

# About Town

## Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Summer 2016



### Synopsis of Mayors Annual Report - 2015/16



Lydney's Annual Town Meeting took place on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.00pm. Lydney Town Council Mayor Bob Berryman reported that the Council was very pleased to have been presented with Quality Gold Status with Lydney Town Council being the second Council in England to have achieved this standard. Members of the electorate often inquire what this affords them to which the answer must be 'peace of mind' that the council's procedures, its financial governance and the manner by which it addresses community business is appropriate for a council of this size.

Christmas Lights - The Council will continue to source a real Christmas Tree each year and aims to purchase additional festive lights to fill the gap adjacent to Tesco supermarket, for its 2016 display.

Lydney Entrances - The Council plants wildflowers on all Lydney Entrances/Gateways into the Town, encouraging wildlife such as bees and insects whilst enhancing the visual appearance of the entrances; many of these areas have been sponsored by a local business who I would personally like to thank for their contribution. It is the Council's intention to expand on these wildflower/wildlife corridors, extending such to other areas for which the Council is responsible.

Neighbourhood Development Plan - The Neighbourhood Development Plan has now passed the Referendum stage with 85% of votes in favour. Lydney's Plan will now play a vital part in the future of the Town.

#### Girlguiding Gloucestershire – INTOPS trip to California

Lydney Town Council were pleased to support Lydney resident Miss Leah Hopes following her application for funding towards her Girlguiding trip to California. Miss Hopes presented an overview of her experience during the Annual Town Meeting and expressed her gratitude to Lydney Town Council for the opportunity.

- Cllr Bob Berryman - Mayor



Group picture in their Girlguiding camp T-shirts

#### THE MAYOR'S CADET

Congratulations to the newly appointed Mayor's Cadet for 2016/17  
Ordinary Cadet - Scott Ross  
(Forest of Dean Sea Cadets)



The Mayor also expressed his thanks to the retiring Mayor's Cadet (2015/16)  
Sgt Natalie Insall  
(614 (Lydney) Squadron)



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LYDNEY'S ENTREPRENEURIAL  
ADVANTAGE

**'Congratulations' go to Lydney Town Council's Chief Executive Officer - Jayne Smailes, who recently graduated with a Masters Degree in Entrepreneurial Leadership.**

Jayne was also presented with the *Napier University Programme Award Medal* for the highest performing student on the course.

Cllr Bob Berryman, Mayor, added *'Congratulations to our Chief Executive Officer Jayne Smailes on her fantastic achievement. With this Degree the benefits to Lydney Town Council will be unlimited'*.

*Congratulations!*



## H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE COIN



This year H.M. Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her ninetieth birthday. To mark this occasion (*which also acknowledges nine decades gloriously accomplished by the Queen*) Lydney Town Council Mayor, *Cllr Bob Berryman*, presented all primary school students in Lydney and Aylburton with their very own 'H.M. The Queen's 90th Birthday Commemorative Coin', embellished with the Royal Crest on the one side and Lydney Town Crest on the other.



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lydney and District Twinning Association

Posters were placed around the town prior to the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> May to draw attention to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lydney and District Twinning Association. The Twinning was started in 1991 and to celebrate this event, 47 people came from Bréhal to spend the weekend sharing hospitality and enjoying the forest at its best in perfect weather.

The large number of visitors meant extra hosts were needed and this bodes well for the continued growth of the Association. Next year we will visit Bréhal and we hope to take a good number with us. It is certainly quite a serious commitment to undertake lodging strangers in one's home and to make sure that they feel comfortable and welcome.

At the traditional festive evening, the Association presented commemorative plaques to the representative of the Mayor of Bréhal and to Cllr Bob Berryman, the Mayor of Lydney.

The Bréhal twinning committee presented gifts of local Bréhal produce to Mr Berryman, Mrs Judy Capps (chair) and to Mr. Bill Hobman, who was Mayor of Lydney when the twinning was formed.

