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## From the Parish Council meeting Flooding problems

As everyone will know there were several areas of flooding in the Parish during the heavy rains of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012. The drain by The Saddlers Arms caused problems as usual and there was a collapse (if that's the right word) of the drain further down Longmeadow Road. Julie Russell pointed out that there used to be gullies in the road by Pretty Corner, but these were covered up when the road was re-aligned. This contributed to flooding of the cottages. The gully there is cleaned out regularly but this does not get it flowing properly and so a better job is needed.

The Council and members of the public at the meeting concluded that the biggest threat to the Village comes from the brook. This needs to be monitored and kept clear. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Peter Acca, thanked Roger Stewart and Alfie Beer for their hard work in both clearing blocked water culverts and helping those that were

unfortunate to be flooded. Roger and Alfie have agreed to become flood wardens to monitor the Wotton brook including the screens from the Saddlers to the outfall in the harbour so that a build up does not happen in future. Tom Warne of the Environment Agency is to visit Lymington next week to see what needs to be done to help keep the brook working as it should. Cllr Richard Eastley, the Environment Champion for the Parish, told the meeting that the brook had been listed as a river and this would include a proportion of the bank as well. This meant that the Environment Agency has responsibility to keep the banks clear as well as the brook. Landowners can still play their part in making sure that the bank adjoining their land is kept clear so that problems do not arise.

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There is a Lympstone Emergency Plan in force but it was clear that the information within it had not been publicised enough. The Parish Council has agreed that the Emergency Plan will be reviewed each year so that it stays in people's minds. Parish Council Communications Champion, Cllr David Young, will also be looking at how emergency information might be readily available to those in need.

## Neighbourhood Plan and the East Devon Local Plan

Over 100 people came to the two presentation events on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and took the opportunity to put their views forward on future planning for the Parish. This included views on future housing development. It is now crunch time for a crucial part of the Local plan process. The Council has agreed its five preferred sites for future housing development in the Parish. These are:

The Rectory, Two sites at Jacksons Meadow (assuming the road can be improved), Land to the North of Longmeadow Road (behind the garages) and land at Lympstone Nursery. The first four of these sites are within the current development boundary and so the Parish Council will only be asking for a minor amendment to include Lympstone Nurseries. The draft Local Plan has now been received for local consultation. This will be considered in depth by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party and they will be presenting their thoughts to the Parish Council to formulate its formal response.



The Planning Inspectorate has decreed that if any District Council does not have a new local Plan in force by the end of March 2013, then it will be 'Open Season' for developers to submit planning applications. EDDC's timetable for their Local Plan is for it to be in force by August 2013. The Parish Council has asked the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party to press on with its deliberations so that the Parish part of a Neighbourhood Plan is complete by the end of March 2013. It is hoped that this will be regarded as a statement of Community wishes for planning in the Parish and used to defend against any unwelcome planning applications.

## Lympstone Neighbourhood Health Watch Scheme

The Parish Council had an interesting and challenging presentation from Dr Jane Aitkin and Project Administrator, Jayne Clarke about Neighbourhood Health Watch Schemes. Neighbourhood Health Watch is all about helping communities support each other's health needs. The idea came about as Dr Aitkin could see that communities do a lot to help each other out, and that it would be a good idea to recognize and support those actions within communities. A Local Scheme seeks to connect statutory, charitable and local business support for communities at street level. It also promotes connection and trust between neighbours to encourage them to offer help that they can give to each other and to those who are less able to look after themselves. For example, neighbours shopping for someone they know who has just come out of hospital, or handing on some information



about a health service they've used that really helped them, or offering to look after a pet so someone who has been ill can get better without worrying about walking the dog. Neighbours know who they trust and can rely upon, from local tradesmen to pharmacy support. Neighbourhood Health Watch groups will be supported in ways that they choose to them to help them engage in such activities in a way which is useful to them and their communities. Dr Aitkin has already started a 'Watch' in Lymptone by contacting Royal Marine Wives. They are often left with children while their husband is away on duty and the feeling is that they would really wish to be seen as part of our community but they don't always know where to start. This scheme will be a beginning for them. It will not only provide some help but it will also show how they might be able to help others. A local Co-coordinator is needed to keep this 'Watch' going and to expand it through the Village. If you think that this could be you, and there are probably several people in the Village who could do this, then check the website, <http://www.neighbourhoodhealthwatch.org.uk/> and contact Dr Aitkin or Jayne Clarke on 01392 674112.



