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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

LPC held their monthly public meeting on Monday 4th October and finally, back in the Committee Room.

Report from the Chairman – The Chair reported that two children in the village had been awarded certificates of recognition and thanks from the PC for their fundraising efforts towards the play area raising over £300. She also thanked the three ladies who had completed a marathon (in the rain) who raised over £1,000 towards the play area. The Chair updated everyone with the progress of work at Gulliford burial ground. She explained that the funding from HLF for the planned refurbishment was complete and a grand opening day with Prof Todd Gray would be held in the last week of October. She thanked FOGBG and Mrs Coles for all their hard work and dedication in overseeing and implementing the necessary work to get the refurbishment complete. The Chair thanked the Community Hub for acting quickly to resource clothes, shoes, and toys for Afghan refugees.

Correspondence received – The Clerk read the correspondence received re the removed metal kissing gate at Cliff Field. It was agreed to investigate the costs for a new bespoke gate to

be made and compare with the metal gates that DCC could provide.



Community Asset – Cllr Atkins presented a report regarding this: *The Primitive Methodist School building (Methodist Hall). This building has at last been confirmed it is 'for sale'. Miss Helen Dimond brought the matter to the attention of Cllr David Atkins some months ago, she was interested as to whether the Parish through the Parish Council and/or create a Charity. The property is situated in the heart of the village and was used by many organisations of the Parish. Cllr Atkins contacted EDDC Officer, Mr Nick Wright, who he had previously worked with regarding Community Assets. The Parish has six weeks to affirm with EDDC their continued interest in acquiring the building, for use by the community, naming all the uses and users that would wish to continue to use this marvellous facility situated as it is near to the car park and train*

station. It was also acknowledged that the Methodist fraternity would very much like to continue its use for worship and social activities. Mr Wright acknowledged the strategic value of the building and registered it, thus giving the community the opportunity to acquire it, at an open market price. It being hoped negotiations could be entered in to establish a discount for its continued use. If the Parish Council agreed the proposal the Parish would have six months to raise the required funds to acquire it, thus grants and crowd funding would be urgently needed. An idea has been put forward that it could accommodate a Parish Office and a new meeting place for the Parish Council and all the uses above. Footnote: for all those who do not understand local views, the Parish Councils in the Country are the "Grass roots of society" and are much valued by District, County and Government. it is disappointing to learn that some views are being expressed that Parish Councils are interfering.

It was unanimously agreed that the PC would register an interest with EDDC for the Methodist Hall.

Lympstone Football Club – Cllr Hill read a statement regarding the use of the fields and the FC. It was agreed that due to a lack of communications and the current state of Candys Field,

which had to meet a safe criterion for all members of the community to use, was sadly not being met. Therefore, Candys Field could not be used for future football matches or training by LFC. The Cliff field pitch would remain in use by the FC but closely monitored.

Community: Cllr Payne reported that the meeting with EDDC funding officer, Jamie Buckley had gone well, LPC and FLOS was on track to obtain the S106 and CIL funding available.

Cllr C Eastley and Cllr R Eastley reported that a new NP group had been created to review the current NP. They had met with the new members and created an action list of priorities to implement.

Mrs Lyons reported that the community Hub had met to discuss the planned Christmas lunch event (Sunday 19th December) in the village hall including entertainment for the community who had been receiving lunches usually delivered by the Hub during the pandemic. Mrs Lyons also added that the Hub were planning a long weekend of events for the Queens Jubilee (2nd-5th June) and had some exciting plans to implement! She asked for volunteers to support with both events – therefore if anyone could volunteer to help, please contact myself, the Clerk for further information.

Environment: Cllr Hill reported on the recent Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) forum he had attended where water quality in the Exe was a major concern. This would be investigated further by the EEMP. The letter received from Exeter Port Authority requesting financial support for fuel towards the patrol boat was discussed and it was agreed to find out more information about this request before any commitment was made.

