

About Town

Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Spring 2016



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Lydney
Neighbourhood Development Plan
2014 - 2024



LYDNEY NDP SUCCESS!

Lydney NDP Passes Referendum

On Thursday 18th of February 2016 Lydney residents voted a resounding **YES** to accept Lydney NDP community plan as the statutory planning document which will now assist in governing Lydney's planning.

Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Mayor said *"Congratulations to everyone involved in developing the Lydney NDP Plan and especially the NDP Steering Group who are the first community group to have completed the process in the Forest of Dean area. This is a fantastic positive vote for localism and local communities managing their own community's governance."*

Life-Saving Defibrillators For Local Community



There are many benefits to having a defibrillator for use in the community - as in such circumstances every second counts!

The 'Chain of Survival' is an important part of saving a life. For every minute there is a delay getting defibrillation to a patient, the chance of survival dramatically decreases. Defibrillators **DO** save lives, but they need to be easily accessible when they are needed.

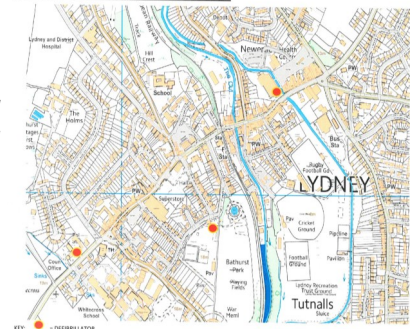
This is why Lydney Town Council and the Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust have invested in two automated external defibrillators (AED) for use in the community. The defibrillators will be monitored by The Community Heartbeat Trust and registered with the local ambulance service. There will be one defibrillator located outside the Council Office at the top of the High Street in Lydney and one defibrillator located in Bathurst Park.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) not only happens to the elderly, but it can happen to anyone of any age at any time!

Bob Berryman, Lydney Town Councillor, Trustee of Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust and Mayor of Lydney says: *"We're very pleased that we have been able to purchase and install such vital equipment in Lydney. These defibrillators could make all the difference and will benefit the local community as well as tourists and visitors from neighbouring towns and villages."*

The defibrillators will be in addition to the one that is sited on the wall of the Midcounties Co-operative Store and various sporting clubs within the town.

LYDNEY MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS



Annual Town Meeting at the Town Hall, Monday 18 April 2016, 7pm

See back page for details - Your chance to talk to your councillors and other community representatives!



**Lydney
Community
Centre**

Loves Volunteers



Events planned for the Spring at Lydney Community Centre are:

Mon 21st March 11am

Coffee Morning
(held every alternate Monday morning)

Sat 30th April 7 pm

Quiz Night Tickers £6 per person

Sat 4th June

Summer Fair

Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers, funding bodies and friends supporting the Centre. Grant funding from Barnwood Trust, F.O.D. District Council, F.O.D. Lions, Glos. Disability Group, Langtree Trust, Magnox, the Rotary Club, and donations / fundraising provided hearing loops in two rooms, refurbishment of the wooden/glass partition between the hall and corridor, upgrading the emergency lighting, new lights and curtains for the hall, additional tables and chairs and new urinals, and wooden planters filled with plants which now brighten the outside of the building. For further information call 01594 845704 / 0750 456 5153

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Lydney community centre



Gloucestershire
**VILLAGE
& COMMUNITY**
Agents

Coffee Morning

Are you at a loose end on Monday mornings?



If you are, why not try the Coffee Morning at Lydney Community Centre in Naas Lane. You will find lots of friendly people, various games such as dominoes etc., newspapers, if you want to read them and best of all a really good cup of tea or coffee. The coffee morning is on every Monday morning at 11 AM. All ages are welcome, so what are you waiting for?

www.villageagents.org.uk

Contact Mike Morgan on : 07776 245712

If the worst should happen the dedicated team from the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity are there for you.

GWAAC is the local air ambulance for Lydney, saving lives across the area. Our crew attend the most serious cases, where people's lives are at risk. It is estimated that one job in five saves a life.

This is a life that would otherwise be lost if not for our team.

Despite the urgent need for the service we provide we receive no day to day funding from the Government or National Lottery. To continue to save lives across the region we cover we need to raise £2.3million a year.

To find out how you can help and for further information

contact:

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**Great Western
Air Ambulance Charity**



Friends of Lydney Hospital

The group 'Friends of Lydney & District Hospital' is a local charity which raises funds to provide much-needed extra comfort and equipment for the benefit of patients, staff and visitors to the hospital; the group also lobbies on behalf of the hospital with the appropriate authorities. The past year has been busy with in-patient beds always in demand, and an increase in numbers using the Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIIU). Outpatient clinics are also busy. The Friends continue to regularly monitor hospital usage with both local staff and the Health Trust. A Care Quality Commission inspection was carried out in June and overall the hospital and staff were given a good rating with patient care considered to be outstanding

Fundraising continued steadily throughout 2015 with a successful Annual Fete in July and a Spring Coffee Morning in May. Details of money raised and items purchased are detailed in the latest Winter 2015/16 newsletter and on our website www.friendsoflydneyhospital.co.uk.

The modernisation of the In-Patient Ward Control and Reception area has been much welcomed by all parties. The joint funding between the Friends and the Health Trust was an important factor allowing this initiative to be undertaken. Future major projects may well be funded in a similar manner.

