

# About Town

Lydney Town Council Newsletter - WINTER 2016



## SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Message from the Mayor.....

*"On behalf of my wife, myself, councillors and council employees I would like to wish the residents of Lydney a happy Christmas and New Year.*

*- Here is hoping 2017 brings you and your family happiness and prosperity".*

- Councillor Bob Berryman



### Lydney's 'Best Dressed Shop Window' Christmas Competition

This year's theme is 'a White Christmas'

Be as creative as you like!

Judging will take place week commencing

**12th December 2016 onwards**

and will be judged by Lydney Town Mayor -

Cllr Bob Berryman.

Prizes include

£50 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize.

**Good Luck!**

### Plans for 2017.....

- ⇒ We are working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council to take over the grass cutting of certain areas in Naas Lane
- ⇒ We will be expanding our weed spraying work next year with the purchase of an ATV and spraying kit – all part of improving the image of the town for residents and visitors alike
- ⇒ We have installed another dog waste bin located at the junction of Meadow Bank and Bracken Close (*with further bins being planned for next year*)
- ⇒ We have purchased additional grit bins for the town
- ⇒ We are planning to expand on the lamp-post/barrier floral displays throughout the town for next year
- ⇒ 2017/18 Spending Plan available from Feb 2017



# Lydney Recreation Trust



## Poster Competition – Litter/Dog Waste bins

At a recent Lydney Recreation Trust meeting Trustees highlighted the fact that Lydney has suffered an increase in litter and dog fouling on Trust land and other areas throughout Lydney. In order to try and tackle the issue and raise awareness of the effect littering has on our community the Trust initiated the idea of a 'poster competition' between the local Primary Schools. It was felt that Schools had the potential to develop positive, sustainable habits among children that can last a lifetime, and be valuable from the day that they are learned. A litter-free Town (and of course litter-free routes to school) is a good indicator of a Town's commitment to caring for the environment, which is an important value of sustainable development.

After receiving many entries from the local Primary Schools, the Trust Chairman and Trustees had the difficult decision of choosing 4 designs. Trustees were overwhelmed by the wonderful creative designs received however 4 winning designs were chosen with the winners each receiving a £10.00 book token from the Trust. The winning designs have been replicated onto sticky back vinyl labels by the Trusts appointed signage company and placed on all litter bins and dog waste bins on Trust land. It is hoped that the posters will encourage people to deposit their litter in a correct and safe manner by using the bins provided.

Poster entries



4 winning designs





Sadly the Trust is continually experiencing a number of problems with uncontrolled dogs fouling the Rugby training area on the Recreation field.

Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can lead to toxocariasis in humans. Toxocariasis causes serious illness and even blindness. It is caused by a parasite known as *Toxocara Canis* (also known as Roundworm). These parasites live in dogs' digestive systems. Eggs are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminated soil. If someone ingests infected material, the eggs may hatch into larvae and can lead to toxocariasis. Toxocariasis usually affects children aged between one and four years. But cases of toxocariasis have been reported in people of all ages. Young children are most at risk because they are more likely to put things into their mouths and less likely to wash their hands properly. Symptoms of toxocariasis can include seizures, breathing difficulties, a very red and painful eye, and clouded vision, usually only in one eye. Left untreated, toxocariasis can cause permanent loss of vision in the affected eye.

The Trust has a number of dog waste bins located on Trust land with some bins offering residents free disposable bags for the safe removal and disposal of dogs faeces. The Trust is currently seeking ways to deal with the matter on its land with Trustees being in close contact with Lydney RFC and the Forest of Dean District Council Street Wardens (*regarding what specific resources they could offer in terms of a potential campaign*). Street Warden patrols have also been stepped up in the area to potentially catch those that are offending and issue them with a warning.

 **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!'

As part of Forest of Dean District Council's (FODDC) response to the Interim Findings pertaining to the Allocations Plan Examination, the Inspector has outlined the need for FODDC to review and undertake a focussed public consultation on housing requirement. Once the Inspector and FODDC have agreed the revised housing requirement and consultation material, the Focused Changes will be subject to public consultation for a minimum period of 8 weeks (anticipated to commence late November/December 2016) Details of the consultation will be available from FODDC's Allocation Plan webpage in due course. The Inspector will then consider the responses from the consultation and decide if further hearings are required before Main Modifications can be finalised which will also require a final formal consultation.