### **HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Now that the Jubilee celebrations are over, the Parish Council has turned its thoughts to a lasting Jubilee memorial.

A Jubilee Tree was planted by the Tennis Courts and this has now been moved into Candy's Field to make way for the new Car Parking area. There is an Oak Tree in

Candy's Field that is dead and so the Parish Council has decided to fell this and replace it with another tree. An Exeter Elm, *Ulmus glabra* 'Exoniensis' has been suggested and this is being investigated to make sure that it will not succumb to Dutch Elm disease that has killed other Elms in the Parish. Wikipedia suggests that 'Exoniensis' possesses a moderate resistance to Dutch elm disease, and consequently often featured in the Dutch elm breeding programme in association with the [Field Elm](#) *U. minor* and [Himalayan Elm](#) *U. wallichiana*.

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### **FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH**

The winner of the November Church Lottery was Sheila Stone with ticket no. 1016.

*Joyce Malster*

### **WINE TASTING**

Thank you to all who supported the recent Wine Tasting Evening, organised by the Tennis Club. It was a great success, as a result of which we were able to donate £500 to the Village Hall Funds towards the next stage of renovation works.

*Jill Dixon*



## FROM THE EDITOR

**Apologies for having slightly smaller print than usual to include pages 12, 13 & 14 at the last minute.**

### GARDENS & ALLOTMENTS

Central purchasing of garden supplies did not seem attractive to many even though it could save them money, so I have not created a seed catalogue as previously envisaged. Items I have priced up include most common vegetable seeds, galvanised wire (for keeping out the pesky rabbits which are attacking allotments again) and plastic sheeting of various kinds.

However, if you decide that you need advice on what or where to make such purchases then I am always willing to help. I do understand that a trip to the local garden centre may be a relaxing stroll at a time when the pressures of Christmas buying have relaxed as well as acting as a reminder of what you need.

Additionally, I nearly always have cuttings of various kinds e.g. rhubarb, gooseberry, black and red current bushes, raspberries, perpetual onions and cottager's kale to give new growers a quick start.

*Chris Carter*

### PARISH CHURCH

**GREAT NEWS!** In the first year of our social organising committee the Church raised £2754.58 this year through both social and fundraising events. Many thanks go to the committee who worked very hard and to all those who helped and all who attended the events.



Three members of the committee have now stepped down, allowing the opportunity for new ideas and people/families to carry on the good work in 2013. Please think about joining the committee – many hands make light work – it is a good way of getting to know more people and helping the church at the same time. More details from Jim Bailey or Jill Wilson.

Some of the events organised in this first year were a visit from the West Gallery Quire, a table top sale, the popular Lent Lunches, Cafe in the Aisle on several summer Saturdays, the ever popular produce stall under the arch, and a harvest supper. All events were for everyone in the village, not just churchgoers.

The church gives 10% of all the money given to the church from all sources to charities every year. This is in addition to special services and events.

The special Christmas services, Nine Lessons and Carols Monday 17th Dec. 7pm followed by punch and mince pies.

Christingle Service - Sunday 23rd Dec 5pm for all ages. Christmas Day - 8am Said Eucharist, 9.30am Sung Eucharist!

Choir news. For the carol service on the 17th December the choir will have nine sopranos, four altos, two tenors and two basses.

Philip White, our organist and director of Music writes; 'We have had some interest from a number of children to join the choir. So I am now making plans to start recruiting boys and girls minimum age 7 (preferably 8) with a view to starting the junior choir in the New Year. So if you



have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, nephew or niece who is keen on singing please get in touch with me. (264469). In the meanwhile more adult singers are always welcome.

The Family Services continue on the first and third Sundays. Both begin at 10am following a half hour opportunity to enjoy meeting friends and having fresh coffee and a little light refreshment. The service on the first Sunday also has Eucharist.

On the remaining Sundays a 'Sunday School' means that children may take part in age appropriate activities at all our 9.30am services.

We wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas as we think about the gift of the birth of Christ. A good reason to give and receive gifts at this time of year!

