

Lymm Rushbearing Festival



Morris men Steve Guest, Henry Addison, Rob Pracy and Kevin Farrell

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Geoff Bibby dresses up for the occasion

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Eileen Mundy parades her rushes at the event

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Mayor Cllr Celia Jordan with consort Roy Jefferson

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Last of the summer festivals

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CROWDS gathered in the centre of Lymm on Sunday for the traditional Rushbearing festival.

Dating back to medieval times, the festival is one of the last events on the summer calendar in Warrington.

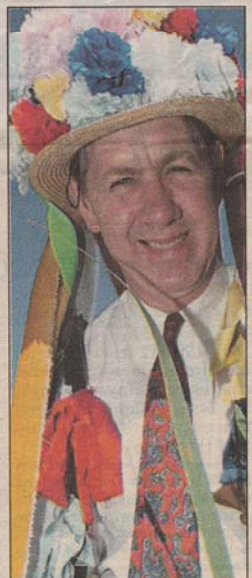
Villagers carry elaborately decorated garlands from Pepper Street to St Mary's Church in the village, before returning to the village hall.

The celebrations started in the Middle Ages when villagers changed

the rushes on the floor of the buildings before the winter started. It then developed into a festival and in Lymm became linked with a sports day and other celebrations.

Now the day involves villagers marching through the streets with decorated rushes.

Among those taking part were The Mayor of Warrington Cllr Celia Jordan and consort Roy Jefferson, as well as town crier Peter Powell and Lymm Parish Council chairman Bob Barr. gdunning@guardiangrp.co.uk



David Devereux is all smiles

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Lymm Morris Dancers add some colour to the event

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Alex Eaton and Derek Britch provide musical entertainment

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Residents carry their rushes in the sunshine

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