Gentle reminders from the Parish Council:

There are many members of the public who report issues to the Parish Council which are not the PCs responsibility. Please carefully consider if the issue is because of a group in the Parish, a landowner, LPC, EDDC or DCC responsibility. You are more than welcome to ask myself, the Clerk, or any Cllr on guidance of who should be contacted in the initial enquiry, and they can signpost you in the right direction. A general rule for help: County Councils - These are responsible for services across the whole of a county, like: education, highways, transport, planning, fire and public safety, social care, libraries, waste management, trading standards. Devon County Council has a good and quick 'report a problem' online page which helps you to locate and report an issue directly on a map: www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/ East Devon District Council are

usually responsible for services like rubbish collection, recycling, Council Tax collections, housing, planning applications. The Parish Council is only responsible for the services it provides.

Finally, the Chair, Mrs Kathy Rogers announced that she would be stepping down from the PC. It was a very poignant moment, and everyone present supported her wholeheartedly with her decision, which had not been an easy one. She was thanked for her continued courage and passion to work tirelessly for our community. She will be very much missed as a valued leader, and friend. Thank you, Kathy.

The next PC meeting will be held in the Committee Room at the Village Hall on Monday 1st November at 7.30pm.

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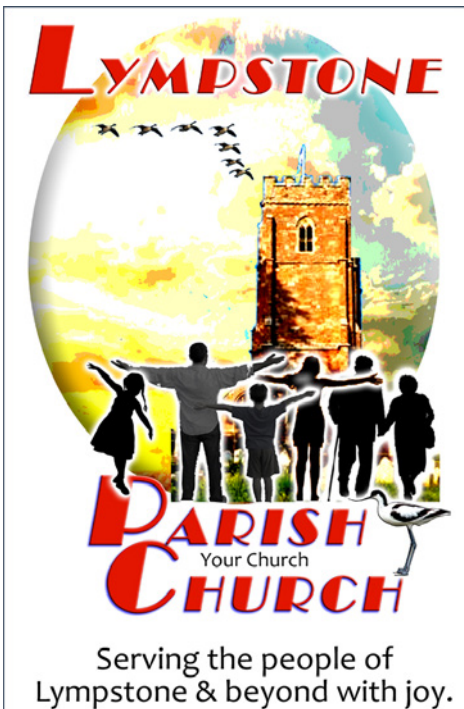
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Watch this report in the coming editions of the Herald to keep up to date on developments. The church may be hired by contacting the Parish Office in Exmouth on 263681.

Services on Sundays

1st & 3rd Sunday All Age Worship 9.30 am

2nd & 4th Sunday Parish Communion



9.30 am

1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Morning
Prayer 8.am

3rd Sunday Holy Communion 8.am

First and Third Sunday services are part of The Journey, 'A Fresh Church Experience' beginning on 3rd October. Each will follow a theme Sharing. Friendship, Compassion Hope and Christmas taking us to the end of the year. Every service in the series gives content for all ages with music, songs, and fun for Kids. All welcome on Oct 17th, November 7th and 21st and December 5th. There will be a creche, coffee and refreshments for all and it was good to see so many at the first of these on Oct 3rd which was also Harvest.

The Church in Lympstone helps locally by volunteering and giving gifts of £4,000 a year to charities like the Exmouth Food Bank and Open Door. We help beyond to USPG plus a separate collection for Christian Aid.

The Railway Arch Stall made over £1,100 this year. Huge thanks to the donators of produce to sell, the people who ran the stall and everyone who bought the goods.

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Smuggling and other Happenings on the Lymptone Waterfront
produced by Lymptone History Society

Smuggling was particularly rife along the coasts of the West Country between 1700 and 1850. While the better known smuggled goods were spirits and tobacco, there were plenty of other goods that travelled both to England, and from England, as theft or as means of evading taxes.

