

Lympsham News

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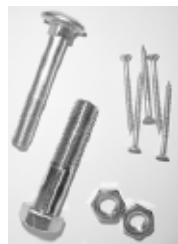
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Parish Clerk

I started writing this article during the period when Barack Obama was being elected, John Sergeant was still dancing 'strictly' and, for the first time since moving to Lymsham, I saw the Sports Club's firework display.

So thank you to the hard working members of the Sports, Cricket and Tennis Clubs for not only braving the wind and the rain and providing the entertainment, but also for clearing up afterwards.

As we head towards the yuletide season I thought it would be useful to mention what the Parish Council is working on at present. Apart from the usual agenda items, the Council is currently planning to upgrade the surfaces under the equipment in the Play Area, improve safety at the bus-stop along Lymsham Road near The Boundaries and assist with the possible churchyard extension that is mentioned elsewhere in this edition.

At its last meeting, the Parish Council was pleased to report the increase in our village Neighbourhood Watch groups; however we could still do with a volunteer from the Ferry Lane area.

The Police responded very quickly when there was a plague of graffiti recently, but it highlights the need for Neighbour Watch and individual residents to notify the Police of any suspicious activities.

In order to improve communications, our PCSO Pauline Dixon and I will 'join forces' and be available from 10.30 a.m. to midday on Thursday 4th December in the Sports Pavilion for parishioners to come along and discuss any issues or concerns.

This will be the start of a monthly 'surgery' on the first Thursday of every month, although please note that the January Surgery will be on the 8th January.

Light refreshments will be available, so please feel free to come along.

On behalf of Lymsham Parish Council may I wish all readers a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Robin Leveridge, Parish Clerk

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Lymsham C of E V.C. First School



We are so busy at Lymsham school this term – learning and having fun !

We have 80 children on roll divided into three classes and are lucky to have 4 full time teachers and 4 super support teachers who all work together to give the children a wonderful school experience.

Our families are very important to us and we constantly feel grateful for the support they give to provide those extra resources and activities which go to make the children's school years so special.

We held a lovely service at St Christopher's church in October and the children's singing was as beautiful as ever – even when the music broke down, we carried on – such is the spirit of Lymsham children!

This term we have many Christmas activities planned: there will be Christmas play performances for parents to come along and watch but for all members of the local community we have our Christmas fayre on Friday 12th December at 3.30pm – do come along !

Our new classroom is fantastic and is packed with classes and groups every minute of the day ! We are so glad we went ahead with this ambitious project – it has transformed our school and given us room to teach and learn in proper surroundings!

We have a new school maxim which was created by children, staff and Governors and which appears on our newsletters and headed paper: A place to be proud of; proud to be me!

It sums up how we feel about our school !

Julie Larter

Headteacher

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Are you interested in becoming a Governor at Lympsham School?

People volunteer to become school governors for all sorts of different reasons:

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- "My children benefited from the school; now I would like to give back some of my time to supporting the staff"
- "I believe I can make a useful contribution through my experience in the community"
- "I don't know a lot about education but now I have retired, I can offer my time and interest to the school"

School governors represent the largest volunteer force in the county. 1 in 10 adults is a school governor. Lympsham School needs an enthusiastic person who has an interest in the role of the school in society and wishes to make a positive contribution to our community.

What governors do?

Governors work as part of a team. The governing body has a range of important responsibilities. These include working closely with the headteacher and staff to shape the future of the school, decide the priorities that will help staff to raise academic standards and determine how the school can best spend its money to achieve these aims.

Governors are people like you

No formal qualifications are necessary. You will want to make a positive contribution, show interest and play a full part in the life and work of the governing body and the school. You will need to attend probably four meetings a term, usually in the evening, visit the school when it is 'at work' during the day from time to time, and take a particular interest in certain aspects of school life.

All new and re-appointed governors are now required to make a self disclosure declaration to obtain an Enhanced Disclosure Certificate from the Criminal Records Bureau before they can be formally appointed.

Want to know more?

There is a brochure for prospective governors. This tells you in a little more detail about the role and work of the governors. If you would like a copy or any other information, please contact the School on 01934 750473 or the Clerk to Governors, Mrs J Jones on 01934 812370.

Lympsham WI



Lavender biscuits complete with little bits of lavender baked in them became a very new tasting experience for us all. Several years ago we visited the lovely gardens at Litton and made a return visit this year. We had a pleasant stroll around the gardens guided by the owner before we enjoyed tea, cake and the surprise biscuits. On September 11th we went by coach to the Avon and Somerset Police Headquarters at Portishead – the same evening an unexploded bomb had been found in Portishead so the coach had to make a slight detour. This was a most informative evening being taken around the various communication departments. In a talk, before the tour, a strong emphasis was made on Neighbourhood Watch and all its advantages. A really worthwhile visit and our thanks to Sheila for organizing this and our other outings.

