



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to express the public gratitude to the Courtlands Action Group, not only to those who stood up and spoke so professionally and passionately at the hearing but those, who for three years, worked so hard in the background. I would also like to thank all of you who took the time and effort, not once but twice, to write/email your objections to the proposed development.

The refusal of the appeal at Courtlands Cross was a great success for Lymington and preserves the Green Wedge between ourselves and Exmouth. In the previous (and new) EDDC local plan the land between the Village and Courtlands Lane was, and is, designated Green Wedge. This policy has been used on a number of occasions to turn down planning applications in this area but has never been put to the test – it has now! The findings by an independent government inspector lend considerable weight to the importance of this policy and will assist us in the future in countering any other proposed developments. I quote the Inspector :-

“... the proposal would blur the distinction between the town and village. This would considerably damage the setting and individual identity of Lymington.”

“The proposal would seriously harm the character and appearance of the area, including the setting and identity of the village of Lymington. This harm and the conflict with the ‘saved’ development policies that I have found lead me to conclude that in landscape/settlement terms this site is unsuitable for housing.”

It is up to us as a community to keep the Green Wedge sacrosanct and thereby maintain our independence. The Inspector goes on to say:-

“In addition to the Parish Plan that I have noted above, Lymington Parish Council is also in the process of producing a new Neighbourhood Plan. It is clear to me that very many parishioners are prepared to meet the housing needs of the local community whilst safeguarding the valued Green Wedge. The Parish Council may well be right that this is the sort of community that the Government envisages as fulfilling its ‘Big Society’ and ‘Localism’ policies”.

That is our challenge, one we are working on and one we will deliver to you in 2012.

Thank you Lymington!

Peter Acca

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2ND – 5TH JUNE 2012



The National Format for the celebrations is to be: sporting events, a big Sunday lunch, a Chain of 2012 Beacons around the country and a Thanksgiving Service.

In Lymstone, the main programme will be:

Saturday 2nd June 2012

Sailing Club Annual Regatta and Open Sail Past at 16.30. The Sailing Club will hold their Annual Regatta over the Jubilee weekend and will include a sail past in which any boat owner in the Village can participate. There will be a prize of a Dinner for two at one of the hostleries in the village for the best dressed boat.

Sunday 3rd June

Thanksgiving Service at 10.30 to 11.30 with a Devon peal of bells. Members of the Parish Council are to be invited but, of course, the service is open to all. The Church will have more flowers than usual to reflect this special occasion. The Royal Marines have been asked if they can be involved in the church celebrations

A Big Picnic Lunch in Candy's Field. Bring your own or enjoy food and drink provided by the Scouts. In the event of bad weather, the Committee Room and the Main Hall of the Village Hall will be open.

Monday 4th June

Party in Cliff Field with a Jubilee Beacon Bonfire and Fireworks.

Again the Scouts will provide food and drinks or you can bring your own. Is anyone willing to provide some entertainment? Offers or suggestions welcome. Who will light the Bonfire? Is there anyone on the Village who was born on Coronation Day? If you were or you know someone who was, then please let me know.

Jubilee Mugs for Children

The Parish Council will consider distributing mugs to all children under 11 in the parish. Cllr David Atkins will be leading this. The School, Pre-school and Toddler Groups will be asked for assistance in distributing these, but if you think that your child might miss out, please let me, know so that they can be included.

Village Photo Book

The History Society is now seeking volunteers for their photo-book of people standing in front of their houses a local record of both. Forms are available from the Post Office or email johngc66@gmail.com

Consideration is to be given to a living lasting memorial including a tree and the photo-book. Let me know if you have any additional ideas.

Other Events

The Village Hall and Committee Room have been reserved for the weekend. If your Group is thinking of a Jubilee related event, please contact me to discuss this. as it might be possible to hold this in the Village Hall or the Committee Room and include this in the Jubilee Programme.

The Furry Dance Committee will be putting the bunting up in time for the celebrations.

The Football Club, the Tennis Club, and the Cricket Club have been approached regarding Jubilee matches.

The Environment Agency will be asked to provide the flagpole that was to be provided as part of completion of the flood gates works. If one is in place, the Lympstone flag will be flown.

The Twinning Group will arrange a display of photos of past twinning exchanges.

