



# About Town



Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Summer 2014

## Synopsis of Mayor's Annual Report 2013/14

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is in the final stages, thanks to the hard work of Councillor Brian Pearman, his group of co-opted members and administrative support from Town Council Officers.

The standard of Lydney Cemetery continues to be improved along with the 'closed' Churchyard at St. Mary's Church; which includes a wild flower area. The space for burial in the cemetery has been increased and currently the Council are considering taking over The Millennium Wood at Aylburton to provide a further scattering area and possible interment of caskets.

The Council's ground staff continue to carry on their good work in and around the town with residents being very complimentary of their achievements.

The new Christmas lights purchased in 2013 by the Council; organised by Councillor Osborne, proved very successful with an abundance of compliments; the Council now aims to build year on year on this success in order to promote Christmas trade within the town during the festive period.

The Town Council, funded in part by FODDC, carried out clearance of the River Lyd adjacent to Recreational Trust Ground to increase the flow of water. This appears to have been successful as no flooding took place in the centre of

the town and the Recreational Trust land/pitches cleared very quickly. The Council/Trust now aim to clear the other side of the Albany Bridge in partnership with Dean Forest Railway.

The Town Council have also worked in partnership with FODDC, Gloucestershire County Council and residents to resolve the flood issues experienced in Lakeside Avenue. The culvert directly behind one property has been cleared, the main drain pipe running under the road has also been cleared and gully tops have replaced some of the manhole covers to increase soak away. I would like to thank all those who have worked hard to facilitate this work. Currently the Flood Defence Meetings are looking to resolve the issues experienced at Faller Fields; again due to inadequate drainage having been initially installed.

This year the Town Council has increased the number of allotments it provides by leasing land from Two Rivers, "we will continue to look to increase the number of allotment plots in line with public demand".

Currently steps are being taken to overcome the problems associated with parking/air pollution outside Bream Road School; Gloucestershire County Council aim to introduce parking restrictions in the area to alleviate congestion; the installation of a VAS is also planned.

I would like to congratulate our CEO Jayne Smailes and Councillor Charlotte Matthews on attaining a degree in Community Engagement and Governance; the CEO having gained hers with a Merit.

To conclude; my aim is very much the same as last year, to continue to push Lydney forward for the benefit of the residents making it a better place to live; for this to happen the Council and the people of this town need to work in unison.

Finally I would like to thank my Wife, Councillors and the Town Council Staff for all their support during 2013/14.

**Bob Berryman**  
Mayor -  
**Lydney Town Council**



Congratulations to the New Mayors  
Cadet for 2014/15:  
**Able Sea Cadet -**  
**Miss Amy Stewart**



# THE COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.



Lydney Royal British Legion are working in partnership with Lydney Town Council to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

## Event to take place on Saturday 9th August 2014.

The commemoration will begin with Lydney Air and Sea Cadets leaving the shops in Lydney in the early afternoon. Each of them will represent one individual whose names are eternally remembered on the Lydney War Memorial. They will then proceed to St Mary's Church in Lydney for a Commemorative Service which is due to start at 3.15pm.

At the same time as the Cadets are leaving the shops in Lydney, 21 children from Bream School, representing the fallen who are remembered on Bream Cenotaph, will leave Bream on the 'Poppy Bus' kindly provided by Stagecoach. They will be taken to Norchard to catch the train to Lydney Junction and will then proceed to join the service. Residents of the Almshouses and VIPs will also be in attendance at the Church.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service which will be conducted by the Rev. Sarah Fenby. Refreshments after the service will be provided courtesy of Emmas Cakes and the members of the RBL Women's Section.

An exhibition is being prepared and will be displayed in Church on the day itself. It will consist of local memorabilia; any relatives who would be willing to loan material on a temporary basis should con-

tact the Centenary Committee Co-ordinator, Ian Hendy on 01594 563290, or any member of the Centenary Committee.

***'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them'.***

***Report provided by Ian Hendy and Cllr Stanley Rudge.***



## LYDNEY TENNIS CLUB

[www.lydneytennisclub.net](http://www.lydneytennisclub.net)



- Social and Competitive Tennis
- All Year Play
- 4 All-Weather Courts
- Floodlights/Key/Tennis Balls Included

For further information and contact details, please refer to website.

## *Lydney & District Angling Club.*

Founded in 1918, Lydney & District Angling Club is the oldest coarse fishing club in the Forest of Dean.

The club currently controls fishing on two venues, Lydney Lake and Lydney Canal, with both Annual Memberships and Day Tickets available.

Pleasure, Match and Specimen Fishing with match weights regularly over 40lbs and specimen carp reaching 30lbs.

Matches held regularly throughout the year and Junior matches held on Wednesday evenings (May to Sept).

For further details contact:  
01594 844022 or 01594 842682

*Annual Membership:* (Available from Forest Tackle Lydney)

Senior: £27

Juniors (Under 16): £13

Concessionary: £15

*Day Tickets:* (Forest Tackle or from the bank side Bailiff)

Senior: £6

Juniors (Under 16): £4

Concessionary: £5

*Members of the Angling Trust & Fish Legal*



# Police Report UPDATE

My name is Sergeant Richard Pitman and I am the Police Community Sergeant based at Lydney.

The intent of Gloucestershire Constabulary is to inspire trust, confidence and pride and this is achieved by serving the public and putting them at the heart of everything we do.

As a Constabulary we are working towards the five key pillars:

- 1/ Accountability and Accessibility
- 2/ Older but not overlooked
- 3/ Young people becoming adults
- 4/ Safer days and nights for all.
- 5/ Safe and social driving.

My aim is to ensure that your community team are visible, approachable whilst listening to the concerns you have within your communities.

