



## ITEMS OF NOTE from the Parish Council June Meeting

### Future of the Exe Estuary

The Parish Council received an interesting and lively presentation from Jenny Lockett, the Exe Estuary officer, working for the Exe Estuary Partnership.

Jenny reminded us all that the Exe estuary is one of the most important estuaries in Europe, carrying many national and international designations. It is always valuable to be reminded of just how lucky we are to live and work in this very beautiful area. It is particularly helpful to be reminded of this as many of us travel along the Estuary to Exeter each morning. I travelled by train into the West Midlands each day for nine years and I can assure everyone that this is a far better place to be.

For the Partnership, the Exe Estuary is the tidal section from Topsham down to Exmouth. There is a variety of environments along this section, starting with the reed beds and Mud flats before coming to the sand flats and eel grass areas. Each of these contains a rich abundance of flora and fauna, comparable to any tropical rain forest.

The work of the Partnership is to manage the diverse needs of vegetation, wildlife and human activity in order to maintain the overall character of the area and to promote it to others.

The area has an abundance of wildlife, there is sufficient for individuals to collect shell fish for their own needs but harvesting of shell fish can only be carried out commercially under licence and these are managed very carefully to ensure the continued sustainability of the area..

The Partnership holds a variety of Community events where local people can do their bit to keep the area in good and vibrant state. These include a Spring Clean-Up and an Exe Estuary Festival which will be held from 11.00am on 10th July 2010 at Dawlish Warren. For more details about the Estuary and events please see [www.exe-estuary.org](http://www.exe-estuary.org)

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### **Help to protect Your Station.**

The Station Supporters Group has worked very hard and received many donations of plants and cash to help to bring Lymptone Station up to the very high standard of presentation that travellers can enjoy. Unfortunately, this has been spoiled by the antics of a few drunken louts. The Police will know who the culprits are but they will need evidence to support a prosecution. This act of gross vandalism was seen by many people, including those on the licensed premises. If you saw this, please contact PC Simon Halloran with details at [simon.halloran@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.halloran@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

There was some confusion over the policing of this matter as initially only the Transport Police were dealing with the matter.

The Station Supporters group deserve your support on this important matter

### **Proposed development off Courtlands Lane**

The Parish Council was pleased to hear that the considerable local effort has paid off when EDDC refused this planning application. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who put in the effort to harness local opinion. Nearly 700 villagers were able to write letters of objection and over 40 were able to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee in Sidmouth. This very strong local opposition was of great help to EDDC in reaching their decision.

### **Lymptone Green Umbrella Group**

The Parish Council also received an informative presentation from June Dingle of the Lymptone Green Umbrella group. This Group had organised a visit by Officers of EDDC to explain the new refuse collection and recycling scheme that is due to be rolled out in Lymptone later in the year. The next step is to compile a list of those properties that could not make use of a wheelie bin so that other arrangements can be made for them. If you will have difficulty with a wheelie bin or know someone else who will, please let a Parish Councillor know. Contact details are on the notice boards.

### **Parish Council meetings**

From 5th July 2010, Parish Council meetings will be organised differently in order to encourage more people to attend. The Planning Committee will meet at 7.30 and copies of any Planning Applications will be on the table for people to view. Anyone who attends is always given the opportunity to give their views before Councillors discuss each application. Local opinion is always helpful for this.

After the Planning Committee, at about 7.45, all Councillors will be present for a public session where anyone may raise any issue of local concern. If this is about an item that is already on the Agenda, this will help Councillors in their debate. If it is not on the Agenda, then it can be included for the next meeting if any formal decisions are needed. The formal meeting will

follow this public session starting at about 8.00pm. During this part of the meeting, the Chairman may invite members of the public to make comment on any views that are expressed.

In the meantime, all Committees have been instructed to meet before the next Council meeting to elect their Chairman and to set their work programme for the year. All Committee meetings are open to the public and anyone who attends will be invited to contribute to any discussions.

