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#### **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Welcome to the 2021 Lymm May Queen, after a year that has been challenging for all of us, we are going ahead with Lymm May Queen in September!

We hope that our festival will give a lift and cheer to the Village. Our theme this year is as from last year, 'sport through the ages', as it is still the Olympic Year. It is a privilege once more to be a chair of the May Queen as it is such a significant and historic event central to the heart of Lymm.

The committee has decided that this year the field will be free to enter so as to make the event as safe as possible. Please, if you can, donate to our Go Fund me on Facebook or by donating on the day so that we can hold the event next year.

This year we are hoping to build upon previous years successes. This year there will be even more stalls for all to enjoy, with plenty of food and drink stalls to cater for all tastes whilst the rides will yet again cater for all the family. There will be a variety of events in the arena. So, come along with the family for a fun time and help us continue such a wonderful tradition of this beautiful village.

This year we have had yet again new members join who are making a significant contribution to the team and are helping to continue to give the event a focused way forward. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who are making this event happen. The programme cover is a result of a competition held with the local primaries and the winner and the 3 runner's up entries can be seen in the programme. We will be having a display of all the entries on the field.

If you would like to volunteer please contact me as the Chair by email: kjbuckley@hotmail.co.uk

Hope to see you there on September 25th 2021.

Kath Buckley Chair Lymm May Queen



**2nd Place - Juan King** Oughtrington Primary School



**3rd Place -** Lois Pieton Statham Primary School.



4th Place - Nell Watt Cherry Tree Primary School.

## LYMM'S MOMENT IN THE WORLD'S SPORTING SPOTLIGHT

When Roger Allen purchased the Lymm Hotel in the 1950s he set about making it into a truly top class establishment. At the time the hotel itself had only ten rooms but in time Roger purchased the house opposite as well as Number 11, Leckonby so that he could offer extra accommodation. He was a keen sports fan too, a member of the MCC, and it was probably through this connection that he began to attract touring cricket teams – including Richie Benaud's Australians. Football teams stayed too. Bobby Charlton liked it so much he bought a house round the corner in Brookfield Road. George Best was another visitor, as well as Bill Shankly and the Liverpool team.

But it was in 1966 that the hotel attracted its most famous visitors when team doctor, Hilton Gosling, selected it as the base for the Brazil team for the World Cup, including the likes of Pele and Garrincha.

The village was agog with excitement. Players wandered freely between the main hotel and the hotel's neighbouring houses. Pele himself was allocated a room at Leckonby and was often out on the street.

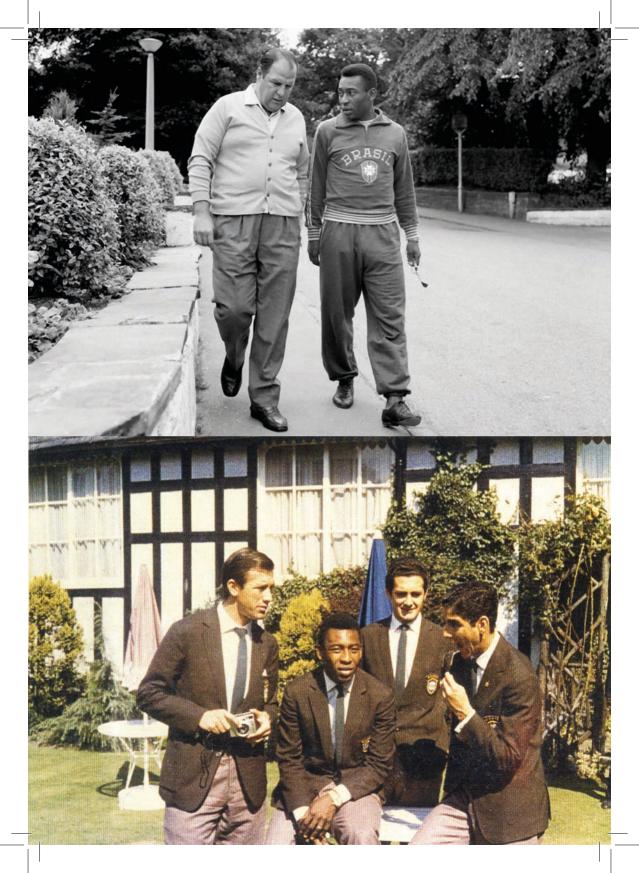
If reports are anything to go by the team was swamped by schoolboys seeking autographs and souvenirs. Ian Estall recalls lending his bike to one of the players to go for a ride round the neighbourhood while others tell stories of having a kickabout with Pele on what had been the bowling green behind the hotel.

