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Lydney Town Council Newsletter - Winter

Message from the Mayor

*"On behalf of my wife, myself,
councillors & council employees,
I would like to wish the
residents of Lydney*

a Happy Christmas and New Year.

*- Here is hoping 2018 brings you
and your family happiness and prosperity"*

- Councillor Bob Berryman



Community Hospital Consultation

A two part public consultation regarding future options for community hospital facilities in the Forest is currently underway. The results of the first part which concluded on 10 December will be used by NHS Gloucestershire Care Services Trust to decide how best to proceed. Their preferred option is to build a new community hospital somewhere within the FOD District, and eventually close both Lydney and Dilke Hospitals which they say have become uneconomic to staff, service and maintain to modern standards. A working group comprising town and district councillors, Friends of Lydney Hospital, and other community representatives are encouraging local residents to respond to the consultation and support a new hospital on a site close to Lydney Town Centre. This would be easily accessible for Forest residents and NHS staff by either private or public transport.

Fun on the run with Lydney Parkrun



Lydney parkrun has enjoyed a fantastic 2nd year, we have celebrated our 100th run on 18th November, and the 4th November saw us join in the celebrations of our Event Director David, as he finished his '1year12halfs' challenge raising money for the British Heart Foundation. On 6th January 2018 we will celebrate our second anniversary, and we will also be having an extra run on New Years Day at the earlier time of 8:30am, giving runners chance to pop up to Forest of Dean parkrun after for a second parkrun at 10am.

We have seen an average of 100 runners turn up each Saturday morning, with many visitors from all over the world joining us for the FREE 5k run. We also enjoy having the Lydney 0-5k group joining us and they reach the achievement of completing 5k.



If you would like to come to parkrun you CAN, its FREE, and open to EVERYONE of all abilities. You don't even have to run, you could come & volunteer. For more information visit www.parkrun.com/lydney or search for Lydney parkrun on facebook.

A Safe Home this Christmas

Your home contains all of your special memories. If your home is ever burgled those memories could be stolen. This year, in the run up to Christmas, when the days are getting shorter, take steps to protect your home and keep your memories safe. We have put together some hints and tips to help you keep your memories safe.

- Stop sharing your location and holidays on social media
- Keep your doors, windows and back gate locked – even when you're there.
- Use time switches attached to lamps
- Use a fake TV burglar deterrent device
- Move your wheelie bin
- Turn on the radio
- Close the curtains as its getting dark
- Make your property look lived-in and loved
- Make sure there are no tools or equipment in your garden that can be used against you.
- Make your Apple iPhone, iPad or Mac unattractive – turn on the iCloud tracking.
This feature is available for iPhones, iPads, Macs & Apple Watch OS 2.
- Buy good quality locks for your shed and consider adding wire mesh to any windows.
- Stop sharing your valuables online
- Put up a 'Beware of the dog' sign
- Move your house and car keys
- Put up a window sticker
- Consider buying a letterbox cage

If you would like any further advice then please contact a member of the FOREST NHT, details are available on the Gloucestershire Constabulary website.



Taurus Crafts Christmas Markets

Running over three weekends in December Taurus Crafts Christmas Markets are the largest in the area with over 30 visiting traders selling a huge range of seasonal produce, gifts, crafts, toys, artwork and much more.

The onsite Taurus crafts businesses offer even more choice for special gifts and Christmas essentials, including; jewellery, knitting, leatherwork, glass beads, antiques and collectables, stone carving, health and beauty salon, local food & drink, picture framing, fairtrade fashion & interiors, glass artwork, and chocolates. A visit to the market isn't complete without a look in Taurus Crafts gift shop and café. Taurus Crafts sells fresh cut Christmas trees from Lydney Park Estate, they are sold un-netted so you can choose the perfect shape for your room before your tree is netted ready to be taken home.

The markets are free to enter with free parking, open from 10am -5.30pm. 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th December
www.tauruscrafts.co.uk



The Lydney Grammar School Foundation

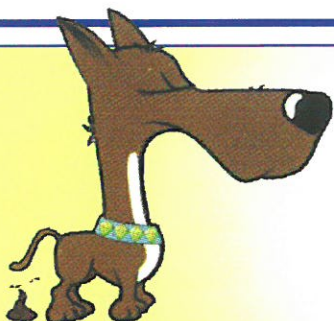
The LGS Foundation is a Registered Charity set up following the closure of the town's Grammar School in the early 1970's. It exists to promote the education, including social and physical training, of any persons(s) who live within the old catchment area of the school, and who are in need of financial assistance. The catchment area includes Lydney and the outlying villages from Beachley to Newnham and northerly to St Briavels, Bream, and Parkend. Awards are awarded not only for assistance with further education and other approved courses but also for such items as outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education and development.

