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VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of any community and over the years we have been blessed with many volunteer led organisations here in Lymm.

In recent years it has been harder to find volunteers to help run events and with this in mind Lymm Parish Council has organised their second volunteering event.

The event will give local residents a chance to visit and meet their local organisations and provide an opportunity to get involved volunteering your time.

It will also give the volunteer led organisations a great opportunity to showcase what they do.

With stalls from many of Lymm's local organisations including Lymm Festival, Lymm Dickensian, Lymm May Queen Festival, Lymm Heritage Centre, Sanctuary Hub and Lymm's new Repair Café... there really is something for everyone.

Taking place on September 28

from 10am - 2pm at Lymm Village Hall, Pepper Street, WA13 0JB, I would urge anyone with some spare time on their hands to pop along and see if there is anything you can help out with. Refreshments will be available.

For a stall at the event or for further information, please contact the Parish Support Officer or Assistant Clerk on 07555 252 387, 07775 320 568 or email parishsupport@lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk

Remember we are blessed with many great events in our village and it is important we keep them going and many hands make light work. Volunteering can also be a very rewarding experience, helping out in your local community.



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History in the making as Karina performs the Lymm Morris Dance

HISTORY was in the making when 'local lass' Karina Middlehurst performed with Lymm Morris at the recent Rushbearing Festival in the village.

It was the first time a woman had danced the Lymm Dance with the traditionally all male morris side where she was joined by another lady, Ann Bolshaw on accordion.

As a 'local lass' for 18 years now, and a Morris dancer with two other sides (including another local mixed 'border' side, Bollin Morris) she had for some years wanted to dance the local Lymm Dance. Unfortunately, it was danced by an all-male side.

However, recently, many traditional all-male Morris sides have been voting at their AGMs and changing to become mixed sides. While Lymm Morris and Thelwall Morris are officially different sides, Thelwall Morris did this last year.

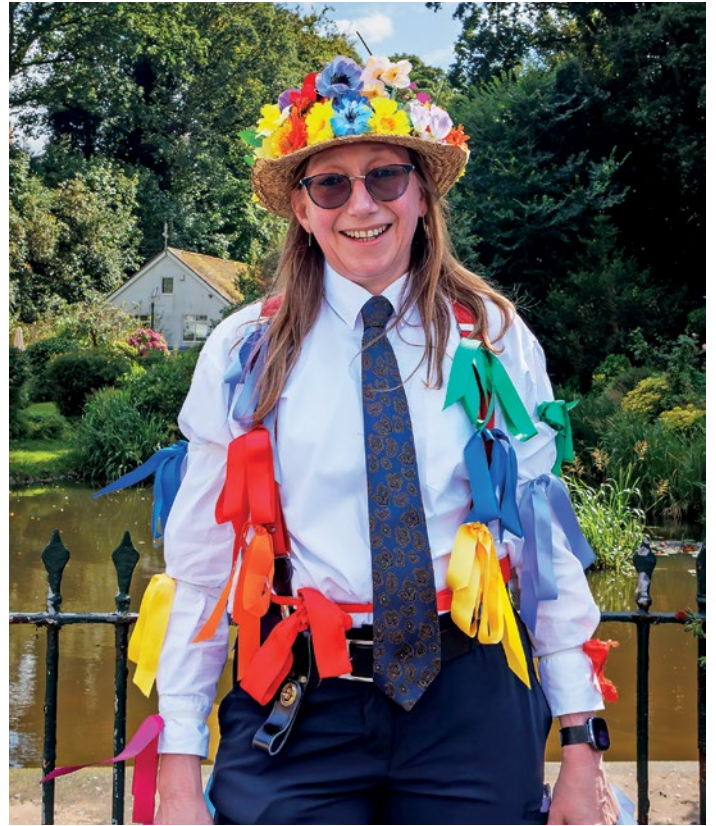
Karina said: "For the past couple of years Lymm Morris has been appealing for new dancers and musicians to keep the tradition alive, so now seemed the right time to ask. There was no hesitation, and

I was welcomed to the practice the week before Rushbearing to learn the dance! I was not the only lady at the practice, so Rushbearing was also Ann's first performance as a musician for Lymm. Ann also dances for the local mixed 'Cotswold' side Earl of Stamford Morris.

