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Lydney Town Council Newsletter

- Autumn 2017



In July of last year, the Bathurst Park Trust agreed to organise a music event for summer 2017. It was to be family-orientated, celebrating Bathurst Park as an outstanding local space. Several months later and with all performances booked, equipment hired, stalls sourced, marketing distributed, parking fees suspended, site mapped and charismatic host found, 'Party in the Park!' had been arranged.

On 19th August 2017, visitors were treated to impressive displays of music and dance from very gifted (and very brave!) youngsters. Opened by renowned ceramist Mary Rose-Young and kindly hosted by Mark Sargent, the event began with a performance from Lydney Town Band. Outstanding as always, they were followed by Forest of Dean Ukulele band '*Friends Ukenited*' and both were immediate hits. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend either for future events and hope they enjoyed the day.

Shortly afterward, our professional dance troupe took the spotlight. Performing their first routine - *Bollywood* - attendees were mesmerised and it was obvious we were in for an afternoon of top entertainment. This was followed by a range of further routines, each drawing applause and cheers from the crowd.

At each interval, guests heard from up-and-coming local singers, showcasing the breadth of talent Lydney Music has to offer. Each singer did themselves proud and I hope to see all of them perform again at future Park functions!

The range of stalls complimented the day well and despite the Trust being let down by an independent trader it had not used before (the provider didn't show up), the stalls we did have were swamped with people.; on offer was a bouncy castle, face-painting, a Jewellery seller, magic shows, balloon sculpting, puppetry, an ice cream van, the Lydney WI and Relay for Life. Our ever-popular pavilion café continued to serve exceptionally good food and use of their changing rooms by the dancers was greatly appreciated!



The event was in summary a pleasure; and to see so many residents enjoying the festivities was incredibly rewarding. I am sure the Trust will look to host similar events in future so watch this space.

Special thanks to:

Trevor Davis of Lydney Music: Steppin' Out Entertainment: Lydney Town Band: Friends Ukenited: The Lydney Festival Committee: The Dean Academy: Mary-Rose Young: Mark Sargent: Pavilion staff and all Working Party Members, especially Trustees Rose Christodoulides and Derek Biddle, both of whom were instrumental from start to finish and cannot be thanked enough. (*Trustee Harry Ives—Bathurst Park Chairman*)

**To be considered for future events, either as a stall-holder, caterer or performer, please contact:
Lydney Town Council Tel.01594 842234**

Lydney Twinning Association - Visit to Brehal in Normandy

Families from the Lydney Twinning Association travelled to Normandy at the beginning of June for the annual exchange visit with Brehal. The visit started with a champagne reception with the Mayor of Brehal, Daniel Lecureuil, and the renewing of some old friendships. Following a packed day with their hosts, the Lydney families were then entertained to a celebration dinner and dancing into the early hours at a local venue. Once again those that ventured across the Channel received a very warm welcome from their French friends in Normandy and were kept entertained with a weekend packed with visits and social events arranged by their hosts. The theme of the weekend was about maintaining the strong bonds between our two towns, seeing more of the historic sites of Normandy and, most importantly having great fun.

Brehal provides an excellent base for visiting the fortified coastal town of Granville, Mont-St. Michel and the D-Day memorial sites and a number of the Lydney guests were able to stay on with their French hosts for a few days to take advantage of this. The Twinning Association are expecting a large contingent of visitors when Lydney hosts the exchange event next May and would welcome new families to join them for the fun packed weekend.

Throughout the year there are a number of social and fund-raising events including a Quiz Night and a Summer Family BBQ. On September 16th there will be a Barn Dance and Hog Roast, and the Twinning AGM will be taking place on October 27th.

If you would like to get involved in any of these events, get to know more about your local Twinning Association and make new friends while forging links with this fabulous part of France, then please visit the website at www.lydneytwinning.org.uk



Lydney Twinning Chairman Andrew Dean (left) with Brehal Twinning Vice President Michelle Garabis



The Association visitors and hosts at the Brehal town council reception.



(Left to Right) Charline Hue (French Translator) Andrew Dean (Lydney Twinning Association Chairman) and Michelle Garabis (Brehal)



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Gloucestershire
**VILLAGE
& COMMUNITY
Agents**

Changes for Village Agents.

By the time you read this article, I suspect that you will have read a statement about Village Agents in your local newspapers. Some of you may be aware that new contacts are being put out for this service and there will be changes. The name Village Agent will disappear and a new name, Community Connector will supersede the Village Agent name. New service providers will also be appointed and there are likely to be changes to the role as well.

Please watch your local newspapers for an announcement.

 **Lydney Community Centre**
Loves Volunteers

    

Naas Lane Lydney 845704 / 07504565153

www.lydneycommunitycentre.co.uk

 **LYDCARE**

Lydcare Voluntary Drivers
Provide a personal door to door service to get you to and from your appointments hospital doctor dentist social

Happy to help until you are ready to return home

Travel in and around the Forest Of Dean Gloucester Cheltenham Tewkesbury Bristol Oxford Birmingham and Hereford hospitals

No membership fee standard mileage charge applies

To book contact Lydcare on 01594 860143

<http://forestroutes.org/community-transport/lydcare>

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG

OWNERS BEWARE!