To achieve this we have set up a number of local initiatives

Op Falstaff which involves dedicated patrols to all the Forest beauty spots during the summer to prevent thefts from motor vehicles and especially theft of cycles.

'Don't be tricked' – funding was obtained to bring a large number of the elderly communities to five venues. A local school put on a play about distraction burglaries and what

to do if someone knocks your door asking to do work on your properties. 'Community Speed Watch' – where members of the public are trained and provided a Police speed gun and use it to prevent speeding within their local communities. 'Shop Watch' - A crime prevention tool has been put in place to keep in touch with all local shops to provide information, updates and catch offenders quickly. 'Safety Internet talks' – Talks at local schools.

If you have any issues locally we can assist with please contact us.

The Forest Community Twitter account is: @ForestPolice.

The contact details for the team are:

Community Sergeant [Richard.Pitman@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Richard.Pitman@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Constable

[Kate.Croudace@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kate.Croudace@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Constable [Phil.Hopkins@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Phil.Hopkins@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Support Officer [Daniel.Wilce@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Daniel.Wilce@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Community Support Officer [Thomas.Oliver2@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Thomas.Oliver2@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

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## Grants

Please see below a list of just some of the approved Grants that Lydney Town Council have provided to local Charities and Trusts during the last year:

- ◆ The Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre = £289.62
- ◆ The Victoria Centre = £400.00
- ◆ County Air Ambulance Trust = £500.00
- ◆ Lydney Town Hall Trust = £2,525.20
- ◆ Bathurst Park Recreation Trust = £18,250.00
- ◆ Lydney Festival = £2,000.00
- ◆ Lydney War Memorial Trust = £458.40
- ◆ Forest of Dean Citizens Advice Bureau = £500.00



## Lydney Town Council End of Year Accounts



		<u>Last Year</u> <u>2012/13</u>	<u>This Year</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1	Balances bought forward	123,685	202,138	78,453
2	Annual Precept	415,765	387,781	-27,984
3	Other Receipts (Incl LCTS Grant of £58,419)	52,690	136,373	83,683
4	Corporate	186,278	221,186	34,908
5	Loan interest & Capital Repayments	15,287	15,287	0
6	All Other Payments	188,437	274,231	85,794
7	Balance C/Fwd	202,138	215,588	13,450
8	Total Cash and Investments	215,954	245,944	29,990
9	Total Fixed Assets	722,067	780,135	58,068
10	Total Borrowings	121,813	113,714	-8,099

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Although your Town Councillors may be contacted at any time should you have any form of concern, this Newsletter is an excellent way to bring your views, ideas, concerns and comments to a wider audience - in other words, to everyone within our community! Any subject is permitted; You may wish to ask a question (*replies printed in the same edition wherever possible*), You may like to 'air' a concern or just generally pass comment relating to a community issue? Whatever your thoughts, the Town Council cannot assist if they are unaware — **so help us to change this!**

C/O Lydney Town Council,

Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney GL15 5DX.

### Your views matter to us!

#### Date for your diary

**2014**

\* **Remember Remember the 5th November 2014: Fireworks at Bathurst Park Lydney**



#### Potholes!

Reports of defects from the public are appreciated therefore if you spot a pothole call free on 08000 514 514 to put in a request for it to be filled.

Alternatively visit the website to report it at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/potholes>



#### Gloucestershire Village & Community Agents

Providing older people in Gloucestershire with easier access to information and services.  
Managed by Gloucestershire Rural Community Council  
Jointly funded by Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire  
[www.villageagents.org.uk](http://www.villageagents.org.uk)  
Contact Mike Morgan on : 07776 245712



IN THE PARK

Is pleased to announce, we will now be open every day throughout the summer

from 10am – 5pm, whatever the weather!

If you haven't already done so, come find us in Bathurst Park, serving homemade cakes, pastries and cookies, Hot and cold snacks, Freshly ground coffee and drinks, and of course Ice-cream.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

#### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

##### Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor) - 01594 842036

Derek Biddle - 01594 842180

Ruth Bonser - 01594 841813

James Greenwood - 01594 842454

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

Harry Ives - 07771 704826

Charlotte Matthews - 01594 780203

Brian Pearman - 01594 841452

Stan Rudge - 01594 841512

Brian Thomas - 01594 842373

Claire Vaughan - 07581146903

##### Town & County Councillor

Alan Preest - 01594 564107

##### Town & District Councillors

Valerie Hobman - 01594 841079

William Osborne - 01594 841970

James Bevan - 01594 842146

##### District Councillors

Judy Davis - 01594 842884

Terry Glastonbury - 01594 562102

Marion Winship - 01594 528289

##### Council Staff

##### Chief Executive Officer/RFO

- Mrs Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

##### Executive Officer

- Miss Carol Wheeler

##### Finance Assistant

- Mrs Hilary Exton

##### Admin Assistant

- Kate Hammond

##### Part-time Admin Assistant

- Alison Crawshaw

#### Meeting Dates

Town Council meetings take place at 7pm on the second Monday of every month (*apart from August when the Council stands in recess*) and are held in the Council Chambers, Claremont House, High Street, Lydney. Furthermore, the Council operates a number of Committees (including Planning and Highway, Amenities, Burial and Finance and Scrutiny), in addition to holding sole Trustee status for two Charitable Trusts which manage the Recreation Ground and Bathurst Park. Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings. A full list of dates and times are displayed on our Town Council Noticeboards and on our website. [www.lydneytowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.lydneytowncouncil.co.uk).

## WANTED!

For Fouling on our Pavements' and our 'open' spaces.

'Please, ensure that the Dog Waste Bins provided are used; not only is it unpleasant for those that may 'step' in yesterday's dinner, but it gives me a bad reputation!'