"I was a bit nervous, not having had much practice before the dance out, but all went well. I may occasionally have been on the wrong foot, but mostly in the right place, so hopefully the audience never noticed! It's a shame it is only danced three times a year. I can't wait until Dickensian to dance it out again. All Morris dancing is great fun – and great exercise too – I recommend anyone to give it a try!

The Lymm Dance has been heavily researched and was revived by Thelwall Morris in 1980.

More details can be found at lymm-morris.org.uk



Fruit festival success

THE annual Fruit Festival at Primrose Hill Nurseries once again proved to be a huge success, attracting large crowds over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The free entry events which ran over three days, provided fun for all

the family and included food stalls, specialist talks, a BBQ, Pizza, Indian Food Stall, Live Music, Fair rides, Children's entertainment, Fruit Tree guides, Stalls and much more.

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What's On in conjunction with Lymm Parish Council



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Next meeting Tuesday October 8th, 7:30pm
Lymm Parish Hall
Check www.lymmparishcouncil.gov.uk for details.

LYMM THURSDAY EVENING BRIDGE CLUB
Lymm Village Hall every Thursday 7pm
Details: 07708 172015

MAPLE LODGE ART GROUP
Meet each Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30pm
Oughtrington Community Centre, Lymm
Details: 01925 755926

ROTARY CLUB OF LYMM
Meets at Warburtons Parish Rooms on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 8pm
Contact 01925 919053

LOVING HEARTS & HANDS
Knitting for charity at Lymm Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. 1.30pm - 3pm. Details: 01925 753298

LUNCH AT THE BROW
Eagle Brow Methodist Church
2nd Friday in the month
Light lunches 12 noon till 1.30pm.
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GARDENING CLUB
Meet Third Wednesday of the month
Lymm Baptist Church, Higher Lane. 7.30pm
Visitors welcome. £2 includes tea and cake

LYMM FLORAL ART GROUP
Lymm Village Hall
Third Monday of the month (except August and December) at 7.30pm. Visitors most welcome. Contact: 07876 176501
lymmfloralart.org.uk

LYMM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (ex Aug), 7.30pm
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LYMM WINE AND BEER CIRCLE
3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm
The Spread Eagle Hotel
Details: 01925 756444

LYMM CONCERT BAND
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United Reformed Church, 8pm.
Details: 01925 752934

LYMM WI
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A small, friendly social club for retired people. Meets on second and fourth Tuesdays at 2:15pm.
Details: www.LymmProbus.club

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Club secretary 01925 759995

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Visitors welcome. Details: 01925 752014

LYMM & THELWALL U3A
Speaker meeting 3rd Thursday of the month (excluding August & December) at Thelwall Parish Hall 10.00am. Prospective members welcome.
www.u3asites.org.uk/lymm-thelwall/home
Contact: enquiries@lymmthelwallu3a.org.uk



LYMM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday October 8th, 7:30pm
See parish council website for details.

Permits plan to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by parking

AN experimental parking permits-only scheme has been introduced on two roads at Lymm to tackle anti-social behaviour caused by long-stay commuter and car-sharing activities.

A long-standing issue has existed at Old Cherry Lane and Cherry Corner, Lymm for many years resulting in the anti-social behaviour and instances relating to criminality and a mixture of long-stay commuter/car-sharing activities.

