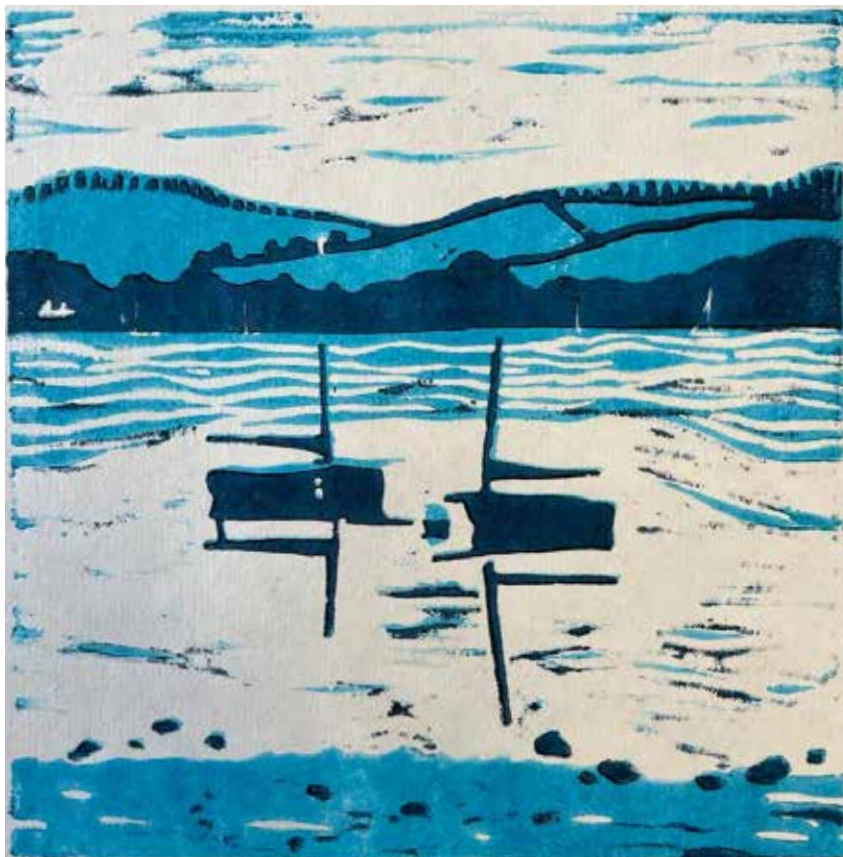


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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Public session - Mrs Lyons explained that there had been a great response to an open garden event next June. The Lympstone Garden festival would take place over the weekends 8th/9th June and 15/16th June 2024. There had been eight gardens confirmed (more gardens were welcomed) with a planned front garden and scarecrow trail around the Parish. All funds raised would be for Lympstone and Exmouth Hospiscare.

Casual Vacancy – The PC successfully co-opted a new member, welcome and congratulations to Cllr Robert Gale-Hasleham! The Parish Council now has a full Council.

Clerk's Report - The Parish Council agreed to become full members of the Exe Estuary management Partnership (EEMP). The Clerk presented the Notice of Conclusion of Audit, external auditor report and certificate with no issues identified. This has been published on notice boards and the website. The film society was successfully awarded their grant application to convert some reels of 90-year-old film footage of Lympstone to a modern format to conserve it.

20 is Plenty – Cllr Linfoot reported on this scheme. The PC agreed to support the 20mph speed limit in the Parish and pay for an initial traffic survey to see if Lympstone was eligible.

Reports from the Chairman, East Devon District Councillors and Devon County

Councillors – The Chairman welcome everyone back and thanked Cllrs for their perseverance and continued hard work over the summer break. He updated all present that there had been further anti-social behaviour in the public toilets over the summer and felt the PC needed to write again to the Police to enhance their presence and tackle mindless behaviour.

The Chairman, EDDC and DCC Cllrs all congratulated LFRG on a very successful drop-in session at the village hall. They were in awe of the work undertaken by the team and felt they were a role model and excellent example of the multi-agency approach to the issues of flooding for other groups in the area. Heartfelt thanks were shared for their efforts and expertise. Well done LFRG, you have made us incredibly proud!

Carbon Literacy – Cllr Culhane reported on Carbon literacy and what it meant for Lympstone.

