

THE LYMPSTONE HERALD

Jan 2010

Volume 33, Number 5



ITEMS OF NOTE from the Parish Council January Meeting

A New Baby for Sarah

The Parish Council was very pleased to hear that our very own WPCSO, Sarah Trayhurn had given birth to a bouncing baby boy. Sarah is a great asset to the Parish and her work is being carried on very ably by PC Simon Halloran and WPCSO Donna Baker.

The Parish Council has purchased a 'Nappy Cake' made by a local craftsperson for Sarah. This was presented to the meeting on 4th January and Simon was asked to pass this on to Sarah with all our best wishes.

Flooding across the Parish.

The Parish Council is aware of several areas where flooding occurs regularly on roads and footpaths. A meeting is being requested with DCC Councillors and Officers to point out the detail of the problems in the worst cases. It is their responsibility to make sure that all public drains and ditches are

working properly and we want to make sure that they are aware of their responsibilities and the need for action in Lymestone. If you know of any areas where flooding is a problem, please report this to Tony Mathews, Area Engineer, DCC, Little Moor House, Falcon Road, Sowton, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7PL

In the meantime, the police report that most of their work in the Village at the moment is dealing with accidents due to the bad weather, flooding and freezing conditions do not go well together and so do take care and if you see anyone who is in trouble, please do not hesitate to lend a hand.

Street Lighting

The Parish Council have supported the view by DCC that street lights can be switched off late at night. The existing part-night lighting in Lymestone is timed to switch off between midnight and 06.30am, so the change to 12.30am and 05.30 will benefit train users and early risers. DCC will let the Parish Council know when the change is to take place. **Cont**

Editor: Chris Carter, Hillcrest, Greenhill Ave, Tel 274104. Copy editor – P Acca

Deputy Editor - Jan Teague, Advertising - Liz Griffiths

Distribution: Jill Newton, Two Jays, Burgmann's Hill Tel 263809

Herald archive and Lymestone web site – www.lympstone.org

Copy deadline for advertising for the next issue – Tuesday 2nd Feb – 10 am

Copy by e-mail, if possible, to chriscarterathome@hotmail.com or to

The Editor at Hillcrest, Greenhill Ave, Lymestone EX8 5HW



Cont

In the meantime, EDDC propose to switch off lights in the car park at 11.00 to save money. The Parish Council has objected to this and put forward the counter argument that the lights should stay on all night or at least follow the pattern for the street lights. We will continue to press our case for this. It has been suggested that anyone who suffers minor damage to their car at the car Park does not bother to report this to the Police. The Parish Council urges that reports are made for all damage. By doing this you will get a crime number to pass to your insurance Company and you will help build up statistics on the level of crime in the area. This could then lead to more positive action.

Affordable houses

The Planning Committee considered a scheme by EDDC to provide 9 affordable houses on land near to Churchill Court. An Open Day was held last month when there was chance to view the plans and discuss these with Officers of EDDC. The Parish Council welcomes more affordable housing in the Parish and sees no reason to oppose the plans. It is not entirely happy with the layout and its effect on other amenities in the area. It has put forward the following comments;

1 The layout will mean the loss of car parking spaces. Around five of these are used during the day and more than twice this number in the evenings.

2 The layout removes open land and the houses will have small gardens. This has reduced local opportunities for play.

3 Replacement parking could be provided on the grassed area in Trafalgar Road which is not used.

4 There should be a financial contribution towards improvement in local amenities as no local facilities will be provided as part of this scheme. A private developer would normally be required to make such a payment.

5 The scheme should include widening of part of Gibraltar Road to cope with increased traffic.

6 EDDC should not assume that the Play Area provided by the MoD will always be available for general use.

*Clerk to the Council: A J Le Riche,
DMS, 43 Salisbury Road, Exmouth,
EX8 1SL, Tel 279665/ 07866 535580
lympstonepc@leriche6.wanadoo.co.uk*

FROM THE EDITOR

NEW TRADITION!

Were you one of the three hundred people there? Did you see it? Dozens of people, old and young, lining up, some in fancy dress, then dashing into

the water (and just as quickly throwing themselves out) all on Christmas Day! And we are promised that this will happen again next Christmas and become a real Lymptone tradition. £180 was made for the village hall.



Chris Carter, Editor

WI

The January meeting was cancelled because of the snowfall so we look forward to February when our President, Anne Frampton, will welcome Mr Thomas Jewell. His talk is entitled "Starting your Family History", which should be most interesting and we hope for a good audience.

