



From the Parish Council

CPRE Best Kept Village

The Parish Council has been urged to enter the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition. George and Mary Truell are judges and we know that we should not argue with them!

In his New Year message, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Peter Acca, urged everyone to start thinking about what they could do to make a small improvement to our Village. Keeping your own area tidy requires very little effort and so it is a good place to start. Last year, the weather encouraged weeds to grow much better than anything else and it was clear that there was little effort to keep them at bay in some areas. So, please, look outside your home and if any weeds or rubbish need removing, get on and do it so that the Village looks tidier this year.

The Parish Council felt that there needed to be volunteers in place and for individuals to keep the area outside their home clean and tidy before a

strong application could be submitted. It was agreed to consider an application next year if the Village looked tidier during the coming year and if volunteers came forward to do an extra bit for the Village. Is that you? Could you spare an hour or two each month to do a little bit more to tidy and brighten your Village? If so please contact Cllr Terri Scott to find out what can be done. (Tel 227556 or email: scottswpf@tiscali.co.uk)



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Flooding and Highway drainage

Parish Councillors have met Nigel Frost, DCC Officer with responsibility for minor highway works in this area. The purpose was to talk about two major issues:

Parking Restrictions

There is a need for parking restriction to maintain public safety and a route for the gritting lorry. The proposed locations are: Opposite South Terrace in Longmeadow Road, outside 'Brendon' in Longmeadow Road, around the entrance to Lymptstone Nurseries and opposite Dawlish Park Terrace in Courtlands Lane. It is also possible that restrictions will be included on School Hill as part of any Traffic Regulation Order. There will be full consultation if and when any orders are made. In the meantime, the Parish Council will ask for 'No Waiting' cones to be put up outside Lymptstone Nurseries in order to protect the attractive feature of the historic cobbles that lie opposite.

Highway drainage

Was it a coincidence that the gully emptier was working in the village on the day that we met Mr Frost? All of the highway gullies should have been cleared by now but this did not include jetting any drainage pipes and so we regard this as only a part of the job. At the moment, the gully emptier is only scheduled to visit once each year but the Parish Council will be pressing for this to be increased to four times a year.

The Parish Council will also be pressing for inspections and action after each major rainfall to make sure that problems don't mount up.

A short section of drain across the entrance to Longmeadow Road appears to be blocked or collapsed and so there will need to be a major scheme to excavate and deal with this problem. The entrance to Longmeadow Road will need to be closed for this work but this is essential.

A drain at Sowden Farm also needs clearing but the owners have refused to allow access to the land for this work to be done. The gullies have been emptied but as we say, this is only part of the problem.

Development of Land to the West of Strawberry Hill

Planning permission has been granted for 15 houses on land to the West of Strawberry Hill, behind the bungalows in Glebelands. Access was to be through the gap between the houses and the bungalows.

Parish Councillors have met with the Architect to aim for the best outcome from this development for the Parish. The Architect has proposed, informally at this stage, that the access be moved to the corner of Strawberry Hill and a pair of one-bedroomed houses is built on the gap in Glebelands instead. The plans were welcomed by the Parish Council and those members of the public who were present although the Architect will be asked to include a scheme to deal with storm Water as drainage of the site is inadequate at the

moment. The Developer has to gain the support of DCC as Highway Authority before submitting a revised application. This will come before the Parish Council in due course.

Village Hall

Don Mildenhall spoke about the present financial position for the Village Hall. By the end of their financial year, a surplus of around £7,000 should be available for investment in improvements to the building and facilities. The first priority will be to purchase new chairs in the hall as the present one have not worn well.

Don also reported that the car park would need major repairs over the next few years and this was the responsibility of the Parish Council. The VHM and the Parish Council will start to talk about this and other funding opportunities to maintain the current impetus for improvements to the Village Hall.

Lympstone Primary School

The plans for the new permanent building at Lympstone Primary School were presented to the Parish Council. They show a new building which will include two class rooms and a toilet block at the rear. The new building will be away from the site of the Church rooms, which will be demolished.

