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#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year!

LPC held their monthly public meeting on Monday 10th January in the Committee Room.

Open Session - A member of the public had seen on social media 140 houses planned to be built in Lympstone. He asked where the land was for these houses. District Cllr Jung replied and explained that there were a few areas up for discussion. EDDC would be calling an open meeting later in the year for a full public consultation. Al the proposed maps could be found online under EDDC housing plan. Cllr Jung added that the Government target was 920 new houses per year for the next 20 years. Please click on the following link online to learn more: 3 December 2021 - East Devon's new draft Local Plan revealed, with potential locations for hundreds of new homes - East Devon Clerks Report - The Clerk presented a further six new policies which were all agreed and adopted by LPC. New notice boards in the Parish and it was decided that this would have to be a rolling program over time.

Reports from the District and County Cllrs - Cllr Trail explained that he had been responding to a complaint of cars driving too fast through the main village road during school drop off and pick up times. He had produced safety leaflets for all parents of the local primary school.

Cllr Jung explained that both EDDC and DCC were working together to place charging points along Highways and in car parks. The charging points in EDDC car parks would soon be rolling out across East Devon. Cllr Ingham reported that EDDC were currently looking at next year's budget and there was a proposal to raise public car parking charges. He explained parking charges would only be raised in high usage car parks but felt this was unfair and the cost should be raised in every car park not selected ones.

Facilities and Estates - Cllr Atkins informed everyone that Mrs Vicki Drinkwater, who had been proactive in the building of the new pre-school would be leaving the school on Friday. The PC thank her for all her hard work and constant efforts in the community. She will be very much missed.

**Community** - Mrs Lyons reported an update on behalf of the Community Hub:

Community Lunches - 57 Xmas Lunches (and Santa Goody Bags) were delivered to homes on Sunday 19 December after we cancelled the gathering in the Village Hall. The January meal will also

be delivered to homes and the decision on when to start holding a community event in the Hall will be taken at the end of January. The money received from DCC and other generous donors has now been spent. Thanks to Richard Scott, Jeff Trail. Harlow Consultancy, the Lympstone W.I. and many individual personal donors who have enabled this initiative to happen since March 2020. Future shortfalls in costs will be met by the Parish Council Hub Fund.

Queen's Jubilee - Fantastic news that the Guinness Book of Records has now formally accepted our intention to break the world record of 1088 cream teas served at the same time (currently held in China!). This is planned to take place at 11am on Sunday 5 June 2022 on Candys Field and we plan to do at least 1100 cream teas. Vicki Drinkwater is managing the event and has already sent out adverts on social media. We will need loads of support from the village to achieve this but would be a huge historical village event to remember. Places and volunteers can be registered at largestcreamtea@ vahoo.com

Other events will include a beacon lighting and parties. The Hub organisers will be starting to plan soon and holding meetings to invite villagers to propose their ideas for participation. Details will be available on the website, in the Herald and on social media soon.

Cllr Tyrrell has requested everyone to start saving any spare wood now for the Beacon in June please.

Heritage and Structure - Gulliford Joint Committee and Friends of Gulliford Burial Ground: Cllr Beatty thanked Mrs Jane Moffat, Mrs Angela Coles, Mr Ken Perry and all the volunteers of FOGBG who had worked tirelessly to complete the Gulliford burial ground project and finalise the Heritage Lottery Fund Report. The burial ground is looking amazing so please take some time out to visit, learn, wander, and reflect amongst the historical grounds. would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of many volunteers and the funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Candys Field - The PC would like it noted that Candy's Field was purchased by the PC over 40 years ago as a recreational field. It is therefore a private field that allows the community to use and share the space. The PC is responsible for the maintenance of the field and permission must be sought via the PC for any regular organised activities.

Finally, it is important to please note that there has been a housing needs survey posted to residents in Lympstone. The Parish Council want it known that they did not request or support this survey and therefore this is an individual developer seeking your needs not the PC. The PC are following this up with the company who produced the survey.

The next PC meeting will be held in the Committee Room on Monday 7th February 2022 at 7.30pm.

