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#### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

LPC held their monthly public meeting on Monday 4th July in the Meeting Room.

Public sessions - Cllr Atkins asked to speak on behalf of a member of the public. The resident organised the beating of the bounds event every four years and it was due to be held this year. Unfortunately, due to the current housing development at Goodmores which had closed off this part of the traditional event, the resident felt it would not be safe to walk the boundary and felt the event would have to be postponed. Cllr Atkins was concerned that the boundary stone had been removed by contractors and this would be investigated by the PC.

Casual Vacancy - The Chairman explained that there had been one application of interest and he was present in the public gallery. Mr Moffatt was invited to be co-opted on to the PC with immediate effect. Therefore, we warmly welcome a new member of the PC! More information about Cllr Moffatt can be found on the Lympstone website

Clerks Report – The Clerk explained that correspondence had been received regarding additional dog poo/waste bins in the Parish. The Clerk explained that she had followed this up with EDDC and

they were not providing additional bins or emptying due to staff shortages and lack of available resources. Cllr Francis proposed to move two bins already in the Parish that were underused. The Clerk would follow this idea up with EDDC and see if it could be accommodated.

Reports from the Chairman, East Devon **District Councillors** and Devon County Councillors - The Chairman announced the following sad news 'On Tuesday 7th June former East Devon and Lympstone Parish Councillor Rob Longhurst, passed away suddenly at his home in the village. Rob had attended a number of events over the Jubilee weekend, and I met him for the first time at the Saturday party, where he told me of his plans to re-join the Parish Council. He was responsible for a number of successful projects in the village, and his passing will be mourned by many. His Funeral is on Friday 15th July, and I would like to, on behalf of the Parish Council, send our condolences to Rob's widow Frances, and family.' Cllr Ingham shared his condolences of Mr Rob Longhurst's sad passing. He added that during the time he was a Councillor and what he had achieved was remarkable. He was dedicated to all his causes and rallied Parishioners, person when necessarv. He persevered and prevented a large housing development at Courtlands

and had left a legacy with this cause. He undertook the NP and ensured this was pursued and written so Lympstone was one of the first in the Country to have this in place. Thank you, Rob Longhurst, he was second to none to serve our community.

The Hub building - Cllr Payne explained that the Hub working group had met on numerous occasions. She thanked Mr Malcom Lyons for all his hard work and help with the feasibility report. The feasibility report presented three options for the current building, and it was agreed to investigate further an entire rebuild.

East Devon Local Plan Review - Cllr Francis presented the findings from the drop-in sessions and returned questionnaires regarding the East Devon Local Plan review. There were many similar themes and issues raised from members of the public. The Cllrs agreed to return the report on behalf of the Parishioners. This full report can be found online. The report concluded: Some development in Lympstone has to take place and the best way forward is EDDC working with LPC, EDDC, DCC Cllrs and residents to ensure concerns over maintaining green wedges, protecting agriculture and wildlife, infrastructure, provision of affordable housing, sport facilities, cycle ways and footways are addressed and included in planning proposals.

**Reports of Committees:** Parish paths, bridleways, rural and village footways and roads - Cllr Beatty reported that the sign in the Mill field by the waterfall had been stolen. She was concerned for the safety of members of the public using this footpath as the gate kept getting vandalised and left in a dangerous condition. The Chairman added that he would contact the community police officer, Sqt Stonecliffe for advice. Please take extra care when walking through and using this gate as the damage has left sharp edges. For some reason this gateway is seemingly being targeted and ruining the public right of way for everyone through this mindless and unnecessary behaviour. PLEASE NOTE The vandalism and theft has been reported to the police. Please remain vigilant and if anyone sees anything then please dial 999 immediately to add further information to the police record.

The Clerk reminded all Cllrs that there would be no August PC meeting. The monthly PC meetings would resume on 5th September in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Although I can still be contacted on the usual ways of communication to help with any of your queries.

Therefore, the Parish Council would like to wish everyone a most enjoyable summer break. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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#### **PARISH CHURCH**

Rector's Cheese and Wine Party. On the evening of 13th August at 7pm Steve will be hosting a Rector's Cheese and Wine Party. His aim is to meet and get to know people he has not had the opportunity to have a conversation with before. All villagers are invited to drop in to church to come along for a chat. At the end of the evening Steve will answer questions on any relevant subject. regarding the church and Lympstone Church in particular. Do come along.

Produce Stall. This summer the church is once again running a produce stall on Saturday mornings under the arch until 3rd September. Time is 9:30 - 10:30 and it's open until all the produce is sold. We welcome donations of garden or allotment produce or anything that you have created in the kitchen, cakes, bread, pies et cetera.

