

THE LYPMPSTONE HERALD



SNOW, SAILING & SUMMER ON THE WAY?

Hard to believe the incredibly late snowfall again at the end of the March but summer must nearly be here as boats were craned into the harbour on Tuesday 3rd of April. The Lymptstone Fishery and Harbour Association reported that the operation ran smoothly

with some warmer dryer weather. Dinghies and day boats were brought to the sailing club on Sunday 8th April with the hardstanding being almost full by the end of the day. Hopefully the cold weather is now behind us and we can look forward to summer in Lymptstone.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 9th April 2018. This is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting of all electors where anyone can report on any Group's activities and any elector can raise matters of local concern.

Footpath Warden, Jenny Moon reported that she had surveyed the footpaths in Mid-March. She did a large amount of clipping back and of course there was a lot of mud anyway but....

Fp7- the East Devon Way... Great work has been done on one side of the two higher stiles, but on the other side of both there is basically a pond! There is more work to be done.

Fp21 was impassable - a pond up to the top of my wellies! I found an alternative way round but not on the path. I have often seen a pool of water there but nothing like it was yesterday. I suggest we keep an eye on it.

Fp18 I know work has been done on the lane to Parsonage Stile but it is extremely wet again.

Fp8 There is always mud on this path but a bit of work has been done there and the path could be greatly improved by some stone / wood being put down over with the first 10 metres of the path (at the railway bridge end)

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Jenny Clark reported on a year of great activity and success for the Parish Council. The new Pre-school building was up and running in Candy's Field. The Youth Club had been given an eye-catching makeover and had a new Leader, Sue Briggs. Sessions were very popular with between 30 – 40 children attending. At the beginning of the year, the cemetery was looking very poor and a few complaints had been received. Extra maintenance work was carried out and now the work has been handed to local Groundsman, Andy Western. The Parish Council hopes that you will all agree that it is looking much better. A safety visibility mirror has been provided at Sowden End so that cyclists can see cars and pedestrians approaching around the bend in either direction and ride safely. This has been coupled with the lane markings installed by DCC.

The lights and locks in the public conveniences have been upgraded with automatic controls. – all for your Convenience!

Cllr Chris Carter has handed over the Lymptone Herald to the younger hands of Cllr Rob Hilton and his wife. Chris produced the Lymptone Herald for 15 years and ensured that it was financially independent. Rob has added a new look to the cover which we hope you will all find attractive.

During the year we lost Malcolm Lyon as a Parish Councillor but he has been replaced by John Montgomery.

Flooding is always a local concern and the building works at Longmeadow Road and Strawberry Hill have only added considerable to the fears of residents living in those areas. There seems to be no sense in granting planning permission for such development when it is clear that surface and foul drainage will cause problems by adding to sewers and watercourses that are already overloaded. The Parish Council is keeping up the fight to have changes made so that the problems will be reduced. The Parish now has two groups of flood wardens covering the lower and upper sections of the village and there are two sets of first response flood protection equipment available. Cllr Phil Corcos and Alan Burton are the contacts for this. The Parish also has a Flood Resilience Group set up by Cllr Phil Corcos and now led very ably by Clem Davies who has wide experience in these matters.

Tony Day reminded the meeting that ALRUG – the railway Group – was still very active and is currently challenging changes to the timetable which will reduce the service and change the times of trains. The Station Group will be calling a Work Party soon to tidy up the embankment.

Residents reported graffiti on the

Exe Estuary trail and the railway arch at Sowden End. The Clerk will report these to DCC and Network rail. Anyone can report matters like this and potholes, blocked gullies etc directly onto the DCC website. This is usually the quickest way of dealing with such problems.

Brian Cotton informed the meeting that a railway sleeper had been blocking the gully behind the houses in Pretty Corner and could have led to a serious situation but it was removed by neighbour and Flood Warden, Roger Stewart. This gully is prone to flooding and it is vital that it is kept clear to protect houses in the area.

News from the Parish Council. The Parish Council held its ordinary meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council considered two retrospective planning applications which were to seek approval to the drainage scheme for the land off Longmeadow Road, which has already been installed and appears to be failing. The Parish Council agreed to object to both these applications, full details are available on the village website. Residents are urged to submit their own objections as quickly as possible. The closing date is Thursday, 12th April 2018. Residents should also submit objections to SWW as they need to know local feeling on these matters.