Street Parties

It is possible to close roads for a street party. There will be no charge for this, but the conditions might be onerous. The Parish Council suggests that there will be more fun to be had at the Big Picnic Lunch in Candy's Field.

Music

Cllr Chris Carter is compiling CDs of 1950's music to play at events. If you have music to include, please contact Chris.

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EX8 1SL, Tel 279665/07866 535580
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STOP PRESS

We need a co-ordinator for the Jubilee Celebrations.

Someone to act as the central point of contact for the various activities such as the big picnic.

Have you got a few hours a week between now and June?

Give Tony le Riche, 279665, or Pete Acca 07801365097, a call

FROM THE EDITOR

EXE ESTUARY TRAIL



On the 5th March I chaired the first of, hopefully, a very short series of meetings with DCC trying to get some action on road safety in the village. A series of new signs were agreed. Please see the village web site for further details – www.lympstone.org.

Chris Carter

LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

Mr Philippe Planel is giving a talk on "Peter Orlando Hutchinson, images of East Devon". A Victorian landscaper, showing his plans and drawings taken whilst recording the countryside with a view to conservation. Thursday 15th March, 7.30pm, Main Room at the Village Hall, open to all, admission £3.

Angela Coles

LYMPSTONE ART GROUP

I am sorry to say that due to lack of resources The Lympstone Art Group is unable to run the Annual Exhibition planned for 3rd to 10th June this year. However, its programme of talks and workshops will be running throughout the year. The next talk will be by Artist Ben Rubbra, a painter of abstracts and portraits. He is known for the wonderful way he depicts light. He will give an illustrated talk on the way he works at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th April in the Methodist Church, Chapel Road, Lympstone. All welcome

Master Class in Throwing Clay

On the 26th April, 10am to 1pm, at Deb Mitchell's workshop at Brook End, Harefield Buildings, there will be a Master Class in throwing clay demonstrated by Tessa Rubbra, a professional potter of a very high standard, cost £10, refreshments included. If you are interested please contact Mai Targett mai.targett@talktalk.net Tel 271915.

Judith Carter

LYMPSTONE FOLK DATES

March 14th,
April 11th,
May 9th,

All at the Globe, commencing 8.30pm.

Tony Day



WI

An appropriate speaker for this month is Father Steven Hoyle from St John-in-the-Wilderness as the Titanic was completed on 31st March 100 years ago. Father Hoyle has made a study of the Titanic disaster and will give us a talk based on his book, written some years ago, about Thomas Byles who was a priest on board the Titanic. Members are saddened by the death of one of our very old members, Audrey Spiers, and that of our President's husband, Vernon Frampton.

Our thanks go to Mrs Brenda Courtie who is willing to be our Press Secretary from April onwards, and to the people who made our much enjoyed February lunch so successful. Members are asked to note the following dates:

Tues. 3rd April - Committee meeting at 1 Underhill Crescent

Tues. 24th April - Estuary Group meeting at Withycombe Church Hall, Exmouth at 7pm (tickets £3)

Weds. 25th April - Spring Council meeting at Torquay

The WI Drama Group are taking over the whole of the April meeting (Weds. 4th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall) with a potpourri of entertainment. We are fortunate to have such talent within the WI. Any potential members welcome.

Diana de la Rue

ANNUAL OLD ENGINE RALLY

For the sixth consecutive year the Saddlers Arms will be hosting the Annual Old Engine Rally on Saturday 24th March. This fascinating collection of historic machines will be fired up and ready to view between 10am and 4pm. Come along and soak up the atmosphere. Entry is free and there will be a draw with all proceeds to support the Lypstone Furry Dance. Contact Dave Tyrell (272522) for more information.



Bridget Beer

RUNNING FOR CHARITY

I will be running the London marathon again this year hoping to raise money for the fabulous charity Whizz-kidz. Whizz-kidz helps disabled children to live life to the full. Last year, with the support of the generous people of Lypstone, I managed to raise nearly £2000. If you feel able to sponsor me again then please use the following link <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/michaemusgrove> or contact me on 268526, alternatively a friendly wave of encouragement, whilst I am pounding the streets training, would be much appreciated!