The plans can be viewed on <http://www.devon.gov.uk/appref?id=4128&date=2013-02>

The closing date for comments has passed but if you have anything to add it is always worth responding or contacting your County Councillor,

Bernard Hughes or Mr Tony Priest, the Head Teacher

LYMPSTONE ART GROUP



There is a workshop on Printing Techniques on Wednesday 10th April 10am to 4pm which will be run by "Double Elephant", demonstrating mono and collograph printing techniques. Printing monographs involves inking up a board, drawing on this and then taking a print from it, whereas collographs are printed from a textured block which you create. All materials will be supplied. If you are interested in attending contact Mai Targett Tel 01395 271915 email maitargett@btinternet.com

The Lympstone Art Exhibition will be held from Sunday 26th May to Sunday 2nd June 2013; if you are interested in exhibiting paintings or other Art work and are not a member of Lympstone Art Group, contact Judith Carter, 274104 judith_carter@hotmail.com

Judith Carter

FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The winner of the February Church Lottery was Brian Cotton with ticket no. 999.

Joyce Malster

PARISH CHURCH

Mothering Sunday Posies will be distributed at both services on Sunday 10th March. The service is open to all, not just Mothers! It is a very special day when we remember our mothers and the Mother Church we belong to. In the past servants were allowed to return to their Mother Church in the days when holidays were unheard of for the masses.

The Electoral Roll is being revised. Everyone who is eligible, and would like to be included on the roll, needs to complete a form - see Jill Wilson, Electoral Roll Officer. All completed forms need to be in the yellow folder at the back of the church by 10 March.

Lenten Quiet Prayer – come and join us for an hour of quiet prayer and penitential reflection in the middle of Lent! We will share some quiet worship, meditative readings, prayers and music, as well as time for silent prayer on Monday 11th March, 9.30 – 10.30am in Lympstone Church.

Lenten Lunches: Mondays 18 Feb-18 March, served from noon-1.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Chapel Rd, Lympstone.

A simple lunch of bread and homemade soup, cheese and apples.

£3.50 in aid of charity. All welcome.

‘Hymns of Faith’ Geoffrey Wrayford will lead a twenty minute reflection on five “Hymns of Faith” by writers from



George Herbert to Tom Troeger at 10.30am on Wednesdays 20th & 27th February and 6th, 13th & 20th March at Lympstone Parish Church. These reflections will provide an opportunity to explore the faith of the writers of these five hymns, from the well-known to those lesser-known. There will be a short break before the 11am Said Eucharist to enable people to leave or arrive.

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 the church. Envelopes are available for your contribution which should be placed in the usual service collection bag. Please do not put envelopes in the donation box in the porch as they block it up. Do also come into church to spend time in memory of loved ones and enjoy the display of flowers this Easter.

Easter Services The Morning Worship on 17th March has the school taking a major part service. (9.30 a.m. for coffee for the 10 a.m. service).

Palm Sunday is 24th March with services and distribution of palm crosses at 8 and 9.30 a.m.

Monday 25th at 7.30 p.m. the Stations of the Cross service - a very moving service

Wednesday 27th at 7.30 p.m. A Taize style service

Maundy Thursday 28th is the ‘stripping of the altar’ service at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday has the 11 am service suitable for all ages. The Easter Story

is dramatised by with children and adults who rehearse from 9.30 a.m.

Easter Saturday (30th March) The Easter Festival of Light service and Easter vigil. at 8 p.m.

Easter Day 31st services are at the usual time of 8 a.m. and 9.30 both with Eucharist.

The next Family service is on 7th April. Confirmation Adults - we have a couple of adults wishing to talk about confirmation, I am planning some informal cosy chats around the fire, maybe over a glass of something! These sessions are to talk openly about our faith and for any questions to be aired. If you are interested and would like more details please ring me, Sid Humphries, on 01395 274512.

