

THE LYPMPSTONE HERALD



HERALD CONTACT DETAILS UPDATED

We've been experiencing some 'technical difficulties' with the Lymptstone Herald email address - perhaps the other sort of virus? We're very sorry if we've missed stories that you have sent in for

the Herald this month as a result of this. We have created a new email address: lympstoneherald@hotmail.com so please use this for all future contact and we will phase out the old address.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lympstone Parish Council hope everyone is continuing to keep safe and well. Firstly and on a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and good wishes, it really has meant a lot to me – I am recovering well and each day becoming stronger and better so thank you.

Behind the scenes the Parish Council continue to work hard on your behalf and steadily making decisions in the best interest for the community. The nursery site is continuing to progress well and each day changes are noticed by onlookers. The PC have successfully been awarded trees for the Parish from the Woodlands Trust and these will be planted during the Autumn once received. With winter fast approaching we hope you will find the 'special edition' news and advice from the Flood Resilience team in this month's Herald useful.

The PC are still keen to update and refurbish the playpark in Candy's Field and desperately need the support of volunteers to help this happen. Please contact either myself, the Clerk, or any Councillor to find out more if you can help.

Unfortunately, due to continued Government Covid19 restrictions, all PC meetings will be postponed until further notice. Please continue to email myself, the Clerk and any of our Parish

Councillors as usual with any queries and we shall endeavor to respond with the appropriate help or signpost you in the right direction.

The PC would like to remind all that ongoing EDDC planning applications submitted in the Parish, are on both Lympstone and EDDC websites. Please submit your responses regarding the planning application directly to EDDC. The PC also continues to add notices and information so please keep visiting Lympstone website if you have the access.

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus for daily updated information regarding Covid-19. The PC ask that you continue to follow Government regulations. Please keep safe, take care and we look forward to seeing you all again, in person, soon.

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GARDEN CLUB

It continues to be a busy time in the garden even though we can see plants winding down for winter whilst others are continuing to give lots of colour to keep us cheerful. Gathering leaves for what is 'gardener's gold', i.e. leaf-

mould , is good exercise and produces a wonderful free soil improver. If you haven't got a specific netted area for the the leaves, you can stuff them in black sacks with a few holes near the bottom, making sure you dampen the contents from time to time. Also, if you can, mowing the leaves first can hasten the decomposing process.

November is best month for planting tulip bulbs as it lessens the risk of fungal disease. Also, hardwood cuttings can be taken now from deciduous shrubs and soft fruits such as currants and gooseberries. Just be sure to label them whether they are in pots of suitable compost or straight into the beds as a few bare sticks are not easy to recognise!

It has been a good year for apples and pears. Such a shame we couldn't have Apple Day but let's look forward to enjoying what is a lovely day out for all the family next year. When storing apples, do check regularly for rot as it can spread rapidly, ruining many of its neighbours.

Here are some things for children and grandchildren to help with: building a stumpery with all sorts of small logs, twigs etc. for hibernating frogs and toads; making bug hotels - hollow bamboo canes are useful for this; and

making imaginative feeding stations for birds out of reach of visiting cats.

Do keep an eye on the garden club notice board under the railway arch which is updated regularly.

We need to look forward to better times and so rest assured the committee is planning for next year. There will be a talk in April on 'Square Metre Gardening' which is about organising your veg patch so that you grow what you need on a successional planting and harvesting basis, interplanting when and where possible. We will let you know If we are able to put something else on before then.

Jill Wilson

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

As announced in last month's issue, there will be two winners in each monthly draw of the Friends' lottery from October to March 2021. The two £25 prizes for October go to Anita Smith and to Greg and Marc de Silva.

Clive Wilson

PARISH CHURCH

I write at a time when the second lockdown has been announced and wondering how it will affect the church, village and personal plans as we approach the Festive Season. Clearly all the questions are not yet answered and, indeed, not all the questions have yet been asked. So whatever is written here must be supplemented by reading notices posted around the village and under the railway arch on the church notice board.

All services in church are cancelled but on-line services continue. Our Sunday on line service will return to the fuller form we had in the last lockdown rather than the recent, shorter, more contemplative edition. Visit the Exmouth Coastal Churches web site to view the services by clicking worship then podcast and media.'

The church will open on Sundays and on Wednesdays (9 until dusk) for private prayer. Follow guidelines with track and trace, masks, hand sanitising and social distancing. There are additional services available from Exeter and nationwide. Just use your favourite search engine. It is estimated that over 15 million individuals have done so in the last few months That's 15 million visiting a worship site at least once rather than one million 15 times each!