She will be working with the Environment committee to deliver future initiatives and ideas.

Community Committee – Cllr Francis reported on the meeting with the webmasters and how much voluntary work is dedicated to keep the site running. She thanked the webmasters for all their efforts and the fantastic work they did for the village site. She also thanked the editors of the Herald, Mr Rob and Mrs Claire Hilton for all their voluntary work over the last few years to produce the monthly Lympstone Herald. She wished them luck in their next new chapter and life adventure. She also thanked and welcomed the new editor, Mr David Hawes.

A final note: The Parish council are hoping to recruit a few Parishioners to act as emergency wardens. This would primarily be to act as snow/ inclement weather wardens and assist and support the flood wardens in the event of a serious incident. If you are interested, please email me, the Clerk and you will be updated with further information in the coming months.

The next PC meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October in the Meeting Room, Lympstone Village Hall.

Clerk to the Council:

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LYMPSTONE GARDEN CLUB

The Village Show

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Village Show such a success. We had an army of willing volunteers to help set up and were blessed with lovely weather. We had the greatest number of entries ever with over 600 exhibits. Also, with 112 people entering that was the highest number for over a decade. It's always lovely to see the children's work and, as well as the contribution from the school, we were pleased to see that many local children entered independently.

Forthcoming Events:

Talks with refreshments for winter evenings.

Community Room 7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm £3 entry.

Thursday October 19th Dahlia Mania with Bella Given

I have seen Bella's wonderful dahlias. She certainly knows how to grow them. She's giving an illustrated talk and is bringing some flowers too.

Thursday November 16th Short AGM followed by the film of the 2017 Open Gardens in Lymington

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The Quiz takes place on Saturday 7th October at 7:30pm and is free but asking for a donation. Drink and refreshments provided.

Rector's travels. Rector Steve Jones has recently returned from his sabbatical leave travelling in the footsteps of St Augustine from Rome through France to Canterbury. He shared his images and thoughts about his time away from the Mission Community when he spoke at Holy Trinity. This talk is now available to view on line at www.exmouthcoastalchurches.org.uk website. (I write this before the event in faith that the link will appear in due course!)

Friends of Lymptone church who support the preservation of, perhaps, the finest building in the village have great event coming up. Look elsewhere in this edition for the annual unmissable Curry Lunch on Sunday, 15 October - only 60 tickets available.

Men's Breakfast Club takes place on the 2nd Saturday of every other month. Think even months! The next one at the

Nutwell Toby Carvery is at 8.15am on Saturday 14th October. Enjoy breakfast followed by a talk from an invited guest.

Help and Volunteers are needed with readings and intercessions. Another area is to help with the distribution of wine at communion.

Annual Rainbow Fair for Christian Aid, Saturday 14 October 10am - 12pm, which is supported by a number of Churches in Exmouth and Lymptone, will be held from 10am to 12pm on Saturday 14th October at Glenorchy Church Hall in Exmouth. This year the Lymptone contribution will be all things GREEN. If you have any green item you would be willing to donate please leave it in church where a box will be provided to collect all offerings..

Food Bank. The table on the right as you enter church is a small food bank there for anyone who needs to take produce and/or nappies as required.. It is the village offshoot of Exmouth FoodBank

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HOT TICKETS FOR CURRY LUNCH

join the queue...

The date of this year's Annual Curry Lunch is Sunday, 15th October 12.30 for 1pm

This spicy and sociable Lympstone event is cooked up by The Friends of Lympstone Church, to raise money for the repair and maintenance of the most venerable building in the village, which hosts concerts and other entertainments as well as weekly worship.

The Curry Lunch has been a popular social and gastronomic event for some 15 years now, and tickets (£12, u/13s £6) are always in great demand. Rush to Demelza's at 2 Brookfield Cottages, or phone her on 01395 272 243

This year the Curry Lunch will be served on Sunday, 15th October. The Bar opens at 12.30pm.



Wanted!

Looking for a house sitter over the Christmas period? Or do you have a holiday home with availability?

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Reminder:

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After a routine inspection, the timber elements of the boardwalk were found to have deteriorated and rotted. Minor repairs have been ongoing for a couple of years to replace individual deck planks etc, but it is now time to carry out major works to completely replace all the timber elements with fibre-reinforced polymer (FRP) elements. FRP is a durable material that will not deteriorate in the damp environment that the boardwalk is situated in.

