



ITEMS OF NOTE from the Parish Council January Meeting -

Another New Councillor

The Parish Council has now co-opted David Young of Chestnut Ridge, Marley Drive to fill the remaining vacancy. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Rob Longhurst, welcomed David to the meeting. David will serve until the new elections are held in May. This short stint will give him an insight into the work of the Parish Council. David and anyone else will then be able to decide if they wish to stand for election to the new Council from May onwards. Details of the elections will be posted on the Parish Notice boards when they arrive or you can contact Tony Le Riche, the Clerk, at any time.

Snow and Ice

The major topic of debate at the Parish Council meeting was the significant lack of action by EDDC and DCC in clearing roads through the village and collecting refuse. Roger Stewart, felt that the situation was deplorable. In the past there had been supplies and equipment held locally ready for use in desperate times, but this had now gone and DCC did not intend to spend any money on this kind of service. It was quite

clear that neither authority intended to do anything about this situation at least until after their Christmas holidays and gave no thought to the people of their area. Whilst the situation was widespread, in Lymestone there was no action at all, which meant that lorries could not get into the village to supply shops and pubs. DCC have confirmed that we are still not on a list for action and so if the snow comes again, we should not expect anything from them. A nearby Parish Council has included £2,000 in its budget to cover the cost of buying and storing grit in readiness for the next emergency. Cllrs David Atkins and David Young offered to examine ways in which Lymestone Parish Council could do the same. As many people will realise, storage will be a problem and so if anyone has anything to offer or any ideas, could they please contact either of these Councillors.

Some enterprising people had decided that they would not wait for these Councils to do their job. Cllr Longhurst praised the efforts of the Village postmen who had been able to carry out deliveries on almost every day and all the people who had volunteered to help clear snow and ice from roads and paths, including Burgmanns Hill so that lorries could get into the Village.

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Refuse Collection (or lack of it)

Everyone will have suffered as EDDC contractors failed to collect refuse over this very busy period. EDDC claimed that they were doing their best to catch up with refuse collection, which had suffered due to the very bad weather. BUT it was known that a) the car park at their Headquarters had been treated with grit or salt and b) their offices were closed for the whole of the holiday period. Clearly they had their own priorities when it came to dealing with the bad weather. It was also known that the contractors at the Recycling Centre in Exmouth were working in between Christmas and New Year.

www.lympstone.org

The Parish Council Website is due to change shortly. www.lympstone.org has a new look with lots of features and information. Details of the switchover will be posted on the Notice Boards. Rob Longhurst thanked Cllr Chris Carter for the initiative he had taken in setting up the website some years ago. It has been a great asset to the village. The new website has been professionally designed by Tim Thompson of Brand New Media, who are based in the village, and this was funded by an 'Awards for All' grant. This grant has also paid for a new laptop and digital camera. A digital projector will also be

provided out of Parish Council funds to complete the package.

Posting of Notices around the Village

Everyone knows that the main method of advertising activities and events is to put a notice on the telegraph poles in the village. However, it seems that this may be getting out of hand. Lympstone is an attractive village with a Conservation Area at its centre. It is important that steps are taken to keep the village looking attractive. The Parish Council will aim to produce a local note regarding the use of this method of advertising and it is hoped that all users will sign up for this. There will be more discussion at the next meeting on 7th February. In the meantime, if you have put up posters for events that have now happened, please take them down.

Village Hall

Don Mildenhall reminded the meeting that the Village Hall Management Committee would meet next week. The meeting would hear that bookings and income are both showing an increase this year. This will allow a surplus of funds, which would help keep up the momentum of the improvement works that had been started.

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FROM THE EDITOR

This is the end of an era for me. Whilst the Lympstone Herald will still be produced and distributed as before, the web site www.lympstone.org which I developed nearly a decade ago will, from the start of next month, take on a completely new form. Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Rob Longhurst will handle any queries at least in the transition period (Tel: 263495). Although anything you send to me for the Herald will be passed on to the new web site if you request it.

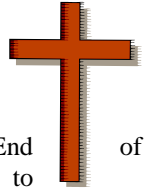
The production timetable will be approximately as before. Following a Parish Council meeting on Monday night I will, with a little help from Jan and Liz, edit the Herald and send it to the Printers on Wednesday night. On Thursday and Friday I will put it's contents on the web site and pass it on to the new online editor. On Friday night Judith and Robin Telfer will receive a thousand copies of the Herald for distribution to every house in Lympstone.

As usual, any problems with the printed Herald you can pass on to me on 01395 274104 or by email – chrisarterathome@hotmail.com

Cllr D Beatty who joined the Parish Council last November.



