



From the Parish Council

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

A Neighbourhood Plan will be the next major piece of work for the Parish. This will bring together our aspirations for the Parish that have been described in the Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan for Lymestone. Both of these are now adopted as supplementary Planning Guidance, although we do have to remind East Devon District Council (EDDC) about this from time to time.

A Neighbourhood Plan comes out of the Localism Act 2012 and should have greater standing in the planning process. The process for achieving this is much more rigorous. The Plan has to take into account national Planning Guidance and the Local Plan for the area. At local level, the Plan process must clearly demonstrate that it contains the wishes of the community as stated by you. To achieve this there will need to be more consultation events and involvement of groups in the Village. The Plan has to be supported by EDDC and vetted by an independent inspector. If it contains provisions that have the effect of granting planning permission in some cases then there has to be a local referendum.

EDDC are still holding back on giving guidance or providing funding to assist with this and so we could be on our own for the time being. This will not stop the Parish Council moving forward to create its own Neighbourhood Plan.

At its meeting on 6th February 2012, the Parish Council received an informative presentation from 'Design for Localism' led by David Hawes of David Hawes Urban Design. David lives in Lymestone and so he is aware of local planning matters. The presentation was informative and offered to give support through any or all of the stages to achieve a Neighbourhood Plan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Parish Council has produced a draft housing sites plan and will start looking at a draft Infrastructure Plan in the coming weeks. This has been achieved without professional support so far, but if this Working Group or the Parish Council feel that extra help is needed, it is good to know that this is at hand in the village.

A Neighbourhood Plan will also need to work with our adjacent Parish Councils of Woodbury and Exmouth, so that we have

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Cont clear statements of intent agreed by both sides. From this it has been suggested that a joint Plan might also be a possibility.

COURTLANDS APPEAL

As everyone in the Village knows, the appeal against the determination of the planning application for land off Courtlands Lane was heard last week. Don Mildenhall was part of the Village 'team' and he reported on how the appeal went. Presentations from the team were generally regarded as being of high quality and well put. However, the team had one leg knocked off their stool when Devon County Council (DCC) withdrew their objections on highway grounds just a few days before the appeal started. EDDC did not perform much better when it came to light that they had already considered this land for future development for housing or a new secondary school. District Councillors Ben Ingham and David Atkins will be pursuing this at the highest levels at EDDC. It was also made clear at the appeal that if planning permission was granted on appeal, then a S106 Agreement would provide considerable funds for improved amenities in Exmouth and not Lymptstone. This is clearly not on and strong opposition to this will be put to EDDC this week. The decision on the application is now in the hands of the Inspector and is expected in 4 to 6 weeks.

EXTRA PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

There was a Public Consultation event for this on Saturday 4th February 2012. It was a very cold morning with the first snow of the winter but some brave souls turned out to look at the plans. Briefly, the project will provide about 10 new spaces on a triangle of land between the tennis courts and the school garden, a new path from the school to Candy's Field and a new path from the

school to the Village Hall. Both of these paths will have a fence to protect those using them from traffic.

During the daytime, the new spaces will be used by school staff and in the evenings they will be available for use by residents. A permit scheme will be used to allocate these spaces for which a modest fee may be charged.

When the spaces are in place, DCC will consider implementing a parking ban on School Hill as an extra safety measure and to improve access for larger vehicles.

Nearly everyone who commented at the Public Consultation felt that the whole scheme was a good idea to provide more parking and more safety for children and users of the Village Hall. The only adverse comment was in relation to the proposed parking ban. All of the other comments will be considered by the Parish Council and implemented if this is possible. DCC are the main sponsors of the scheme. They have provided £8,000 through the 'Invest in Devon' programme using funds from the sale of Exeter Airport and by providing road planings (chips) free of charge, which would otherwise have been sold. The school and the Parish Council will meet the remainder of the cost.

NEW ENTRANCE SIGNS FOR THE VILLAGE

DCC have been asked about new entrance signs for the village. There are six entrances to Lymptstone and it is felt that there should be new signs on at least three of these if not all of them.