An estuary village like Lymptone would have had a fair numbers of villagers involved including those who received and hid contraband in cottages, barns and underground and those who were happy to drink, smoke and sell on the products of the 'free trade'. There were routes across the water that were associated with the transport of smuggled goods, such as from Powderham to bays like Parsonage Stile, and out through the village and away across the Common or up to Exeter. There were probably plenty of Preventative Officers who were not beyond the odd bribe to 'not notice' a landing.

There is evidence in Lymptone of hiding holes in cottages, adjoining roof spaces that were only apparently sealed, the barns of farms and 'useful' outbuildings and there is a local story of an underground passage leading from the beach to one of the larger houses

in the village.

Apart from the inherent dangers of smuggling itself, there was sometimes the danger of being pressed into naval service. Press-gangs knew that those involved in smuggling had valuable skills of seamanship.

There was also piracy. Piracy was particularly rife on the coast of Devon in the 16th and 17th Centuries. International pirates stole ships and transported men to foreign shores, particularly to the coasts of North Africa where they were used or sold as slaves – or where they were held until local people were able to pay ransoms for their return. These were the Barbary pirates. Sometimes pirates worked as privateers, carrying a 'Letter of Marque' issued by the State that allowed them to take any ship designated as 'enemy'. The crew shared the 'prize' between them. John Nutt of Lymptone was both pirate and privateer in the early 1600's. In the latter half of the 16th Century, two of Sir Walter Raleigh's half-brothers worked as privateers.

Jenny Moon

A portrait of Roger Wilkinson, a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark grey suit jacket over a light blue and white vertically striped shirt and a dark purple tie with a small white elephant pattern. The background is a solid light grey.

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Chris Barnacle

A PILGRIMAGE UNDER SAIL OR THE CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF HELVELLYN

That's the intriguing title of a talk by the Revd. David Arnott in the village hall on Friday 22 October, starting at 7.30pm. What's it all about?. A small boat adventure the telling of which David says will 'splice together Sailing, Saints, Seafaring Sinners, Shipwrecks - and Shanties!' The boat, David says, was: "An old gaff cutter in which Fr. Robert, rector of Withycombe and I set off to sail round Britain - crossing Scotland by canal to avoid the terrifying Pentland Firth. Huh, merely a circumnavigation of Helvellyn, said our Yacht Club bore. But a Pilgrimage too - as we aimed to visit some of the many remote holy sites

around our coasts. We didn't mean to go to Ireland - but did, and there found, not quite at rainbow's end, the forgotten historical secret of Western Civilization."

The evening is organised by the Friends of the Church to help raise money to maintain the church building. Entry charge on the door £5.

Note - the date was published wrong in the last issue of The Herald.

Clive Wilson

HOME INSURANCE SURVEY

A number of residents have recently told me that they are having difficulty getting home insurance cover, on the pretext of flood risk, or that their premiums have significantly increased. Myself and some other concerned residents are investigating what is going on and we would like to know the scale of this problem. Please let me know if you have been declined cover or had a significant increase in premium by emailing lymestone_survey@icloud.com If we find there is a widespread problem we may come back with some supplementary questions. GDPR guidance will be followed and no personal information shared.

Miles Freeman.

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You can purchase a map showing 24 of the boxes, for a minimum £1 donation at: Antonio's in The Strand, The Book Rest-The Parade, Londis-Rivermead Ave, Living & Lifestyle-Brixington Parade, Callands Budgens-Queens Drive, McColls & Day Lewis Pharmacy-Pines Rd, Co-Op Food-Littleham Cross, Central Stores & Tea Pots-Withycombe Village Rd, Hospiscare Shops-Exeter Rd & The Parade, Gingerbread Corner-Indoor Market, Infusion Cafe-The Beacon and Tesco Customer Service desk in Salterton Rd.

