

Lympsham News

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Lympsham Archaeology Group (LAGS)

I left you down a trench in Peters Paddock- the one opposite the church main door. Well, we have now finished that particular trench for the moment and the inclement weather has meant that we have not been able to do any more “Geo-fizz” surveys (it doesn’t work in the wet). The finds however were really interesting and impressed the North Somerset County archaeologists who was able to date quite a few which took us back about 500-600 years. We are now looking forward to investigating the old Parsonage and an unknown building which is clearly marked on a drawing dated 1792. This will be interesting because the building (which is big!) only appears on this one drawing - more later.

There has been an exhibition in Weston entitled “archeology in the park” which includes a variety of stands in the Winter Gardens, we were one of the stands! It was a very good day and our stand attracted a lot of praise and interest so we were quite pleased with ourselves. We did love one surprise thought- Many people from Weston who visited had no idea at all where Lympsham was! Needless to say - They do now!!

We are continuing our search for Roman occupation evidence and we are currently studying the layout and structure of the rhymes, as this would have been one of the main sources of transportation we think and there is evidence that they may have been much wider than they are now. It is already known that the Romans moved goods by water from Cheddar- why not Lympsham? We will keep you informed.

Lastly, we have yet another question. A ‘grange’ in Lympsham is well documented in 1300’s. We know where grange cottages are now, but where is the site of the old grange? Any help would be appreciated.

A thought - hardly a week goes by without us finding something old which was hither to unknown- come and join us! Call Keith Hart on 01934 750614.

More of yesterdays news next quarter

Keith Hart.

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MEDAL FATIGUE.....

I am writing this as the Olympics draw to a close, trying to recover from the exertions of supporting rowing, cycling, swimming, boxing, beach volleyball(!), diving, etc. from my armchair.

Unfortunately the weather during the summer holidays hasn't been particularly golden, but the sun did shine eventually on the Lympsham Branch of the Royal British Legion's Annual Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show on Saturday 2nd August.

The summer is always a tricky time to encourage entries as some parishioners are away on holiday and vegetable growing is dependent on the weather but, I'm pleased to report, for the first time for many years we exceeded 200 entries.

This year the floral entries were particularly blooming and the Children's classes were very creative. I was very impressed with the skills shown by villagers in the Handicrafts section: we have some very talented artists & model-makers living in Lympsham.



Thanks to all the Committee who helped and to the Ladies' section of the Branch for the excellent refreshments.

I am also pleased to report that since the last Lympsham News various Neighbourhood Watch groups throughout Lympsham have had their inaugural meetings and are progressing well. If your road is not covered yet, please let me know.

Hopefully all dog walkers will have noticed the

Parish Clerk

two new additional 'dog waste bins' stationed in our village: one at Copse Corner, the other opposite the Old Post Office attached to the disused bus-stop near the junction of Church & South Roads.

Sadly Dick Evans has retired from being our Parish Path Liaison Officer; Dick has not only walked Lymsham's footpaths for a long while, but also ensured that the walkways are appropriately marked and kept clear.

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone interested in taking over the above role or perhaps several people willing to keep an eye on individual routes. There is a set of tools provided by Sedgemoor, but any major obstruction or issue can be notified to the Parish Clerk for District or County Staff to deal with.

Robin Leveridge, Parish Clerk

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

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

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All three rooms £40

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Calendar Boys Report

I expect you've all heard of Gaulden Manor – you haven't – I don't believe it! It's a good job that the Calendar Boys are at hand isn't it?

First of all get a map. Gaulden Manor is situated near Bishops Lydiard very close to Tolland. Drive carefully because the roads are very narrow. The Manor is situated at the end of a bridleway, the sign for which can be easily missed. There is a car park and toilets but only one toilet was working! It was a good job we're not shy and didn't mind using the ladies! Walking towards the home we met the gardener and he told us a bit about the house and garden – he was the only person. His job was to keep the lawns mowed, but nobody was tending the gardens. The result of this was a garden that although it was unkempt has a magical feel about it. We kept saying things like "that herb garden must have looked lovely at one time" and "the lake would have been wonderful."