This event has always proved popular and things sell out very fast. So make

sure you're early!

'Ride & Stride' event provides the opportunity for walkers and cyclists to visit local churches - and to raise money for the preservation of church buildings throughout Devon. Many churches have refreshments available to welcome the travellers! Routes can be as short or as long as you like and maps will be available in the Parish Church so that you can define your preferred route in Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton or Topsham. This is an enjoyable day out for families of all ages - combined with as much, or as little, exercise as you choose! This year's event will be on Saturday 10th September, please book the date in your diaries now!

#### Opportunities to help

The Produce stall needs helpers to man the stall, make and give produce and, finally, to buy the produce.

Audio Visual Helpers to learn how the system works and the way to operate it during services.

Flower arrangers to create displays to enhance our beautiful building.

Tick Tock and Lympstone Unlocked will return after to summer break.

**The Journey** The 9:30 Sunday morning services taking place on the first and third Sundays of the month are services for every age and follow a pattern which

is easily accessible by all. On 4th/5th Sundays the 9.30 service follows the more traditional eucharist service from the modern prayer book, whilst the 2nd Sundays are Morning Services with songs.

On Sunday the 4th September at 9.30 am The Journey new-style service at Lympstone Parish Church will be focusing on baptism, and thinking about how people of all ages can become part of God's dynamic family.

Beach Baptism. Following the 4th September Journey service (see above) in church there will be a full-immersion baptism service on the beach in Exmouth, as we join with the Exmouth parishes for a huge baptism celebration, followed by a BBQ on the Maer. Anyone interested in baptism on the 4th September (or at any other time) is most welcome to contact the Rector Steve Jones on 01395 266442.

Brian Mather

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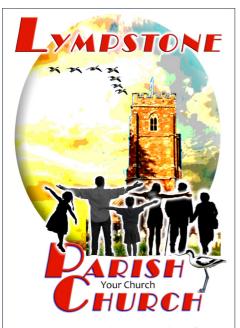


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She has become our longest reigning monarch and we thank her for the extraordinary service she has given our country for more than seven decades.

Throughout her reign, her commitment to public service has been beyond question. Her sense of public duty is as steadfast today as it was when she declared, aged just 21, that she would devote her whole life to the service of her people. She continues to demonstrate that commitment every single day.

Her selfless sense of duty inspires our respect and our fondness, not only in Britain but around the world. This is particularly true across the Commonwealth an institution which owes much of its success to Her Majesty and the leadership she has provided. As a diplomat and n ambassador for Britain, it is hard to overstate what she has done for our country

We should perhaps pause for a moment to reflect on the truly remarkable scale of Her Majesty's service during her reign. She became our Queen on 6 February 1952 and her Coronation was on 2 June 1953. In those 70 years, she

has worked with:

- 14 Prime Ministers and 6 Archbishops of Canterbury,
- She has represented us on 265 official visits to 116 different countries,
- She has answered over 4 million pieces of correspondence,
- She has sent over 300,000 telegrams to centenarians across the Commonwealth.
- And has met more people than any other monarch in our history.

Her Majesty exemplifies the unique combination of tradition and progress that has come to define us as a nation. The United Kingdom in 2022 is a world apart from that of 1952, yet she has kept in touch with our national life throughout her reign. She has provided a rock of stability and an enduring focal point for all her people.

But, at the same time, one of her greatest qualities is that she has continued to adapt, evolve and change the role of the monarchy, while always retaining the values of the Institution — decency, honesty, humility and honour, which we all cherish

It has been a real privilege to lead these tributes today. Her Majesty has served our country with unerring grace, total dedication, dignity and decency.

Long may she continue to do so. *Cllr Keith Hill* 



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#### **JUBILEE BEACON BONFIRE**

Before Christmas I was asked if I could organise and build the Beacon for the Queens Jubilee which I readily agreed to do. I advertised for volunteers and donations of wood. After some thought I came up with the idea of involving children to light the beacon to make it something for them to remember for the rest of their lives, with the memory to pass on to future generations. I would like to thank the firelighters involved for all their super efforts and impeccable behaviour at all times: George Grounsell, Martha Grounsell, Dexter Staddon, Florence Staddon, Rupert Gilmartin and Molly Harrison. The children had previously been involved in making their own fire torches, attending the necessary training, and following strict safety instructions.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Jeff Morrish for his many days volunteering to assist me with the preparation of the Beacon, collecting several van and trailer loads of timber and a felled tree to use as a centre pole. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mr Nick Lloyd who gave up an entire weekend volunteering to help me build the Beacon with the wood that was brought up to Cliff field. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Mullen for their huge donation of wood. Over the following days leading to the lighting of the Beacon, more wood was donated to

the construction.