Fines &/or enforcement action will be taken against you if you do not clean up after your animal.

West Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Watch



Field Officers AGM Report

Thursday 17th November 2016

It has been another busy year again with a lot going on.

We have had new schemes in Clifford's Mesne, Hewelsfield, Coleford, Aylburton, Tutshill, Newnham, Taynton Edge End, Strawberry Hill in Newent, and Mile End.

I attended an event in Lydney Town Hall in December last year where young people performed a play about bogus callers to a target audience of elderly residents, highlighting the dangers of doorstep selling.

Volunteers have been running stalls at the farmers' markets in Rudford, Highleadon and Huntley selling crime prevention products and promoting Neighbourhood Watch; I supply them with the leaflets and products. These stalls have proved popular and I am hoping they will continue.

I gave a talk to the Rudford and Highleadon Parish council in July and attended a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in Sedbury in September discussing crime trends. Yorkley has had two community days in May and October which I attended with the mobile police van. Both events were successful and interest was expressed over Neighbourhood Watch as there are no schemes there at present.

The first Regional meeting of Neighbourhood Watch was held in Bridgewater in February which I attended with my colleague from Gloucester. This was a productive meeting, and we have met since to draw up plans for the future.

My two counterparts from across county and myself were asked to create the aims and objectives document for the website this year which is now complete and can be seen on the Gloucestershire Police website under : -

Neighbourhood Watch.

At present we use the **Voice Mail Relay System (VMRS)** otherwise known as '**Watch Word**'. Currently another system is being considered, called '**Alert**'. It is used by other forces and may have benefits for us.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who tirelessly work helping keep your communities safe through the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, thank you for all your efforts. **Chrissie Parkes**



Remember, Remember, the 3rd November 2017

**Fireworks Night at Bathurst Park, Lydney.
Firing starts at 7.15pm.**

**Admission £5.00 for 16+, £2.00 for 5-16
years, under 5's free.**

Ho! Ho! Ho!

**Lydney's Christmas Lights
Switch-On**

25th November 2017

- Come and meet Santa

**Admission charge for Santa's
Grotto**

£3.00 per child

(price includes a present)



Keeping our Public Rights of Way clear

Many people will agree that there is nothing like a good walk to enjoy our glorious countryside & to keep fit. We are lucky in this country to have a definitive **Public Rights of Way** network. The upkeep of the PROW network is the responsibility the County Council.

Unfortunately, over recent years, due to financial restrictions and lack of staff all County Councils now rely heavily on volunteers to do basic path clearance and report any major obstructions. Since 1998 I have worked as a local volunteer for Gloucestershire County Council PROW to keep some of our local paths clear. Unfortunately, advancing years & health issues mean that I must regrettably give up this practical work.

If you would like to consider stepping into the breach then the GCC contractor Amey, offer for volunteers, a one day training course (*held two to three times per year dependent on demand*) at which they also usually provide a goody bag containing secateurs, gloves, goggles, etc.

If you would like to help clear some of the local paths then please contact me direct on 07808060892 or email me at dwestreet1712@gmail.com Alternatively, please leave your details with the Town Council office who will forward them on.

Details of the GCC PROW can be found at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way/>

Councillor Dave Street



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 19th November 2016

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



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 in relation to a community issue?

Whatever your thoughts, the Town Council cannot assist if they are unaware - **so help us to change this!**

Please send your letters to:

C/O Lydney Town Council, Council Chambers, Claremont House, High St, Lydney GL15 5DX.

Your views matter to us!

DO NOT FEED THE FERAL WILD BOAR

Please do not feed, or leave food for, the wild boar.

They learn to associate people with food and then may become aggressive to visitors. Sows with piglets are more likely to React to strangers. They are well adapted to living and feeding in their own environment. If you leave the boar alone they will ignore you.

- This includes keeping your dog on a lead whenever you see them.

What to do if you see wild boar:

1. **Do not approach them.** Go back the way you came or go around them giving a wide berth.
2. **Avoid walking through dense woodland.** These are their safe resting and breeding areas.
3. **Put your dog on a lead as soon as you see one** or they may get scared and react.
4. **Keep to a safe distance.** Particularly if your dog chases animals or does not respond to calls immediately

For further information, visit our website or speak to a ranger.

www.forestry.gov.uk/england

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Town Councillors

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Derek Biddle - 01594 842180

Rose Christodoulides - 07546 552773

James Greenwood - 01594 842454

Harry Ives - 01452 427612

Walter Leach - 07976 608108

Colin Legg - 07901 228802

Brian Pearman - 01594 841452

Donald Pugh - 01594 845161

David Street - 01594 844721

Kevin White - 01594 780652

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Alan Preest - 01594 564668

Town & District Councillor

Carol Harris - 01594 841026

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Frankie Evans - 07951125597

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