



EXE ESTUARY TRAIL PETITION

A petition of 265 signatures and 132 letters were delivered to Devon County Council on 12th February. All those people who wrote letters have been sent a standard reply from the Head of Planning, Transport & Environment at DCC. This letter is disappointing because it just tells us information that we already know. On the positive side, it says that they *"have established a working group to investigate options to improve the environment in Lympstone relating to the Exe Estuary Trail"* and that they *"will seek to clarify the position regarding land ownership in relation to the off road option along the railway line"*. The letter also refers to the meeting with the Parish Council scheduled for 19th March. However, there are many points that DCC has not addressed. In view of this, we have written a follow-up letter requesting a

much more detailed response. In summary, this focuses on:

(1) The fact that DCC's decision to route the EET on the roads through Lympstone was made without a detailed investigation of alternative options (or clear communication of these options to village residents), without a safety audit or risk assessment of the on-road route (despite safety concerns being raised), contrary to the recommendation of the Parish Council, and based on incorrect information provided by a representative of DCC concerning the completion of a safety audit (they told the Committee that an audit had been completed when it hadn't). **Cont**

Clerk to the Council: A J Le Riche, DMS, 43 Salisbury Road, Exmouth, EX8 1SL, Tel 279665/ 07866 535580 clerk@lympstone.org (Tony being absent, we have replaced him with a piece by EET whom the PC supports. Ed)

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(2) Our belief that DCC is failing in its duty on road safety by taking little regard of information provided by village residents about accidents and near misses (not conducting appropriate investigations and not taking appropriate measures to prevent accidents).

(3) DCC's reasons for rejecting the off-road route are weak, so we have requested further information for the reasons listed in their letter of 24th February. For example, following recent detailed consultation with Network Rail we now know that the original estimate for constructing the off-road route was relatively low; the route is technically feasible; there do not appear to be any complicated landownership or land use issues; and the number of objections to the off-road route at the planning stage was low.

Our objective is to ensure that DCC acknowledges the errors made in the planning process and their legal responsibilities, and commits to developing an additional off-road route for the EET. We believe that central government funding is available (through sustainable transport funds), and it would not affect local budgets.

More individual letters to DCC (in response to their letter dated 24th February) would help, so please write if you have time. If possible, please give us a copy so we can keep track of

communications - either to judith_carter@hotmail.com, or by hand (leave a copy in the Newsagent if that is more convenient).

Finally, please remember to record any accidents, near misses or incidents of road rage in the book at the newsagent or print a form from www.lympstone.org and email it to me judith_carter@hotmail.com

Judith Carter

Chair, Trail Action Group - Lympstone

PARISH CHURCH

LENT Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential season of Lent, the 40-day liturgical period of prayer and fasting or abstinence, when our focus turns towards the cross as we prepare to celebrate Easter. In preparation for the fasting people emptied their larders, hence the eating of large quantities of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. The following day, Ash Wednesday, derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of mourning and repentance to God. The ashes used are from the burning of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday.

LENT LUNCHESES The Lent Lunches this year commence on Monday March 10th and continue for the next four Mondays, March 17th, 24th, 31st and ending on Monday April 7th. The usual Home-made Soup, Bread & Cheese

with apples. Lunch served from 12 noon until 1.30 pm in the Methodist Hall, Lymptstone. Everyone welcome, we look forward to seeing you. Price £3.50.

LENT CARBON FAST In partnership with Tearfund, the Anglican Dioceses of the South West are responding to the challenge of climate change by encouraging church members and congregations to reduce their carbon emissions by up to 40% during Lent 2014. Most scientific opinion states firmly that global warming is one of the main challenges of our day and that already communities and countries are facing disastrous consequences. This is a matter for all who believe in a God of love, justice and peace.

LENT COURSE The theme this year is the Lord's Prayer, on Tuesdays from 7.15 pm beginning on the 11th March for 5 weeks and a final party on Saturday 26th April, all at Holy Trinity, Exmouth.

LENT REFLEXIONS See the 'Count your blessings' Lent Calendar on www.christianaid.org.uk

EASTER Full details of Easter services (20th April) will be in next month but, for now, please note the Palm Sunday procession through the village on 13th April which arrives at church in time for the 10 am service with the reading of the Passion Story.