The views from the garden were some of Somerset finest and the whole place has a "peace" which is difficult to describe. We found ourselves whispering as though we were in a church and we were the only visitors there!!



It is not possible to go into the house, which is still private dwelling but we did see some carving, done by a WW2 prisoner of war, on a doorpost. This was a beautifully done piece of work & well worth a look.

Whilst walking about, I picked up a small piece of broken pottery from a pathway and later found it was made in Germany in the 15th or 16th century – amazing what you find!

Whilst you're there, a trip to Tolland church is also worthwhile and the local pub offer lunches at reasonable prices.

All in all another interesting if unexpected trip which certainly broadened the mind.

A question. Where can you get a full English breakfast and a mug of coffee for £2.00. not far from Lympsham!!

More soon

Keith Hart.

Lympsham Tennis Club



The first Lympsham Tennis Club Tournament is well underway and so far has produced some surprising results and fantastic tennis. At the time of writing, the semi-finals are in progress for mens singles, ladies singles and mixed doubles. The finals day will take place at the end of June (posters will be displayed in the pavilion nearer the time). It will hopefully be an enjoyable day for both competitors and spectators with a BBQ, umpires and maybe even ball boys/girls (just like Wimbledon except hopefully without the rain as Sir Cliff already has a prior engagement!)

Summer league tennis has also started so if you're passing the courts on a Monday or Tuesday evening and fancy an excuse to stop for a pint all support is always welcome!

A date for you diary - we will be holding a fun open junior tournament on Sunday 27th July (posters will be displayed nearer the time with details of how to enter).

Hopefully, if the weather continues to improve it will give us all a chance to get on court and maybe even get a bit of colour on our legs!

Kerry Grimshaw

Club Secretary



Lympsham Tennis Club



Lymsham Sports & Social Club



Lymsham Sports Club
Telephone 01934 750946

Hello there!

Here is an update for you on the sports & social club. Obviously, the weather has played an important part in the summer activities and has curtailed our enjoyment somewhat.

We have not been able to enjoy as much cricket as we would have liked and tennis has also been affected by the elements.

Having said that it has been wonderful to see a junior tennis tournament taking place and also the budding stars coming up in the Sunday development XI. We look forward to watching these very capable young sportsmen in the future.

Since the last issue, we have completely decorated the skittle alley and improvements have been made to the bar serving area. We have built a wonderful set of storage cupboards close to the kitchen door, a much needed addition to the facilities. A major clean has taken place, both inside & out. The patio area has been power washed & cleaned.

The area at the rear of the pavilion has also been swept and tidied.

We still have a long list of "little jobs" so please be patient: we're getting there. We have also suffered one or two setbacks, the main one being a split hot water tank. This has been replaced and should be up and running before the end of August. The actual playing surface of the skittle alley will also be attended to before leagues begin.

I am please to say that the weather has not spoiled the enjoyment of several birthday parties, pig roasts, quizzes, bingo etc. It is very rewarding to see people making use of the club for so many varied functions.

We are looking forward to this years. "Harvest Home" lets hope the weather is kind and that everyone has a great day – including the helpers.

The "meat draw" and the "bonus ball" lottery continue to be well supported and very popular, and we are having a new Lymsham darts team for the winter season.

Lastly, a request to dog owners. Please clean up after your dog. Dog mess goes a long way. Thank you.

More next time,

Keith Hart.

Deadline for the December edition

Please can I have everything to me by Thursday November 13th to give me sufficient time to get the News out by the beginning of December. Thank you in advance to all those people who help me in some way get the News produced.

Police Report

PCSO Pauline Dixon is currently conducting free crime reduction surveys to homes in the area. This involves her attending your address looking at what security measures you have and recommending any changes that would improve your home security. If you would like her to conduct a survey at your home or you have a friend or relative that you feel would benefit from this service please contact her on the number below.

We work in partnership with the Bobby Van Scheme which is funded by a partnership involving the Police Community Trust and the Constabulary with valued assistance from a number of Community Safety and Drugs Partnerships throughout the Avon and Somerset Police area. The scheme allows us to help elderly and vulnerable people who qualify for a referral by improving the security of their homes. Through the crime reduction surveys Pauline has been able to identify a number of residents that qualify for assistance under this scheme and arranged for them to get improved door/window locks and other security measures fitted.

