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Thelwall Morrismen prepare for the event.

AN ancient tradition dating back to mediaeval times was kept alive in Lymm at the annual Rushbearing ceremony.

The festival originates from ancient times when carts of rushes made their way to the church for use as floor covering

Bullrushes and garlands were paraded through the village as part of the festival.

The event included Thelwall Morrismen who were joined by members of Lymm Parish Council and other

community groups. Rushbearing symbolised a procedure of changing rushes used on the church floors just before harvest to symbolise a healthy crop.

At one time, Rushbearing Day was virtually a Bank

Holiday in Lymm, with shops and offices closing.

But in more recent years it has always been held on a Sunday.

The event is organised each year by local barrister Christopher Limb.



Parading through the village.