For further information about 'Twinning' go to our web site "lydneytwinning.org.uk".

- Judy Capps (Chair)



Pictures taken at the traditional festive evening held in May:



Michelle Garabit (vice President Bréhal) & Cllr Bob Berryman (Mayor of Lydney)



Michelle Garabit & Bill Hobman



Group picture




Judy Capps (chair Lydney Twinning) & Michelle Garabit (vice President Bréhal)



Bill Hobman, Cllr Bob Berryman, Gérard Leconte, M. Patrice Gobé, Catherine Simon.



Charlene Hue (translator) & Gérard Leconte (President Bréhal)




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### Local NHS Hearing Aid Clinics



You can now visit a NHS Hearing Aid Clinic in your area to have your hearing aid checked, retubed, cleaned etc. Details are:

**Mitcheldean:** Mitcheldean Surgery, Brook Street, Mitcheldean. GL17 0AU.

Dates and times vary; please contact the surgery direct for details. Tel. No. 01594 542270

**Coleford:** The Main Place, Old Station Way, Coleford. GL16 8RH.

Open from 10AM to 12PM third Monday of every month. To book appointments telephone GDA 01452 372999

You can also visit to GDA website at [www.gda.org.uk](http://www.gda.org.uk)



# Lydney Town Council End of Year Accounts - 2015/16

31st March 2015

31st March 2016

1	Balance brought forward	<b>REINSTATED</b>	
		215,588	295,024
2	Annual Precept	468,500	483,121
3	Other receipts	76,087	96,798
4	Corporate	243,371	252,965
5	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	15,287	15,287
6	All other Payments	206,493	297,253
7	Balance Carried forward	295,024	309,439
8	Total Cash and Investments	319,058	363,590
9	Total fixed assets	694,025	535,396
10	Total borrowings	105,124	96,145

## Lydney Town Council Grants/Donations Awarded - 2015/16

Grant Budget for 2015/16 = £8,000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Money Awarded to:-</u>	<u>Grant or Donation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
13.04.15	Lydney Festival	Grant	£2,000.00
13.07.15	Lydney Royal British Legion	Grant	£765.00
13.07.15	County Air Ambulance Trust	Donation	£500.00
13.07.15	Miss L Hopes (Girlguiding UK)	Donation	£50.00
29.03.16	Lydney Festival 2016	Grant	£1,500.00
29.03.16	FoD Children's Opportunity Centre	Grant	£350.00
29.03.16	Lydney Community Centre	Grant	£150.00
29.03.16	The Victoria Centre	Grant	£250.00
31.03.16	Bathurst Park & Rec Trust (Defib & Cabinet)	Donation	£2,301.00
	<b>Total Grants awarded to Date</b>		<b>£5,015.00</b>
	<b>Total Donations awarded to Date</b>		<b>£2,851.00</b>
	<b>Total:</b>		<b>£7,866.00</b>



**Grants/  
Donations  
are consid-  
ered twice a  
year.**

All applica-  
tions should  
therefore be  
submitted ei-  
ther by the **1st  
June** or the **1st  
February** each  
year.

### 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!'

If you have hedges, shrubs, or trees on your property that border a footway or indeed overhang a road, please ensure that these do not cause problems for those pedestrians using the footway or for passing traffic.

All such foliage should be cut back to your property boundary.

*'Happy Gardening!'*



In The Park

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

Open 7 days a week  
(until 5<sup>th</sup> November)  
from 10am.

See you soon!





## Lydney parkrun - Weekly Free 5km Timed Run

Since starting in January Lydney parkrun has continued to be very popular, with an average of 91 people running each week in the 5k timed run starting 9am Saturday mornings at Lydney Boating Lake. The course is three laps and includes the lake, canal path and the path which winds back through the woods.

