



About Town



Lydney Town Council's Newsletter - Winter 2018

Lydney's Christmas Lights Switch-On



On the evening of Saturday 24th November, Father Christmas himself visited Lydney. Seated in his grotto, long queues of children lined up to see him at Lydney's annual Christmas Lights Switch On.

Assisted by his dedicated team of helpers (*including an elf!*), Santa gave every child who visited a present whilst hearing what they'd like for Christmas. As well as featuring Santa's grotto, Newerne Street also hosted a number of fairground rides from Danter's – as always proving to be a very popular attraction.

The evening commenced at 5pm with 'live' music from so many very talented (and very brave!) young performers, followed by a musical interlude from Lydney Training Band, Lydney C. of E. and Severnbanks Primary Schools adding to the merriment by singing a number of well rehearsed carols; seeing so many youngsters participating was incredibly rewarding and certainly a highlight.

At 6pm, well-known ceramist Mary Rose Young officially 'switched-on' Lydney's Christmas lights. Displayed throughout Newerne Street, Hill Street and High Street our Town was lit for the festive season, these lights, coupled with the Town's Christmas tree has made Lydney look fantastic. Following the switch-on, Lydney Training Band and local musicians treated crowds to further excellent performances, the event drawing to a close at 6:30pm, with Father Christmas heading back to the North Pole.

Lydney Town Council would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to:

Mary Rose Young,, All performers, Lydney Music School for equipment provision and for arranging for a number of the acts to perform,, both Lydney C. of E. and Severnbanks Primary schools, Lydney Training Band, Danter's Fun Fair, Father Christmas for travelling so far to get here and also all the volunteers (*particularly those helping in the grotto!*).

If you are interested in becoming a stall holder at next year's event, please email:

exec.officer@lydneytowncouncil.co.uk or phone 01594 842234.



'LEST WE FORGET' – The Re-siting of the Silent Solider Silhouettes

Lydney's popular soldier silhouettes, purchased to commemorate all those who tragically lost their lives in World War One, are to be re-located to Bathurst Park. These silhouettes, which were later complimented with handmade poppies by a local scout group, have been 'standing guard' at the town's gateways since the run up to Armistice Day. With this year's remembrance services now concluded, Councillors resolved at their November meeting not to place in storage until next year but to instead re-position them in the Town's popular Park.



Cllr Harry Ives, Chairman of the Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust, said *"These soldiers are a very welcome addition and will overlook our Memorial Gardens throughout the year. Come Remembrance Day next November, these poignant silhouettes will be returned once again to the Town's gateways. In the meantime, all are welcome to come and spend time reflecting further on their meaning in the beautiful surroundings of Bathurst Park"*.

Jayne Smailes, Chief Executive of Lydney Town Council said *"Following the overwhelming response from local residents and the wider community in relation to the initial siting of the silhouettes at the Town Gateways, Councillors have decided to continue to display the Silent Soldier Silhouette as a symbol of our Town's lasting mark of respect"*.

The Council have also purchased a remembrance-themed bench - now permanently sited on Hill Street'; a further act of commemoration to mark the Centenary of Armistice.





BATHURST PARK FIREWORK DISPLAY - 2018

On Monday 5th November, The *Bathurst Park and Recreation Trust* once again hosted its annual firework display - this year with some exciting new features.

The 2018 event included both 'live music' courtesy of Lydney Music and the inclusion of fire dancers, both of which were very well received and attracted many compliments. Special thanks to the echoBANDITS and Heartburn Entertainment for providing such a fantastic evening of enjoyment (*and with no increase in admission fee!*).

Attendance this year was exceptionally high and the inclusion of the aforementioned attractions most likely contributed to this - certainly those manning the gates had very little respite!

The display itself was (as always) was beautiful and rounded off an event which turned out to be our best Firework Display to date. Harry Ives, Trust Chairman said: "*All proceeds go towards the upkeep of this outstanding park, so special thanks to all residents and visitors who attended, seeing so many people enjoying our events is always very rewarding. Given their popularity I certainly hope Trustees will once again support the inclusion of both the live music acts and dance performances and that both return next year to enhance the event for they were exceptional.*"

Thanks are also due to Lydney Town Council's office/ground staff for their very valued assistance on the night. Also Trevor Davis of Lydney music for equipment provision, Bathurst Park Trustees for manning the gates (and all others who kindly volunteered!), all stall holders, SW Medics, Danter's Fair and our pavilion tenant June Peates for the provision of exceptional hot food and drink to attendees.

- If anyone reading is interested in becoming a stall holder at next year's event, then please email the Trust Secretary on: ceo@lydneytowncouncil.co.uk or phone 01594 842234.

With Christmas around the corner the Trust wishes all readers a very relaxing break and prosperous new year. Bathurst Park looks great in the snow (if we get any!), so be sure to visit this winter. **See you in 2019.....** *Trust Chairman—Harry Ives*

Collecting your Christmas Tree – for Charity !

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity. Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10th and 14th and recycle it for you, in return for a donation.

All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6th and make your donation, online or by phone. The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most. For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).



*Life affected by cancer?
Let Charlie's help you.*

Supporting those with and post cancer, including those who care for them.

Running 10am-2pm. The Belfry, Littledean, GL14 3JS on the last Friday of the month. Also, Lydney Community Centre, Naas Lane, GL15 5AT on the 2nd Monday each month.

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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.

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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

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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 2019 brings you and your family happiness and prosperity".

- Councillor Bob Berryman

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

i. Notice of Election—This will be posted on Notice Boards

March 2019 :

ii. Election Packs—These will be available from Forest of

Dean District Council - March/April 2019

iii Ordinary Elections—2nd May 2019



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