Rector Steve has begun virtual coffee mornings and will continue these on Zoom. To join in email Steve on rector@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk and you will receive the all important Zoom invitation. All you have to do then is click on the invite at the correct time. The same applies for the 6pm Sunday Zoom services.

Demelza will circulate a Sunday service to read either by email or, a paper version, delivered to your door. Just ask her on 272243 and she will add you to her list.

Zoom contemplative services take place on the first of the month at 12.30 with Bible reading, meditation and silent time

Ask Demelza for more info and the invitation password 272243.

Sadly the restart of Tick Tock and Lympstone Unlocked will have to be postponed until further notice.

The church fully supports the Advent activities which have been planned and details of which will appear elsewhere in this edition of the Herald. For its part the church will be taking part in the church grounds so keep watching during December.

Brian Mather

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LYMPSTONE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

Huge thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help light up Lymptone by decorating an advent window during December! The evenings may be dark but Lymptone promises to be bright and cheerful as you follow the Festive Walking Trail around the village.

Advent Window Trail Maps to help you find the windows being 'opened' each day are available to collect from outside at the following locations from mid November:

- Hillcrest, Greenhill Avenue Merryfield, Longmeadow Road
- Doorway at Lymptone Parish Church
- Porch at Lymptone Village Hall
- plus in-store at Central Stores, The Strand

The map is also available as a 2-sided pdf to print out on www.lymptone.org

The final advent windows will be opened at the village hall on Christmas Eve and a one-way system will be set up and signposted to allow everyone to view the windows safely while maintaining social distancing. If covid-19 regulations allow, we also hope to serve some free refreshments from 4pm while enjoying carols sung by the local primary school children.

Please note the information given on the map about car parking and toilet

facilities at the village hall and look out for more information in the Herald next month and on posters around the village from mid December.

Doreen Murray

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Although we can't operate fully at the moment, the new Village Hall CIO is busy planning for the future, and making significant improvements to the Hall's facilities. We want to build our team of hands-on volunteers prepared to dedicate their time and enthusiasm to help us.

We are looking for people prepared to help with some of the more physical aspects of running the hall, like putting out tables and chairs.

We also have a vacancy for someone interested in becoming a Trustee. If you have business skills, or experience in

administration or fundraising, please call us for a chat. We'd love to hear from you.

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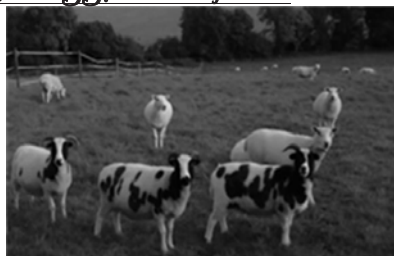
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A ROMANTIC AT HEART

Rosemary Smith died on 19th October. She lived in Lympstone for 50 years, before leaving to be near her daughter, Rosalind.

Whenever you met Rosemary in the village, you always learnt something new about Lympstone. With bubbling enthusiasm, she would tell you about the latest house Deeds she had uncovered, the interiors she had explored, the oak-blackened beams that revealed a mediaeval date, the stories she had been told of earlier inhabitants, and the ways in which the buildings of Lympstone, large and small, spoke of those who lived and worked in them. If anybody could bring history to life, Rosemary could.

She came to Lympstone in the 1960s, with her husband, Major Christopher Smith RM, and they lived in one of its great houses, Sowden House. They were well-travelled, having been together on overseas postings with the Royal Marines in Aden, Cyprus, Singapore and the USA, lives full of stories, adventures and risks. In Cyprus, the risks were such that Rosemary had to carry a pistol for personal protection.

Christopher became Chairman of the Lympstone Society, and Rosemary was the organizer of many meetings, speakers, exhibitions, social events, outings and concerts, both within and beyond the Society. She became

the latest in a distinguished line of village historians, and she was always keen to acknowledge their work. Her own contribution was immense. She was a great collector of documents and photographs, and the archive of Lympstone History Society owes much to her work.

Her legacy also includes three books. She was the contributing editor of *The Lympstone Story*, first published in 1995 by The Lympstone Society, a booklet that covers geology, history, the military, the church, bird and animal life, fishing and social activities. Rosemary gathered around her the Lympstonians who knew most about these subjects, who each wrote their individual pieces.