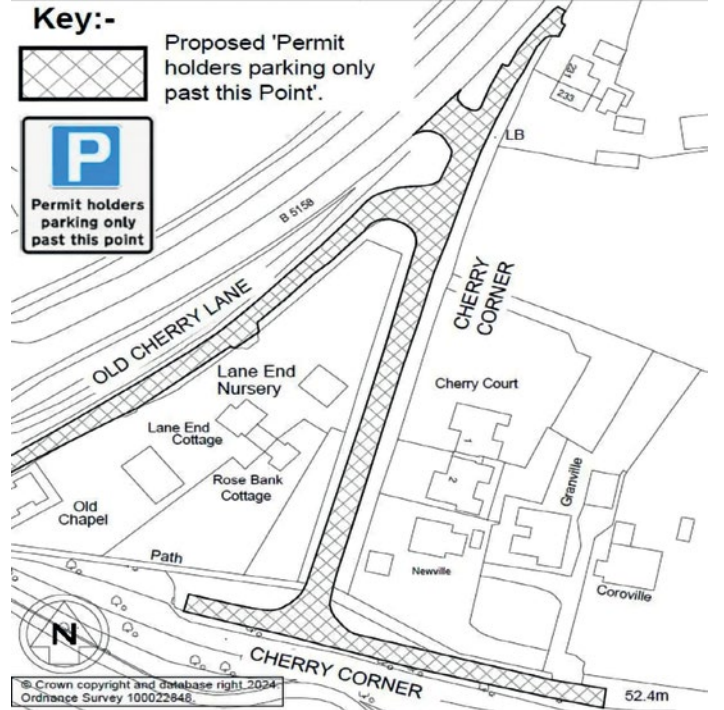
This has resulted in accessibility issues for residents and a local business. The Order became effective from 5th September 2024 and will remain in force for a period not exceeding 18 months.

Warrington Borough Council will be considering in due course, within the Experimental Order period, whether the provisions of the Experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Deposited documents may be viewed online at www.warrington.gov.uk/permanent-traffic-regulation

orders or Contact Warrington, 1 Time Square, Warrington, WA1 2NT between 9 am & 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

All representations both in support or objecting to the proposals must be in writing either by post or delivered by hand to Legal Services, East Annexe, Town Hall, Sankey Street, Warrington, WA1 1UH or emailed to TRorepresentations@warrington.gov.uk and be received within 6 months of the Experimental Order coming into force. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Please note that all representations received may be considered in public by the Council and that the substance of any representation together with the name and address of the person making it could become available for public inspection.





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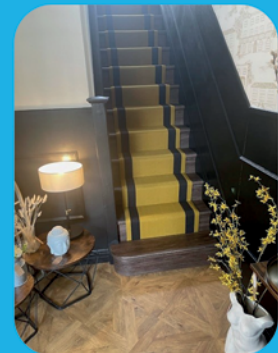
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Local care home goes back in time with Marks & Spencer

Cheshire Grange Care Home in Lymm journeyed back in time as they rediscovered fashion from earlier decades, thanks to a memory box from Marks & Spencer's Archive.

The Memory Boxes contain original clothing and accessories dating from the 1940s to the 1970s to be used as memory and conversation prompts.

The residents enjoyed reminiscing about the clothing, remembering having worn similar, whilst the Activities Team had great fun modelling some of the items.

Dawn Holsgrove-Smith General Manager of Cheshire Grange Care Home said "We do our best to provide a wide range of activities and entertainment at Cheshire Grange as part of the lifestyle enrichment programme for residents, and this one was particularly enjoyable, listening to the ladies tales of starched collars and pantie girdles made me really appreciate 21st century fashion!!"

Joan Ashworth a resident at the home reminisced about having made her own clothing, Joan said "It was wonderful seeing fashions that I wore when I was younger, and most of them wouldn't look out of place today."



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Work underway on Lymm Poppy Appeal

WORK is well underway on organising the annual Lymm Poppy Appeal, with last year's activities helping raise over £22,000.

As well as Poppy Appeal Boxes around the village the big red poppies will soon start appearing on lamp posts around the village.

One of the organisers Linda Monks said: "The time is fast approaching when the boxes of poppies will be back in our shops, hotels, bars, restaurants, churches, schools and supermarkets. Our big red poppies will be back on the lamp posts, too."

"Remembrance time is a very special time of year. It's a time when we unite across faiths, cultures and background to remember those who have served and are serving their country in the armed forces and those who sadly never returned home to their families and friends. We pray for a peaceful world, but there are still so many conflicts raging around the world."