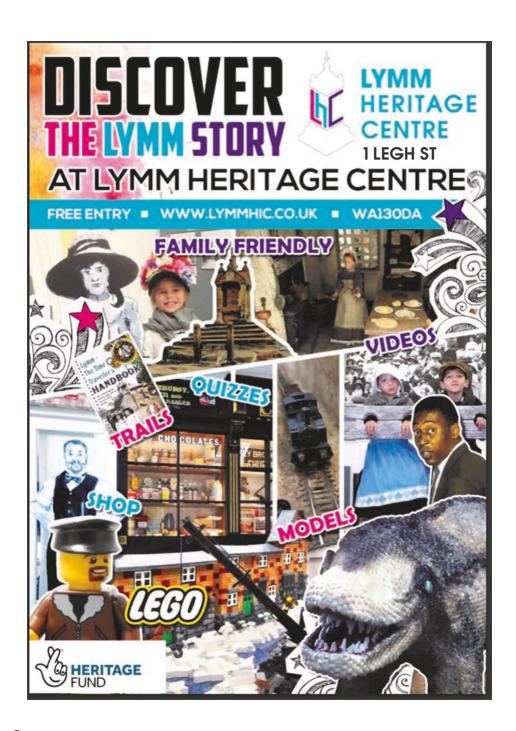
In the end it was a very disappointing World Cup for the Brazilians. Pele was cynically fouled repeatedly and the team were unexpectedly bundled out of the competition in the group stages. They left, dejected, after eleven days but had at least made many new friends in Lymm. They were replaced briefly by the Russian team with the famous Lev Yashin as goalkeeper before the village settled down to watch the never to be forgotten final... "They think it's all over. It is now".

Sadly it is "all over" for the hotel too now as it was unceremoniously demolished in November 2019 in spite of fierce local opposition.

The 50th anniversary of the Brazil visit was remembered in 2016 with a special event at the hotel organised by Lymm Heritage Centre and there is an exhibit at the Centre today that marks the visit. There's a book of photos planned in the near future too. www.lymmhic.co.uk.

Alan Williams, Lymm Heritage Centre. Photos courtesy of Neil Perkins.







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#### LYMM RFC - HISTORY NOTES

#### By Peter Cornelia

During the early part of 1959 a group of young men used to congregate around the fire of the Snug in the Spread Eagle Hotel. The beer in the Spread at that time did nothing to inspire the lads and one evening, when it was particularly bad, the conversation once again turned to how the matter could be rectified.

Shortly afterwards, four of the men attended the Bowdon RUFC 7-a-side tournament. As the day progressed they were amazed to find that the bar remained open, because Sports clubs could legally sell beer to their members. As the winter nights of '59 started to draw in the plans to raise a team began to formulate. An advert was placed in the Warrington Guardian requesting anyone interested in forming a rugby club to attend a meeting at the Spread Eagle on the 27th November 1959.

The response was excellent and an inaugural meeting was held at the same venue on the 14th January 1960. Twenty one people attended and at a following meeting, a committee was formed.

The first training session was arranged at Lymm Park. The playing side progressed well and the first ever fixture was played on March 5th 1960 against Warrington YMCA 'A' XV and resulted in a 19-14 victory. As with all the games that season it was played away and that was the only victory the club recorded, the other six games all resulting in defeat

Probably the most important event in the Club's history was getting the lease on the current clubhouse at Beechwood on Crouchley Lane. Martin Hampson managed to persuade Henry Thomason to give the club a one year lease for £100.00 plus rates. A few years later the Club bought Beechwood from Henry. A lot of work was needed to convert the old coach house into a habitable club but the enthusiastic members completed the work in six months without bringing in outside labour.