EDDC have issued a press release a press release about a car parks consultation. They have invited the Parish Council to have a say by filling in the online questionnaire before 1 June 2018: <http://eastdevon.gov.uk/consultation-and-surveys/car-park-review/> The main effect of this on Lypstone residents will be the removal of the local permit so that residents will now have to buy a full EDDC permit costing £134 pa.

The Council also agreed to register its interest in taking over the car park from EDDC. This would allow local control of use and charges although it must be borne in mind that there is no guarantee that the Parish Council would keep the present charging system. EDDC would also like to know if the Parish Council would like them to show an interest in taking over the area that was a temporary car park, at the top of Underhill Close. Cllr Longhurst had explained why the Parish Council could not get involved in this. Local residents voiced some concerns that the temporary car park was never full but there had been significant extra parking in Underhill Crescent whilst this car park was in operation, that having parked there, residents would need to walk up the very steep hill to get back to their cars and during the bad weather, the car park was inaccessible. The Parish Council would welcome your views on the future of this area including

whether it should be for general parking or possible with individual spaces being let on licence. Cllrs David Atkins and Helen Dimond will be checking on the volume of parking at the Underhill car park to help show whether more car parking is needed.

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LYMPSTONE GARDEN CLUB

Thanks to everyone who joined us in March for a special afternoon with Pippa Greenwood. The hall was packed, Pippa was so knowledgeable and passionate about her subject and the legendary tea and cakes went down a storm. And despite a slightly tricky journey to us, Pippa was kind enough to say: "I had a lovely time and was so touched by how kind, helpful and smiley you all were. Thank you, Lymptone Garden Club!"

Looking ahead, on Tuesday 17 April at 7.30pm there's a talk by specialist Katharine Murray on 'Growing Pelargoniums', and then the popular Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday 12 May in the Methodist Hall from 10am. Come and buy some plants to brighten up your pots and borders, and start off that veg patch.

One more date for your diary is the Annual Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 August – more details of how to enter in the coming months.

News from the Garden Club is sent out regularly by email – if we don't have your details and you'd like to be kept up to date with what's coming up then please send your name and email address to windygardener@yahoo.co.uk

Gail McKenzie

LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

The Methodist Hall was buzzing for our March talk, when Todd Gray updated us on 'The Cathedral Green Fire & Exeter's Ancient Buildings'. As a result of the terrible fire that destroyed the Royal Clarence hotel and several other buildings in what was the parish of St Martin's, more has been discovered about the history of the area, in addition to what was already known.

Hot off the press was our latest booklet 'A Sketchbook of Devon' with contributions from local artists showing another side of our lovely village. Copies of this and other booklets in the series (Devon Boy, 1590, and Cooking and eating in a Devon Village: A historical Scrapbook) can be purchased at our events, or from our treasurer Graham Banks (Clays, The Strand), or you can email us at lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com

Our next talk is on Thursday 19th April, when John Allan will be talking about Anglo-Saxon Mints in Devon. As usual it will start promptly at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall (doors open from 7pm). The full programme of talks for 2018 are on the village website calendar www.lympstone.org/whatson and on our notice-board under the railway arch.

Mary Turner

PARISH CHURCH

Services

Sunday 8am Lay Led Morning prayer
(except 3rd which is Said Eucharist)

10am Sung Eucharist except 1st and
3rd (Family Holy Communion 1st,
Morning Praise 3rd)

Wednesday 11am Said Holy
Communion.

Lympstone Unlocked 22nd at 5pm for
all the family. (75% growth over the first
3 meetings!)

The Annual Vestry Meeting for Election
for Church Wardens for the next year
and the **Annual Parochial Church
Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 22nd
April 2018** following the Sung Eucharist
at 11:30am.

The meetings will be chaired by the
Rector, The Revd James Hutchings.
Nomination forms for election of
Churchwardens and PCC members will
be on the table at the back of the church
prior to the meeting. These should be
completed and passed to the rector
(in the case of Churchwardens) or the
PCC secretary (Jeff Russell) before the
meeting. Please note that you should
check that whoever signs your form is
on the electoral roll.

