

LYMPSTONE HERALD 2010/2011

Hopefully you all receive and read a copy of the Lympstone Herald every month so that you probably know as much about the Herald as I do. I am only the Editor of the Herald which I have been producing for about a decade – the last couple of years with help from Liz Griffiths and Jan Teague.

The size of the Herald has grown from four pages ten years ago to twenty four pages now. About half of this is editorial – a mixture of Parish Council news and views, individual items and updates from clubs and societies, details of special events and the odd paragraph from me on anything from dog fouling to gardening. The other half is advertising – the profits from which, more than £1500 per annum, go towards reducing the Parish Council precept.

I accepted the editorship of the Herald because I had time on my hands after a stroke which stopped me working and I had already decided to create a website for the village. This website quickly became popular with people in our village who were rapidly learning about the World Wide Web and the rest of the world who were a little ahead of Lympstone. Ties with other countries can be both interesting and advantageous. For example I took a theatre company to Canada in the mid nineties based on friendships I had established over the internet about 1990. Today I have a regular stream of foreigners wanting to learn more about Lympstone or trace people who lived in Lympstone fifty or one hundred years ago. Three months ago my web site was replaced by a blog, a vanilla version of a web site which, when everyone in the village has access to the internet, should eventually replace the printed Herald. At the moment it is slow and restricted in what it contains but so was my site in 2002 and it will grow and run more quickly given time.

The format and contents of the Herald are constantly under review and suggestions are always welcome. If you have something to say about the Herald or even something to put in the Herald then do let me know.

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