Rugby with a strong social ambience was the culture of the first decade of the Club's existence. The weekend dances were always sold out; two or three reviews a year were put on by the members. It was nonstop fun.

Registered with the RFU in 1960, we are still a relatively young club in rugby terms. Fast forward 60 years and we are now the leading sport and social venue in the village. Over 1200 members; RFU Level 5 Senior Rugby; a thriving Mini & Junior section; annual Christmas Pantos and Summer Vaudeville shows sell out every year. And now we have a superb AGP (Artificial Grass Pitch) which is available for hire to all local sports clubs. We've not done too badly for a club from the leafy village of Lymm. Why not come and have a look?

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## **LYMM MAY QUEEN 2021**



#### **CHARLOTTE BOOKER**

Charlotte is 11 years old and attends Statham Primary School. She will be starting Lymm High School in September. She is a member of the 5th Lymm Brownies. Her interests include gymnastics, dance and drama. Charlotte has been involved in The May Queen retinue for the past 5 years

lady in waiting - Faye Griffiths Crown Bearer - TBC Train Bearer is - TBC

Crowning the May Queen: Sue Williams

May Queen Retinue: Amiee Pickles, Ellie Woljenhome, Aniyah Lamb, Poppy Wetherill, Jessica Edwards, Ella Morris, Ella Garney,

## LYMM ROSE QUEEN



#### **LEAH POOLE**

Leah Rose Poole, soon to turn 10 years old is currently at Statham Primary School. Leah is very energetic she loves to participate in everything. She goes to Warrington Athletics, Lymm Horse Riding School and Lymm Rovers FC, although that isn't enough and she is always asking to join more clubs. Leah gets fully involved in everything she does, she's kind to everybody and always makes people laugh.

Lady in waiting - Lily Rafferty Crown Bearer - TBC Train Bearer is - TBC

Crowning the Rose Queen: Paula Yoxhall

Rose Queen Retinue: Iseabal Morrison, Emma Oakes, Olivia Brown, Francesca Aston, Delilah Self, Isabelle Woods, Emile Taylor, Emily Harland

## **Procession**

- Town Crier
- 5th Lymm Brownies
- Lymm Adivas
- Steam engine
- Lymm Morris men
- Lymm Cursing club
- ♦ Warrington Brass Band
- Cheshire Drums an Bugles
- Keate House
- Highlegh primary school
- Kids Planet
- Lymm Golf Club
- Samba Munro
- A Class Dance
- Lymm Radio
- Guide dogs for the blind
   Subject to change\*

## **RETIRING MAYQUEEN 2019**



#### **ISOBEL BOUCHER**

**RETIRING MAYQUEEN 2019** 

I was the Mayqueen and enjoyed it a lot, mainly because I got to wear an amazing dress and a beautiful crown. It was also fun when I did the Lymm festivals. I am very sad that I wont be able to do this duty again but it was fun.

#### **OLIVIA BROWN**

#### **RETIRING ROSEOUEEN 2019**

I have had a busy year with both my volunteer work with rescue animals and modelling. I am looking forward to doing more travelling with my family in the coming months but I will be sure to come and support the new Rose Queen for 2021. It has been such a fun year attending the many events in Lymm as the Rose Queen. I got to ride in lots of fancy cars and wear a big sparkly dress with my royal crown. All of my friends waved and wanted to take pictures with me.



