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### From the Parish Council meeting

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Unusually, there was no discussion about the Neighbourhood plan at the Parish Council meeting as Cllr Rob Longhurst is taking a well-earned break. He will be back before you read this and he and the rest of the Neighbourhood Plan Team will be working on arrangements for the Public Exhibitions and presentations on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Village Hall. It is vital to have a big turnout at both of these events so that we can show good public support for any future Neighbourhood Plan. Details will be posted on the Notice Boards and on the Website. Housing land has been the main focus of attention so far with several sites being put forward for development very late in the process.

Details of housing sites submitted under the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment can be found on the EDDC website at http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/shlaa.

#### Lympstone Primary School

A busy Parish Council meeting in October received Tony Priest, Headteacher of our village Primary School and Jon Sharpe of DCC to hear about proposals for new building works at the school. DCC have accepted the need for four primary schools to expand to meet the coming demand for primary school places.

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Lympstone Primary School is to benefit by the site of the Church Rooms being purchased by DCC and brought into the school site. The old building will be demolished and there will be a new building with two classrooms. This will replace the temporary classroom that was put on the playground with an 18month temporary planning permission. The school will now expand to 210 pupils and almost all of these will be from Lympstone within a few years.

#### Car parking

Car parking and parking restrictions have been the subject of debate for the last few meetings. On the one hand there is a desperate need for more car parking space so that there is no need to park on every bit of road that does not have double yellow lines and on the other there is a need to remove parking from some areas to improve highway safety. These two need to be looked at together so that the whole situation is kept in balance. It is possible that EDDC will offer the freehold of the Underhill car park to the Parish Parish Council The Council. has decided that if this offer comes, then that will be time for a full debate involving all people in the village. However, Cllr Bernard Hughes has asked the Parish Council to come to a view about possible parking restrictions before the end of the year so that any Traffic Order can be processed before the County Council goes into 'Purdah'

in the period leading up to the County elections in May 2013.

What are your views about parking in the village? Do you have trouble finding somewhere to park or do you have trouble driving through the village or getting into and out of your driveway? Your Parish Councillor needs to know your views and problems.

#### Flowers in the Village

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Peter Acca has received this message from Vic Verrier, President of South West in Bloom:

"I am the President of the South West in Bloom organisation.

Many years ago Lympstone was one of our most successful entries in both our Regional and the National competitions; indeed I have judged your beautiful village myself.

In 2014 the RHS celebrates its 50th anniversary of the competition, so we are trying to get back with us some of our lost entries. We firmly believe that in a village like yours it helps to pull communities together, and helps with trade and tourism. If the main competition looks a little daunting we are looking to pilot a more floral based one, as it used to be next year.

If you are at all interested I can arrange for information to be sent to you, or even a visit from a committee member to explain things to you. We would love to have you back. Please visit our web site www.southwestinbloom.org.uk for more details."

An entry into South-West in Bloom would be a fantastic thing for our Village but requires a lot of work from volunteers. This is not something that the Parish Council can take on although it will give whatever support is needed. A dedicated band of volunteers are needed to plant, fundraise, plant and maintain dozens of tubs, baskets and flower beds to keep them looking stunning for the judges. It has been done before with great success. The trophies are in the display case above the door to the Main hall of the village Hall. Do you think it is time we had another trophy? Are you and your friends willing to get together to put in the effort to make Lympstone a colourful place for the summer of 2013 and beyond? If so please contact a Parish Councillor or Tony, the Clerk.

#### Footpaths

Those of you who walk the footpaths in the Village will know that many of them are overgrown. What a year it has been for weeds! DCC cut hedges once a year and this year it was done at the start of the season. Many hedges and verges are now heavily overgrown and in desperate need of attention. This is generally the responsibility of the adjoining landowner. The last time this request was published there was a fantastic result when many footpaths were cleared. It is time to do it again so that paths are clear for the winter so if you have a footpath across your land or

site next to it, please get to work to cut back for those weeds.

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EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT



East Devon District Council has started preparing a Villages Plan. This will set out detailed policies for certain villages including Lympstone. The plan will set out boundaries for future development, identify land to be allocated for housing and possibly other uses and any other relevant policies. The Village Development Plan will need to show where 40 new homes can be built in Lympstone by 2026.

Lympstone is well positioned in this work through the Neighbourhood Plan and the associated focus groups, questionnaires and meetings. Following objective assessment against criteria based on EDDC guidelines and community input, the Parish Council has now agreed a preferred list of locations for these new houses.

The Parish Council is now seeking the views of local residents on these locations – this to cover:

• Preferred sites for housing development;

- Possible changes to the defined 'Built Up Area Boundary' (within this line new development is usually acceptable in principle);
- Any areas that need special protection; and
- Any general comments on the future planning of Lympstone.

