



About Town



Lydney Town Council's Newsletter - Summer 2018

Synopsis of the Mayors Annual Report - 2017/18



With my deputy Brian Pearman I have visited and been impressed by J D Norman and Mabey Bridge. Both companies are committed to Lydney and have started apprenticeship schemes.

Work has commenced on the Mesne upgrading it to the standard of Bathurst Park and new play equipment is currently being installed. A further 'open space' has been created in Tutnalls, the addition of brightly coloured benches, a child friendly waste bin, and before too long the installation of a small quantity of play equipment will make this a valued meeting place for parents with small children

Planning has been approved by Forest of Dean District Council for toilets and a visitor's centre at Lydney Harbour and stakeholders meet regularly to promote the programme. The first part of the reinstatement of the swing bridge which is now in operation.

The Council intends to continue with the beautiful floral displays throughout the Town. The Head Groundsman has further plans for supporting wild life with grassed and wetland areas.

The local sports club continue to support the youth of the Town and I thank them for that.

Cllr Bob Berryman, Mayor—Lydney Town Council

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

	Annual Town Meeting	May	June	July	Aug -	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan- 18	Feb	March	Total Number of Absences
					Annual hol								
DClIr J Bevan	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A		A	A	11
DClIr F Evans	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A		A	A	11
DClIr C Harris	<i>Attended</i>												4
DClIr J Simpson	A	A		A	N/A	A	A	A	A		A	A	10
DClIr B Osborne	A	A	A	A	N/A	A	A	A	A		A	A	11
DClIr A Preest	<i>Attended</i>												1



AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

In the year 1978 James Callaghan was Prime Minister, Keith Moon of The Who died, and Ipswich Town beat Arsenal 1 - 0 to win the FA Cup.

In the same year Thomas (Tommy) Wales joined the ground staff of Lydney Town Council, and is still with us forty years later, as enthusiastic and dedicated to the job as ever. As part of the recognition of Tommy's service, Tommy and his wife Caroline enjoyed attending a garden party at Buckingham Palace, and on his return gave a brief overview of the standard of the grounds! *'Congratulations Tommy on the first forty years, hopefully many more to come'*. (Cllr Pearman - Personnel Chairman)

'Tommy's attention to detail and his love and knowledge of plants remains exceptional and we consider ourselves very lucky to have such a dedicated member of staff'. (Jayne Smailes - CEO)

'Tommy is an asset to Lydney Town Council. He is well liked by not only his colleagues but also many of Lydney's residents who often pass a couple of minutes of their day in conversation with him. Well done Tommy on achieving this milestone and thank you once again for your tireless efforts which do not go unnoticed'. (Cllr Berryman - Mayor)

NatWest Community Banker Penny Latham hosts drop in sessions to keep customers financially fit.

 NatWest



Penny Latham, NatWest Community Banker for Lydney, Chepstow and Chipping Sodbury will host events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in a digital world and preventing fraud. NatWest has introduced this role in response to the changing ways our customers bank with us. Community Bankers work in local communities recently affected by branch closures. As part of their role, they provide customers with personal assistance in accessing the right banking options for their needs across a range of channels.

NatWest Community Banker Penny Latham will be available to meet customers at the following locations and times:.

- Lydney Library on Mondays starting 25th June 10am—12.30pm.
- Chepstow Library Tuesday starting 12th June 1pm – 3.30pm
- Chipping Sodbury Alternate Fridays starting 22 June 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Commenting Penny said: *"I'm looking forward to hosting these new events to help educate customers on being financially fit, training them on the different ways to bank in a digital world and how they can protect themselves from fraudsters. "Holding events such as these around Lydney, Chepstow and Chipping Sodbury is a great way for me to develop and maintain a strong relationship with our local customers, helping to ensure that NatWest remains an important part of our communities."*

As part of their role, NatWest Community Bankers:

- Host regular events across the community to educate customers on being financially fit, living in the digital world and preventing fraud.
- Conduct financial health checks with customers to identify opportunities to help them with new products or services appropriate to their goals, needs and priorities.
- Engage with the community through a number of channels such as charity events, social groups and other community activities.
- Use social media to share useful and relevant financial and digital information and tips.
- Signpost or coach customers through NatWest's online application process for new products and services, providing them with the skills to self serve for future needs.
- Help customers understand the different ways to bank, supporting them in choosing the right service options for their needs.

