

THE LYPMPSTONE HERALD



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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Lympstone Parish Council had their first virtual Zoom meeting on the 1st March with members of the public invited and present. The next virtual PC meeting will be held on the 12th April (due to Easter Monday) at 7.30pm. Anyone can attend a meeting by writing to or emailing the Clerk with an email address and an invite to the next meeting will be sent directly to you.

Public Session – A member of the public queried the proposed landscaping of the new Green area opposite the Church. RBL Homes explained that they wanted to keep the space ‘open’ but were happy to work with the PC, the public and EDDC with ideas for the area. Another member of the public asked about the variations to some of the new buildings and Cllr Jung explained that this would be permitted development.

Clerk’s report – The Clerk went through the finances and thanked EDDC and DCC Cllrs for the support and additional grants provided to help the community through the Covid19 pandemic. The Clerk also showed her action list during the lockdowns and explained the additional workload due to the pandemic and ongoing projects in the Parish.

Wotton Brook – It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the EA and work with a member of the public to sporadically test the water course and record the

findings of the quality and purification of the water.

Nursery Site car park – Cllr Hill clarified that the car park at the nursery site would be leased to the Church from the PC for the Church use only. Rector Jones was present and thanked the owners and PC for this gift to the Church and the positive impact it would have on the Church community.

East Devon ‘The Local Plan’ – Cllr Atkins felt it was necessary for the PC to respond to the new plan proposed regarding potential over development in the area and this was agreed.

Lympstone Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hill reported that he would research further a review of the LNP and believed only parts needed to be updated and strengthened.

Bank Account – It was agreed to allow the Clerk a small petty cash bank account for purchases where a cheque could not be used. The Clerk would discuss this with the internal auditor before proceeding.

Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County Councillors - The Chairman thanked Mr Corcos and LFRG for their continued dedication and hard work in keeping the community safe, resolving dangerous issues quickly and effectively. She also thanked Mrs Moffat and Mrs Coles for their continued efforts with Gulliford Burial Ground and

for working closely with the local primary school to share and educate pupils with some of the history of Lymptstone. The Chair updated all members present with the work achieved over the year by the PC including the refurbishment of the toilets, the book swap in the telephone box and the registering of the Methodist Hall as a community asset. She also thanked the owners of the Mill Fields for the exceptional work completed through the fields and the replanting of 500 new trees. The Chair also thanked the many volunteers who continued to work hard to support neighbours and the community in these ongoing difficult times. Both EDDC and DCC Cllrs updated all with the upcoming finances and proposed budgets for the new financial year.

Matters raised by Councillors –

Railway Embankment: The PC acknowledged that this area was overgrown and untidy. This area used to have an efficient working group look after the bank and the PC agreed that this could be reinstated to oversee this area; and either ‘formally’ or ‘naturally’ maintained. Therefore, if you would be interested in volunteering and helping with this ongoing project please contact the Clerk or any Councillor to find out more.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors on Lymptstone Parish Council.

For anyone interested there are two

ways to join LPC.

Co-option: Lymptstone Parish Council is inviting members of the Parish to join the council by co-option at the proposed next council Zoom meeting on April 12th. There are four vacancies. Those co-opted can serve until the regular council elections in May 2023.

Anyone wishing to be co-opted to the council should, if they have not already done so, contact the Clerk for more information about the role of a parish councillor and to register an interest.

OR by

Standing for Election: There are currently seven Lymptstone Parish Councillors whose term of office will end on 6th May 2021. Therefore, there will also be seven seat vacancies which will be decided at the May 6th Parish Council elections.

Members of the parish wishing to stand for election will need to submit nomination papers to EDDC once the election is formally announced. For more information on qualifications, guidance on standing as a candidate and on nomination papers please see. <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

Clerk to the Council:

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PARISH CHURCH

Church Services With East Devon's steep decline in coronavirus cases, and significant number of people in our communities who are vaccinated, the PCCs of Lympstone and Littleham-cum-Exmouth voted to restart physical church services on PALM SUNDAY 28th March when Palm Crosses will be distributed.. Lympstone at 9.30 am, Holy Trinity at 10.30 am, and Littleham at 11.30 am.