A Village Meeting and exhibition will be held at The Village Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7pm starting with a glass of wine or soft drink. There will also be a shorter meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 am to 12 pm for anyone unable to make the Friday meeting or wants further consultation. Everyone is welcome to attend and Parish Councillors and Members of the Working Party will be available to deal with gueries. There will be a "Feedback" form to complete to make your views known. More information will be on the Parish website 9<sup>th</sup> www.lympstone.org from November. If you want to have a say on the future of Lympstone now is your chance to get involved. We hope to hear from you soon!

#### Cllr Rob Longhurst

#### FROM THE EDITOR

Once again we have a record size Herald. Our thanks go to all those that especially contribute advertisers \_ whose money goes to offset the cost of *Cllr Chris Carter* 

printing with surplus being set against our council tax (Lympstone precept).

#### Seeds & Hardware

Fruit and vegetables are likely to be much more expensive in the shops next year. Growing your



own seems to be a good idea although seeds can also be expensive.

So far I have two people who have expressed an interest in buying cheap seeds, etc. through me. If you want to save money then please contact me ASAP, preferably before 1<sup>st</sup> December. I should then be able to put together a brief catalogue ready by Christmas.

So far I have interests expressed in buying seeds for onions, potatoes, broad. runner and French beans. parsnips and peas. I also expect there will be demand for netting and grow bags. Feel free to add to this list.

Some items, like fruit canes and perpetual items like cuttings of fruit bushes, rhubarb, Welsh onions and perpetual cabbage will be available at no cost.

#### **Hedge Cutting**

In nearly all cases it is the responsibility of land (and garden) keep paths clear owners to of overhanging vegetation, bushes, etc. Now is the time to cut them back without fear of further growth for six months and without disturbing nests etc.

#### **Compost Collection**

Finishes 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

#### HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS

It is possible that village residents have in the past been discouraged from applying for an allotment because of the long waiting list. There has. however, been a good turnover of allotments this year and the waiting list is now down to single figures, and the Trustees expect more plots to become available early in the New Year. If you would like to apply for a half or full plot. please contact me for an application form - 274099 or call at 21 Highcliffe Close, Lympstone.

Diana de la Rue

#### A NEW SCAM



Following a call from a concerned NHW co-

ordinator in Ashleigh, Tiverton, we have been made aware of the following scam from a reliable source and wished to make others aware.

An email or call is sent to a person from Express Couriers saying they have a package for delivery to them when will they be at home. Within an hour of that call a delivery man turns up with a basket of flowers and a bottle of wine.

There is no note card with the package just a consignment note with scant details. The delivery man then says that as there is alcohol in the package there is a  $\pounds 3$  charge to acknowledge it has been delivered and not kept by the delivery man.

The delivery man will not accept cash, as he says he needs an audit trail. He produces a card reader and asks for a credit or debit card. He then swipes the card and asks the person to enter their pin. He then leaves.

The card reader obviously makes a duplicate card and records the pin as within a few hours of the delivery the account is maxed out or emptied.

This email is to put people on guard not to accept any unexpected or unaccounted for deliveries and not to use a card to pay any charges.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package", which you expected personally neither nor ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a Condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know and/or there is no proper identification of who the sender is. Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you vourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

Devon & Cornwall Police

#### FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The winner of the October Church Lottery was Pat Giles with ticket no. 0941.

Joyce Malster

#### **APPLE DAY**



John Lupton's orchard was the perfect location for Apple Day. It looked beautiful in the Autumn sunlight, as did the quilts that decked the trees. Around three hundred adults and almost as many children came and it was good to see so many families. People lingered enjoying the refreshments, cider, music and dancing. The Brownies were well in evidence manning their stall, and Joy and John Eustace provided a wonderful 'Bee and Honey' stall. Nearby, children enjoyed crafting bees for mounting on a hexagonal display.

Charlie McIntyre achieved the longest apple peel with an impressive 129 cm. The apple tasting provided two clear favourites, Adams Pearman and Cornish Aromatic. Should you wish to buy these varieties for your garden they may be obtained from Thornhayes Nursery of Dulford who generously supplied the apples for tasting.

How lovely it was that the children could feed the apples into the apple press, and watch the transformation of apples to juice. Hundreds of litres of apple juice were processed.

We raised, after paying all our expenses,  $\pounds 1,300$  which has been donated to the village hall and will help to speed up the improvements to the committee room. The commitment and energy of a large team of helpers resulted in a very enjoyable village day.