Her *History and Architectural Guide to Lympstone Church* is one of the best church guides of its kind, scholarly but readable, and published in 2009 to coincide with the 600th anniversary of the consecration of the tower. She paid for the publication herself, and donated all the copies to the church, as a tribute to her husband.

But the book that encapsulated her decades of research was *The Houses of Lympstone*. She and Ian Angus had

founded Lympstone Historic Houses Group, with the intention of celebrating the 93 listed buildings in the village. Their intention was to provide each with its own House History, in which all the information that Rosemary had collected over the years was made available to the owners, and to publish a book (in 2011) which led its readers on a walk through the village.

The handsome hard-back publication, illustrated with 60 black-and-white photographs, sold so well that it had to go into a 2nd edition, which is still selling today. A review in the journal of the Devon History Society described it as “Solid gold, from the first chapter to the last”, and observed how “Rosemary Smith conveys her great knowledge in an engaging manner”.

There was certainly nothing dry about the way in which Rosemary shared her researches. The book is full of good stories, collected from house owners and from diarists of the past. Rosemary loved tales of smuggling, and she tells us where the smugglers paths were in Lympstone, and the fabled underground passages (including one, she was sure, from her own house to Sowden End). She was a romantic at heart, as well as a scholar.

She described her historical investigation of Lympstone as “a very exciting project”. Nothing pleased

her more than discovering that many Lympstone houses and cottages are older than their outside appearance suggests. “To lay flesh on the bones of what has been called ‘a little fishing village’, and to show it has been much more than that, has been immensely rewarding.”

Rosemary ended her book with a question, still relevant 10 years on: “Will a rising tide of development swallow up the village and its natural beauty, and with it an enterprising, special community?”

Harland Walshaw

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LYMPSTONE YOUTH AFC – SEPTEMBER 2020

Under 8's

Following an excellent response to this season's six free training sessions in Candy's Field the U8's were able to field two full sides in their first ever friendly. They played Exmouth United U9's girls and Exmouth United U8's who brought experienced sides to Lymptstone. The young Bananas were not phased and over the four matches displayed amazing character putting into practice all the skills they had been taught by the coaching team over the last two months. Nobody stopped smiling and even though it is early days they have created a strong bond and this team is one to watch.

Player of the month - The whole squad: Tireless work by every single player during their opening game and amazing enthusiasm during every single training session. Great works boys and girls.

Under 9's

Player of the month - Archie Hilton: Tireless work rate, great listener and is developing every week. Well done.

Under 10's

Player of the month - Joshua Parnell: It's difficult for new players to fit into a team that's been together for a few years, but Josh is one of several great additions this season bringing a great energy and enthusiasm. He's shown in the first month that he is a no-nonsense defender with an eye for reading the game with strong tackles and great

aerial presence.

Under 11's

Player of the Month - Archie Hill: On fire since training started and was instrumental against Ottery St Mary which we won 4 - 0. Archie drew gasps and a fair few "Olés" from the crowd weaving his magic on the pitch. Archie has trained superbly and leads by example!

Under 13's

Player of the Month - Felix Mascharenas: Felix has tried hard at training and applied himself well in all matches with a cool, calm and committed attitude.

Under 14's

- Lymptstone 3 Vs Budleigh3
MOM - Frankie Forde
Goals - Josh Hodges 2, George Bungard 1.
- Honiton 1 Vs Lymptstone 8
MOM - Henry Needham
Goals - Frankie Forde 2, Bradley Owers 2, Josh Hodges 1, Sammy Smallcombe 1, Luke Parkes 1, Archie Elliot 1.

Player of the month - George Bungard: The new team captain has scored important goals over the first few games. Driving forward with intensity and passion with attributes similar to Steven Gerrard "taking the game by the scruff of the neck".



Who we are and what we do

The Lympstone Flood Resilience Group (LFRG) is a working group of the Lympstone Parish Council, that engages positively with the relevant Flood Risk Management Authorities. Since our formation in 2017 our objective has been to develop a more coordinated and strategic approach to flood risk management in the village.



How we respond to the flood risk today

Lympstone remains at risk from tidal, river, surface water and sewer flooding. Our **estuary and inland flood warden teams** monitor flood risks and take 'first line of defence' actions in flood events. These actions include the safe operation of the estuary flood gates, clearing blocked road gullies causing surface water flooding, and, where necessary, **using sandbags and our water pump** to protect properties.