Unfortunately due to the extensive nature of the work, there is no alternative but to close this section of the Exe Estuary Trail for the duration of the work. A diversion route will be in place as shown in the attached plan.

The works are scheduled to start towards the end of September (after the school summer holidays) and is expected to last for about 3 months.

Information boards are going to be put up along the trail soon to advise users

of the upcoming closure, closure dates, and more information about the works and why we are doing it. We would like to try and reach as many interested parties as possible (local residents, businesses and other stakeholders) so please do forward this email on as necessary.

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The next meals will be :-

1.30pm Sunday 22 October - Roast
Pork & Sticky Toffee Pudding

Please not the later time!

1.00pm Sunday 19 November -
Chicken casserole & Ginger Sponge
Pudding

1.00pm Sunday 17 December -
Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings!

A small donation of up to £5 is welcome but not essential. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact Linda Lyon at malcandlinda@aol.com

*Many thanks
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LYMPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

Following on from the interesting article on Lymptone Village Hall (LVH) in the last edition of The Herald, it seemed an appropriate time to offer an insight into how the Village Hall runs. It has a history, a present and a future.

For those who are new to the Village, or perhaps just unaware of how the Hall works, let me explain.

The Hall is run as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charities Commission of England and Wales. A CIO is a modern structure for a charity, by definition “a corporate form of business designed for charitable organisations (in England and Wales).” In our case the members of the organisation are the Trustees. The CIO has a constitution and set of policies and procedures which can be found on our website. The benefits of the organisation being a CIO are that the property is held by the CIO rather than in the name of the Trustees and the Trustees have limited financial liability.

Our Trustees are principally drawn from members of various Lymptone clubs, societies, and organisations, but may also be just volunteers with no affiliation. In our case, Trustees fill the role on a voluntary basis, as well as represent various village clubs and societies.

The CIO Board has four Trustees meetings per year plus an AGM, the

most recent AGM having taken place on 19th September. In addition to the Board meetings, monthly Management meetings take place where the general running of the Village Hall is discussed. Major topics and any significant decisions which need to be made are taken to the CIO Board for discussion and ratification. The Management team is made up of several Trustees and the Maintenance Manager and Bookings Coordinator.

The main purpose of the LVH CIO is to provide a safe, welcoming, and well-equipped venue where local people can come together for community events and activities. The CIO is guided by a set of core values which are the anchor point for every decision and interface it has, managing both internal and external aspects of its business. And yes, to maintain the Hall in its excellent condition requires it to be run in a business-like manner, whilst not losing sight of the needs of the community. Unfortunately, that means that “you can’t please all of the people all of the time, but you try to please most of the people most of the time.”

Over the years the Hall has benefited from the kind generosity of many villagers and village organisations in terms of volunteering, fundraising, and equipment donations. The Hall would not

be where it is today without that support.

With the collective hard work of so many within the community, the Hall continues to provide a first-class facility for the many organisations who hire the Hall on a regular or one-off basis.

Other than the myriad of maintenance tasks and projects required to keep the hall running on a day-to-day basis while maintaining compliance with the necessary modern health and safety standards, there have been a number of major projects and improvements to the Hall:

- Installation of solar panels;
 - installation of air conditioning with UV air sanitization,
 - upgrade of the AV systems in all rooms and state of the art cinema quality system installed in the main hall;
 - installation of modern theatre standard stage lighting;
 - repainting and refreshing the main areas of the Hall;
 - soundproofing and carpet installation in the Community Room;
 - development, (including replacing the flat roof) of old changing rooms into a club room facility for the Tennis Club;
 - refurbishment of the bar area,
- ...and the list goes on.

To accomplish the above, the very hard work put in by our Maintenance Team (one man!), Trustees and volunteer workforce must be recognised.

The volunteers known as “Friends of LVH” bring a variety of skills and are regularly called upon to assist in maintenance tasks as well as mini and not so mini-improvement projects. The same team also helps prepare the Hall for club, society and many other events. Currently, there are vacant positions for Trustees, (particularly those with business skills). The vacancies have been created by the recently announced resignation for personal commitment reasons of three highly valued Trustees, Doreen Murray (Deputy Chair), Mary Turner (Secretary) and Caron Winter, (Bookings Coordinator). We do have a new Bookings Coordinator, but would encourage anyone who feels they can make a positive contribution toward running of the Hall to contact any of the existing Trustees to express interest and gain insight into the CIO and the role of a Trustee at LVH.