**BREAM**  
VOLUNTARY  
CAR SERVICE




**01594 560257**  
bvcs@btconnect.com  
Charity Number: 1082982

Do you have a car?  
Have you thought about being a volunteer car driver?  
We need more volunteer drivers  
To meet the demand  
If you think you would be interested please call to find out more  
We will be happy to give you more information  
Answer any queries  
Thank you



**Winters here,  
so don't forget;**

**Keep Warm, Keep Well.**  
If you're worried about a relative or an elderly neighbour, contact your local council or ring the Age UK helpline on  
**Tel: 0800 00 99 66.**



- 2017**
- Lydney Town Celebration Service on Sunday 29 January 2017 (at St Mary's Church, Lydney)
  - Annual Town Meeting on Monday 24 April 2017 (at Lydney Town Hall, Lydney)
  - Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust Summer Celebration Event on Saturday 19 August 2017 (at Bathurst Park, Lydney)

**Full Steam ahead to see Father Christmas**  
Why not try one of the Dean Forest Railway's Santa Specials this year!  
Father Christmas visits each family on the train with his special presents – for young and old. Bring cameras to snap the magical moment when each youngster talks to Santa!  
Allow some time to have a snack in the cafeteria car and browse in the well stocked shop at Norchard for some Christmas presents and stocking filler ideas.  
Contact information: Norchard Station, Forest Road, Lydney, Glos Sat Nav: GL15 4ET. Tel: 01594 845840. Email: infodfr@btconnect.com

**Santa Special!**  
Visit Santa at the Dean Forest Railway this Christmas!

- 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 21st and 24th December 2016
- Quality gifts for all ages
- On board Santa and helpers

Book online at [www.dfr.co.uk](http://www.dfr.co.uk)




Dean Forest Railway



**In The Park**  
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers from 2016.....  
And we look forward to welcoming both existing and new customers when we re-open in March 2017



## *County Councillor Report*



**Positivity....**  
I'm delighted to report that the much needed 80 space extension to the mainline Railway Station car-park is on course to be open by the end of the year. A purpose built dedicated cycle shelter has also been provided on the Gloucester direction platform.

After concern during the late Summer regarding Stagecoach bus service 23 ( Coleford - Lydney - Gloucester and return) the service predominantly for the foreseeable future remains as now, complemented with a later running weekday service through to Coleford.

Through the County Council's Children's Activity Fund substantial grants have recently been awarded to the Hockey club, Football club, Cricket club the Sea Cadets, Lydney Taekwondo and the Town Hall. It is an absolute pleasure to award grants that are geared towards the welfare and development of the children in our town.

Highfield Hill, the Templeway area ( pre April) followed by Bream Road ( post April) are all scheduled for major highway resurfacing, and finally County Highways are finalising the detail re the erection of the long awaited Bus Shelter at the bottom of Bream Road.

*- County Cllr Alan Preece*

**Local NHS**  
**Hearing Aid**  
**Clinics**

Gloucestershire  
**VILLAGE & COMMUNITY**  
Agents

You can now visit a NHS Hearing Aid Clinic in your area to have your hearing aid checked, retubed, cleaned etc. Goode Court, Bream Road, Lydney. GL15 5JP. Open 10AM – 12PM, fourth Tuesday each month. To book appointment telephone GDA 01452 372999.

If you are over 50 and live in West Dean, Coleford, Lydney, Cinderford, Ruspidge, Drybrook, Ruardean, Blakeney and Awre and you need help with daily living, please contact Mike Morgan, your local Village Agent who will arrange a visit at your home or elsewhere to discuss how he can help you. Tel: 07776 245 712.



## LYDNEY PARK RUN

Lydney parkrun has had a great few months, with many runners coming from all over the country to enjoy the beautiful backdrop of Lydney Boating Lake. As well as running 5k each and every Saturday morning at 9am, Lydney parkrunners have also been busy fundraising as we enjoyed taking part in the World's Biggest MacMillan Coffee Morning, and as part of the #IAmTeamGB event we enjoyed bacon butties and raised money towards a defibrillator.



We have also welcomed MP Mark Harper along on the 1st October to help celebrate parkrun UK 12th anniversary, in 12 years parkrun has grown from just 12 runners to now thousands at over 900 events worldwide. *(He managed the course in just under 25 minutes.)*

Parkrunners have also been very generous in donating spring flowering bulbs, which have now been planted around the lake they will bring some colour and will complement the work which the Recreation Trust have been doing in improving the area.

We would like to thank the Forest of Dean Lions, for their donation of £500 which has enabled us to purchase a defibrillator, which is a vital piece of life-saving equipment.