For more information or to book an appointment contact Penny Latham on 07584509259 or email : penny.latham@natwest.com



Brehal / Lydney Twinning Visit – May 2018

During the weekend of 12th May, Lydney and District Twinning Association welcomed representatives of the Brehal Association for the formal annual gathering. Having completed the crossing to Portsmouth, the families travelling from Normandy met up with their host families from the Lydney area for tea and cakes on the Thursday afternoon. An evening reception was then held at Yorkley Village Hall on Friday 11th May at which Lydney Twinning Chairman, Andrew Dean (left), invited The Major of Lydney, Cllr Bob Berryman, to formally welcome our visitors.



The Brehal party were represented by Association President, Gerard Leconte (right). Translations to keep the speeches flowing were provided by Charline Hue (Centre), a former Brehal resident who now lives in England and is a regular visitor to Lydney.

Our visitors were kept entertained by their hosts with a full programme throughout the weekend, including a variety of visits to local places of interest around the Forest, with some venturing as far as the Three Counties Garden Show.



The Twinning Association continues to provide an excellent way of getting to understand the Normandy culture, learning the French language, and visiting a fascinating and historic part of France – with local hosts to provide a taste of 'real' Normandy.

Anyone interested in more information can contact us via our website

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT!



Your community needs you!

Respond to the NHS

Please consider the case for the new Forest Hospital to be sited near Lydney (see over)

The Friends of Lydney Hospital support a single new hospital providing it:

- ▶ enhances out-patient services
- ▶ includes an urgent treatment centre
- ▶ has more than the proposed 24 in-patient beds, to serve future generations of the Forest of Dean.



Please:

- ▶ read the booklet
- ▶ complete the questionnaire
- ▶ important return the questionnaire by Freepost or website: www.fodhealth.nhs.uk

Your community needs you!

Location is key!



Some reasons to consider

- ▶ **Largest Forest Population**
 - ▶ with the highest present and predicted growth rate
- ▶ **Close to the A48**
 - ▶ most accessible trunk road in the Forest of Dean
 - ▶ rapid onward connection to major hospitals
 - ▶ best all-weather access
 - ▶ availability of large adjacent sites
 - ▶ adequate car parking spaces
 - ▶ opportunity to co-locate related services
- ▶ **Rail station**
 - ▶ providing access for staff and visitors
- ▶ **Well established**
 - ▶ funded, supportive and active League of Friends
- ▶ **The North FoDD Council area**
 - ▶ will use hospitals in Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Cheltenham or Hereford



Relative size of population
Based on Forest of Dean District Core Strategy Key Diagram.

Your community needs you!



LYDNEY COMMUNITY FUN DAY BATHURST PARK IN LYDNEY



I would just like to thank all exhibitors and members of the public who turned out for the Lydney Community Funday on 30th May 2018 at Bathurst Park in Lydney.

As you know we try to run the event every year in order to give members of the public a chance to see what agencies are available to them within Gloucestershire and for those agencies to answer any questions people may have, it also gives us a chance as agencies to network and open lines of communications which we have not had in the past.

In the past we have had wonderful weather for the event but this year the weather was not on our side, regardless of this most agencies were able to attend to promote themselves and offer advice to members of the public who ventured out to see us on the day.

To those people who attended; both exhibitors and members of the public I would like to extend my thanks for attending on the day and showing your continued support to your local community. I would also like to thank the management committee for Lydney Town Hall for their continued support as they lent us tables for exhibitors on the day and have done for the last two events.