Confirmation Young people - if you are interested and would like to know more please ring me, or ask your parents to ring. We are planning four sessions 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. on a Thursday evening March 14th and the 21st, and April 18th, 25th. Then on May 2 we will have a practise run through and a bring and share supper with all who are getting confirmed.

Sid Humphries 01395

274512 or email:

sid75@hotmail.co.uk

Junior Choir – From



Philip White: an update on progress with the formation of the junior choir. I now have an Enhanced Certificate from DBS (CRB) and so I can at last proceed. I am in the process of contacting all those parents of children who have shown an interest in joining

the choir with a view to starting practices for these children shortly. I will need one or two other adults to be present to act as chaperones during practices and am looking for volunteers to form a rota for this purpose. There is still time for more children to volunteer so...if you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, nephew or niece who is keen on singing please get in touch with me.

Philip White, organist and choirmaster, tel: 01395 264469;

e-mail:

pcw_31@btinternet.com or see me in church after any service.

Election of Churchwardens - there will be a Meeting of Parishioners in church on Sunday 14 April, 11am to elect two churchwardens for the coming year. All persons entered on the church electoral roll, and all persons resident in the parish whose names are on the local government register of electors are entitled to attend this meeting. Information about nominations for these posts can had from Jill Wilson, Secretary to the PCC (264753) or from Revd James Hutchings, Team Rector, on 263681 10am-1pm.

Elections to the PCC – there are four places on the PCC that become available this year. If anyone is interested in joining the PCC, please see Jill Wilson, Secretary to the PCC, to learn more about it. The minimum commitment is to attend meetings every two months and to join one of the sub-committees. The elections will be on Sunday 14th April at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church

after the 9.30am service, which is a date for the diary.

An update from Sid Humphries. (Sid is working towards being Ordained and will then work here in Lymptstone). - Firstly, thank you for your prayers and enquires with regards to my progress so far. I will be attending Easter school in Salisbury for a week following Easter Sunday. I am currently half way through this term, with one more term at Exeter University that ends in July. This stage of training then comes to an end.

The next step will be to finalise my Curacy (Title Post) as a self supporting minister that will be to the Mission Community of Littleham, cum-Exmouth, with Lymptstone. This means that I will be 'working' in Lymptstone part-time unpaid. The hours of 'working' will be part of an agreement yet to be agreed upon.

The date for my ordination, as Deacon, is September 15th 10.00 a.m. at Exeter Cathedral.

I will still need to work in my paid occupation (hence self-supporting minister) until such time as I can retire or semi-retire. Doing things this way I am able to 'minister' to the people of Lymptstone, rather than as a stipend minister and be required to 'work' in another parish.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes for all who live and work in Lymptstone. Sid Humphries

Brian Mather

CYCLISTS ON VILLAGE STREETS

The Exe Estuary Trail brings many cyclists through our village street. Although most welcome the benefits of the trail, many people have concerns about safety for children and pedestrians, drivers and cyclists because of the nature of the road, the hills, blind bends, no pavements, and front doors opening direct on to the road. In order to influence Devon County Council to consider re -routing the track along the railway line as was originally proposed we need to keep a record of dangerous situations observed, accidents and near misses.

There has been a book kept in the post office for people to record these. This has now been replaced with a new book. Please remember to write your comments in this book

Judith Carter

ART CLASS

There are some places on a Monday morning Art Class which is a small friendly group which meet at the Sailing Club from 9.30am to 12pm during term time. If you are interested in joining please contact Judith Carter on judith_carter@hotmail.com or 274104 or call in on a Monday morning and talk to Daphne Ridge. No particular level of experience needed

Judith Carter

LOVE FROM JOHN & YOKO

The great English singer-songwriter and guitarist, Steve Tilston, winner of the BBC Award for Most Original Song of 2012, is performing in Lympstone Village Hall on Friday, 22nd March. A couple of years ago it was reported that John Lennon had written him a letter of support in 1971, after reading a magazine article in which the 21-year-old singer worried that wealth and fame might affect his songwriting. "Being rich doesn't change your experience in the way you think," wrote Lennon, and signed it "Love, John & Yoko." Tilston's career since then has proved the wisdom of the Beatle's words. The musician from the Pennines writes thoughtful personal songs, and is one of the most admired performers on the scene, famed for his guitar playing as well as for his singing. His most recent album, *The Reckoning* has been a huge success, and Lympstone Entertainments brings him to the Village Hall as part of a Villages in Action tour. Tickets from the Post Office, or from 01395 263 928.