Mike Musgrove

ESTUARY PLAYERS AND LYPSTONE BAND - Brassed Off

Valentine's Day was a significant day in Matthews Hall, Topsham, when the creative forces of Estuary Players and Lypstone Band met for the first time. Both had been rehearsing hard with lines and notes learned. A very productive meeting it proved to be. You can judge for yourselves how productive it was by securing tickets for the show. We are confident that this story, set in 1994 at the height of the pit closures some ten years after the miners strike, will be played to capacity audiences. With its mixture of humour and pathos (and of course music!) you will not fail to be entertained. The show runs from 27th to 30th March in Matthews Hall at 7.30pm. Seating is strictly limited so be sure to get your tickets (£7.50) early from Topsham News, www.topshamestuaryplayers.org or 01392 661570. Please be aware that, inevitably, this production contains some (limited) strong language.

Howard Eilbeck

FURRY DANCE CREAM TEA



Please note your diary that this year's Furry Dance cream tea will be held on Sunday 24th June at Four Winds, Sowden Lane.

Bridget Beer

FRIENDS OF UNDERHILL SURGERY – AGM 2012

Existing and new members welcome to our AGM on Monday 14th May at 2.30pm in the Methodist Hall with tea/coffee following. Come and meet our committee and learn more about the scheme. If you are interested in becoming a Friend to be eligible for our friendly and inexpensive transport services to hospital/surgery appointments or could spare an hour or two occasionally to be a volunteer driver do join us at the AGM or inquire at the Surgery. Also a reminder the £3.00 subscription renewal is due 1st April. We look forward to seeing you.

M. Wheeler

EXMOUTH SHANTY MEN TO COME ASHORE IN LYMPSTONE!

If you haven't yet bought your tickets for the Shanty Men concert in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th March, time is running out! An evening with these salty tars is filled with the flavour of the golden days of sail, and plenty of nautical naughtiness too! Theirs is a memorable and unique act, performed in period costume. Don't miss it! All profits will be going to help the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

The concert starts at 7.30pm with the bar opening at 7. Tickets are £8 and available from Viv Day at 8



Underhill Crescent (tel. 268653). Now also available from Lympstone Post Office.

Viv Day

1ST LYMPSTONE BROWNIES

This month, Lympstone Brownies have enjoyed completing their cupcake challenge badge. We also celebrated Thinking Day on the 22nd February, by dressing up and placing candles on a world map as we thought about Brownies around the world.

Themes we will be exploring in the coming weeks include Fair Trade and World Guiding activities.

Rosie Jones

FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH



The winner of the February Church Lottery was Janet Ward of Underhill Crescent with ticket number 645.

Tickets for the new lottery year starting 1st April are now on sale at the Post Office. We shall be holding our A.G.M. followed by refreshments in the Church on Thursday 19th April at 7.30. Do come and join us.

Joyce Malster

LYMPSTONE PLAYERS CAFÉ THEATRE PRODUCTION TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

On Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May the Players are presenting a series of Short Amusing Sketches with a Royal theme in the Village Hall.

We need help with front of house, wardrobe, and scenery painting and backstage. We also have acting, singing and dancing parts for a variety of ages. If you would like to be involved in any way please telephone Shirley Wilkes on 01395 265147 for further details.

Shirley Wilkes

LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS

This is a final reminder to buy your tickets to see *DICKENS ASKS FOR MORE* in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th March. As biographer Claire Tomalin recently wrote 'The whole world knows Dickens, his London and his characters. He could make people laugh and cry, and arouse anger, and he meant to amuse and make the world a better place.' Actor/writer Michael McEvoy, who has performed on stage and screen in many and varied roles, from Shakespeare to *The Bill*, brings to life, with humour and affection, both the author and an array of his best-loved characters. Doors and the



licensed bar open at 7pm and the curtain goes up at 7.30pm.

Our next big event will be the visit of the Gonzo Moose Theatre Company, renowned for its accessible brand of stage comedy combining improvisation, music, physical theatre and clowning. See them on Thursday 12th April in *I'M AN ARISTOCRAT*, *GET ME OUT OF HERE*, another co-presentation with Villages in Action.