Clerk to the Council:

Lucy Tyrrell c/o Minnows, Longmeadow

Road, Lympstone EX8 5LF Tel: 07890717081

Email: lympstonepc@gmail.com

#### JOIN A PAINTING GROUP

A small group meet to draw and paint at the Sailing Club on Monday mornings. We have some spaces available if anyone would like to join us. All levels welcome, you just bring your materials and paint in company. We stop for coffee and chat. Come in and see us on a Monday between 10 and 12am or contact Judith\_carter@hotmail.com for more details.

Judith Carter





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Beginning Tuesday Jan 18 - is a brand new course at Holy Trinity championed by our Bishop Jackie.

The 5-weeks long course is at Holy Trinity, led by Rector Steve and Elizabeth Burren. The dates are Tuesdays January 18 and 25, February 1, 8 and 15.

It explores The Church of England's response to human sexuality, relationships & marriage with videos & open discussion.

To attend contact Karen at the office 01395 263681.

COVID and attending a church service. Precautions: please sanitize hands & don a mask on arrival. Your temperature may be taken. MASKS MANDATORY IN CHURCH. (even singing.). You're urged to take a lateral flow test before attending church. No booking needed

A Journey into Hope is the fresh, informal all-age service to be held on the first and third Sundays at 9.30am. A fresh, informal all-ages service and it was good to see so many at the first service.

How the Church helps the hungry, the homeless, the poor and the jobless... We care...and help locally by volunteering giving over £4,000 every year to charities like Exmouth Food

Bank & Open Door. We help beyond to USPG. plus collections and events for Christian Aid & Tearfund.

#### 1/2 hour Quiet Prayer Time.

Brief Bible reading followed by meditative words, 15 mins of silence ending with the Lord's Prayer.

#### Prayer Network.

A caring band of Christians is ready to pray for ANYONE in need. Call Vanessa on 224734 or Demelza on 272243.

#### Like to be kept informed?

The weekly pew sheet goes to 95 folks. To be added send email to Pete at: lympstonechurchweekly@gmail.com

Parish Office Administrator Karen, our cool expert at HolyTrinity, 2 Rolle Rd, Exmouth EX82AB 263681.8:30am-2:30pm Mon-Fri office@exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk

**Our Mission Community Web Site** has links to The Link, The NET, Podcasts, Zoom meetings and other news

#### Tick-Tock

Fridays term-time 9 - 11am for toddlers and parents/carers

**Lympstone Unlocked Sundays** once a month (January meeting 16th) 5pm 7 to 11 year olds. contact Fiona on 07935 594 030

Brian Mather

#### **GARDEN CLUB**

We have an interesting year ahead for the Garden Club and so you might like to make a note of the following dates.

Following on from our talk on bulbs in January, Lympstone apiarist Basil Strickland will talk on honey bees at 7.30pm on 15th March, and then at 7.30pm on 19th April we have something rather different - a talk on Square Metre Gardening. The principle behind SMG is to grow the food crops you enjoy in an organised way. You grow on a successional planting and harvesting basis, and you can have as few or as many demarcated square metres as space permits. Intensive planting means you can harvest a lot from a small space.

On 14th May our popular coffee morning and plant sale will take place in the village hall. We can usually rely on the generosity of village gardeners to donate their spare plants - good germination means you can have too many tomato, courgette and bean plants! We also welcome ornamental plants, too.

July will see our two-day celebration of 75 years of the Annual Show. On **1st July** there will be the launch of an illustrated book on shows over the years written by Tony Day and on **2nd July** there will be an exhibition, and also a

talk by Todd Gray. More details to follow on this notable weekend.

The 2022 Annual Show will be on **20th August.** 

All events will be in the village hall and will be run according to the prevailing Covid guidelines.

The weather is still rather unpredictable with a mixture of mild and cold periods which is tricky for both gardeners and plants, and just as we are entering a busy time in the garden. If you haven't already winter-pruned fruit trees and bushes, there is still time to cut down autumn-fruiting raspberries. prune currants and gooseberries, and to prune out dead or decaying wood in apple and pear trees (not stone fruits) and generally maintain a good shape. If you grow dogwoods and willows, prune now before buds break. Also, keep an eve on your clematis as I notice buds are breaking on groups 2 and 3 (not Montana) and they do romp away quickly.