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 or through Glenhaven Cottage letterbox (next door to the church.). Please do not put envelopes in the donation box in the porch as they block it up and some were pulled out and stolen, a very unLymptstone like occurrence! Do also come into church to spend time in memory of loved ones and enjoy the display of flowers this Easter.

CONFIRMATION There will be confirmation preparation sessions starting soon for adults and young people. Confirmation to take place 18 May 2014 at Lymptstone Church.

If you would like to know more contact Revd James, Parish Office 263681 or Revd Sid, 274512, sid75@hotmail.co.uk or any member of the Ministry Team

QUIET PRAYER TIME The next quiet time will be held at 9.30am on Monday 10 March. It is open to everyone. Please join us for half an hour of prayer, readings and contemplative reflection.

We meet regularly on the second Monday of each month, and always welcome newcomers. For more information, or just a chat, please ring Demelza on 272243.

JUNIOR CHOIR We need more children for the junior choir – we meet once a week for a lively, fun time

learning new music of varying styles. If you know any boys or girls aged from 8 years upwards who are keen on singing, please complete one of the forms you will find on the table at the back of the church, or ask their parents to contact me: Philip White, organist and choirmaster,

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be on Sunday 6 April, 11.15am in church. There will be vacancies on the PCC and Deanery Synod as it is now current practice to serve for only three years without having a break. This gives an opportunity for new people with fresh ideas to be involved in the running of the church. If you are interested or would like to know more, without any commitment, please see Jill Wilson, Secretary (264753)

CHURCH ROLL Revision of Church Electoral Roll – In preparation for the APCM the Church Electoral Roll must be updated. Please check the copy of the roll on the notice board at the back of the church. If your name and details are correct there is no need to do anything. If you wish to add your name to the roll, please collect an application form from the back of the church. The roll must be completed by Sunday 16th March. Diana Winterforde-Young, Electoral Roll Officer

WEBSITE Mission Community Website - we now have a website for our Mission Community and its three

churches. It does not replace the Lypstone church website which is still managed by Pete Simpson; it will have a direct link to it. It does, however, replace the old Holy Trinity and Littleham one. The new website, www.exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk has an attractive design and is easy to use. The three churches are pictured in sequence - just hover over Lypstone church and see what it has to say, and follow the links. Do check it out.

LEE ABBEY Mission Community weekend away at Lee Abbey on the North Devon coast - this will take place 7-9 October in 2015 but a deposit of £25 p.p. is needed by this coming Easter. It is hoped there will be sufficient people from the Mission Community to occupy the whole building. If you haven't been before, do speak to someone who has - Jill Wilson, Mary Blair or Geoffrey Wrayford, or others.

CREDIT UNION The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is very concerned about the level of debt from very high interest charges made by 'payday' loan companies. We are being asked to support Credit Unions. The Exeter Diocese is fully supporting this through 'Plough and Share.' There is insufficient room here to give full details but they are available from the 'Net' magazine (in paper from church or exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk

Brian Mather

MP's VISITS

Hugo Swire visited Pretty Corner on the 20th Feb, at very short notice, to look at the problems in getting the various authorities to agree a course of action. He spent an hour looking at the various causes of the flooding and promised to expedite the matter.



Brian Cotton

The Trail Action Group met with Hugo Swire on the 7th February to discuss the need for an off road route for the Exe Estuary Trail through Lymptstone. He undertook to write to Devon County Council supporting our request

Judith Carter

THE MILL FIELD AND COPSE

There are three rights of way through our field and copse in the front of the Mill, the copse being planted in 1970. The trees have to be looked after and the undergrowth cut back. We had just done that to make way for daffodils and bluebells. As a result there were half a dozen 4 foot lengths of trimmed logs propped against one of the gates awaiting collection. Not for long! They were all taken bar one. Another time a pile of sawed wood was taken from outside the shed which must have

involved a car to carry a heavy load away. One more incident:

The Highways Authority put a 3 foot post with arrows showing the footpath through the kissing gate nearest the shed. Three days later it had gone.