#### A FILM WITH LIVE MUSIC

Lympstone Film Society and Lympstone Entertainments are joining present forces silent film to а accompanied by music from a live orchestra. The Seat of the Pants Orchestra is touring with the 1929 thriller, A Cottage on Dartmoor, made by the great English director Anthony Asquith. This performance will take place in Lympstone Village Hall on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

Starring Norah Baring and Ugo Henning, it is an exciting melodrama, a tale of love and revenge set on the bleak landscape of Dartmoor. In the words of one reviewer, it "out-Hitchcocks Hitchcock". It has been restored from materials in the BFI National Archive.

The Seat of the Pants Orchestra's singers and instrumentalists straddle many different musical landscapes. They will improvise a new soundtrack: a spontaneous custom-made composition with no plan, no rehearsal, no holds barred!

This presentation is a joint enterprise by Lympstone Film Society and Lympstone Entertainments. It is the first time that a film has been shown in the village accompanied by live music.

Tickets at £8 each are available from the Post Office, or from John Welton at 1 Harefield Cottages, tel. 271915.

Harland Walshaw

Suki Commin

#### LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS' VILLAGE CONCERT SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2013

'Craning In' is done, so it is time to think about how to combat the dark days of winter by starting to plan the next Village Concert! Yes, there are only 20 weeks left to plan ways in which you may be able to contribute.

The date of the concert will be Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February with a rehearsal on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Demand for tickets has been such that we plan to hold a Matinee Performance in the afternoon well normal as as our evening performance. Proceeds from the matinee will go to the Village Hall Fund We are looking for dancers. jugglers, actors. story tellers, magicians, tumblers, and musicians of disguises...for all shapes and contributions that reflect the wide variety of talent in the village.

We are always looking for new ideas, including grouping our more experienced entertainers in different ways, or with new and perhaps not so confident contributors. Can you help us to identify new talent including newcomers to the village who may be just waiting to be asked to join in?

One of our successes has been the contribution of village groups...the the Station Floodgate Wardens. Adopters, Sailing the Club. the Calendar Girls. Historic Houses Group...a way of persuading many people onto the stage who had never

suspected they had such talent! Do you belong to a group that might be persuaded to perform in 2013?

There is so much talent in the village that we find it best if most acts are between three and five minutes. We need to build up a balanced programme and will be glad to discuss the way you may like to contribute and how it will fit in. Once again we do not plan to use amplification, but rely on your natural talent! Please contact me to discuss the way you can contribute! 271915

John Welton -

#### LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

Wednesday On 5th December, at 7.30pm, in the Function Room of the Village Hall, we are putting on a talk by Mr Todd Gray on "Blackshirts in Devon". The subject was largely covered up after the WWII, with family members hiding their involvement from the next generation as political correctness swung in the opposite direction. Todd's research has revealed membership lists for Devon and insight to this fascist organization whose rallies were common place in the 1930s, leaving the question "Were any of your family a Blackshirt?" is just £3 including Admission refreshments - plus a chance to buy

Todd's books just in time for Christmas.

Angela Cole

#### HOSPISCARE - WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE DOING IN DECEMBER

Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare hope to see you at some of their various events in the run up to Christmas. On December 1st we will have a stall at the Exmouth Christmas Cracker, which was a fun day last year with a medieval theme. In the evening of December 5th our annual Service of Light will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth; and on the evening of December 10th it is our annual Christmas Concert, this year featuring both the Lympstone Military Wives Choir and Lympstone Primary School Choir (tickets available from Shear's Cafe) ... so we are hoping lots of you in the village will support our choirs, as well as your local Charity.

#### Frances Longhurst

#### **BEING A NATIONAL TRUST RANGER IN THE QUANTOCKS** (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in the Function Room, Village Hall)

The Garden Club will hold a brief AGM followed by a talk from Stephen Sudworth on his work as a ranger in this beautiful part of Somerset. The Quantocks were the first of England's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, being designated in 1956. Part of the area is owned by the National Trust and a ranger's work includes protecting public access, preserving footpaths and bridleways, and heath land habitat and landscape management. Recently Somerset County Council as the major announced that landowner thev proposed to sell 3 areas :Great Wood, Thorncombe Hill and Over Stowey Custom Common. Great Wood is currently leased for 999 years by the Forestry Commission. This controversial decision is the subject of considerable debate and consultations are taking place. So come along and hear about his work. After the meeting complimentary wine and cheese will be served. All are welcome.

#### Viv Day

#### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR!**

A Christmas Craft Fair is taking place at Brook End Studio. Harefield Cottages, Lympstone (down the lane from the Post Office), on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th November. Opening times: 11am until 5pm. There will be local arts and crafts, including hand made Venetian masks, tea, coffee and mince pies available for festive cheer. Admission free, but donations as usual for Hospicecare. Support local talent!