The setting is Paris, 1792. Revolution grips the city and the secret police march traitors to their deaths. No one is safe. Everyone is a suspect. Paris needs a hero, someone who can deliver it from this terror and restore freedom and justice. Will such a hero emerge? Yes, of course. Inspired by the legend of the Scarlet Pimpernel, this wonderfully inventive and gripping comedy features three fearless and daring actors, playing over 20 roles in 75 minutes of fast-paced fun and thrilling action. With comedy and thrills galore, you'll gasp, laugh and be amazed at the elaborate sword fights, the heart-wrenching love scenes and the sensational, death-defying French accents.

Doors and the licensed bar open at 7pm for both events and the curtain goes up at 7.30pm. Tickets are now on sale at Lympstone Post Office or ring 01395 263 928 or call at 1 Harefield Cottages.

John Eaton-Terry

GET FASTER BROADBAND ACROSS DEVON AND SOMERSET – HOW YOU CAN HELP



Connecting Devon and Somerset is issuing a call to arms, appealing to residents and businesses across both counties to help them get superfast broadband.

The campaign, which launched on 6th February, is asking everyone to respond to a survey requesting information on their current online activity. Questions are about current broadband speeds, what you would be prepared to pay and what faster speeds will mean to you, your business and your community.

Information will be sent out by direct mail. Residents will be contacted by phone, and there will also be a phone number and website to enable people to participate in the survey at work, in the library, or wherever they can. The Councils need at least 10,000 responses. Your chance to get better connected in Devon and Somerset.

Faster broadband supports our businesses to be more competitive and helps communities access services, saving them money, information and learning opportunities.

To do this we need you to fill in a simple survey and tell us what your current speed is.

Devon County Council (Extract)

(The Speed Checker takes only a couple of minutes and the survey takes 5 minutes. A link to the questionnaire can be found on the www.lympstone.org website.

Latest news is that Lympstone should have a major upgrade before next Xmas. Ed)

LYMPSTONE OPEN STUDIO

After the success of both the Devon Open Studio and the Christmas Open Studio at Brook End in Lympstone last year, I thought it would be nice to open the studio for the whole of August for local artists and craftspeople to display their work on a rotational basis. All media considered.

If you are interested, please come along to an initial get-together on Saturday 31 March at 7pm at Brook End Studio, Harefield Buildings (just down from the Post Office). We will ask for work to be submitted for a selection process in April.

Tel: Debbie on 01395 271476 or email Lin on linholdridge@hotmail.co.uk

Lin Holdridge



1ST LYMPSTONE SCOUTS

Following the success of the new Beaver Scout Colony, a new Cub Pack was launched, March 6th.



The Pack will meet weekly, on Tuesday evenings between 6 and 7.30pm and will be led by Gary Borrie and Mike Hales. Parents have agreed to volunteer to help on a rota basis. Initially, the enrolled Cubs already in the Beaver Colony will be the first to join making a pack of eight, followed later by those on the waiting list bringing numbers up to about 16. It is hoped that the Beaver Colony can be kept to 16 - which is a manageable number, but we are hoping that parents will put their children's names on the waiting list from age 5 so that those that move on to Cubs can be replaced. Beavers runs from ages 6 to 8 and Cubs from 8 to 10. To join the waiting list email Beaver leader Catherine Escott on catherine.escott@btinternet.com.

The group would like more volunteers to train as leaders, so that we can start Scouts (ages 10 upwards) as soon as possible. To volunteer call Pete Hardy on 01395 270157.

The group would also like to hear from any former Scouts who wish to be involved in the celebrations for this year's centenary of Scouting in the village. As part of the fundraising planned for the year the Scouts will be holding an Easter Bingo at the village hall on Thursday, April 5th from

6.30pm eyes down at 7pm. All families welcome whether involved in Scouts or not. Also welcome would be any Guides or Brownies and their families. Refreshments available. Plenty of chocolate to be won!

Pete Hardy

COME AND JOIN US AT FRANKLIN'S, THE STRAND, EXMOUTH

On Tuesday, 27th March, from 10.00am for coffee and information about Exmouth & Lymstone Hospiscare - who we are and what we do. A chance to meet and chat to Trustees and Volunteers, as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The work of our nurses is vital to so many local families - and we are happy to have the opportunity to spread the word, answer questions and encourage new friends.

Are you a golfer? Do you know any golfers? Exmouth & Lymstone Hospiscare are holding their 25th Anniversary Golf Day at Woodbury Park on Thursday, 26th April. Please come and join us and help us tee off our next 25 years! Entry details and forms available

from:
info@exmouthhospiscare.org.uk
www.exmouthhospiscare.org.uk or
phone Lynne on 01395 279113.