We went to the Playhouse to see Pirates of Penzance. Sitting in our usual seats we could relax and appreciate all the hours of rehearsal it must take to put on such a colourful show. We look forward to our next theatre visit. An enjoyable skittles evening was held at the Pavilion with a friendly visiting team from Cheddar WI. We served supper and yes, Lympsham did win the match so are through to the next round. I wonder who our opponents will be! In September Alison steered us through a craft evening where we all made a Christmas card with a difference and in October we entertained ourselves as our speaker was unable to come. Committee members delved deep in their cupboards and unearthed various objects and we had to guess their use. Some were very obscure and puzzling. Eileen had been our representative for the 90th WI Anniversary Lunch at Oake Manor. There are 144 WIs in Somerset so it was a very special event and Eileen brought along her dress and hat for us to see. Some nice photos are on the back of our County News. Our AGM is in November when Officers will be elected followed by Eileen telling us about her meeting with Royalty.

Next year's programme is just about complete and soon it will be scrabble time and then the thoughts of croquet matches.

Do come along to any of our meetings. We'd love to see you. Our meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.45pm in the Manor Hall.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas.

Joan Wood

Lympsham WI

New Year Coffee Morning

By popular demand another Coffee morning has been arranged for Wednesday, 28th January 2009 at 10.30am in the Pavilion. Do come along and enjoy a delicious cake and coffee in the company of friends. Further details will be distributed later but make a note in your new diary now!

All proceeds will be donated to the Air Ambulance.

Eileen Male
On behalf of the Lympsham WI

Lympsham Harvest Home

As I am writing this in early November, the disappointment of having to cancel the Harvest Home is just about fading. For those of you who were planning to enjoy the Harvest Home, the weather was well and truly against us and it was just impossible to erect the marquee. Even if we had done this I think you would have found yourselves sinking in your chair whilst eating lunch!! Add to that the fact that I am married to the groundsman and the mess which we would have made to the cricket pitch and the decision was almost made for us.

It was a huge blow to the few of us who had planned, prepared and organised for this one day but the overwhelming support of the Sports Club, particularly Keith and Mike, and to everyone who turned up and spent their refunds at the auction made the situation a little more bearable.

This support and the support of the local businesses which we use ensured that financially we covered our costs.

We are already planning for next year when the event is scheduled for 12th September 2009. Our AGM is on Wednesday 11th February 2009 at 8pm at the Sports Club - please come along as there really are only a few of us putting this event together.

Selena Luff

Chairperson

Lympsham Harvest Home Committee

Lympsham Archaeology Group

Sadly, the weather has not been kind to us since my last report.

Our outside activities have been somewhat curtailed but we have managed to do some more “geo-fizz” surveys in the paddock opposite the church door. This work has shown up a possible 3 more cottages that will need to be made the subject of future “digs”.

I mentioned before that we were studying the various rhynes in the village and more evidence is showing that many years ago before roads – as we know them - existed the rhynes were quite probably navigable. How else was the huge quantities of stone required to build the church transported? So, if you see us walking along ditches don't be surprised.

We also feel that there are people in the village who may be interested in the documented history of Lympsham, if this applies to you please get in touch. We are anxious to become the Lympsham archaeology & history group. We have already got an enormous amount of documentation that needs examining and recording – and you can do it in the dry and warm.

Please get in touch – call Keith Hart on 01934 750614

The future is in the past.

Keith Hart.

Church News

As Christmas approaches, we are now well into the “interregnum” or vacancy period after Martin Lee, the Rector, moved on to his new parish in Newcastle in the summer. In conjunction with the PCCs of Brent Knoll and East Brent, we have drawn up a “parish profile” of the benefice (to provide interested candidates with a guide to our villages and an idea of the kind of priest we would like), the vacancy has been advertised in the church press and, assuming that there is a sufficient number of candidates, we are to shortlist the most suitable in early January, conducting interviews at the end of that month.

By the time of the next magazine, we should be in a position to tell you who has been appointed. The licensing has been provisionally fixed for 13th July 2009. So, if you see anybody loitering around the village wearing a dog collar, don't be too suspicious. It could be our future Rector checking us out before applying – or it could be Stanley Price, of course!

Sadly, Lympsham churchyard is almost full and is likely to close to burials (it will still provide a space for cremation memorial stones) within the next year unless we are able to provide further space by way of an extension. With the help of the Parish Council, we have identified a possible extension – part of the paddock, known as Peters Paddock immediately opposite the churchyard in the Manor Grounds. Much needs to be done to see whether it would be suitable and whether planning permission might be granted for this or for an alternative site. Stanley Price has, kindly, taken on the job of coordinating this project and we would like to have the views of all in the village about this plan. Do we want to continue to have a churchyard which is open, so that villagers can continue to be buried in the village where they lived? Should people be content with being cremated or being buried in Burnham? Would it spoil the paddock for part of it to be used as a churchyard extension? Are there alternative sites? Please let us know what you think. This affects us all. There are draft plans posted in the church porch. Stanley's number is 750323. Give him a call.