Ongoing Hall improvements are necessary to meet technical standards as well as supporting current and future needs of all Hall users within the Lymestone community. In a future article we will provide updates on activities and planned projects.

DON'T MISS THE DUCKS!

Anybody who saw Airswimming will want to catch Duck Variations, Alistair Ganley's latest production. The Cygnet Director is bringing this intriguing one-act play to Lympstone Village Hall on Saturday , 30th September, with two experienced Exeter actors, Mark Cassidy and Mark Shorto.

It's a one act play by the great American provocateur, David Mamet, famous for his crackling dialogue, both in films and on the stage. Witty, playful, sometimes surreal, and occasionally poignant, Duck Variations is an encounter between two older men as they engage in conversation on a bench overlooking Lake Michigan in Chicago. Ducks are not the only subject!

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Warhorses jumped into the headlines a few years ago with Michael Morpurgo's novel about a Devon horse, which became a play, a puppet and a Steven Spielberg film. But that was about the First World War, which saw the last significant use of warhorses in battle. Ollie will be talking about warhorses from 600 years earlier, at the beginning of a military revolution.

The Warhorse Project has carried out the first ever study of archaeological evidence for warhorses in medieval England — from scientific samples extracted from teeth through to analysis of bones, equestrian artefacts and armour, and the sites associated with horse breeding and training. How big do you think a Warhorse was?

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HARBOUR MATTERS

The annual craning of boats from the outfall of Wotton Brook to the hardstanding of the Harbour is planned for the morning of Wednesday 3rd October 2023, from before dawn to midday.

A large mobile crane will move through the village to the Harbour during the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd and depart early afternoon on Wednesday.

Owners of vehicles normally parked on the route between the Harbour via The Strand, Bergmann's Hill, Nutwell Road and the A376, particularly on the corner turning into the Harbour outside the Swan Inn, and at the parking bays on The Strand furthest from and in sight of the railway bridge are asked to park such that the crane can pass easily.

For safety reasons, the Harbour will be closed to the public during craning and during crane movements. Thank you for your co-operation.

Richard Crisp
www.lympstoneharbour.org.uk

REALITY CHEQUE!

The Redwing Pub recently presented RMA – The Royal Marines Charity with a cheque for £570 raised from a series of quiz nights.

Quizmaster Roger Riggs presented it to the Charity's Fundraising Manager, Vic Drinkwater, who said:

"We are incredibly grateful for the show of support from one of our local pubs and its patrons. Although it ended in rollover glory for a non-local team, we are so delighted they very generously opted to donate the cash prize to a local charity. A huge thank you to all who took part and who chose us! We greatly appreciate this contribution towards funding the lifelong support we offer to the Royal Marines Family."



PIANIST REQUIRED

We are starting a village “all comers” ladies choir, but desperately need a piano accompanist.

If you have an hour-and-a-half to spare on a Thursday from 4 p.m. and have some key board skills, would you like to come and have a go.

More details from

Judy Stutchbury 01395 220238 or

Wendy Reynolds 01395 271977.

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Saturday 18th November. 2 – 5pm.
Lympstone village hall. £15.

*To book and for further information
contact Anna Lunk:
annamlunk@gmail.com*

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 7PM ONWARDS

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PETER SCHAESENS

In July 2023 one of Lympstone's oldest residents Peter Schaessens, died aged nearly 97. He retired to the village with his wife Shirley in 1988 and enjoyed many happy years here, though Shirley died in 2006. At his funeral a brief history of his life was presented which a neighbour in the village said she felt could be of interest to other people who knew him, and so we offer this now.

Peter's father, Valentine, who was a skilled carpenter who'd fought in WW1 for his home county of Belgium emigrated to England to work in hotels with his brother. Peter's parents, Valentine and Emily, gave Peter an old fashioned Edwardian upbringing and instilled values and skills he carried throughout his life.

