

Lympsham News

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Now various garden bulbs are heralding spring, it is time to mention the annual Royal British Legion Flower Show on Saturday 8th August: please put it in your diary. It's about time somebody gave me some competition for the hanging basket cup or in the cacti class..... The Show schedule will be distributed with the next issue of the Lympsham News.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the 'bark pits' under the swings in the Play Area will have been replaced with protective matting over topsoil and new turf. In the long term this should save money that has been regularly spent on topping up the bark and eventually the Parish Council intends to replace the remaining two pits.

One of my current tasks is to seek permission for the placement of Neighbourhood Watch signs on suitable telegraph poles around the village. Unfortunately there are still a few roads that are not part of the scheme and therefore will not be recognised by insurance companies for any benefits.

However, our ever-increasing network of Co-ordinators are already proving their worth by relaying important information and observations.

Recently I attended a presentation on 'Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods' and I was not only impressed with the variety of local initiatives the Police are working on across the authority, but also the high regard in which PCSOs are held.

Our own PCSO, Pauline Dixon, and I are continuing to hold 'surgeries' on the first Thursday of every month from 10.30 a.m. to midday in the Sports Pavilion; it's an opportunity to meet us and discuss any issues, along with joining us for a mug of tea or coffee.

Throughout the year you may notice a SID about the village: SID stands for 'Speed Indicator Device' which flashes a warning when the speed limit is exceeded and stores a record of these incidents. This has been funded through County Councillor Alan Ham's community grant along with support for a

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safer bus stop in the village.

If, like me, it's been a long time since you've read the Highway Code, you might find it interesting to attend a free Driver Awareness Course being held in the Manor Hall on Tuesday 28th April from 7 to 9 p.m. There will also be a 'driver simulator' available from 6.30 p.m. to test your driving skills and light refreshments will be available courtesy of Lympsham W.I.



At the Manor Hall Management Committee AGM in January it was decided to bring Manor Hall Committee meetings temporarily under the 'umbrella' of the Parish Council to ensure the continuance of Manor Hall business. All groups associated with the Manor Hall should have received details about this, but any interested person can contact me for information.

Finally, thanks to Lin Watson for operating the shop and Post Office over the last three years: we wish her well for the future; and, of course, welcome to Sandra and Jim Hanmer who have taken over the running of the enterprise.

Robin Leveridge, Parish Clerk

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Lympsham WI



January 2009 and we were very pleased to welcome a new member to our meeting. Somerset Federation has recruited more new members than any other County across England and Wales. There were also new faces on the top table. At our AGM last November, Sheila, Isabel and Margaret stood down as President, Secretary and Treasurer. They each had done 10 years sterling work in these offices and we are greatly indebted to them for all they have done for us. Fortunately they have remained on Committee and Isabel has taken on the job of Treasurer. Alison is now President and Ann our Secretary and we will all support them in every way.

We have had two interesting talks when Eileen told us about her meeting some years ago with Royalty. She kept us guessing for a while, then divulged it was Lord Mountbatten and Eileen had some photos when she was presented to him to show us. Sheila had done lots of research into family history – The Frosts of South Marsh – and very much held our attention with all her findings, having delved into the past.

We have had another successful win at Skittles and a Scrabble Workshop proved to be very enjoyable.

The Knoll Group meeting will be held in the Manor Hall on the evening of 13th March and another date for our diary is 28th April – a Driver Awareness Course.

Forthcoming monthly meetings:-

February 17th	Aspects of Entertaining	Robbie Burns
March 17th	Slides of Norway	Eileen Goundry
April 1st	Visit to the Playhouse to see South Pacific	
April 21st	Film Night	Mr Wiltshire
May 19th	Resolutions and Optimum Health with Aloe Vera	Nikki Burns
June 16th	Explore Wedmore (walk and supper)	Hazel Hudson

I'm sure you will agree, we have some interesting and varied speakers. Do come along to our meetings – you are most welcome. 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in the Manor Hall.

