



ITEMS OF NOTE from the Parish Council April Meeting

End of the Council

With the Parish Clerk away on holiday and elections in four weeks, this month's Parish Council had something of an end-of-term feeling about it. The emphasis was on clearing up outstanding business and clearing the decks for a new Council in May. Add the complications of multiple Bank Holidays, a Royal Wedding, possibly a new Parish Council and you will understand some of the impending complications and why the date that the next Herald is going to be produced is still undecided. Contributors please note – the copy deadline may not be as shown below as this is dependant on the date of the next Council Meeting which is yet to be fixed.

A new Chairman and Vice Chairman will have to be elected by the Council and various committees set up after the 12th of May.

Another Charge Devon CC is applying a charge of £2 a bag for certain classes of waste like builders rubble at the recycling centre. The Parish Council is writing to protest.

No Parties?

No details of Royal Wedding parties have been received. Do let us know if you have any planned, if only to ensure that there is no duplication of venues. Currently no public spaces have anything planned.

STOP PRESS

EDDC received only 8 nominations for Lymestone Parish Council. That means no election, no canvassing and no expenses! All that applied automatically got on to the Council. You might like to consider between now and 12th May if you would like to be co-opted on to the council?

Cllr Chris Carter

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**NO EDITORS NOTES AS I HAVE
HAD TO FILL THE FRONT PAGE.**

TENNIS CLUB DISCO



The Tennis Club Disco this year will be in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th May, when the dress theme will be 'Disco Divas'. Get those thinking caps on and choose the outfit which will win you that best costume prize! Proceeds this year are in aid of junior development, so get your group together and have a ball. Tickets, priced £10, are available from the Post Office.

Jill Dixon

PARISH CHURCH



The Morning Praise service welcomes all ages to breakfast. It continues to draw the largest congregation of the month. It takes place on the third Sunday of each month.

This month it falls on **Palm Sunday** (17th) and we will gather at the Scout Hut for breakfast at the earlier time of 9 am followed by a walk of faith to the church from Cliff Field to receive Holy Communion at the service in church. The week of events leading up to our Easter celebration continues with:

Monday - 7.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross with music

Wednesday - 7.30pm Taize style service with music.

Thursday - 7.30pm Holy Communion Service and Stripping of the altars. There follows a peaceful watch (20 minute slots) until 10.00pm.

Good Friday (21st) - 11.00am, Passion Story of Christ's crucifixion.



The events of Good Friday are re-enacted by children from the village in church, a very moving service.

Saturday - 7.30pm - Festival of Light.

Sunday (23rd) 9.30am, **Easter Day** Service - Holy Communion - Christ is Risen.

You will receive a warm welcome to any of these services.

New Team Vicar.

It is three years since I reported the decision of Rev John Clapham to resign from the post of Rector of Lymptone. In September 2009 we welcomed Rev, now Canon Ian Morter who was promoted to the Exeter Cathedral and recently we have been working in the team ministry with our friends from Holy Trinity Exmouth and the Littleham parish to arrange interviews for his replacement. Interviews took place last month, but no appointment was made. We hope to try again in June and we continue to pray for, and look forward to welcoming, the new team Rector in due course.

APCM

The church held its annual meeting last month and re-elected Mary Blair and Andrew Hubbard as churchwardens. John Lupton continues as treasurer and the new PCC will elect a secretary at their first meeting. The meeting decided to increase the amount of our income we give to Christian charities to 7.5% as we work towards being in line with the 10% for the Mission Community. This giving will amount to about £3,000 in the coming year.

Sale of Church Furniture

Following the re-ordering of the West End of the church Lympstone Church is offering for sale, by sealed bids, the following surplus items:-

10 wooden chairs

2 wooden chests - 1 of 3x2x1ft, 1 of 1x2x1ft

1 lectern

1 altar book rest

1 umbrella stand

1 table 4ft x 4ft

2 doors - oak

side panels for doors and glazed arch over

1 screen in light pine - 4ft high x 8ft 6in with 18in return

10 red plastic chairs

6 white plastic chairs with arms, patio style

1 notice board 6x3ft over table on casters 6ft x 20inch

1 fridge

1 chest freezer small with damaged lid

These items can be viewed in the Church Room, School Hill, Lympstone on Saturday May 7th, 2011 from 9-

11am. Please post sealed bids to Andrew Hubbard, Leustona, Longmeadow Road, Lympstone, EX8 5LL by 5pm on Sunday May 8th 2011.