In the last two years, we have worked closely with the Environment Agency to improve existing defences in the village. **The flood retention wall** on the east side of Underhill car park has been rebuilt and strengthened. The highway pooling on Chapel Road has been minimised by **the installation of an automated pump**, and the adjacent Brook trash screen is now more effectively monitored by a telemetry linked webcam.



Staying Safe in a Flood

In the event of a flood, **we must put people before property**, co-operate with the emergency services if told to evacuate the home, and be prepared to act quickly to get to safety.

- Gather essential items together either upstairs or in a high place - have torches, medication and waterproofs to hand
- Fill jugs and saucepans with clean water
- Move your family and pets upstairs or to a high place with a means of escape
- Turn off gas, electricity and water supplies when flood water is about to enter your home, if it is safe to do so
 - Do not on any account touch sources of electricity when standing in flood water
 - Keep listening to local radio for updates or **call the gov.uk Floodline on 0345 988 1188**

either on your land or downstream if it is washed away. A useful reference document for Riparian Owners is the gov.uk [Owning a Watercourse](https://www.gov.uk/owning-a-watercourse)

- If you see any activity that could cause water pollution or blockages which increase the risk of flooding, please report them immediately to **Environment Agency's incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60** (freephone, 24 hour response)
- We are creating a comprehensive 'Flood Hotspots' map in the village; places that sometimes/often flood in prolonged wet weather; we hope to publish this soon, but in the meantime, **please report to us any incidents of serious flooding or blocked drains**. Photos and videos are always very helpful. Use the contact details in the 'Contact us' section below.
- **We have a great team of Flood Wardens**, but it is a case of 'many hands make light work' and we always welcome new volunteers. It is not very time consuming, but it is an important community role, so if you would like to know more, or are interested in joining us, please get in touch with us via the 'Contact us' section below.

Our Partnership and Strategic work

We have built robust working relationships with the Environment Agency, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, South West Water plc, West Country Rivers Trust, Lymptone and Woodbury Parish Councils, and local businesses. LFRG and our voluntary flood wardens work with and on behalf of you.



Our **Lymptone Flood Risk Management Project** takes a coordinated and strategic approach to the flood risk in the village. Following a start up period of consultation with the Environment Agency, a hydraulic survey of key watercourses in the catchment was undertaken. A computer model is now being developed

which simulates the Wotton Brook and surface water flows in different weather, Estuary, tidal, and Climate Change conditions and over different periods of time. It also takes account of the catchment's soil characteristics and the way the land is being used. The model will provide a comprehensive and improved understanding of Lymptone's flood risk, as well as developing and testing multiple, catchment wide flood alleviation options.

Whilst the coronavirus pandemic has slowed the progress of the project, as the model and resilience opportunities mature we will be presenting them and consulting with the village. Our aim is to make Lymptone as flood resilient as possible!

Our local Risk Management Authorities, and contact information.



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Devon County Council [Flood Risk Management](#)

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South West Water [Sewer flooding](#)

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East Devon [Flood Alleviation](#)

Useful publications



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Preparing your property for Flooding: [Environment Agency, Property protection](#)

Flood resources: [Blue Pages](#)

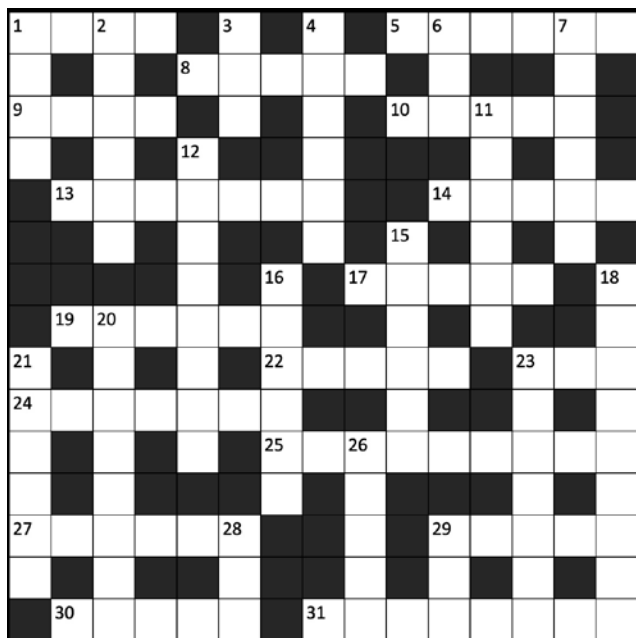
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THE LYPMSTONE CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Boho? Not really! You look more like a tramp!(4)
5. Dice Ed threw to make mind up (6)
8. Blanched pasty? (5)
9. Apollo hides survey (4)
10. Is a concealed psycho useful in a residential building? (5)
13. Lee, clog off to University! (7)
14. Anarchic Southern lair gives up fabricators (5)
17. The colour of gluttony, e.g. red? (5)
19. To slap tailor about delivery (6)
22. Boring work (i.e. nun) (5)
23. The ends were nibbled off my scone! What a swindle! (3)
24. Put back tidy, or reset (7)
25. Pretend Si upset the boss! (9)
27. Getting over nightmares, partly - and take control (6)
29. Subway system essentially met road (4)
30. A winning card? What guff! (5)
31. Smashed up a car shed? Its just a parlour game! (8)