This is either a mistake on someone's part or stealing from an area we look after for everyone to enjoy.

Susan Goddard

CHEESE AND WINE TASTING

Tickets are now on sale for a fun evening of wine and cheese tasting on Saturday 22 March in the village hall.

Last year's event was a sell out and priced at just £15 your ticket not only includes the cheese and wine tasting but also a delicious supper. Come on your own or book a table with friends. For more information or to reserve your tickets/table please call Jill Dixon: 224774 or Liz Griffiths: 227536



Liz Griffiths

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS

The waiting list for an allotment is much reduced. If you are interested in having a plot, now is a good time to contact me for an application form.

Diana de la Rue (274099)

FLOOD DEBRIS

A large number of objects get washed down the stream from gardens adjacent to the brook,(Strawberry Hill, Grange Close) these include a large ball, plastic sheeting, Tarpaulin, dustbin lids etc Any of these can block the culvert and cause properties to flood. If you live by the brook please ensure items in your garden are secure.

Brian Cotton

LYMPSTONEVILLAGE WEBSITE

I am working on the Lymptone Village Website to ensure it is up to date and to add new content that would be interesting and relevant to the village. If you see anything on the website that needs updating or could be improved, please let me know.

I would also be interested to hear any ideas for changes or improvements that you may have, to make it a dynamic and useful source of information for all.

Please contact me on update@lympstone.org or call 01395 489506

Mark Reynolds

TIME AND TIDE

The Lymptone Flood Defence Scheme has been in place for nine years and



during that time the Village Volunteer Flood Wardens have managed the defences in partnership with The Environment Agency.

The defences were severely tested during a number of events during January and February. These were the first occasions where Estuary water has breached the walls and gates.

Widespread use of sandbags was required and pumping was necessary to protect a number of properties on the Estuary side of The Strand. For a number of days of relatively modest forecast tides the combination of wind and tide became very unfavourable and water 'topped' over' in three locations driven by extreme high winds and tidal surge conditions.

The Environment Agency were on site during all the critical events and supplied extra staff and supplies very rapidly at very short notice.

Follow up actions, again coordinated by The Flood Wardens are underway to address some identified weaknesses and secure the future as best we can.

The amount of energy in the climate and tides this year suggests that it would also be wise for householders in the areas most at risk to make sure that they are prepared for future events, such as by having floorboards to hand and by continuing to keep up to date with flood warnings.

Alan Burton Flood Warden Coordinator

LOFT CLEARANCE SALE. SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

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Jan Hardy

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Dr Jane Aitken

TODD GRAY IS BACK!

On Wednesday 26 March Dr Todd
Gray makes a welcome return to
Lypstone to talk about 'The Art of the

Devon Garden' - the title of his latest
book. Commissioned by the Devon
Gardens Trust, Todd tells the richly
varied history of Devon's gardens and
garden styles through eight centuries,
as illustrated and illuminated by Devon
artists and craftsmen and shaped by the
wishes of their owners.

Todd is a Research Fellow at Exeter
University and the author of more than
40 books on the history of Devon,
including The Garden History of
Devon. He is also a most entertaining
and engaging speaker. The Lypstone
History Society and the Lypstone
Historic Houses Group are delighted
that Todd has accepted our joint
invitation to talk to us. We know from
experience that it will be 'a night to
remember' so please do join us – doors
open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start in
the Village Hall. Admission £3.00,
including tea/coffee and biscuits.
Copies of Todd's beautifully illustrated
new book will be available for sale,
price £24.

Clive Wilson

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH LOTTERY



February's winner of the
£25 prize was Mrs Maggie
Lane.

Clive Wilson

LYMPSTONE ART GROUP WORKSHOPS AND TALKS



Last month's Pastel Workshop had rave reviews and the talk on "An Artists Journey to Everest" by Alan Cotton was excellent. Alan covered a lifetime of paintings including his recent paintings of Everest. These are exhibited and sold through his London Cork Street Gallery for, in some cases, over £20,000 each. Alan was a wonderful speaker, who had lots of anecdotes about the places he had visited and painted and the people who gave him commissions. He went to Sri Lanka with the Prince of Wales and has also been assisting HRH in developing his skills in oil painting. Alan's slides of his paintings were stupendous with wonderful detail and colour. Many of his paintings are over 6 foot high, and all are created using a palette knife only.