Frances Longhurst

LYMPSTONE YOUTH FOOTBALL SECTION – NEW U8'S TEAM



Last year we successfully started a youth section, that practice regularly at Candy's field and have teams playing in the U8's and U9's Exeter and District Youth league. As they will be moving up to U9's and U10's next season we are now seeking to commence a new U8's team who will join the league from September with two match days per month.

If your child is interested then come along to Candy's field on Thursday 19th April from 5.15pm - 6.15pm or Saturday 21st April from 10am - 11am. The children will develop their football and social skills with our professional coaches in a safe and enjoyable environment. The cost is £3 per session or £15 per month with two sessions per week. N.B. U8's should still be age 7 on the 31 August 2012.

We are also seeking sponsorship to help the youth section with additional kit, equipment and perpetual trophies for the following: Player of the Year, Most Improved and Players' Player. If you are interested in supporting the youth section directly or through any contacts that you may have then please let us know.

Club Secretary-George Webster

07917137059 email

jgeorgewebster@aol.com

Youth Secretary Catherine Escott

07914901254 email

catherine.escott@btinternet.com

LYMPSTONE POLICE REPORT



A silver BMW, which was parked in the area of the Strand, was criminally damaged between the hours of 5pm on the 22nd February and 9am of the 23rd February. Paint stripper was poured over the vehicle causing a substantial amount of damage to the vehicle. Police are very keen to hear from anyone who may have any information regarding this crime or saw any person or vehicle acting suspiciously in the area. If you can help, please contact Police on 101 quoting KE/12/433 or email me on the details below.



On the 27th February a small boat that was tied to the slipway in Lymptone was taken without consent and used to row across the estuary. The boat was found abandoned and has since been retrieved by its owner. Three people were seen in the boat at approximately 7.45am. One of the males was seen wearing a distinctive blue jacket with the number 29 on it. If anyone has any information or saw these individuals, please contact Police on 101 quoting Log 135 of the 27/02/12.

Gentle reminder to all residents regarding the parking in and around the village: Please be considerate to others and do not park on double yellow lines, on junctions or obstruct entrances/garages. I have received a

number of complaints regarding this and I have asked that the Civil Enforcement Officers pay attention to the area. The area in the Strand is particularly busy now for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists and inconsiderate parking creates further problems and restricts the flow of traffic. Please can I also ask residents to be mindful when parking on Longmeadow Road to leave enough room on the pavement for a wheelchair/pushchair to pass. People should not be forced to walk on the road due to the parking. I will be monitoring this whilst on patrol and deal with any offending vehicles.

sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110

LYMPSTONE FILM SOCIETY

The next and last Tuesday matinee of the season on 27th March is *Heaven Knows, Mr Allison*, starring Robert Mitchum and Deborah Kerr. The next Friday evening film will be *Tamara Drewe* on Friday April 13th. This month the film starts at 7.30pm; door and bar open at 6.45pm. Free to members; tickets £5 on the door. The Film Society will be offering membership for next winter's season soon; for enquiries, please contact Helen Dimond on 223433.

Don Mildenhall

RAILWAY ENGINEERING WORK

On the morning of Sunday 18th March, and all day on Sunday 25th March, the railway line will be closed between Exeter St David's and Exmouth for signalling work in the Exmouth Junction area. A bus replacement service will operate as usual with a bus coming into the village and turning at the Swan every hour in each direction. The timetable is on the ALRUG notice board in the station shelter.

Tony Day

TWO FAT LADIES?

Following our very enjoyable and successful quiz evening, the PTFA will be running a further fundraising event on the evening of 23rd March. This time we invite you to join us for an evening of bingo, to be held at the village hall. See posters in the village for further details.

Jan Teague

FURRY DANCE CREAM TEA



Please note your diary that this year's Furry Dance cream tea will be held on Sunday 24th June at Four Winds, Sowden Lane.

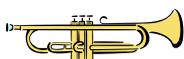
Bridget Beer

SPARE A MORNING?

We're looking for volunteers to give a couple of hours in late March/early April to get the community gardens on Station Hill looking good for this Jubilee summer. We will be arranging a working party to get those gardens which have been neglected ready for planting. If you'd like to help please call Tony or Viv Day on 268653.