*Brian Mather*

## **LYMPSTONE FISHERY & HARBOUR ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given to Members that Motions for inclusion on the Agenda at the 2013 Annual General Meeting are invited and must be received in writing via the LFHA letterbox or via e-mail to [harbour.board@btconnect.com](mailto:harbour.board@btconnect.com) before midnight on 31 December 2012, including the names of the proposer and seconder. The date of the AGM will be communicated soon.

*Richard Crisp*

## **LYMPSTONE ART GROUP**

### **SEASCAPES IN OILS**

The next open event will be on Thursday 21st February. It is a talk and demonstration by



Roy Lang an accomplished seascape artist. He says he finds it hugely satisfying to equip people with the techniques they need to paint waves, foam bursts and patterns, rock spills, beaches and reflections. Time and venue: 7:30pm Methodist Hall, Chapel Road, Lymington. All are welcome. Free entry for members, £3 to visitors.

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF JOINING?**

You do not need to be an artist to join the Art Group, you just need to be interested in art. We run a number of workshops talks, painting groups throughout the year and hold regular exhibitions. The cost for membership for a year is only £10 and this gives you free entry to the talks and access to a range of other activities. If you want to find out more or join please call 274104, or email me for further details. [judith\\_carter@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_carter@hotmail.com)

*Judith Carter*

## **WINTER FREEZE ON ITS WAY**



Britain can expect the first big freeze of winter by the end of the month sending temperatures plunging to -15C. Transport bosses have pledged to be prepared for severe weather by stocking a three million-ton grit mountain. Cllr Peter Box, Chair of the LGA's Economy and Transport Board, said: "People can count on councils to keep roads safe." (*EDDC*) (*Please keep roads clears for gritters. Ed*)

## **THE POPPY APPEAL 2012**

The total collected this year was £5,051.90. Thank you, once again, Lymington for your generosity.

*Shirley Friend*

## DEVON LIBRARIES MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Each year Devon Libraries review the Mobile Library timetables to ensure that each community's stop is safe, well-used, and that the vehicle has enough travelling time between stops to reach their borrowers promptly. The Mobile Librarians also consult their borrowers to see how we can tailor the service to the community's needs.

As you will be aware the Mobile Library currently stops in Lymington in Meadow Close on alternate Fridays from 10.45 - 11.05am; and in the Car Park 11.15am - 12.45pm. The Mobile Librarian has consulted the borrowers and as a result from 4th January 2013, we propose to make a change.

With the agreement of the existing borrowers, the proposed new schedule will change slightly to ensure that the mobile library arrives promptly, and allows enough time for the borrowers to choose their books. The arrival at Meadow Close will be 10.50 - 11.10am; followed by 11.30am - 12.45pm at the Car Park.

To ensure that everyone is able to access Devon Libraries, we work closely with the WRVS Home Library Service whose volunteers deliver our books and spoken word CDs to anyone confined to home, or who are no longer physically able to reach a library. If anyone in the village needs this help, please contact me via email [pauline.anderson@devon.gov.uk](mailto:pauline.anderson@devon.gov.uk) or by telephoning 01392 384315.

Timetables for 2013 will be distributed as soon as possible. We are very keen to promote the mobile library as the stops only thrive if enough borrowers use the service.



Please encourage your community to join the library and enjoy the benefits of this wonderful service.

The Mobile Librarian has timetables and fliers for both the Mobile Library Service and the Home Library Service that can be distributed by willing volunteers. If you would like a quantity, please let me know and I will ensure copies are dropped off at your stop.

We have something for everyone!

Our fleet of eight mobile libraries visits over 500 locations in communities across Devon giving access to books, audio books, Large Print and DVDs to people who cannot easily reach one of our 50 static libraries.

Membership is FREE, no ID needed. Join at any age – babies too!

There is no charge for borrowing books, and there's a great choice.

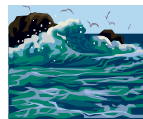
You may hire a DVD from as little as £1 for a fortnight. Non-fiction books, Large Print, and children's books can be reserved FREE.

You can even reserve books online, and collect them from the mobile library. Children have extra fun joining the Book Track and Summer Reading Challenge. There is something to offer everyone on board so why not hop on and take a look?

