

About Town

Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Summer 2017



Synopsis of Mayor's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that Gloucester County Council have opened an additional car park at the Railway Station. Dean Academy has made great strides towards reaching the required level of education and the school is very involved with the community at events. Last year I reported little progress in efforts to improve ties with youth groups and the Council but this year has seen a marked improvement. The introduction of a Youth Engagement Forum to allow people under eighteen to address the Council has proved popular. We have welcomed several groups of students to Full Council meetings to give their, sometimes very frank, views. I hope this will continue to develop in the future in the capable hands of Councillor Harry Ives. Due to the hard work of Councillor Dave Street a permissive footpath has opened along the Tack which also includes signs showing the wildlife that you can expect to see. Stakeholder meetings continue in relation to flood prevention in and around Lydney. This is work in progress but the signs are promising. The ground staff, under Head Groundsman James Young, continue to maintain a high standard in Bathurst Park, the Cemetery and around the Town. The land that Lydney Recreation Trust cleared between the lake and the bypass has proved very successful and is used by the Parkrun which is very well supported. The wild flower and bug hotels have generally been well received as well as the newly erected fencing erected on the Recreation Trust ground. The Council continues to train its staff to a high standard and it believes that this approach is reflected in the service provided to residents and the improvement initiatives which are evident around the Town. The Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust is currently arranging a "Party in the Park" event for this summer. Details will be published shortly via the Town Council's Facebook page and the event looks set to build on the success of last year with a greater number of acts and performances. It will be a great event for all the family to enjoy. The Civic Service was also a great success with the Gloucester County High Sherriff and the Lord Lieutenant in attendance, a first for Lydney. The present Councillors and staff will continue to move Lydney forward and I will promote the town at all functions that I attend. I would like to thank my wife, Councillors and staff for their continued support of this Council.



Mayor's Civic Award – Recipients 2017/18

- Cllr Bob Berryman, Mayor

Charles Heaman



Charles lives locally and trained with Lisa Rafferty, at Allsteps Dance Academy in Lydney, from which he gained a place as a Royal Ballet School Associate. At 11 he joined Elmhurst Ballet School in Birmingham, on a full scholarship. One of Charles's proudest moments was being asked to tour with the Birmingham Royal Ballet in their production of The Prince of the Pagodas where he played the part of the young prince, and performed at various theatres across the UK.

Charles has been offered a place for Sixth Form at the English National Ballet School in London and will use the Mayor's Civic Award to help purchase the necessary uniform and equipment to train at the School over the next three years.

Julie Sparkes



Julie lives in Lydney and is passionate about floristry. Over the last 9 years she has entered many local shows and won many awards for her arrangements. She is a member of Lydney and Severnside Flower Club and her ambition is to become a florist, a teacher or a demonstrator. Julie will be attending evening classes in Gloucester to attain Levels 2 and 3 in Floristry and will use the Mayor's Civic Award towards the cost of her formal studies.

"Congratulations, I am pleased to have been able to support you both and wish you continued success in your chosen professions". - Cllr Bob Berryman, Mayor



Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust



Last year (April 2016) the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust brought Bollywood to Lydney for perhaps the first time. Our event saw a professional dance troupe wow attendees with their moves and was considered a success by all.

This year the Trust is planning a larger summer festival which is set to be the "stand-out" event of 2017!

The festival will see Bollywood return to Bathurst Park as another professional dance company perform 6 x 10 minute dance routines (Can-can, Flamenco, Bollywood, Vegas, Belly dancing & 1920's Gatsby) supported by a selection of local singers including the winner of the 2016 'Totally Talented' competition Tyler Evans. Other performers include the outstanding Lydney Town Band and 'Friends Ukenited' – a team of Ukulele players!

