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From the Parish Council

Happy New Year from Cllr Peter Acca, Chairman of Lymestone Parish Council.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year celebrations in Lymestone or elsewhere with family or friends.

Your Parish Council has continued to work hard during the last year to keep our Village a pleasant place to live.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations proved to be excellent events for young and old and finished with a bang from a professional fireworks display and a party on Cliff Field. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped put all these events together so that we, as a strong community, could all enjoy celebrating this unique national event. It is also important to thank everyone who turned up to have a good time. This makes all the hard work worthwhile. 2013 brings the 60th

Anniversary of the coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth 11. The Parish Council is aware of this but has not yet received any suggestions for celebrations. If you think that we should do something for this special anniversary, please let me know.

A scheme that has been a long-held wish of mine finally came together last year when we were able to provide extra car parking for the School and Village Hall on a piece of waste ground by the Tennis Courts. Thanks to funds from our County Councillor, Bernard Hughes, the Primary School, thanks to Head Teacher, Tony Priest and from the Village Hall Management Committee. **cont**

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We were also able to provide a safe access for children into Candy's Field and the Village Hall. In the coming year I hope to have the funds available to put a tarmac surface on the path into Candy's Field to complete the job.

Those with young children will also know that we have been able to provide a new attractive and safe surface in the Toddler Play Area in Candy's Field. This is a really welcome improvement and will be followed up by painting the play equipment as soon as the weather makes it possible to do so. All this has been provided by 100% funding from the MoD under the Armed Forces Community Covenant and so it is a direct benefit of having families from our Armed Forces living amongst us in Lymestone.

As many of you will know, planning matters have taken up a considerable amount of time at meetings of the Parish Council and The Village Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. This group of councillors and volunteers have put in a considerable effort to establish your wishes for development of the whole Parish over then next 14 years, all of which came together in two public meetings at the end of last year. The Parish has received no support or encouragement from EDDC and we have seen that they are not willing to accept anything which might reduce the planning stranglehold that they wish to keep on the whole district.

This is very frustrating but it is abundantly clear that we must not put off by this lack of support from our big brother Council but we must ask the Working Party to continue with their hard work.

The amount of rainwater flowing through the Village was a great concern several times during the year. Cllr Richard Eastley has done sterling work in trying to keep the Environment Agency and DCC on their toes so that everything flows smoothly but when the situation looked serious a few weeks ago, it was Lymestone residents who saved that day by prompt action to clear the screen in the Wotton Brook and keep water flowing. Roger Stewart and Alfie Beer have offered to become flood wardens. They will monitor the brook, other water courses and drains to make sure that there is no build up of debris which could cause a serious overflow into the streets and houses of Lymestone. Richard will continue with his own special Lymestone way of bringing action from the Environment Agency and DCC although we should recognise that they have their hands full at the moment. I know that many others have also helped to keep the Village clear and I say a big thank you to all of you. If you feel that you could help when needed please do get in touch with me as it will give peace of mind to know that we have an active band of volunteers keeping their eye on this serious aspect of village life.

The Parish Council has been asked to consider submitting an entry to the

CPRE Best Kept Village Competition.
<http://www.cpredevon.org.uk/the-best-kept-village/cpre-competitions-and-awards/the-best-kept-village.html>

Cllr Mrs Terri Scott with George and Mary Truell will be working together to see what is required in terms of a strong application but the most effort will need to come from everyone of us. If we each find a small way of keeping our village tidier then we can show that we are pulling together to make Lympstone a Best Kept Village. Last year, the weather was not kind to us, weeds grew better than anything that we planted! This year I would like everyone to look out for weeds and to cut them down or pull them out as soon as they appear anywhere. The favourite areas seem to be at the bottom of walls or in the gutters of the pavements. This will be a small effort but will make a huge difference to the way the village looks. Let's make 2013, the year in which we all do a little bit more to keep Lympstone the wonderful place to live that we all enjoy. If you see something that you can deal with, please do so. If you would like ideas or support, please contact me or Tony, the Parish Clerk and we will do our best to help.

Once again, I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Cllr Peter Acca.

STOP PRESS

Sources close to East Devon District Council today reported that -

At a meeting of East Devon's Planning Committee yesterday, the 8th of January, it was agreed that 15 houses could be built off Glebelands. Most of these will be "affordable"

Whilst this was not Lympstone Parish Council's recommendation it should reduce the target of 40 houses to be built elsewhere in the village.