*Pauline Anderson, Outreach and Rural Services Manager, Newton Abbot Library*  
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## NEW YEAR SPLASH

The seasonal dip over the Christmas period will take place this year on New Year's Day, 1st January at 10am at the Boat Shelter. The Sailing Club will be open from 9.30am if



people wish to use changing facilities and hot drinks will be available. Everyone in the village is welcome to join in, or if you are not quite brave enough, come and watch and cheer others on. As usual donations will be collected for the RNLI.

*Judith Carter*

## **EAST DEVON LOCAL PLAN 2006-2026**

The East Devon Local Plan is now out for consultation and this runs through to 12 noon on Monday 14 January 2013.

The local plan sets out strategic policy for development and development management policies across East Devon. It includes the full suite of policies for the seven main towns of the District (Axminster, Budleigh Salterton, Exmouth, Honiton, Ottery St. Mary, Seaton and Sidmouth) and the 'West End' and countryside areas.

We welcome comments on the plan and these comments and the plan and supporting documentation will be submitted for examination in 2013. To view the plan and find out more please go to: <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/publicationondraftnewlocalplan>

*EDDC*

## **METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Chapel Road**

The Church will be open as usual for Morning Worship on Sunday, December 23rd from 10 am on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m., Revd David Easton will be leading a 'Carols Round The



Crib' family service. Everyone is welcome to join us as we use poems, plays and traditional carols to give us all a chance to put aside the stresses and strains of preparation and concentrate on the deeper meaning of Christmas.

For details about hiring the premises for events, please contact Gillian Hipkins on 224442 e-mail:

[gillianhipkins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillianhipkins@hotmail.co.uk)

*Margaret Wearn*

## **BROWNIES' NEWS**



November started with a bee keeper who told the Brownies all about keeping bees and making honey. The Brownies tasted honey and made brilliant beeswax candles. On the 14th November we held a fundraising evening for Children in Need and raised just under £70. A big thank you to all the parents and friends for their support. Well done to the Brownies who attended Remembrance Parades in Lypstone and Exmouth.

Christmas came early to Lypstone on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, when we had a Christmas craft day. As well as crafts and games the Brownies and Leaders shared a meal with crackers!

On 21st November we completed decorating a Christmas tree for A La Ronde. So far it has survived the weather. Please go along to see our tree and other community groups' Christmas trees. The Christmas tree festival runs at A La Ronde at weekends until 16th December. The last week of November is a special Promise Celebration for Brownies who joined us this term.

*Rosie Jones (Brown Owl)*



## THE LATEST SCAM - DON'T BE CAUGHT!

It has been confirmed by Royal Mail. The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam: A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

*Local police are circulating this.*

## SCOUTING IN LYMPSTONE~

During the Christmas Tree Festival at A la Ronde (until 16 December) a tree produced by our Cubs will be on display, it is made from recycled and no longer used craft material wholly by the Cubs and we hope all those viewing it will appreciate the effort that has gone into its making.

Scouts' Christmas Post is in operation again for 2012! Any cards you wish to post to Lymington villagers will cost just 25p per card, compared with 60p (1st Class) or 50p (2nd Class) through the Royal Mail.

The Scouts will also be taking collections for Exeter, Exton, Ebford and Woodbury, PLUS Budleigh Salterton, East Budleigh, Otterton, Colaton Raleigh and Newton Poppleford at a cost of 30p per card.



Last day for posting will be Wednesday 19th December.

All money will go to Scout funds. The Scout Postbox will be in LONDISH by kind permission. All cards will be stamped with the Lymington Scout Post emblem.

The Scout Group wishes to thank Lymington Compost for their generous donation. The money will be used towards our latest project to provide modern and efficient electric heaters in the hall to replace the outdated portable gas heaters.

Our famous Christmas Bingo will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th December, eyes down at 7pm until around 9pm -

Refreshments and Bar will be available and lots

of Christmas prizes, including food plus perhaps a special visitor to see the children! More people, more fun, more funds for the Scout Group. £5 for six bingo tickets, also specials available.

Cubs finish for Christmas on Tuesday 11th December, with a Party and Beavers on 19th, again with a Party and we start again in the New Year on 8th and 9th January respectively.

The Executive Committee, Leaders and youngsters wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everybody in Lymington and hope that somewhere an experienced person who understands 10 – 14 year olds, will join us so we can give the Scouting Experience to that age range - please contact Mike Goom (AGSL) @ 01395 740162 or via [mikegoom@freeuk.com](mailto:mikegoom@freeuk.com).