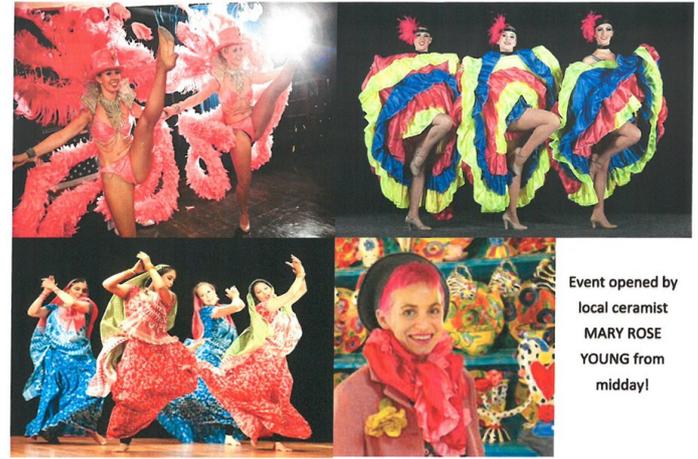
Food will be available to purchase and a range of other attractions will be present including children's rides, a bouncy castle, face painting, athletics, inflatables and various traders. **The event will be free to attend** and styled 'Party in the Park!'. So why not visit on 19th August between 12:00-17:30 hrs for a summer afternoon of family entertainment and fun? You're in for a treat!

Anyone interested in setting up a stall on the day (from selling wares to entire rides!) are invited to contact Lydney Town Council's office on 01594 842234 for further information. Please note all stalls require public liability insurance (minimum coverage £5 million) together with a completed risk assessment form. Anyone selling foodstuffs will require food hygiene documentation.

Thank you, and I hope to see you there.

Trustee Harry Ives

(Chairman—Bathurst Park & Recreation Trust)



Event opened by local ceramist MARY ROSE YOUNG from midday!

PARTY IN THE PARK!

Come and see Belly dancing, Vegas showgirl dancing, the Can-Can, Flamenco, Bollywood and 1920's Gatsby!

Enjoy LIVE MUSIC and a huge range of attractions and stalls!

Carnival rides, bucking bronco, face painting, magic acts, puppet shows, bouncy castles and more!

19th August 12:00-17:30 in Bathurst Park



FREE ENTRY!

Event organised by The Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust. Charity 298305

Dementia Friendly Community Survey



DAA Dementia Action Alliance FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT

What is life like for people living with dementia in the Forest of Dean District?

What is good? What is challenging?

If you are living with Dementia or caring for someone with Dementia then have your say. You can complete the survey by: Internet survey, popping in to the Forest of Dean District Council Offices or by completing a paper copy.

Complete online: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Dementia_Friendly_Communities_Survey

For a paper copy: Contact: Lena Maller
Forest of Dean District Council Tel: 01594 812609

Replies can be dropped off into one of the collection boxes at:

- Forest of Dean District Council's reception
- Libraries across the Forest
- GP surgeries



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!'



Lydney Town Council End of Year Accounts - 2016/17

(Unaudited)_

31st March 2016

31st March 2017

1	Balance brought forward	REINSTATED 295,024	309,439
2	Annual Precept	483,121	491,048
3	Other receipts	96,798	146,881
4	Corporate	252,965	271,633
5	Loan Interest and Capital Repayments	15,287	15,287
6	All other Payments	297,253	245,862
7	Balance Carried forward	309,439	414,587
8	Total Cash and Investments	363,590	416,960
9	Total fixed assets	535,396	549,583
10	Total borrowings	96,145	86,341



Lydney Town Council Donations/Grants Awarded 2017/18

Money Awarded to:

	<u>Grant or Donation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Forest of Dean Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£1,000.00
Lydney Community Centre	Donation	£1,500.00
FOD Health Forum	Donation	£150.00
Great Western Air Ambulance	Grant	£750.00
Lydney Festival	Grant	£1,500.00

Total Donations awarded to Date

£2,650.00

Total Grants awarded to Date

£2,250.00

Grants/Donations are considered twice a year.

All applications should therefore be submitted either by the **1st June** or the **1st February** each year.