Meanwhile, we are managing to continue with our regular Sunday services save that we have suspended holding early evening services. The church service times up to the end of March 2009 are set out in this magazine. Do please come along one Sunday, even if you are not a regular. We have our usual live crib on Christmas Eve at 5.30 pm. If you want a seat, it is worth leaving home early since this service is always incredibly popular. We also have the 10 a.m. service on Boxing Day and the following Sunday, the 28th, so please think about coming to one of those as well if you can.

Without a Rector, there is much for us to do. We would be very grateful for any help during this transitional period and into the future. If you feel you may be able to help the church in any way, please give us a call on the numbers below. Sadly, Sarah and Paul Ninnis, who have jointly held the post of treasurer for some time, now are moving away to Cornwall. We wish them the best of luck in their move and owe them a real debt of gratitude for all their hard work looking after the PCC's books in the last year or two. If anyone feels that they could take on this task, whether they are a regular churchgoer or not, that would be fantastic.

Our pre-Christmas coffee morning is being hosted this year by Victoria Daintree at the Withies in Rectory Road (just past Manor Farm) on Saturday 6th December from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. As always this is a great event. Do put it in your diary and come along.

Churchwardens:

James Counsell 01934 750943

Clive Wilson 01934 815336

Church Rota

Altar & Pillar list

24th Dec. & 3rd Jan.	Pam Collings	Feb 21st	Mrs Parsons & Mrs Rawles
Jan 10th & 17th	Jean Hannah	Feb 28th	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
Jan 24th & 31st	Audrey Toogood	March 7th	Mrs Ford & Mrs Guest
Feb 7th & 14th	Jean Tincknell	March 14th	Revd & Mrs Price
		March 21st	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
		March 28th	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff

Church cleaners

Jan 3rd	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff
Jan 10th	Mrs Parsons & Mrs Rawles
Jan 17th	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
Jan 24th	Mrs Ford & Mrs Guest
Jan 31st	Revd & Mrs Price
Feb 7th	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
Feb 14th	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff

Barnardo Flowers

Jan 3rd & 10th	Joyce Huett
Jan 17th & 24th	Liz Coles
Jan 31st & Feb 7th	Eileen Hutchings
Feb 14th & 21st	Jean Rawles
ADVENT	No flowers

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lymsham

Service Rota for September 2008 – February 2009

During the vacancy, the Benefice intends to maintain the same level and pattern of services, save that, regrettably, it will not be possible to have mid week services.

30th November	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>		
7th December	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
14th December	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lymsham
21st December	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>Nine Lessons & Carols</i>	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
24th December	5.30pm	Crib Service – St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	9.00pm	Communion Candlelight – St. Mary's East Brent
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass – St. Michael's Brent Knoll
25th December	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Christmas Day</i>		
26th December	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The Feast of St Stephen</i>		
28th December	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lymsham

4th January	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Epiphany</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
11th January	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Baptism of Christ</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The First Sunday of Epiphany</i>	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lymsham
18th January	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent
25th January	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Third Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
1st February	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
8th February	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Third Sunday before Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lymsham
15th February	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent
22nd February	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Sunday next before Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
1st March	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
8th March	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
15th March	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>The Third Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
22nd March	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lymsham
<i>(Mothering Sunday)</i>	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
29th March	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide)</i>		

Editor's Notes

TOY COLLECTION....PLEASE HELP

Lynn in the shop is collecting toys for the Star Radio Toy Appeal for underprivileged kids aged from 13 to 18 in the North Somerset area. If you would like to donate anything please bring them to Lynn in the shop by December 10th. Please do not wrap them. Thank you for your support.

NEXT EDITION

The deadline for the next edition is Friday February 13th. Please can I have everything in by that date. Thanks

CALENDAR FOR CHARITY FOR SALE

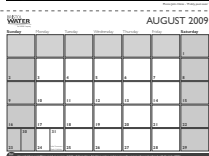
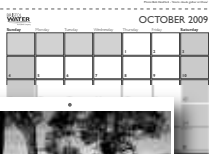
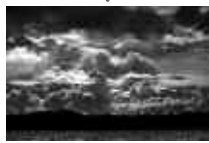
This year in aid of the charity WaterAid I have worked with Bristol Water to produce a calendar to raise funds. Throughout the year we asked staff to take pictures of scenes from around the 1000 square mile area the company serves. We had a feeling the company harboured some closet shutterbugs, many with access to unusual sites and often working at all hours and across all the seasons. The project caught the imagination and shot after shot came in throughout the year making the job of choosing the best 12, pleasingly, very hard. The result was a calendar we are all very pleased with. We produced it to a very high standard, each page has some facts on the problems of the lack of water and sanitation in Africa and Asia as well as having space on each day to write all the important dates and messages we have. The calendars are only £5 and all profits will be going to WaterAid....so far I have sold over 500 through work and WaterAid support groups and I'd like to sell as many as I can before the New Year.