*Mike Goom*





## ESTUARY LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

By now you will have seen The Estuary League of Friends newsletter with its brief survey and we are grateful to those who completed the survey. Over the next few weeks, the organisation (which is a charity) will decide what kind of services it can offer in Lympstone. If anyone is in urgent need of the services listed on the newsletter, would you phone Estuary directly - 01392 879009. Thank you Jenny Moon (01395-276569) and Diana Letcher (01395-267693)

*Jenny Moon*

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Meadow Close 10.50 to 11.10  
Dec.7th & 21st Car Park  
11.30 to 12.45  
2013 Jan. 4th & 18th  
Feb. 1st and 15th

*Diana Letcher*



## TICKETS FOR THE VILLAGE CONCERT

The Village Concert will be held on Saturday 9th February, evening performance at 7.30pm with a special matinee performance at 2.30pm in aid of the Village Hall fund. Tickets will be on general sale at the Post Office from Monday 14th January at £8 for the evening performance and £6 for adults/£3 for children at the Matinee Performance. From Monday 17th December, 'Friends of Lympstone Entertainments' can buy tickets



directly from John Welton at 1 Harefield Cottages at the discount price of £7 for the evening performance and £5 for adults/£2 for children for the matinee performance.

Friends of Lympstone Entertainments receive our free on-line newsletter ('Drumbeat') and benefit from advance booking and a discount on ticket prices when these are available. Membership of the 'Friends' is free and to join or check that we have your most recent address please e-mail John Welton at the following address [johnwelton68@gmail.com](mailto:johnwelton68@gmail.com), phone him on 01395271915 or call at 1 Harefield Cottages.

*John Welton*

## FURRY DANCE OPEN MEETING

The Friends of Lympstone Furry Dance are inviting the village to an open meeting to discuss progress of the Furry Dance and its associated events for the future. 'We are keen to receive new ideas and find out people's views about this longstanding village tradition', said Graham Wills, dance leader. 'We will be putting some suggestions forward ourselves and would like all of those who are interested in the Furry Dance (individuals and businesses) to come along and discuss the way forward including thoughts on how to reduce the anti-social behaviour that has crept in recently.'



The meeting is on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Function Room.

*Bridget Beer*

## LYMPSTONE MUMMERS PLAY

Lympstone Mummers will perform the Village's traditional Mummers Play in Lympstone's pubs on the Saturday before Christmas. The script, handed down over generations, compresses England's glorious past – from Crusade to Empire – into a noisy ten minutes of comical death and rude revival of our historical foes. The troupe will burst into the Saddlers at around 8.30pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, working through the Redwing and Swan at half hourly intervals to arrive at the Globe by about 10pm. A collection will be taken for the Children's Society. On the previous Thursday the Lympstone play will be taken to Topsham, by train of course.



*Father Christmas*

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

The Garden Club will once again be hosting a workshop to help you create seasonal decorations which will probably be much more attractive (and cheaper) than the shop versions! Frances Hurrell has kindly agreed to be our tutor. Numbers are limited so if you would like to reserve a place please contact Pat Boaden on 272067. The relevant date is Wednesday 12th December and, as usual, we meet in the Function Room of the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.



*Viv Day*

## LYMPSTONE TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Lympstone Twinning Association will be holding its usual Après Noël Party on Sunday 6th January 2013 at Lympstone Sailing Club 12:15 for 12:30pm. This will include an Extraordinary General Meeting to wind up the Association, but importantly also to agree on how exactly we continue to twin, which we intend to do.

Anyone new to Lympstone twinning who wishes to know more of what we do, please contact Richard Crisp. 01395 273211 or [r@rgterisp.plus.com](mailto:r@rgterisp.plus.com) or <http://sites.google.com/site/lympstonetwinning>. He will be contacting Members before Christmas.

*Richard Crisp*

## ROBIN HOOD & THE MERRY MAIDENS PANTOMIME 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The show will begin at 7.30 pm. every evening, plus Matinee at 2.30 pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. Robin has left Sherwood Forest and travelled to Devon with a group of jolly girls to overcome the tyranny of Prince John and his evil Sheriff. This is Traditional Pantomime with a brilliant cast, band, audience participation and a plot that twists and turns. It is great fun for all the family so come and join us! Tickets available at the Post Office from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Adults £11.00, Children under 12 £3.00.