Debbie Mitchell and Lin Holdridge

#### LUCKY INHABITANTS

I wonder how often the inhabitants of Lympstone stop to think how lucky we are to live in such a truly remarkable village? I say this as for many years

(as members of the Campaign to Protect Rural England), Mary and I have been judges for the annual competition of " The Best Kept Village in Devon". One of the many aspects for which judges look is to see what the inhabitants are ALL putting into their village from youngest to oldest. In this respect we never saw, in the 38 or so villages we judged, any village with more than 12 clubs and societies. whereas in Lympstone there are approximately 35, let alone many small groups gathering together in each others houses to share a common interest! What fun and enjoyment is provided for most of our population who take part in these activities. I can mention but a few. There is the Garden Club with their superb annual show; lectures and films sponsored by the Entertainment Committee: the Lympstone Players; tennis, sailing, football etc.; Royal British Legion; La La Lympstone; The Art Exhibition; WI and TAP, etc. Additionally, we have our shops and Post Office and the friendly Surgery. All ages are catered for from the Beavers to the Youth Club to the Elderly Persons' Luncheons. As we approach Armistice Sunday it is interesting to consider that whereas Lympstone (population approx 1,800) has 30 Poppy Collectors Exmouth George Truell

(population about 36,000) has less that 10!

I could add much more about our hard working and excellent Parish Council and our increasingly active and outward -looking Churches; for our much sort after Village School and St. Peters in 'Lympstone Without! These thoughts, once again came to my mind after we had been to that excellently organised Apple Day so impeccably run by Don Mildenhall. Suki Commins and their exceedingly stalwart team, not least of all John Lupton for providing the perfect venue. It was such an unusual and happy day bringing us altogether from the Royal Marine Families, the visitors, the most recently joined villagers and the oldest inhabitants. On top of all that upwards of £1,200 was made to go towards improving the Village Hall

Other memorable days of communal participation come to mind such as the celebrations for the 600th Anniversary of the Church Tower in 2009 and the Four Yearly happy trek when Beating The Bounds of the Parish which has, at times, included over 100 walkers. Finally we should thank Chris Carter for editing this very popular Herald every month and for all those who sort out the copies and deliver them to every household.

We Lucky Lympstonians! I sincerely hope and expect that the young will keep it going like this for MANY YEARS to come.

#### ONE DARKE NIGHT -THE FIRST OF LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS' AUTUMN SHOWS!

"A jaw-droppingly brilliant celebration of Nick Darke's writing and life ... spellbinding theatre at its very best. I laughed, I cried, I laughed some more." Fi Read. The Cornishman Nick Darke was a much-loved Cornish playwright, a lobster fisherman, environmentalist, beachcomber, broadcaster, film-maker and chairman of St Eval Parish Council. Using extracts from his diaries and lesser-known works alongside firm audience favourites such as The King of Prussia and Hell's Mouth, actors from Kneehigh Theatre and The Eden Project have created this imaginative show to celebrate his plays.

He was born near Padstow, and many of his plays tell of the life of Cornwall, fishing and the sea. He wrote twentyseven in all. which have been performed in theatres all over the world (eight for the Royal Shakespeare Company and two for The National Theatre). He also wrote for radio, television and film. One of his last works, the documentary The Wrecking Season (2004), which he wrote and narrated, charts the lives of Cornish beachcombers, of which he himself was one, having moved permanently back home to Porthcothan in 1990.

Combining bold staging, speciallycommissioned film and a cast of five versatile performers, *One Darke Night* is on a Village in Action tour to seven venues in November, and Lympstone is fortunate to be one of them. Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30 pm Lympstone Village Hall Tickets from the Post Office or phone 271915

#### Harland Walshaw

#### HALF- HOURLY SUNDAY TRAIN SERVICE



First Great Western will be running additional trains to provide a halfhourly service each Sunday from November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, between 10am and 6pm, instead of the usual hourly Sunday service. The additional services are already on national and FGW websites. Departure times of all Sunday trains are displayed on the ALRUG notice board in the station shelter and a leaflet will soon be available. The full timetable will be on an FGW poster.

ALRUG (the Avocet Line Rail Users Group) has been campaigning for a half-hourly service on Sundays and these extra trains are seen as a pilot to test the demand for such a service year round. This pilot is an early benefit of achieving Community Rail status for the line and the funding that goes with that. Devon County Council are also supporting the service. ALRUG will be conducting passenger counts during the pilot to measure its use.

Tony Day

**'SOLID GOLD' BOOK** 



Lympstone Mill, Christmas 2010

"This book is solid gold from the first chapter to the last", says a recent review of The Houses of Lympstone, which was published last year by the Historic Houses Group. The review appears in the journal of the Devon History Society, The Devon Historian, where the author. Roger Brien, describes Lympstone as "an enchanting village". He goes on to tell us that, "This book inspired me to visit Lympstone... Its buildings and its people are very special. There is almost something mythical about the place. Driving away, I wondered if I would ever see it again or whether it is East Devon's version of Brigadoon." (The full review can be seen on the village *website*, www.lympstone.org.)