Joan Wood

The Coffee Morning which was held on Wednesday, 28th January, was well attended. Unfortunately, due to sickness and the weather, some of our “regulars” were unable to join us. Nevertheless we raised £70 which is being sent to the Somerset Air Ambulance. Thanks to everyone who came along and for all the help and donations kindly given by the WI ladies.

Eileen Male



Lympsham C of E V.C. First School



What an exciting start to a new year for Lympsham Pre-School. Our dream has almost become a reality.

Children, staff, parents and locals witnessed the delivery of our new building in early January and electricity, water connection and site works are due to be completed by early March. Unfortunately these are behind schedule which has meant a delay in the opening. The delays have been due many reasons. The weather, works that could only be undertaken during the half term holidays and, sadly, theft of materials from site.

However, the pre-school has waited six years for this new building and adverse weather or even those selfish thieves will not dampen our spirit or excitement for this joyous event. We will be opening our doors in March.

Once open, our priority is to establish the pre-school first and settle in the children to their new surroundings. We will initially be offering morning, afternoon and full day sessions from 9am – 3pm for children aged from 2 ½ years to school age.

Easter break will see the return of our popular holiday club for 3 to 9 year olds from 9am – 3pm (excluding bank holidays).

Summer term will see the start of our new service, the Breakfast and Afterschool clubs for children up to the age of 9 years, when we will be open from 8am – 6pm.

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.

The official Grand Opening will take place on Saturday 28th March 2009 and as always notices will be posted with details of the event so please keep a look out.

And finally. With our new building and extended hours, we have employed new members of teaching staff and are also looking for a cleaner (min 5 hours per week) and a gardener (on an as and when required basis). If you are interested in either position please contact me on the number above.

We wish to thank all those in the local community who have supported us on this project and hope to see you all at the Grand Opening.

Rachael Holland

Chair – Lympsham Pre-School Committee

Village Shop

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SHOPKEEPERS!

The Shop Committee is delighted to say that we have found not one, but two, worthy successors to Lyn Watson to run the Post Office and Shop. JIM and SANDRA HAMNER started with us on the 28th February with two weeks Post Office tuition. Many regular customers of the shop will already have met them since that time.

Jim and Sandra are Lympsham residents and have lived in the village for just over two years having both retired from careers in the banking world. Both are very aware of the importance of the customer and are keen to develop the business to provide the best possible facility for the village.

Please pop in, if you haven't already, introduce yourself make them welcome and

most of all give them the benefit of how you think the shop could be improved! If you are not a "regular" please make an effort to visit the shop just to see what changes have been made.

Everyone will wish to join us in thanking Lyn for her service over the past 4 years as our shopkeeper and sub postmaster and wish her well for the future. We may even see her from time to time acting as a relief for Jim & Sandra.

When the Post Office reviewed the Sub Post Office vacancy, because of the falloff in transactions, they reduced the hours paid (and salary) to 25 hours per week. Whilst Sandra is happy to keep the office open for the "normal" 40 hours a week if we could all use the office as much as possible it might be possible, in time, to get the paid for hours increased. So please help bring in the trade.

As for the future, we intend that the Shop will continue to offer an unrivalled village service at realistic prices. Come and tell us what you would like on the shelves.

Current Opening Hours

Monday to Friday (not Wed.)	8.30 to 1.00 pm & 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Wednesday	8.30 to 1.00 pm
Saturday	8.30 to 12.30 pm
Sunday	10.00 to 12.00 Noon (Volunteers, Post Office closed)

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Lympsham Tennis Club



The entries for the second Lympsham Tennis Club Annual Tournament are in and the entrants are waiting with bated breath to find out who they will face in Round 1! Let's hope it proves to be as enjoyable as last year's event and keep our fingers crossed for sunshine on Finals Day!