From then on, this pattern of Communion service or Service of the Word will take place.

In **HOLY WEEK**, we're planning services in each church on... MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY.

COVID 19 regulations will still need to be followed – sanitising hands, facemasks & keeping two metres apart. Hopefully, over the next weeks and months we'll see an ongoing relaxation in the regulations.

YouTube and Zoom services will still be offered once physical church services recommence.

The whole ministry team is looking forward to the process of welcoming our faithful and patient people back into their churches!

Every blessing in Christ Jesus

Rev'd Steve Jones Team Rector

Zoom Service There Is an Informal Zoom worship service on Sunday

evenings from 6.00pm – 7.30pm login details are available from Karen at the Mission Community Office, or from Benedict. All are Welcome.

Do keep an eye on the noticeboard under the railway arch and other posters around the village for details and any changes.

Alpha Course For those of you interested in exploring Christianity, and finding out what it's all about, the Mission Community will be hosting an Alpha Course after Easter (starting Wed 6 April) - more details of how to sign up from the Parish Office (talk to Karen on 263681)

Coffee Breaks On Sundays and Wednesdays Steve and Benedict invite you to join them for Zoom Coffee. On Sunday at 10.45am and Wednesday at 1pm. The Zoom code may be obtained from Karen at the parish office or by emailing vicar@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk

Lent Course This is our Story - Lent in a Pandemic Year. Would you like to spend some time in lent making sense of your own and others experiences of lockdown? This 5-week course offers the opportunity to do just that, using videos and discussion.. To book a place, or to find out more, please

email Elizabeth Burren burren363@btinternet.com asap

The Census The national Census, which happens every 10 years, is taking place on March 21. Churches are being asked to help publicise this so as many people as possible complete it.

The Mission Community office is open weekdays from 9am to 12.30pm/ 01395 263681 office@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk
Brian Mather

FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Normally this month I'd be letting people know that the Friends were out and about selling tickets for our annual Lottery. Ticket holders would have then had a chance of winning in each of the 12 monthly draws starting in April. Alas, as last year, covid restrictions means we can't. Instead, we plan to start later - hopefully in August when current restrictions have been relaxed. We will then begin the monthly draws in October and have two winners each month for six months (as we have had to do for the 20/21 round). We will confirm this in July, all being well, and look forward to your support then.

Our two lucky £25 winners in this month's draw are Linda Armstrong and

Jill Wilson.

For those who may not know, the Friends of the Church are a local charity whose sole purpose is to raise money to help maintain the fabric of our parish church. The Lottery is our main money raising activity but others include an annual cricket match at St Peter's School between our Lymstone team and a St Peter's eleven, and our Curry Lunch around November time in the Village Hall. Covid restrictions meant that we had to cancel both these events in 2020 but we aim to hold them again this year.

Clive Wilson (Secretary)

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THE HERALD HISTORY SPOT - A TALE OF TWO BRIDGES

produced by Lympstone History Society

Lympstone has been twinned with Bieville-Beuwillen - a village set between the Normandy coast and Caen, and close to the river Orne – since WWII.

The connection began in 1943 when plans for D-Day were being drawn up. The Normandy beaches were chosen for the landings, with the river Orne and it's adjacent Caen canal forming the eastern flank. The two bridges at Ranville form the only river crossing, making it essential that the allies secure them so that the airborne troops, landing to the east, could join the seaborne forces. The plan was to use gliders to land a task force adjacent to the bridges at midnight on D-Day in order to prevent the bridges being destroyed by the enemy, and training for this was carried out by the Ox & Bucks Regiment on Salisbury Plain, under the leadership of Major John Howard.