Brian Mather

STATION GARDENERS WANTED



There are now a couple of small plots available at the foot of the station embankment for anyone who would like to tend one. This might suit someone living in the centre of the village who doesn't have a front garden. Why not grow some flowers on the embankment and help to make the station area even brighter for people arriving in Lympstone by train or on the cycle path? We could also use some more plants and bushes for the higher parts of the slope – preferable qualities being hardy, evergreen, attractive and low spreading. If you can help this village endeavour in either way, please give me a call - 268653.

Tony Day

FRIENDS OF LYMPSTONE PARISH CHURCH



The winner of the March Church lottery was Dorothy Livingstone of Underhill Crescent with ticket number 346.

Joyce Malster

APRIL POLICE REPORT - LYMPSTONE

On Sunday 6th March at around 3.15pm a vehicle that was parked unattended in Underhill car park was reversed into and damage was caused to the front of the vehicle. Unfortunately, the driver failed to stop and leave details or report the incident to the Police. The offending vehicle is a small white van with a chevron pattern on the rear of vehicle. If you have any knowledge of this incident, please contact the police quoting log 662 06/03/11. Can I remind residents that if you are involved in an incident you are legally required to stop and exchange details or contact the local police station within 24 hours to report it.

On the 24th March, between 7.45pm and 9.20pm, a vehicle that was parked by the doctors' surgery was broken into and a bag stolen. If you have any information or saw anyone acting suspiciously around this time, please contact police quoting KE/11/831.

We are being targeted by car thieves in local beauty spots at present. Can I remind people that if you are leaving your vehicle unattended to make sure that no property is left on display.

I have been made aware that a property, which is located on the Strand, has recently had its wall reversed into for the third time. The offenders failed to



stop on the most recent occasion and it had only been mended that day from the previous incident. The vehicle in question was a small car of a silvery blue colour. If you have any information, please contact me on the details below.

PCSO 30110 Sarah Trayhurn

Mobex 0845 656 7853

Email:

sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

LYMPSTONE PRE-SCHOOL

Lympstone Pre-School is having a busy term! The Pre-School can now accept a limited number of 2 ½ year-olds, please contact us for information and rates.

Put Saturday 11th June in your diary for the annual Cake and Toy Sale to raise money for the Pre-School (at the Haven, next door to the Globe). We are also building our



Nature Garden and any donations of time, plants or money would be gratefully received! Finally, we would like to congratulate Debbie Foxon, who heads up the team, on qualifying as an Early Years Professional!

Vicki Drinkwater, Telephone: 07792 846555.

SUNDAY 1ST MAY - AVOCET 150



On the morning of 1st May 1861 two puffing locomotives hauled 17 carriages down to Exmouth to celebrate the opening of the railway line from Exeter. On 1st May 2011 we will have to settle for an eight coach train, an InterCity 125, which is due to call at Lymptone Village at 11.16am – thought to be only the third such train ever to pass through the village. The station will be decorated with bunting, thanks to the Furry Dance, and with extra flowers courtesy of Lymptone Nurseries. Part of the car park will be coned off over the weekend so that Morris dancers and spectators can get close to the platform without any safety risk.

The train will be greeted by Parish Council Chairman Rob Longhurst, accompanied by Lymptone Players – and hopefully many more people – in Victorian costume. First Great Western have said that anyone in costume may ride the train without payment and we are printing a very limited run of souvenir tickets for those who make the effort. A commemorative booklet, largely authored by Lymptone's Richard Giles, will be available on the train and at Avocet 150 events.

Once the train has departed the Morris dancers will move down to the Swan, where a railway-themed beer festival will by then be open. Great Western Morris will be bringing with them some

famous friends from the North – the scary Shropshire Bedlams and the all-girl Martha Roden's Tuppenny Dish. The Sailing Club will host an exhibition of old photographs of the line from 11.30am until 3.30 pm.