DOWN

1. Initially head office physical education - but it's an aspiration! (4)
2. Ballet gets rid of echo and gets an Oscar! That's democracy for you! (6)
3. World Health Organisation Doctor (3)
4. Declares unusual tastes (6)
6. Begone! Secretly so conceited! (3)
7. Troubled, dear little year - its been depressing(6)
11. I tuned out of being cooperative (6)
12. I telecon drunk into referendum (8)
15. Ruffled sad fur - what charlatans! (6)
16. The bashful, dopey doc isn't happy when sneezy and grumpy! Maybe he is missing someone? (6)
18. Do nations extract handouts? (9)
20. Crazy Rev bores onlooker (8)
21. Maybe oregano lacks oxygen, and turns into a fruit? (6)
23. Cadet he confused and hoodwinked (7)
26. Broken heart gives a sod (5)
28. Pan is delirious - have a little sleep. (3)
29. Wreck broken arm (3)

Correct answers last time round from: Tor Laney-Hubbard, The Burtons, Simon & Liz Griffiths, Fiona Archer, Tony & Viv Day, Michael Duckworth, Mai & John Welton, Harri & Roger Pearson, This month's winner is Tor Laney-Hubbard.

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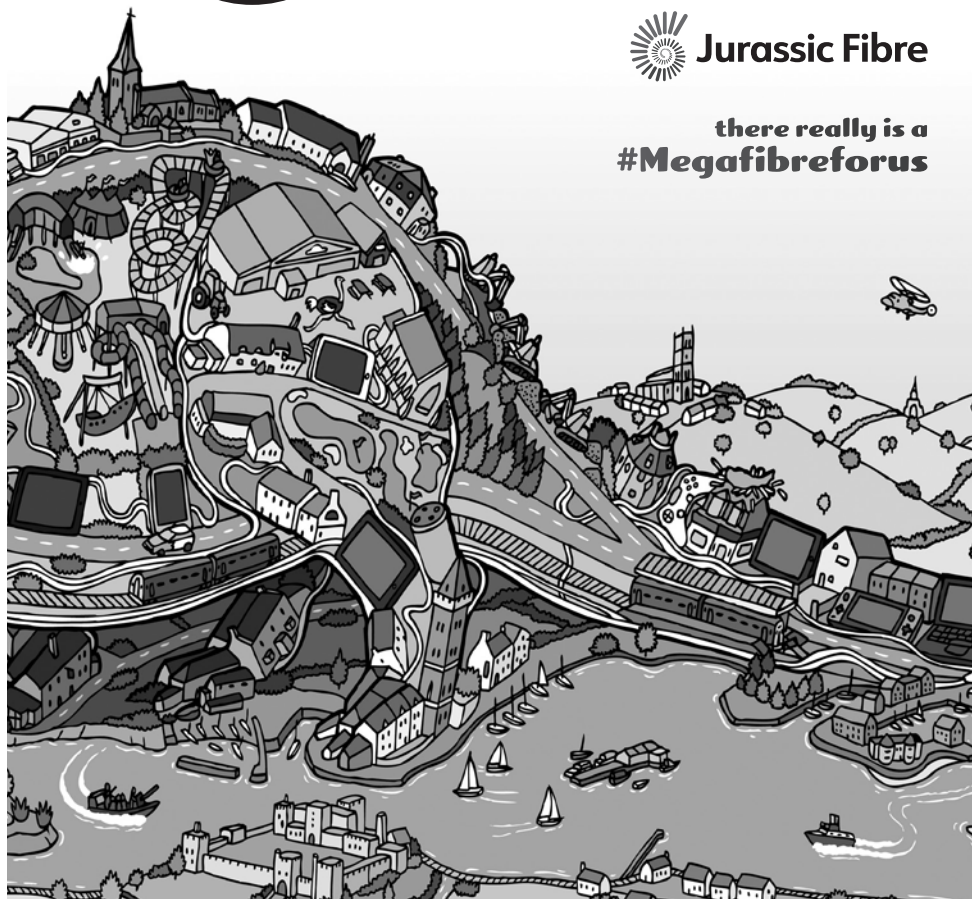
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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO CLEAN AN OLD BRICK?