**Donation from Ecclesiastical
Insurance** - The Church has just
received another donation as a result
of a member of the congregation taking

out a Household insurance policy with
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nominating Lympstone church. There is
still time for others to follow this example;
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New Organ. A new electronic organ
has been approved to take the place of
the twenty plus year old instrument we
currently use. Instead of punched cards
the new organ will be programable and
its software able to be upgraded. When
more stops are open a pipe organ
has to share the air from the pump
among the pipes. So this new organ
subtly changes the sound imitating
the true and changing sound of a pipe
organ. Our director of music, and
Churchwarden, Philip White is looking
forward to delivery and is arranging
guest organists to perform concerts.
Details to be announced.

Rector at the Swan 11th at noon, 19th
at 11am and 25th at 11am or 263681 for
the Parish Office.

More information under the Arch or in
Church.

Brian Mather

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

The first meeting of the Lympstone Flood Risk Management Project Steering Group took place on 8 March. Led by our Flood Resilience Group, the Project Steering Group includes representatives of all of the flood risk management authorities (Environment Agency, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, and South West Water). All expressed support for the project and are committed to working in partnership with us.

Key elements of the project include: developing a hydraulic model, addressing recognised local flood risk issues, and developing an action plan to reduce flood risk in the village.

The Environment Agency has already provided £30K for the first phase of the hydraulic modelling study, and is confident in securing additional funding for the second phase. The model is vital since it will provide data to better understand the flood risk and to help us identify appropriate risk reduction measures. It will also inform the planning process.

To make progress on local flood issues - particularly those associated with the current residential developments in the village - a further meeting with Devon County Council and South West Water was held on 5 April.

Work is also ongoing to review the performance of the existing flood defences with the Environment Agency, and we have just obtained funding for a preliminary study of runoff from rural land in the upper catchment.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to all those people who have already sent us photos and other information about flooding in the village. We are currently working on a record of flood events so this is really helpful. We are particularly keen to confirm the number of properties that have been affected by flooding. So, if any part of your property has been flooded at any time in the past, please contact us. We will treat any information received confidentially.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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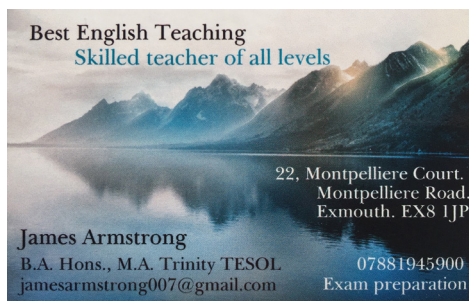
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LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB NEWS

We're a friendly club, with twice weekly club sessions, tournaments, coaching and two well maintained courts for general play. All standards of players welcome! Our courts are located alongside the village hall and you can find out more from our website www.lympstonetc.co.uk/

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EXMOUTH LIBRARY

Exmouth Library is hosting a Non Fiction Night on Thursday 19th April. Come along to meet the authors Richard Lappas, Fleet Street Photographer, author of 'More by Luck than Judgement' and Mark Norman, researcher, writer and author of 'Black Dog Folklore'. You will learn about what is involved writing factual books and articles, and have the opportunity to buy signed copies of their books.

Free entry (via the rear entrance of the library)

Sally Burton

Juniors: come along to the courts 10.00 – 12.00 for a taster session and meet Matt, our coach. Racquets provided for you to have a go! If you like it, sign up on the day for a series of Saturday morning lessons, for children aged 6+, starting on Saturday 12th May. If you want to find out more please contact Liz; liz@claylane.com

Adults: if you're interested in joining our club please come along to our open afternoon from 2pm for tennis, tea and cake!

For adult members, the summer coaching programme with Ollie, starts on 10th May. To book your place contact Jill: jilldixon100@hotmail.com

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LYMPSTONE WI

It was our Annual Meeting this month, so after the official approval of accounts and election of President and Committee, it was time to look back at a successful year with three new members, lots of good meetings and pleasurable outings.

We had some brilliant speakers, being transported to different places as far apart as Russia in the pharmaceutical business world and America during the evacuation in the Second World War. Nearer home we found out about Jane Austen, "Remarkable Women" and Dartmoor Search and Rescue, all centred in Devon. Subjects like garden design and the entertainment business were also covered.

Members took part in Devon Federation events including a Spring Garden Day at Longdown, Spring Council in Torquay, Sing for Fun, Officers Get together, Autumn Showcase and a visit to Cardiff Christmas market. There was a carol service, but unfortunately not the one in Exeter Cathedral for our WI this year, hopefully better luck this coming Christmas. The Pampering Day at Exeter College comes highly recommended for the future.