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 9613 Pauline Dixon and PC 1969 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 September 2008 between 3pm and 4-30pm.

Pawlett Village Hall on Friday 5th September 2008 between 11-15am and 12-15pm.

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

The East Huntspill Church Hall beat surgery will be postponed until Tuesday 14th October 2008 between 2-30pm and 4pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sergeant Steve Lawrence

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

Lympsham Gardening Club



Our speaker at June's meeting was Mark Stainer from East Lambrook & he told us about Margery Fish. Margery had been a journalist in London & was in her 40's when she bought East Lambrook which was quite neglected, so she really had a blank canvas on which to learn about gardening. Margery did not like to be photographed & among the slides that illustrated Mark's talk were a couple of rare photos of her. She loved the Cottage Garden style & was often at odds with her husband over this as he preferred a more formal style.....why does this sound familiar?

We had had quite a long period of fine weather when the day for our Annual Outing began with early rain. The forecast was not too promising either, but we were fortunate & did not need our raincoats. At Barrington Court the house, which is open to visitors, was built as a Tudor Manor House. By the start of the 20th century it was little more than a cider barrel store & occupied by chickens! It was the first large country house of it's kind to be purchased by the newly formed National Trust but proved a great drain on their finances. In 1920's it was leased to Arthur Lyle (of Tate & Lyle) who incorporated his collection of wood panelling in the restoration.

Gertude Jekyll helped with the planning of the formal gardens which are set out as a series of colourful individual 'rooms'. June is the month for roses & the perfume from the Rose Garden was delightful. The café & restaurant were well patronised by our group enjoying the produce grown in the Kitchen Garden & returned to the coach clutching specimens from the Garden Plant Sales. A thoroughly enjoyable outing & Thank You to David who organised it.

As usual we did not have any meetings in July & August.

NEXT MEETING on 9th September at 7.45pm at the Manor Hall, Lympsham. Do come & enjoy a talk on The Japanese Garden.

PLANT SALE & COFFEE MORNING Thursday 18th September Visitors as well as members are welcome to join us at the Lympsham Sports Pavilion from 10.00 am. Cakes & crafts on sale as well as plants.

FUTURE DATES for your diary:-

14th October – Secrets of a Victorian Garden with Chris Smith at 7.45pm

11th November – Hospice Gardens with Mark Taylor at 7.45pm

9th December – Cindy Tratt talk on Garden Design at 7.45pm

Mariette Denison

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



The 50th anniversary service held at Lympsham Church on March 30th 2008 was very successful. Also the Old Standard was 'Laid up' and the New Standard was dedicated. Many Standards attended from other branches. Mrs. P. Whitehead was in charge. She was attending as parade Officer for Somerset.

We have a new National Secretary at Headquarters Women's Section in London. He is Col. Antony Beattie, and we wish him every success in his new position. Some of our members attended the Men's Branch outing to Exmouth on July 15th. This event was very much enjoyed and the weather was kind. We thank the organisers for all their hard work.

Flower Show August 2nd. Congratulations to all who received cups and certificates. Also many thanks to those members who helped with the cream teas. also to those who provided the cream and jam.

Proceeds go to branch funds. We are getting much praise for our very good cream teas.

Mrs. K. Sparks County Chairman attended, many thanks to her for finding the time considering how busy she is.

Mrs. J. Rawles Standard Bearer is attending the Festival of Remembrance at the Colston Hall on November 1st. Also she is considering entering the Standard Bearer's competition Somerset County in September. Best of luck to her.

Those who entered the Handicraft Competition at the South Mendip group Meeting in Weston results as follows:

Knitting 1st. Miss P. Greenwood, 3rd Mrs. J. Handyside, &

Croquet 1st. Mrs. J. Clarke.

Congratulations to these Ladies.

Forthcoming Events.

Festival of Remembrance Colston Hall Bristol Nov. 1st. 7 p.m. Carol Service Parish Church Bleadon Dec. 11th 2 30 p.m. All Members welcome.