Members are asked to put Monday, 15th February in their diaries. The February lunch (12 for 12.30) will be

cooked by the Committee and will cost £6. Details of this and all other events will be announced on Wednesday, 3rd February. We start our meetings at 2.30 pm at the Village Hall and we will be delighted to welcome any new or potential members. We have a varied and interesting programme of events for 2010.

Diana de la Rue

PARISH CHURCH

Christmas Service attendance was up this year by over 15%. (though not at the 8 am service which was the same as last year.)

Family Service and Family Eucharist

The Family Service at 4 pm takes place on the third Sunday (17th this month) of each month because we are having a Family Eucharist at 9.30 on the first Sunday of each month, the next being 7th.Feb. Other Sunday morning Eucharist services will remain unchanged with Sunday School for children.

One of the difficulties with the Eucharist service is making it 'child friendly' and still appropriate for all worshippers.

The Diocese had asked for 20 parishes to trial a new service for six months and we put forward our church as a good example with our attempts to encourage families to attend church and that we are now part of the worship community with Littleham and Exmouth.

We have just heard that we have been chosen for this experimental service and the order, giving permission, has been signed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York! This will run on the first Sundays each month until June. Come and experience the differences. The service on Sunday 3rd January was taken by Prebendary Ian Morter with our Curate Georgina Vie and Rev Geoffrey Wrayford to get the new

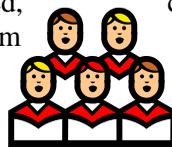
service procedure off to a confident start.

Ministry of Wholeness and Healing

It is proposed that Lymptstone should join with Holy Trinity and Littleham to form joint Mission Community services for wholeness and healing. These services would rotate through the three parish churches and would be open to everyone. Holy Trinity and Littleham already hold these monthly services on Tuesdays and Sundays respectively. Their pink service booklet is at the back of the church. Please have a look and let any member of the clergy or the PCC know what you think. (Please do not take the booklet away.)

Choir

The, newly formed, choir have had a break from practices over Christmas but have special music



planned for the penitential season of Lent leading to the great festival of Easter. Practices are in Church on Fridays at 6 pm. New members welcome and men's voices are required.

For more information/contact phone Philip White on 01404 813349.

Coffee Morning

Details of the coffee mornings will be posted on the notice board under the railway arch. This month's will be on Tuesday 26th January from 10 to noon.

Brian Mather

THE GATEKEEPERS IN 2009

The Environment Agency flood protection service contacted the Lympstone volunteer



floodgate team to close the estuary gates 15 times during 2009, most closures were for two to three days. The floodgate team worked with the Agency to seek to improve the formula used for predicting the need to close the gates, adding local knowledge to the more global weather and tidal data used. The annual review meeting between representatives of the Environment Agency and the volunteers concluded that the scheme continues to work well. The Agency inspects the main flood defences weekly and is usually quick to respond to calls from members of the team when any of the gates needs attention. The team is grateful to the Harbour Board for enabling equipment to be kept at the boat shelter and to the new owners of Limekiln House, Paul and Teresa, for agreeing that the emergency flood boards can continue to be stored in the former lime kilns by Peter's Tower. The current floodgate team comprise Alan Burton (team leader), Ollie Creighton, John Bennet, John Brassington, Graham Brister, Paul Hickson, Richard Speight, John Welton and Mai Targett who is our first woman volunteer.

John Welton

VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING LOTTERY

The first draw will take place on Friday 8th January at the Film Society in the Village Hall. Winners' names will appear at the Post Office and in the Lympstone Herald, and cheques will be forwarded to those lucky people. At time of writing, 183 tickets have been sold which guarantees prizes of £55 (first) and £18 (second) throughout the year. These amounts will increase with the sale of more tickets and application forms remain available at the Post Office, Londis, the cafe and the pubs. Good luck everybody!

Viv Day

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

It was good to see an appreciative audience for the Farewell Concert to The Dangerous Curves on Saturday 12th December in Lympstone Village Hall. The sum of £842.48 was raised for The Weldmar Hospiscare Trust. Thank you all who attended. The 2nd CD is now available. Please call at Willand, Church Path to collect your copy – bring your ticket with you please.



Graham Martin

HALF WAY HERE

When we started fundraising for the Village Hall last year I was frankly not convinced that asking for individual donations would be very fruitful. How wrong could I have been. To date 62 individuals have donated over £7000. I was amazed at people's generosity. It is however surprising to me that only one person has taken up the idea of donating by Standing Order. Many of us would not miss £5 a month or quarterly out of our account and all it entails is filling out a simple form (available from Don Mildenhall on 260500), and passing it back to me or him.