At the time of writing, Winter League is drawing to a close and is due to finish on 22nd March. Both B and C teams are currently at the top of divisions 6 and 8 respectively. Meanwhile the A team are vying for second place in division 3.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Tennis Club to welcome our newest member. Thomas William Hart was born on 25th January weighing a healthy 8lbs 7oz. Many congratulations to Charlie, Michelle and big sister Amy!

A couple of dates for the diary – we will be having an American Doubles one day social tournament on Sunday 29th March and the AGM will take place at the pavilion on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm.

Hope to see some of you on court soon!

Kerry Grimshaw

Club Secretary



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Police Report



We have a new member of our team. PCSO 6950 Sheila Dickinson has recently joined the area and is currently getting out and about meeting everybody. If you would like to meet Sheila please contact her on the below number and she would be more than happy to introduce herself.

The date for the next Partners And Communities Together (PACT) meeting is on Wednesday 1st April 2009 at The Princess Hall, Princess Street, Burnham-On-Sea between 7pm and 7-45pm. If you are unable to attend but would like to put an issue forward for discussion at the meeting then please contact PCSO Pauline Dixon or PCSO Sheila Dickinson.

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 or PCSO Sheila Dickinson.

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 PCSO Sheila Dickinson and PC Alan Alford, if 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.

Your next neighbourhood beat surgeries for the area are;

West Huntspill Methodist Church on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 between 3pm and 4.30pm.

Lymphsham Pavilion on Thursday 5th March 2009 between 10am to 12.30pm.

East Brent Village Hall on Thursday 5th March 2009 between 1pm and 2.30pm.

Pawlett Village Hall on Friday 6th March 2009 between 11.15am and 12.15am.

East Huntspill Church Hall on Tuesday 10th March 2009 between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Sergeant Steve Lawrence

Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods Team,
Burnham-On-Sea Police Station.

A 'hello' message from The Revd. Simon Lewis

I feel very privileged to have been asked to come as Priest in Charge of the Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lymsham Benefice. Together with my wife Claire and with our children Jessica (10), Imogen (7) and Ben (5), we are excited at the prospect of our new life among you.

You might like to know a little more about me. I was born in London and spent my early years in Merstham, Surrey. From there the family moved to South Wimbledon and later my teenage years were spent in Dulwich, after which I moved to Wells. My working life began in the John Lewis Partnership and later, after study in Westminster College, Oxford, I taught for eleven years in a comprehensive school on Hayling Island in Hampshire. During that time I studied further and was ordained Deacon and then Priest in Portsmouth Cathedral. Presently I am working as Assistant Curate in the three-church Parish of Ventnor and Bonchurch on the Isle of Wight.

I already feel warmly welcomed by the people I have met from the Benefice and I know the most important task is to get to know members of the church and the community, and for you to get to know me. In particular I am eager to know what you want from your Parish Priest and how you see the life of the Church developing during the next few years. I shall write more about this subject later and how you can help me understand your particular community. In the meantime I would ask for your prayers for us as we complete our work here in Ventnor and Bonchurch and prepare for our future among you.

Simon Lewis

St. Christopher's Church News

We are delighted to say that the Bishop has appointed a new priest in charge of the benefice of Lymsham, Brent Knoll and East Brent. He is Simon Lewis, who is currently a curate on the Isle of Wight. His licensing is to take place on 13th July, in one of our three churches and he joins us with his wife Claire and three young children. Simon has written a short article for this magazine to introduce himself. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him in July.

Meanwhile, we will continue with our regular Sunday services. The church service times up to the end of June 2009 are set out in this magazine. Do please come along one Sunday, even if you are not a regular. Lymsham has a particularly busy set of services over Easter, so please think about coming to one of those services.

January was also a busy month for us. The Brown family, very generously, donated an evening at Batch Country House for us free of charge and Gwen Hatton and John Teteris took charge of organising the event which raised over £1,800. DJ John was a highlight of the evening! Thanks also to Robbie Burns for a very entertaining speech. It was a very enjoyable evening in the new dining room at Batch. We are very grateful to Batch for their hospitality.