It's a good time to take stock of pots and seed trays, and if necessary sharpen tools. After the chores, the enjoyable bit is to start sowing. If you have a cold frame or greenhouse, you can get a head start, not forgetting that planting out may be delayed due to cold snaps. If sowing is problematic, you can order plantlets of many vegetables including tomato, courgette, beetroot, leeks, and,

of course, flowers. If you have room, rotation on a 3 year basis is useful to prevent diseases building up.

Well, bulbs are coming up, early daffodils are in flower, Daphne bholua is covered in exquisitely scented flowers which the bees are already seeking out, and the robins are in full song. Let's look forward to spring and an enjoyable gardening year.

Jill Wilson

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#### **PUT A FACE TO A NAME**

Do you have these photos?

Lympstone Garden Club is appealing for photos to illustrate a book about the Lympstone Flower Show. It will tell the story of the Show since it started immediately after the Second World War.

Tony Day, who is writing it, has delved into the archives and spoken to several villagers who remember the Show from their childhood. He is hoping for pictures of some of the key figures in its history.

If you have a photo of any of the following, could you email Tony at tonyday47@outlook.com

Captain O L /Mrs Young (1940s/1950s)
Philip Scott (1940s-1960s)
Walter Webb (1950s)
Eddie Bone (1950s-1970s)
Frank Kittle (1960s/1970s)
Vi Ware (1960s/1970s)
John Perry (1960s/1970s)
Bert Hutchings (1960s-1980s)
Bert Williams (1970s/1980s)
Eric Stafford (1980s)
Madge Greenfield (1980s-2000s)
Geoff Martin (1980s-2000s)

We would digitize any photos that emerged, and give the owners a good digital copy to keep along with their original. The book will be published to coincide with the Garden Club's Exhibition to celebrate 75 years of the Annual Show, on Saturday 2nd July from 10am to 5pm (entry free). There will be a display of Show memorabilia, archive material and photos from over the years. The cups will be on display for careful perusal for probably the first time ever. Refreshments will be available.

The Show itself this year will be held on Saturday 20th August.

#### LYMPSTONE SAILING CLUB

After another extraordinary year we should remember that we kept on sailing! Here's to an exciting 2022!

Lympstone Sailing Club is planning a full season in 2022 incorporating exciting ideas from you as our members. The LSC membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December and there's never been a better time to join if you haven't already!

We have frozen our fees at 2020 prices and removed the administration fee, so strike whilst the iron is hot and come along, support the club and get involved!

So far this winter season we have held the socials, quizzes, talks and of course the world famous boxing day swim. We've got plenty in the calendar coming up including Mariners munches (every Friday), talks, more quizzes and not to mention the full summer programme of on the water activity.

If you are interested in joining, or want to know more, please visit the LSC website

or email Nick, the membership secretary at membership@lympstonesailingclub.

We look forward to welcoming you to the club in 2022!



#### NO TIME TO DIE

Lympstone Village Hall is delighted to present:

'No Time to Die' on Saturday 12th February at 5.30pm (2hr 45min, no interval).

Doors open 5pm. Refreshments on sale before and after the film.

**TICKETS** (Classification: 12): please email boxoffice@lympstonevillagehall. org.uk to reserve your seats.

Cost: Adults £5, Children under 12

£2.50 (contactless payments please).

Tickets will be on sale under the railway arch on the mornings of Saturday 29th January and Saturday 5th February.

The Hall Team do hope that the Covid pandemic does not force us to postpone this event. A final decision will be taken just before tickets go on sale.

Lympstone Village Hall is fitted with UV air sanitisation system for everyone's safety.

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## THE HERALD HISTORY SPOT - The Railway Hotel produced by Lympstone History Society

Many will know the lane behind the Swan that goes up to the Cliff Field but not the connection between the pub and the houses on the right of the lane, West View, Haldon View and Field House.

The story starts with George Chick. Born in Hampshire George, his wife, Louise, and their daughter, also Louise, came to Lympstone in the 1880's. He became the landlord of Swan that comprised not only the pub itself but also the land behind it leading up to Cliff Field. The pub was then known as The Railway Hotel and was owned by a local brewery.

George's wife, born in France and arriving in Lympstone not long after the end of the Napoleonic wars, was not well received. However his changed after she caught a runaway horse that had bolted whilst pulling the milk cart through the village.