SPLASH AT LSC – NEW YEAR’S DAY RECOVERY REMEDY



The start, rounding the mark and what the well dressed Commodore is wearing this year. Pictures from the editor



FROM THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OVER – ANY RESOLUTIONS?

We like to think that the main attraction of the Herald is it's contents. One way to ensure that these remain attractive is to reflect the interests of the people of Lymptstone. If you have something to say or would like to see other subjects of interests written up then please let us know. The easiest way might be for you to submit an article but if you don't feel up to putting pen to paper (or better still fingers to a keyboard) then just let us know what you would like to see. Make a resolution that you will have your views recognised.

NEW TEMPORARY EDITOR

Cllr Terri Scott is helping with editing the Herald whilst both Jan and Liz are unavailable. It is useful to have the views of a second Parish Councillor.

COLOURED COVER

Some liked it, some loathed it and some thought the whole idea a waste of £3. What was it? Why, the colour of the outer pages of the Herald. Anyway, we are using the coloured wrapping for a few months to see how others like it. Essentially it meets the twin needs of separating one month from the next and should allow you to distinguish the Herald from the pile of advertising material which is delivered every day.

Chris Carter

LYMPSTONE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

To start off our 2013 meetings we heard a fascinating talk given by Julie Blackshaw, Theatre Manager for the past eleven years at the Barnfield Theatre, Exeter. The Barnfield Hall was built towards the end of 19th Century by Exeter Literary Society and, after various uses in the intervening years, was converted in 1972 into the Barnfield Theatre which is used by local amateur and professional companies as well as touring professional theatrical companies. Julie started by giving us a "virtual tour" and history of the theatre via the bar area, backstage and on stage, and then intrigued us with tales of the Myths and Superstitions of Theatre, such as never having peacock feathers on stage in case the evil eye bestows a curse on the production, not speaking the last line until opening night, and a piece of coal should be thrown into the empty auditorium of a new theatre to ensure its success.

The theatre hosts nationally known performers, including comedians such as Michael McIntyre and Phil Jupitus on their "work in progress" tours. There is an opportunity to become a Friend of Barnfield Theatre for just £5 and receive priority booking and other benefits – further information can be found at www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk

As is customary, the talk was followed by tea, business discussion and notices. Members were reminded of the lunch

on 21st February in the Village Hall. Annual subscriptions were also taken at the meeting, and we welcomed a potential new member.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 6th February at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, when the talk will be about the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. If you are looking for a new activity for 2013, do come and try us out – we are a very friendly group with about 20 members attending each month.

Heather Stratford

LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Wednesday 23rd January 2013, we will welcome back Mr Derek Gore of Exeter University, who's talk on "Christianity from the Romans to the Norman Conquest" discusses the written and archaeological evidence for Christianity and the church in the South West. Starting at 7.30pm at the Function Room, Lypstone Village Hall, admission £3 open to all.

Angela Coles

TWINNING

The Après Noël Social Event and Special General Meeting to close the Lypstone Twinning Association and to agree a *modus operandi* for the future will be held on Sunday 13th

January 2013 from 12.30pm, contrary to previous information. Anyone interested in future twinning not yet contacted personally, please contact Richard Crisp, 273211 or e-mail lympstonetwin@live.com

Richard Crisp

BROWNIE NEWS



Brownies finished 2012 with a Christmas party with games, fun and lots to eat! Brownies restarts on the 9th January, when we welcome three new girls to the pack. January 16th is our party to celebrate our Pack's 90th birthday! Lots of ex-Brownies, Leaders and friends will be joining us for refreshments including a special cake and a raffle in aid of Pack funds.

Rosie Jones

THANK YOU FROM THE LYMPSTONE MUMMERS

Thank you from the Mummers to all those who generously gave to our collection for the Children's Society following our performances in the Saddlers, Redwing, Swan and Globe on 22nd December. Including the money we collected in Topsham pubs on 17th December, we were able to donate £352!

Clive Wilson

ROBIN HOOD & THE MERRY MAIDENS 17th, 18th & 19th January



At 7.30 pm. every evening, matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday. This is traditional Pantomime and great fun for all the family. Only a few days left to buy tickets, available at the Post Office adults £11, children under 12 £3.

Shirley Wilkes

BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS

In the spring most of the village will receive an improved Broadband service and option to receive SuperFast Broadband.