So what has this to do with Lympstone? Firstly, Major Howard needed to practice the invasion, and he chose the twin bridges at Countess Weir where, today, you can see a large commemorative plaque, which was unveiled by Col David Wood, the commander of glider no.2 which landed close to Pegasus Bridge. Secondly, one of the airborne troops that landed night was private Ralph Bennett, a Lympstone lad, son of a local builder who had constructed

several prominent Lympstone houses. After a fierce gunfire battle the bridges were secured, and the raid was a great success with only two fatalities and one injury, but Ralph was one of those killed in action on that mission, and is buried in Ranville war grave cemetery.

A connection was established between Lympstone and Bieville-Beuwillen, with regular visits to the village and its war museum – close contacts were established and maintained for a number of years.

The History Society hope to illustrate more of this story when and if a VE Day celebration can be held in the Village. (A small booklet is available from the history society)

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ST PETER'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

Head, Mrs Charlotte Johnston, comments: "In June 2020, with children in bubbles of 15 and by making careful use of our extensive site, we were able to give each bubble of pupils their own demarcated play area in our grounds, as well as their own classroom and designated teaching staff. This meant that by the end of the summer term last year, we were able to have all our pupils from Nursery to Year 8 back in school."

In July 2020, Assistant Head, Mrs Kate Hurley, was interviewed by ITN Productions for a series of reports from four prep schools across England highlighting the impact of Covid-19

on them and the rapid measures the schools introduced in order to adapt to lockdown legislation and restrictions. The series explored how four leading prep schools adapted their teaching methods in response to the pandemic crisis whilst maintaining the highest quality of teaching standards. St Peter's film can be found on the school's website (<https://stpetersprep.co.uk/covid-19-health-emergency/>).

St Peter's Nursery has been fully open since the Spring term. This term has seen a lateral flow testing centre set up in the boarding house and run by the school's Matron. This allows St Peter's



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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Spaces available at St Peter's Preparatory School for 3 & 4 year olds from September 2021

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to test staff on a regular basis and means the school is ready to test their Years 7 and 8 pupils.

Whilst it is not possible for St Peter's to run open days at the moment, Ms Rachel Elliott, Director of Admissions & Marketing, says: "We have experienced an upsurge in recruitment since the first lockdown in Spring 2020 (resulting in

waiting lists in a number of year groups) and we are dealing with this by offering an introductory video about St Peter's, a virtual tour with our Head, online taster days and virtual transition meetings for our new starters."

Ms Rachel Elliott

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CHARITY SWIM FOR SAM

At the end of February Louise Banks completed a sponsored swim in the estuary and to date has raised £4,849 for it. She would like to thank everyone for their amazing support! This includes fellow village swim buddies who partnered her from a safe distance and spurred her on. She swam every day in February at high tides, in water temperatures ranging from 4 - 9 degrees, through snow, the Beast from the East, rain, moonlight and finally sun. The purpose was to raise money in memory of her son Sam who died while on his gap year travels in 2010. His own last swim was to be in the Bay of Bengal off the Andaman Islands. He died of peritonitis two weeks later.

Louise covered a daily distance of up to 1.1k in a swimsuit (no wetsuit). Her initial goal was seven miles but by the end of month she managed nearly eight and a half miles.

Sponsor money will go to help Bangladeshi students receive a world class training in photo journalism at

Pathshala South Asian Media Institute in Dhaka. Just over a week before Sam died in India, he was delighted to learn that he had been accepted to study film production and photography at LCC. The covid pandemic has hit low income families in Dhaka particularly hard and the students are more than ever in need of support right now. Since 2010 the Banks family have supported over 35 low income students through fund raising events.

Updates of swim progress have been posted on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sambanksmemorialfund> and [instagram sambanksfund2010](https://www.instagram.com/sambanksfund2010)

Please see this just giving link if you would like to donate and help the banks family reach their £5,500 annual commitment to the Institute.