How long does it take to clean 7,600 old bricks?

If you have driven, walked, ridden or cycled up or down Wotton Lane recently, you will undoubtedly have seen that our home, Wellsacre, has temporarily disappeared and been replaced with an empty expanse of ground. It has been a difficult, and sometimes sad, decision for us to take.

We have had 31 years of happy memories of Wellsacre. Until 2017 it was my parents-in-law's home (Mary and George Truell; you may have heard of them...!), and we held our wedding reception in the garden in 1993. Taking down Wellsacre was not a decision that we took lightly, or quickly, or without much discussion between Mary, Sophie, our excellent architectural technologist and I, but it is one that was needed. Water was coming in from above and below, and the house was starting to move down Wotton Lane towards the village centre. We like to think that we had the largest indoor bucket collection in East Devon, each of which was pressed into drip collection after the smallest shower.

However, rather than 'demolishing' Wellsacre, we have undertaken a 'salvage dismantle'. We have salvaged as much as we can from the old house

for incorporation into the fabric, design and decoration of the new Wellsacre. Our new home will be on a slightly smaller footprint, but will retain similar room dimensions to the oldest parts of the old house, and will be waterproof, insulated and ecologically heated (no oil tank anymore). We have salvaged so much from the dismantling of the old house (bricks, floorboards, roof tiles, cottage doors, clay tiles from the pantry, joists and timbers where usable, fire surrounds, mantelpieces bannisters etc.) which we hope will give our new home some of the charm of the old Wellsacre.

So, how long does it take to clean an old brick? Well, we're getting more proficient at it, and hope to pass our 1,000th brick in the coming week (starting 26 October). We think that we should have cleaned 7,600 by Christmas! We'd be very happy to talk to you about our plan for the new Wellsacre, so if you are passing and see us cleaning bricks or gardening, please stop and ask us.

Andrew & Sophie Minter

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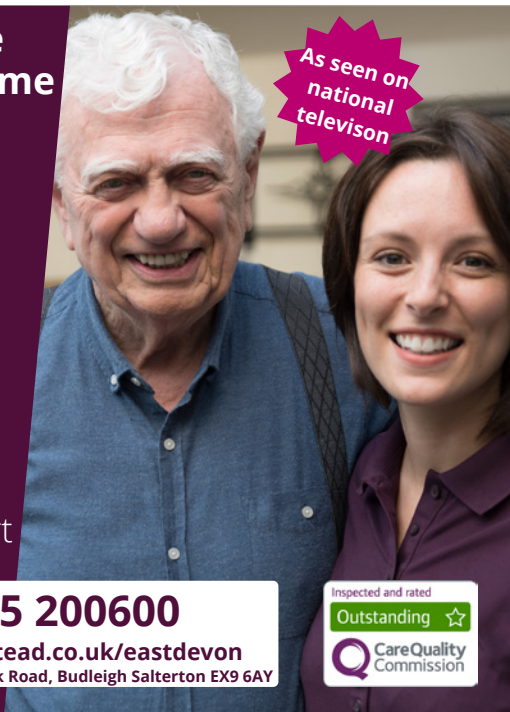
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WINTER ACTIVITIES (subject to Covid restrictions!)

Not too fast and not too slow: walks in December

Local walks for up to six people in December on Dec 3rd, Dec 9th and Dec 18th - around 4 - 6 miles leaving from Lymestone. Contact Jenny Moon - Jennyamoon@gmail.com (the email address given in the last Herald was incorrect - apologies).

Craft workshops in Lymestone

Craft workshops for up to 6 people. Let's be realistic - they will need to be inside but wear masks if you want, plenty of space. No prior skills needed; bring your own refreshments. First come first served but I am willing to put on as many

workshops as there is demand. £1 for materials and suggested donation of £3 for Oxfam. Materials mostly provided - see below, though bring own scissors.