However, a large number of residents and businesses in the centre of the village will not receive any improvement irrespective of their Broadband supplier. This is because the telecoms box that serves the area is not being connected by a new optical fibre line to Exmouth exchange. BT say this decision is 'on commercial grounds'-either because it will cost too much or they don't think there would be enough takers for the faster service.

We understand that the area left out of the improvements covers Underhill, Underhill Crescent and Close, and the properties between the railway line and the Estuary (The Strand, Highcliffe etc.)

A group of residents in the affected area is working to establish how to obtain the new service as soon as possible. We plan to contact everyone in the affected area in the next month or so with more details of how to become involved. In the meantime we suggest that any dissatisfaction at a day to day level with poor line speeds and reliability be made known to your supplier in the usual way.

Alan Burton

LF&HA

The Lymstone Fishery & Harbour Association requires an Honorary Treasurer to serve on the Harbour Board, which meets monthly.

Please contact Col. G Wheeler by e-mail: harbour.board@btconnect.com

Harbour Board

Richard Crisp

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS

The Trustees are holding their Open Meeting on Tuesday, 26th February at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall when the reports and accounts will be presented. All ploholders and people with an interest in the Allotments are invited to attend.



Diana de la Rue

RECYCLING

Lympstone Village Hall now has bins for recycling glass, tins and cans. These bins at the top of the car park are open for public use and are collected by the district council when full. Please do not leave other rubbish in the bins.



A reminder that your "Recycle at Home" green bins are now able to accommodate recycling for:

Paper (newspaper, magazines, envelopes, junk mail)

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Glass bottles and jars

Tins and cans, Foil and aerosols

Textiles (clothes, rags, curtains, towels)

Household batteries (including laptop and phone batteries)

For further information call 01395 571515 or

www.eastdevon.gov.uk/recycling_and_refuse

Pete Hardy



RNLI VISIT LYMPSTONE

Crew volunteers from Exmouth RNLI are doing a sponsored cycle ride around the estuary on Sunday 20th January for the Life Saving at Sea charity's SOS

Day. Six members of the lifeboat crew are cycling in full kit from Dawlish to Exmouth to raise money towards Exmouth's Shannon lifeboat launch and recovery equipment. They will be calling at Lympstone Sailing Club at about 1.45pm.



Come down to the Sailing Club to support them and cheer them on their way. The clubhouse will be open for refreshments - everyone welcome.

Judith Carter

POLICE



Between the 7th and 9th December a quantity of copper piping and a copper cylinder was stolen from a property in the area of Highcliffe. If anyone has any information regarding this theft, please contact the Police quoting KE/12/2898. If you see any person or vehicle acting suspiciously in the area, please ring Police on 101.

If you would like to sign up to our community messaging system, please contact me on the details below. This allows you to receive messages via email or telephone on what is happening in your area. It is a free service and a simple form to fill out.

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and you may even have been lucky enough to receive some lovely gifts! A few crime prevention tips:

Make a note of any serial numbers/distinguishing marks on high value property. These items can be registered for free on www.immobilise.com. This is a database which the police will access if stolen property is recovered.

Jewellery – we recommend that you take a photo of any pieces of jewellery and keep them safe. This helps us to identify your property should it be stolen.

The police do offer a free property marking service where we can mark your property with your postcode, If you are interested in this, please contact me on the details below to discuss.

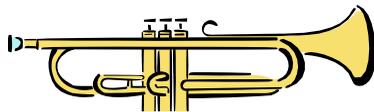


I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and I look forward to working with you in 2013.

PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110

Sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk. General enquiries 101

LYMPSTONE SOUTH WEST



TELECOMS BRASS BAND AND TRAINING BAND

The band had a very successful year in 2012. We played and won all three of

the South West area contest we entered, which qualified us for the National Finals where we came a very respectable 11th and were promoted into the 1st Division. We have enjoyed performing a number of concerts both indoors and out, in pubs and gardens, and venues of all sizes, including Bicton Gardens, Exmouth Pavilion, the Great Hall with the La La Lymptonne Choir and Sandy Park for Exeter Chiefs at a couple of their Heineken Cup games (to name but a few). Overall 2012 was an enjoyable and productive year.

In December our last event was the Christmas Concert in the Band Hall in aid of Friends of Lymptonne Church. There was a fantastic audience with a really great turnout from the village. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas music, especially the talented soloists and we were very proud to present the Training Band at their first concert outing. Thank you to everyone who supported us, we made over £200 for the Church.