If anyone is interested in buying one please call me on 750784 or email (use the News email) and I'll happily bring one (some) over to show.

If you want to know more about WaterAid have a look at their excellent site www.wateraid.org. Go to www.bristolwater.co.uk for more pictures of the calendar.

Thanks and Happy Christmas,

Paul Kelson



Lympsham Sports & Social Club



Hello there, once again it's time to bring you up-to-date.

As with many other places, the weather has played a part in this year's entertainments. The biggest event in Lympsham year, the Harvest Home, sadly had to be cancelled. This was a great disappointment to all those who had worked so hard to make it a wonderful day and all those who had bought tickets. Having said that Lympsham once again rose to the occasion, the bar takings at the auction of good was well in excess £1000!! Not bad for a cancelled event!! Sadness turned into smiles- well done Lympsham.

Lympsham Sports Club
Telephone 01934 750946

The time between Harvest Home and Christmas is traditionally the quietest time of the year, but this year this hasn't happened. We have been hosting visiting skittles cup games; we have 2 league sides using our alley which helps greatly. Our new Lympsham darts team has rapidly changed Friday nights to one of noise and fun not only that – they win!!

Halloween night – and there was a party for the younger element of the village – this was a great success and our thanks go to G.G and Jaff and their helpers for all their hard work. An excellent evening.

As I write we are preparing for our firework display and again thank yous are due to all the members helping with this event – it takes a lot of organizing.

What's happening? We shall soon be starting the Christmas draw- The more tickets we sell the more prizes there will be. All the tickets sales are turned into prizes. There will be a separate draw for those under 18.

Between now and Christmas the “meat raffle” will be holding a Sunday lunchtime “do” which may involve the odd free drink or two. Watch the notice boards & windows.

Then of course, there will be the usual Christmas & New Year celebrations which we hope you will all enjoy.

The committee wishes all the members a very happy Christmas & new year and look forward to seeing you all in the club.

Keith Hart - Chairman.

Lympsham Tennis Club

It may have turned much colder but that's not enough to deter the tennis community of Lympsham - especially with our newly cleaned and painted courts! It's fair to say they look pretty fantastic! I only wish it had helped to improve my game, but despite best efforts a request to extend the baseline by a couple of feet was rejected.



On 18th October we had a very enjoyable skittles evening at the pavilion. Chris Barrett was the overall men's winner with Julie Grist reigning victorious out of the ladies.

The change in weather brings with it the start of winter league. The A team have got off to a very promising start and both the B and C teams are currently at the top of their divisions.

Lympsham Tennis Club



We have also secured our own coach, Charlie Thompson, who offers both group and individual coaching sessions for all ages and abilities. If you are interested in honing your skills or just trying something new please feel free to contact him for further details on 07795 955604.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the tennis club members who helped at the bonfire night barbecue. Despite the rain it was a great night and I was truly impressed with some of the burger-flipping!

Kerry Grimshaw

Club Secretary



Heron's Dyke Studio.....Fired Up!

Heron's Dyke Studio's pottery is presently being refurbished for new courses in 2009. Its bright blue, almost nautical, colour scheme will present a fresh, vibrant atmosphere, with new workstations and more space for students, in addition to the large art studio used for painting and drawing. All the courses will be enhanced by the improvements to the pottery, giving more versatility to the use of the whole studio.

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Liz Rayner, 750492

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Calendar Boys

Whilst the four of us endeavour to traverse the wilds of Somerset each Wednesday, it is inevitable that occasionally one of us is unable to do so due to holidays, medical appointments, bail conditions, etc.

It always appears to me that on the occasions I 'let' my confederates go without me, they always come back raving about their experiences well raving anyway!

However, recently they made sure that I had the chance of visiting a garden that they had 'raved' about. When they told me that our destination was by a viaduct, I thought this was a bridge too far, and on a grey, damp, miserable day in October I was not expecting a garden of delights.



When I used to live in Bristol, I regularly drove through Shepton Mallet, past the home of Babycham, on route to visit relatives. Little did I realise, all those years ago, that just off the A37 by the Mulberry Factory Shop was a hidden garden originally created as a recreational space for factory workers in the late nineteenth century. In the 1960s the garden was restored and developed by the Showering family and included an award winning rockery.