Cllr Chris Carter is looking at the options, including extra text for each sign. If you have any suggestions to put forward please get in touch with Chris: tel 274104.

EXE ESTUARY CYCLE / WALK WAY

At last, a record of the meeting when Officers and members of DCC came to the

Village in November has been received. They have suggested that a Group of Parish Councillors and residents be set up to meet with DCC Officers to fine tune the recommendations for changes to improve behaviour of cyclists and to improve safety.

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FROM THE EDITOR

SAFETY

The Parish Council have asked me to create a working group to get some action on the safety of the cycle track (still no action from Devon CC after four years of talk). If you have any ideas of would like to join the group then email or call me (274104).

CYCLE TRACK RECORDS

A new book has been placed in the Post Office. There are approximately four entries per week.

TREE CUTTING

Following a recent incident I have been asked to request that those carrying out work on trees next to the highway take greater care.

LYMPSTONE SIGNS

I am currently trying to get new road signs from DCC. I am told that these are FREE if we only want the name of our village. Email or call me if you have any views on our road signs.

Chris Carter, Lympstone Herald Editor

BRAIN OF LYMPSTONE?

Tickets are selling fast for the PTFA's annual quiz supper on Saturday March 3rd,

at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tables of eight are available, or we can put you in a team. Please contact Emily McGrath on 07909 968 057 to enter. As ever, it promises to be a really fun evening and all profits raised will go to the school. Also, look out for details of our bingo event on Friday 23rd March in next month's Herald.

Suzie Creighton

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This offers **FREE** places on Outward Bound courses (predominantly three week 'Classic' courses, but some for one week) to young people who live in Devon and who are aged 16-24 (at the time of the course, which will be run over the summer holidays). The courses are held at the Outward Bound centres in the Lake District, Wales and Scotland and young people who are offered a place are able to choose the venue and dates to suit, subject to availability, and will be responsible for their own transport arrangements to the centre.

A J La Riche, Parish Clerk

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS TRUST

The Trustees will give their annual reports at an Open Meeting of the Trust on Wednesday, 15th February at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. All ploholders are welcome to attend, also anyone else with an interest in the allotments.

Diana de la Rue



WHERE HAVE ALL THE SPARROWS GONE?



Sparrows are amongst many of the birds that we saw regularly in our gardens as children, but are now infrequent visitors. Their numbers have declined, which is sad. John Allen is Leader of the RSPB Torbay, and he is coming to Lypstone to tell us what we, as gardeners, can do about this. His talk should be of interest to bird lovers and gardeners alike. The talk will take place on Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm at the Function Room. Everyone is welcome.

Sheila Stone

EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN TO COME ASHORE IN LYPSTONE!

On Saturday 24th March, the Exmouth Shanty Men will give a concert in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, bar open from 7. Enjoy a nautical night of sea songs and fun, knowing that profits will be going to Village Hall refurbishment. Tickets at £8 available from Viv Day at 8 Underhill Cres 268653.

Viv Day

TWINNING ASSOCIATION - RIP LONG LIVE LYPSTONE TWINNERS!

Lypstone Twinning Association may be going to close in May, but before it does, Lypstone will host 19 families, 3 of whom are new to twinning! Quite a challenge, you are right in thinking!

So, are there any new families prepared to put aside one weekend this year to either host or visit a family in Biéville-Beuville

near Caen on alternate years? The prospect can seem quite daunting before you meet 'your' twinners, but any such fears invariably evaporate from the moment that you meet. And beware, once hooked it becomes addictive! You don't even have to join LTA now, just keep in touch as a Lypstone Twinner. Do you need to speak French? No, but if you are rusty, you will be surprised how much you improve during a weekend. To offer to host or find out more, please contact Richard Crisp r@rgterisp.plus.com or ring 273211 visit <http://sites.google.com/site/lypstonetwinning> for some background.

Richard Crisp

POLICE

Between the 23rd January and the 26th January a vehicle that was parked on School Hill had its wing mirror damaged. The silver Galaxy was parked facing down the hill and the owner returned to find the damage. If anyone has any information or witnessed the vehicle being damaged, please contact me on the details below.