If individual donations were not for everyone then the Lottery certainly did appeal. 180 lottery tickets have been sold which I think is fantastic. Viv Day has done all the ground work and administration and £1,195 has been added to the fund.

We've also had a marvellous response from the Tennis Club, Furry Dance, Garden Club, WI and Art Group who together have contributed £1,732.

Having worked so hard as a group to get fund raising off the ground I was worried that we would run out of ideas but I did not count on the ingenuity of the various groups and individuals. Who would have dreamt that we would have a Christmas Swim here? And later in the year we anticipate the return of the Lymphlympics and the Lymphstone Scrabble Tournament. So plenty for those amongst us who are competitive.

Hazel Eaton-Terry is doing a sponsored swim in February and there is going to be a fabulous evening with wine tasting organised by Shirley Wilkes as well as many many other exciting and varied ideas in the pipeline. Hopefully there will be so many activities going on during the year to add to your enjoyment of life that fundraising for the Village Hall will be fun.

The Fund now stands at £10,270 so we are over halfway to our target of raising £20,000 by Easter of 2010. Sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who has helped by giving money or their time.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE VILLAGE HALL HAS TAKEN OFF!

Suki Commin

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS



As people who came to the Open Meeting will know, Keith Exelby has devised new rental agreement forms. Each plot holder will receive a letter from the Chairman of the Trustees in mid-January reminding them that payment for their allotment is due on 1st February. Other information concerning insurance and plot identification markers will also be included in this letter. Under the new system all payments must be made to Heathfield Allotments Trust, via the Treasurer, Anne Crisp, at 17 Birch

Road, with a signed copy of the rental form. Without this form, payment will not be accepted.

Since the Open Meeting six allotments have been allocated from the waiting list with preference being given to village residents with little or no gardens.

Diana de la Rue

SNOW IN LYMPSTONE

As promised in last month's Herald and on posters around the village – there was snow in Lympstone on Monday 21st December (slightly in advance of the stuff predicted by the Met Office!). The Globe once again provided the 'snow', together with mulled wine and mince pies. A band of excited children (of all ages) spent a happy half hour or so catching snowflakes, jumping, squealing and generally having fun. Proceeds of this event go to Lympstone Pre-school.

Lympstone Pre-School would like to thank everyone who supported the Snow Show at the Globe, we had a really good turnout, raised money for the Pre-School and great fun was had by all! Watch this space for upcoming activities and news.

Suzie Creighton

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT JANUARY 2010



A Happy New Year to all our Herald readers from your Neighbourhood Police team.

The Christmas period has been very cold, with difficult driving conditions. All of the minor roads have been particularly difficult with the icy conditions. Do remember to allow those extra minutes to defrost your car before setting off on your journey.

Monthly crime figures - Two crimes have been reported in the last month, if you have any information relating to either of them please ring our 08452 777444 number and quote the reference number, thank you.

1. Between Saturday 19th and Tuesday 22nd December items were stolen from the boot of a car on Jackson Meadow. KE/09/3685.

2. Between 11.45pm and 11 minutes past midnight on Wednesday 23rd December damage was caused to the rear window of a car parked on The Strand. It is believed that a group of drunken males who arrived on the train are involved, should you have witnessed this incident and can help with our enquiries please contact the police. KE/09/3686.

We will be holding another PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting early in the New Year. If you have any local concerns/issues that you wish to have raised please contact

myself or Rob Longhurst, Parish Council Chair on 01395 263495 or any of the councillors.

As part of the Neighbourhood Assessment Day that took place in October, several residents requested home security checks from the police. This is one service we offer, we can also offer an engraving service to postcode mark property such as small tools, lawn-mowers, etc. Please contact me if you require these services.

PCSO 30028 Donna Baker
Donna.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk Tel 08456569412

FREE FUNDING ADVICE

The Devon Community Foundation and NCVO are running a FREE day of funding advice for voluntary and community groups on 10 February 2010. The days training will take you through the key steps in achieving and developing a more successful funding base for your organisation. This will include exploring funding options available and writing grant applications. The event will be held at The Boniface Centre in Crediton between 9.30am and 4pm. Participants are required to make a £10 refundable deposit. For more information contact Gail Hickson, Community Council of Devon on 01392 383443 or email gail@devonrcc.org.uk

EDDC

LYMPSTONE SHOPS SUPPORTERS CLUB PARTY

As usual this was the best entertainment for £1 with music, singing, food and a drink for everyone – all for free! If you missed it then please hand your £1 in at Londis together with a piece of paper with your name and address. (Help me by saying if you are a new member).