*Shirley Wilkes*

## FILMS THIS MONTH

The Film Society's Christmas celebration is *White Christmas* with Bing Crosby and many other stars.

2.15pm on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Hall. In January the matinee is *Rebel Without a Cause* – on Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Make a note of the date for the first Friday film in the New Year – on January 11<sup>th</sup> we are showing *The Kid with a Bike* – 'a heartfelt story about parenthood, trust and love'.

If you want to join the Society, come along to a screening – you'll only pay a part-year membership fee.

*Don Mildenhall*

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

After a successful few months of fundraising and grants from the Parish Council and Devon CC, we now have the funds to revamp the committee room. New folding tables and stacking chairs will make it a more flexible space for a range of activities. New lighting, new floor and redecoration will also improve things. As a result we have the existing furniture to sell – eight heavy-duty fixed leg tables and about 30 chairs. All reasonable offers considered – call Don Mildenhall on 260500.

Our next project is expected to be solar panels on the roof of the main hall, so we will have fundraising events from January, starting with a Wassail – watch for posters with details. The refurbished loos and other improvements are helping to make the hall



a very popular venue for weddings and parties – if you have a special date in mind for 2013, please enquire asap.

*Don Mildenhall*

**HERE WE COME A-WASSAILING**  
Saturday January 5<sup>th</sup> 5.30-8.00pm

*Wassail the trees,  
that they may bear  
You many a plum,  
and many a pear*  
Join us with sticks  
and lanterns as we



parade to Orchard Cottage to feast on mulled cider, apple juice and traditional wassailing food. You will be entertained by singing and a Mummers' play, and then be able to join us in chanting and the pouring of cider to encourage fertility. Okay, so it didn't work last year, but it's still fun.

*Sheila Stone and Suki Commin.*

## EXTRA TRAINS WELL USED

The additional Sunday trains are being well used – if enough people take advantage of them they could become a permanent feature of the timetable. To remind you, First Great Western are running additional trains to provide a half-hourly service each Sunday until December 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 10am and 6pm, instead of the usual hourly Sunday service. The timetable is available in Lympstone pubs and shops as well as at the station.



*Tony Day*

**VILLAGE MEETING 23/24<sup>th</sup> NOV.**  
***Some of your planning questions***  
***answered – to be posted on the village***  
***notice boards***

1) Not happy the parish has allowed development within the boundary at Goodmore's Farm without consultation and has given it to Exmouth Town. Why was no explanation given why Goodmore's Farm not counting? Why should Goodmore's Farm be incorporated into Exmouth?

□ Firstly let's get it quite clear that the Lympstone Boundary remains the same – it has not been "given away".

This issue first came to light in Summer 2011 when the land was put forward in the LDF process for development. It was attributed to Exmouth. Until that time most of the work of the LDF had been conducted in secret and was only then open to public scrutiny. A letter was written to the LDF panel on 8th October 2011 when we realised what had happened. *"Goodmore's farm has figured largely within the LDF as providing additional housing for Exmouth. Over half of this land, and therefore over 200 houses are within Lympstone Parish. This fact seems to have been ignored with Lympstone Parish Council not consulted so far within the LDF on this land. I am unable to say at this point whether LPC would or would not support the proposal however I would suggest that this is a round table topic that could be resolved with a meeting between LPC, EDDC and ETC."*

On the 11th October 2011 Cllr Longhurst and Cllr Eastley attended the LDF meeting and made the following statement on Goodmore's Farm *"Lympstone Parish Council believe that this "joint stewardship" of these lands needs special treatment within the LDF process. This process would require the joint agreement*

*of LPC and Exmouth Town Council in producing a harmonious outcome"*. At this stage Lympstone Parish Council had no position statement agreed by the Council so statements were being made to the LDF on a "proviso" basis.