I have received several complaints about the parking in the area of Chapel Road and in the Strand. Vehicles are parking on double yellow lines and in dangerous positions. This is a very busy area in the village, even more so now that the cycle track has been installed. I have spoken to the civil enforcement officers who will be patrolling the area and ticketing any offending vehicles.

I am disappointed to hear that there have been further attacks on animals in the area of Frogs Meadow in the last couple of weeks. Several chickens and geese have been killed and it is believed this is by a



dog rather than a fox, following an examination by a vet. Dog owners need to keep their dogs under control and preferably on a lead if there is livestock in the area. Allowing dogs to worry livestock or cause injury is an offence and can lead to prosecution and in some circumstances the animal being destroyed. Please work with local farmers and landowners to prevent these incidents. I have spoken to the dog warden about this matter and we are keen to hear from anyone who has witnessed any incidents. If anyone has any concerns about a dog out of control, please contact me on the details below.

If anyone has any concerns or issues that they would like to discuss or would like crime prevention advice, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

*PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110
General Enquiries 101*

THE METHODIST CHURCH, CHAPEL ROAD

We are a small, but growing, congregation. All ages share our fellowship and we would warmly welcome others to join us.

Our '4Ws' worship initiative begins with Welcome at 10.00am (including refreshments) and is followed at 10.30am by Worship - in a range of styles and music - as we lead into the Word, giving time to explore in different ways, being a Christian today. Witness reflects our response to God within our Church Community and the world. Tea and coffee is also served afterwards. Our Services in February and March will be led by:

Feb. 5th Rev Mark Gilborson
Feb. 12th Rev Derek Boswell



Feb. 19th Miss Audrey Cave
Feb. 26th Mrs Julia Boswell
March 4th Rev Mark Gilborson
March 11th Rev Alec Roberts

Mrs Margaret Wearn

SCOUTS

The 1st Lymestone Scout Group held its annual meeting in January and is planning its fundraising for the year. The first meeting of the group's executive committee is to be held at the Scout HQ on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7.15pm. Executive committee appointments have been made with welcome support coming from parents. The group needs to raise about £2,000 each year to cover overheads. Any offers of help from the community will be gratefully received. Beavers are now running weekly on Wednesdays and Cubs are due to start shortly followed by Scouts later in the Summer. If you would like to help with fundraising, either by organising an event or by joining the executive committee, please call Pete Hardy on 01395 270157.

Pete Hardy

AVOCET LINE RAIL USERS



A members and public meeting to discuss ALRUG's response to the New Franchise Consultation is on Monday 13th February at 19:00 at the Manor Hotel, The Beacon, Exmouth, EX8 2AG. This is a change of venue from the Globe Hotel, Topsham.

Mike Reddaway

WI

The meeting started with a minute's silence in memory of a long standing WI member, Connie Hawes. Our President, Anne Frampton, then welcomed Mrs Carol McFadzean who gave an informed and much enjoyed talk on the life and work of a Devon lacemaker, Charlotte Treadwin, who had local connections having been married at Gulliford Chapel, Lypmstone in 1850. She learnt lacemaking at Woodbury and earned a Royal Warrant by making lace for Queen Victoria and the Princess of Wales. One of Carol's journeys of excitement and pleasure came in 2002 when a lace dealer's bag, found in Woodbury Salterton school, became a major find in the lace world as it contained over 700 samples of lace dating from the 18th century. She was thanked by Diana Letcher who wondered just how many of us had, in our childhood days, played with pieces of lace which would now be regarded as important samples!

Our February lunch will be held in the Function Room at 12 noon for 12.30pm on Tuesday, the 14th, cost £6. Members may bring their own drink, if they wish. The Devon WI Spring Council meeting will be on Wednesday 25th April at the Riviera Centre, Torquay. The celebrity speaker is Chris Beardshaw, the popular broadcaster and gardener, so reserve your ticket soon for this full and interesting day. Coach transport is available. Our next Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 28th February at Rose Cottage, Longmeadow Road at 2.15pm.

The Rev. S Hoyle is the speaker for our next meeting on Wednesday, 7th March; his subject is "The Titanic". Do come and hear him, all ladies welcome.