St. Christopher's Church News

Events for your diary:

18th March at the Manor Hall. Race Night. Last year's event sold out very quickly and was a really excellent evening. We are limited in numbers and those who went last year are bound to want to come again, so book tickets as soon as you see them available.

7th June. Open Gardens around the village

27th June. Church Fete in the Manor Gardens.

With our new priest coming, we continue to look for people to help us to support the church. Robin Leveridge has very kindly agreed to become our treasurer. We are very grateful to him for taking that on.

Finally the PCC AGM is to take place in the church on 22nd April at 7.30 pm with a short service at 7pm. This is open to all. Please come along.

Churchwardens: James Counsell 01934 750943

Clive Wilson 01934 815336

Church Rota

Barnardo Flowers

April 11th & 18th	Pam Collings
April 25th & May 2nd	Jean Rawles
May 2nd & 9th	Margaret Luff
May 23rd & 30th	Isobel Wall
June 6th & 13th	Peggy Parsons
June 20th & 27th	Sally Blake

Altar & Pillar flowers

April 11th & 18th	Pam Collings
April 25th & May 2nd	Joan Wood
May 2nd & 9th	Zena Hinton
May 23rd & 30th	Mrs Withers & Mrs Bartlett
June 6th & 13th	Joan Goodman
June 20th & 27th	Tracey Stearnes

Church Cleaners

April 4th	Mrs Parson & Mrs Rawles
April 11th	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
April 18th	Mrs Flood & Mrs Guest
April 25th	Revd & Mrs Price
May 2nd	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
May 9th	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff
May 16th	Mrs Parson & Mrs Rawles
May 23rd	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
May 30th	Mrs Flood & Mrs Guest
June 6th	Revd & Mrs Price
June 13th	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
June 20th	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff
June 27th	Mrs Parson & Mrs Rawles

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lympsham

Service Rota: March 2009 – June 2009

During the vacancy, the Benefice is maintaining the same level and pattern of services, save that it will not be possible to have mid week services and some Sunday evening services.

Date and Festival	Time	Church
1st March	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
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 Lympsham
<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 Lympsham
<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</i>		
<i>(Passiontide)</i>		
5th April	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
6th April	7.30p.m	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Address and Compline</i>		
7th April	7.30p.m	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>Address and Compline</i>		
8th April	7.30p.m	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>Address and Compline</i>		
9th April	8.00p.m	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
<i>The Washing of feet at Last Supper</i>		
10th April	10.00a.m	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>Good Friday: Liturgy of the Cross</i>	2.00p.m	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Last Hour at the Cross</i>		
11th April	8.00 p.m	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</i>		

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lympsham

12th April	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>Easter Day</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lympsham (Festival Evening)
19th April	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
26th April	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
3rd May	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00a.m	St. Christopher's Lympsham
10th May	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
17th May	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
21st May	6.30a.m	On top of Brent Knoll
<i>Ascension Day</i>	7.30p.m	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
24th May	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
31st May	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>Whit Sunday</i>		
7th June	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
11th June	7.30p.m.	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Corpus Christi</i>		
14th June	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The First Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
21st June	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
<i>The Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
28th June	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Third Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll

Lympsham Book Club

Our little group continues to meet around hearths in Lympsham, Bleadon and Wedmore during the winter months, sharing views over a glass of wine or a coffee. Last month's book was *The Book Thief*, a novel narrated by a kindly and compassionate Death, and set in wartime Germany. It rather complemented the *Reader*, a previous Book Club choice which many will now be familiar with, thanks to the recent film. *The Book Thief* herself is Liesel, adopted daughter of the Hubermanns who hide Max, a Jew in their cellar. Markus Zusak, an Australian has said that the story was inspired by two real-life events related to him by his German parents: the bombing of Munich, and a teenage boy offering bread to an emaciated Jewish prisoner being marched through the streets, ending with both of them being whipped by a soldier. This is a wonderful story, packed with believable characters, every variety of German and packed with the minutiae of everyday life in Nazi Germany.