Everybody is welcome to join us, it does not matter how fast or slow, fat or thin, tall or short, young or old you are, if you want to join in then you are welcome to come along. You don't even have to run you could always come and volunteer there's always plenty to do, or just stop and have a natter and a cuppa with us at our start and finish area outside the garages. Best of all its FREE - or you need to do is register at [www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/) print off your personal runners barcode and bring with you.

For those not sure about running, and want some help in getting going, then why not join one of the 0-5k groups that meet at the Lake on a Monday evening at 6.30pm. The nine week course will take you from the couch to being able to run 5k, many of our parkrunners have started on this or a similar course. The course is run by qualified coaches from FoDAC. For more information search 'Lydney 0 to 5 K' on Facebook, with the next course starting on 5th September.

We like to support our local community and have raised over £100 for the repairs to Lydney open air swimming pool, and over £80 for team Pant-a-loons Relay for Life team. We also took part in Clean for the Queen, and filled loads of black bags of rubbish from around our running route.

We would like to thank the Lydney Town Council and the Recreational Trust for their on going support of Lydney parkrun, and for making the Lake a pleasant and beautiful place to run and enjoy.

For more information on Lydney parkrun check out our website [www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney) search for us on Facebook, or email [lydneyoffice@parkrun.com](mailto:lydneyoffice@parkrun.com). You are always welcome to come and join us, to run, walk, to volunteer, or merely chat.



Loves Volunteers



### Events planned for the Autumn / Winter 2016 at Lydney Community Centre are:

Drop in Coffee Mornings (held every alternate Monday morning)

October Date TBA	Quiz Night / Ploughmans Supper Tickets £6 per person
Sat 12th November	"Smart but Casual" Community Choir
Sat 26th November	Xmas Fayre with Father Christmas

Regular Classes held include Tai Chi & Fitness, Tai Chi Sword, Zumba, Kickboxing, Pilates, Yoga, Lindy Hop Dance, Painting, Lydney Craft Group, Women's Institute, Riverside Church, CAP Unemployment & Debt Counselling, Beast Keep Fit, Ladies Keep Fit, Welcome Trust Tea & Toast, Golden Triangle Club, Jazz 4 U Club, Film Club, Jazz Concerts, Kids Art & Craft, Over 60's Club, Lydney Drama & Scenesters.

Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers, funding bodies and friends supporting the Centre. For further information call 01594 845704/0750 456 5153. email: [Lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com](mailto:Lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com) webpage: [www.lydneycommunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.lydneycommunitycentre.co.uk)

Lydney community centre



**Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust**

**You are invited to participate in this questionnaire aimed at improving the facilities within the Park. Please detach, complete and return to the Council Chambers, Claremont House, High St, Lydney GL15 5DX. Alternatively fill in electronically via our website; <http://www.lydneytowncouncil.co.uk> and return via email.**

**1. How often do you visit Bathurst Park?**

- Everyday       Two-to-six times a week       Once a week  
 Twice or three times a month       Once a month       Two to eleven times a year  
 Once a year/infrequently

**2. How long is your average visit?**

- Less than an hour       One to two hours       Two hours or more

**3. Which facilities do you visit/use in the Park? (please tick all that apply)**

- Toilets       Café       Tennis Courts       Flower beds  
 Activity equipment       Playground       Bowling green       Sport Pitches (sport)  
 Water feature       Bandstand       Sport Pitches (dog walking)       Sport Pitches (walking/sitting)

**4. Which are the best features of Bathurst Park?**

**5. Which features need improvement?**

**6 Any further thoughts for Trustees?**

Diversity Questionnaire

Gender

- Male       Female

Do you tend to visit alone or with others?

- On own       With others

Do you identify as disabled?

- Yes       No       Prefer not to say       Don't know

If YES, please answer the following question; otherwise proceed to the next section

- Hearing Impairment       Visual Impairment       Speech Impairment  
 Learning Difficulties       Mobility Impairment       Mental Ill Health  
 Progressive Conditions       Other (please specify)

Disability

A disabled person is defined under the Equality Act 2010 as someone with a 'physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'.