This month we have a talk on Thursday 13th March "Weaving Pictures" by Christine Sawyer. Christine will talk about her weaving techniques, her philosophy and how she uses weaving to create a variety of pictures. Using examples and projected images, she will explore two series of work, one connected to The Eden Project. She has many international commissions for her work.

We also have a talk on Thursday 27th March "Framing and Mounting Pictures" by Phil Evens from Woodbury, who has been framing pictures for 30 years. He will give an informal presentation on framing and mounting pictures. He will bring samples and answer questions on framing and mounting. Bring a piece of your own work with you and get his advice on the best way to present it.

Both talks will be at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Chapel Road, Lymington. Free to members. £3 to visitors. All welcome

Judith Carter

LYMPSTONE FILM SOCIETY



The Film Society's March films:

Oh Brother Where Art Thou? -

The Coen Brothers' picaresque musical comedy inspired by The Odyssey. At the village hall on Friday March 14th. Doors open 6.45pm, film starts 7.30pm. Bar and ice creams. Free to members; £5 on the door for non-members.

Our last matinee of the season on Tuesday March 18th at the Methodist Hall is The Way We Were (1973). Robert Redford and Barbara Streisand star as mismatched lovers. £3.50 including tea and biscuits. Doors open at 2pm.

Don Mildenhall

LYMPSTONE GARDEN CLUB

On Wednesday 30th April we will be having our popular Gardeners' Question Time in the Function Room once more. Our panel consists of Mick Cornish, Sheila Parker, Keith Exelby and Janie Burton – four local gardeners and/or allotmenters who have kindly agreed to share some of their considerable knowledge with us. We will be inviting you to submit your questions in writing when you arrive to enable us to group them into subjects. If you have not done this before your arrival, we will have pen and paper available. We will be starting at 7.30, but you may wish to get there a little earlier to have your question recorded. Don't miss this thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Due to the May Bank Holiday and subsequent later publication of the Herald, please also put in your diary NOW that we shall be holding our Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May in the Methodist Hall from 10 till 12. This is always a very social occasion which some people have told us they consider marks the beginning of "the season" in Lymptstone! Your £1 entry fee will also entitle you to tea or coffee. We shall be selling top quality plants supplied by Lymptstone Nurseries and also plants donated by our loyal supporters. Home made cakes and other produce will also be

available to buy. Please come and join us!

Viv Day



THE OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT PLAY READING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

On Sunday April 27th at 2.30 in the Village Hall Lymptstone Players are holding a Play Reading Fun Afternoon especially for the under 16's. We also welcome older brothers and sisters as well as parents to join in. There are some wonderful characters in this wonderfully light hearted play based on the classic poem by Edward Lear. We need young people (and some adults) to read various parts such as the Owl, the Pussycat and a variety of interesting characters such as the Quangle Wangle, the Runcible Spoon, the "Pig with a ring through his nose", the Jumbles, the Plum Pudding Flea and many others. This is going to be the first of Play Readings to encourage more youngsters to join us, not just for our annual Christmas Production, but throughout the year. You do not have to have been involved in any of our previous Productions or to be a Players Member, so Please contact Shirley Wilkes on 01395265147 or e.mail Shirley@foodwithflair for further details and a look at the script.

Shirley Wilkes

LYMPSTONE PLAYERS

Are you Waiting in the Wings?

We need help for our next Christmas Pantomime Production of "Sleeping Beauty" to be performed on the 4th, 5th & 6th December 2014. Sophie Lupton is our new young dynamic Director for this Production and needs Cast as well as Backstage and Front of House help. Auditions for a Cast of all ages will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd July from 5.30 – 7.30 pm. and Saturday 5th from 10.00 am until 12 noon. If you can act, sing or dance (but not necessarily all three!) please contact Sophie or Shirley.