Our own events were as usual numerous: a visit to Cothelstone Manor was hailed as brilliant, not to mention

the summer supper and the (very French and sophisticated) Feb lunch at the sailing club.

The Furry Dance and the magnificent Calendar Girl scarecrow that won a section of the Village competition was a highlight in the summer. Supper at the Redwing cheered us up in January and the Xmas party saw some of us in a very energetic mode indeed with a Zumba display by members and friends.

Members of our WI volunteered for various good causes like making cakes for the Open Gardens event and litter picking once a month on the public fields and footpaths round Lymington.

We are now looking forward to another year of education, fun and food!

Our next meeting will be on 2nd of May. The speaker will be Graham Hurley, local author, talking about 'crime writing'.

Elly Cordwell



LYMPSTONE LIVES

BRIAN COTTON

Brian Cotton, who has lived in Lympstone since 1999 with his wife Jo, has taken on various roles in our local community to improve village life.

Origins

Brian was born in Surrey in 1937. After suffering a heart attack and having a triple bypass operation, Brian moved via Bristol and Torquay to Lympstone in 1999.

Family

He is married to Jo and has two sons: one who now lives in Exmouth, the other with Brian and Jo's two grandchildren in Torquay.

Career

Brian trained as an engineer and, after a period as deputy chief engineer at a large chemical works in Avonmouth, worked in the oil and gas pipeline industry. In 1987 Brian and Jo's life together took a very different turn in terms of work when they bought a hotel in Torquay. They stayed in the hospitality industry until 1999, when they moved to Lympstone.

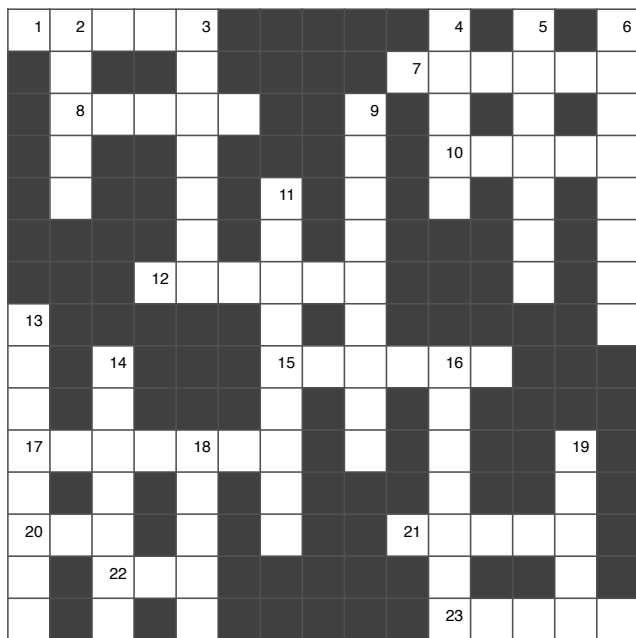
Village Connections

Living in Lympstone the pair soon became involved in village life. Brian became Chairman of the Twinning Association, on the Committee of History and Historic Houses Association. He soon became a trustee of the Village Hall and Vice Chair for the last few years. It was under his, expert guidance that the Village Hall was brought into the 21st century with a new bar, kitchen, toilets, stage and hall lighting. He also advocated the hall's solar panels, heating & ventilation and fire alarm system, with thanks to Don Mildenhall's leadership.

At Present

Brian is now eighty years old and feels it is time to take a back seat from village duties. His summative comment on life in Lympstone is this: "I have enjoyed every minute of our life in Lympstone."

THE LYPMPSTONE CROSSWORD



DOWN

2. Own up and let in (5)
3. River found on 11 & 12 - friend of 4 (7)
4. Russian city found on 11 & 12 - friend of 3 (5)
5. Best version of guts lie for least attractive answer (7)
6. Feel corn roundabout for 7s owner (8)
9. Naval base proved not to be mixed with (9)
- 11 & 12. Home of tennis frequently seen in city park (9,6)
13. Sounds like you're fed up with French water, try this wine instead (8)
14. Annoying song wriggles in your lughole (7)
16. Insects listen in (7)
18. German said yes next to Grande river and got some Spanish wine (5)

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS are available from James in the Redwing or by request from the editors at theherald@lympstone.org

Correct answers received last month from:

Richard Crisp, Margaret Turgoose, Dave Mountain, Shirley & Simon Friend, Frances &