We are next performing in the Concert on 9th May and are currently busy preparing for the next area contest in March. We look forward to a successful 2013. Please continue to support us, we will be advertising future events in and around Lymptonne and if you'd like to come along and play with us please get in touch.

Jane Sword

PARISH CHURCH

Bishop Michael Langrish has been the Bishop of Exeter for thirteen years and he has decided it is time to retire. He writes 'I intend to retire on 1st July when I will be 67. During the 13 years that I have had the privilege of serving as Bishop of Exeter I have grown to love this county and its people deeply. I hope I leave the Church of England in Devon in good heart. We have recently seen a growth in number of vocations to authorised ministry, positive indications in terms of numbers of those who worship with us and cause for optimism in the financial contributions we receive. My final service will be St Peter's Day, 29th June when there will be a farewell service at the Cathedral.'

QUIET TIME IN CHURCH – Monday 14th January at 9.30am and is open to everyone. Please join us for half an hour of prayer, readings and quiet contemplation. For more, or just a chat, please ring Demelza on 272243.

HAVE YOUR SAY on Thursday 17th January, 10.30am-noon in church. This will be a meeting to discuss life and worship in the Mission Community – what you would like to celebrate, any areas of concern, and looking ahead to the



future. A questionnaire will be available beforehand for you to use and

bring to the meeting. If you cannot come, you will be able to hand it in to any member of the clergy, church wardens or Jill Wilson. If this date isn't convenient, you could go to either Holy Trinity on Saturday 12th January 10.30-noon, or to Littleham on Monday 14th January 7-9pm.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN Exmouth – Thursday 24th January 12.30pm in church – as part of the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**, Lymstone Church will be hosting a short service followed by a lunch of bread and soup. The theme will be 'What does God ask of us?'



LENT LUNCHESES The popular Lent Lunches begin again on Monday 18th February for six weeks until the last one on Monday 18th March. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the bread, cheese, apple, home made soup and good company!

Come along between noon and 1.30pm to the Methodist Hall. Cost - £3.50, with all proceeds to charity.

PCC MEETINGS – the PCC will be meeting every two months (instead of monthly) in future, but you can raise matters of concern with Sid Humphries (Chair), Mary Blair and Richard Giles (church wardens) or Jill Wilson (Secretary) at any time. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th January.

RE-ORDERING OF THE EAST END OF THE CHURCH – it is hoped to give a presentation, accompanied by

architect's plans, on Sunday 10th February after the 9.30am service in church. Those who worship at the 8am and 11am midweek services will be invited to attend. Coffee will be served and there will be an opportunity for people to ask questions or make comments.

Brian Mather from information provided by Jill Wilson

YOUR NEXT FILMS



The January Film Society matinee is the remarkable *Rebel without a Cause* with James Dean. See it at 2.15pm Tuesday 22nd Jan at the Methodist Hall; £3 inc refreshments.

The Friday film is on 1st February, 6.45 for 7.30pm, and is *Tom Jones*. This is a splendid period comedy with a famous food fight scene – well worth seeing again if you have seen it. 40 lucky diners will enjoy an English feast beforehand (tickets £10 from Helen Dimond 223433) – these film-themed meals are always a sell out.

Don Mildenhall

VILLAGE HALL

We're pleased to say that the Hall will remain open throughout this summer – there are no major building works planned. So there are opportunities for summer parties, weddings and the like

– if you have a particular date in mind, please book early.

Don Mildenhall

MPS CHALLENGE NEW RURAL HOUSING

Rural communities should be protected from housing developments if they don't have the schools and roads to cope with the extra population, according to a group of MPs. They want an amendment to the government's Growth Bill, which would force local councils to consider whether there would be enough public service in the area to cope with new housing.

Devon County Council's Knowledge

EXE ESTUARY WINTER FORUM – 6.30PM – 9.30PM TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2013

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Diana Letcher

SCOUTING IN LYMPSTONE

Happy New Year
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Scouts to



everybody who sent their Christmas Cards via Scout Post or attended the Christmas Bingo, which have enabled us to complete the electric heating of the Scout HQ, together with hot water in the kitchen and perhaps a hot air hand dryer for the toilet!

In 2013 we hope we may be able to complete our efforts to start a separate Troop for 11-14 year olds, but we do really need parents to help, especially with Cubs.