R.B.L.W.S. Christmas Bingo. Manor Hall December 13th 7 30 p.m.

Everybody Welcome.

Mrs. J. Clarke.

Hon Secretary. R.B.L.W.S.

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

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



Despite the grey drizzly start our July day out to Exmouth turned out well as the sun finally shone on us. Most of us chose to sit on the top deck of our specially chartered boat to enjoy our picnics while taking in the lovely scenery during the two hour trip up the estuary. Before the coach trip back to the nursery gardens in Wellington we had time to sit and have a cooling ice cream. It seems that most people thought this trip to be the best one yet, and it looks as though we have recruited a couple of new members as a result of a good day out.



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

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



The 40th annual Flower and Vegetable Show was held on 2nd August. Our show secretary, Robin Leveridge, will be reporting on the show elsewhere in the Lymsham News.

We will be holding our next general knowledge quiz night on Tuesday 23rd September in the pavilion starting at 7-30pm, the cost will be £1-50 per head which includes light refreshments. The last quiz was very well attended and we hope all the 'regulars' and as many new quizzers as possible will join us for what we hope will be a fun evening.

This year the branch Annual General Meeting will now be held in the pavilion and NOT in the Manor Hall as stated in our programme. This will be on Tuesday 7th October and this will be immediately followed by our branch meeting.

Our Remembrance Day service will again be held in St. Christopher's Church on Sunday 9th November at 10-45am and this will be followed by drinks in the pavilion.

As always any new members would be warmly welcomed, and of course you do not need to have served in HM forces to join us. Please contact me of 750461 for any further information.

Colin Poole (Hon. Sec)

St Christopher's Church News

Just too late for the last edition of this magazine came the news that Martin Lee, our Rector for over eight years had decided that it was time to move on to a fresh challenge in Newcastle. Martin's contribution to the church and to the wider community in Lymsham during that time has been immense, although much of his work – visiting those who are sick and bereaved, for example, is unobtrusive and out of the public eye. Together with East Brent and Brent Knoll, we have been hugely fortunate to have him as our Rector and wish both him and Sue well in the very different challenges which lie ahead for them. On the Friday before they left, we had a very successful and well attended party for them in East Brent village hall.



The rather drawn out process now begins of advertising for and selecting some one to replace him. Incredibly, the minimum period allowed is ten months from the date when the departing incumbent starts in his new parish. That means that we will be without a new Rector until at least mid July of next year. During that time, we have to draw up a “parish profile” of our three parishes for use by interested candidates, then the position is advertised, candidates are sifted and shortlisted (if there is a sufficient number!) and those selected visit us and are interviewed by a panel representing all three parishes.

We hope to have carried out all of that by February so that we can offer the position to someone in good time for that person to give notice at his or her current parish.

The PCC would like to know what kind of rector parishioners would like. This process is not being conducted only for those who go to church. The Rector is for everybody whether they are churchgoers or those not interested. His role extends beyond the church, into the school and beyond. If anybody has any views,



St Christopher's Church News

please speak to one of us – confidentially if you would prefer.

The good news is that we have been assured that the diocese has no intention of changing the current arrangements so that the new Rector will continue to be responsible for our three parishes as one benefice on its own and the three churches of Lympsam, East Brent and Brent Knoll will remain open.

Meanwhile it is business as usual as far as possible. The church service times up to next February are set out in this magazine. We have someone to take every service for the foreseeable future during the vacancy. Although there will be no midweek service during this time, there will still be the same number of Sunday services as before

Only space for a brief mention that we had a highly enjoyable open gardens day in July and yet another incredibly successful fete, the latter raising just over £4,000, a £500 rise on last year. This is a fantastic effort by all who helped out. Thank you very much as ever.

Everyone, of course, is welcome to all our services either in Lympsam or in Brent Knoll or East Brent. If you have not been to a Sunday service here at St Christopher's, why not come along to one soon? We have 10 am services either once or twice a month, including services for all the family in one of the three churches each month. We look forward to seeing you.