Someone has a very fine new bench seat in their garden. One of the new seats, engraved 'LYMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL' has been stolen from Wotton pound. These seats cost over £500 each and great effort is put in to prepare them for outdoor life. If you have any idea of the whereabouts of this seat, please contact Peter Acca (tel 279209 / 07801 365097)

**AND FINALLY**, it is the time of the year when the Parish Council receives applications for financial assistance from local groups. If your group would like some support from the Parish Council please contact Cllr Claire Whiter, Town Dairy Cottage, Church road, tel 227897 or Tony Le Riche, the Clerk on [lympstone-pc@leriche6.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:lympstone-pc@leriche6.wanadoo.co.uk) or tel 279665. Support can be by cheque payment or by the donation of goods or services This could be equipment, transport for activities or events or room hire for meetings. If you would like any more details please contact

Claire or Tony. Applications should be submitted by 25th June 2010 but the process is very straightforward.

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## **THE EDITOR ROAD CLOSURE**

Church Rd will be closed 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Diversion via Burgmann's /Strawberry Hill.

## **SHOPS SUPPORTERS CLUB**

This club is to repay all £50 units and after an EGM and final Xmas party distribute excess funds charitably.

*Chris Carter, Ed Lympstone Herald*

## **COURTLANDS DEVELOPMENT**

I am delighted to say that on 1<sup>st</sup> June the EDDC Development Committee REFUSED the outline planning application by SLP for development at Courtlands Cross, Lympstone. This was rejected on 8 counts and unanimously supported by the councillors. Special mention was made of the "strength of local opinion" – thank you again to all 674 letter and e-mail writers. Also thank you to the band of supporters who attended the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June – waiting from 1.30 until after 8 in the evening before the matter was tabled. Be warned this is not the end – watch the Herald for future action.

*Rob Longhurst*

## CRICKETERS OFF TO GREAT START



With Vice Captain and 2009 Player of the Year Ben Ingham in charge, Lymptstone visited Newton Popleford for the first match of the summer. Despite heavy defeats on this ground in the first two seasons following Lymptstone's reformation, last year's thrilling 1 run victory had the Villagers hopeful – the more so when openers Robin Tolson and Jamie Cooke rushed to 49 in the first 5 overs. A partnership of 55 followed between Patrick Hall and new “overseas player” Gary Abrahams. Second debutante Nick Molland top scored with an unbeaten 27, bringing Lymptstone 145-6 in their 20 overs - only 5 short of a record total. Although up with the asking rate at the half way stage, Newton Popleford's batting was ripped apart by Ben Ingham's 3 for 9 in his two overs. Tim Gittings chipped in with 2-5 to help Lymptstone limit the home side's reply to 115-7. A win by 30 runs!

Captain Nick Stretton took command a week later at Killerton against Nomads – a side Lymptstone had never beaten. At 32-3 in the seventh over, the Villagers were looking nervous, but then a swashbuckling 42 from Jamie Cooke and an eventually accelerating 43 from Gary Abrahams took Lymptstone to a healthy 138-5. A good all round performance in the field saw all six Lymptstone bowlers in the

wickets, some good catches and a great run out by wicketkeeper Cooke. Young George Greenway missed a hat trick by a whisker – and was taken off after one very nippy over for the safety of the opposition in the gathering gloom. Just three Nomads batsmen made double figures and for only the second time in four years, Lymptstone bowled a side out, winning the match by 43 runs with 21 balls still remaining.

Lymptstone have “home” matches, up on Withycombe Raleigh Common next to Exmouth Archery Club, on 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July – why not come and watch? And don't forget the Annual Cricket Match at St Peter's School on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

*Tony Day (scorer)*

## EXMOUTH & LYMPSTONE HOSPISCARE

We would like to thank everyone in the village who took part in or supported their Hospiscare in Bloom event - which made a wonderful profit of just over £600. For your diary - we will be up at Tesco's on Wed. 16th June. This is an Awareness Day giving us the chance to chat to people about the local service the Charity provides (without a collecting tin!) and encourage new volunteers.

Canapés on the Quayside is back by popular demand. This year's enjoyable evening is Wed. 14th July, 7-9pm; delicious canapes with Take 4 again providing the background music for which we are extremely grateful.

Thank you for helping us to help others.