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LYMPSTONE GARDEN CLUB

Well, February was true to form - high rainfall, frosts, bitter winds and finally warm sunshine. March is a very busy month for gardeners although there is still time for cold weather and frosts. Remember 3 years ago, we had a heavy snowfall! So keep an eye on temperatures when sowing seed in the cold greenhouse or direct into the soil. It is worth putting down cloches or horticultural fleece beforehand, especially on clay soil, so that you can look forward to early germination. If you have a spare patch of soil in the garden or allotment, you might like to think of the bees and sow a packet of wildflower seeds.

If you didn't divide flowering perennials in the autumn, now is the time to do it. It gives you new plants for the garden and to share with friends. You can also divide snowdrops before they die off as they are best planted 'in the green'. Thinking of small plants, I was delighted to find a big patch of tiny violets under a weeping cherry tree (hide and seek tree to my grandchildren), but you do need to be prostrate to catch their strong scent! It's important to keep deadheading daffodils, leaving their stems and leaves to die back naturally.

I am pleased to report large clumps of frog spawn in the pond. As they are near the edge, we have made an attempt to

net them to prevent the annual visit of ducks gobbling it up. Also, I have heard that a heron and some egrets are visiting the brook up our end of the village so frogs beware.

It is a good time to repot house plants. Children might enjoy a spot of indoor gardening by dividing supermarket pots of herbs such as basil and growing them on in small pots on the windowsill. They may also like to cultivate a pineapple plant by cutting off the top and putting it in a jar of water. Change the water regularly and watch the roots grow.

A last pruning thought, it is the right time to prune evergreen shrubs but please check for bird nests first. It would be a shame to expose them and it is against the law to disturb nesting birds!

Will we have a good display of 'Fat Babies' at the Annual Show on the 21st August? Clue - a keen allotmenteer and GQT.

Jill Wilson

Woodwork Beginner - Can You Help?

I'm building a workworking shop in the garage and am looking for any tools etc that someone may be willing to sell. I'm starting from scratch so anything would be appreciated!

Thanks, John

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COVID WINTER GRANT SCHEME

citizens
advice Devon

Brief Summary of the Scheme

The Department of Work & Pensions have provided a fund to County Councils and Unitary Authorities across England under the Scheme 'COVID Winter Grant Scheme'. The aim is to support vulnerable households with the cost of fuel or food due to the continuing hardships caused by Covid-19.

Citizens Advice are thrilled to be working on behalf of Devon County Council to help Devon residents in need.

It will be prioritised for those for whom a payment will help mitigate the risk of self-disconnection. It can include working families, single-household families, older people – anyone who is in need of fuel support so long as they are eligible.

We will be able to provide vouchers, top up smart meters online or make payments to online fuel accounts

Who are the Citizens Advice

We are an independent charity and part of the National Citizens Advice network, providing free, confidential and impartial advice. Advice provided includes:

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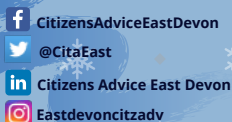
We also campaign for changes in law and policy where we can see a need evidenced through our work with clients. In this we support work by Citizens Advice nationally and by other voluntary organisations.

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION

On the 6th of May this year people will have the opportunity to vote for their choice of Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. This is an important post as it is the role for the provision of our policing.

The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2012 (all 116 pages of it) abolished the then Police Authorities and replaced them with a single Commissioner. Unlike Police Commissioners in the USA the holder of the post does not have any Policing powers and there are safeguards in the Act to ensure the operational independence of the Chief Constable in all matters in relation to the deployment of his or her resources and officers.

The Commissioner together with the Chief Constable has to draw up a Police and Crime Plan which reflects the Policing concerns of the public and on which the Chief Constable can be held to account. The Commissioner has to set the budget and determine the council tax precept. He or she has to appoint the Chief Constable and when necessary dismiss that person and also publish an annual report.

The Office of the Commissioner and those specific tasks are overseen by a Police and Crime Panel made up of local

councillors. They have to approve the budget, the Police and Crime Plan and the appointment of a Chief Constable.