Finally, the day arrived and with the water bowser serviced and filled it was brought up to the Beacon to be ready and on hand for any fire safety issues. The safety ropes were up, and we were ready to go!

After a short introduction to the crowd the children very successfully lit the fire which I must say was a sight to behold. The beacon itself rose to the momentous historic occasion and was admired by the very large crowd that turned out to see it.

After staying on the Cliff Field until gone midnight I finally thought it was safe to leave. Early on Sunday 5 of June I went up to the Cliff Field and removed the ash, metal, and nails from the base of the Beacon. In the Autumn the grass and wildflower seeds will be sown to ensure the area returns to its natural state. All in all, it was a very successful Beacon, but this would not have been possible without the kind help of the few volunteers who turned out.

Cllr David Tyrrell

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#### THE HERALD HISTORY SPOT

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**EDEN PHILLPOTTS** 1862-1960 Eden Phillpotts, the author of more than 250 published works, is the best known Lympstone worthy in the list. Though he never had a house in the village there are strong links connecting him to this village. The first link is his book Redcliff. Redcliff, of course, was and is Lympstone. It was Lympstone as entire as Phillpotts could make it without being sued for slander. It was written in 1923/24. For a whole year Eden lived here and made close observations of the place and the people and copied down conversations verbatim. Redcliff is one of only two books that he wrote about an entire village. The other is Widecombe Fair. Phillpotts was as much a journalist as a he was novelist and the book provides a fascinating record of a Devon village in the nineteen twenties and makes fascinating reading for anyone interested in that period of history.

His second link with this village is that Eden's uncle George Webb, his two aunts and two cousins lived here. They lived together at one time in the house called Bridgethorpe and later at Hillcroft up Burgmann's Hill. All five are buried in Lympstone churchyard. These were not just any old aunts, they were

the women, his mother's sisters, who acted like second and third mothers to Phillpotts when he lived in Dawlish as a boy. He loved them dearly and he visited them often.

The third link is particularly his cousin Robina and it has a whiff of scandal about it. When he came and lived in Lympstone in order to write Redcliff, it would seem he stayed here as a guest of his aunts. Here he formed an attachment with his cousin Robina.

Phillpotts was a very complex human being: a romantic, an atheist and, if his daughter Adelaide is to be credited, something of a sexual predator. He was an obsessional worker and a consummate wordsmith and his work has been undeservedly neglected, perhaps partly because he lived for so long, he died aged 98 in 1960, that his many books have been in copyright.



#### **NETBALL NOW**

For any adult netball players in Lympstone who might be interested in joining a team to play in the local league this forthcoming season, the Netball Now sessions would be a good choice. The league matches are played indoors at Bicton on Thursday evenings through the winter and a couple of established teams may be looking over the Summer for players to add to their Winter squads.

The Back to Netball sessions are for anyone enthusiastic to play netball for fun again, even if it's been some time since you last played!

Sophie Minter











## THE HERALD HISTORY SPOT - Witless Bay....a long distant link? produced by Lympstone History Society

Witless Bay is two thousand miles across the Atlantic. It is a bay near the capital of Newfoundland (St Johns), Canada and in its name there may be a small mark of Lympstone.

For several centuries from the mid 1500's, men set out from sea ports of Devon and Dorset in around March each year for the bays of the Newfoundland coast. They sailed in small ships because they had to negotiate shallow and rocky waters, and work their way around icebergs. As soon as they arrived, they created settlements called 'plantations' and fished for the large cod that were in abundance at that time. They salted and dried the fish and sailed back in the early autumn, a hazardous journey that would take four to six weeks each way if they made it past roving pirates, icebergs, thick fogs and big seas. Sometimes they sailed via Spain and Portugal to sell the fish and take on wine or salt for the next year's fishing. An incentive was what the crew might earn if it was a good year for the cod. Their wage was based on a percentage of the catch.

We know of a number of Lympstone families who were involved in the trade – Bassey, Stafford, Tayor and Kingman, for example. These names are reflected in some Lympstone house names.

Another family involved in the trade was the Withells (represented in the name of a Close off Greenhill Avenue). When I was in Newfoundland, researching the cod trade I visited Peter Pope at Memorial University who has written extensively about the trade. One of the first things he said to me was that maybe the name of Witless Bay might have been derived from Withell's bay (try saying it!). Back in my room in St John's there was a telephone directory and I was interested to observe that there were many Whittles listed.