Our next book will be *Mr Pip*, by Lloyd Jones, a New Zealand author. It was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize this year and centres on the only white man on Bougainville who decides to reopen the school and introduce the children to Mr Dickens, not, as the children assume, a visitor, but the author of *Great Expectations* which he read to them.

Fellow Readers! Do please join us, we need new members to swell our numbers! Just telephone Eileen on 750991 for more details.

Future books:

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| March 18th | <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i> by Sue Monk Kidd |
| April 22nd | <i>The Road Home</i> by Rose Tremain |
| May 20th | <i>The Welsh Girl</i> by Peter Ho Davies |
| June 24th | <i>Darkmans</i> by Nicola Barker |



Lympsham Wine Club

Our Christmas Special was a fun evening, as always, with some great alternatives to Champagne on offer. Later this Spring we are hoping to launch a scheme of wine buying which will further support Post Office funds. To join us at our next tating, please call Eileen on 750991



Lympsham Manor Hall

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Granny Trek

Fourth Annual Granny Trek on 26th April 2009 for Children's Hospice SW

Times are hard and competition intense for charities trying to raise money. The generosity of the British public is legendary, but when the bank balance has shrunk and living costs mushroomed, it's impossible to be as open-handed as one would like. The old adage 'charity begins at home' must hold firm, as without a solid base, no-one can support anything. Therefore it's imperative that we attract a lot more walkers this year.

The fourth annual Granny Trek will take place on Sunday, 26th April, at Charlton Farm, Wraxall, south of Bristol – home of the second children's hospice for the south west region. Since Somerset granny Beryl Griffiths trekked 625 miles across country with her two dogs, Rudi and Fritz, in 2005 (www.grannytrek.co.uk) the annual treks have raised a staggering £128,000. Three lengths of walk are offered (with the welcome assistance of Bristol Severnside Rotarians) – one mile either totally on hard surfaces or with an option of half through fields; three miles through bluebell woods and fields; and six miles through the bluebells and fields, with the added treat of walking through the Tyntesfield Estate, by kind permission of the National Trust. Granny Trek veterans will be relieved to know there are far fewer stiles this year!

Does the name 'Granny Trek' put you off? Do you imagine a band of white haired old ladies shuffling along? You'd be wrong for three reasons. Firstly, the 2009 granny often cuts a youthful dash, perhaps even leaving her grown children behind both in appearance and energy. Secondly, there are thousands of white haired old ladies doing tough country walks every week of the year. Whatever the weather, they're out with the U3A or other local groups. Thirdly, and most importantly, you don't have to be a granny to take part. You are welcome if you've ever had a granny! Walk with her, or for her, or in memory of her.

Many of you reading these words will think: "I really must do that this year". Then days and weeks go by and it's too late. So register early – telephone 01271 325270 or email grannytrek@chsw.org.uk to get your sponsor form. Try building your sponsorship little and often. Every extra £1 you raise will bring more comfort and support to those families who would love to have the choice of whether to join Granny Trek. Whether you pray, cross your fingers or touch wood for luck, please do it hard to provide some glorious sunshine for a record number of trekkers! And don't forget, Fritz and Rudi invite all well-behaved dogs to come along too.



Race For Life

Sunday, May 17th, 2009
The Beach, Weston-super-Mare
11am

There'll be a special reason why we'll be running Race for Life this May. Serin's grandmother, (and for those who know us, Denys' mum), died in January after being diagnosed with a brain tumour just two months before. Cancer hits so hard, whether it's a long, painfully sad journey, or a mercifully quick one, which leaves a family feeling bewildered, like having a bad dream.

Please support Race for Life this May, which raised an astonishing £44 million last year, £130,000 of it on Weston beach. You don't have to run, or even jog, you could join the thousands of walkers, and have a great morning, wearing on your back the name of someone you have loved or are still loving, with pride.