James Counsell 01934 750943

Clive Wilson 01934 815336

(Churchwardens)

Church Rota

Altar Flowers

Sept 7th & 14th	Jean Tincknell
Sept 21st & 28th	Audrey Toogood
Oct 5th & 12th	Joan Goodman
Oct 19th & 26th	Cindy Tratt
Nov 2nd & 9th	Mrs Bartlett & Mrs Wilkens
Nov 16th & 23rd	Tracy Staines
December	Advent
Christmas	Pam Collings

Nov 8th	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Fear
Nov 15th	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
Nov 22nd	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff
Nov 29th	Mrs Parsons & Mrs Rawles
Dec 6th	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
Dec 13th	Mrs Ford & Mrs Guest
Dec 20th	Mrs Clarke & Mrs Fear
Dec 27th	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost

Church cleaners

Oct 4th	Mrs Toogood & Mrs Frost
Oct 11th	Mrs Wall & Mrs Luff
Oct 18th	Mrs Parsons & Mrs Rawles
Oct 25th	Mrs Hart & Mrs Hinton
Nov 1st	Mrs Ford & Mrs Guest

Barnardo Flowers

Oct 4th & 11th	Helen Fear
Oct 18th & 25th	Jean Rawles
Nov 1st & 8th	June Clarke
Nov 15th & 22nd	Jean Rawles
Advent	
Dec 25th	Jean Rawles

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lympsam

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.

6th September	11.45am	Service on cricket pitch before Harvest Home
7th September	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
14th September	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lympsam
21st September	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
<i>Harvest Festival</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent
28th September	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
5th October	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
<i>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
12th October	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lympsam
19th October	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
<i>The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent
26th October	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
2nd November	8.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>All Saints Fourth Sunday before Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
9th November	9.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	10.45am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
<i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i>	10.45am	East Brent War Memorial
	10.45am	Lympsam War Memorial
	6.30pm	St. Christopher's Lympsam
16th November	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
<i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent
23rd November	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>Christ the King The Sunday</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympsam
<i>Next before Advent</i>	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
30th November	10.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>		

The Benefice of Brent Knoll, East Brent and Lympham

7th December	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympham
<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympham
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 Lympham
21st December	8.00am	St. Mary's East Brent
<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am	St. Christopher's Lympham
<i>Nine Lessons & Carols</i>	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
24th December	5.30pm	Crib Service – St. Christopher's Lympham
<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 Lympham
<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 Lympham
	6.30pm	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
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 Lympham
18th January	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympham
<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 Lympham
	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 Lympham
15th February	8.00am	St. Christopher's Lympham
<i>The Second Sunday before Lent</i>	10.00am	St. Michael's Brent Knoll
	6.30pm	St. Mary's East Brent

Lympsham Book Club

The Lympsham Book Club offers an opportunity to read modern fiction which individually we might never normally choose. We don't all live in Lympsham, but we do all love a good read. If the books here are the sort you enjoy reading, why not join us? We would welcome more members.

Since the last Lympsham magazine was published, we have read *A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers* by Xiaolu Guo, the tale of a student newly arrived in London. (Shortlisted for the Orange Prize). The heroine becomes involved with an older Englishman and tries to come to terms with the English language and culture and all its nuances (example: when she says she'd love to see his flat and he replies "be my guest" she takes him literally and moves in). As the novel progresses, so does her command of the language which results in a very original piece of writing. What was *Lost* by Catherine O'Flynn is the mystery of a little girl who disappeared in the 1980s and also a portrait of the life today in a nearby shopping mall where she used to go "detecting." We all agreed that Cribbs Causeway would never seem quite the same again. This very affecting and at times very funny story was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

Our Wednesday 10th September we will be discussing *Love in the Time of Cholera*, (Marquez) and October 8th *If On A Winter's Night A Traveller* by Italo Calvino. We meet at 8pm in someone's home for a glass of wine or a coffee and a fun night with like-minded people.

If you would like to join us for one or both evening please telephone Paul Kelson on 01934 750 784 for details of the venue. Lifts are arranged when we meet outside the village.



Lympsham Wine-Tasting Club

Our summer session had us all becoming experts in Italian wines or as far as one can in a two hour session! We tasted our way around Italy from the north via the Veneto and Tuscany down to Sicily, and its Nero d'Avola was perhaps the hit of the evening. As always, a great time was had by all. Do please join us if you like to drink wine; we next meet on September 26th in the Manor Hall at 8pm, and again on 28th November for the Christmas tasting. Just turn up!