By the early 20th century George had acquired the hotel and in1911 built West View and Haldon View for his daughters, Alice and Mabel. George died in 1919 but his wife Louise lived in Lympstone until her death in 1933 aged 90.

In 1916 George's daughter Alice married William Tapscott, son of John Tapscott the builder of the two houses.

They moved into West View and raised three children, George, Joan and Tim. When Alice died in 1961 Tim and his wife moved into the house. Tim served on the Parish Council for many years and West View remains in the family to this day.

Mabel never lived in Haldon View. In 1911 she married Sydney Litton who came from a long line of Lympstone fisherman, indeed there have been Litton's in the village for over 250 years! After postings overseas Sydney moved to the Royal Naval College in Dartmouth so the house was let to the Powell family and their daughter Molly lived there until she died in the 1990's. Sydney's son John then took possession of the house and it has now passed to his son David and wife Sarah.

Meanwhile the land beyond West View and Haldon View had passed down to three of George Chick's grandsons and in 2000 was acquired by George's great-granddaughter and her husband who built Field House.

So after over 140 years George's legacy lives on through his family's continued presence in the houses behind the Swan.

David Litton



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#### **COMMUNITY HUB LUNCHES**

Unfortunately we had to move the December Lunch to home deliveries at the last moment, but still managed to cook and deliver 57 Turkey Dinners with all the trimmings, Christmas Puddings and a Santa 'Goody Bags'. The January Lunch will also be home delivered and we will contact our recipients in mid-February to let them know about the February Lunch. The next dates and lunches are:-

Hopefully, once covid restrictions are relaxed, we can move the lunch into the Village Hall and make it more of a social and community event. If you have any queries or would like to help us out as a volunteer, please contact Linda Lyon at malcandlinda@aol.com or ring on 01395 278166.

Many thanks Linda Lvon

1pm Sunday 30 January

- Beef Casserole & Fruit Crumble1pm Sunday 27 February
- Cottage Pie & Sponge Pudding1pm Sunday 27 March
- Roast Pork dinner and Easter cake



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE LYMPSTONE FLOOD RESILIENCE GROUP

January, February and March can bring some of the worst winter storms, so this is a request for your continued support in managing the flood risk in the village. We have an excellent team keeping road drains clear but you can help if there is one near you by clearing leaves and debris from the covers on a regular basis.

- If your land boundary is next to Wotton Brook, or one of the other watercourses in the village, you are a Riparian Owner. Please keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase the flood risk, 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
- If you see any activity that could cause 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)

You may wish to look into ways in which you can protect your own property:
There is a lot of useful advice in www. befloodready.uk Measures you may wish to consider include:

Flood boards: usually placed in

- vulnerable doorways, in pre-fitted channels
- Sandbags or water filled bags. Put in place before a flood event.
- Non return valves: can be installed to drains around the home to stop floodwater backing up. Also for installation in toilet pans to prevent sewage backing up.
- Airbrick covers or self closing air bricks to prevent flood water entering

A comprehensive list of flood protection products and specialist fitting companies can be found in the Blue Pages (http://bluepages.org.uk)

You may be able to apply for a Property Flood Resilience Grant from Devon County Council to help with the costs of making your property more resilient. Details of the scheme, and the application process is here (search for: Devon County Council, Property Flood Resilience Grant)

If you think your property may be flooded

- 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

#### LYMPSTONE HISTORY SOCIETY

Thank you to all those of you who came to our December meeting when Angela Coles gave us a fascinating talk about Gulliford Burial Ground. We are pleased to say that we are returning to evening meetings, and our future talks will now be held on Wednesday evenings, in the Function Room at the Village Hall. We hope they will all be able to go ahead as planned!

Our next talk is on Wednesday 16th February at 7.30pm, when Robert Hesketh will be telling us all about 'Surnames in Devon and Beyond'.

We will continue to observe Covid precautions at our events and, of course, the Village Hall's UV air sanitising system will provide additional protection for us all.

Mary Turner Secretary, Lympstone History Society

## NEW DATE FOR THE VILLAGE CONCERT

Saturday, 26th March 2022

One of the highlights of the Lympstone calendar is the Village Concert, usually in February. Last year, of course, it was a victim of lockdown, but this year we had hoped that it would return to its regular spot.