You can also donate at www.justgiving.com/campaign/mailtrailforhospiscare or pop in to any of the shops selling maps and give a cash donation. You can check out the website at www.mailtrail.org to see more information and see some of the lovely colourful designs on the Facebook page, 'The Mail Trail-Exmouth Postboxes'.

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Karen Palmer, Hospiscare



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Correct answers this month from: Alice Henderson, Tor Laney-Hubbard, The Burtons, Frances Pearce, Neal Andrew, Fiona Archer, Viv & Tony Day, Dick & Sue Francis, Clare Smith, Jane & David Lees, Roger Pearson & Harri Yeates, Brian Bennett, Mark Brown, Alex Egan, Mai & John Welton. The winner of this month's voucher is Mark Brown.

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UPDATE ON LYMPSTONE COMMUNITY HUB

SAVE THE DATES

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022.

After the success of the party held on Candys Field for the Queen's 90th birthday, the Hub is planning to hold a number of events, to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, including :

- Beacon on Thursday evening 2nd June
- party on Candys field for Saturday 4th June
- an attempt to break the Guinness Book of Record's current record for the number of cream teas served on Sunday 5th June.

Other events may also take place over the 4 days and detailed planning will start soon.

If anyone in the village has ideas for the celebrations, or wishes to take part in or help organise events – please contact Linda Lyon (malcandlinda@aol.com) or Jenny Clark (merryfield@etcpm.com) for more information.

We will need at least another 10 -12 volunteers to help in the detailed planning of this community.

Afghan Family Appeal

Many thanks to those of you who helped out at and donated to the Appeal. We were so overwhelmed with donations that we had to stop collecting

on Wednesday afternoon, sorry if we were unable to take yours. The clothes, toiletries and toys were distributed by Exmouth Council on the Friday. About £5,000 was also raised in donations

Community Lunches

The next lunches will be delivered to homes on :-

1pm Sunday 31 October

Shepherds pie / Sponge pudding & custard

1pm Sunday 21 November

Sausage casserole / Rice Pudding & fruit

The December lunch will be held in the Village Hall, though we will still deliver to homes for those unable to attend :-

1pm Sunday 19 December Roast turkey dinner / Christmas pudding & cake

If anyone would like to start having these meals delivered or knows of someone who would, please contact Linda or Jenny

Gibraltar Road Phone Box Library

We need some more children's books for the library. If you have any that are in pristine or new condition, please could you leave them there for other children to enjoy. If the shelves are already full, please keep your books for a later date. Please do not leave books or bags of

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If any individual, group or society in the village would like to organise a community event and needs support, please contact Linda or Jenny

Many thanks

Linda Lyon

(Community Hub Organiser)

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As ever, our chefs are preparing a selection of meat and vegetable curries, delicious dal, crispy poppadums, basmati rice, a variety of accompaniments, and cooling desserts for this autumnal treat.

The popular Curryfest helps to raise funds for the maintenance of our ancient and beautiful village church, with its mediaeval tower.

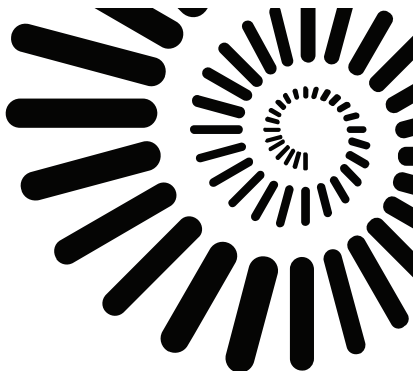
Tickets (still at only £10 for adults and £5 for children under 13) must be booked in advance from Demelza, 2 Brookfield Cottages, Lymptone EX8 5ES, tel. 01395 272 243, or by posting money through her door.

Harland Walshaw

COVID PRECAUTIONS

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Clive Wilson



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For many years, volunteers from the village have kept our station looking attractive. Prior to the pandemic, Viv Day organised a group who tended and watered the planters on the platform, and twice a year we had a Saturday morning working party to tidy the Station Hill embankment, wonderfully planted up by Dawn Chapman.