A programme leaflet of all Avocet 150 events has been distributed door-to-door in Lymptone by ALRUG, the Rail Users Group, which is co-ordinating the anniversary celebrations up and down the line. For up to date details see www.avocet150.co.uk/

Tony Day

LYMPSTONE ART GROUP

Tudor Propaganda - The Portraits of Elizabeth I

Thursday 5th May,
7.30pm, Lymptone
Village Hall - illustrated talk by Lin Holdridge. All welcome. Entry for non-members is £3.



Willow Art

Barbara Clift will give a talk and display her work to illustrate the many different things you can do with willow. Friday 15th April, 7.30pm, at Lymptone Village Hall. Everyone welcome. Entry for non-members - £3



Anne Crisp

EVERYTHING ROSIE IN THE GARDEN

Roses for the Garden and Show is the title of Roy Halsey's talk on Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Do come.

Who will buy this beautiful morning?

The Garden Club coffee morning and plant sale is on Saturday 7th May in the Methodist Hall. In previous years people have been very generous not only with donations of produce, seedlings and plants, but with home-made cakes and jams too.

Any profit will go towards our funds, which will enable the produce and plant show on the 27th August to be for us the highlight of the gardening year in Lympstone. So do bring contributions at 10.00am or just come for produce and coffee at 10.30am.

Sheila Stone

www.lympstone-gardens-and-allotments.org.uk

AVOCET 150 CEILIDH – PROCEEDS TO VILLAGE HALL

The first performance of the new folk dance band in the village will be on 30th April at the Avocet 150 Ceilidh held in the Village Hall, with all proceeds going to the Village Hall kitchen fund. The band, which plays traditional dance music for English folk dances, ceilidhs and barn



dances, will play under the temporary stage name of 'Lympstone Express' in the spirit of the Avocet 150 railway celebration. Brian Mather is the Caller and leads dancers through their chasseees, promenades, swings and stars, hopefully to a satisfactory conclusion (or otherwise to a heap in the middle of the floor!). Dances include Cumberland Square Eight, Pat-a-Cake Polka, Circassian Circle, Dashing White Sergeant, Thady You Gander, Mayim Mayim, etc. To give the dancers a rest, there are interval items including a song or two to entertain the dancers and onlookers, whilst some refreshment is taken. Tickets priced £5 are available from the Post Office or from Ron Gordon (263954). Come along and join the fun!

Ron Gordon

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held at the hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday May 4th.

This is an opportunity to hear reports on the year's activities, hear about the hall's finances and future plans and ask any questions that you have. All villagers are welcome.

Don Mildenhall,

LYMPSTONE BOAT CRANING



Craning of boats from their winter lay-up to the brook will occur during the afternoon of Saturday 16th April under the auspices of the Lymptstone Fishery & Harbour Board. A large crane will proceed via Nutwell Road, Burgmann's Hill, The Strand, turning right to the harbour at The Swan Inn during the early afternoon and return after about 4 or 5 hours. The timing is new compared with recent cranings, to allow the arrival of the crane in daylight. Please contact the Harbour Board if you have any specific concerns. PO Box 5, Lymptstone Post Office, harbour.board@btconnect.com.

Richard Crisp

HOSPISCARE WILL WEEK 16-20 MAY - HAVE YOU GOT 'WILL APATHY'? DOES THE WORD 'FREE' NUDGE YOU TO ACTION?



As a local charity caring for terminally ill people and their families, Hospiscare relies on legacy gifts and understand how crucial they are.

Amazingly, two thirds of people have not got round to making their wills and over 70% with children under 18, leaving families unprotected. Although we know a will secures our loved ones'

future, we keep putting it off. Unfortunately, if a will is not made the government decides how assets are distributed.

In reality, it's actually quicker, easier and less expensive than we imagine. As an incentive, over 30 solicitors across Devon are supporting Hospiscare Will Week by making standard wills, and codicils free of charge, so you can make a donation to Hospiscare instead. This opportunity is open to everyone. Simply choose a participating solicitor and make an appointment. Your most local solicitors include:

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To choose from all solicitors taking part, please phone Susie on 01392 688020 or go to www.hospiscare.co.uk for their details.

Susie Healey

HEATHFIELD ALLOTMENTS

The Trustees invite tenders for trimming of the roadside boundary hedge and bank of Heathfield Allotments. Please reply to The Secretary at 21 Highcliffe Close, Lymptstone EX8 5HF.