"In 2024, we're asking you once again to wear your Poppy with pride. The Poppy remains the symbol of Remembrance. All those years ago

in Flanders field the red poppies grew, a reminder of the horrors that had gone before but also a symbol of Remembrance, Respect and Hope for the future.

"People always ask where the money raised by the Poppy Appeal goes to. Last year in Lymm and High Legh you, our community, raised just over £22,000 which was amazing. That generosity was replicated throughout the country and enabled the Royal British Legion to do so very much for wounded service personnel, veterans and their families."

Linda added: "Last year the RBL's welfare teams supported 40,000 cases in a variety of ways. 25% of grants went towards providing essentials such as food and clothing to ensure our Armed Forces community never had to go hungry or cold. The Admiral Nurses assisted over 1,200 new families living with dementia. 12% of grants went into improving independence through

mobility equipment and adaptations which helped to support disabled veterans and family members to live their lives to the fullest. The RBL Care Homes provided support for more than 800 people last year either as residents or attending for day care.

"In addition, the RBL supported the work of several rehabilitation centres as well as The Battle Back Centre where £3000 could provide a veteran with the support they need to regain their independence via a multi-activity recovery course. Those funds raised by the Poppy Appeal also enabled our brave men and women to train and take part in the

Invictus Games. The range of support that the Poppy Appeal finances is great and far reaching, but it costs. Last year the number of cases supported by the welfare team saw an increase of 43%.

So, please, when you see our Poppy Boxes around the community and our wonderful volunteers in the two Sainsbury's and up at the Truck Stop, do give generously. To sponsor a lamp post poppy in remembrance of a loved one or those who serve and have served so bravely please contact: linda.lymmpoppies@gmail.com

Wildflowers are blooming in Lymm

FOR the third year running, wildflowers are blooming in Lymm thanks to an initiative by Lymm Parish Council.

And this year the council has expanded the scheme from Ridgway Grundy Park to other parts of the village including Rushgreen Road and Higher Lane, winning widespread praise from local residents.

The flowers provide a blaze of colour for villagers to admire and a haven for bees and numerous other insects.

As previously, the flowers have been planted by Warrington Borough Council, but the idea came from the parish council who also footed the bill.

This year the display in the park runs the full length of the football pitch. But this year it has been moved further from the playing area to leave more space for spectators – mainly parents watching local youngsters playing against visiting teams.

But, perhaps surprisingly, the display suffered very little damage from footballers or spectators in previous years so perhaps in future years it may prove possible to plant on both sides of the path which runs through the park, creating a colourful avenue for residents to walk through.

The additional planted areas in other parts of the village have been welcomed by people who do not use the park.





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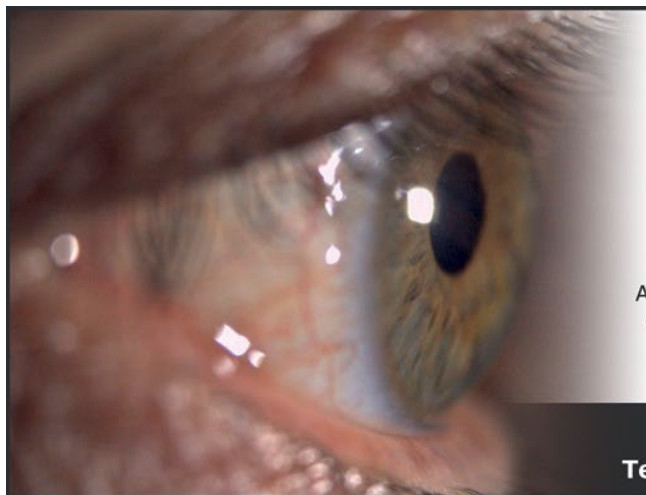
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Your pet questions answered

By Dr Rachel Dean,
Burford Lane Vets

How can I keep my pet safe during Halloween festivities?

Halloween can be a fun time for the whole family, but it can also present certain risks for pets. To keep your pet safe, consider these tips.