Embroidered Collage

Using translucent fabrics and stitch to make pictures. If you have an embroidery hoop around &" bring it - or borrow one, or buy one from me.

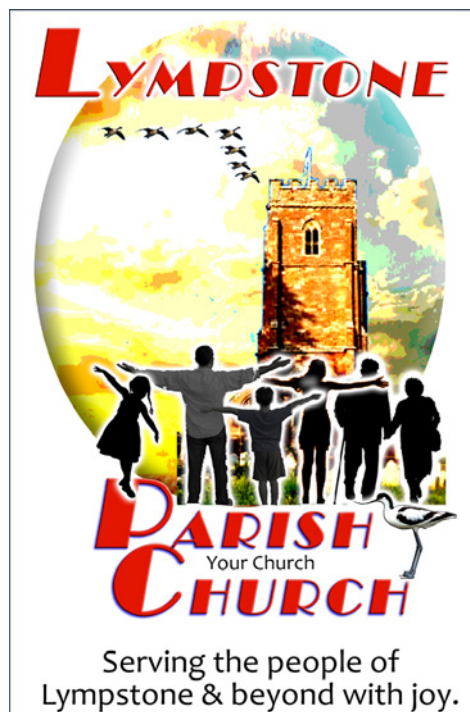
Dec 4th, 14th - 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Making miniature teddies and other animals (decorations / stocking fillers..)

Making figures with pipe cleaners and kitchen roll and wool with a weaving technique. If you want to bring your own wool (fine to medium thickness), do - and if you have a wool needle, bring that).

Dec 10th, 15th - 10.00am to 12.00

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LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

It's beginning to look as though our 'Lympstone in Lockdown' project is going to continue for some time yet - your records of this time (photographic, written) will be collected together as a record of this exceptional period in the life of the village, and we hope may be able to be shared at a future event. I am sure Lympstone will respond to his latest challenge with its usual kindness, resilience and creativity. We have one or two ideas up our sleeves for our members, which we hope you will enjoy.

Some of our projects have been put on hold since March: Graham was unable to interview some of our more senior Lympstonians - but perhaps some of you could spend some time writing down your memories of village life and how it has changed over the years, and share them with us. It has been delightful to read about the life and times of Jim Squire in Tony Day's book. In another project, Gary has been researching traditional names for paths, roads, land and fields in the village - do you know any of these old local place names? We would love to hear from you.

With many shops closed and Christmas around the corner, some of you will be looking for ideas for Christmas gifts. Our publications can still be bought (obeying Covid rules). They are: A Lympstone Lad, by Tony Day; A Devon

Boy by Jenny Moon; A Sketchbook of Lympstone; and Cooking and Eating in a Devon Village. Details on our notice-board under the railway arch, or email us at lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com We wish you all good health and a safe and happy Christmas.

Mary Turner

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LYMPSTONE COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

The Hub is supporting a number of initiatives over the Advent period up to Christmas. We hope that many of these will continue to be carried out, despite the current lockdown procedures that will be in place until 2 December.

Community Lunches

The Hub financially supports volunteers who are providing free monthly 2 course Sunday lunches to those in our community who are vulnerable or living in isolation. The next lunch will be on Sunday 22 November. If you would like to be part of this initiative, or know of anyone else who would benefit, please get in touch with Linda Lyon on malcandlinda@aol.com

Christmas Community Lunch

There will also be a Christmas Community Lunch on Sunday 20 December where we will provide :-

- Turkey with all the trimmings
- Christmas pudding
- Christmas cake
- Mince pies
- A 'goody bag' from Santa

As we will be providing a more substantial meal and presents, we will be asking for donations up to £5 for this. If you are interested, please get in touch with Linda.

Bags of Love

Along with Social Services and the

Parish Church, we have agreed to provide at least 100 'Bags of Love' containing Christmas presents for disadvantaged children of local families. We are asking our community to donate presents or money towards this. Hopefully we will be able to set up a 'Wish List' on Amazon in the next couple of weeks so that donations can be made remotely. Social Services are currently identifying the gender and ages of the intended recipients. Further information will be available soon on the Lymptstone website and Notice Boards. Lymptstone Pre-school have agreed to provide Christmas cards, drawn by the children, for each bag.