TAKING THE PLUNGE FOR THE VILLAGE HALL



Rather than be put to shame by Lymptstone's brave Calendar Girls, I've decided to do my bit for the Village Hall modernisation fund in the form a SPONSORED SWIM. On 17th February I hope to break my record and complete 50 lengths of the Exmouth Sports Centre pool. I've already begun stopping folk in the streets and knocking on doors, asking the generous people of Lymptstone to pledge their support. If I somehow miss you out and you'd like to contribute for this very good cause, please give me a ring on 277501.

Hazel Eaton-Terry

COMING SOON FROM LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS

We are delighted to have booked Exeter's celebrated Cygnet Theatre Company to give a matinée performance of



their latest production 'JUST SO!'. In this classic piece of storytelling for all the family, we are bringing to Lymptone a trio of tall tales from Rudyard Kipling's timeless collection of *Just So Stories*. This simply staged production will enchant young and old alike with its wit, wisdom and fun, as it recounts how the elephant got his trunk, how the camel got his hump and how the rhinoceros got his skin!

Saturday 6th February at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are now on sale at £4 at Lymptone Post Office - or ring 01395 263928.

Then on Saturday 27th February we shall present, for the first time on any stage, the 2010 LYMPSTONE VILLAGE CONCERT! Tickets always sell like hotcakes for this biggest and best showcase for the most talented of Lymptone's performers, so don't delay, buy yours today from Lymptone Post Office or by phoning 01395 263928.

John Eaton-Terry

LYMPSTONE FILM SOCIETY

For our Friday Film Night on 12th February we have chosen one of the defining films of the French New Wave, François Truffaut's *The 400 Blows* - 'raising hell' is perhaps a better translation of the original French title, *Les Quatre Cents Coups*. The film was seen as an exposé of the injustices of the treatment of juvenile offenders in France at the time, with its exploration of the character of an adolescent from a dysfunctional family.

There are three more midweek matinées this season; we very much hope for better weather and fewer distractions to encourage larger audiences than of late. There is a risk that the committee will otherwise be forced to call a halt to what the loyal nucleus have obviously found to be welcome occasions.

Coming up: Tues 26th January: Ronald Coleman and Douglas Fairbanks Jr in *THE PRISONER OF ZENDA*.

Tues 23rd February: James Dean and Julie Harris in *EAST OF EDEN*.

Tues 23rd March: Margaret Rutherford and Stanley Holloway in *PASSPORT TO PIMLICO*.

Doors open at the Methodist Hall at 2pm. Entry costs £3 (£2 to paid-up LFS members). Tea/coffee and biscuits included. **ALL ARE WELCOME SO TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

John Eaton-Terry

THE FUTURE OF TWINNING IN LYMPSTONE

Richard Crisp

All interested Lymptonians are invited to a meeting at 7.30pm in the Function Room of the Village Hall on Thursday 4th February. A complimentary drink with nibbles will be provided. Whilst the formalities of the AGM will be kept to a minimum, the focus is to test the level of interest amongst members of our community for the future of active twinning. Twinning today is much less about the excitement of foreign travel, though for many, the excitement of just being in France never palls, rather it is the vehicle for great fun for all ages, potentially a means of forming lifetime family friendships and a great opportunity to compare ideas and lifestyles with a French family. All these attributes are gained from a mere one weekend of exchanging each year. Whilst the success of Lymptstone twinning has gone from strength to greater strength for participating members over recent years and is hugely enjoyed by all, if it is to continue as a viable group activity, we need to see a generation of new members coming forward to join in the fun. For more information before the 4th please contact me on 273211 and/or visit our website at <http://sites.google.com/site/lympstonetwining>.

Lymptstone Twinning Association exists to foster and assist family exchanges socially, financially and organisationally.

LYMPSTONE COMPOST



The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Function Room. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer your help then please come to the AGM and talk to a Committee Member. Alternatively leave a note at the Post Office addressed to the Compost Committee and we will contact you.

In early February those households that were subscribers last year will receive an invitation to rejoin the scheme for the coming year. If you didn't subscribe last year but would like to join the scheme, please collect an application form from the Post Office. Early return of the completed forms will enable the Compost Committee to firm up the Season's arrangements and confirm the start date in the March Herald.

Christmas Tree Collection

The annual Christmas Tree collection will take place on Wednesday 13th January. Please put your tree out where it can be easily seen on the Tuesday evening. Trees will be collected from non-subscribers as well as subscribers.

Daphne Ridge