None of this was possible during lockdown. Though an unknown kindly person has kept the platform flowers going, the embankment has got overgrown, with long brambles threatening to push pedestrians out into the path of traffic.

I have had a meeting with GWR, who are keen to help with funding and resources, including a heavy strim (under our supervision) to get the embankment back under control, and provision of water butts on the platform. They have other ambitious ideas too, if we can find volunteers to take part.

I would love to hear from anyone willing to put in an hour or so from time to time to get the station area looking good again – and especially from someone happy to co-ordinate a small group.

Thanks!

Tony Day

Friends of Lympstone Village Station

Phone: 268653

Email: tonyday47@outlook.com

LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

Thank you to those of you who came along to our first talk in our new venue in the Function Room at the Village Hall. Brian Cotton's talk on 'Canals Then and Now' was interesting and informative and we were very pleased that a number of you were able to attend.

We hope to see you at our next talk on Tuesday 16th November at 2.30pm, when Don Mildenhall will be talking to us about the 'Old Maps of Lympstone'. Entry is still £4 (£3.50 for our members) and the doors will be open by 2.15pm. We will continue to observe social distancing and good ventilation for everyone's safety.

We also hope to see you at our Christmas Social on Tuesday 7th December – come along to this informal gathering to find out a little more about our archive while enjoying some simple refreshments. Watch our notice board under the railway arch for more details. If you would be interested in getting involved with the History Society, we are looking to expand our team. We need people to help with our monthly talks, help with the archive, get involved with the committee, and to help with our various projects, maybe even doing some research. If you would be interested please email us at lympstonehistorysociety@gmail.com or come and have a chat with us.

Mary Turner

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LYMPSTONE LIVING ADVENT 2021

A second sparkling year.

It was such good fun heading out each evening last December to see the village gradually lighting up, window by sparkling window. There was always good reason to visit the churchyard too as their tableau unfolded daily, often with entertaining results.

While we all want this Christmas season to mean precious time with family and friends, let's light up Lymptstone again with festive windows that the whole community can enjoy.

Learning from last years event, lighting up the windows will be shortened to 5 - 8pm each day and will end on 31st December to make it easier to take part. Additionally, to avoid disappointment, we will happily double up the number of window 'openings' each day if more than 24 homes and businesses volunteer. You could even get together with neighbouring houses to create a mini spectacular like Summer Meadow's '12 Days of Christmas' last year!

As with last year, you need to have a window clearly visible from the street or other outside space to allow the decorated scene to be viewed safely. There is no theme, so windows can be religious or non-religious, funny or topical, just not rude or offensive please.

The church is again planning to create an unfolding nativity scene and this year it would really welcome any life-size scarecrow type crowd scene characters or sheep to develop it further from Sunday 19th December. Everyone can to join in! Any contributions will need to be able to withstand the weather and ideally be hung from some wooden pole to be pitched into the ground and be portable in order to move around the churchyard.

All you have to do is email:

lympstonelivingadvent@gmail
or contact me at the address below.

The deadline is 30th October to allow time for the trail map to be prepared and printed.

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LYMPSTONE VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB

The Village cricket team have enjoyed a successful season, strengthened by several recent newcomers to Lymptone who can play a bit. The search for a ground in the parish continues to be fruitless however, home matches now being played at the very pleasant Winslade Park which, as it is not shared with footballers, can be used for a full season.

Most matches are played in the evening, the usual format being 20 overs each way, with limits on batsmen (retire at 25 or 30) and bowlers (maximum 4 overs). The season started in icy April winds and most of May was a washout, but only two matches were lost all summer. A record 21 matches were played, with 13 wins and one game tied.