Tony Day

LYMPSTONE SW TELECOMMS BAND



DIARY DATES

Tues 27th - Fri 30th March Brassed Off! at Matthews Hall, Topsham with Topsham Estuary Players

Sat 31st March Pre-match entertainment at Sandy Park - Exeter Chiefs 1:15 - 3pm

Fri 20th April Lymptstone Band Centre Concert - Theme - Film Music 7.30pm start

Sun 20th May Weston-super-Mare Own Choice Contest

Sat 2 June Lyme Regis Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Parade 1030 - 1130

Sat 7th July Lymptstone Band Centre Summer Concert 7:30pm start

Sat 4th August Lymptstone Fete & Furry Dance

Sat 1st September Exmouth Festival of Brass, Exmouth Pavilion

NEWS

We are pleased to report that the Lymptstone South West Telecoms Band is in really good shape at the moment, and is looking forward to the Regional round of the National Brass Band Championships in Torquay on March 11th. Unfortunately competing in the 2nd Section this year after a disappointing result in 2011, the band is hopeful of a high placing to pave the way for a return to the 1st Section in the near future.

The band welcomes new members on a weekly basis, and is still arguably one of the top brass bands in Devon, but would still ideally like to recruit a couple of strong cornet players to complete the section, and has vacancies for competent percussionists. If you know of anyone who would like to come along, please get in touch with Robbie Steel on 07951 839654. Colin Dance will be reviving the Lymptstone Youth & Training Band in the very near future, and sessions will be held in the Band Centre either Thursday evenings before full band, or on Saturday mornings. We need plenty of new members for this, so if you're interested in getting back into it, or are a complete beginner young or mature, get in touch with Colin on 07854 829230 or through www.danceiswithmusic.com.

Instruments to be supplied where possible.

We are delighted to be performing as 'The Grimley Colliery Band' in the Estuary Players production of 'Brassed

Off!' in Matthews Hall, Topsham at the end of March. Rehearsals are going really well, and it promises to be quite a performance well worthy of seeing. Tickets are available from the band or from

www.topshamestuaryplayers.org.uk.

Our next performance in the Lympstone Band Centre, Chapel Road, Lympstone is on Friday 20th April 2012, and the concert will feature a range of film music, perhaps to include Pirates of the Caribbean, Chicken Run, Band of Brothers, and many more. Please do come and join us - there's plenty of room for over 150 people.

Please do come and support your local band in it's 123rd year, and for more information have a look at our regularly updated

website:

www.lympstoneband.co.uk.

Colin G Dance

LYMPSTONE SCHOOL

I was so proud of those children, over 40 in all, who performed at our recital on Monday evening, 27th February. Clarinets, cornets, piano, recorders and solo singers were punctuated by performances from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 choirs and by our dance group; the latter having recently been highly commended for outstanding work at the Primary Schools Dance Festival held at the Community College in Exmouth. Much praise should go to dance and music teachers Judi Spencer and Jane Hepple

and to Jess Norton who put the whole evening together masterfully.

Our 'Time Detectives' topic continues up until Easter. A number of older children recently took part in 'Ancient Egypt' days run by staff from Exeter Museum, which included, for some, being wrapped up as mummies! Local historian (and parent) Professor Creighton has also been into our school to talk with children about his work at the University of Exeter.

A 'well done' to four of our pupils, Isaac Geller, Bradley Green, Max Batson and Sam



Billington, who have been chosen to take part in a series of science workshops for gifted and talented children delivered by staff from the Callington Space Centre. Also on a scientific theme, the school pond (like many others in our village I suspect), is groaning with frogs enjoying the arrival of spring!

In March, many of our Key Stage 2 pupils will be taking part in the school's annual residential trip, this year involving a week away from home on Dartmoor, enjoying a fantastic range of exciting activities which we hope will provide children with many lifelong memories. We are also looking forward to Sunday 18th March, Mother's Day, when we will be playing an active role in the Parish Church family service. I hope to see many of you there.

Tony Priest

PARISH CHURCH



Easter Services

Palm Sunday (1st April) services will be held at 8am and 9.30am.

Wednesday in Holy Week Holy Communion at 11am.

Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch.