THANK YOU LYMPSTONE

As another financial year draws to a close – Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare would like to thank the village for their support in many different ways during 2010. Our thanks to Shears Cafe customers, Londis customers, Lympstone Nurseries, La La Lympstone, Dave Moxom, Brian Mather, Lin Holdridge (L Crafts), friends and volunteers who helped us at events. Local support means a great deal to us.

On Tuesday, 12th April, we are holding a Spring Coffee Morning at Franklin's, Exmouth – a chance to meet staff and volunteers, and find out more about your local Charity.

Date for your diary – at noon on Thursday 19th May, Blooming Hospiscare...new format!

Frances Longhurst 263495

33RD SHERRY MORNING IN AID OF ANTI-SLAVERY INTERNATIONAL

As mentioned in the Lympstone Herald some months ago, it is necessary for the Sherry Morning to be moved to a larger venue for its own future. It will be at a separate venue in an enclosed section of the garden at the Saddlers Arms. This is 3 to 4 times the area that it used

to have, with a covered area for the bar, draw prizes and 'the Silver Lady' (Mexican designer silver jewellery). It will run from 1pm – 7pm, with vocal and musical entertainment. Douglas Mounce - star of BBC Radio Devon, BBC television and stage has said he hopes to be the guest compere. Prices are the same as 2010 with admission at £8 (to include the first drink, all food and entertainment). Additional drinks (on production of the ticket at the Garden bar) will be £2 for quality real ales, per pint, and the same for fine wines, per glass. Soft drinks will be 50p. Tickets will go on sale from 1st June. Phone now to order yours on 274485.

Graham Martin

PTFA – SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENING

The PTFA curry and quiz night was held on the 5th March 2011 and was a huge success. Over 14 teams took part and a staggering £1000 was raised! Our thanks go to the event organisers and caterers who managed to pull together a thoroughly enjoyable evening. (For more information about the PTFA and what we do, please go to our page at www.lympstone.org).

Our next meeting is on 3rd May at 7.30pm at The Swan Pub if you would like to join us.

Kate Watkins

LYMPSTONE ENTERTAINMENTS

IS HE TENNIS'S TENNYSON?

Bounce bounce bounce bounce
thwackety wackety zingety ping
hittety backety pingety zang
wack, thwok, thwack, pok
thwikety, thwekity, thwokity, thwakity
cover the court with alarming alacrity.

Matt Harvey, who was the Wimbledon tennis championship's first poet-in-residence last summer, is reading his witty topical verse in Lympstone on **Saturday, 16th April**. He can be heard regularly on Radio 4's Saturday Live, but you have to hear him live in person to really appreciate just how funny he is. He writes about everything from streakers to particle physics, from kippers to curtains. He brings his one-man cabaret show, *Wondermental*, to the **Village Hall** (next to the tennis courts!) for Lympstone Entertainments. Harland Walshaw, who has heard him perform in Bristol, says, "It will be a joyful evening, full of laughter and astonishment. Don't miss it."

Up loops a lob with a teasing temerity
leaps in the air in defiance of gravity
puts it away with a savage severity
coupled with suavity
nice

15-love

(reaches for towel with a certain
serenity).

Tickets for *Wondermental* are now on sale at Lympstone Post Office, or by telephoning 01395 263928.

More details can be found at www.lympstoneentertainments.co.uk.

Our contribution to the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the coming of the railway is also poetic. For two weeks from 28th April we will put up some railway poems on our boards around the village and on a new specially-erected board on the station itself. Several of you have made suggestions for appropriate verses, although we shall keep the final selection secret until they actually appear. But one poem/song has been recommended by more than one of you. We obviously have some Flanders & Swann fans amongst our Friends.

John Eaton-Terry

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

The Film Society holds its AGM on Wednesday 20th of April at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. We'd like you to come as we're also showing *Palm Beach Story*, best described as a 'screwball comedy'. Free to members, and free too if you join then and there for the 2011/12 season, starting in September. Membership is just £18, to renewing or returning members, and £25 for new members.

On Friday 6th May there's a Railway Films Night organised by the Film



Society. Admission £4, with profits to the station adopters' work. A wide range of historic and recent films will be shown including a high speed cab ride down the line. Tickets from the Post Office.