The situation was debated by the Parish Council and the following position statement agreed, which was communicated to the LDF Panel

*Because of the dislocation this development is not considered as part of the Lympstone Neighbourhood, rather a part of Brixington. It is perhaps the softest development in the parish. For these reasons and because EDDC and ETC view this development as extremely important the Parish Council supports this development. The Parish Council sees no reason to move the parish boundary but will pursue the following conditions:-*

*1) Schooling;- seek Section 106 money to improve facilities at Lympstone Primary School, whilst recognising that pupils from these new homes will attend Brixington the money will improve facilities for existing students and new students from close within the parish and avoid them having to travel to Brixington.*

*2) The Parish Council will insist on this land being used for housing only. Relocation of the Sorting Office, Police Station or Hospital to release land within Exmouth should be managed within ETC resources.*

*3) EDDC have already agreed that a proportion of the affordable housing within the development will be set aside for "Lympstone Connection" if needed.*

*Section 106 money should be sourced to improve the connection to the Cycle Way and create the by-pass around Lympstone. The Parish Council supports the Brixington Community in wishing infrastructure*

*projects be incorporated within their portion of the development.*

In conclusion this was debated openly at the Parish Council and the decision taken in the best interests of the community - remember at the time we were also fighting an application at Courtlands Cross!

1) Priority given to pedestrian access to key amenities

☐ Yes this is correct. As you can see from the EDDC Sustainability Objectives location near school, transport and community services are a key factor in their assessment of a strong and viable community.

2) Traffic and Parking

☐ We recognise that traffic and parking is a growing issue within the village. It will figure highly within the Neighbourhood Plan and is already high on the Parish Council's agenda with some remedial steps already agreed with Devon Highways.

3) The allocation of Affordable Housing in Lympstone.

☐ The policy has been amended within the New Local Plan, with the concept of "parish groups" our group is "Lympstone and Woodbury" "Strategy 35 Item 3

*Initial and subsequent occupancy of the affordable housing is restricted to a person(s) who:-*

*a) Does not have access to general market housing*

*b) Is a resident of that Parish group, or has a local connection with that parish group because of family ties or a need to be near their workplace.*

*In the event that an occupier who fulfils both (or either) of criterion a) or b) cannot be found within a reasonable period of time, then criterion (ii) will be widened firstly to a person(s) with a local connection to a neighbouring parish group because of family ties or a need to be near*

*their workplace, and subsequently to a person(s) with an East Devon connection."*

In brief this means that when affordable housing becomes available it will first be offered to Woodbury and Lympstone residents (subject to clause a) above) or people with a connection to those parishes. If nobody fills this need it will be offered to Exmouth residents (or connections) and then finally to East Devon residents (or connections) . BUT NOTE – to even be considered there must be a demonstrable case of the applicant not having access to "general market housing".

4) Use of sheltered housing at Glebelands for non-sheltered use.

☐ Following enquiries it would appear that the sheltered housing on Glebelands failed the standards set by "The Care Quality Commission" (No lift to upper floor, flats not designed to accommodate people with mobility difficulties). EDDC concluded that whilst the houses were still suitable for normal use the cost of upgrading them to the standards required by the elderly was prohibitive and they are therefore being let as standard social housing when they become available. This is in line with current policy within Devon to outsource care for the elderly to private institutions

5) If all development is inside VBL will all green space be lost?

☐ No green space is very important and within the Neighbourhood Plan we are looking to secure additional green space.

6) Why only build within the BuAB and cause more congestion?

☐ Within the BuAB there is a "presumption for development" on available land – if we allocated land for 40 houses outside the BuAB then we could find further houses within the BuAB come forward making our total in excess of the 40 required. It makes sense to use land within the BuAB first.

7) How is development south and west of village contributing to traffic problems in the conservation area?

☐ There is no development proposed South or South West of the village – this is protected either by Coastal Protection or Green Wedge status.

8) How will planning envelope be affected by individual development outside it?

☐ Except for rare circumstances there will not be development outside the envelope

9) When will news be available on whether EDDC endorses/amends proposals?

☐ This is an on-going process and we expect a dialogue between EDDC and the Parish Council that we expect to conclude by March 2013

10) Who decides on Village Boundary Line changes? ☐ EDDC

11) Were the criteria previously discussed at Focus Group meetings taken into account?

☐ Yes very much so – some were dropped and some introduced and some amended. See the evolution chart on the website.

12) Why were approach roads to Jacksons Meadow not widened as required when first built?