Among this season's highlights were two Saturday 40 over games, one played at the delightful Valley of the Rocks ground in North Devon against a team led by former Village player Joe Banks. Despite a century from Lymptone's best batsman Jamie Cooke (397 runs this year, with an average of almost 80), the game was lost, but it was a good contest and much enjoyed. So was a second longer match, at Winslade, against tourists from the East India Club in St James Square, W1. This time Lymptone won, largely thanks to James Burton carrying his bat for 67,

in front of a big crowd of families and followers, complete with bouncy castle and burgers.

Debutant this season Gary Salter took a hat trick on a visit to Tale Millers, then took five more wickets when the same team visited Winslade – only the third “five-fer” on record! Recent recruit Dan Hayward was best bowler with 23 wickets. Another newcomer to the team this season, Tom Johnson, has proved a beefy hitter of the ball, an economic bowler, and a great fielder – top of the catchers' league with 8.

The sole survivor of the 2007 revival still playing is Ollie Creighton, who also arranges most of the fixtures. Ollie has now played for Village 156 times – and this year took his hundredth wicket, the first player to do so.

Full match reports can be found on Facebook (search for Lymptone Village Cricket Club) as can the season's stats and cumulative records since the team reformed in 2007. If you live in Lymptone and would like to become involved, the club is always happy to hear from prospective players, or maybe an umpire or scorer. Please contact James McGregor on 07860 862615 or send a message to the Facebook page.

Scorer Day



LYMPSTONE TENNIS CLUB

Lympstone Tennis Club celebrated their 40th anniversary with a very well attended and successful club BBQ. The event was enjoyed by a wide range of members from new members to experienced players and across multiple generations. We were also able to raise £500 to be donated to the FLOS fund.

Rob Hilton, Lympstone Tennis Club

LYMPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

It's been a busy time at the Village Hall with a whole programme of improvements being put in place. All three rooms have been redecorated giving a contemporary feel, we have a carpet for the Function Room, new blinds and kitchenette for the Committee Room and significant improvements to our audio-visual capability throughout. We are grateful to Lympstone Film Society, Lympstone Players, Lympstone Entertainments, VATS, Lympstone History Society, Lympstone Parish Council and East Devon District Council for their financial support and to all the Trustees and volunteers who picked-up a paint brush. The outside space has also been modernised and there's more to come!

We were delighted to show off all the improvements on a sunny Sunday lunchtime. Some 40 people were invited including trustees, volunteers

and representatives of local groups – and we watched the unveiling of Debbie Mitchell's wonderful new mural. A big thank you to Debs!

With the closure of the Methodist Church, fitting everyone in has been a challenge and we are making changes to accommodate more bookings. To try to ensure we always have space for local groups we are trialling keeping a Wednesday evening session in the Function Room for the exclusive use of our local Clubs and Societies. We are making changes to the bar area so that it can also serve as a kitchenette for the Function Room when the Main Hall and Kitchen are in use and the changes to the Committee Room have made it a friendlier and more welcoming space.

We are fortunate to have the school using the hall in term time, giving us a stable income. However, we still need to generate a significant amount of money to meet the costs of running the hall and this cannot be achieved entirely from local hire. We seek to find a balance between bringing-in sufficient income and serving the needs of the community, by continuing to offer the hall for hire to selected others at recently increased commercial rates. The hall is for the benefit of the community and we need to ensure we remain financially viable so that we can continue to serve the village effectively.

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LYMPSTONE GARDENING CLUB

Autumn is a very busy time for gardeners and it is so easy to make a list of jobs that gets longer and longer and can be daunting. I suggest we take time first of all to enjoy the melding of the seasons - late summer flowers such as dahlias, hybrid anemones, asters, rudbeckia, ornamental grasses, and the emergence of tiny hardy cyclamen, nerines and colchicums. Trees and shrubs begin to take over with leaf colour, hips and masses of berries. There is lots to see on 'lockdown' walks around Lymptone.