If you are interested in this topic and village life for a local boy who sailed to Newfoundland in 1590, Lympstone History Society has published a book - 'Devon Boy' (£4.50). Contact Jennyamoon@gmail.com.

Jenny Moon

#### **DESIGNING A NEW WOODLAND FOR EAST DEVON**

A new wood needs a name and we want you to name it! bit.ly/newwoodname

We are talking about a name for a wood before it exists, so how do we turn this site into a haven for nature? We don't just throw trees in the ground - designing a new wood means looking at what is there already, what we want to achieve, how it fits into the landscape, and how we can work with local people. Here at Coombe, our primary aim is nature recovery, but also bringing benefits to people, capturing carbon, and helping to mitigate flooding.



Building blocks of nature - what is there already

- The existing woods include ancient woodland flora - bluebells and wood anemones, that are being shaded out by invasive laurel.
- We've recorded 29 veteran trees and unusual oak pollards.
- Old maps reveal field patterns and orchards. Old hedgerows and trees provide seedbanks and suckers that will spread out into the fields.
- Hydrographic mapping shows water flows, and boggy fields with

- spring lines offer opportunities to hold water on the land and create wet woodland. We're working with the Environment Agency and local flood action groups.
- Soil analysis has revealed lower levels of fertility than expected, good news for wildflowers (flowers prefer poor soils). But also not surprisingly, lots of pebbles – trickier for planting trees!

#### The bigger picture

Thinking about our surroundings, a mosaic of habitats means a more



resilient landscape. With an estuary to the west and heaths to the east, more trees will provide much-needed shade for birds and other wildlife. This is crucial as our summers become hotter (and our winters wetter).

The site also has constraints – a lane through the middle, electricity pylons crossing fields, neighbours, whose views and privacy we want to protect, and steep slopes in places.

Taking all this into account the design (opposite) includes a mosaic of woods, wood pasture, scrub and glades.

#### **Community connections**

We've recruited volunteers to help us create a baseline of the birds, butterflies, insects and plants. We're working with local primary schools and planning walks and tree planting days – watch this space! And we aim to open the first part of the site in Spring 2023.

With 2022 being the Woodland Trust's 50th anniversary, a backdrop of climate change and the biodiversity crisis, we need space for nature like here, now more than ever. For more information: southwestenquiries@woodlandtrust. org.uk

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We will be using the Village Hall Community Room on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 8am – 6pm All year around. We are working in conjunction with Lympstone Preschool and our setting will feed directly to them. We are holding an open day on the 13th August at the Village Hall from 9am – 12pm. Please come and join us for a play and chat.

On this day we are also recruiting new staff members so if you would like a change of career, a fresh start or a new setting please come along with your c.v to chat to us about the many positions we have available.

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Krysia Osostowicz (left), founder of the Dante Quartet, which famously played all Beethoven's Quartets in Lympstone, is now first violin of the Brodsky Quartet (above)

Lympstone Entertainments is thrilled to annouce that the world-renowned Brodsky Quartet are coming to Lympstone Church on Sunday 4th September to play one of the most-loved pieces of classical music, Schubert's Quintet in C major. The extra cellist will be Richard Tunnicliffe, whose solo recording of the Bach cello suites was chosen as one of the 'best classical releases of 2012'.

The Schubert Quintet is in the top three most-selected choices on Desert Island Discs, and is generally regarded as the greatest composition in all chamber music. Because it requires two cellists, it is not played in live performance as often as it might be, and this is a rare and special opportunity to hear it in Devon, in the fine acoustic of Lympstone Church.

The Brodskys, who are celebrating 50 years of playing and recording, are a group with a stellar reputation, and have been hailed as "a cult string quartet" and "a genuine phenomenon". As well as the classsical repertoire, they have collaborated with such rock and pop figures as Björk, Elvis Costello and Paul

McCartney.

They are considered to be the no. 1 interpreters of Shostakovich, and their programme includes his Quartet no. 10, as well as Haydn's Quartet 54, no. 2, with its wild gypsy-like fantasies in the adagio section.

### Sunday, 4th September at 4pm Lympstone Parish Church

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#### **CONVERSATIONS WITH BACH**

Violinist Krysia Osostowicz returns to Lympstone on Sunday, 2nd October with cellist Miguel Cero to play a programme of Bach sonatas, with the poets George Szirtes and Eva Hoffman reading poems about the great composer.

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