Recently Kilver Court Gardens have been opened to the public and have been so popular that, instead of closing for the winter as originally planned, they are open all year round, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday.

When we went, there were very few visitors because of the dreary weather, but I was amazed at the variety of plants and

Calendar Boys

trees as we ambled along the paths meandering around the rockery waterfalls, boating lake and millpond with an impressive backdrop of a grade II listed viaduct, built during the 1800s for the Somerset and Dorset railway.

With the adjoining Sharpham Park Shop selling good organic and local produce and Harlequin Café offering interesting snacks and meals, Kilver Court Gardens is well worth a visit.

Another place we enjoy strolling around is Hestercombe Gardens at Cheddon Fitzpaine near Taunton: a mixture of formal gardens and wooded walks with a lake overlooked by various follies. Needless to say we don't visit anywhere that hasn't some source of refreshment nearby and Hestercombe's courtyard includes the obligatory café, gift and plant shop. Over the last few years I have enjoyed watching outside theatre there, a Christmas bazaar and an evening bat walk! Incidentally Hestercombe Gardens welcome dogs as long as they are on a short lead.

Both the above venues offer opportunities for photography, but you will have to negotiate your own modelling fees if you want to include one of the 'Calendar Boys' in your picture!

Robin Leveridge



Whitehouse Kennels

Wow! Another year – don't they go so fast?! We have had some really happy events this year and some sad ones too.

We had a collie brought into us with her 7 two day old puppies! They were so cute and Mum was just brilliant. She was quite thin when she came in but we soon fattened her up. She was such a good Mum to the most demanding of puppies!! She just loved all the adoration she got from us and once the puppies were re homed she also got a new home and is doing really well. (Apparently she is following her new Mum everywhere!)

Roxy has not been so lucky. She is a young Rottweiler and she came in to us as a stray in July. All the staff here love her and we can't understand why she has not found a home. Although she is large she is as daft as a brush! Hopefully the New Year will give her some luck.

Our 'Doggy Day Care' is becoming ever so popular. Our customers who go out to work bring their dogs here for the day – just like playschool! They have all got to know each other and they have great fun!

Santa is coming in to visit us 20th December for your children and the 21st for your dogs! They will meet him and his helpers and also get a stocking and a picture. He will be here from 16.00 – 19.00 on both days. For both children and dogs it will be £6.00 and all funds will go to Lymsham pre school and Weston Hospice. To book your place please phone 01934-750352.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to all of you. Don't forget.....hang a stocking out for your pets too!!

WANTED PLEASE NEW HOME!

"Here at Whitehouse Kennels and Cattery Christmas can be a very sad time. After celebrating with our boarders Christmas day and opening all the treats in our stockings shortly after Christmas we are inundated with unwanted Christmas presents.

Some of the dogs get taken on by the RSPCA others are just dumped out on the street or taken for a walk on the beach and abandoned!

If you are thinking of getting a dog this Christmas please consider contacting us to see what we have. You could be giving a dog a new chance.

Thank you

Love from all the dogs and cats and the staff at Whitehouse Kennels and Cattery!

If you would like to know what dogs we have that need a new loving home please phone us on 01934 750352 or visit our website at

www.whitehouse-kennels.co.uk



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Lympsham Gardening Club



Our meeting on 9th September included a talk on Japanese Gardens by David Burgess, with a brief history of the development of Japanese gardens which were influenced by Chinese gardens. Their history goes back many centuries and are influenced by both Shinto & Buddhist religions. Much more structured than our gardens, Japanese Gardens are influenced by symbolism.

On 18th September, we were fortunate to have good weather for our Plant Sale & Coffee Morning which was another success and much enjoyed by those who attended.

At our October meeting we had a talk by Chris Smith about the Secrets of a Victorian Walled Garden. It seems we have the Industrial Revolution to thank for the development of these walled gardens. Mill owners & others made their fortunes & decided that they no longer wished to live in the cold dirty smoky northern towns & cities. Many turned their eyes to the cleaner warmer south west. and bought properties. Entertaining was a big part of their lives & in order to display their wealth, this needed flowers fruit & vegetables. In order to maximise the growing season & to grow more exotic plants, walled gardens were developed as bricks hold the heat, which keeps the temperature some 5-7 degrees higher than unprotected areas.

FUTURE DATES

9th December 2008– Cindy Tratt will be talking about Garden Design. This will be at 7.45pm at the Manor Hall, Lympsham when new members & visitors will also be very welcome.

As we do not have any meetings in January & February, perhaps this is the time to think about your 2009 garden using any ideas gleaned from Cindy. Get out your gardening books, browse the seed catalogues, hibernate, plan & dream!