## Lymm May Queens 2021 - 1984

May Queen	Year	Rose Queen
Charlotte Booker	2021	Leah Poole
Cancelled due to Covid-19	2020	Cancelled due to Covid-1
Isobel Boucher	2019	Olivia Brown
Jasmine Clews	2018	Neve Cole
Lauren Cooke	2017	Aimee Pickles
Eva Cope	2016	Eleanor Lawton
Rebecca Chapman	2015	Elizabeth Nelson
Esme Stevens	2014	Zoe Thompson
Eve Shaw	2013	Ellie Caple
Abbey Widdowson	2012	Jessica Hill
Vicky Hewitt	2011	Jessica Baille
Thea Field	2010	Rebecca Lahye
Natasha Royle	2009	Jamie Cox
Hayley Billington	2008	Antonia Willis
Lauran Kerfoot	2007	Emma Timmins
Laura Fitzgibbon	2006	Laura Ocego
Holly Jones	2005	Jaqueline Cooper
Katie Robinson	2004	Katie Hulme
Amy Glover	2003	Charisma Mitra
Sarah Eadon	2002	Louissa Bannister
Daniella Clarke	2001	Tara Livesey
Jessica Carville	2000	Rebecca Wright
Jessica Doyle	1999	Victoria Jackson
Jennifer Carter	1998	Anna Carole
Sally Wood	1997	Melanie Bannister
Deborah Segar	1996	Sophie Hannam
Rebecca Chellaswamy	1995	Tracy Gilbert
Vicky Segar	1994	Bethany Wilson
Carole Powell	1993	Laura Bloomfield
Michelle Linley	1992	Katherine Macintyre
Sarah Tomlinson	1991	Samantha Thomason
Rebecca Jepson	1990	Jane Thomason
Julie Foster	1989	Carole Powell
Tracy Claire James	1988	Deborah Dillon
Julie Thornton	1987	Rachel Jepson
Sarah Jane Willis	1986	Karel Moston
Susan Petherbridge	1985	Susanne Gray
Jill Welsh	1984	Katrina Jane Griffiths



## Lymm May Queens 1983 - 1949

May Queen	Year	Rose Queen
Alison Pownall	1983	Alison Picton
Diane Kerfoot	1982	Lisa Daniels
Elizabeth Green	1981	Farah Brinksman
Andrea White	1980	Wendy Potter
Jennifer Priestner	1979	SarahJane Harris
Tracy Willis	1978	Margaret Bramhall
Tina Alan	1977	Elizabeth Parry
Janet Shaw	1976	Janet Potter
Susan Woodward	1975	Shirley Davies
Elysia Waldron	1974	Joan Wadsworth
Anne Pearson	1973	Annette Jackson
Karen Bradbury	1972	Fiona Waldron
Janet Llewellyn	1971	Margaret Gaskell
<b>Dorothy Arnold</b>	1970	Anne Cunnington
Susan Yoxall	1969	Geraldine Connelly
Karen Pownall	1968	Sheila Ann Blakeman
Teresa Cowsill	1967	Elizabeth Gough
Jacqueline Cartledge	1966	Diane Leigh
Margaret Stoll	1965	Denise Ainsworth
Ann Griffiths	1964	Barbara Holt
Pauline Whitfield	1963	Christine Leigh
Christina Talbot	1962	Margaret Smith
Jennifer Barnes	1961	Marjorie Riley
Franciszka Matulko	1960	Valerie Brand
Nora Burnip	1959	Margaret Anne Buckley
Josephine Smith	1958	Gillian Riley
Hazel Jones	1957	Sylvia Brookfield
Marie Barker	1956	Pauline Jackson
Joan Riley	1955	Hilda Burrill
Hilary Edwards	1954	Cheryl Poulter
Beryl Wright	1953	Christine Rotherman
Edna Badger	1952	Gillian Poncia
Rita Clare	1951	Valerie Bate
Sylvia Gardner	1950	Margaret Hankey
Gwendoline Priestner	1949	June Burrows













