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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The weather is getting colder and we are entering another month where we are trying to keep ourself and our loved ones safe. We shall get through this together.

The Parish Council has been working hard on your behalf, but first our Clerk Lucy Tyrrell has been very ill having had an operation and she is making a good recovery.

I am pleased to inform the Parish that our public toilets are open and look very smart, but we have had to have the drain cleared twice since opening because some people think that wet wipes, sanitary wear and nappies are okay to put down the toilets, please use the bins provided or take your litter home, this costs public money.

We have opened Gulliford Cemetery so please have a look a lot of people have given thier own time and effort and if I do say so myself it's a credit to all involved but please remember to social distance and comply to government information about covid. As most people will have noticed the nursery site has now started work.

If you are interested in planning applications, we are putting all planning applications on the web site to keep you up to date. If you have concerns you

may contact and talk to a Councillor who will try and help.

Keep safe

*Cllr Kathy Rogers*

*Chair of Lympstone Parish Council*

## **FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH LOTTERY - NEWS!**

As reported in the May Herald, because of the Covid-19 lock down, we suspended door to door selling tickets for our lottery in aid of the church building. That meant that since then we have not had our usual monthly draw. One £6 ticket gives entry into 12 draws - one every month. So for those who had bought tickets we have now decided to hold a draw every month from October through to March 2020 - six months. There will be two winners every month instead of the usual one so there will be the same number of prizes as in a 'normal' year.

## **Curry Lunch**

The Curry Lunch organised by the Friends in the Village Hall has for many years now been a welcome autumn feature. But, alas, the necessary restrictions in use of the hall at present has meant that we have reluctantly decided that we cannot hold it this year

- a big disappointment for us and for our many 'regulars'. But it will return again!

*Clive Wilson*

## **GARDEN CLUB**

It is the season of conkers and pumpkins - a season for children and grown ups as the trees are taking on their golden hues, especially the silver birch getting a quick start. Dahlias are still strutting their stuff and may continue until the first frost. Then you can cut them down and either mulch heavily or lift, dry off and store in a shed over winter. Hybrid anemones, asters, Michaelmas daisies in their varying shades of pink and purple are competing for space amongst the ornamental grasses. Varieties of *pennisetum* are a manageable size and a very attractive grass along with the seed heads of perennial flowers.

Our large strawberry tree is in blossom. The bumble bees are busy collecting this source of late nectar and will keep at it into November. The robins are singing from the tops of the apple trees, defending their winter territories as well as following us around the garden hoping for upturned worms. I had a fleeting feeling that 'all is well with the world', especially when out with a torch late one evening, I came upon a hedgehog. I only hope it keeps clear of

the badgers that usually feast on the fallen apples in the orchard.

There is still time to sow seeds in the ground such as winter salad leaves, calendula, and hardy varieties of broad beans. In the greenhouse, cold frame or possibly on a window sill you could sow herbs such as parsley and coriander, and many people get a head start by sowing sweet peas in the autumn.

On the subject of seeds, the RHS is again alerting gardeners to the danger of unsolicited seeds through the post from China. These get into the country by posing as necklaces and other jewellery for what are really pea and nasturtium seeds. There is a risk that they carry disease and may be from invasive plants. If you get any, don't use them and please email: [plant.health.info@apha.gov.uk](mailto:plant.health.info@apha.gov.uk)

This is a good time to assess what has worked well in your garden and what has been less rewarding or a flop! Making notes is useful, or in my case essential, and taking photographs helps to locate particular plants that will have died down in winter.

*Jill Wilson*

## PARISH CHURCH

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held over from April, the events of the last year were reviewed. We said goodbye to Rev'd James Hutchings and this summer welcomed Rev'd Steve Jones. We also said goodbye to Rev'd Huw Ryden. We heard that a new curate may be appointed in 2021 which would help Steve and Benedict greatly to fulfil all their duties.

The report told of fewer weddings but that 2021, if without Covid, would be a bumper year as dates are rearranged. Jeff Russell was re-elected as Warden with a vacancy for the second. Jeff was warmly thanked for all his single handed work on our behalf.

The PCC lost some notable figures Tim Whiter, Pete Simpson and long standing member Jim Bailey. The PCC has vacancies for anyone who wishes to put themselves forward for this service to the church.

Although not related to the 2019 report we heard that many smaller churches have found that their income has fallen sharply during the lockdown but Lympstone, through the Church Giving Scheme has fared relatively well.

Questions arose about the concerns we have for the mental state of many lonely people who may not meet during these times, especially those without internet access. A gathering for 'bring your own coffee' was among the suggestions.

The Mission Community is looking to

begin new youth meetings.