*Frances Longhurst*

## PARISH CHURCH

The date of the Family Worship in June is being moved from the 20th to the 13th due to clashes with both Clarest and Furry Dance Cream Teas on 20th June. This means Sunday School will not run on 13th June but will be on 20th June.

The Family Service 9.30 am on the first Sunday. For the last six months we have been taking part in an experimental service which was designed to be more inclusive for all ages. This has been trialled in twenty parishes in the Exeter Diocese. We will now wait for the results of the trial to be published. The next Family Service, will have to revert to the 'normal' family service, will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The next 'Service with no name' for the whole Mission Community will also be on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Trinity in Exmouth. These are new services with no fixed format and so change every time. The worship band leads the singing and the service is followed by refreshments for all to meet and enjoy.

The monthly coffee morning will be 10 am until noon as usual on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. See under the railway arch for this month's venue. All are welcome.

The popular produce stall will start the week after the Player's Coffee morning to avoid an unwanted clash of events. The Produce Stall start date is Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and every week until 28<sup>th</sup> August. Local produce, which is whatever kind folks have brought on the day from their gardens, allotments or baked in their kitchens, is sold often almost before it can be put out on the table. Please come and contribute and see if there is anything you want to buy. The stall operates on Saturday mornings



from 9 30 until everything is sold and may be found under the railway arch.

Holy Trinity Church in Exmouth has always had a boat trip every year. Now we are part of the Mission Community we may join in with them. This year's trip is on 27<sup>th</sup> June leaving Exmouth dock at 4 30 pm for a two hour sail. Phone Mary Blair or Jill Wilson for more details

Also from the Mission Community is the Ladies 'Empowered to Live' lunch at 1 pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth. Details in the back of church.

The men meet as 'Band of Brothers' for a 'full English' at 8.30 am at the Globe on Saturday mornings. The meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June is too late for this edition and the next date is not available at the time of writing.

The choir now plays an increasingly important role in services. Our music director Philip White would welcome more singers and children are welcome too. Choir practice is from 6 to 7 pm on Fridays. For more details phone Philip on 01404 813349.

The Christian Aid house-to-house collection raised an increased sum this year of £1,332.48 which is 7.5% up on last year. Thank you all for your generosity in giving to this world wide relief agency. Thanks also to Jean Lockston for organising the collection and finding the collectors throughout the village.

Looking further ahead Sea Sunday this year will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July when Father Geoffrey Wrayford Father will lead the service as usual and Father Ian Morter will preach. I wonder if we will see the steam train travel down towards Starcross again this year?

*Brian Mather*

## VANDALISM ON THE STATION PLATFORM

It was extremely upsetting on the afternoon of Saturday 5th June to be informed by a member of the public that many plants on the station platform had been vandalised. Broken plants and soil were strewn over the platform and a new hanging basket had been ripped down and destroyed. As most people know, a group of volunteers within the village work hard to provide and keep up an attractive floral display for all to enjoy. I have been told that a group of drunken young men carried out this act while waiting for a train to Exmouth. No-one I have spoken to recognised them as residents of Lympstone. We all have to hope that police enquiries will track down the offenders. The hanging basket which was destroyed had been beautifully put together for us by Lympstone Nurseries and will cost us another £30 to replace. We may also have to replace at least some of the flowers in the planters as they too were pulled out and broken. Annual grants from First Great Western and the Parish Council contribute considerably to our work at the station. In addition we are always grateful to receive donations from individuals who often comment that they appreciate what we do. A collecting box dedicated to the platform flowers is kept in Shears Cafe and emptied regularly. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those people in the village who support the station adoption project, and especially those volunteers who work tirelessly to buy, plant and look after the flowers, fill the water butt, transform the embankment and generally improve the whole station area. If anyone witnessed this incident

happening, please ring the British Transport Police on 01392 431593, quoting log number W16/046799/2010. Or PC Simon Halloran at [simon.halloran@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:simon.halloran@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

*Viv Day*

*On behalf of Station Adopters*

## POLICE

**Crime report** – During May there were 7 crimes in the Parish; 3 related to the thefts on the allotments, a vehicle was scratched whilst parked at Churchill Court, a camera was stolen having been left for a short time on top of a bin on Sowden Lane and the Parish Council bench at The Pound, Wooton Lane and Tedstone Lane junction, was stolen.

