

Lymm may queen

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After months of uncertainty the crowds flock and the sun shines to celebrate May Queen



Town crier Peter Powell MBU120610



Beth Simms, from Oughtrington County Primary School MBS120610



Rose queen Rebecca Layhe MBH120610



Lymm May Queen, Thea Field MBE120610



Aboard the Little Stars float MBW120610



Lymm Cruising Club MBD120610



Sailors from The Gallery Salon MBA120610



Karl Welsh Floral Design in Wizard of Oz costumes MBH120610



The Women's Institute MBK120610



Paul Durbridge, from Lymm Cruising Club MBP120610



Thealwall Morris Men lead the dancing MBV120610



Rogers Irish dancing float, from left, Malread Lyons, aged nine, Hayley Kuo and Grace Cooke, both aged seven MBN120610



Noah's Ark from Churches Together, from left, James Forshaw, Patrick Dempsey and Henry Pike, all aged eight MBM120610

A right royal day

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The sun was shining as floats from organisations, schools and clubs joined the traditional parade before a packed programme of entertainment on the May Queen field.

Highlights included the crowning of the new May Queen, Thea Field, from Statham Primary School. The 11-year-old was the first person in her family to be selected for the title of May Queen and said she was most excited about going through the village on her beautifully decorated blue float.

The nine-year-old Cherry Tree Primary School pupil said: "I've got lots of my family in the crowd who I'll be waving to. "I had a few ideas for the float and I wanted to be at all the meetings about it. I think it looks really good!"

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Also taking part in the parade was a special 55th birthday float for the Lymm Cruising Club; members of the Women's Institute, Irish dancing academy Rogers and The Gallery Salon team dressed as sailors.

It was a particularly special day for all involved after uncertainty earlier in the year over whether the event would go ahead.

The original organisers pulled out over health and safety worries but a new army of volunteers agreed to take over in April.

Lorraine Walsh, of Whitesands Road, said: "We're having a fantastic day, the sun is out and all the floats look brilliant."

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