Jenny Clark & Linda Lyon



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ESTUARY POEMS BY WAYLAND WORDSMITH

A newly-published collection by a Lympstone author

One of the poems we put up on the poetry boards recently was Cormorant by Ralph Rochester, for very many years a Lympstone villager. I received an email from Pat Boaden, who had stopped to read it. "After collecting my paper today, the road was filled with traffic and the usual chaos. Cormorant caught my eye, and I so enjoyed it. Ralph's irony, humour, innuendo and respect for the bird... such a treat first thing in the morning."

She is not the only person to be captivated by Ralph's writing. The author Tom Fort, known for his best-selling book about the A303, tells his readers of a blog he has discovered:

"There is a fine chronicler of Exmouth and its estuary who calls himself Wayland Wordsmith. I have no idea who he is – except that he is a poet, a historian, an antiquary of the old kind, a sailor, a fisherman, an explorer, a lingerer over sunsets and dawns, a fierce enemy of the enemies of his town, a philosopher and a gifted writer of a terrific blog."

Well, I can reveal who he is. Wayland Wordsmith is no other than Ralph himself, and he has brought together

some 60 of his Estuary Poems under his blogger's nom de plume in a new book published by Hanbury Press.

It's a celebration of living in Lympstone, and of sailing on the estuary. The section 'Of Fishermen and Other Watchers of the Tide' has a poem called 'A Haul of Mullet' that reminds us of Tony Day's recent book about Jim Squire. Ralph goes out fishing, not with Jim but his elder brother Dick:

One morning early I was in his smallest boat with Dick Squire, just the two of us, and we were chugging home against the tide from upriver.

It's a fishing story that would have fitted well into A Lympstone Lad, and it's told in the plain language of the sea.

Lympstone features a lot. 'Five Winter Scenes; Lympstone; 1977'. 'Lympstone Church Tower'. And a four line poem picked up in passing: 'Lines from a Snatch of Conversation Overheard on the Green at Lympstone'

*"I'nt that sunset nice?" she said
"Lovely!" said her man
No one can pat that fiery head
But don't we just think we can.*

There are poems about birds, of course – a Pomp of Swans, Herons from

Powderham, even a stray Flamingo from Paignton Zoo - and about fish – skate and eels and crabs and hack – there's a wonderfully funny poem called 'I'm Glad I'm Not the Barnacle' ("His sex life is amazing"), and even 'The Sandhoppers Ball': Bless you little amphipod/How prettily you're prancing/ To use your abdomen is odd!/Could this be belly dancing?

Ralph uses a variety of poetic forms: haikus and ballads, lyric poems and love poems, different rhyming schemes and free verse, and even a boat-shaped poem. And there's a satirical number which seems like a version of John Lennon's 'Imagine', called 'What If'.

But amongst these amused and optimistic observations of estuary life, which are sure to cheer us up in uncertain times, there is one poem in more sombre mood, reminding us that Ralph has a military background. It compares the squaddies drilling at the Marine Camp with the boats turning on their moorings: These boys are for Afghanistan/The boats aren't going anywhere.

And boats are bobbing throughout these poems. On the cover (by Ralph's son, Richard) is a gold embossed image of Ralph's boat Poppy, with the author at the tiller. Who couldn't resist

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Night is a favourite time – drifting down the night – drifting down the years. With last night's tide came three ghost boats... By last night's ebb the swans sailed past in line... There are summer nights when the Estuary waters glisten... Goodnight Orion!

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Harland Walshaw

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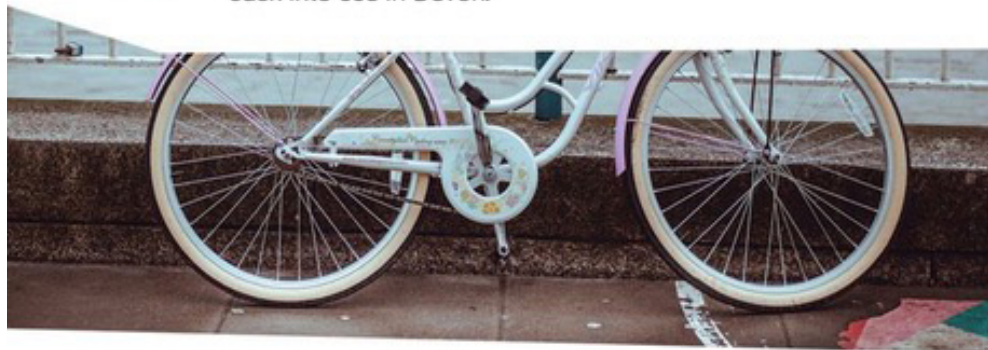
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