Ethnic Origin

Please mark 'X' in only **ONE** box in column A and/or **ONE** box in column B

Further specification (if required):

Age:	
0-9	
10-19	
20-29	
30-39	
40-49	
50-59	
60-69	
70-79	
80-89	
90-99	
100+	

Column A	
British or Mixed British	
English	
Irish	
Scottish	
Welsh	
Other (Please specify below)	

COLUMN B	
Bangladeshi	
Indian	
Pakistani	
Any other Asian background (please specify)	
African Caribbean	
Any other Black background (please specify)	
Any Chinese background (please specify)	
Asian and White	
Black African and White	
Black Caribbean and White	
Any other Mixed ethnic background	
Any White background (please specify)	
Any other ethnic background (please specify)	



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police: 101

Crimestoppers: 0800 555111

NHS Direct: 111

Samaritans: 01452 306333 or 08457 909090

National Drugs Helpline: 0800 776600

Hospitals: Dilke Hospital 0300 4218640.  
Lydney Hospital 0300 4218722

Gloucestershire Dental Helpline: 08454 220505. Out of hours 08451 207179

Pregnancy Crisis: 01452 308700

Child Protection: 0800 800500

Alcoholics Anonymous: 0845 7697555

Al-Anon for friends & relatives of alcoholics: 0207 4030888

Forest of Dean District Council: 01594 810000

Cinderford Town Council: 01594 822599

Coleford Town Council: 01594 832103

Lydney Town Council: see opposite

Newent Town Council: 01531 820638

Injured sheep and sheep nuisance:  
Commoners Association 01594 827485  
or Forestry Commission 0300 064 4800  
(switchboard open 9.00am—3.00pm  
Monday to Friday)

Gloucestershire County Council: 01452 425000

County Council Highways Dept: 08000 514514



Your next Councillor Surgery is

Saturday 6th August 2016

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



[www.facebook.com/Lydney-Town-Council](http://www.facebook.com/Lydney-Town-Council)

**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 LYDNEY

Taurus Crafts is a thriving centre of creativity, home to diverse artisan businesses, a gift shop full of original and local craft products, farm shop, and a café that serves delicious food and hosts regular art exhibitions.

Back by popular demand, The Beach returns to Taurus Crafts this summer. 140m<sup>2</sup> of sand, a life sized sea-scape mural, buckets and spades, parasols, deck chairs and an endless supply of ice cream transform Taurus Crafts' garden for the summer. During the school summer holidays the beach is open every day, supplemented by the daily fun-filled programme of creative hands on activities. Activities include: Paint your own pot, Build a Bear with Teedees Patch, Jewellery Making, Puppet Making, Stone Carving, Finger knitting, and Bug Hotels!

Tel: 01594 844841 / [www.tauruscrafts.co.uk](http://www.tauruscrafts.co.uk)



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



### Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor) - 01594 842036

Dave Beddis - 07453 319883

Derek Biddle - 01594 842180

Rose Christodoulides - 07546 552773

James Greenwood - 01594 842454

Harry Ives - 01452 427612

Colin Legg - 07481 127336

Brian Pearman - 01594 841452

Donald Pugh - 01594 845161

David Street - 01594 844721

### Town/District & County Councillor

Alan Preest - 01594 564107

### Town & District Councillor

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

### District Councillors

Frankie Evans - 07951125597

Jim Simpson - 07747048976

James Bevan - 01594 842146

Bill Osborne - 01594 841970

### Council Staff

#### Chief Executive Officer/RFO

- Mrs Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

#### Executive Officer

- Miss Carol Wheeler

#### Finance Assistant

- Mrs Hilary Exton

#### Admin Assistant

- Miss Kate Hammond

#### Head Groundsman

- Mr James Young

#### Leading Hand/ Groundsman

- Mr Peter Edwards

#### Groundsman

- Mr Tommy Wales

- Mr Richard Brown

- Mr Anthony Bayliss