We've decided to postpone it, for just a month, when we hope that everybody will be more comfortable about gathering together in numbers, as the talented performers of the village take to the stage. The whole pleasure of the Concert is the atmosphere of community and togetherness, and we think that there is more chance of this being possible by the end of March. It will, of course, be run in accordance with the government advice in operation at the time – and no rules will be broken.

So please put this date in your diary. If you would like to take part, or help with front of house, please contact sheilastoneemail@gmail.com.

Some performers have already been rehearsing, and with an extra month their acts should be even more polished. It will be worth the wait!

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#### METHODIST HALL - HELP NEEDED!

The Methodist Hall in Lower Lympstone is "on the market". Following a Public Meeting held in December to establish support for this much valued community facility, the unanimous decision was to pursue means to purchase it. To this end a second, packed hall of interested Lympstonians met at the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 January, and agreed to establish a Friends of the Methodist Hall Group to take matters forward.

The Hall is registered as a Community Asset which enables a short space of time to mount a fund raising effort prior to the Hall going on the wider open market at the end of March. The Parish Council and other interested parties are already looking at funding and income mechanisms to ensure the future security of the Hall for village use. However some of the purchase funds will need to be raised by the wider Lympstone Community to ensure that the village has the use of this valuable community asset.

We need your help! Friends of MH Group are currently investigating a Crowdfunding initiative and a website is being developed. All details of the Crowdfunding pages and what you can do to help will be entered there - Please go to the website https://www.lympstonepms.com to see why this

Hall should be retained for your use. If you can help in any way we would be grateful. Please contact Helen Dimond at dimond@hdimond.plus.com

Friends of the Methodist Hall

#### LYMPSTONE ART GROUP TALKS

We are pleased to recommence our regular Art Talks.

Our first talk is on Wednesday 2nd February by artist, Naomi Hart, about her recent project about the River Exe from Exeter to Topsham, and about Tall Ships made and launched there including HMS Terror.

The second is on Wednesday 9th March and is by Marcus Vergette, sculptor, musician, and film maker. Marcus makes bells and many of these have been hung on the UK coast and are rung by the action of the sea at high tide. The first was installed at Appledore, Devon in 2009 and others in Lancashire, Wales, the Hebrides and on the Thames

Both talks are at 7.30pm in the Function Room in Lympstone Village Hall.

These are free to members and £3 for guests. All are welcome.

Judith Carter

#### **QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE 2-5 JUNE 2022**

The Community Hub are starting to plan Lympstone events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee Weekend. So far, the main events are :-

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Beacon in Cliff Field with food & entertainment
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Party on Cliff Field with food & entertainment
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June World Record attempt for most cream teas served

Other events will take place over the weekend including the Art Group Exhibition, photos and films of Lympstone during the Queen's reign, a Bake-Off, The film 'Land Girls' with a talk on the Women's Land Army, tug-o-war and much more! All events will be free to enter and enjoy.

We are asking villagers what else they would like to see included over the weekend and meetings to gather and discuss ideas will be held in the Village Hall at the end of February and beginning of March. Details will be on the village website soon and in the next edition of the Herald. The Hub will also individually email the village groups & societies for their input.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out at events. Please contact Linda Lyon at malcandlinda@aol.com if you have any ideas or wish to be involved. Many thanks

Linda Lyon

As part of Lympstone's jam packed weekend of celebration we are very excited to announce that we have been given the official seal of approval to make a Guinness World Record attempt at the worlds largest cream tea! The current record stands at 1088 so this is a mammoth task – but one we are confident that Lympstone Village can get behind and absolutely smash!! But we NEED YOUR HELP to do this!!

Field on Sunday 5th June 2022 starting at 11am!

To make it a legitimate attempt there are lots of hoops to jump through :- each table needs a tablecloth, proper crockery and cutlery, English Breakfast tea – the full Monty on Devon (or Cornwall) cream tea items and in order to achieve this monumental achievement and historical event for our village we need lots of support!!

The attempt will take place in Candys

Can you attend? Can you bake scones?

Can you bring your own small table, chair, crockery?