### **Pedlars**

During May there were young males, 18 to 25 years of age, in our area peddling household items and cheap toys from door to door. One of these males called on an elderly lone female who purchased 4 items with a realistic value of £20. She was charged £100. This male said he was from Nottingham.

The Police and Trading standards want to remind members of the public that any purchases over £35 require the purchaser to have a statutory 7 day “cooling off” period during which you are entitled to return the goods and have your money returned. You should, therefore, be given full contact details of the company selling the items; it is an offence not to supply these.

Remember the salesman should provide I.D., company details, address and telephone number.

If you live alone, feel vulnerable, do NOT invite these people into your

home. Remember the S.O.S. motto – Stay Out Stranger – always:-

keep your door shut and locked, use the spy hole or window to check who is outside.

Do NOT open the door if you don't recognise or are not expecting a caller  
Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

Ask yourself:-

Am I expecting a visit from a friend, neighbour or relative today?

Has someone made an appointment by telephone or letter to see me today?

If the answer to either of these questions is no then do not open the door and think SOS – Stay Out Stranger!

Please let the police know if these males call on you. Door to door peddling has been raised as a PACT priority and a problem solving crime has been created to log all calls, the reference number is KE/10/1205.

Police Surgery – the next surgery will be 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9 to 10am at Sheers Cafe, please come along if you have any police issues you wish to raise. Surgeries will be held on the last Monday of the month until further notice, (excluding bank holidays).

Police Community Support Officer Donna Baker, mobile 0845 6569412

[Donna.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Donna.baker@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

## **WHEELYBIN WALTZ? IDEAS PLEASE**

So EDDC has put out a decree that Lympstone's winding alleys and twisting lanes shall be lined with ranks of green wheelybins standing to attention and saluting at passing rubbish.... This is possibly not what

we might feel best enhances the character of the village, however much we might appreciate the considerations that underlie the proposed change (eg recycling). The problem is that we are not being given appropriate choice as to the bin arrangements – and wheelybins may not be the best way of managing rubbish. So let us come up with some ideas of our own – let us equip ourselves with a range of ideas to cope with waste disposal that take into account the geography of the village.

I suggest that we collect ideas on how to manage this situation so that when the 'rubbish road shows' start later in the year, when we will be told what we are to get, we can put forward our own ideas.

I am mostly serious about this – it would be good to have some good ideas. But my tongue edges slightly towards my cheek too. We do not have to be entirely serious. I have already heard of commissions being taken for artistic decoration of bins – appropriate, of course. And what about the Waltz of the Wheelybins at the Furry Dance?

Seriously again we invite some ideas for coping with rubbish and recycling, particularly in narrow areas of the village. I am happy to collect ideas and pass them on to the Parish Council.

Ideas in envelopes to The Wheel House, The Strand, or e-mail to [jennyamoon@gmail.com](mailto:jennyamoon@gmail.com)

*Jenny Moon, Green Umbrella*



## VILLAGE HALL FUND RAISING LOTTERY

More lucky villagers have been enjoying their winnings from the fund raising lottery. In April the first prize of £68 went to Pam Bates (ticket number 172) and the second prize of £23 to L.J. Marshall (ticket number 164). In May it was the turn of Pat Squire to take the first prize of £73 (ticket number 197) and Ian Fry the second prize of £24 (ticket number 63). A ticket bought in time for the July draw will only cost you £6 and will be entered in the monthly draws till the end of this year. Application forms available in the Post Office

*Viv Day*

## LYMPSTONE GARDEN CLUB

Please join us at our open garden event at The Old Garden, Burgmann's Hill on Sunday 13th June from 2-5pm. This is by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Pankhurst and will be raising funds for the renovation of the Village Hall. Entrance £3 on the gate or £2.50 from the Post Office in advance. You may like to join us on our coach trip to "Antony" at Torpoint on Thursday 24th June. The gardens of this National Trust property were recently used in the highly publicised production of Alice in Wonderland. Tickets are £19.50, or £12 if you are a National Trust member. Contact Pat Boaden

(272067), Shirley Wilkes (265147) or Viv Day (268653).