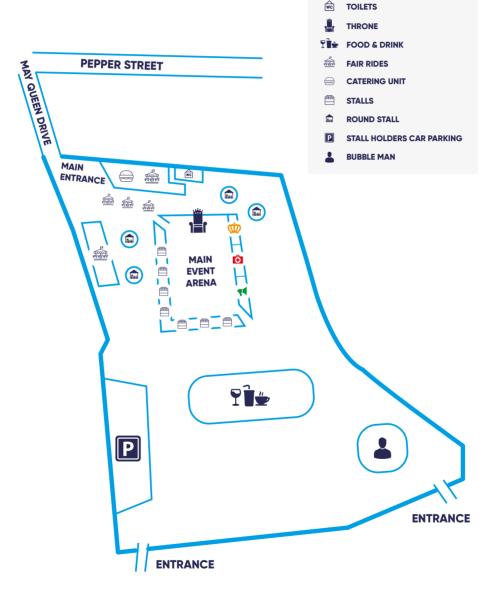












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### ARENA ENTERTAINMENT

- Crowning if the Queens
- Presentation of best floats
- Parade of characters
- Lymm Adivas dance troupe
- Samba Band
- Lymm Morris men
- Dance
- Tug of war final
  - \*Subject to change

#### **FOOD AND DRINK**

- The Wine Kitchen wines, beers, gin etc
- ▶ 18 The Cross pizzas
- Sanctuary Cafe tea tent
- Greek street food
- Real Ale Shack
- Ice cream
- Coriander Kitchen
- Doughnuts
- Dunham cider
- Tai Kitchen
- Burgers, hotdogs
  - \*Subject to change

#### **STALLS**

- With more on the day
- Pink Magic handbags
- Felt Animals
- Homemade crafts
- St Mary's create and craft
- Win a car raffle
- Little art gallery
- ▶ Bath bombs, homemade cakes and
- marshmallows
- ▶ Guide dogs for the blind
- Jewellery and gemstones
- Balloons
- ▶ (LEAF) Lymm
- Environment Action Forum
- Wooden crafts
- CLK art
  - \*Subject to change

#### FIELD ENTERTAINMENT

- The Bubble Man
- Miniature Train
- Radio controlled cars



## LYMM AFC



#### (A short, selective, history)

The name of the club has evolved from Lymm Grammar School Old Boys to Lymm OB to Lymm HSA (High School Associates) to the current Lymm AFC. It will, however, always be known locally as 'the Old Boys'.

Lymm GSOB AFC formed in 1910. The first recorded match was a 2-0 defeat to Manchester Reserves on October 15<sup>th</sup> 1910.

In 1926 the club joined the Cheshire County Palatine League and in 1936 accepted an invitation to join the Lancashire Amateur League in which it has played ever since.

In the 1938-39 season, the club's first and second elevens each won their respective championships. At this time the first XI was known county-wide as the 'Team of Giants' due to the fact that only one member of the side was under six feet tall!

During the 1960s, a third, then fourth team was formed, and the club added a fifth team (a dedicated veterans side) at the end of the seventies.

As the 20<sup>th</sup> Century drew to a close, the club was flourishing. The first team won the L.A.L. Cup and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Premier Division. Several players were regulars in the L.A.L. Inter League representative side.

Recent years have seen fluctuating fortunes and the club's membership contracted to the extent that in its Centenary Year, a concerted effort was necessary to ensure its very survival. This has been successful, and the club is experiencing some of the most enjoying times in recent memory.

Home pitches have been many and varied. Sow Brook, the May Queen field, Victoria Park (Warrington) Morley Common (Stockton Heath) and Shell Club (Carrington) have all been used in modern times. One constant throughout the last fifty years at least, however, has been the use of Sandy Lane pitch. Changing, then walking from Oughtrington Community Centre and Lymm High School (Oughtrington Lane) or driving from Sow Brook or Lymm High School (Grammar School Road) eventually contravened league regulations and so the club resolved to purchase dressing rooms for Sandy Lane. A £5000 grant from the FA was obtained but the remaining eighty-five per cent of the cost was met following efforts by the club.

The project, completed for the 1996-97 season, involved purchasing and installing the building, connecting utilities to mains supply, re-instating the grassed area, maintaining the facility and providing it for community use.

During the life of the current building the club has replaced the doors, shower hot water heaters and floor. The unit is exceeded its life expectancy due to careful husbandry although it remains rather tired and we approach the time for its replacement/upgrade.

On the field of play, the first eleven has risen through the league in recent seasons and begins 2021/22 in Division One of the L.A.L, a status it last enjoyed over ten years ago!