Chocolate and other sweets can be toxic to pets. Make sure all Halloween treats are stored securely and well out of reach of curious noses. If you suspect your pet has ingested something harmful, contact us immediately.

If you plan to dress your pet in a costume, ensure it fits well and doesn't restrict movement, breathing or vision. Some pets may find costumes stressful, so if your pet seems uncomfortable, it's best to skip the costume altogether.

With the doorbell ringing and strangers in costumes, Halloween can be overwhelming for pets. Create a safe, quiet space for your pet to retreat to if they become anxious. If your pet suffers severely with anxiety, please contact us to discuss how we can help manage this.

What should I consider when walking my dog in the dark?

As the days get shorter in October, many pet owners find themselves walking their dogs in the dark.

Equip your dog with a reflective collar, lead or harness. You can also use LED collars or attach small lights to your dog's gear to make them more visible to motorists and other pedestrians.

Stick to familiar routes that are well lit to avoid any hazards that may be difficult to see in the dark, such as uneven pavements or debris.

October is a time when many wild animals, like deer, are more active, especially at dawn and dusk. Keep your dog on a lead to prevent them from chasing wildlife and getting lost or injured.



How can I help my pet transition as temperatures drop?

As the weather cools, it's important to help your pet adjust to the changing temperatures.

Make sure your pet has a warm, comfortable place to sleep, especially if they usually sleep on the floor. Consider adding extra blankets or investing in a pet bed that retains heat.

If your pet's bed is near a door or window, check for draughts and consider moving their bed to a warmer, more insulated area of the house.

If you have outdoor pets like rabbits or guinea pigs, ensure their housing is well-insulated and protected from the wind and rain. Consider bringing them inside on particularly cold nights.

Are there any specific health concerns for pets in October?

October brings some specific health concerns that pet owners should be aware of:

Just like humans, pets can suffer from seasonal allergies. If you notice your pet scratching more than usual or experiencing watery eyes or a runny nose, it might be due to autumn allergens like mould or pollen.

Cooler weather can exacerbate joint pain, particularly in older pets or those with arthritis. If your pet seems stiff or has difficulty moving, speak to us about possible supplements or medications to ease their discomfort.

While ticks are often associated with the summer months, they can remain active well into autumn. Continue using tick prevention products and check your pet regularly, especially after walks in wooded or grassy areas.

"Prison block" retirement homes plan rejected against officer advice



CONTROVERSIAL plans for "prison block" retirement homes on a former Green Belt site at Lymm have been rejected against officer advice.

Members of Warrington Borough Council's Development Control committee voted to reject the application by McCarthy and Stone for the retirement homes development on land at Watercress Farm.

The scheme was the third the company have put forward for land at Watercress Farm, off Thirlmere Drive, Lymm. It proposed 36 one and two bedroom apartments in a part-three, part-two storey building.

Previous proposals were for 45 retirement apartments and were opposed by nearly 60 residents and by Lymm Parish Council.

Amended proposals were for 42 homes and the latest scheme was for 36.

Parking for 26 cars was proposed, along with a terrace to provide an outdoor sitting area and interior communal facilities.

Local Cllr Chris East spoke out against the application saying the building was too large and overbearing and out of keeping with the environment, made worse

by the land levels.

The flat roof and large expanses of blank wall were not acceptable and it looked more like a prison block!

Views from the Bridgewater Canal would also be spoilt and design did not fit well with the historic cottages in Fletchers Lane.

Concerns were also raised about flooding and land drainage issues.

There was also too much dependency on the car for access to the site.

While there was no option but to accept that something will be built on this site the Parish Council and residents were not happy with the current proposal and urged members of the committee to turn it down and send it back for further consideration.

Planning officers pointed out that the scheme is part of a larger development of 136 homes and a health centre which already have planning consent and the site is no longer in the Green Belt.

Charity seeks support so children can visit Santa's Grotto for free

LOCAL charity Warrington Disability Partnership is seeking support from the business community so 500 children can visit Santa's Grotto for free this Christmas.