Good Friday 11am Dramatised Service of the events of the first Good Friday.

Easter Eve. Easter vigil and first Eucharist from 8pm.

Easter Day 8th April Services at 8am and 9.30am.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of someone to be displayed in church for Easter. Please sign up on the list at the back of church. Envelopes are available for your contribution.

Lent Lunches

The lunches continue during March on Mondays at 12noon until 1.30pm come and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with a frugal lunch of homemade soup, some bread,, cheese and an apple. All for £3, served in the Methodist Church. Proceeds go to St Petrocks in Exeter and the Open Door in Exmouth.

‘Give it up for Lent’ is a Table Top sale and coffee morning in the church on Saturday 17th March 10.30am to 12.30pm. Why not book a table (for £5) and sell all your unwanted items. Please call Louise Pearson on 01395 225 153 or Debbie Skidmore 01395

279 610. Or just come along for a coffee and find a bargain.

Mothering Sunday will be on Sunday 18th March at 9.30am when flowers will be distributed to give to, or in memory of mothers everywhere. As it is the 3rd. Sunday coffee and breakfast treats will be served before the service at 10:00am. All welcome!

Junior church is every week during the 9.30am service except for the third Sunday, which is the Morning praise service intended for all age worship.

The choir welcomes new members, rehearsals are on Friday evening and they sign for the 9.30am service and occasional special services and events.

The church library has some new books designed to help our thoughts at this time of Lent. You will find the shelves near the font.

A Lady Day MU meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Monday 26th. March at 2:30pm with a light bring and share tea afterwards.

Contact: Vanessa Simpson 224734

Brian Mather

CALLING ALL NEIGHBOURS! WE NEED YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LYMPSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was a loud sigh of relief in the village when the planning inspector chose to support our neighbourhood and dismissed the Courtlands appeal.

Over the last few months the Parish Council has been looking at ways that it

can make sure that we get a much greater say in shaping our community. As part of the changes to the planning system the government is giving communities an opportunity to shape the place they live in for years to come by preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

There is a very important reason why we should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. New planning legislation will introduce a presumption in favour of development if we as a community have not indicated where we want development to happen. That means that we may not win, next time a scheme like Courtlands comes forward. On the up side, if we allow development to take place, we will be rewarded with community facilities and improvements that we want for the village.

To get things moving we are planning to hold a two hour village meeting on the Wednesday 18th April in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. We will be asking Mark Robertson to facilitate this as it needs to be led by the whole community rather than the Parish Council. We will be discussing things like:

Housing – What sort of housing do we want and where should it go?

Infrastructure – What does the village need to function?

Environment – How do we take care of the village?

Community – How do we keep the village as a friendly place to live that meets the needs of all?

Economy – How do we ensure that our village remains a prosperous place to live, work and visit?

On the 18th April we will be collecting your ideas on these issues, and any others you think should be covered by the Neighbourhood plan. The next stage will be to hold some smaller focus group meetings to examine people's suggestions in more detail. We will be looking for volunteers for these. The result will be a Neighbourhood Plan that will be published for consultation later this year.

This is a great opportunity to protect the place that we love so much. Please don't miss your opportunity to be part of it.

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MARCH

- 11 Methodist church service
- 11 Tug of War
- 14 Lympstone Folk at The Globe
- 15 Peter Hutchinson talk
- 17 Table top sale
- 17 Show - *Dickens Asks for More*
- 18 Railway closure
- 21 Sparrows talk
- 23 PTFA bingo evening
- 24 Shanty Men concert
- 24 Old engine rally
- 24 Furry Dance cream tea
- 25 Railway closure
- 27 Hospiscare coffee morning
- 27 Film *Heaven Knows...*
- 27-30 Brassed Off
- 31 Open Studios meeting

APRIL

- 3 WI committee meeting
- 4 WI drama group meeting
- 5 Scouts' bingo evening
- 11 Lympstone Folk at The Globe
- 12 Show - *I'm an Aristocrat...*
- 13 Film - *Tamara Drewe*
- 18 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting
- 19 Art talk
- 19 AGM - FLPC
- 19 Youth football - new U8s
- 20 Lympstone Band concert
- 21 Youth football - new U8s
- 24 WI Estuary Group meeting
- 26 Clay throwing class
- 26 Hospiscare golf day

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