The Commissioner has to administer a separate fund designed for supporting victim support in all its forms together with safeguarding and some rehab programmes. This requirement is laid out in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Code of Conduct.

The successful candidate will have to swear an oath of impartiality in the discharge of his or her stewardship of the role.

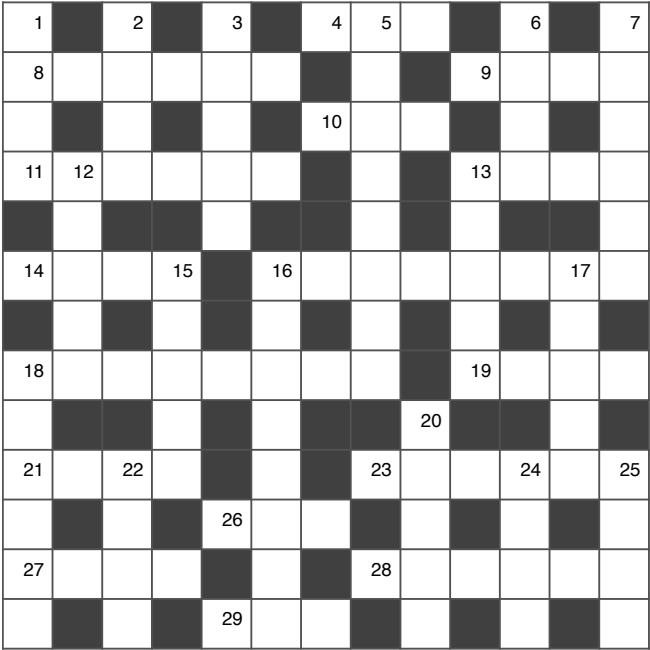
The vote itself on the day is based on the AV model (alternative vote) where a 2nd choice can be made. If a candidate doesn't get more than 50% in the first count the second choices of the lowest scoring candidate are also counted and so on until a candidate gets more than 50%.

To summarise the Police and Crime Commissioner is your directly elected representative regarding policing in your area and has a duty to ensure effective policing.

It may be prudent to apply to your local authority for a postal vote if you have concerns about polling in person.

Brian Blake Lib Dem Candidate for Police and Crime Commissioner

THE LYPSTONE CROSSWORD



Set by Strangelove



Solutions to last months crossword.

Correct answers from: The Connocks, Clare Smith, The Burtons, Simon & Liz Griffiths, Fiona Archer, Frances Pearce, Joan Denison, Alice Henderson, The Scotts, Lauren Charles, Harri & Roger Pearson, Dylan Mountain and Viv & Tony Day. This month's winners are The Connocks.

Send in your answers this month for another chance to win a £25 voucher for The Redwing.

ACROSS

4. Urge elderly great grandfather initially (3)
8. Retro artist takes all directions to find solution (6)
9. Repair motorway terminal (4)
10. Parrots regularly produce paintings or pieces of sculpture (3)
11. Expresses gratitude for barrels of gas (6)
13. Beat vessel headed west not south (4)
14. Guy wanders off losing rupees (4)
16. Touch-downs made by learners drinking cocktail and gin (8)
18. Kitchen's chaotic – adds cornflour (8)
19. Bart's dad shakes off his tail and gets back from work (4)
21. Wasn't right – departed (4)
23. Covet torn t-shirt (6)
26. Feasts oddly – becomes obese (3)
27. Victim destroys pyre (4)
28. European in danger – man overboard! (6)
29. Elizabeth takes drug to border (3)