2009

A.G.M & first meeting of the year is 10th March at 7.30pm Our speaker will be John Thatcher of Thatcher Cider. He has said he will bring Cider & Glasses – so sharpen your taste buds!

Christmas Greeting to you all & Every Good Wish for 2009

Mariette Denison

Lympsham Manor Hall



The Manor Hall can be hired out and bookings are made through the Bookings Clerk, Mrs Suzanne Davies who can be contacted on 01934 750540

Rates of hire for Lympsham Residents

Hall & kitchen for 2 hours £12 (third room + £10)

Hall & kitchen for 4 hours £15 (third room + £10)

Hall & kitchen all day £20 (third room + £10)

Rates of hire for non-Lympsham Residents

All three rooms £40

Heating

By pre-paid cards (from the Bookings Clerk) at £1/hour.

Royal British Legion (Men's) Section Lympsham & Bleadon



Following the recent death of Les Clarke our branch has lost a valuable founder member. Les gave many loyal years service to the R.B.L. and for many years was the branch's standard bearer. He also loved the flower and craft show and we well remember the earlier days when Les would trundle along with his handcart to collect the heavy wooden tables from the shed, and then come along later in the day to return them. He will be sadly missed.

The branch AGM was held in October when the existing committee was re-elected "en bloc". Perhaps by next year's AGM some younger members may be joining the committee with some fresh ideas!!

Thanks to all who joined us for the quiz night back in September, once again this was very well attended and we plan more for next year, possibly April and September, we will keep you up to date on this event.

We would like to thank Stanley Price for organizing the Remembrance day service held in St. Christopher's church.

Our programme for 2009 is almost finalised and we will send everyone a copy of the programme as soon as possible.

The next date for your diaries is Tuesday 6th January 2009 when we hold our New Year's lunch in the pavilion starting at 12 noon and we will soon be sending out invitation letters.

The next branch meeting will be on Wednesday 4th February 2009 in the pavilion starting at 19.30. Other dates to note are Tuesday 14th July 2009 when we hope to hold our annual day trip (any suggestions for venues would be most welcome), and next year's flower show is due to be held on 1st. August.

We are pleased to welcome one new member who has just joined us but we but we would love to see more, as usual I would remind you that you do not have to have been a member of the armed forces to join the R.B.L. Anyone who is interested can contact me on 01934 750461 for more details.

Finally the committee would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and good luck in 2009.

Colin Poole (Hon. Sec.)

Royal British Legion (Women's) Section Lympsham & Bleadon



The Annual General Meeting was held at the pavilion on Tuesday October 21st. commencing at 2:30 p.m. There were 14 members present.. The officers and committee were elected as follows: Hon Chairman Mrs. Clarke, Hon. Admin secretary Mrs. J. Handyside, Hon. treasurer Mrs. S. Hill. Committee elected as follows: Mrs. Z Ford , Mrs. H. Fear, Mrs E Price, Miss P Greenwood, Mrs. B. Twinn, Mrs. F Podesta Mrs. J. Rawles. and Mrs. I Newton. Sick visitor Mrs. Z. Ford, Standard Bearer Mrs. J. Rawles, We welcome Mrs. I. Newton as a new committee member. Also two new members have joined us and we welcome them and hope that they will help in any way to the Branch to continue successfully. The meeting continued with the Hon Secretary's report and the Hon. Treasurer's report. All members were thanked for their help in providing increased donations towards benevolent funds. All functions organised have been successful and money added to branch funds. We have now a new Hon. Secretary Mrs. J. Handyside and a new treasurer Mrs. S. Hill. We wish both these ladies every success in their new occupations. Mrs. J. Clarke and Mrs. H. Fear Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for a great many years and were presented with bouquets for their long Service. Referring to the total monies raised for the Earl Haig Poppy appeal It is a great total and we thank the organisers Mrs. K. Brenner and Mrs. S. Blake for their great help, also to the collectors who brave all weathers for this most worthy cause. Also we must thank the staff of Jeff Brown garage for permitting us to collect on their premises.

Women's section County Conference was held at the Princess Hall, Burnham-on-Sea on November 22nd. Certificates were presented for increased donations & handicrafts. Standard Bearer were present, and were presented with 2nd place Cup awarded for 2nd place in the County Competition.

Carol Service at Bleadon Parish Church on December 11th commencing at 2 pm. Christmas Bingo at The Manor Hall commencing at 7 30 p.m. everybody welcome Bumper prizes and raffle.

igned.....*E. J. Blake*.....

Hon Chairman.

EARL HAID POPPY APPEAL 2008

LYMPSHAM	£1787.20
BLEADON	£920.20
TOTAL MONIES RAISED	£2707.40

Many thanks are due to the poppy appeal organizers Mrs K Brenner and Mrs S Blake of Lympsham, and Mr L Masters of Bleadon. This total is a record amount and we know that all monies will be used wisely.