*Pictures:
Ukuleles at
fete July
2015,
New
ward
reception
areas*





Lydney Recreation Trust

Lydney Recreation Trust have made great steps in improving the area around Lydney Lake. The previous vegetation has been significantly landscaped, areas have been seeded with a pollen/flower mix and amenity grass and new picnic tables have been installed.

Extra car parking space has been created and new fencing and access gates have been erected on both the amenity area and Cambourne Meadow.

The Trust has received many a positive compliment on the numerous improvements, with Trustees hoping that the community will enjoy the benefits of the improved area for many a year to come.



Dog Fouling - Lydney Recreation Ground

Dog fouling is consistently one of the highest sources of complaints raised by members of the public and following a meeting held by Lydney Recreation Trust, Trustees announced that although they had placed new dog bins on the Recreation Trust Ground, the area was still falling victim to high levels of dog fouling. Trustees resolved that they would install 5 x 'No Dogs' signs at the entrances to Lydney Recreation Trust playing field and the Skate Park/MUGA areas in order to potentially deter dog owners from allowing their pet to foul in these areas. Responsible dog owners are still welcome to walk their dogs at Cambourne Meadow and the surrounding areas however are asked to respectfully clean up after their animal.



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!'

Your next Councillor Surgery is

Saturday 19th March 2016

- Keep an eye on our facebook page for further details including time & location!



www.facebook.com/Lydney-Town-Council

Lydney Parkrun

Every Saturday morning at 9am at over 370 locations world wide. Millions of runners start a FREE 5k timed run. Lydney's own parkrun started on 2nd January, at Lydney boating lake.

Starting and finishing outside the garages it incorporates three laps which takes in the boating lake, canal path and wooded path. The run is open to anyone of any ability and age of any fitness or speed. We encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to those with more experience; we welcome you all.

It's FREE to take part just register at www.parkrun.org.uk print off your personal barcode and turn up, at any of the parkruns world-wide. After the run we enjoy a cuppa and sometimes cake whilst we cheer everybody else as they cross the finish line. Parkrun is run by volunteers and we welcome anyone who wants to come along and help just drop us an email lydneyhelpers@parkrun.com

For more information check out our website www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney, find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/lydeyparkrun email lydneyoffice@parkrun.com or why not come along one Saturday morning, we are there from 8am and the run starts at 9am.



In The Park

Proud to announce we are back open for the new season on 25th March 2016.

We look forward to welcoming both existing & new customers with our new and exciting menu.

Open 7 days a week from 10am. See you soon



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 St, Lydney GL15 5DX. *Your views matter to us!***



Taurus Crafts New Café Menu and A Reward Card!

Customers are at the heart of the new changes; with many popular requests now featuring on the daily menu. A new expanded children's menu, more vegetarian daily specials and a range of delicious cakes and drinks. We believe there is great pleasure to be gained from honest food cooked with heart and this is our passion, we are proud to bring food to the table that has been freshly prepared using only the best ingredients. At Taurus Crafts we want you to feel at home, and a warm welcome awaits so gather some friends for a leisurely lunch or pop in for our seasonal specials in a comfortable space where our guests can come & savour all the various moments of the day, from that first coffee through to late afternoon. A simple loyalty card will reward regular customers with a free hot drink for every ten drinks bought. Taurus Crafts café is committed to using the finest quality, locally sourced products and our fresh food supplier's wherever possible and as the crow flies are within a 20 mile radius. The new menu can be viewed on the Taurus Crafts website. All these changes will be in place Easter 2016 so if you haven't visited Taurus Crafts for a while now's your chance to see the recent improvements and changes on site.



Annual Meeting for the Town of Lydney

The Mayor of Lydney, invites you to the Annual (Town) Meeting, to be held at the Town Hall, Lydney on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.00pm.

The meeting will receive reports from the Town Mayor, Council Committee Chairmen, Lydney Town Council's CEO, the Police and a number of local organisations; agendas will be displayed in advance of the meeting on all Parish Notice Boards.

Please note: any member of the electorate wishing to raise a public question must do so in writing (submitted to the CEO) by 12 noon on Friday 8th April 2016.

A written response to all questions raised will be made available at the Annual Town Meeting however no further verbal public questions will be addressed on the night.

For more information please contact the CEO tel: 01594 842234

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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- Derek Biddle - 01594 842180
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- Harry Ives - 07771 704826
- Colin Legg - 07481 127336
- Brian Pearman - 01594 841452
- Donald Pugh - 01594 845161
- Stan Rudge - 01594 841512
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Town & District Councillor

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

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- Jim Simpson - 07747048976
- James Bevan - 01594 842146
- Bill Osborne - 01594 841970

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Chief Executive Officer/RFO

- Mrs Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

Executive Officer

- Miss Carol Wheeler

Finance Assistant

- Mrs Hilary Exton

Admin Assistant

- Miss Kate Hammond

Part-time Admin Assistant

- Miss Alison Crawshaw

Head Groundsman

- Mr James Young

Leading Hand/ Groundsman

- Mr Peter Edwards

Groundsman

- Mr Tommy Wales

- Mr Richard Brown

- Mr Anthony Bayliss