DOWN

1. Sounds like someone's overtaken dad's old Ford (4)
2. Continent teetotallers imbibe sips without afterthought (4)
3. Sneaks a look at mountain tops I hear (5)
5. Clothes for a commando taking a leak (8)
6. Between the 1st and the 5th of March every spider heads for a web (4)
7. Assumes no post traumatic stress after promotion (6)
12. Strike Swiss problem (5)
13. Measure out curdled milk we're told (5)
15. Chat about Y-fronts cruiser! (5)
16. Untruth before a funeral – toss and turn (3,5)
17. Message loses two points about 'tag' and 'hide-go-seek'(5)
18. Flowers from you French kissers (6)
20. Protects small weeds (5)
22. Loosen reef knot (4)
24. Slope wrecks pram (4)
25. Very small rebellion without doubt (4)

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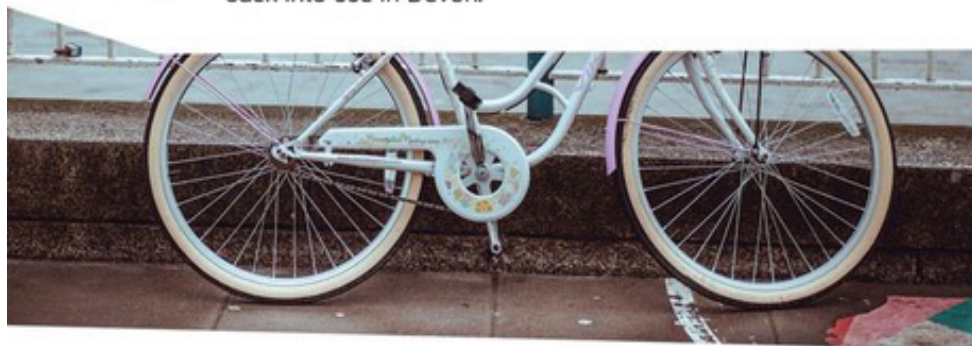


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A PROPOSAL FOR INTERPRETATION BOARDS IN LYMPSTONE (LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY)

Lympstone History Society has been considering the possibility of erecting some interpretation boards around the village with the aim of portraying in words and pictures, elements of the history of the village. We aim to apply for funds for this from several sources, including South West Water, EDDC and RBL, the company involved in developing the Nurseries site in the village. The proposed boards and a general indication of their intended locations are as follows:

- The railway and station – history, impact on the village when the line came through : sited near station?
- Waterfront – Lime processing, fishing and maritime activities, Ship, boat building and repairs, boat shelter and harbour : sited at waterfront?
- Parsonage Stile - whale blubber processing, the pub, smuggling, sited on Cliff field (a concern...do we want too many more people going to Parsonage Stile?)
- Orchards, farms and farming : sited somewhere at the top end of the village?
- Overview of the history of the village : sited on the new green area?
- Board detailing the outcomes of the recent excavation at the Nurseries site (to be provided by

AC Archaeology) : sited on the new green area?

- Buildings – overview of church, houses, shops and mill : sited on the new green area?
- Trials and tribulations – floods, fires and wartime : sited in the middle of the village?

We are in touch with the Parish Council. We have secured an offer of some of the funding and some of the writing for the boards has been done. We will draw on the LHS archives for illustrative material. As well as funding, there are issues of the siting of these boards and of course the associated planning issues. At present we are thinking of A2 size boards but there may be variation from this.

We would welcome comments on the proposed project (jennyamoon@gmail.com).



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I will spend time with my family, they'll get sick o'sight of me.
I will hug and kiss my grandkids, how embarrassed they will be.

When this foul pandemic's over, no more stay at home for me.
When this foul pandemic's over oh how happy I will be.
No more meals before the telly, you will find me down the pub.
Lympstone Manor put your flags out, I'll be sampling five star grub

When this foul pandemic's over no more stay at home for me.
When this foul pandemic's over oh how happy I will be.
No more lonesome walks each morning, no more cycle rides for one.
I will welcome all my friends home, and we'll certainly have fun.

When this foul pandemic's over oh how happy I will be!!!!!!

Best wishes Norma Exelby.

