Incoming parish council chairman Cllr Ian Marks said, "Sadly our current Clerk Geraldine Reynolds has had to resign for health reasons so we are now looking for a replacement."

The Clerk, which will be a part time position, is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the Council's business and for keeping financial records and preparing accounts. The post-holder is also responsible for managing four part-time employees.

For more information please contact the present Clerk, Geraldine Reynolds, on 01925 756434 or at clerk@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk

Lymm brothers capped by England

LYMM brothers James and Alex Mitchell have both earned international recognition with England in their respective age groups this year.

James, a fly half and scrum half, was part of the England squad that won the U18 European Championship, defeating France 27-22, while Alex appeared for the Under 16s against Italy and Wales.

Both are products of the mini, junior and colts section of Lymm RFC and Lymm High School.

Andy Leach, head of the Lymm mini, junior and colts section, said:

"Ben and Tom are not the only brothers to play for England this season. The talent coming through Lymm at all grass roots levels is staggering.

"James and Alex are both gifted players and work exceptionally hard. Having both played at Lymm RFC since they were six years old, we are naturally tremendously proud of them and I am confident they can go all the way."

England international and current Saracens winger David Strettle is the most high-profile product of the Lymm system.



Rotary success at Parr Hall Concert

THE Rotary Club of Lymm organised a well attended and very enjoyable Evening of Popular Music and Dance at the Parr Hall raising an estimated £3,000 for St Rocco's Hospice.

The entertainers were introduced by Malcolm Kindon, a well known Community Fundraiser for St. Rocco's Hospice in Warrington.

The top acts were International Violin Virtuoso Craig Owen and Band and soprano Louise Allen-Taylor, who both delighted the audience with their performances and the finale of "Last Night at the Proms" numbers - especially Craig's version of Sailors Hornpipe.

They were well supported by Young Musicians and dancers from local schools, The Lymm High School Brass Band and The Lymm High School String Ensemble. In addition the Little Stars Dance Troupe, including some very young talent thrilled the audience with their singing and dancing and the Little Bollington School African drums raised the roof with their drumming.

Two debut performances were 11 year old singer Francesca Yates-Davies and 15 year old Guitarist Emma Ballmann-Brown, both are certain future stars.

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Testimonial for Lymm Life

Rachel Flanagan, Lymm

Throughout the 11 years I have lived in Lymm, I have been an avid reader of Lymm Life each month.

New to the Lymm area, I initially read it to familiarise myself with the area, its people, events and places to visit. Importantly, I also used it to source suppliers, for example pubs and restaurants, a plasterer and a handyman, mainly because I didn't know many people in Lymm and hence anyone who could make recommendations to me.

In my view, Lymm Life has just the right balance of news stories, interesting articles and advertisements.

Nowadays, in our house Lymm Life is read from cover to cover by the whole family, as soon as it lands on our doormat. It is well read not only in my house but also

in those of many friends I have in the village.

In the time I have lived in Lymm, a number of other, similar publications have appeared. These are either insufficiently focused on Lymm, or full of advertisements with no interesting stories, or so big that I don't have the time to read them, and I'm never quite sure when these publications will appear as some seem to be published monthly, others less often.

As a Lymm resident I would definitely recommend local businesses advertise in Lymm Life to reach a very wide audience and potential customers.

Adcotts win special award

LYMM based optometrist, Adcotts has won a Silver fundraising award from eye care charity Optometry Giving Sight. The award is in recognition of donating second hand glasses to Vision Aid Overseas during a World Sight Day Challenge.

With the support of their patients, Debbie Adcott travelled out to Africa to help some of those in the world who are blind or vision impaired simply because they do not have access to an eye exam or glasses.

Debbie said "The World Sight Day Challenge is a great way to help support the millions of people who don't have access to the basic eye care that we can take for granted. As an eye care practice, we think it is incredibly important to support a cause which is very close to our hearts."

She was inspired by stories like that of Loid Semente who is one of the students training to become an optometrist with the Mozambique Eyecare Project, supported by Optometry Giving Sight. Loid will be one of the first optometrists in her country. She is passionate about optometry because of the significant impact it can have for the people of Mozambique.

"Sight is empowering. For some, access to eye care is the first step towards getting an education, or providing for your family," she said.

Obituaries

Margery Davies

THE funeral has taken place of Margery Eileen Davies, nee Swift, aged 87, of Dingle Bank Close, Lymm.