☐ That is a very good question. Looking at the records of the time it would seem that the legal department of EDDC did not implement the requirements of the Planning Committee. Further than that we have no knowledge.

13) What happens if some of preferred sites get planning rejected – will next site of 65 houses go ahead?

☐ We would hope that all the developments on the preferred list will be achieved as they have only been put forward after careful scrutiny.

14) Why did Parish Council reject coalescence at Courtlands but Goodmore's Farm is being allowed to be developed?

☐ The Courtlands land was designated Green Wedge and therefore officially protected. There is no such protection on Goodmore's Farm and it has had a presumption for development for many years.

15) Can there be 1 parking space per bedroom on new builds or at least 2 per property?

☐ We will certainly try for this ratio.

16) How does access to Glebelands site meet Highway requirements?

Access to development sites has to be to Highways criteria – it is a condition of the grant of planning. Devon Highways are statutory consultees.

17) Can we have reassurance from the Council that smaller plots for development will continue to be sought?

☐ Yes – bring them forward! But it may be too late this time around if they are outside the BuAB

18) What goes on behind the scenes – private talks with landowners etc.?

☐ This whole subject is extremely delicate and needs handling with care. Yes there are inevitably discussions with landowners they have to put their land forward and we have to understand what they want to do – it is their land after all. The SHLAA inputs were handled by EDDC and the sites within the BuAB were sourced by the Working Party. We have handled the applications as openly as possible and Cllr Rob Longhurst has made the Parish Council aware, in open session, of all new intended applications.

*(The above is unedited copy taken from the village web site to answer numerous questions posed to Cllr Longhurst and myself in the last few days. The Ed))*

# East Devon Local Plan 2006-2026

The East Devon Local Plan is now out for consultation and

this runs through to **12 noon on Monday 14 January 2013.**

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and the plan and supporting documentation will be

submitted for examination in 2013. To view the plan and

find out more please go to:

<http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/publicationdraftnewlocalplan>

*EDDC*

**WI**

"Shall We Dance?" was the title of Shelley Tobin's talk at our Christmas meeting. Shelley is Curator of Costume at Killerton House and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter. Half-a-dozen dresses for today contestants in "Strictly" could be made from just one dress worn when dancing was first introduced to Court and the High Society of England; such was the voluminous size of the gowns! We saw slides of men and women's dress through the last five centuries and learnt that when the waltz was first demonstrated it was considered very improper because the men

had to hold the women too closely for correct dance etiquette.

Samples of various fine materials were passed round and footstep maps of correct dance routines were shown. Some of the



clothes and shoes are on display at Killerton and the Exeter Museum (the latter being free of charge). It was a most interesting afternoon.

WI business was postponed until the next meeting in order to allow more time for the Christmas tea provided by members. A collection for Associated Country Women of the World was taken in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts. Our Group carol service, held in Lypstone Church, had been very well attended and much enjoyed (so were the mince pies which came in varying shapes and sizes but all delicious!- how can 100 of them all look so different?).

A reminder was given re. the following events:

Thurs. 13th Dec - Meal at the Saddlers at 7 pm.

Subs for next year are £33. Please put the money in an envelope with your name and address.

Weds. 2nd January - Committee meeting at 21 Highcliffe Close at 2.15pm

The first meeting of 2013 will be on Weds. 9th January (please note change of date) when Brian Cotton will tell us about his experiences on the canals of England. Any potential new members will be made most welcome at 2.30 pm that day.

*Diana de la Rue*



## LYMPSTONE POLICE



I am pleased to report that there have been no crimes since my last newsletter.

If anyone has any information regarding a damaged gate post and gates in the area of Maltfield on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, please contact me on the details below. It is unclear how they became damaged and it may be due to the recent weather, however it is possible a vehicle may have caused the damage and failed to stop.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and New Year. As your PCSO I would like to thank you for your assistance throughout the year and I look forward to working with you in 2013. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any matters, please contact me on the details below.

Stay safe and keep warm throughout the Christmas period.

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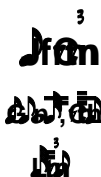
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17 Carol Service  
19 Last day for Scouts' post  
19 Scouts Bingo  
21 School Christmas Disco  
22 Lympstone Mummers  
23 Christingle service  
24 Carols round the crib

### JANUARY

1 New Year Splash  
5 Wassailing  
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