Chelsea came at a good time this year to re-energise us with ideas for gardens big and small, and for containers. Some jobs to be getting on with now are seed-sowing of early start sweet peas, annuals such as calendula (vibrant colours and edible petals on salads), herbs and winter salad leaves in the greenhouse or cold frame. Wild flower seeds can be broadcast directly on the soil and raked in, and broad beans, of course, can be sown in the soil for an early crop. Perennials can be divided whilst the earth remains relatively warm. Lots of bulbs to be planted; tulips are best left until November.

Please think of the frogs, toads, slow worms and hedgehogs and leave some leaf litter piled up, and after dead-heading leave some standing stems

which are useful to hibernating insects.

We are now looking forward to our first talk since lockdown when we welcome back Peter Cantrill, a plant enthusiast with a great knowledge of unusual plants. His talk on 'Plants that Excite' will be on Tuesday 26 October at 7.30pm in the Function Room of the village hall. There will be a charge of £3 cash on the door. Please wear a face covering.

Our November talk 'Handy Hints for Thrifty Gardeners' will be rolled over to 2022.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 16 November at 7.30pm in the Function Room. The AGM will be fairly brief and it will be followed by Sheila Parker talking on 'Basic Principles on Garden Design'. All are welcome, but please wear a face covering.

Do look out for our posters in people's front windows and on our notice board under the railway arch. We are doing our bit to cut down on plastic, hence no plastic notices on the telegraph poles.

Enjoy your gardens.

Jill Wilson



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FAREWELL TO LYMPSTONE

I would like to say a fond farewell to all my very good friends.

I have had 40 wonderful years in the village. I have enjoyed being involved in so many of the village activities and made some truly wonderful friends, who have supported me through good and bad times.

I am sorry that I did not get to say goodbye to you all in person but circumstances somewhat overtook me.

I am making steady progress, living with my lovely daughter and son-in-law in Banbury. I now have a different future to look forward to watching my Great grand children grow up.

I shall miss you all very much but hope that I will be able to come and visit you in the New Year.

Bobby Brunt



LYMPSTONE PLAYERS RETURN TO THE STAGE - ALADDIN

Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December 2021

The Lymptstone Players are delighted to announce that they will be putting on a Christmas Panto this year. After two years of being unable to stage live events, the Players are going to hit the ground running with a blockbuster production of Aladdin, featuring a cast of over 20 adults and children. We've got more corny jokes than a Christmas cracker factory, songs to make your feet tap and our very own dragon will be popping up all over the village in the next few weeks.

There will be evening performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and a matinee performance on the Saturday.

TICKETS - will be on sale from Saturday, 6 November, 2021

We will be selling tickets under the railway arch every Saturday morning in November from 10a.m. to 12 noon.

For additional outlets / individuals with tickets, please check the posters which will be going up around the village. We will be restricting seating capacity to two thirds to allow more space than usual, so make sure you book your tickets early.

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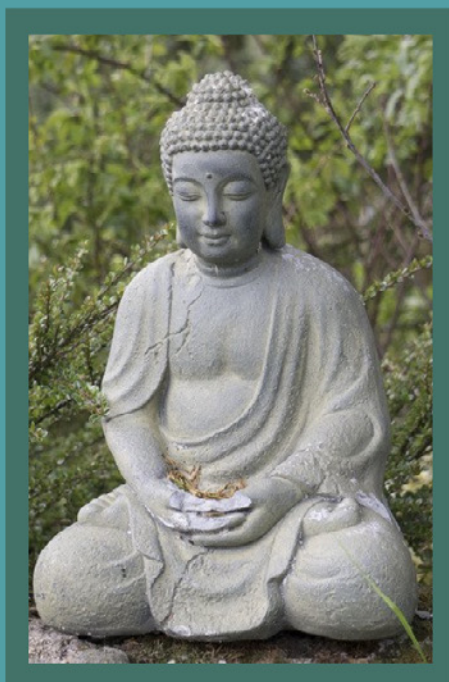
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