We are busy making plans for the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show which will be held this year on Saturday 21st August. Schedules will be out during July and you will find them around the various commercial outlets in the village. In the meantime the photographers amongst you may like to know that the subjects this year are "A Garden View" and "Garden Close-up". We will be having our "Go Green" section again and, amongst other classes, will be a vegetable or plant grown solely in Lymptone compost - you have been duly warned! Most of our usual classes will be there with a few new ones to add interest. Please put the date in your diary.

*Viv Day*

## ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH, ST. PETER'S SCHOOL,

Our yearly Cricket Match will be on Thursday, 24th June, starting 6.00pm.

As usual the Lymptone Band will be playing, and there will be a Barbeque, a licensed bar, ice cream, etc. and the customary raffle. We hope the weather will be good! Admission and parking is free, and we suggest you bring your own chairs & rugs.

*Joyce Malster*





## WI

We spent a most enjoyable hour testing our knowledge on antiques this month. Mr J Whitton, from Whitton & Laing in Exeter, placed a dozen objects around the Village Hall and then asked us to fill in quiz sheets regarding their purpose, date, composition and value. A few WI ladies did extremely well but the majority of us knew very little!

The President, Anne Frampton, reported on the recent Spring Group meeting held at Topsham and asked for volunteers to make cakes and serve teas at the Furry Dance. The recent successful visit to Shelterbox at Helston had raised yet more money and we can now follow "our box" on-line.

Diary dates: Mon. 21 June - Footpath clearing/litter picking, starting at the bottom of Church Path at 2.30

Mon. 5 July - Committee meeting at 9 Highcliffe Close

Thur. 29 July - "Bring a Plate" buffet supper at the Village Hall, 7-9 pm

At our next meeting on Weds. 7th July, (2.30 at the Village Hall) Mr Brian Leveridge will be speaking on the Land of the Ice Bear - Spitzbergen. Please do come and join us if you think you might like to become a WI member.

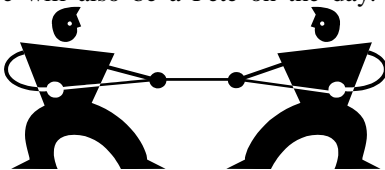
*Diana de la Rue*

## TUG OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Lympstone has been selected to host the 3 "A's" (Amateur Athletics Association), Tug of War Championship. This will be held in Candys Field on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July between 10.30 and 5.00pm. Teams from all over England, including some European Champions will be participating. Open Competitions will also be run, which any

team is welcome to enter. Contact Wayne Stewart 07971069894 if you wish to enter a team.

There will also be a Fete on the day. All



charities and Lympstone Clubs are welcome to have a stall **at no charge**. Car boots and other stalls charged at £4. Stalls to be set up from 10am. If you want a stall contact Jim Holman 07719870524.

Lympstone Tug of War had a successful event last year and this was the first event for several years. Our success last year influenced the judges in choosing Lympstone as the host this year. We hope this event will be even better and we will go from strength to strength.

Many thanks go to all those who supported the event last year and we hope you will support us again.

*Jim Holman*

## LIGHTING IN CANDY'S FIELD

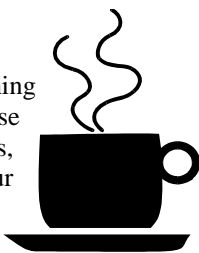
The lights in Candy's Field should go on at dusk and go off at 12.30am. Unfortunately, all good Councillors are in bed by that time and we have no way of knowing if the lights do go off at the right time. Anyone who is about or lives nearby is asked to contact Tony Le Riche, the Clerk (279665) or Cllr P Acca to let them know if the lights are on or off.



*Tony Le Riche*

## TREAT YOURSELF

Enjoy your morning tea/coffee as you browse our selection of books, indulge yourself with our range of bargain bathroom products and treat yourself to our homemade cakes, preserves and goodies. Join Lesley and the gang at the Methodist Hall, Saturday 26th June 10.30 - midday in aid of Hospiscare.