She died in Warrington Hospital on April 4.

The funeral service was held at Lymm Baptist Church and was attended by many people who had known her over many years.

A lover of "sums", Mrs Davies enjoyed painting and was devoted to her five grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Helen Hickin, of Lymm and son, Philip Davies, of Kesgrave, Suffolk.

Funeral arrangements were by John Burrows and Sons of Lymm

Enid Rowbottom

THE funeral has taken place of Enid Rowbottom, nee Nutton, aged 78, of Parkwood Close, Lymm who died on April 6.

Mrs Rowbottom passed away peacefully at home after battling cancer for some time.

She was a local resident and a member of the WI, Church Women's Fellowship and other local groups and a parishioner of St Mary's Church.

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Their romance began at the Leigh Technical College where Joe, who came from Lowton and was studying electrical engineering and Zena, nee Broadhurst, was studying Pitman's shorthand and typing. They set up home in Culcheth where they raised their son and daughter.

A card from HM The Queen sending best wishes for their anniversary was the 'extra special' surprise for the day.



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Lymm Parish Council is looking for a part-time Clerk. The Clerk is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the Council's business and for keeping financial records and preparing accounts. The post-holder is also responsible for managing four part-time employees.

The position requires a high degree of numeracy and literacy skills and the successful applicant would be expected to work towards obtaining a formal Clerk's qualification. He or she must be prepared to work some evenings when meetings are being held and to be flexible and committed to the Council.

Excellent organisational skills and the ability to work on your own are required. The successful applicant must have the ability to communicate effectively with the public both orally and in writing and have good IT skills.

For more information please contact the present Clerk, Geraldine Reynolds on 01925 756434 or at clerk@lymm.parishcouncil.gov.uk

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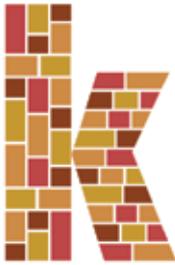
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Scarecrow Trail will have circus theme

THE colourful "Scarecrow Trail" which has become a popular feature of the Lymm Festival will be up-and-running between June 20-30.

This year, organisers have decided the scarecrows should have a circus theme - which gives plenty of scope of imaginative entries.

Clowns, ringmasters, sword-swallowers, lion tamers, jugglers - the list of possibilities for residents is almost endless.

Closing date for entries in June 14 and entry forms are available on line from www.lymmfestival.org or from the Coffee House on Eagle Brow, Harrison's or Rushgreen Services. Scarecrows should be on show for June 19.

It is hoped shops and other businesses in the village will enter the competition themselves, as scarecrows in windows will make an interesting attraction - particularly for the Food Fest on June 20.

All scarecrows will be inspected and photographed on June 19/20 and the trail guide will be available from the box office at Lymm Village Hall from June 24.

Prizes for the two most popular scarecrows will be presented at the Art in the Garden event on June 30.

Last year's scarecrow trail proved one of the best ever, with scarecrows depicting "O-Lymm-pic" sports personalities.

Despite the wet weather, large numbers of people toured the trail and voted for their favourite entries. This year, organisers are hoping the turnout will be even better.

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Sarah aims for hockey glory

LYMM'S hockey international Sarah Impey is aiming to be in the England side which competes in the home countries' tournament in Dublin in June.

Last year Sarah was a member of the England over 45s team that won the competition.

In the Cheshire League division one, her club side Timperley have just become champions - and Sarah was top goal scorer.

She will be sponsored in this year's internationals by Eddie O'Neill, of Electrical and Data Solutions of Timperley, who also sponsored her last year.

PTA branch out with a new event

DESPITE poor weather conditions, Lymm High School PTA staged their first Prom and Pamper Night, which helped raise over £500.

Aimed at the Year 11 and 13 students who had still to choose their gowns for the end of year 'Prom Nights' and organised to raise funds for new sewing machines, the event saw some of the Textile students modelling dresses supplied by 'Jessobel' and 'Puure' for friends and family, as well as some of the garments they had designed and made for their GCSE course work.

Behind the scenes, the event was supported by local businesses: hair by 'Red' and 'Sands', make-up and nails by 'Harmony', flowers by Smith's Nursery and photographs by John Donnelly. After the fashion show there was ample opportunity to sample some beauty treatments and to purchase beauty products and unique items of jewellery.

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