SADDLERS ARMS REFURBISHMENT

Work is starting on a £250,000 refurbishment of the historic 17th - century Lympstone pub. The investment at The Saddlers on Exmouth Road is being undertaken by Heineken-owned Star Pubs & Bars and the pub's operators, local residents Keith and Lindsay Webb. It will create four new jobs.

If lockdown easing proceeds as scheduled, The Saddlers – which dates back to 1624 – will reopen and unveil its new look at the end of May.

The revamp will upgrade the much-loved local throughout, making it more comfortable whilst retaining its traditional character and features such as a log-burning fire place. To keep up with demand for The Saddlers' popular carvery, a vaulted dining area with room for 40 diners will be built to expand the existing restaurant seating, complete with a new carvery unit. The room will open onto its own south-facing patio and have screens dividing tables to give diners privacy.

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For the aspiring sailor, whether you're powered by paddle or engine, for those mini adventures on the exe or for the longer distance sailors; we are open to all. This year we have several 'have a go' events planned from paddle-boarding to dingy sailing.

The club house has the best view in Lymptone, a fully stocked bar, and a social calendar fit to boot. You can even have a 'off the water' membership if you like to remain on land and enjoy the social events, winter talks and mariners lunches. The bar will be open on Fridays throughout the summer, so come down and find out more!

As a RYA Centre, we are able to offer our members training courses in sailing, First Aid, power-boat and safety boat driving.

We are able to offer this year's membership without the joining fee, so there's never been a better time to join! If you would like to join or for more information visit www.lympstonesailingclub.co.uk

Some dates to 'wet your whistle' in May (full programme available from the website)

Saturday 8th May – SUP try out day

Weds 12th May – Family BYO BBQ & family fun on the water

Sunday 23rd May – Explore Cruising 'Around the Exe in Company'

Come and view the dinghy races going on throughout May too we will be happy to answer questions!

Early notice:

Saturday 19th June – 'Get out on the water' Club open day

Please note all events will operate according to prevailing government guidance in a COVID secure environment.

Sophie Cocks, Lymptone Sailing Club

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LYMPSTONE COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

HUB CELEBRATIONS IN 2021

We now have a proposed route out of the Covid restrictions but large social gatherings will not be allowed until late June at the earliest. Unfortunately this means that the proposed VE Day Anniversary celebrations on the weekend of 7th – 9th May will not be able to take place.

There are a number of events which may take place over the summer organised by various village groups and societies, so the Hub will look to organising something from September if restrictions are still lifted. If anyone needs any volunteering or financial support from the Hub to put on a village activity, please contact Linda Lyon on malcandlinda@aol.com

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Hub will continue to support the monthly, hot 2-course Sunday Lunch, delivered to the homes of those in the Village who are living alone or are self-isolating, until at least the end of June. The next lunches will be delivered on :-

1pm Sunday 21 March – Cottage pie with veg and an Easter surprise

1pm Sunday 25 April - Sausage casserole with mash & veg and Sponge & custard

If you would like a cooked meal delivered to you, please contact Linda

Lyon on malcandlinda@aol.com or 07786 332529. You could be taking part in our 'virtual' lunch with other villagers. Anyone already receiving these meals does not need to contact Linda again. You are already on our list.

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Copies of the Lymptone Herald are delivered free to every household in Lymptone (approx 1100) every month with further copies being sold through the village shops. Please send your enquiries to Steve Morgan : sjmorgan222@gmail.com

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IMPROVING THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ACROSS LAND OWNED BY THE MILL

Some readers will be aware of the changes that have taken place on the public footpath which crosses the mill leat overspill (the waterfall) to the gate where walkers join the path known by some as Underhill.

With thanks to you, the public, and Devon County Council you have allowed part of the route taken by this footpath to be altered to its present course. This was done for three reasons: to stop some walkers getting lost and ending up in the grounds of The Mill; to prevent the fouling by dogs of the fields, which can now be returned for use by farm animals; and to manage better the enormous increase in use.