Please please please help us create history!

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Vicki Drinkwater

# LYMPSTONE CELEBRATES QUEEN ELIZABETH II JUBILEE WITH AN OFFICIAL WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THE WORLDS I ARGEST CREAM TEA



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We ring Wednesday for practice night

19.30 - 20.30, and again on Sunday morning from 9.00 - 9.30

To find out if this is something for you, then either pop into the church tower on Wednesday nights from 19.30 until 20.30, or email gary.winter2811@gmail.com for more information.

#### FREECYCLING DAYS: 12TH / 13TH MARCH

We are repeating the idea of a freecycling day - but two days this time. The October day last year seemed to be helpful in terms of getting rid of things and for the acquisition of useful other things. A bonus was that it seemed to generate quite a bit of fun, helped, of course, by sunshine. The idea is that you put outside your house, in a safe position, anything you want to get rid of on the basis that the items may be

of use to someone else. This worked well last time - but for one event.... Some gardening tools, put down so the owner could get a cuppa, were taken by someone who assumed they were 'give-aways'. Lesson learnt: we suggest you label clearly the items that are free (and be careful what else you leave around outside your gate on those days!).

Jenny Moon

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#### FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH - LOTTERY CHANGES

Thank you to all who have supported the Friends through 2021. Despite the Covid restrictions, you have helped us raise just over £2,100 through your support of the Cricket Match, the annual Curry Lunch and our monthly Lottery.

The Friends' sole object is raising funds to keep our historic parish church in good repair. It's our finest and oldest public building, of service and benefit to all, not just to regular worshippers. So we believe that it's right to invite the community as a whole to help it stays well maintained both now and for future generations. And how well have you responded! - the support and generosity of Lympstonians has enabled us over the last seven years to raise £31,000 for essential work - and many thousands more since the charity started in 1986.

We shall shortly start selling tickets for the 2022 round of our monthly lottery - which generally provides about 60% of our income. There are some changes this year. The good news is that the monthly prize is doubling from £25 to £50! The ticket price will increase from £6 to £10 . As before, each ticket will give entry into 12 monthly draws. No one likes a price hike. But these changes are the first since our Lottery started in 1987. Had we maintained the cost of a ticket in real terms over that time it would now be £15!

With so many alterations going on around us, the church's continued unchanging presence at the centre of our village seems especially important. So we hope that everyone who has supported us in the past will continue to do so, and others too, sure in the knowledge that your help really will make a difference! Not to mention the £50 you may win.

Our Lottery tickets are sold door to door starting around the end of February and continuing till mid April. it's not possible to cover every house in the village. But if you wish to buy a ticket and no-one calls, please do let me know.

Clive Wilson (264753) Secretary, Friends of the Church

PS the latest winners in our monthly draw are Matt Hood and Steve Archer

#### **GREEN LYMPSTONE**

Our hardworking Devon Wildlife Trust has set up a challenge for villages, parishes, towns etc. Their aim is that by 2030, at least 1 in every 4 people in Devon are physically, mentally or artistically engaged in some activity which helps to restore our sadly declining Wildlife in climate warming. They suggest that, to succeed, we should create Green Communities, particularly in Villages, wherein our individual efforts unite to produce a collaborative benefit for wildlife.

I know many Lympstonians are already heavily engaged in gardening, Woodland and hedgerow renewal, wildflower and vegetable growing and much more which all help to nurture wildlife.

Most have abandoned use of pesticides or peat soil indulging instead in creating functional compost heaps. Small achievements as well as large ones are vital. Of the latter, for example,

the team restoring Gulliford Burial Ground has done much to encourage wildlife into its precincts. Of the former, a neighbour with a little courtyard has enjoyed watching bluetits on her very busy bird feeder literally 'kicking' with their feet too many other birds coming to feed!

To make a positive start let's record successes such as these. This could

inspire others who might appreciate practical help or advice in the best ways to encourage wildlife whether simply growing seeds in a flowerpot or something more ambitious.

On the strength of this challenge, some wise friends have suggested I write this letter hoping to start a record of peoples' engagement in wildlife already up and running or with projects in mind. May I ask therefore if you would kindly either send me a written note or a few lines by email or a phone call or a knock on my door, or a chat in the street telling me of your wildlife triumphs or failures! Even just a story of any special wildlife experience you have encountered in garden, allotment or around the village would be interesting and fun.