*Lesley Weeks*

## QUILT RAFFLE

Members of Lympstone Sailing Club have made a beautiful Quilt to be raffled in aid of the Village Hall Renovation Fund. The theme of the quilt is nautical and is in many shades of blue and it is called "Sails Set for Lympstone". Tickets will be £1 each and are available from the Post Office, and also at various events in the village. We really need to appeal to a wider audience as well as Lympstone, if you are willing to sell tickets, either in the village or to people further afield, please contact Pat Boaden, 272067. We hope to sell 2000 tickets so need lots of people to sell tickets. You will be given a colour picture of the quilt to help with sales. There are also two other prizes, a pair of quilted nautical themed cushions and a Wall Hanging

The Draw Date will be Saturday 11th September. The quilt will be available to view at various functions over the summer starting with The Old Garden on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Other events where it will be displayed are marked with an asterisk on the diary dates on the back page

*Pat Boaden*

## QUILT AND QUILTERS



## LETTER PRINTED IN THE DAILY TELEGRAPH 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE "RUDE CYCLISTS"

Sir, How wonderful to read of such a polite cyclist as your letter writer Michael Deacon, (letters June 4). Our village is mostly plagued by the opposite, located in the middle of two Council sponsored cycle paths. Some of the young families who use these are considerate and cycle slowly through our lovely village, but we also have to endure a stream of rude cyclists racing at such speed, even if they use a bell, (which they do not), it would not give anyone time to move. There is a serious accident waiting to happen but in the meantime residents have to endure the glares and even foul language from these ill mannered beings.



*Shirley Wilkes, Lympstone, Devon"*

*(Some in Lympstone hate the cycle path – some love it. Consideration is needed. Ed)*

## LYMPSTONE PLAYERS -- CAFÉ THEATRE



A tour de force par excellence! Once again the combination of dinner and theatre proved to be a winner. On arrival at the Village Hall we were greeted by our immaculately dressed maitre d'hotel, John Eaton-Terry, with impressive savoir faire. Immediately we took a step back to Paris of the early 1900's.

Dinner was masterminded by Food with Flair i.e., Shirley Wilkes and Kay Uphill assisted by a team of hard-working helpers. A delicious cordon bleu meal. The bon viveurs were well satisfied. An atmosphere of joie de vivre prevailed!

The pièce de résistance of the evening, however, was the play by Georges Feydeau, probably the most famous writer of French Farce. "*Don't walk About With Nothing On*" embodied all the best elements of farce - absurd coincidences, ridiculous situations, and constant exits and entrances. Director, Clive Wilson, had obviously devoted much thought to adapting it for the intimate thrust stage. So the traditional slamming doors were treated in a novel convincing way - no doors but the mimed effect was totally convincing!!

A cast of five players delivered an excellent fast moving performance. Heather and Ben Redding played the very demanding principal roles with great polish and aplomb, ably supported by Tony Gray, Bruce Ellis - and Harland Walshaw, who featured in what must be an unforgettable moment!

Café Theatre involves many people in much hard work and over three nights so congratulations and thank you to all concerned.

One comment, did I hear someone say "*Don't Walk About With Nothing On*" was rather risqué for Lympstone!

*Barbara Neason*

## THREE CHEERS FOR ROB AND THE PARISH COUNCIL

Without doubt the people of Lympstone owe a great deal to Rob Longhurst for the tremendous effort he has put into organising the splendid team to combat the totally unwanted threat from the proposed development at Courtlands Cross. This was borne out on the 1<sup>st</sup> June when the EDDC Planning Committee unanimously turned down the application to build c.154 houses and other numerous buildings which if produced would have swamped the village area, the school, etc etc and ruined our wonderful sense of community.

With his team he produced irrefutable arguments from numerous government and local plans as well as statistics on varied aspects. Clearly Rob has done a great job towards retaining Lympstone in its present brilliant format, we thank him most sincerely

*George and Mary Truell*

## FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH

The winner of the May Lottery was Mrs. Ruth Quick of Strawberry Hill with ticket number 320.

*Joyce Malster*