Warrington Disability Partnership is looking for 20 businesses or individuals to donate £250 to give 500 disadvantaged children the opportunity to visit their amazing Santa's Grotto at the indoor riding school at Walton Hall and Gardens this November.

Each child will experience the Winter wonderland trail, meet Mrs Clause, receive a present from Santa and take part in the reindeer trail.

Dave Thompson, founder and CEO of the charity said: "We have

already had a great response to our appeal and just need another dozen or so to sign up and we can help make Christmas extra special for 500 disadvantaged children.

"In return your business or yourself will be promoted on banners and flyers, and you will be invited to a pre-opening event at Santa's Grotto.

"We have evidence that the cost of living crisis is widening the poverty gap and children are most affected.

"Here is a chance to make a real difference this Christmas."

Any business or individual who would like to contribute should contact DaveThompson@disabilitypartnership.org.uk

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Best ever A Levels results again for Lymm High School

LYMM High School has experienced its best ever A levels results day – again!

A Levels result days provide a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work of students and staff, over the previous 2 years and none more so than this year.

Year 13 students sitting their exams at Lymm High School this year have done extremely well and have in fact surpassed the record set by last year's cohort, to take the mantle of the school's best ever Post-16 results.

Mrs Hayley Jennings, Head of Sixth Form, said: "I am absolutely delighted. This cohort has been an exceptional group of students, not just in terms of their exam results, but as well-rounded and delightful individuals. It has been a privilege to see how they have progressed over the last 2 years and the fantastic individual results they have achieved. I really am so proud of them."

Once again nearly all Lymm High Sixth Form students have already secured places at their preferred universities. This includes very high numbers heading off to the most prestigious institutions, including Oxbridge, and onto the most competitive courses, such as medicine.

Mr Gwyn Williams, Headteacher, said: "I'm extremely proud of all of our Year 13 students and the fantastic results they have

achieved. Having faced disruption to a significant proportion of their school years due to the pandemic it is remarkable that they have gone on to achieve Lymm High School's best ever Post-16 results. It is a fantastic testament to their hard work, determination and resilience.

"These results underline the strength of our Sixth Form, which is built on an extremely committed, supportive and hard working Sixth Form team of teachers and support staff. I am delighted for the students and would also like to thank all the staff as well as parents and carers for the support they give to our fantastic students."

There are so many individual students who have performed brilliantly (including some who have had to overcome some very significant personal challenges) and it's impossible to acknowledge every single success here. Traditionally though, the school always mention the highest attaining students and so congratulations especially go to the following students who achieved A* in all of their A' Levels: Thea Benson (4 A*), Robin Holden (4 A*), Ben Hutchison (4 A*), Lucy Quayle (4 A*), Erin Allsup (3 A*), Tom Bettridge (3 A*), Tin Chu (3 A*), Ben Gomm (3 A*), Anna Shaw (3 A*), Remi Tavernier (3

A*).

And the following students achieved at least three A*/A grades: Thomas Anderson, Asya Bagan, Tom Davies, Hannah Davies, Matthew Johnson, Eve Kayll, James Knowles, Dylan McNicholas, Barnaby Nicholson, Charlotte Storey, Lucy Williams, Nell Wynne-Roberts, Ella Yates.

Special mention also to Belle Caqueret who got a Distinction in Health & Social Care as well

as A*A in her A' Levels, Maddie Walsh who got D*D in Fashion and an A at A' level, Leon Woodward-Palmer and Callum Doubleday who Achieved D*DD in the BTEC Sport Extended Diploma, and Ruby Stephens who achieved D*D* in Fashion & Textiles.

Well done again to everybody and, from everyone at Lymm High School, the warmest of best wishes to all Year 13 students taking those exciting next steps.