The illustrated book, by Rosemary Smith & Harland Walshaw, has almost sold out its first edition, but there are enough copies left to make perfect Christmas presents. They are available in Lympstone Post Office at  $\pounds 8.50$  each.

#### LYMPSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

We meet regularly for worship on Sunday mornings from 10 am (worship begins at 10.30 am) and we warmly welcome visitors to our services.

Please note, that on Remembrance Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be no service at the Methodist church, giving all those who wish to, the opportunity to attend the War Memorial gathering and Parish Church Service.

Anyone enquiring about hiring our premises should contact Gillian Hipkins on 224442 or via e-mail at gill.kelv@talktalk.net.

#### Margaret Wearn, Senior Steward

#### FURRY DANCE FESTIVE EVENT

The Friends of Lympstone Furry Dance are holding a Festive Mulled Wine and Mince Pie event at the Globe Inn on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Sit by the log fire and enjoy Christmas carols and music with Lympstone the Band. Bring the children to meet Father Christmas in his special grotto. Seasonal prize draw and fun tombola. Entrance on the day £2.50, including mulled wine and mince pie, visit to Santa 50p per child with soft drink, biscuit and gift. Come along and join in the festive fun.

Bridget Beer

#### Helen Dimond

#### GOOD NEWS FOR CONNIE!

Connie has now had her full assessment, and has been accepted for her Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy!

Thanks to incredible support from the Village we have now raised over £40,000 to help Connie in her endeavour to walk. This funding will take Connie into the second year of physiotherapy that she will require following surgery – an amazing achievement for Lympstone.

The money had to be in place before the team at Frenchay Hospital would assess her. The money is now being held for Connie by the charity, and is administered by them to support her interests.

I am quite certain that if Connie lived anywhere else, we would not have been able to achieve such an incredible amount of support and warmth for her. I would like to thank everyone that has supported us, from wishing us well, to donating to the auction, to conducting their own fundraising, to doing the sponsored 'Walk for Connie'. It has been an overwhelming experience for us. Thank you.

#### Lucy McCance

#### FILM SOCIETY SCREENINGS

The next Tuesday matinee is *M. Hulot's* Holiday, a comic masterpiece by

Jacques Tati. At the Methodist Hall on

Tuesday  $20^{\text{th}}$  November. Doors open 2pm for 2.15 start. £3 including tea and biscuits.

The next Friday screening is Martin Scorsese's *Hugo* on December  $7^{\text{th}}$ . Doors and bar open at 6.45pm. Free to members; non-members £5 on the door. There are two other film events this month for your diary:

*Eastern Enchantment* – an Asian evening with food, slides and film on Friday November  $16^{th}$  – tickets £10 from Sue Mildenhall 260500

A Cottage on Dartmoor – a great silent film with live orchestra. A joint Film Society / Lympstone Entertainments event on Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets from John Welton or the Post Office.

#### Don Mildenhall

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> LYMPSTONE BROWNIES**

October was a busy month for Lympstone Brownies:



Our Challenge

evening involved a whole range of skills including painting, striking a match and writing with your foot! Our indoor camping evening was great fun, especially singing by torch light and eating the biscuits decorated by the Brownies! The last two weeks of Autumn activities included apple bobbing, dressing up games and crafts.

We had a great time at the Apple Day in Lympstone - meeting lots of people and raising over £50 for Pack funds. A big thank- you to everyone who visited our stall.

Our next fundraising event will be for Children In Need on Wednesday 14th November from 5:15 to 6:15PM at the Youth Hut. There will be a mini- raffle, Lucky Dip and lots of games. Please come along and help us raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Rosie Jones

#### EASTERN ENCHANTMENT

Spend a cold November evening in the warmth of the East!



Share an evening of Eastern Food, listen to

a talk by Suki Commin on aspects of her recent visit to Burma, accompanied by her stunning photographs, and watch a film on Northern India made by Sue Mildenhall, based on footage taken there earlier this year.

The evening is presented by Lympstone Film Makers Group to raise funds for more equipment.

This exotic evening will be held in Lympstone Village Hall, Friday 16 November at 6.45 pm.

Tickets are available £10 each from Sue Mildenhall on 260500. Sorry, tickets must be booked by Monday 12 November.

Sue Mildenhall

# 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN LYMPSTONE!

Did you know that Lympstone Scouting is 100 years old?