Great encouragement! Nothing succeeds like success!

Of course I would never publish names or addresses unless requested. DWT's challenge is only a tiny start but if it grows how wonderful it would be to restore our unique Devon for our children.

If anyone would give me a hand in collating people's responses etc. (which I hope will be many!) I would be most grateful. Thank you.

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#### THE OLD DAIRY RE-WILDING PROJECT

Den & I have recently acquired the acre and a half of land which adjoins our property at the rear. This piece of land has been totally neglected and completely overgrown for several decades.

We have ambitious plans for the site to enhance the local biodiversity. We will be working with local designer Jackie Michelmore, owner of Look Out Landscapes and Sam Burdick, County Grounds Maintenance, to rewild the area. This will include planting mixed native hedgerows and trees, establishing a wild flower meadow and installing a pond.

The benefits of re-wilding include:

- Mitigating climate change by increasing carbon removal from the atmosphere
- Helping wildlife to adapt to climate change
- Reverse biodiversity loss
- Restoring the abundance of Britain's wildlife and its missing species
- Creating wildlife corridors

The Old Dairy is a thriving local hospitality business providing high quality bed & breakfast and self-catering accommodation attracting visitors into the village who in turn support local businesses. The extension to the garden for our guests to enjoy will

enhance the attractiveness of staying at The Old Dairy thereby increasing contribution to the local economy.

If you would like to know more about our plans or would like to visit the site please do get in touch. We would be delighted to show you around and answer any questions you might have.

Jules & Den





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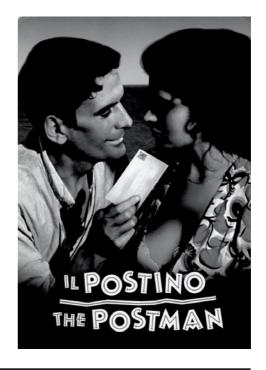
#### "ONE OF THE MOST ROMANTIC MOVIES EVER MADE"

Il Postino is an enchanted sun-touched film, set on an Italian island, about the relationship between a postman and a famous poet, and the beautiful girl who works in her aunt's café. "One of the most romantic movies ever made," said one reviewer, and it will bring sunshine and enchantment to Lympstone Film Society this February, just before Valentine's Day.

This much-loved comedy-drama was made by the English director Michael Radford in the 1990s, but is set in the 1950s, and filmed on the island of Procida in the Bay of Naples.

Non-members are welcome for only £5 at the door of the Village Hall, which opens at 6.45pm for the showing at 7.30 on Friday, 11th February. The meal that we were offering beforehand has

been postponed till a later date, but the bar will be open and ice creams served in the interval.





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#### LYMPSTONE MUMMERS



Lympstone Mummers were happy to find so many of their fellow villagers lurking within and without Lympstone's four fine hostelries two nights before Christmas. A passing pandemic persuaded the troupe to perform the traditional village play on the outside of pub doors for once, but the night was very mild and a there was a great turnout - probably close to a hundred at The Redwing alone. Fighting for a patch of pub floor on which to slay England's historic foes is always fun, but the chance for some real street theatre instead was enjoyed equally by actors and audiences. The collection, the Children's Society raised £213.55 - plus a "Fistful" of 10 US dollars! See you again next December!

Father Christmas (aka Tony Day)

## PURE MAGIC! ALADDIN PANTO HITS THE LYMPSTONE STAGE



Lympstone audiences enjoyed a delightful, magical experience recently at The Lympstone Players' production of Aladdin written by Alan Frayn and directed by Sharon Wayland. This was a great opportunity to bring the village community together once again and share the joy of live theatre. The last panto performed by The Players was Beauty And The Beast in 2016. This year, we were able to draw on the collective talent, energy and enthusiasm of nearly 60 local people to produce

Aladdin. The beautiful scenery and costumes, technical support, live music and comedic skills of the actors, all combined to deliver a thoroughly entertaining traditional pantomime.

In our commitment to supporting local community organisations, the Lympstone Players also donated £250 from surplus profit to Lympstone Pre-School.

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