#### Please visit:

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#### LYMM OUGHTRINGTON PARK CRICKET CLUB

#### Oughtrington Lane, Lymm, Cheshire

Lymm Oughtrington Park Cricket Club (LOPCC) is the oldest sporting club in Lymm being founded in 1884, when the owner of Oughtrington Hall, George Dewhurst, who was a cricket fan, formed the Oughtrington Park CC.....and cricket has been played at our Oughtrington Lane ground ever since (with the exception of breaks for 2 world wars).

The Club was named "Oughtrington Park CC" until 1933 when the other cricket club in Lymm, the Lymm Cricket Club, closed. This club was located on Rush Green Road opposite the new Sainsburys store. Our club was later renamed to Lymm Oughtrington Park CC.

The Oughtrington community was bequeathed the ground by the owners of Oughtrington Hall which is now part of the Admin building of Lymm High School. The hall and ground were sold to Chester County Council in 1945 which later devolved to Warrington Borough Council. It was widely acknowledged that the owner (Mrs Frankenberg) had intended the ownership of the ground to be transferred to the cricket club, but the legal costs of separation meant that the expedient thing to do was to lease the land to the club at a peppercorn rent. However, the lease was subject to re-negotiation every 7 years and when the Council intimated that renewal was in question, a local campaign led by friends and members eventually secured the Freehold in the year 2000.

The Club is unique in having a 140 year old beech tree on the field of play. Local rules state that if the ball hits any part of the tree off the bat, a "4" is scored.

Today the club has two Saturday XIs in The UK Fast Cheshire Cricket League, and 2 friendly sides (a midweek and a Sunday XI). In 2020, under 9's, 11's, 13's sides will play friendly fixtures in the North Cheshire Junior Cricket Association. Also, our active and growing girls and women's section will play fixtures with local clubs.

Our aim is to foster and promote cricket at all levels. So, If you just want to enjoy cricket in pleasant surroundings (playing or watching) you are very welcome to come and join us for a cup of tea on Saturdays, Wednesday evenings and some Sundays (see fixture list on our web site - www.lopcc.play-cricket.com).

Prospective new members, male, female young or old, will be made very welcome at LOPCC.





Here in Lymm, there are over 12 local voluntary organisations contributing to help the environment who share a common belief that "actions speak louder than words". In an effort to unify these groups under one umbrella, a collective organisation has been formed called LEAF - Lymm Environment Action Forum - where the accent will be on Action!

LEAF aims to encourage all Lymm residents to "turn over a new leaf" and do everything they possibly can to reduce the carbon footprint of their homes and businesses to net zero carbon within the next 10 years.

LEAF are really pleased to be joining the Lymm May Queen Festival. In addition to a LEAF information stand, partner organisations attending will include Lymm Community Energy, Friends of Spud Wood, Lymm Litter Network, Lymm Community Orchard and Lymm & Thelwall u3a Climate & Environment Group. The volunteers look forward to welcoming you to their stalls, where you can take part in activities and find out more information. That includes how you can play a part in helping our environment or how you can get involved with the various groups.

To obtain further details about LEAF, its partner organisations and projects, or to get involved in supporting future initiatives, **please email:** <a href="mailto:eco@lymmsanctuaryhub.co.uk">eco@lymmsanctuaryhub.co.uk</a>.



## LYMM HOCKEY CLUB

How it all began...

In 2005 two friends met in a bar (no this is not a joke... it was the start of Lymm HC). They discussed the possibility of starting a new hockey club in Lymm, Warrington. The objective was to have a Lymm based club capable of 'surviving' in the lowest possible league with whom people would enjoy playing, by supporting traditional sporting values on the pitch combined with a strong social element at the clubhouse.

Now Lymm Hockey Club had a team, it needed a pitch to play on and a clubhouse to call home. Lymm High School was supportive of the clubs creation and soon their astroturf became the clubs home pitch, with Lymm Rugby Club welcoming the newborn hockey club into its clubhouse.