He grew up in south west London in houses which his father largely rebuilt, working during the day and doing his proper job at night as Night manager at the Savoy Hotel. Peter remembers cycling from Willesden to South Kensington as a young boy to look at the Science museums and the round pond in Kensington Gardens, where large model boats were expertly sailed by what he described as 'old gentlemen, 'saying 'well, they looked old to me at the time'. During the WW2 Peter remembered leaving a house they lived in Harlesdon, possibly temporarily

because of war conditions, to find on his return that it his bedroom had been blown to bits. Even as a young boy he travelled long journeys on trains, sent by his mother to visit relatives away from London totally on his own. On one such trip he managed to get himself into the driver's cabin for the trip!

Peter rode Sunbeam and Douglas motorbikes as a teenager and went to Naval College (including a stint in Portsmouth where he slept in an old 1880's wooden battleship while studying!). He was commissioned as a junior officer at the end of the war and saw limited service in Coastal Forces (MTBs and MGBs in the channel) through 1945/6. Part of his work was to escort surrendered German E boats back from Holland to England and he was always amazed that the British ships couldn't keep up with the German E boats.

Peter painted and sketched from an early age: it was taught as part of the Naval Cadet syllabus but he had a strong natural artistic streak. He carried on drawing, painting and taking striking photos throughout his life, some exhibited locally in Lympstone and in a calendar he created and sold locally.

After the war, Peter continued his studies at Battersea Polytechnic at

evening classes and qualified as a civil engineer, meeting his wife Shirley at Kingston Vale Operatic Society in the late 1940s, where they both performed in Gilbert and Sullivan productions.

Peter's work projects encompassed many of the major infrastructure projects of the post-war period. These included repairs to flood damage in East Anglia after the 1956 floods and a large hydroelectric scheme in the Scottish Highlands where Peter, Shirley and their young children lived in wooden huts for a while. This adventure left a big impression on him and he was invited back in recent years for an anniversary of the scheme which is still working.

He later moved to Somerset was lead engineer on the water intake works of Hinkley Point B nuclear power station, which was one of the largest construction projects in Europe at the time. He went on to build a deep water wharf in Kent and other projects. He then managed one of the first, early, computer systems for a large company in Crawley (Woodham-Duckham).

Peter loved the Exe Estuary and was delighted to be able to live so close to it and become a member of the Lympstone sailing club. He sailed well into his 70s, graduating to ownership of a small cabined, boat 'Piccolo', which

gave him many happy times.

In retirement Peter enjoyed a glass of red wine, and took many photographs of the beautiful sunsets that can be enjoyed from Cliff Field. He was active in the local Probus Club and Glenorchy church in Exmouth, a member of the Flotilla club and also at some point gave talks on navigation and past naval experiences to various groups.

As he grew older home visiting carers were a great boon and he was regularly visited by his children, children and nephews. In his last months he had to move briefly in a local care home. On the last occasion his daughter, Carol, saw him they looked together through a catalogue of the pictures of marine artist Montague Dawson. He always had large framed pictures by Dawson in the living room depicting clipper ships on boisterous oceans. As Carol read the text aloud he made many astute and knowledgeable comments about the boats shown and said 'There is no more magnificent sight than a clipper in full sail'. This was a suitable and touching last memory for the family to hold on to, of someone who truly loved his home in Lympstone and was forever grateful for the opportunity to spend retirement on the stunning Exe Estuary.

Carol (Schaessens) Jeffels

WATER QUALITY AT LYMPSTONE

On Friday the 8th of September before high tide at 1 pm people in canoes and other vessels around Lympstone harbour noticed a discharge of sewage from the pipe outlet to the west of the rock breakwater on the southern side of the harbour bay.

The evidence suggested quite a heavy discharge of raw sewage on a rising tide and some of this discharge left a residue inside the harbour underneath and around the pontoons on the western wall.

This was reported to South West Water (SWW) who sent four vehicles to the village on Saturday evening. On Sunday the 10th of September, SWW said that their instruments did not indicate a discharge and that water samples taken from undisclosed locations throughout the estuary were nominal.

The Harbour Board requested that every future discharge was reported to the Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association (LFHA) which owns the land over which the outfall flows. SWW referred us to their website map which shows all discharges from sewer outfalls – each of which has an “EPM” or Environmental Protection Monitor.

We pointed out to them that the Lympstone outfall is not on this map and their own crews had told us that no EPM is fitted to it. We have asked them to put the Lympstone outfall on their map and fit it with an EPM so that we can put discharge information on our website. This will allow water users to check if there has been a discharge before swimming in the estuary or boating across it.