The "New Normal" Services  
Every Sunday 8am Morning Prayer usually led by a member of the laity.

9.30 Service of Holy Communion. All services are without any singing.

6.30 Lympstone Unlocked 5pm for an hour. A time for 6 to 10 year olds and for more information contact Fiona on 07935 594 030.

The church is open on Wednesdays for prayer from 9am until 5pm.

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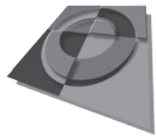
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Thank you.

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*Brian Mather*



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If you would like to get involved, you will need to have a window clearly visible from the street or a public outdoor space where others can view the decorated scene safely as they walk around. You will need to be happy to keep your window illuminated each evening from 4pm to 10pm from the date your window is 'opened' until 5 January (Twelfth Night). This is an event for homes and businesses, for anyone, of any age.

There is no theme, so you can be as inventive and adventurous as you wish. Your design can be religious or non-religious, funny or topical, but not rude or offensive, please! There is much inspiration online, as other villages have held similar successful events in the past. Please note that by volunteering to take part, you are agreeing to your address being identified on a map to help people find your window. No names or other contact details will be shared.

This outdoor event will enable everyone to observe whatever Covid measures

are in place at that time.

We hope to share pictures on the village website and Facebook page.

To volunteer or to find out more, please contact me, before Friday 30 October.

*Doreen Murray  
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## ROSEMARY SMITH

People who have lived in the village for some time will be saddened to learn that Rosemary Smith died earlier this month. Having lived in Sowden House for many years, she moved away from the village some years ago to be near her daughter in Stroud. Rosemary was a passionate local historian with an unquenchable enthusiasm to discover more about Lympstone's past, and she brought it to a wider audience through publications such as *The Lympstone Story*, and *The Houses of Lympstone*. Both the History Society and the Historic Houses Group are very grateful for her huge contribution, and would be please to hear from anyone with memories

or reflections about Rosemary, to put alongside the body of research she donated to the local Historical Archive when she moved away. We hope to place a fuller appreciation of her life and achievements in the next edition of the Herald and would be pleased to hear from anyone with memories or reflections about Rosemary.

*Mary Turner, Lympstone History Society  
(lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com)*

*Clive Wilson, Lympstone Historic Houses Group (clivewilson265@gmail.com)*

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This year the Poppy Appeal which begins on Saturday 24th October will take on a different approach to fundraising. Please see below the statement issued by the Poppy Appeal HQ.

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted how we can deliver the Poppy Appeal this year, our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners and suppliers have been working hard to ensure that the 2020 Poppy Appeal is going ahead and the nation can take part in Remembrance activity.

Each year 40,000 volunteers from all across the UK make the Poppy Appeal happen. However, many of our volunteers, or someone they live with, now fall into vulnerable categories, so it is simply not safe for them to take part this year. As a result, we will unfortunately not be able to deliver boxes of poppies house to house and to every local business that has supported the Poppy Appeal in the past. However, we have developed a range of new and exciting fundraising and donation tools that the public can access via our website to enable companies and communities to support the appeal. These are available on the Legion website [www.rbl.org.uk/poppypeal](http://www.rbl.org.uk/poppypeal). We hope that there will also be posters in the local community with a QR code

that you can also scan to donate.

Poppies will also be available from 7,500 Sainsburys, Aldi, Morrison's and Tesco stores.

This Poppy Appeal, we are presented with huge challenges due to the impact the Covid-19 has had across our society. The pandemic has left some in the Armed Forces community, as in many others, in dire need of urgent help and support. We are asking our partners, volunteers, fundraisers, members and staff to come together and get behind the Appeal in a way not asked of them before.

To that end I have been informed by HQ that there will be no House to House collection in Lymestone this year and the only place to donate and pick up a Poppy will be the Village Store. The social media and television campaign reinforces the different ways that you will be able to donate should you wish to do so and I hope to display the QR code posters around the village as soon as they become available.

Perhaps a way that we could show our support as a village would be to display a Poppy poster in our windows in the same way that we drew rainbows to support the NHS but whatever we do and however we do it 'we will remember them'.

On a slightly different note I am relinquishing my role as Poppy Appeal Organiser at the end of this appeal and so if you, or someone you know might like to consider taking on the role then I can be contacted via email [beckspearson@me.com](mailto:beckspearson@me.com) or on 07968 494093.