Have you been a Scout, Cub or Beaver in years gone by ~ then keep a look out for the events that will happen over the kick off the coming vear! To celebration year, we are holding our Christmas Bingo at the village hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, eyes down around 7pm 9pm until at Refreshments and Bar will be available ~ more people, more fun, more funds for the Scout Group. There will be dinners and Christmas plenty of chocolate as prizes. We are hoping Father Christmas will come along to dish out presents to the some youngsters.

#### Can you help?

To help us here @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lympstone we need more volunteer leaders and in particular an experienced person who is used to dealing with 10 - 14 year olds. You don't need Scouting experience, although this would be helpful, as training will be arranged, but you will need to undertake a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check. If you can help us and have fun whilst providing training and skills for our youngsters to enable them to take a place and play our community part in of their Lympstone ~ then please contact Mike Goom (AGSL) @ 01395 740162 or via mikegoom@freeuk.com.

#### PUPPET ADVENTURES FOR CHILDREN



A pre-Christmas treat for children – a puppet show telling The Adventures of Perseus - is being brought to the Hall Lympstone Village bv Entertainments. You will meet а woman with snaky hair, a sea-slime monster and a boy determined to protect his mother. Using projection, lightning-quick puppetry, character changes and some pretty impressive physical action, Multi-Story Theatre manage to tell the whole story in an hour before finally reaching a suitably happy ending.

Children and adults alike will enjoy the fun of the storytelling and the genuine drama and daring of this thrilling tale as it unfolds, so give yourself a treat, and

bring your children or grandchildren on Saturday afternoon, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets (£7 adults, £5 children) are available at Lympstone Post Office, or phone 271 915.

#### Harland Walshaw

#### VILLAGE GARDENERS NEEDED!

A number of village gardeners (mainly from the Sailing Club) have elected to look after the



flower beds on the corner of Meeting Lane and Nutwell Road. We are organising a group of like- minded people who would be willing to help tend these beds over the spring. summer and autumn months. The more gardeners we have then the less time each individual will need to work. We envisage tending the beds with a group of three to six gardeners for no more an hour at anv one than time. Even if you are unable to help with the weeding and maintenance of the beds then you may be able to offer some spare seeds, plants, cuttings, bark, tools etc that we would be able to use. If you are interested, please contact Linda Lyon on malcandlinda@aol.com or leave a message on 01395 278166 I will then contact any volunteers w/c Mon 26th November.

Linda Lyon

#### POLICE

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October a children's bike was stolen from the Primary School.



The bike is an Apollo bike in Khaki green. It has white writing on it with a large white star around the pedal. If anyone has any knowledge of this bike or seen it in the village, please contact me on the details below. This is a much loved bike and I would just like to return it to the owner. It can be left anonymously at the school if it has been mistakenly picked up by another pupil.

The dark nights are now upon us so can I ask all bike users and parents to ensure that suitable lights are on bikes. It is important to be seen by other road users so the brighter the clothing the better!

If anyone has any issues or concerns that they would like to discuss, please contact me on the below details.

PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110, General Enquiries 101 sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pn n.police.uk

#### SANTA TO VISIT CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

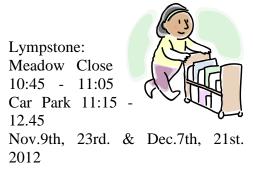


We are delighted to confirm that Santa will be visiting us once again at

Lympstone School Christmas Fayre! He will be landing at the Village Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December, between 3.30 and 5.30pm! There will also be Christmas-themed craft stalls, mulled wine, tea, coffee, cakes, children's games, raffle and more! Come and join us for an afternoon of festive fun!

Jan Teague - PTFA

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY - FRIDAYS**



Dianna Letcher

#### **MACBETH AUDITIONS**

The auditions for the Lympstone Players' May production of *Macbeth* will take place in the



Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6 pm. If you would like to take part, please contact Harland Walshaw on 263 928 to arrange a time.

Harland Walshaw

#### PARISH CHURCH

In Flanders Field the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row



That marks our place, and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders' field.

John McCrae (1872-1918)

**New Licensed Reader** We send our congratulations and rejoice at the appointment of Demelza Henderson as Lay Reader to Lympstone church. She was licensed at a packed service in Exeter Cathedral (whilst many of us missed the service being otherwise engaged on Apple Day.)

Parish Children's Work Adviser. We

welcome Katherine Lyddon who has, for the last four years, been inspiring the creative development of mission and ministry amongst



children for the Diocese of Exeter. She has now been appointed to continue this work in our Mission community and will spend some of her time here in Lympstone.