Diana de la Rue

STAINED GLASS

Stained glass glows. The intensity of its colour has always made it popular in England, from its first



great period in mediaeval times, through its revival under William Morris and up to the present day. It is found not only in churches, where it tells Bible stories in vivid detail, but in suburban front doors and pub windows. In another of the intermittent series of *Lypmstone Lectures*, Brian Ridge will unravel its mysteries, and take us on a journey through the history of English stained and painted glass, from the Saxon period to modern times. His illustrated talk will take place in Lypmstone Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30 pm. Tickets at £2 are available at the door.

Harland Walshaw

FILM SOCIETY



Our matinee on Tuesday 21st February at the Methodist Hall is *The Man in the White Suit*, a splendid comedy with Alec Guinness. The film starts at 2.15pm; admission is £3 including tea/coffee afterwards.

Our next Friday screening at the Village Hall is on Friday 9th March and is *Le Quattro Volte*. It's 'a quiet and beautiful meditation on the fragility of life around us' from Italy (2010); subtitled, but not too much dialogue!. Doors open at 6.45pm.

Don Mildenhall

PARISH CHURCH

New Vestry Door. In between fishing trips Jason and friends have been busy in the church.



First they had made and installed a door in the short passage between the toilet area and the vestry. This makes the vestry more private and improved for sound proofing during services. This is especially important when the children meet there and also means that the toilet area may be made available without the security risk of the vestry being open. The vestry will also be warmer in the winter.

Tower arch window. He then went on to provide an experimental plastic sheeting 'window' to cut off draughts from the tower coming into the rear of the church. A brilliant job has been made of the temporary screen and it is worth having a look to see how a permanent window might look. We have thought for some time that this is the main cause of the church feeling freezing cold with all the heaters on full. The new trial screen has already proved the point when the social committee organised a games evening at which players did not have to sit in their coats all evening!

The new **social committee** has been set up to look at the possibility of holding a range of events, on a monthly basis in the church or other venue, which will be open to all. Before the committee was introduced we have had two successful events as trial runs, the quiz evening in December and the games evening in January. More will follow, so watch in this column, the church notice board and, inevitably, the telegraph poles, A4 size of course!

'The Net' is the monthly magazine for the Mission Community, Littleham cum Exmouth with Lymptstone. We have our new priest-in-charge, James Hutchings, and

now we know we have the appointment of **Benedict Cambridge** as Team Vicar. In this month's Net he writes about himself and his family and I have copied some of his report. The full version is in the Net, a copy of which may be seen, borrowed or taken from the church. He writes: 'It is with a great sense of anticipation I write this, sitting in my office on the Stoke-on-Trent campus of Staffordshire University. (where he has been senior Chaplain for the last seven years) We will be moving down over the Easter Holidays and look forward to joining the community, school and churches. (He will be licensed on 19th April.) I am originally from the Wirral and grew up on the banks of the Dee. I trained at Durham. I love kayaking, canoeing and climbing so am hoping to meet some paddlers.' He is married to George (Georgina, a teacher, but he is Benedict, not Ben) and they have two boys Samuel (9) and Joshua (7). 'So we're really looking forward to meeting you all and we look forward to all that God has in store for us all as we proclaim His Kingdom together.'

Lent Lunches begin on Monday 27th February in the Methodist Hall from 12 noon to 1.30pm with a simple meal of home-made soup, bread and cheese. They continue for five Mondays in Lent. Give it up for Lent!



There will be a **Table Top Sale** in Lymptstone Parish Church on Saturday 17th March from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Refreshments will be available. To reserve a table (£5) please contact Louise Pearson on 226153 or Debbie Skidmore on 279610.

Brian Mather

LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS



First, something special for the kiddies: at 3pm on Saturday 25th February we are presenting the PuppetCraft Theatre's *Circle of Tales*. Based on African folklore, and with live traditional music, this promises to be an exceptionally appealing show. Children will be encouraged to interact with the cast afterwards and try out their authentic African instruments.