Over the next couple of months we have a couple of events coming up, firstly 24th December come and join us for our Christmas fancy dress run, 1st January at the earlier time of 8:30 for our New Years Day parkrun, and 7th January is our one year anniversary. Come and join us for these events where there will be loads of fun, some running and plenty of cake. For more information on Lydney parkrun go to [www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/lydney) or [www.facebook.com/lydneyparkrun](http://www.facebook.com/lydneyparkrun), or come and see us any Saturday morning 9am Lydney Boating Lake. (park in the lorry park off Hams Road)

# No Mobile, When Mobile



## Will you help make using a mobile phone when driving socially unacceptable?

The Road Safety Partnership is seeking everyone's help with this brand new road safety campaign. Its aim is to change people's attitudes about mobile phones and driving through a blend of engagement, education and police enforcement. The Partnership will support these measures with local action to keep our roads safe but drivers must also take responsibility for their behaviour behind the wheel. Using local community action we need your help to exert some social pressure on family and friends who take these risks.

There are many ways to support this campaign, but here are four simple ways you can help your community:

1. Promote the 'My Red Thumb' campaign to your local school or youth group <http://www.myredthumb.com/>
2. Display the **campaign posters** available through the RSP website [www.roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk)
3. Promote the **mobile phone policy** to your local business community <http://www.rospa.com/road-safety/advice/drivers/distraction/mobile-phones/>
4. If you have a **parish newsletter** or magazine perhaps you could include an article? <http://think.direct.gov.uk/mobile-phones.html>



The tragic deaths of four members of the same family on the A34, killed by a driver who was using his mobile phone and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, illustrates how vital this campaign is. Using mobile phones is one of the most dangerous behaviours for motorists, putting drivers, passengers and others on the road at risk of death and serious harm. And it is a behaviour seen too frequently on our roads but together we can help to make it **socially unacceptable**.

**Some facts that you may find useful:**

- ❖ Using a mobile phone, sat nav or any similar device whilst driving means that the driver's attention is distracted from the road. Research shows using a mobile phone while driving can make you **four times more likely to have a crash**. Reaction times for drivers using a hand-held phone are **50% worse** than when driving normally
- ❖ Using a **hands-free phone** while driving does not significantly reduce the risks because the problems are caused mainly by the mental distraction and divided attention of taking part in a phone conversation at the same time as driving.
- ❖ Studies show that drivers using a hands-free or handheld mobile phone are slower at recognising and reacting to hazards. Even careful drivers can be distracted by a call or text – and a **split-second** lapse in concentration could result in a crash.
- ❖ Sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. In 4.6 seconds a car travelling at 30mph would have travelled 61.7 metres (202.4 feet) that's about the wingspan of a 747 Jumbo Jet!

**Think about it.**






## Taurus Crafts

### Independent creative businesses

Taurus Crafts based on the outskirts of Lydney is run by The Camphill Village Trust a national charity supporting adults with special needs within communities and the workplace.

As well as providing support, training and guidance to people with special needs the vibrant visitor centre hosts 14 independent creative businesses, a gift shop and a café.

With local craftsman Duncan of 'Unique Glass Beads' setting up shop recently the businesses include: Health & Beauty Salon, Stone Mason, Picture Framing, Leatherwork, Jewellery, Decorative Glass, Ethical Clothing, Chocolatiers, Knitting, Antiques, and Farmshop & Deli. A worthy, value-led visitor centre with a fantastic showcase of local creative talent.

  
**OPEN DAILY**  
**10AM - 5PM**  
**FREE ENTRY**  
**FREE PARKING**

### Keep your eyes peeled for the Christmas Markets including:

- **Food & Drink, Arts & Crafts, Gifts & Toys; also a Christmas Shop & Artisan business and High Quality, Fresh Cut, Christmas Trees**



Lydney festival proposed that I create a mural, in which members of the

community could help create at Bathurst park live, on the 27th August. I helped families create the mural which is now displayed outside the co-operative in Lydney. The mural brought the community together, with several hundred people of all ages participating.

With Lydney being situated in the Forest of Dean and the forest being an amazing area of natural beauty, I felt it relevant to symbolise this, and how important the forest is to the local people.

The tree of life, has been used throughout time to represent how life flows. Trees have been held sacred in many cultures both ancient and modern. Both beautiful and symbolic, trees are very powerful.

So I started creating our tree of life, I wanted the tree to show how

energy from the earth in our forest flows through the trees and grows around us. Essentially, they give us energy, safety, security and stability with roots reaching deep into the earth.

On the day of the event, everyone involved in the mural, had great fun, some painted animals, that we see in our forest, and others printed their hands around the tree, creating an array of colours.

It was a wonderful experience, to bring everyone together, to create this mural. It looks amazing, standing tall and bringing colour. Children feel proud, that they have contributed and i feel a sense of accomplishment that the community, all feel proud that they created this wonderful piece together.