So the core of the club had been formed but with only 4 friends as players a recruitment

campaign had to be mounted and by the summer numbers had doubled to 8 which as you will be aware is still not a full team and possibly more worrying was the fact that 5 from that first 8 had not played hockey before! However as more friends and contacts were persuaded to join the new venture a club gradually emerged as a slightly more competitive team than initially expected.

So it was that on September 10th 2005 the first friendly match for Lymm Hockey Club was played against Sale 3rd team.

Many of those original players have moved on to pastures new or retired from the game now, but their legacy lives on. None of those founder members would ever have believed that their small club idea would have generated so much interest in the local community. The ladies section began in 2006/2007 and attracted by the clubs enthusiasm and success, players

As for today....

In 2021 we now have over 200 members including 4 Mens teams, 4 Ladies teams, a Ladies Vets team and a whole host of junior teams for boys and girls of various ages.

For a young club we have had recent successes with our Men's 1's reaching the England Hockey Men's Championship final in 2017 and our Ladies 1's won the England Hockey Plate final in July this year. Two of our clubs proudest achievements so far in our journey.

We are an extremely family friendly club with members from 6 years to 60. With a busy training schedule and match fixtures we also have an active social scene including an annual ball, quiz nights, charity events and inevitable after match drinks!

We always welcome new members so if you would like to find out more please

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#### LYMM GOLF CLUB

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Golf & Social Membership enquiries are welcome from both new and experienced golfers and the success of our Club is based upon having a philosophy of being "inclusive" and not "exclusive". Today's membership is merely the people responsible for maintaining the course and ethos so that it is passed on to future generations to enjoy similar golfing pleasures.

The Club regularly hosts private functions, mainly for local people for a range of family occasions. As part of our community involvement, we are delighted to regularly host some of the musical events for the Lymm Festival (always sell out!). The large lounge and dining room areas are ideal for parties and private functions and are available to non-members. We regularly host parties for up to 120 guests, the main lounge with its dance floor, large bar and seating area being ideal and readily adaptable to any desired layout. For private dinners/lunches – the dining area is ideal for up to 50 guests. Many of the functions we host come via recommendations by former guests who have loved the venue and the service provided. Contact our House Manager – Karen Fyfe on 01925 755020 for more information on bookings and availability.



#### ST MARY'S CHURCH

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## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL St Mary's Church Lymm



Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dec 5<sup>th</sup>
This popular village Festival
will be back this year. Once
again the church will be filled
with decorated Christmas
trees provided by local
organisations and groups.

Come along and enjoy all that is on offer and get your festive preparations off to a sparkling start.

For more details go to <a href="www.stmaryslymm.org">www.stmaryslymm.org</a> or St Mary's Community Christmas Tree Festival Facebook page



Lymm Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club is a friendly, family orientated club situated in the heart of Lymm. Founded in 1881, the club is set in beautiful woodland overlooking the village, yet is so private that many local residents are unaware of its whereabouts.

We offer a range of membership types to suit all requirements. We welcome players of any age and ability and offer both social and playing membership.

The club hosts a wide range of social tennis, league tennis and coaching for all. We offer 13 courts (4 grass and 9 all weather) 7 of which are floodlit, which makes it possible to play tennis throughout the year, whatever the weather. With beautiful grounds and fantastic clubhouse facilities, Lymm Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club has it all!

There are almost 500 members already, with lots of tennis and social events throughout the year. If you're thinking of joining a sports club then Lymm LTC is the one for you!

#### **Open Weekend**

Join us for our open weekend on April 25/26, in collaboration with the LTA, we will have plenty on offer for all the family.

Check out our website: http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LymmLtCroquetClub

#### LYMM SWIMMING CLUB

In 1977 following an incident in the Bridgewater canal where a young child had fallen in and was saved by a passer-by Mrs Totton. Mr Totton, a teacher at the High School bought the community together to form Lymm Swimming Club.

We are an independent non-profit organisation and have been in existence for 44 years. There are 4 fully qualified teachers and we provide helpers in the water with the beginners. The club hires the Lymm Leisure Centre pool at Lymm High School with use of the changing room facilities and a life guard is on duty

throughout the lessons.

Lymm Swimming Club provides swimming lessons and coaching for children from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years of age, from beginners up to gold standard/Stage 8.