'Dickens Asks For More', on Saturday, 17th March, will be our contribution to the international celebrations of the bicentenary of the great novelist's birth. Michael McEvoy's one man show has been well received in this country and abroad, one critic commenting that his 'energy on stage is extraordinary. You will leave his show pleasantly thought provoked and having received a solid dose of fun.'

Tickets for both these presentations are available from Lymptone Post Office, or from 1 Harefield Cottages, or by phoning 01395 263 928.

John Eaton-Terry

TENNIS CLUB

Our AGM will be held on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Committee Room. All members welcome and cheese and wine refreshments will follow the meeting. We are looking for new committee members, so if you would like to know more about what this involves please contact either Adrian on 276922 or abvehicle@live.co.uk or Jill on 224774 or jilldixon100@hotmail.com

Liz Griffiths

FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The winner of the January Church Lottery was Keith Stider of Harefield Drive. We shall be selling 2012 lottery tickets from mid February onwards.

Joyce Malster

RIVER EXE REGATTA

Lymptone Sailing Club is hosting the River Exe Regatta this year. It is being held on the weekend of 30th June/1st July. It involves all the Sailing Clubs on the estuary and also associated groups such as fishermen and windsurfers. About 100 boats take part and 170 crew and associated families. A programme of events is produced at the end of April. More information is available on the River Exe Regatta website www.river-exe-regatta.org.uk. Anyone wishing to advertise in the programme or on the website, which had over 217, 000 hits last year, please either email Judith_carter@hotmail.com or phone 274104.

Judith Carter

LYMPSTONE BROWNIES

Lymptone Brownies welcomed four new girls in January. This term we have been enjoying making, decorating and eating cakes and doing crafts as part of our Cupcake Challenge badge! On 22nd February, we will be celebrating Thinking Day, along with Brownies around the World.

Rosie Jones

LYMPSTONE.ORG

2012 promises to be a busy year for the village. If you are planning events for your club or society now is the time to upload the dates onto the village website calendar. This will help both to promote your event and hopefully avoid any clashes. You can either do this directly by clicking on the "What's On" page or if you prefer simply email details: events@lympstone.org.

Liz Griffiths

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We need you to volunteer, and then one of our photographers will arrange a convenient time with you and your family. If you would like to be recorded for posterity, here is your chance.

The photographs will be taken on digital cameras, and will be held as an archive by Lympstone History Society. We shall of course display them during the Jubilee Year.

But the first task is to take the pictures. To be part of this Jubilee community portrait, please contact me on 01395 277007 or johngc66@gmail.com. If you would prefer, you can fill in a form at the Post Office.

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Sunday Lunch Special

Our two-course Sunday Lunch is now available for £14.95 to include Roast sirloin of beef and a dessert

Wine Club Meeting Wednesday 29th Feb

Our next wine club meeting will be on 29th February, when we'll be having a fun night of 'Call my Quaff', £8.50 per person or £15 per couple. Complementary light buffet, plus a glass of wine on arrival, please book early. 7 for 7.30pm start.

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FEBRUARY

- 10 Globe –Just Misbehaving
- 11 West Gallery Quire
- 12 Methodist church service
- 13 ALRUG meeting
- 14 WI lunch
- 14 Swan pub – Richie James
- 15 Talk Photographing Flowers
- 15 Allotment Trust – open meeting
- 18 Globe – Honest John & Ray Beavis
- 19 Methodist church service
- 21 Lymptone Lecture – Stained glass
- 21 Film – *The Man in the White Suit*
- 22 Brownies Thinking Day
- 23 Art Group
- 25 Globe - Relicks
- 26 Methodist church service
- 25 Puppet show – *Circle of Tales*
- 27 Lent lunches begin
- 29 Redwing Wine Club meeting

MARCH

- 2 Tennis Club AGM
- 2 Globe – Boogie Train
- 3 PTFA Quiz Supper
- 4 Methodist church service
- 7 WI talk – ‘The Titanic’
- 7 Compost Collection
- 9 Film – *Le Quattro Volte*
- 11 Methodist church service
- 11 Tug of War
- 17 Table top sale
- 17 Show - *Dickens Asks for More*
- 21 Sparrows talk
- 23 Bingo
- 24 Shanty Men concert

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