Lympsham Pre-school News

The Pre-School is embarking on an exciting few months as work will soon commence on the site of our new building. We will, ofcourse, endeavour with Somerset County Council to minimise any disruption and inconvenience the work may cause over the very short period it will take to complete.

Our pre-school children will be running a photo journal of the build from start to finish for everyone to see once complete, this will also be publicised on our website and in the local press. We will be opening our doors in February, please keep your eyes peeled for notices of the opening date.

Once open we will be offering full day care for children aged from 2 ½ years and also Breakfast, Afterschool and Holiday club for children aged up to 9 years. Spaces are limited, so if you are interested in registering your child/ren or require further information, please contact our Pre-School leader Deborah Smith between 9-12pm on 07743 1888865 or myself on 01934 750935.

As a charity based organisation we are, as always continuing to raise funds and because of the success of our 1st edition cookbook, the 2nd Edition will be available to purchase at the beginning of December. Thank you to Batch Country Hotel, Cheddar Valley Town & Country Signs, Escape Hairdressers, Hobbs Boat Inn, Lympsham Concrete, The Manor Lodge Practice and Whitehouse Kennels and Cattery, who have been extremely supportive of the Pre-school and kindly sponsored our latest edition.

Also many thanks in advance to Whitehouse Kennels and Cattery as they are spreading some Christmas cheer this festive season with a Santa's Grotto for one day only on Saturday 20th December from 4pm 'til 7pm. Your child will meet Santa and some of his helpers, and receive a small stocking of goodies and a picture for you to remember the occasion all for just £6.00, refreshments will also be available. Please phone to book 01934 750352. All proceeds go to Lympsham Pre-School.

And finally, Lympsham Pre-School wish to thank all those in the local community who have supported us from the original concept of our own building all the way through to now where it is an imminent reality. You shared our faith in this dream and our children will always be grateful.

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Rachael Holland

Chair – Lympsham Pre-School Committee

Police News

I would like to introduce you to the Community Speed Watch Scheme. This is an opportunity for those of you who are concerned about speeding vehicles in your area to get together to help tackle the issue. Using a hand held speed detector and high visibility clothing members record the speed and details of vehicles. Full training is given by the Police and the speed check areas are risk assessed. The Police then write to the registered keeper of the vehicle informing them of the speed the vehicle was travelling at and giving road safety advice. The scheme also provides valuable information to help the Police and other agencies tackle the issue of road safety.

If you would like to find out more information about the scheme or would like to become involved please contact PCSO Pauline Dixon.

We are currently running Operation Glitter which targets people riding bicycles in the area without working lights. This is to promote public safety for both the rider and pedestrians alike. Persons found riding without appropriate lights will be given the opportunity to take part in the scheme which involves them getting appropriate lights fitted within a set timescale or facing prosecution.

The Neighbourhood Watch schemes continue to be an asset and we are very grateful to them for giving up their spare time to support the Police and their community. They meet regularly disseminating crime related issues that are of relevance to the area and are watchful of any suspicious behaviour around the villages. If you would like to become involved in a local Neighbourhood Watch, either as a local co-ordinator or as a member then please contact PCSO Pauline Dixon.

As we all know the emergency services number is 999, but in addition to this there is the Avon and Somerset non-emergency number which is 0845 456 7000. You can use this number to report a crime or non-emergency incident.

Your local Neighbourhood beat officers are PCSO Pauline Dixon and PC Alan Alsford, if you would like to meet them or you are involved in a community group that would benefit from a visit then please telephone them at Burnham On Sea Police station on 0845 456 7000.

The next neighbourhood beat surgeries for the area are;

West Huntspill Methodist Church on Tuesday 2nd December 2008 between 3pm and 4-30pm.

East Brent Village Hall on Thursday 4th December 2008 between 1pm and 2.30pm.

Pawlett Village Hall on Friday 5th December 2008 between 11.15am and 12.15pm.

East Huntspill Church Hall on Tuesday 9th December 2008 between 2-30pm and 4pm.

West Huntspill Methodist Church on Tuesday 6th January 2009 between 3pm and 4-30pm.

East Brent Village Hall on Thursday 8th January 2009 between 1pm and 2.30pm.

East Huntspill Church Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2009 between 2-30pm and 4pm.

Pawlett Village Hall in January 2009 To Be Confirmed.

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sergeant Steve Lawrence Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods Team,

Burnham-On-Sea Police Station.

Walks in Somerset

More than 100 Somerset walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke

Lower blood pressure

Reduce high cholesterol

Reduce body fat

Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that

were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginsomerset.co.uk came into being.

www.walkinginsomerset.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Details of more than 100 walks to download and print free, details of all the Somerset walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!



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Lymsham Pre-School Mission Statement.