For more information, please go to,

**our website** - www.lymmswimmingclub.net **or Call** - Pam Pollard: 07851385716.

#### LYMM RUNNERS

Lymm Runners was created with an all-inclusive ethos in February 2010 and that remains the central focus of all club activities and events.

Currently with over 300 members, the club remained at a steady 30-40 members for its first few years until we introduced the Beginners Course. Many of our members have come through these 8-week courses – now available each January – and there are plenty of success stories of our "beginners" not just in continuing a healthy and active lifestyle but many going on to become regular 10k, half-marathon, full marathon and some even becoming ultra-runners. The club is very proud of its role in helping people to create a healthier active lifestyle for themselves.

Lymm Runners are also event organisers, having four successful race events embedded in our yearly schedule. Partnering the High Legh Community Association, the High Legh 10k continues to be a popular race each March and has raised several thousand pounds for the charities and local causes supported by both organisations. Many in Lymm will also know the Festival Trail Races which have an association with the Lymm Festival, hence its name. From the high school playing fields, our July event offers a 5k and 10k trail route through Spud Wood and the amazing Fun Run, run by the super hero children in fancy dress. Our longest event is the Warrington Way Ultramarathon, a 40 mile route around the outskirts of Warrington from/to Lymm. It is so popular that the 2021 edition sold out within 6 minutes! The last event of the year is our Santa Dash through the village, part of the Dickensian Day festivities, with all proceeds of this event, traditionally funding sport equipment for our local schools.

The community and health benefits of Lymm Runners has been one of our most successful "secrets" to the club's success. Helping many to become active through running, benefitting from the social and friendly atmosphere, celebrating the success of other's running triumphs in distance and/or personal best times and the chance to take part in some iconic run races globally, with team-mates and friends.

We meet four times a week and offer run groups that are all led by qualified UKA trained Run Leaders (LiRF qualification) from the Power Walkers on a Thursday evening, to a Social Coffee run on a Wednesday morning, track based speed-work on Tuesday, 4m - 7 + m groups on Thursday evening and long-slow runs on Sunday mornings. That's not to mention the many club outings to races far and wide, the 12 Days of Christmas Training (guess when!), Beginner Courses, Parkruns and club social gatherings.





#### IN MEMORY OF: WILLIAM YOXALL

23.11.62 - 11.5.19

Will sadly passed away in 2019 and has been sorely missed by his friends and family.

Will was born and bred in Lymm. He was proud to live here and loved getting involved in the community. For many years Will volunteered with the Lymm festivities group, decorating the village with trees at Christmas and the flags for the festival. You would regularly see him as a marshal for both the May Queen and Lymm Dickensian.

Wills family would like to thank everyone for their kindness over the last 2 years.

He is missed but never forgotten.



#### **Committee Members**

Kath Buckley (Chair)
Joe Broadsmith (Deputy Chair)
Chris Wood (Secretary)
Julie Burgess. (Treasurer)
Diane Kerfoot (Field Organiser)

Field Officer Field Team Wanda Ward, Jenna Brown, Glenis Sharp and Chris Wood

Angela Davies (Retinue organiser)
Rebecca Griffiths (Retinue team)
Dawn Poole (Procession organiser)
Julie Roach (Procession team)
Kate Cookson (Publicity)
Glenis Sharp (Programme)
Chris Harrop (Marshals)
Ray Broadsmith. (Equipment and stage organiser)

#### **Thanks**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who give their time and resources to make the MayQueen a success. Thank you to our local primary schools who contributed to our competition to design the tfront cover of the programme.

The MayQueen committee would like to thank all the traders in the community who have contributed to this programme in these difficult times.

Thanks to the Parish Council for their support.

Thanks to all the local organisations who are supporting us by either having a stall or in the procession.

Thanks to the Broadsmith family for all their help and support.

Thanks the festivities group for all their help and support.

Thanks to Lymm Life for its ongoing support before and on the day.

Thanks to Lymm Radio for promoting us, drumming up enthusiasm and being there on the day.

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