PARISH CHURCH



The West End

The newly re-ordered West End of the church is very near to completion. Some excellent, skilful and appropriate work has resulted in an area of which we may all be proud. Although it appears 'all new' much of the old pew wood has been re-worked and used. The way the carved pew ends have been sympathetically blended into the area is a joy to behold.

The space has room for 50 chairs which are stackable and comfortable. We had 'test' chairs on loan so everyone's opinion could be taken into account before the final decision was taken. There is a tea/coffee serving area with instant boiler so service is speedy. The font area has been carefully blended into the raised floor level using new stonework.

Storage is not forgotten with cupboards for tables and new bookshelves for the service books. These are some of the last pieces for the whole to be completed. Some further staining to match the old wood and that will be the project finished. The new glass doors have to be replaced by the manufacturer because there is a flaw in the glass.

Do pop into church to have a look, your society of group may wish to make use of the church for a meeting or event.

Morning Praise

The third Sunday of the month is Morning Praise the 'everybody', service so, if you missed it (16th January), 20th February is the next one. The church has bought a new projector to use in these services so books are not needed and stories may be enhanced with illustrations. (The projector is stored off the premises.) The worship band plays

at these services as well as the organ and they begin at 10 am following coffee and croissants from 9.30.

The service, which reflects the old family service, is now held at Holy Trinity Church in Exmouth. The worship band from Lympstone plays and similar songs and story are used but the time is early evening, 7pm on the first Sunday of the month. There are usually some nibbles after the worship to allow everyone to get to know each other. It is called the 'Service with no Name.' Make a date for the 6th February. For all other church related notices look at boards in church or under the railway arch. Finally a Happy New Year to everyone.

Brian Mather.



A new-look Village website will go live next month, taking over from the current one created and mastered by Chris Carter. We thank Chris for all the hard work on his site over the years. The new *Lympstone.org* brings a fresh structure to the information available and will offer much greater access for all to submit content under the following headings:

- events@lympstone.org
- news@lympstone.org
- advertising@lympstone.org
- pictures@lympstone.org
- webmaster@lympstone.org
- clerk@lympstone.org
- chairman@lympstone.org

Under *What's On* there are two options; a Calendar of Events or an Events List giving more detail. Free promotion of Lympstone-based businesses is offered, whilst all Lympstone Clubs & Societies are

encouraged to provide up to a page of information, again at no charge.

Richard Crisp

CRANE

Early notice of crane movements and boat craning at Lympstone Harbour in 2011 -

The Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Board is organising the craning of boats between harbour hard-standing and the water on Saturday 16th April 2011 and Saturday 15th October 2011. Occupiers and landlords on the route between the Nutwell Court turning on the A376 and the Harbour are particularly asked to note these dates such that the passage of the crane can proceed without impediment. If you anticipate any problems or have any concerns please contact the Harbour Board by letter to PO Box 5 at our Post Office, or e-mail harbour.board@btconnect.com

Richard Crisp

WITNESSES

An accident occurred at 8pm on Friday 17th December, 2010 on the corner of Meeting Lane, Lympstone causing extensive damage to a parked and unoccupied Red Peugeot hatchback. An unnamed driver described as in their early to mid twenties, smartly dressed and with a distinctive lisp knocked on a few doors before speeding away in a damaged car without leaving details. The owner would like to hear from this person and can be contacted on 01395 224241.

Stephen Watts

WI

Mrs Anne Frampton opened the meeting with best wishes to all for 2011. She introduced Mrs Judith King, our Speaker, who gave us a very amusing 40 minutes of 'Armchair Keep Fit', accompanied by music from the 60s. The Christmas Party in December was greatly enjoyed with entertainment from our own Drama Club.

Names were taken for the February lunch to be held in the function room of the Village hall on Monday 21st.

There will be a Litter Pick, weather permitting, on Monday 10th January at 2.15pm at Church Path.

Next committee meeting on January 31st at 21, Highcliffe Close.

At our next meeting on Wednesday February 5th the Speaker will be Mr Roy Maloney talking on 'Poverty in Malawi'.

New members welcome, do come and join us at 2.15 pm at Lymptstone Village Hall.

Jo Cotton

COMPOSTING

The Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th February at 8.00pm in the village hall function room. All are welcome to attend.

In early February those households that were subscribers last year will receive an invitation to rejoin the scheme for the coming year. If you didn't subscribe last year but would like to join the scheme please collect an application form from the post office. They will be available in early February. Early return of the completed forms before the end of February will enable the compost committee to firm up the season's arrangements and confirm the start date in the March Herald.

The committee have decided to discontinue the sieving, bagging and sale of compost and concentrate the remaining volunteer effort into the Wednesday morning site activity that deals with the garden waste brought to the site by the lorry crew.