Before we audition in July we need help Behind the Scenes now! We are most anxious to get some new and



younger faces into our Production Team. If you have some spare time, do not wish to perform on stage, but would like to join our Production Team please contact us. We need assistance for every aspect of this Production from Props & Wardrobe to helping with Music and Dance, so if you can help or know anyone who can please contact us on 01395 265147 or e.mail on Shirley@foodwithflair.co.uk or 07540664556 or Sophielupton2014@hotmail.co.uk

Shirley Wilkes

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The speaker at our lively March meeting was Mrs Miranda Allhusen from the National Gardens Scheme. Their area "Yellow Book for Devon" is currently available each year at numerous outlets.

21 of us enjoyed the "Winter Warmers" lunch at the Sailing Club on 25th February - excellent food, good company and beautiful estuary views.

There will be a visit to Quicke's Dairy, Newton St Cyres, on Tuesday, 25th March, followed by pub lunch. On the same evening it is our Spring Group Meeting at Withycombe Raleigh Village Hall, then WI Performing Arts Day at the Barnfield Theatre on 29th March and the Spring Council Meeting at Torquay on 9th April when the guest speaker will be Kate Humble from Spring Watch etc.

There are many interesting WI outings organised by Devon HQ as well as our own. The WI really does have a lot to offer so why not come along to one of our meetings? The next one is our Annual Meeting on 2nd April at 2.30 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall with discussion on the Resolution chosen to go forward to the National AGM at Leeds and a light-hearted quiz about Lymington. Further info available on village website or contact Diana de la Rue (01395 274099)

Heather Stratford

Best Kept Village Competition 2014

As you may know, Lymestone has been entered for this competition. The object of the competition is to encourage villages with a real sense of community to improve their local environment by caring for buildings, clearing litter and promoting schemes to improve the general appearance of the area as well as develop, enhance and sustain village amenities. **Please note that the judges will not be looking for architectural merit, prettiness or an abundance of flowers, but for villages which do the best with what they have.**

The judges will visit Lymestone at any time between **May and July and will come unannounced on an undisclosed day.** They will be judging the village on the following criteria:

1. General tidiness and absence of litter.
2. Condition of houses, gardens, allotments, hedges, walls and fences.
3. Condition and cleanliness of public halls, sports pavilions, sheds, bus shelters, telephone kiosks, public toilets and noticeboards.
4. Condition of village greens, playing fields, schoolyards, public seats and car parks.
5. State of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, ponds and streams.
6. Condition of churchyards, cemeteries and war memorials.
7. Condition of commercial and business premises, such as B&Bs, restaurants, cafes, pubs, shops, including advertising and signage.
8. Initiatives in the care and enhancement of village amenities, e.g composting, recycling, public planters, beds and gardens; and facilities or initiatives for children, young people and the elderly.
9. Evidence of good village communications: Noticeboards which are easy to read and up-to-date. Quality of village website and village magazine information.
10. Evidence of community spirit.

So, are we ready? Are we doing our best?

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WHAT'S ON

MARCH

- 7 Dave Wood & Rifiki Trio
(free buffet, Ange's Birthday)
- 8 Litter Picking
- 9 Rugby – England v Wales
- 9 – 15 Guided prayer
- 10 Managing Stress & Anxiety
- 13 Talk on Weaving Pictures
- 14 Eat The Rich
- 14 Film Club
- 15 Loft Clearance Sale
- 15 Hospiscare-Mens Walk
- 15 Rugby – 3 matches
- 18 Film Club Matinee
- 21 Dave Rich
- 22 Tennis Club Wine and Cheese
- 24 Compost collection starts
- 26 Talk Devon Gardens
- 27 Talk on mounting and framing
- 27 Play Reading
- 28 Anika Skoogh

APRIL

- 2 WI
- 4 That'll Be The Day
- 5 Litter pick
- 6 Annual Church Meeting
- 18 Just Misbehaving
- 25 Ian Boyd
- 27 Fun Play Reading for Kids
- 30 Garden Club Question Time

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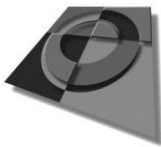
will be held in the
Methodist Hall on Tuesday 6 May
2014 at 2.30pm

M. Wheeler, Secretary

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