Recent awards have been given to Guiding trips, School courses, swimming courses, conservation research, yachting, theatre productions, musical instruments, etc.

The awards are granted by seven Trustees' who meet 3-4 times per year.

Applications are presented by the Clerk and each application is decided on it's own particular merit. Amounts can vary depending on the total cost of the application and also by the ability that can be self-funded.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Mr Ron Beddis, by telephone: 01594 841887 or by email: rbeddis@gmail.com for any further information.



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"



In The Park

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers from 2017.....

And we look forward to welcoming both existing and new customers when we re-open in 2018

Merry Christmas

May the peace and joy of the holiday season be with you throughout the coming year. from all at Lydney Town Council

Bathurst Park - what a year!

This year Bathurst Park has seen decayed railings removed, an outdoor fitness trail added, visits from the Police Commissioner's Community Engagement Vehicle (C.E.V), award nominations for our on-site café, another excellent fireworks display, the return of Bollywood dancing and much more. The Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association recently judged us 'Excellent' and noted 'excellent site facilities for a public park'.

Our public toilets need refurbishment and Trustees have earmarked £4000 to finance this. Difficulties with littering/vandalism are well known and additional drum bins have been added. Signage welcoming responsible dog owners has also been erected with a view to encouraging lead use.

Earlier this year, the Trust met Gloucestershire's Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl. We then welcomed the Constabulary's Community Engagement Vehicle (C.E.V) on five dates in August. C.E.V. enabled residents to discuss their concerns with officers and receive crime prevention advice. Officers from the County's mounted section (horseback) visited and the Trust continues to benefit from Operation TOM TOM – frequent foot patrols in and around the Park area.

The major change in 2017 was the removal of the Avenue Andre Clement railings. An aesthetic improvement, resurfacing and railings to be repainted early next year. An iron "Welcome to Bathurst Park" archway at the avenue entrance will then begin installed. We are seeking grants for the final element of our ironworks - enclosure of the memorial gardens and water feature. We've applied to Tesco's 'Bags of Help' scheme for the sum of £4,000. I'm happy to say we've reached the in-store voting stage so next time you're out please vote for the Trust! We have a number of other initiatives for which we are exploring grant options, including a new filtration system for the fountain, cycle racks to promote healthy living and a youth shelter to promote social cohesion. I am pleased to say we recently secured funding from Gloucestershire County Council for replacement miniature rugby posts.

Our on-site Café 'The Coffee house' turned five this year and continues to excel. Currently nominated for two Countryside Alliance Awards the quality of their food/drink is outstanding and comes highly recommended. Dog-owners will shortly be better-placed to enjoy their products after Trustees agreed to site additional picnic benches on the 'sports' side within close proximity to the cafe.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. Why not visit the Park over Christmas? You'll be in for a treat!

A warm welcome awaits at Lydney Memory Café

The first meeting of the Lydney Memory Café was held on Friday September 29th. With a theme of "School Photographs", a chatty morning with tea, biscuits, "trminos" and memories of school days was enjoyed by everyone.

A memory cafe offers a relaxed, safe and comfortable space where anyone wanting to reminisce or anyone affected by, or caring for, a person with memory challenges can come along to socialise and receive support and information. Lydney Memory café is being held monthly at the Community Centre.

The free monthly get together with drinks and biscuits will be held on the last Friday of the month (except December) from 10.30 – 12.30 and each month will have a theme and activities. So why not join us?



For more information please contact Len Cooksley at the centre on 07504 565153 or Derek Biddle via email at lydneycommunitycentre@outlook.com

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: 01594 842234
 - 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

foster!



GCC foster carers are well trained and supported.
2017 Ofsted Inspection

Say yes to the challenge!

Gloucestershire County Council needs foster carers of all kinds. You could support a parent and their baby, help keep siblings together or guide a teenager through a challenging time.

We offer full, local training and generous fees of up to £650.

Whatever type of fostering you do, Gloucestershire County Council will be here to support you.

If you'd like to find out more, ring our friendly Fostering Recruitment Team or chat to us at one of the events advertised on our website.

01242 532654

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fostering

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Have your say!

Although Town Councillors may be contacted at any time should you have any 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.

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Councillor Surgeries

Keep an eye on our facebook page for further details including time and location to be confirmed.



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