19. Witch's religion sounds like basket material (5)

ACROSS

1. In Tarmac homes a manly attitude (5)
2. OU glad about TV dog (6)
8. Two beats is a palindrome (5)
10. Foxes lie routinely, obscuring craftier characters (5)
12. See 11.
15. Plundered shops during unrest, point little Edward to the lavatory (6)
17. Ruder about artist (5)
20. AD love? What a fuss (3)
21. Municipal administration is a palindrome (5)
22. Take a jar back for British rule in India (3)
23. Final one could mean the end . Sucker! (5)

Laurence Pearce, John Brewer, Mai & John Welton. The winner of the £25 voucher for the Redwing this month was Shirley and Simon Friend.

Please do visit the Redwing to try to tease some clues from James for this month's prize!

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Earlier that morning the station platform will be planted with a summer display, watered and maintained by village volunteers. All this community effort helps make the whole station area attractive for villagers and visitors alike.

Tony Day

Friends of Lympstone Village Station
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FUND-RAISING DINNER

A dinner to raise funds for the Sam Banks Memorial Fund will be held at the Sailing Club on Saturday 9 June. The evening will begin with drinks and starters in Teresa and Paul Sauven's garden overlooking the estuary before two further courses indoors where there will also be a short performance from a soprano and accompanist.

The Sam Banks Memorial Fund provides bursaries for photography students at Pathshala South Asian Media Institute in Bangladesh. Tickets cost £22 and are available from Louise and Graham Banks at Clays, The Strand (or phone 223048 or email gthbanks@gmail.com). All are welcome.

Graham Banks

LYMPSTONE ART EXHIBITION

SUNDAY 27TH MAY SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

Please come to our Exhibition which is in half term week. We will have a wide range of paintings, as well as sculpture, ceramics and other 3D art on show. Open from 11pm to 5pm in the Village Hall, although on the final day, Sunday 3rd June we finish at 2pm.

We have a secret auction for a wonderful watercolour by a local artist, Louise Banks. The artist Paul Barclay, whose family originates from Lympstone and now has a gallery in Dartmouth will be opening the Exhibition and presenting the prizes. He has kindly donated a picture as a raffle prize

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One of the most thrilling events ever promoted by Lympstone Entertainments was the performance by the singers from St Petersburg in 2016. We are excited to tell you that, at short notice, we have been offered another concert by some of the same singers, including the star soloist, tenor Sergey Grankvist. News has just reached us that Visas have been granted to the four singers.

This is the Nikolsky Ensemble, formed by Boris Totokin, who conducted the earlier

Hermitage Ensemble, and featuring the tenor who astonished us last time with his amazing voice. Once again they will be performing a programme of Russian Orthodox sacred music, and well-loved Russian folk songs. The composers of the sacred music include Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky and Rachmaninov, and the songs in the second half feature such favourites as Moscow Nights, Song of the Volga Boatmen, Those Evening Bells and Kalinka.

The Nikolsky Ensemble has already undertaken tours of Estonia and Norway, and now is coming to England at a time of sensitive relationships between our two countries.



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Clive Wilson 2674753

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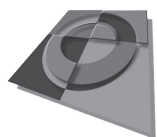
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| 17 Growing Pelargoniums | 26 Nikolsky Ensemble |
| 19 History Society - Anglo-Saxon Mints | 27 Third Age Project Meeting |
| 19 Exmouth Library - Non Fiction Talk | 27 Mobile Library |
| 20 Third Age Project Meeting | 27 Friends of the Church AGM |
| 21 Brain Tumour Support Show | 28 Tennis Club Open Day |
| 22 Vestry and Parochial Mtg. - Church | 29 Budapest Cafe Orchestra |
| 25 Lympstone Folk - Saddler's Arms | |
| 25 Art Group Workshop - Abstracts | |

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| 2 WI | 16 Friends of Underhill Surgery AGM |
| 7 Parish Council Meeting | 17 Exmouth Library - Poetry Evening |
| 11 Film Society - Fly Away Home | 23 Station Tidying Morning |
| 12 Garden Club Coffee and Plant Sale | 27 Art Group Exhibition Opens |
| 14 Parish Council | |

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| 3 Art Group Exhibition Closes | 6 WI |
| 4 Parish Council Meeting | 9 Sam Banks Memorial Dinner |



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