Robin Holden



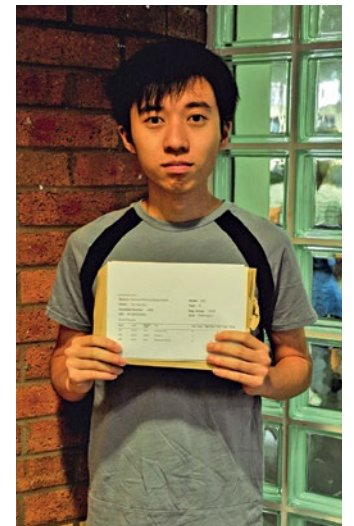
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Exam success continues at Lymm High School with "best ever" GCSE results

AFTER their best ever set of A' Level results was the turn of Year 11 Lymm High School students to shine.... and they certainly haven't disappointed with the school's "best ever" GCSE results!

A delighted headteacher Gwyn Williams said: "We've grown quite accustomed to exam success at Lymm High School over the past few years and, whilst we knew this was a great year group and were expecting excellent results, there is always a bit of you worrying that this might be the year when things slip a little!

"In the event, these GCSE results are also the best the school has ever had – and in a year where the national picture seems to be that results have dropped slightly. After the phenomenal A' Level results, I could not be prouder of our students and the dedicated staff who have supported them on their journey.

"What is even more important than these results is that they are wonderful young people. We've had the pleasure of working with them since Year 7, and watching their well-deserved celebrations this morning as they opened their envelopes has been a truly magical experience."

"The headline GCSE results are exceptionally strong again. For example, 88% of students met the benchmark of grades of 9-4 in both English and Maths, with 71% securing grades 9-5 in both subjects and 34% getting grades 9-7 in both. Across all subjects, 45% of grades were at 9-7. Remarkably, over 70% of our students achieved at least one grade 7 (i.e., equivalent to the old A grade).

"While official progress data, which considers students' starting points, won't be available from the government for a couple of months, it looks to be even better than last year, and we fully expect Lymm High School to once again rank among the very top state schools in the North West.

"Of course, the statistics only tell a tiny bit of the story. Behind the numbers lie a huge amount of hard work on the part of the young people concerned, combined with masses of support from families, teachers and other professionals. Success is almost always a team effort, and we pay tribute to



Sophia Cheung

everyone who has worked so hard over the last few years.

"This year, the very top performers with ten grade 9s were Sophia Cheung and Adam Hunt – an incredible performance given how difficult it is to get a 9, and how little margin for error there is in any one subject. Really well done, Sophia and Adam!"

The following students also performed exceptionally well and secured at least nine GCSE grade 8 or 9s: Abigail Allsup, James Bolton, Niamh Corley-Lewis, William Greenwood, Akshith Gulapally, Bryony Holden, Annie Kirsten, Evie Madgin, Daniel McCormack, George Mitchell, Anna Mukherjee, Lottie Nicholson, Max Ottiwell, James Owen, Evie Preston, Lucas Schulz-Utermoehl, Erin Shaw, Alice Williams.

Very close behind with at least eight GCSE grade 8 or 9s were: Amber Ali-Snippe, James Booth, Josh Cooke, Rachel Cooke, Kiera Denwood, Elizabeth Dobson, Jasmine Egerton, Harry Evans, Ava Rose Exley, Holly Franklin, Lexie Garner, Ben McFerran, Joe Short, Benjy Walton, Tom Welsby, Eifion Williams, Ewan Wynne-Roberts.

Mr Williams added: "Well done again to all these students; and congratulations to all students who received the results they deserved and worked so hard to achieve. A heartfelt thank you to everyone – families, teachers and staff – who supported them along the way. Your efforts have truly made a difference."



George Mitchell



Alfie Thompson



Divorce Column

By Peter Wilkinson
Divorce Lawyer at Chambers Fletcher Solicitors

Understanding Spousal Maintenance

Spousal maintenance is a form of financial provision made by one spouse or former spouse to the other as part of divorce. It is separate from and therefore can be in addition to child maintenance / support. It is typically paid every month and may be payable for a set length of time or for 'joint lives', ie, until one party dies.

Most divorcing couples prefer to have a clean break and so without any future financial commitments to the other, and the court is obliged to consider a clean break in every case, but sometimes the particular circumstances of a case are such that either a clean break is not suitable or just not achievable.