*Becks Pearson*

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1. Spanish car reversing at Le Mans (4)
3. Red Riding Hood's pursuer somersaults into the current (4)
5. Note torn, untied bow (5)
8. Footwear ordered in cafe? (3-3-3)
11. String for damaged sails (5)
14. Stern support (4)
15. Felt muddled so departed (4)

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1. Mainly starboard – correct (5)
2. Repair evenly – shell-like? (3)
3. Marsh at end of the town (3)
4. Whist oddly displays humour (3)
5. Loudly consumes achievements (5)
6. Empty honours for woodwind instruments (5)
7. All too tall endlessly (5)
9. Course in minor bites (5)
10. At first every boat battled the falling tide (3)
12. Knives cut up ingredients for squid sauce (3)
13. Trouble caused by beer I hear (3)

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## LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

We may not be able to hold our usual talks and events this year, but the History Society is still working away behind the scenes. Our first major lockdown project has been to publish Tony Day's delightful book 'A Lymptone Lad: the life and times of Jim Squire, fisherman'.

The sun shone on the day of the book launch on the slipway and, although we weren't able to have the planned speeches, we did go ahead with the sale of books and the chance to have them signed by the author. Social distancing measures were in place, along with hygiene procedures, and the outdoor location helped to keep everyone safe. Just as well, because many of us came out to buy our copies, often in family groups, and bumped into people we hadn't seen for some time. We know some people were unable to get there to buy their copy, but it's not too late. Copies can still be purchased from Graham Banks (Clays, The Strand) at the special Lymptone price of £5. Or you can email [lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com) We also plan to hold a few pop-up weekend book sales under the railway arch.

We continue to work on several other projects, and we would also like to keep a record of this extraordinary time we are living through at the moment. Lockdown Lymptone is a project to

collect images, stories and memories so that we can put together a record of our village at this time. Not only did we have the extreme lockdown conditions from March to early June, but we continue to live in changed times. Your contributions to this project would be greatly appreciated.

*Mary Turner*

*Secretary, Lymptone History Society.*

*Elaine Paul*

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We are now into the seventh month of restrictions due to the Coronavirus and many of the usual Summer Community activities that we enjoy were cancelled.

## Community Lunches

For over 2 years Vicki Drinkwater and Stacy Onoyiweta have been providing a hot 2 course Sunday Lunch every month for the residents of Churchill Court. From April they were no longer able to use those premises, so she contacted the Hub for support. Vicki, Stacy and Jenny Clark started to cook meals in their own homes and these were delivered by volunteers to the homes of vulnerable people in the parish who were self-isolating. At peak this was to nearly 60 individuals.

The cost of the ingredients was met by an original grant of £450 from Devon County Council and supported since by the Community Hub Fund, Westbank, British Sign Language and individual donations from villagers.

We will continue to provide these lunches on the Sundays of 25 October, 22 November and 20 December. If you are living in isolation due to the pandemic or know of anyone else in the Parish who would welcome being a recipient of these lunches, please contact Linda Lyon at [malcandlinda@aol.com](mailto:malcandlinda@aol.com). The October and November lunches will be provided free of charge but we will be asking for a donation of

up to £5 for the December Lunch as we intend to make it very special! (Santa may also be involved!)

Once we can socialise again, the Hub would like to start having monthly Sunday Community lunches or afternoon teas in various locations around the village. In the spirit of the 'Happy to Chat' benches we would like to make these 'Happy to Chat' events. More information on this will be forthcoming after New Year.

## Advent

A number of initiatives are being planned for the Advent season. Look out for posters round the village and notices on the website soon.

## December Walks

Jenny Moon is going to lead walks of 5 – 7 miles out and around Lymington for groups of 5 other people. The dates are the mornings of 3rd, 9th, and 18th December. If you would like to be part of this, please contact Jenny direct at [jennymoon@gmail.com](mailto:jennymoon@gmail.com).

## Further Ideas

If anyone has more initiatives for Community events over the coming months and needs some support from the Hub, please get in touch with us at [malcandlinda@aol.com](mailto:malcandlinda@aol.com). Look out for 'Laughter Yoga' via Zoom sessions soon, hosted by Jenny Moon.

*Jenny Clark & Linda Lyon*

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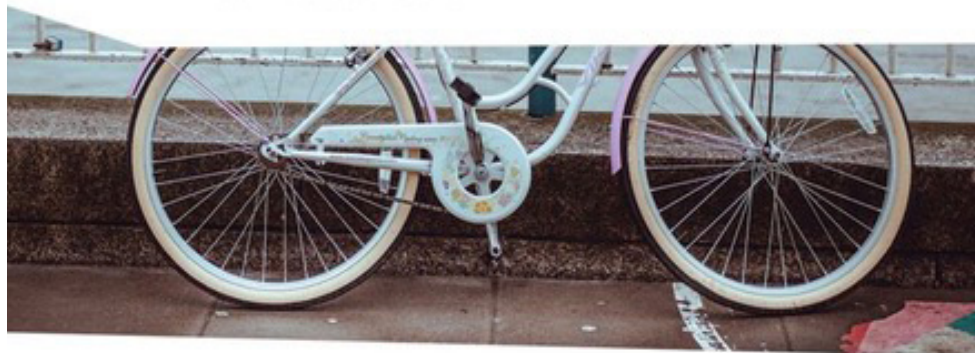