We added that if they did not, we would crowd fund for a water quality monitoring buoy which would be moored on our land close to the outfall. The information from this buoy would be relayed in real time to our website for the community to consult. We said it would be criminal to leave the community in ignorance when the estuary around Lympstone is so heavily used by adults and children whose health could be seriously affected by sewage.

SWW said they would be in touch “as a matter of importance” sometime the following week. So far (Monday the 18th) they have not responded.

As a matter of interest, further research has uncovered the following:

1. Sewage discharge into water courses should only ever happen as a result of storm-water surges (where rain water fills sewage storage tanks). There had been no significant rain for the ten-day period leading up to this discharge.
2. All discharges should be reported as a requirement of the 2021 Environment Act.
3. The Government has issued instructions to water companies that only outfalls discharging more than ten times a year need to be reported. (The legality of this instruction is now contested).

The LFHA will crowd-fund for the £15,000 the water monitor will cost if SWW do not respond positively but I am not at all convinced that they will do anything at all.

The community needs to be told why the Lympstone Outfall is not on its website map and why no EPM is fitted to it. We have taken two samples from the pontoons in the harbour but need to find a laboratory to test them.

The Harbour Board advises the community not to swim in the harbour – a practise which it does not permit in any event – and to be cautious for the time being about swimming in the harbour bay.

Graeme Wheeler
Chairman, LFHA.

WILD ABOUT LYMPSTONE

Hello from us at WAL. We hope you've had a great summer despite the rather rubbish weather!

Still, whilst we grumbled about the lack of sunshine, our local wildlife didn't seem overly bothered. Plenty of wonderful sightings on our Lympstone Wildlife Watch Facebook site including hedgehogs, badgers, frogs, adders, a plethora of butterfly beauties and wildflower plants that support these wonderful creatures. If you're not part of our 100+ strong community, come and join us here:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/883977789497436?locale=ms_MY.

Following the great success of the Wildlife Festival earlier in the summer, we've been poring over your feedback and ideas for next-step positive wildlife action in Lympstone. If you missed it, Mary Truell's wonderful write up about this magical day is definitely worth a read – see July's edition of the Herald on the village website.

Safe to say, we're not short of ideas! Rather the challenge now is not getting too carried away wanting to do everything all at once. So, with this in mind, here's a rundown of some of the things we're hoping to get involved with over the next 6-12 months. We'd

love to hear back from you – so please drop us a line at wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com, especially where you see something in bold & italics below.

Wildlife walks & talks

Hugely popular during the festival, we plan to run more of these with our local Lympstone experts. We hope the first one will take place in October and will let you know via our email listings and village communications when the date has been agreed. Depending on demand, further walks and talks will be scheduled throughout the year.

Please email us at wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com if you'd like to be notified about walks and talks and/or if you have suggestions for presenters and leaders.

Nature, health and wellbeing

This was a topic of great interest at the festival, stimulated by some of the latest research, and personal stories, about how connecting with nature benefits our health and wellbeing. We hope to support a variety of further nature and wildlife-based wellbeing opportunities in the village, but will start by sharing these wonderful stories that so many people were moved by. A small booklet will be published and copies made available in the village.

See our website page (<https://www.lympstone.org/clubs-societies/wild-about-lympstone>) to read a few of the stories and please email us at wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com if you'd like to comment or share a short story of your own for inclusion in this booklet.

Lympstone's 2024 Lympstone Garden Festival

WAL is hoping to join forces with Lympstone's Garden Festival by supporting the opening of some wildlife-demonstrator gardens. The idea is that these will showcase some examples, or real-time demonstrations, of wildlife-friendly gardening practices for both small and large gardens. Perfection is not required – in fact the wilder the garden the better! Examples may include wildlife ponds, bird and bug boxes, wildlife-friendly planting ideas and maintenance, composting, wildlife corridors etc.

If you might be interested in opening your garden for this purpose, or have an idea for us, please email us at wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com

Community orchard/ Well-being garden

A highly desired outcome for many in the village, we are exploring funding opportunities and talking with the Parish Council to explore possible options for suitable land, either public or private.