Harland Walshaw

PRESCHOOL

Lympstone Preschool have places available for 3 year olds!! If your child is soon to be 3 and you are starting to think about



where you would like them to go to preschool get in touch with us! Contact lympstonepreschool@yahoo.co.uk or call 01395 255345 for more details on applications.

(You may have seen in the press details of the government initiative to reduce the number of staff required to look after children (1:6 for 2 year olds and 1:8 for 3 year olds)....Lympstone Preschool feel that it is of paramount importance to maintain quality preschool care and preserve the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care and therefore will continue to work at our ratios of 1:6 for 3 year olds and 1:4 for our 2.5 year olds).

Vicki Drinkwater

YOUR NEXT FILMS



The last matinee of the winter season is *Breakfast Tiffanys* on Tuesday March 19th. 2.15pm at the Methodist Hall - £3 including tea and biscuits. With Audrey Hepburn.

The April screening is on Friday 12th April and is *I Capture the Castle*. An enchanting romantic drama. 7 for 7.30 at Village Hall. Tickets £5 on the door; Film Society members free.

Don Mildenhall



ANNIVERSARY MACBETH

Tickets for *Macbeth* go on sale on 22nd March. Harland Walshaw's production for the Lymptone Players employs unusual staging, in which the audience will be raked, which means that the number of seats will be smaller than usual, and so early booking is advised. The performances are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 16th, 17th & 18th May.

The 30 strong cast is led by Tim Jupp as Macbeth, with Heather Redding as his scheming wife, and Mary Truell, Sybil Bextor and Dawn Chapman as the three Witches. *Macbeth* is one of Shakespeare's shortest plays, and the Players have cut it even further. It is fast-moving and exciting, with murder, witchcraft, ghosts, apparitions, a drunken porter, and a crucial sword fight. This production promises some exciting stage effects, although it is set in a traditional way.

The Players are celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year, but this is the first time they have presented a play by Shakespeare. Don't miss it!

Tickets are £8 (£5 for children and students), and are available from Sheila Stone, 1 Laureldale, Church Road, 274 356, sheilastone@hotmail.com, or from the Post Office with a £1 booking fee.

Harland Walshaw

MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Lymptone Entertainments are promoting a series of four monthly concerts at Sunday tea time from April to July, in conjunction with the Cellist Hilary Boxer, Director of Tasty Music. They will take place in Lymptone Church, which has particularly fine acoustics for instrumental music.

The first concert, on 14th April, will be the wonderful dance-like Bach Cello Suites, the finest pieces written for the instrument, performed by Hilary herself.

For the rest of the series she will be joined by other musicians, who will perform music by Boccherini & Fats Waller on 12th May, by Burgamuller and Piazzola on 16th June, and by Beethoven and Cole Porter on 7th July.

All the concerts will be from 4pm to 5pm, and will be accompanied by appropriate tea time refreshments.

Tickets are £7 for each individual concert, or you can buy a ticket for the series for £20. They are available from the Post Office (plus a booking fee), or directly from John Welton at 1, Harefield Cottages, 01395 271 915, or Johnwelton68@gmail.com.

John Welton



POLICE



We have recently had a theft from a garage on Courtlands Lane in which tools were stolen. This occurred on the night of the 12th February. There has been a recent spate of thefts from Garages/shed in the Woodbury/Exton area also. Please can I ask that you ensure your garages/sheds are secured and serial numbers noted. If you see any persons or vehicle acting suspiciously in the area, please contact the Police.