**East End re ordering** At the morning service on 4th November Sid Humphries began the service by explaining the intentions of the PCC for

re ordering the church at the East End. The church has been considering this for some time the principle change being the raising of the dais by the equivalent of one step high. A higher position will allow everyone to be able to see what is happening much better

and make the space more usable. The removal of choir stalls, long unused, will open up the area to give a larger 'working area'. The PCC has



wrestled with the idea of removing the pulpit and replacing with a smaller lectern but seems to have come up with a neat compromise by suggesting a lowered pulpit to become the new lectern, an idea which cleverly satisfies the modernist who wishes to remove clutter and the traditionalist who wishes to retain the pulpit.

**The Net** The Mission Community has a joint magazine which, for the last two and a half years, has been published every month. It is available

at the back of the church early in the month and usually a few copies are still around until the next arrives. In the



November issue there is an important notice about a request for a modest voluntary contribution to the annual production cost. The PCCs have agreed to a suggested £5 per year. There is an envelope in the current edition for this contribution to be paid. All future copies will have '50p where sold' for occasional readers to contribute if they wish.

**PCC meeting.** The next meeting of the PCC will be 28th November and if you have any matters of concern you may wish to have raised please contact Jill Wilson the PCC secretary.

Advent Quiz. On 7th December at a time to be confirmed Basil Strickland

will be Quizmaster for an evening of quiz, refreshments and fun.



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your diary, this year's carol service enjoyed by a packed, candle lit church, will be on Monday, 17th December at 7pm.

Brian Mather

#### WINE TASTING EVENING SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 7.30PM



Tickets are now selling fast, so, if you want to

join in and haven't got a ticket yet, don't delay! They will be available from the Post Office until 10<sup>th</sup> November; after that enquiries/sales only through Jill on 224774, as numbers are limited.

Jill Dixon



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#### A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - LYMPSTONE BROWNIE PACK IS 90 YEARS OLD!

On 18th December 2012 our Pack reaches this special birthday! To celebrate we are planning a party on WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY from 6pm - 8pm at the Youth Hut. All past Brownies and Leaders are invited.

Please join us and share your memories (and photos)!

#### ESTUARY LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Around now you will be receiving the leaflet about the services offered by the charity, Estuary League of Friends. In it is a questionnaire that will help the organisation to start offering their services in the village. Drop your responses into the shop, Post Office or phone 276569 or 267693 to have it collected.

#### Jenny Moon

#### FRIENDS OF UNDERHILL SURGERY

This is a voluntary group set up in 2003, and its function is to provide transport for



anyone who is a patient at the village surgery, to hospital or surgery appointments. Prescription drugs can also be delivered for those unable to get to the surgery.

A group of drivers offer their time to do this whenever they are asked. If a driver is unable to do a journey, then our Coordinator will ask another volunteer.

Members of the scheme pay £3 per person per year to belong to Friends of the Surgery, and also pay set charges for whichever journey is needed. Our rates are much cheaper than hospital cars or taxis, so we are a much appreciated service in the village.

We charge the user of the service £9 for a return journey to the R D and E hospital in Exeter (provided that the appointment does not last for more than 2 hours). For Exmouth Hospital, the charge is £4 return, and £2 for journeys to the surgery and prescription deliveries. Members requesting these services ring Underhill Surgery.

Drivers claim for their expenses and are reimbursed by our Treasurer on a monthly basis.

There is always a need for MORE volunteer drivers, as the DEMAND in the village OUTSTRIPS the response we are able to offer!

If you can spare any time to contribute to this voluntary scheme, please contact the surgery (01395 265797) for further information. Your services will be very much appreciated, and it will not necessarily take very much of your time.

Paul and Alison Hickson

#### 2012 RIDE AND STRIDE – CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

Many thanks for the contributions and generosity of everyone who contributed to

this year's RIDE & STRIDE day in September. Lympstone Parish raised a total of  $\pounds 420.22$  which is a tremendous effort! 50% of that total (£210.11) comes straight back to Lympstone Church for its ongoing maintenance. Therefore heartiest congratulations and a big 'thank you' to every one of all ages who participated - these included 'Riders and Striders'. the verv welcoming 'Welcoming Party', and to the many who so generously donated money.

Make a diary note now of next year's event which will be on Saturday 7th September 2012 - and join in the fun and achievement of a lovely day out!

Basil Strickland

#### **REMEMBERENCE SUNDAY**

11am 11<sup>th</sup> of November



#### LYMPSTONE FOLK

14<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm at The Globe.

Ron Gordon (From Facebook)

#### WI

Mrs Marion Scott returned as guest speaker, engaging members with an account of her life as a Truancy Officer in Leeds during which lively questions were asked and four members admitted to truancy! Compulsory education was introduced for 5-10 year olds in 1880. In the early years the men who enforced this Act were known as the Board Men (usually ex-Police or ex-Military), and they had the power to walk straight into people's houses and force a child to school. The Board Men were universally hated. Today 64,000 now play truant and the Social Workers who have to visit the parents are often no better liked! Mrs Scott described her work using actual case histories which were in turn amusing, interesting and sad but at times rewarding. "Needed at home" is still used as one of the chief reasons for a child's non-attendance. along with bullying.