If you have any thoughts on this please email us at

wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com

Improved management and expansion of wildlife-friendly green space

WAL will work closely with the Parish Council as it continues to enhance its policies in this area. We'll help to communicate good practice across the parish to benefit all - whether we're helping to enhance the wildlife health of public green spaces, or in our own gardens.

Creating a map of Lympstone's wildlife and natural landscape

We all agree it would be a wonderful idea to visually showcase Lympstone's rich wildlife, as well as the positive actions underway to protect and enhance this. Informed by local surveys and knowledge, this would be displayed somewhere central in the village for all to enjoy.

Whilst on this note, we'd like to draw your attention to the Devon Biodiversity Records Centre (DBRC) <https://www.dbrc.org.uk/>. This is the primary database for wildlife sightings and records in this area. As such it is important evidence for EDDC when deciding on the type of ecological and environmental surveys required for any planning purposes, as well as any appropriate mitigation measures.

You might be interested to know that Lympstone has both a Cirl Bunting and Great Crested Newt Consultation Zone, meaning that planning applications need to consider the potential impacts of a development on these species over a 5km buffer around any DBRC recorded sighting.

Everyone can help to expand the DBRC database. Single sightings can be uploaded here <https://www.dbrc.org.uk/wildlife-sightings/> and multiple sightings can be recorded on the Excel spreadsheet downloadable from the Wildlife Records area of the home page <https://www.dbrc.org.uk/>. DBRC will verify all uploaded sightings. Please spread the word - we can't protect wildlife if we don't know it's there!

WAL email group

If you are keen to keep up to date with WAL activities, please email us at wildaboutlympstone@gmail.com with your email address (your name will already be part of our email group if you took part in the festival and/or left your email address in the feedback book).

And finally...

A big thanks to all those who have contacted us with wildlife boosting ideas and project suggestions. We will do our best to support as many of these as we can over the coming months, joining forces with other groups in the village.

Rebecca Abrahams and Mary Truell

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LYMPSTONE GARDEN FESTIVAL

JUNE 2024

In aid of Exmouth & Lympstone Hospiscare

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for interest in holding an Open Gardens event in the village next summer. We can confirm that plans for this are progressing and we already have some tasty and interesting gardens to visit. More are still very welcome!

The event will launch on 8th June and culminate with open gardens on the weekend of 15th/16th June. There will be a number of other activities taking place during that period, so we have therefore changed the event name to a 'Garden Festival' to better reflect what will be taking place.

Some fantastic ideas for enhancing this Festival have already been proposed by other village groups, who are also using the Herald to keep the village updated. Detailed planning will not take place until after New Year but if you would like to be kept posted on what we are proposing, or have ideas for raising money, please get in touch.

Even if you do not have a garden to open or a front garden to display, we would welcome more volunteers to help with planning and organizing.

Many thanks

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LYMPSTONE FLOOD RISK EVENT

Around 200 villagers attended the Flood Risk Drop-in and considerable interest was shown in the displays. Information on protecting one's own property was popular and a number of free home surveys were arranged.

For those who were unable to attend, the Flood Group are planning to make their event content available on-line, and details will be provided in a subsequent issue of The Herald.

Lympstone Flood Resilience Group

...one report from the event:

"I today spent some time at the Flood Resilience Event at the Village Hall, a very impressive and informative day it was. A vast amount of information about the work done and the future predictions for the flood risk of our village. This included some very impressive new technology to predict the effect of changes made to the land profile.

More important for the here and now was a display of many of the various measures that can be taken by home owners to protect their homes in the highly likely event of a flood condition. Contrary to popular belief this not only affects properties close to the river but also most properties on the south side of Longmeadow Rd, the A376 and Sowden.

Flooding will happen it is just a question of when, not just from the river or Wotten Brook but also from land drainage, road drains and worst of all sewers.

We, at Pretty Corner we're flooded in 2012 causing £3.5k of damage and put us out of our home for six months. That's not to mention the damage and loss of many irreplaceable personal possessions. So TAKE ACTION NOW if you live in a flood risk area.

You may say "I can't afford it" well help is at hand. Devon County Council have a pot of government money to fund households to do this work up to the value of £5000 per property, called a PFR Funding Scheme. We did in 2020 and can now sleep at night when there is a storm.

I would be happy to give further advice on the procedure to obtain the grant or to contact a suitable specialist contractor. Alternatively contact the LFRG.

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Brian Cotton
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