What many of you may not be aware of is the generosity of Mrs Susan Goddard, who lives in The Mill and over whose property this path crosses. She has given up much more land than is required by govt regulation and has done so to make the experience more appealing for us all. She has paid for the laying of the hardcore and for all the fencing, which will keep farm animals and walkers, with or without dogs, apart.

We should also thank Dave Tyrrell and Jeff Morrish for their work in making this possible. They have done a great job and we owe it to them to look after their handiwork.

With the increase in walkers has come a proportionately even greater number of dogs. If you have a dog you want it to be healthy and happy. However, ownership has many responsibilities, one of which is to control them in public spaces. Not many of us and particularly children, like dogs jumping up: it can be a frightening, messy experience and this is one of the reasons why Mrs Goddard has fixed signs on all the gates, asking that for the sake of others, you keep your dog on a lead. Keeping your dog under control also gives the plants and wildlife a better life – and who wouldn't want that?

Another increasingly important responsibility for those who own a dog, is to clear up after them. We all know there is nothing worse than stepping in a dog's doo-doo but it is far more serious than that: there is a real risk of spreading disease if dog messes are not cleared up. The farmer, who used to cut these fields for hay refused to do so owing to fouling by dogs. Clearing up is not a pleasant experience for anyone, but with so many dogs now using the footpath, it must be done!

Although the changes do not look, currently, particularly attractive to anyone who knew the fields before, Mrs Goddard has paid for and planted 500 whips of a mixture of Hawthorn,

Quickthorn, Blackthorn and Field Maple. In time, the grass will grow back and the whips will become hedges.

We hope you will enjoy the changes we have made and that you will look after it!

Stephen Goddard

LYMPSTONE HARBOUR

The Harbour Board of the Lymington Fishery & Harbour Association once again plans the annual craning of boats from the Harbour hardstanding to the brook to take place on Monday 12th April 2021 from 6.00am until about noon. As this is a potentially hazardous operation, public access to the Harbour will be denied during this operation. For more information browse www.lympstoneharbour.org.uk

The crane will be arriving Sunday afternoon/evening and departing midday, so those who park on its route along Nutwell Road, Burgmann's Hill, The Strand and the route to the Harbour by the Swan Inn are asked for their co-operation in allowing it clear passage. This operation will be conducted in accordance with government coronavirus regulations, so any spectators are asked to watch from south of Wotton Brook.

Richard Crisp



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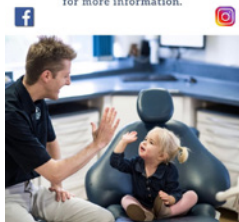
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LYMPSTONE FLOOD RESILIENCE GROUP (LFRG)

Over the last 3 years the group has been building up a map of 'Flood Hotspots' in the village, places that sometimes/ often flood in prolonged wet weather. These are shown on the map. If there are any other spots that you think should be included please let us know - e-mail: philcorcos@gmail.com

Many of these hotspots are where road gullies regularly get blocked from debris. Devon County Council (DCC) are responsible for highway drainage but simply do not have the resources to clear gullies as frequently as is desirable. DCC concentrate resources on keeping routes used by public transport and gritting lorries clear - in the case of Lymington the roads covered are Nutwell Road, Burgmanns Hill, The Strand and Meeting Lane. Even along

these routes gullies are only cleared infrequently. LFRG has a team of flood wardens who monitor conditions and, thanks to these people, has been able to help with clearing those gullies where problems have occurred. With support from Lymington Parish Council, special equipment has been acquired to help with this task. An example of such work is with the flooding in the dip in Meeting Lane where LFRG has been instrumental in trying to get a resolution to the problem.

Working with DCC it was found that the problem is a broken pipe in the adjacent field. This is now in the process of being repaired so that hopefully flooding here in future will be much reduced. A good working relationship has been established with DCC Highways and the team is continuing to clear gullies in conjunction with them. The Parish Council has also included money in their budget for the employment of private contractors to supplement the work of DCC.