Lydney Town Council Floral Display



Following a Town Council Amenities Committee meeting held last September, the Council resolved to enter into a three year hire contract with a supplier to erect floral displays on most of the lamp-posts and barriers throughout the Town. It was felt that such floral displays would soften our public spaces, providing movement, colour and contrast, and bring a different quality of life to our streets. They also help to introduce seasonal colour and can improve air quality.

As a Town Council we want you to feel proud of the area in which you live and benefit from a healthier and more sustainable environment and as such we are sure that you will agree that the floral displays in Lydney are looking fantastic this year and will hopefully give colour and pleasure to the Town, both now and in the years to come.

Community 'Litter Picking' day Success!

Thanks to Year Seven pupils at the Dean Academy in Lydney, people from across the community grabbed their litter pickers and came together to tackle rubbish in the Town recently. Pupils from Severnbanks and Primrose Hill schools joined in along with representatives from the community, including Nina Summerfield from St Mary's Church and local councillors Kevin White and Harry Ives. The event was the brain child of a group of Year Seven students from the Dean Academy, who presented their ideas to Lydney Town Council in January, about incorporating a community litter pick with a fun-filled treasure hunt. Cllr Ives said: "The council was really impressed with the litter picking idea that the students presented to us. We felt it was a great way to bring together different groups within the community. I am really happy to be taking part. Credit must go to Emily Smith the Assistant Head at the Academy for making the event happen; it is a real victory". Tom Beveridge, Head of School at the Dean Academy, thanked everyone for their support adding: "This is a great opportunity for different generations to come together and do something positive for the community".

Thanks to Year Seven pupils at the Dean Academy in Lydney,



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!

MAYOR'S CADET

Congratulations to the newly appointed Mayor's Cadet for 2017/18



Cdt Cpl Harry Moxey

614 (Lydney SQN ATC)

The Mayor also expressed thanks to the retiring Mayor's Cadet (2016/17)



Ordinary Cadet Scott Ross

(Forest of Dean Sea Cadets)

USEFUL TELEPHONE

NUMBERS

Town Councillors

Bob Berryman (Mayor) - 01594 842036

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

Town/District & County Councillor

Alan Preest - 01594 564668

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

- Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

Executive Officer

- Carol Wheeler

Finance Assistant

- Carolyn Whittington

Admin Assistant

- Kate Hammond

Head Groundsman

- James Young

Leading Hand/ Groundsman

- Peter Edwards

Groundsman

- Tommy Wales

- Anthony Bayliss

- Ryan Berryman



DEFENCE: New fencing to protect Lydney's recreational sports pitches from dog fouling.

Dog fouling in Lydney forces Charitable Trust to take action

In order to protect and encourage sport, particularly junior sport in Lydney, the Recreation Trust have decided to fence the perimeter of sports pitches with its land, protecting the pitches from irresponsible dog owners. The decision was taken in response to the numerous complaints the Trust had received from Rugby Club Officials; a recent Gloucestershire Rugby Tournament which featured over a thousand young players was nearly cancelled by the referees because of the high level of dog fouling on the playing areas. Trust Chairman, Derek Biddle advised, "Having taken legal advice the Trust has been left with no alternative other than to ban dogs from the sporting areas which will eliminate any future exposure to dog faeces, thereby reducing any possible health risk. Trustees have a "Duty of Care" for all sports players which we take seriously and it is unfortunate that due to a few irresponsible dog owners we have been forced to enclose this area however Trustees noted that the dog mess problem has completely disappeared

on the football main pitch since the fencing of the area some two years ago". The Trust has worked hard over the last two years to improve other areas of the Recreation Trust ground, such as Cambourne Meadow, Lakeside, The Cut and land south of the by-pass, with wild flowers and new footpaths and we would like to encourage responsible dog owners to use these alternative areas. We would also ask that the dog bins provided be used in order that all residents and visitors alike may continue to enjoy the open space around Lydney lake.