We will be running the event next year so we look forward to seeing you all, hopefully on a dry May Bank Holiday week.

We will also be attending the next event in Bathurst Park on 7th July 2018 run by Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust which I'm sure will be a great success.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

PCSO Tom Oliver and PC Phil Hopkins.





The 'Beast' comes to Lydney!

'Party in the Park'

Saturday 7th July 2018 (2pm)

Mark Labbett ('The Beast' from ITVs 'The Chase') is coming to Lydney!

Last summer the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust hosted a 'free afternoon' of live music and dance for all the family and I am pleased to announce that this year Trustees have not only decided to host the event once more, but have worked hard to ensure that this year's event will be bigger and better than last years.

The 'Party in the Park' will take place on **July 7th 2018**, and will be opened by The Beast!.

As with last year, attendees will be treated to outstanding displays from talented youngsters, confirmed performers include: Wyedean School Gospel Choir, Dance Academy, Friends Ukenited, The Angel School of Dance, Lydney Music School, The Dean Academy and our headline act - Rock Band **OCD**.



There will also be a dog show, petting zoo, climbing wall, balloon sculptor, bouncy castle, face painting, expanded food court (*fully-stocked bar, ice cream van, burger van, premium food products trailer, on-site café*), generous helping of traders (*beauty products, clothing, crafts, seasonal products, charity etc*), a human fruit machine, water/wine stall, children's races, a medium and more,. All adding to what promises to be a great afternoon of entertainment! Toward the end of the event a raffle will be held (*drawn by the Mayor*) in our ever-popular Pavilion Café to which several fantastic prizes have been donated by local traders.

Free parking will be available throughout Lydney on this day. The Dean Academy have also kindly allowed use of their car park to accommodate attendees.

- Why not pop along to Bathurst Park with your friends & family - you'll be in for a treat!

Trustee Harry Ives, Chairman
- The Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust

Party in the Park
PRIZE Dog Show

Cutest Puppy 4-12mths
Jolliest Junior 12-24mths
Most Handsome Dog
Prettiest Bitch
Dog/Bitch - with the Waggiest Tail
Best Veteran over 7yrs
Best Handler under 12
Best Crossbreed
Best Pedigree
Best Fancy Dress

Best Handler 12-
Judge's Favourite - Dog/Bitch the Judge would most like to take home
Best Rescue

£1 entry per class

2pm - 5pm
Saturday 7th July 2018



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.

Whatever your thoughts, the Town Council cannot assist if they are unaware

Send your letters to:

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

Your views matter to us!

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: 01542 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

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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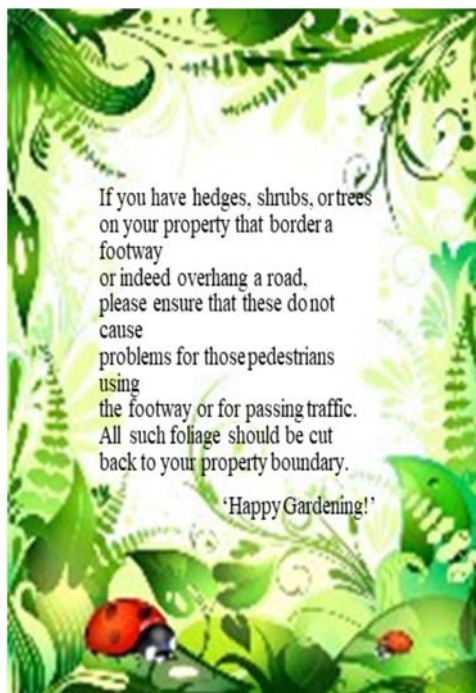
Chief Executive Officer/RFO

Jayne Smailes - 01594 842234

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS BEWARE!

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

'Why not visit Bathurst Park Pavilion Café for tea/coffee and cakes'



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!'