Both Cubs and Beavers are restarting with renewed vigour and projects to enable more badges and skills to be gained. Watch for more details of our involvement in the Scout Community week in June.

If you believe you can help us please contact Mike Goom (AGSL) @ 01395 740162 or via mikegoom@freeuk.com

Mike Goom

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT, EXTRA SUNDAY SERVICES

Soon after we formed ALRUG it became obvious that Sunday trains were the weak point in an otherwise good service. It has been a priority ever since to try to achieve an improvement in the Sunday service.

Within a couple of years First Great Western and Network Rail were persuaded that Sunday trains should start at 9 am year round – it seems unthinkable now that in Winter the first train was not until late morning!

Since 2009 numerous passenger counts have demonstrated that Sunday trains are at least as busy as weekday off peak services and we have gradually gathered support among local government and rail industry stakeholders for at least a trial of a half hourly Sunday service. First Great Western were not unwilling, if some initial funding could be found.

When we discussed applying for Community Rail status, fellow stakeholders all agreed that a pilot half hourly Sunday service should be the first priority. By the time our application was agreed by Government everyone was “ready to roll”, with match funding from the County Council in place and train plans drawn up.

First Great Western agreed to run eight extra trains each way to provide a half hourly service between 10am and 6pm on the six Sundays from 18 November to 23 December. The extra services would run between Exmouth and Exeter St David’s, therefore providing much improved connectivity with the main line in the busy period before Christmas when many people are visiting relatives. We see such connectivity as the key year round benefit of an increased

It was good to see ALRUG's support for the additional Sunday services recognised on FGW's posters. ALRUG passenger counters took a complete tally of those travelling to compare to previous Sundays. It was apparent from the start that many people knew about – and wanted to use – the extra trains and ridership on the first Sunday was up almost a third. Passengers were very pleased with the half hourly service and strongly supportive of our campaign to make them permanent. Further counts are being taken in the weeks up to Christmas, in the hope that the goodwill shown by our rail industry partners can be translated into a commercially viable year round half hourly Sunday service.

Tony Day

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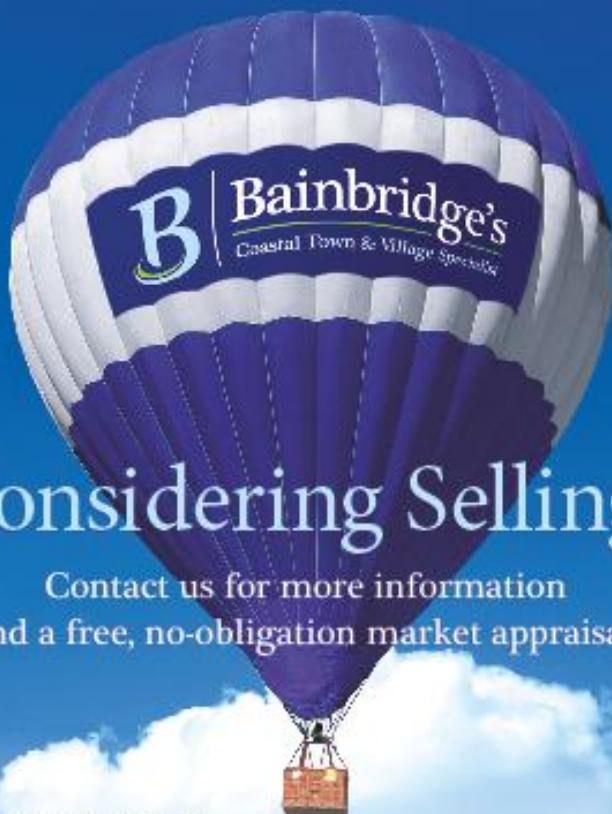
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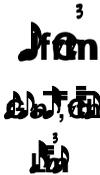


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WHAT'S ON

JANUARY

- 9 Brownies restart
- 11 Film – *The Kid with a Bike*
- 13 Twinning Association social event
- 16 Brownies 90th birthday party
- 17,18,19 Pantomime
- 20 RNLI bike ride – sailing club stop
- 22 Film *Rebel Without a Cause*
- 22 Furry Dance open meeting
- 23 History Society talk
- 30 Parish Church Council meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 Film *Tom Jones*
- 6 WI
- 9 Village Concert
- 18 Church lent lunches begin
- 21 Art talk
- 26 Heathfield allotment trustees

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