If you're a bloke you can support your wives, girlfriends, mums, sisters, daughters by cheering them on and sponsoring them, after all that's what it's all about.

Sign up at www.raceforlife.org
or ring 750492 for details

See you on the beach at Weston,
we'll be the ones in pink!
Thank you, Liz and Serin Rayner

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



The Carol Service at Bleadon Parish Church on December 11th 2008 is now an annual event. A coach party attended from Somerset Legion House, and they seem to enjoy it very much, and we were pleased to invite them to the tea in the Church Room after the service. We thank Rev. S. Price for taking the Service. The Collection was added to branch funds. We thank all for attending and to those who read the lessons.

The Christmas Bingo was held on December 13th, and the profit of £211.80p was added to branch funds. We thank all who very kindly gave prizes for the bingo and the raffle.

We have had one more new member join us so this makes three since September. We hope that all will enjoy the women's section and attend all our functions. The South Mendip Group Meeting will be held in The Manor Hall on Saturday April 18th commencing at 2 30 p.m. All Members are Welcome. There will be County Officers attending, and Tea will be Served.

The Next Committee Meeting will be held at Mrs. Fear's residence on

March 23rd commencing at 2 30 p.m. The Venue has been changed owing to unforeseen problems. I hope that all Committee Members can attend.

There will another Bingo on April 25th at the Manor Hall commencing at 7 30 p.m. Very good prizes and raffle. Everybody welcome, proceeds to Branch Funds.

Details of The Competitions to be sent to Mrs. Clarke by 23rd March 2009

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We held our New Year's lunch on 6th January which seemed to be enjoyed by all who came. Thanks to all who helped to organise the lunch and to those who did the catering. Well done to Brian and Keith for providing the hot soup which was very welcome on such a cold day. Many thanks to Geraldine for the unenviable task of washing up.

The dates to note for the coming year are as follows:-

April	Tuesday 7th	Quiz night	Pavilion 7-30pm
May	Tuesday 5th	Spring lunch	Pavilion 12 noon
	Wednesday 13th	2nd branch meeting	Pavilion 7-30pm
July	Tuesday 14th	Annual day trip	details to follow
	Wednesday 22nd	3rd Branch meeting	Pavilion 7-30pm
August	Saturday 8th	41st flower show	Manor hall
September	Tuesday 15th	Quiz night	Pavilion 7-30pm
October	Tuesday 20th	4th Branch meeting and AGM	Pavilion 7-30pm
November	Sunday 8th	Remembrance service Post service drinks	St. Christopher's Pavilion
December	Thursday 10th	Carol service	Bleadon 2-30pm
January 2010	Tuesday 5th	New Year's lunch	Pavilion 12 noon

We hope we will continue to enjoy everyone's support for these events and we hope that we can also recruit some new members. Please give me a ring on 750461 if you require any further information.

Colin Poole (Hon. Sec.)

Lympsham Gardening Club

The end of winter is in sight. In spite of snow, ice and floods the snowdrops, daffodils, polyanthus and crocus are bravely telling us that spring will soon be here.

With the advent of spring Lympsham Gardening Club is starting its 2009 programme. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 10th March at the Manor Hall Lympsham as usual. Please note that this meeting will commence at 7.30pm as we have our AGM before John Thatcher gives a talk entitled "A Taste of Cider". John will also be bringing both cider & glasses. All members, prospective members, visitors & friends are very welcome.



Dates of future Meetings:-

14th April 2009 'Colour in Landscape Design' with Sarah Barham at 7.45pm.

12th May 2009 'All About Bees' with Gerald Fisher at 7.45pm.

Editor's Notes

The next edition of the Lympsham News will be out in June. Please could I have everything that needs to be included to me by **Friday 15th May**. Thanks in advance to everyone.

Would anyone like to help?

The Lympsham News consists of all the copy, information and pictures sent to me for inclusion as well as the adverts. These adverts hopefully are of use to some of the readers. They also raise revenue to help cover the costs. If anyone is interested in helping with this side of the Magazine please give me a call. I think this side could grow but it needs some time put in –which I struggle with – and the right person.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 12th April at 2pm at the Sports Club.