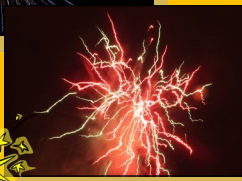
- Lydney Festival mural by the artist  
*Louise Penny*



## Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust

"This has been a particularly eventful year for Bathurst Park. The eagerness of the public to see the park prosper has been incredibly apparent.

In our previous newsletter, I spoke of the challenges presented by vandalism. Despite coverage in the local media and calls for vigilance, we continue to experience damages/anti-social behaviour. In response, we invited Gloucestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to our January 2017 meeting to discuss potential solutions. To my great pleasure, he accepted and any interested individuals are welcome to attend on January 30th, 7pm in Claremont House.



Bonfire night, as always, proved an enormously popular event. Special thanks to the high number of volunteers, without whom we couldn't have hoped for such a successful evening. The display was spectacular, and many positive comments were received as a result. The groundsman deserve praise for patrolling the perimeter, and our hand-stamping system of admission (new to 2016) solved many of the problems associated with issuing wristbands.

Looking ahead to 2017, we intend to build on the success of our celebratory event for the Queen's birthday with a second event next summer. Intended as a celebration of Bathurst Park, the event will aim to bring together various dance groups and showcase local talent. Any musicians/dancers/performers who would like to be considered do get in touch! Look out also for the likely conclusion of our Green Flag Award preparations - once action is taken to repair/replace our decayed fencing we're ready for assessment.

With Christmas around the corner, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break and fantastic new year. Bathurst Park looks great in the snow (if we get any!), so be sure to visit. See you in 2017"

*Trust Chairman - Trustee Harry Ives*



Andy Lewis & Trust Chairman Trustee Ives at the 'Welcome home Andy Lewis' Event held Summer 2016



## 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



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor) - 01594 842036

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Harry Ives - 01452 427612

Walter Leach - 07976 608908

Colin Legg - 07901 228802

Brian Pearman - 01594 841452

Donald Pugh - 01594 845161

David Street - 01594 844721

### Town/District & County Councillor

Alan Preest - 01594 564668 or 07762706421

### Town & District Councillor

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

### District Councillors

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Jim Simpson - 07747048976

James Bevan - 01594 842146

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- Mrs Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

#### Executive Officer

- Miss Carol Wheeler

#### Community Projects Administrator

- Miss Alison Crawshaw

#### Finance Assistant

- Mrs Carolyn Whittington

#### Admin Assistant

- Miss Kate Hammond

#### Head Groundsman

- Mr James Young

#### Leading Hand/ Groundsman

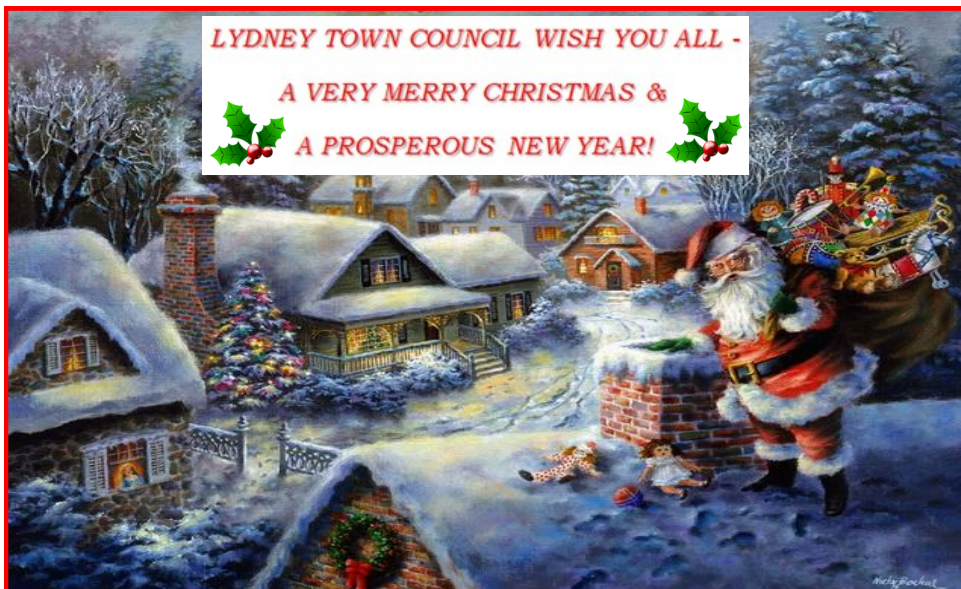
- Mr Peter Edwards

#### Groundsman

- Mr Tommy Wales

- Mr Richard Brown

- Mr Anthony Bayliss



**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!**

Your next Councillor Surgery is

Saturday 21st January 2017

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



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