Don Mildenhall

LYMPSTONE SCHOOL



Beware - trainee cyclists on the road! During the last week of term 16 children took their Bikeability training with the school, a programme of lessons and tests in cycling proficiency. Well done to all the pupils involved.

Kersplat! Mr Priest was put in the stocks last week as part of Class Five's charity fundraiser for Shelterbox. Thanks to CTCRM for constructing the very solid stocks in which Mr Priest was imprisoned. For just £1 a go children could throw either a wet sponge or a custard pie at the Headteacher. Photographic proof available on the school website! Over £300 was raised for the charity in under an hour after school last week. What a fantastic effort by all involved.

Over 50 pupils and a dozen staff will miss out on seeing Kate walk down the aisle on Friday 29th as we will be in the middle of a four-day camping trip in the woods at Escot. Sleeping in a yurt or watching the Royal Wedding.

Tony Priest – Headteacher

LYMPSTONE WI REPORT FOR APRIL 2011

Mrs Anne Frampton, opened the meeting and welcomed two new members and presented them with a new members pack.

She introduced Mr J.W. Whitton FRICS. Who proceeded to talk about Antique Jewellery, handing round items for us to examine and decide what they were. There were many interesting items, such as rings and brooches and more. Diana Budgen thanked him for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Many bags of clothes were collected for Malawi.

13, members are attending the Spring Council meeting in Torquay on Wed 13th April.

A list was taken for members to make cakes for the Furry Dance in August.



Litter Pick, Wed 20th April weather permitting, 2-15pm at Church Path.

Next committee meeting, Thurs 28th April at 2-15pm.

At our next meeting on May 4th we have no Speaker, we will be discussing the resolutions for the A.G.M. in Liverpool. Our own Drama Group will then entertain us.

New members welcome, do come and join us at 2-15pm on the first Wed in the month at Lymptstone Village Hall.

Jo Cotton

CAROL TOLSON

A tribute from Lympstone Players, Lympstone Entertainments and Lympstone Folk

Carol Tolson, who tragically died on 2nd March following a skiing accident, was widely loved and admired by so many. In spite of her very busy life, she more than generously gave an immense amount of her talent and love of music to the village.

The Lympstone Players, Lympstone Entertainments and, recently, the Jazz and Folk group, all benefited from her knowledge and will always be grateful. Her musical direction of the last two pantomimes was phenomenal. She gave unstintingly of her precious time, organising the band, arranging the music and rehearsing with absolutely everyone in the cast. And everyone, from the youngest to the oldest and all those front and back of house, loved her. Those of us lucky enough to have her play with or accompany them in the Village Concert will never forget the fun it all was – hard work but so much laughter!

But Carol as a pianist was not only a fine accompanist. In the Players' production of *The Hollow Crown*, she was called upon to play the Beethoven Variations on God Save the King. It was a performance that stole the show, a memorable and thrilling demonstration that Carol was a

classical pianist of high quality. The applause for her was thunderous.

The tribute from Ron Gordon of Lympstone Folk speaks for us all. "Carol was a truly wonderful person. She was not only very talented and quite inspirational, but also completely modest and unassuming."

Carol's husband, Robin, and their lovely daughters, Lizzie and Alice, supported Carol so brilliantly in everything she did in Lympstone and everyone would like to thank them for giving so much of their time as well as sharing her with us.

(Carol actively supported several other groups, including The Sailing Club, who also will gratefully remember her. Ed)



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WHAT'S ON

APRIL

12 Hospiscare coffee morning
13 Lympstone Folk at The Globe
13 Roy Halsey talk
15 Art talk – Willow Art
16 Boat craning
16 Poet – Matt Harvey
17 Palm Sunday church service
20 Litter picking
20 Film Society AGM + film
21 Good Friday church service
22 Festival of Light church service
23 Easter Sunday church service
30 April Avocet 150 Ceilidh

1 Avocet 150 celebrations
4 WI
4 Village Hall AGM
5 Art talk – Tudor Propaganda
6 Railway films night
7/8 Sale of church furniture
7 Garden Club coffee morning
14 Tennis Club disco
19 Blooming Hospiscare
29 Annual Art Exhibition – 15th June

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