If you would like to join our community messaging scheme, please let me know. This is a free service and you can receive your messages by phone or email. It is a very good system which allows us to get messages out to residents about what is happening in your area.

I recently had a meeting with Highways to discuss the concerns raised about parking around the Nurseries. Yellow lines have been proposed from the slow sign and around the bend. This will still allow parking for a few vehicles in the area but will improve safety for vehicles travelling around the corner.

The rural Neighbourhood Police team recently attended a conference on preventing crime in rural communities. We have arranged a series of police operations throughout the year which will look at rural crime, crime prevention and speed awareness.

If anyone has any issues or concerns

that they would like to discuss please contact me on the details below.

PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110

Sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

GARDEN CLUB



Last month's talk on Gardening for Wildlife by John Allen (Leader of the RSPB Torbay) was particularly fascinating as it covered birds, insects and mammals. Many of us feed the birds but how many people plant flowers specifically to attract insects or provide log piles for mammals? This was interesting information.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Vegetable Growers' Forum which was to be held in March, due to so many participants being unavailable. However we are all looking forward to our Gardeners' Question Time on 17th April. There will be more details in the April Herald, but you could start thinking about your questions now!

Everyone is welcome to any event and two important dates for your diary are:
11th May Garden Club Coffee Morning and Plant Sale

17th August Annual Flower and Vegetable Show

Spring is nearly upon us and hopefully this year's growing season will not be so wet. May we all grow wonderful crops and beautiful flowers this year.

Ian Stratford

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The Friends of the Church is a village charity whose sole purpose is to raise funds to help maintain its fabric. You may know us because we organise the annual cricket match when the village team takes on the St Peter's School staff - our biggest annual fund raising event.

But we also run a Lottery where, for a mere £6 for 12 months, you have the chance each month of an enormous prize! (well £25 actually but better odds than some other lotteries!). Someone may knock on your door this month asking if you would like to participate. I do hope you will.

It's great to have such a historic and beautiful building, but its only there because over the centuries our predecessors have maintained it. So please help to ensure that it stays in



good condition for us to enjoy and to hand on in our turn. If you do not get a knock on your door but would like to join in, please be in touch with Clive Wilson (01395 264 753; clivewilson264@gmail.com) who will be glad to help you.

Remember, if you are not in, you can't win!

Richard Giles, chairman, Friends of the Church

A WORLD OF BOATS

An illustrated talk to be given by David Goddard (in aid of The Friends of the Church). Taking place on Friday 15th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. £3 entry on the door from 7pm – a licensed bar will be available.



Simon Friend

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall's management committee will be on Wednesday 24th April. Hear about the developments and financial results in 2012, and the plans for the next couple of years. 7.30pm at the Hall. We'll be celebrating £200,000 of investment in the Hall since 2009 with a glass of wine.

Don Mildenhall

SCOUTING IN LYMPSTONE

Lympstone now has its own Scout Troop (again!) catering for both boys and girls from 11 until 14. This new section together with Beavers & Cubs now



enables entry to Scouting at 6 thru to 14 years of age.

The new leaders for the troop are Roy Gibbs and Barney Dearsly and they have space for 3 new Scouts, provided they live in Lympstone – you can contact them directly via scouts@1stlympstonescouts.org.uk



Here are 2 of our new recruits – Heather & Rowan on a visit to the RNLI @ Exmouth, soon they will be visiting the climbing wall at the local Fire Centre.

As the weather improves, keep a look out for the Scouts out and about around Lympstone and at local events plus we hope to be undertaking a village project during the Scout Community Week in early June.

If you are interested in helping out in any of the sections, please contact Mike Goom (AGSL) @ 01395 740162 or via

mikegoom@freeuk.com Beavers 6-8 yrs; Cubs 8-11 yrs; Scouts 11-14yrs.

Mike Goom

MOBILE LIBRARY

Friday, March 16th and 30th. Meadow Close
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Diana Letcher


FROM THE EDITOR

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Chris Carter

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Heather Stratford



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