Our November lunch was much enjoyed by 27 members. President, Anne Frampton. and Secretary, Jo Cotton, gave details of forthcoming events and members were asked to note the following dates:

Mon. 19th Nov - Drama Group rehearsal at Youth Club hall

Mon. 26th Nov - Litter pick at 2.30 pm from Church Path

Tues. 27th Nov -Committee meeting at 12 Underhill Crescent at 2.15 pm



Mon. 3rd Dec - Group Carol Service at Lympstone Parish Church at 2.30 pm, followed by tea and mince pies

Thurs. 13th Dec - Christmas meal at Saddlers Arms at 7 pm - cost £13. Money to be paid in advance please to Janet Ward at 1 Underhill Crescent

Weds. 9th January for first meeting in the New Year NOT THE <u>1ST</u> WEDNESDAY.

The speaker on Weds. 5th December will be Shelley Tobin, the Curator of Costume at Killerton House, who will enquire "Shall We Dance?" Members are asked to bring a small plate of food, but no Christmas gift. Instead money may be donated to the WI's Associated Countrywomen of the World's latest project.

Diana de la Rue



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## □ Local authorities braced for lost council tax revenue

There are warnings that the council tax reforms could deepen the economic pressure on low income families. Analysis of councils plans, carried out by the LGA, was cited as evidence of the true scale of the impact of the proposed £500 million cut, which will come into force next year when councils are handed responsibility for administering support. A separate Freedom of Information request from campaigners False Economy found that

Freedom of Information request from campaigners False Economy found that local authorities are concerned that up to half of people on low incomes will

refuse to pay council tax after being asked to pay the tax for the first time. Councils warn the sums are so small – on average less than  $\pounds$ 5 per week – that in many cases it would be uneconomic to recover the money. LGA Chairman Sir Merrick Cockell said "Councils are being put in a very difficult position. Under the proposed

scheme most councils will have to ask people on lower incomes, including the working poor, to pay more council tax than they currently do."

#### □ Councils to reveal parking income

Town halls will be forced to disclose how much money they bring in from parking charges under new plans. Ministers believe the new "transparency" drive will ensure local politicians can be held to account by motorists – and help reverse the decline in Britain's high streets.

□ Charges for bags 'will come sooner rather than later' Farming minister David Heath has



suggested that ministers may soon introduce charges for plastic bags. The clampdown on plastic bags, which clog up landfill and harm wildlife, comes as figures show eight billion bags are thrown away every year.

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#### INNOVATIVE MARKETING KEEPS HOUSE SALES BUOYANT FOR TOPSHAM AGENT

#### At a time when the country is officially back in recession and the slump in South West house prices continues, one agent is bucking the trend by reporting a 30% increase in sales at the end of August over the same period last year.

According to independent data from national property market analysts, the Topsham branch of Wilkinson Grant has also sold 40% of all properties valued at over £200,000 in the EX3 postcode area up until July 2012.

There are a number of factors contributing to this success according to Topsham Branch Manager Joel Moore. He said: "Despite the challenging economic times, Exeter and its immediate catchment are undergoing a comparative boom in terms of the new Science Park, developments at the airport, the new town and the increasing reputation of the University. Infrastructure improvements, job creation and the quality of life in this part of the world are all major factors in attracting new people to the area."

In January 2012, Wilkinson Grant reported that their monthly residential property sales reached £6.5 million and was six times the volume for the same month in 2011.

Joel Moore added: "Local market knowledge and connecting with potential buyers has provided us with a competitive edge and helps us to turn sales round even in a comparatively flat market. "



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#### NOVEMBER

10 Concert - 2Bands 11 Remembrance SundayService 14 Brownies' Children in Need event 14 Garden Club AGM and talk 14 Last week for compost collection 14 Folk at the Globe 16 Eastern Enchantment evening **17** Wine tasting 18 Half-hourly trains on Sundays 20 Film Matinee 22 One Darke Night show 23 & 24 Village development meeting 24&25 Christmas Craft Fair 28 PCC meeting 28 Auditions for Macbeth **30** Film with music

#### DECEMBER

- **1**Hospicecare Stall Exmouth
- 1 Puppet Adventures for Children
- 3 WI Carol Service
- 5 WI
- 5 Service of Light
- 5 History Society Talk, Blackshirts
- 7 Advent Quiz
- 7 film Evening
- 8 Santa Visit & Christmas Fayre
- 10 Christmas Concert
- **15** Furry Dance Festive Event
- 17 Carol Service
- 19 Scouts Bingo
- 21 School Christmas Disco

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