Free refreshments and an Easter egg for each child.

Lympsham Harvest Home

This year's Harvest home will be held on Saturday 12th September 2009. Ticket will be on sale on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 7.30pm at the Sports Club. Tickets are £14.50 each and are limited to 4 per person

Lympsham Village

Lympsham Village was profiled in the winter edition of Thatch. This is Community Council for Somerset's magazine for rural communities. The article was written by Keith Hart and is reproduced here in full text.

Lympsham? "Where's Lympsham?" I hear you say.

Well, Lympsham settles very comfortably on either side of the A370 between East Brent and Weston-super-Mare. The nearest major landmark is Brent Knoll.

In the 13th century Lympsham was known as "Lympleham" which means "a good place to live", and in 800 years or so nothing has changed in that respect – it is still a good place to live.

The village is as close to the Somerset County boundary as you can get. The River Axe not only forms the County Boundary but also the Parish Boundary. The population of Lympsham has changed little over the years. In the 1840s it was around 600 and in the 1900s around 500. Recently – in the last 20 years – two small developments have taken place and the population has grown to around 800. So it is still possible to know almost everybody!



Lympsham Village

We still have our own Village School and Pre-School, both are strong and well attended. It has been necessary to build new classrooms of late as numbers have grown – a healthy situation! A few years ago the School was threatened with closure, but a protest committee was formed, an accurate head count of local children was taken and happily the School survived – a tribute to "Village Spirit". Our School and Village Hall are housed in the same building; should you visit the village it is the building adjacent to the Cricket Field and looks a bit like a church.

About 10 years ago our Village Shop closed. Lympsham did not throw its arms in the air – we built our own. £11000 was donated in two weeks and the Shop/ I Post Office now stands attached to the – Sports Pavilion.

The Sports Club was built about 16 years ago and completely changed the village. There is no pub in the centre of the village and the Sports and Social Club filled that gap.

The School, Village Hall, Shop, and Sports and Social Club are actually owned by the village residents and dedicated committees ensure that they are well maintained and looked after at all times.

The Sports Club is home to Lympsham Tennis Club which currently has 9 league teams and Lympsham Cricket Club playing over 50 home matches per season. Both clubs are very active and focussed on encouraging and coaching the youth of the village. We can boast of young folk playing at County level which augers very well for the future. Cricket has been in Lympsham for a long time – indeed we had a Lympsham Ladies XI in 1916, and we have a photograph to prove it!

The Sports Club is also a social hub. The bar is staffed entirely by volunteers and has been since it opened. The Club is open every evening for members and guests and is a popular venue for events such as skittles, darts, meetings, parties, village functions, lunches – never a dull moment!

The Lympsham Harvest Home had a little break after the Second World War – about 60 years long! I am delighted to report that a few years ago it was re-born and thanks to a hardworking committee is a huge success, the biggest annual event in the village year.

Our traditional Annual Church Fete is held in the beautiful gardens of the Manor and is always a great day which is well supported and raises more money for our Church year after year.

The new developments mentioned earlier have now melded into the village and many of the residents take an active part in village life. Our recent Neighbourhood Watch Promotion was a great success – surprising the local police with the results. I think it was the BBQ in the street that did it!

There are many other activities to be enjoyed in Lympsham during the year, these include the Village Flower Show, the Gardening Club, the Book Club, the Wine Tasting Club, Riding Stables, the Lympsham WI, the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, the Village Archaeology Group etc.

If you would like to find out more about Lympsham why not visit our website on:

www.Lympsham.org.uk

I said that "Lympsham" meant "a good place to live", I was right.

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

Lympsham 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.

Lympsham Local Beat Bobby
PC Alan Alford
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Police Community Support Officer
PCSO Sam Haydon
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Email: sam.haydon@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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.