There are a number of reported cases which have shaped the principles governing spousal maintenance but unlike child support there is no fixed formula to follow. Instead, the court has a wide discretion and will consider a number of factors such as income and earning capacity, financial needs and obligations, standard of living, ages and length of marriage. As part of the assessment both parties must prepare present and future budgets setting out their reasonable monthly income needs.

Spousal maintenance can be ordered in various forms, including: (1) as an interim payment payable pending a final financial order being made; (2) on a term basis and so for a set period until a specified date or event; (3) on a joint lives basis and so until one party dies. But if the recipient remarries then the maintenance will automatically end and there are many other changes in circumstances which could give rise to the need to review and perhaps vary the order – which could be either upwards or downwards.

Spousal maintenance is a complex area of family law and as always there is no proper substitute for taking advice specific to your particular case as every family's circumstances are different.

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Lymm Manor Road Walking Tennis ups the pace!

Walking Tennis at Lymm Manor Road Tennis Club is going from strength to strength as it continues to attract increasing numbers.

If you love tennis this is a fantastic way to stay active but offers a gentler pace of play that is both fun and inclusive, and involves an hour of playing, followed by refreshments.

Walking Tennis is open to everyone and takes place on Thursdays between 1pm and 3pm, in the beautiful surroundings of Lymm Manor Road Tennis Club, in the Walled Garden at Lymm Rugby Club.

A friendly tournament of three

Walking Tennis Clubs, including Manor Road, has also been organised on 16 September at Birchwood Tennis Club. Couples from that will progress to a county festival of Walking Tennis in Shrewsbury in October, organised by the Cheshire County Lawn Tennis Association.

For further details of trying out Walking Tennis, please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ManorRoadTennisClub/News>



Amateurs Lymm Rugby Club start second season in National League

LYMM Rugby Club has kicked off its second season in National 2 North.

"This is a great honour for the town as we are now one of the top 80 Clubs in England," said Lymm Rugby Club spokesperson Peter Cornelia. "Some achievement for an amateur club, who don't pay their players, arguably one of very few clubs at Level 4 who can claim this."

"Our success in remaining in National 2 North has attracted a number of aspiring players from local clubs to join us. They are buying into our amateur ethos and culture and the challenge of

playing rugby at the highest level. 70% of our Senior squad still come through our Mini/Junior and Colts Academy.

"Our 2nd XV also play at the highest level in the Premiership Division of the Halbro North West Intermediate Leagues. A strong 2nd XV is needed to support our National League aspirations and they are totally integrated as part of a 1st/2nd XV squad. There is a positive attitude amongst our Senior squad with 45+ training every Tuesday and Thursday since training recommenced in early June. Our U17 Junior and U18 Senior Colts, will both play in the

top leagues of the Halbro Colts League and they also train with the Senior squad."

Peter added: "Our Senior Coach, Andy Davies, has set a target to finish in the top half of the National 2 North league. Under our DoR, Adam Fletcher, our coaches are developing our fitness, individual positional abilities and game structure to meet the challenges of the new season. James Yates remains as Club Captain, with Nathan Beesley as Vice Captain.

"We have had 3 excellent pre-season warm up games, taking 30+ players on each occasion to give game time to 1st and 2nd

team players and some Senior Colts. Away to Level 5 club Anselmians, we won by 10 tries to 2. The following week we travelled down for a stopover at Weston-Super-Mare defeating Level 5 club Chew Valley, 28-0 and Level 4 club, Hornets, 19-0. We had a final away game at Stockport, mainly our 2s and younger players, plus 7 of last season's regular 1st XV squad, losing by 4 tries to 1.

"Three of our first 4 league games are away, our first home game is on September 21st against Fylde, KO 2.30pm."

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Obituary

Susan Roberts

The funeral has taken place of Susan Roberts of Barsbank Lane, Lymm.

Sue as she was known, passed away at Cheshire Grange Care Home on August 25, aged 80.

Sue lived in Lymm since 1976, she loved music, poetry and art.

A social worker for many years, she tried to make life better for everyone.

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