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## A LYMPSTONE LAD – THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JIM SQUIRE, FISHERMAN

by Tony Day

This delightful short book has just been published by Lymptone History Society – to mark the life of a prominent village figure who sadly left us at the end of 2019. Most people knew Jim – a smiling face, an imposing man (my first introduction to him was at the Saddlers Quiz nights when Jack his dog would chase and then eat the beer mats, to the amusement of the clientele and the ire of the landlord!)

The book covers Jim's life from his birth as the son of a fisherman and the youngest of five children, through his school days, his marriage and later life. The author, Tony Day, views Jim's life with emphasis on the fishing industry that Jim loved and upon which he based his career.

Details of daily life in the Squire household include the children climbing over boxes of fish to wash under the one cold tap in the house. Times were certainly tough - happiness and unhappiness (income or no income) were dictated by the sea and its bounty. These families worked and played together. Christened the 'bottomites' (those living in the lower village), they were ready to help each other out, but also never afraid to face each other in fierce competition for the big catch!

The book carefully relates stories with such realism that the reader can imagine being in The Globe or Redwing hearing the tales being recounted whilst sharing

a pint and listening in. We discover just how very hard they all worked - and how hard they played too.

From a historical point of view the detail on the fishing industry is fascinating – the seasonality for different catches, how fish were caught and transported and the sums paid for a good catch. The social history is also interesting from two perspectives:

- the sheer number of people living in each cottage, maybe 8-10 people in one house where now maybe 1 or 2 dwell. The pattern of family life has become more disparate and whilst this may have led to increased creature comforts this has been at the expense of camaraderie and support.
- how recent this key industry was to the village, and how the blend of politics and ecology have virtually wiped it out in a generation.

Once I picked up this book I did not want to put it down – nearly every page held an 'Oh!' moment as I joined up more links about the village and its people.

I would thoroughly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in Lymptone and its history – I only hope that it is only the first in a series of books about prominent characters in our village.

*Jenny Clark*

*October 2020*

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## THE PRINCESS AND THE LYPSTONE TEAM 1983

There are still Lypstonians who remember the glorious year, a culmination of hard labour and enthusiastic team-work, when we won our Britain in Bloom Trophy.

For some years the village had entered the floral competition. Planning, planting, participation and perseverance!

We have seen during COVID lockdown how quickly Nature reclaims her territory. Without much work clearing and maintaining by a large team of volunteers, we would not have had our success all those years ago.

From top to bottom, the village was a riot of colour. On the telegraph poles and anywhere that could take a bracket, hanging baskets overflowed with lobelia, petunia and geraniums. Those without front gardens displayed profusion of colour in window boxes. We didn't have wheelie-bins or a cycle way then. Almost everyone joined in, even if it was just a pot of plants.

The pubs and shops, notably the PostOffice (now the coffee shop) were resplendent with planters and baskets. Beds were dug near the Rectory and Underhill, the Railway bank was cleared to make LYPSTONE in flowers,

Individuals filled old watering cans or even boots with plants and an old boat on The Green made a giant planter.

Love for flowers and for the village abounded.

I was secretary to the ever popular B

in B Chair, Enid. (Her day job... local taxi driver). The local undertaker Tim was also on the committee. JCB driver Roger and his brother Brian, local farmers David and Jim and several others formed the team.

On Judgement day, Enid drove a minibus for the Judges and committee to be taken round to see outlying flowerbeds near Glebelands, The Saddlers and Underhill. My part was to make a map. So I produced a scroll for each judge to show a pictorial plan of the profusion of flowers.

We timed the trip to end up at the Green, opposite The Globe, when the tide was in and the swans were sailing by. Just the right time to complete the wonderful picture that was well lit by sunshine too. It all went right for us and the village was thrilled to win. The committee, with an Exmouth Journal Reporter, Jasmine, travelled to London, to The Cafe Royal, to be presented with the trophy by Princess Michael of Kent.

A memorable and proud moment.

The credit went to such a lot of villagers who had put so much effort and funds into making the village beautiful.

Everywhere changes and times are very hard now with the virus worries but those of us who still remember 1983 can't help feeling nostalgic about that rewarding year.

*Stay safe. Jenny Delahaye 2020*



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Photos from 1983 when Lympstone won the Britain in Bloom Trophy.