Roger Howell

THE 2011 VILLAGE CONCERT

The big news from Lymptstone Entertainments is that on Saturday 5th February we shall be staging this year's Village Concert. Our annual showcase for local talent, musical and comical, dramatical and sometimes hysterical, regularly demonstrates what a gifted lot Lymptstonians are.

Individual performers such as Paul Downes, or Dawn Chapman will be doing their thing; likewise popular double acts like Ben Redding and Clive Wilson and Tim Jupp and John Billington; so too will groups including the Lymptstone Band, LaLa Lymptstone, The Boys from the Blackstuff, The Clarion Quartet, The Commodore and Crew, The Condensed 'Allo 'Allo Company and the Judy Spencer dance group to name but a few. And, as usual, there'll be some surprise acts to delight the eager audience. The fun starts at 7.30pm with the licensed bar open from 7pm.

Tickets for the Village Concert (£7 for adults and £5 for under 16s) are now on sale at the Post office; or you can ring 01395 263928. It's always a sell-out so please book early to avoid deepest disappointment!

John Eaton-Terry

A FRENCH AFFAIR

Rodney Dingle will launch a series of Lymptone Lectures with a talk on the Dreyfus Affair, a political scandal that rocked France in the 1890s. He will give it in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th January, and entrance will be £3 (proceeds to the Village Hall Appeal).

Rodney calls his talk *A Tale for Our Time*, and explains why the sensational events of those years matter to us even now. When the young artillery officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason, the great French novelist Emile Zola launched a campaign to clear his name, with a powerful article headed "J'Accuse!" It is a phrase that has echoed down the years. A Ken Russell film about the affair, *Prisoner of Honour*, starred the actor Richard Dreyfuss, who claims to be a descendant.

This will be the launch of an occasional series of lectures organized by Harland Walshaw, in which Lymptone people will be invited to talk about their areas of expertise. Lymptone is rich in such people, and the talks will be varied and stimulating. Subjects will include mathematics, stained glass, chocolate...

Lymposia

Another addition to the calendar of events for 2011 will be two or three evenings of fireside discussion, or *Lymposia*, on a topic chosen by the host: from science, the arts, religion, politics, the range of possible subjects is wide. Participants will gather, bringing a bottle, at his or her home to hear the host introduce the theme and join in the discussion. John Eaton-Terry will host the first on Thursday, 24th February. For this



symposium, on the fourth anniversary of his death, the topic will be *Remembering Ken Carter, his art and his life*. If you would be interested in attending, ring John on 277 501. For comfort's sake, a maximum of 20 must be imposed, so places should be booked early. John would also like to hear from any potential hosts for Lymposia with suggestions for topics.

Harland Walshaw

FOUND

Leather camera case with spare lithium battery has been found near Cliff Field. Call 01395 224241 to collect.



Stephen Watts

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH LOTTERY

The special Christmas prize of £50 was won by Dennis Wade of Strawberry Hill with ticket no. 322.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Fundraising for the hall's new kitchen continues to make good progress. We already have over £9000 banked from events and donations, sales of calendars and our 2011 lottery. We're very grateful for some generous individual donations and for £500 from the Lympstone Shops Supporters Club winding-up fund.

The village hall itself has promised £10,000 towards the kitchen from its future income, and we're aiming to raise the final £13,000 or so by the summer.

Altogether fundraising in 2010 raised a wonderful £26,000 towards improving the hall for current and future users – thanks to all involved.

Plans for the kitchen have been drawn up and are displayed inside the kitchen. We are now talking to builders and equipment suppliers.

Hall bookings:

2010 was the busiest year ever for the hall. Most weekday nights have 2 or 3 rooms in use. We still have availability on some weekends, especially in afternoons for childrens' parties. In thinking about making bookings, remember that the main hall and function room will be mostly out of use from the end of summer term in late July to the August bank holiday, whilst we rebuild the kitchen. To help achieve even more bookings, the hall now has its own website at www.lympstonevillagehall.co.uk which contains information about facilities, charges and availability.

More developments at the hall

We have set out a five-year plan for improvement and repair works. This is how we spend the surplus we make from hirings. In the programme for this year are the purchase of some lightweight trestle tables, new curtains (to be made by

volunteers) and improvements to the toilets. If you want to know more, please ask.

Don Mildenhall,

FURRY DANCE THANKS

Your Friends of Lympstone Furry Dance would like to thank you all for your support during 2010. The annual Furry Dance and Fete in August raised a record amount of money. For those of you interested in the figures last year's dance and fete cost us £2,100 to run against an income of £2,300 making a £200 profit. And at our Christmas Festive Fayre in The Globe in December your support yielded a cracking £233 profit. We are very grateful to everyone who contributes and helps us keep this popular village tradition alive for your enjoyment.