To prepare children for school life; academically and socially in a warm, welcoming and safe environment that allows children to grow in confidence and ability.

- Established in 1992
- Fully Qualified Staff
- Close link to Lymsham C of E VC First School
- Set in school hall with use of kitchen facilities
- Attractive outdoor area for children to play and learn
- Registered for children age 2½ to 5 years
- **Government funded for over 3's**
- Open 9am -12 noon Monday – Friday (Term Time)
- Holiday Club available for children age 3 – 9 years during school holidays
- Holiday Club Open 9am – 1pm Monday – Friday (except bank Holidays and Christmas)

Ofsted inspection report November 2006 said.

“The children are extremely happy and settled at the pre-school, they are developing strong independence skills through daily routines. The children are making good progress towards the early learning goals.”

View the full report at www.ofsted.gov.uk

Please contact us to arrange your free trial morning

“FULL DAY CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN 2009”

Contact Deborah Smith Pre-School Supervisor for more details and a prospectus

On 07743 188865 (Weekdays between 9-12pm)

**Alternatively contact Rachael Holland Pre-School Chairperson on
01934 750935**

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Village Contact Numbers

Lympsham Harvest Home
Chairperson: Selena Luff. Ryecroft, Lympsham Road,
Lympsham. Somerset.
Tel: 750561
Meetings take place bi-monthly at Lympsham Sports Club
Pavilion

East Brent Day Care Centre
Organiser: Mrs Jean Dovey. Tel: 01278 760838
Meet every Friday in East Brent Village Hall, 9.30am –
3.00pm

Lympsham Holiday Club
Supervisor: Mrs Deborah Smith
Tel: 07743 188865
Cater for children aged between 3 and 9 years. Open every
school holiday except Xmas between 9.00am and 3.00pm

Lympsham PCC
Secretary: Mrs Victoria Daintree
Tel: 750313

Lympsham Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Mr Robin Leveridge, 18 The Boundaries,
Lympsham
Tel: 750865 | Email: clerk@lympsham.org.uk
Meetings take place monthly (except August) in the Manor
Hall, Lympsham

Lympsham W.I.
President: Mrs Sheila Frost. Holmlea, Lympsham. Somerset
Tel: 750906
Meetings take place monthly in the Manor Hall, Lympsham

Lympsham Manor Hall Bookings
Booking Clerk: Suzanne Davis, The Lodge, West Road,
Lympsham. Somerset
Tel: 750540

Lympsham Pre-School
Supervisor: Mrs Deborah Smith
Tel: 07743 188865
Pre-School meet in the Manor Hall, Monday – Friday (term-
time only),
9.00am – 12.00 noon

Lympsham Sports Club
Tel: 750946 – 7-11pm
Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday in every month at the
Cricket Club Pavilion

Lympsham Tennis Club
Secretary: Kerry Grimshaw, 2 Bourton Lane, St Georges,
Weston-super-Mare BS22 7RS
Tel: 01934 517377 Email: kerry.grimshaw@hotmail.co.uk
Various events take place every evening – ring for
membership details

Lympsham Village Shop and Post Office
Postmistress and Shopkeeper: Mrs Linda (Lyn) Watson
The Pavilion, Lympsham Road, Lympsham BS24 0DN
Tel: 01934 750933

Lympsham First School
Headmistress: Mrs Larter, Lympsham First School, Rectory
Way, Lympsham
Tel: 750473

Lympham Gardening Club
Chairman: Ian Gibson, Dubonni, Wick Road, Lympsham
Tel: 01278 751593
Meet 2nd Tuesday most months in the Manor Hall

Bleadon Brownies
Brown Owl: Rachel Hemmings, 3 Ferry Lane, Lympsham,
Somerset BS24 0BI
Tel: 01934 811891
Meet 6.00pm – 7.30pm, every Tuesday (except school
holidays) at Bleadon Village Hall, Bleadon.

Royal British Legion (Men's Section)
Branch Secretary: Colin Poole, Meadow View, Eastertown,
Lympsham, Somerset
Tel: 750461
Various events take place throughout the year in addition to
quarterly meetings.
Meet in Lympsham Cricket Pavilion

Royal British Legion (Women's Section)
Hon. Secretary: Mrs E J Clarke, Beck's Farm Cottage,
Lympsham. Somerset
Tel: 750351
Various events take place throughout the year in addition to
meetings which are announced in the Lympsham News. Meet
in Manor Hall.

Brent Knoll Beavers
Tel: Jim or Annette on 01278 760655
Meet every Monday 5pm – 6.15pm in Brent Knoll Village
Hall.

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Mother's Union
Mrs Pauline Chadwick, Tel: 01278 760224
Every 3rd Thursday, various venues.

If you would like details of your organisation/club/group to
appear on this page please contact the Editor.