As well as ensuring this year's events are even more fun for you, we have also made donations to several local charities and groups that regularly support us including Lympstone Village Hall, Exmouth and Lympstone Hospiscare, Exeter Leukaemia Fund, Court Jesters (Churchill Court), Animals Asia Foundation (Moonbears), Headway Devon and Lympstone Pre-School. We also donated to the C Group of the Royal Marines for the rehabilitation of injured Royal Marines.

Thanks very much and we hope to see you at our events this year.

Bridget Beer

POLICE NEWSLETTER

On Friday 17th December a car which was parked in Meeting Lane, Lympstone was damaged in a hit and run incident. It is

thought this incident took place at around 8pm. A young male knocked on a few doors in the area to try and trace the owner of the vehicle, but failed to leave his contact details. The car the male was driving is possibly silver in colour. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact police quoting log 343 of the 18/12/10.

Overnight of the 17th December a vehicle parked on Longbrook Lane was broken into and a Sat Nav and a rucksack containing documents were stolen. The documents were found abandoned further up the road. If anyone has any information regarding this theft, please contact the police quoting KE/10/3198.

On 6th January at around 4.15pm an incident took place on Woodbury Common near the Upham car park. A female was out riding her horse when the horse was attacked by a black and white dog, possibly a Staffordshire bull terrier. The rider was thrown from the horse and seriously injured, the horse suffered injuries also. If you witnessed this incident or have any information that might be of help, please contact the police quoting log 594 of the 6/01/11 on 08452 777 444.

May I remind all residents to remember to remove all property from your vehicles when leaving them unattended. Please make sure the car is properly secured and if possible leave in a well lit area.

The rural team have been made aware of a number of scam calls being made to residents, particularly the elderly. Can I remind people not to hand over any details unless you are absolutely sure of who you are talking to. If in doubt put the phone down and ring the company back using a number from a telephone book or bill. (not by a number given to you over the phone) .

People are still not picking up after their dogs and it has been reported that Candys Field is particularly bad. I am very disappointed to hear this and will be liaising with the dog warden to target the area. Tickets will be issued, so please make sure you are not one of the unlucky ones! It is your village and your responsibility to keep it clean. I look forward to seeing an improvement.

Sarah Trayhurn

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General enquiries 08452 777 444

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LYMPSTONE FILM SOCIETY

Our next main film is on Friday February 11th at 7.45pm at the Village Hall. Come and see *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, a true visual feast and over-the-top tale of outback Australia - very camp and very funny, with a fine performance from Terence Stamp. Entry - £5 for non-members.

Our January Matinee on Tuesday 25th January (2.15pm, Methodist Hall; £3 or £2 to members) is a memorable classic with Errol Flynn in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*.

Different again is our special **Local Films Night** on Friday 28th January. We're showing vintage local cine film from the 1930s to 1980s together with a handful of more recent local films and a second chance to see the final alternative episode of 'Allo Allo', made in the village. This fundraising event is £5; 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets from the Post Office.

Don Mildenhall

LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

After a very enjoyable talk by Mr John Allen, the Society is looking forward to an equally interesting talk by Mr Thomas Cadbury of Exeter's Museum. The subject is 'Exeter Mint', covering a time when the city hallmarked its own silver, with the well known three-towered castle and produced coins. The talk is on Wednesday, 19th January 2011, 7.30pm at the Methodist Schoolroom, admission £3 to include coffee/teas.



Angela Coles

LYMPSTONE SCHOOL

Fourteen new children joined the school at the beginning of this term, almost all of them four-year-olds starting school for the first time – welcome to them and parents new to the school as well. On the second day of term the whole school, 170 children and 30 adults, were treated to a visit to the pantomime! We climbed onto four coaches to go to see 'Snow White' in Exeter. The event was organised by Mrs. Jones and was a great experience of live theatre for all the pupils. As always there are lots of things planned for the children this term - our topic for this term being 'Tears and Cheers'!



Tony Priest – Headmaster

LYMPSTONE SCHOOL PTFA

The PTFA has a busy and



varied programme arranged for the Spring Term. The next PTFA meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th January at The Swan Inn at 7pm. The meeting will be informal and open to any parents who wish to attend. If you are the parent of one of the new children this term and are interested in what we do – please do come and join us.

PTFA FILMCLUB – The February film will be 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' and will be shown on Friday 11th February at the Village Hall immediately after school. All children attending the school are welcome to come along and watch the film with their friends in a safe and friendly environment.

A Valentines' Disco will be held on Thursday 17th February and, as previously mentioned, our big quiz night is in March – details of both events to follow in next month's Herald.

Liz Acheson – PTFA