News from Whitehouse Kennels

Hi we hope all our friends in the village have had a good summer break and you have had lots of treats and lovely walks. Please can you ensure mum and dad take you to the vets for your booster vaccinations so to keep you protected from those nasty doggie diseases!

If you are looking for a dog we have over 20 friends and 2 kittens looking for a new home. Roxy the rottweiler is stunning, a real beauty. She is so full of energy and very gentle but needs a little bit of help with her manners as she does jump up and nearly knocks her kennel staff over when she is trying to reach their face to kiss them!

Ollie is a mature gentleman who is very gentle and loves the company of other dogs. He is a Lhaso Apso which means in dog talk furry, small and gorgeous looking.

If you think you could give a rescue dog a home please come and see the staff at Whitehouse Kennels and they will help you.

Thanks and if you have any doggie questions please phone the kennels who will do their best to try and help.

lots of love

all the dogs, cats, Jerry, Christine, Chris and staff at Whitehouse kennels and cattery

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Please ring Liz Rayner, 750492 for details

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Lympsham WI



In my last report, we were looking forward to Sue Cowell coming to our May meeting and explaining to us all about Reflexology. Sue really held our attention and having clarified how it all works, quite a few members volunteered to have a five minute session then and there. We were so impressed with Sue's expertise, many of us wished to follow this up. In June BARB – Burnham Area Rescue Boat – showed slides of rescues and we could see how they risk their lives to save others. It is a wonderful service and a lot safer now that they have the Leleina hovercraft. They were very much thanked for coming to our meeting.

From Paul Kelson: In July I was invited by the WI to give a talk about the water industry charity WaterAid. It's an organization I have been involved with ever since I began working with Bristol Water back in 1992. Its aim is to help bring fresh drinking water and sanitation



to the many millions in Africa and Asia who, unlike us, cannot take it for granted. Much of the funding they gain is through water customers giving donations through the leaflets they receive with their water bills and I am always happy to visit local groups to explain about WaterAid's work and detail just where the money goes. I was fortunate to have visited India a few years ago to see the work the charity is doing there. I came away deeply impressed with how effective WaterAid has been, working with local NGO (Non-Governmental Organisations), in changing the lives of so many. My talk was about this trip, the places I had visited and the friendly and welcoming people I met.

It was a absolute pleasure talking to the WI who made me very welcome and I was very grateful for the generous donation that they gave to WaterAid.

On 16th July we were able to hold a "free" Cream Tea Party for all those who had supported our coffee mornings that had previously taken place. We were able to do this with funds kindly donated by the Nuttall Trust and surplus monies taken at previous events. The afternoon was a great success, very well attended and completely free including a lucky number being given to everyone upon arrival. Unfortunately I didn't win one of the extra special raffle prizes but I think all those who did were truly grateful. It is hoped that during the winter months we may be able to organize a lunch time event – maybe a Plowman's or something similar so watch out for our advert. Many thanks to all who attended and all the WI members who helped me with this afternoon tea party. Eileen Male.



Lympsham WI



We have been playing croquet matches alongside the Pavilion. Ann won the singles and Ann and Joan the doubles. In a report in the Telegraph, it said croquet is a true battle of mind and body which combines physical skills, co-ordination and strategy and that true British virtue – teamwork. As anyone who has been croqueted to the other side of the lawn will know, it can also be a perfect example of man's inhumanity to man – but we all shake hands afterwards and plan the next croquet sessions!

We have an outing to Litton coming up to enjoy the gardens and tea to follow and in September we are visiting the Police HQ in Portishead. Forthcoming meetings are:-

September 16th **Craft evening with Alison Warren**

October 21st **Folk Music – Rick Harper**

November 18th **AGM and Eileen's meeting with Royalty.**

Our meetings are 3rd Tuesday of the month 7.45pm in the Manor Hall. Do come along.

Joan Wood

Lympsham Pre-School

Firstly, welcome back to all our children, Staff and especially our new starters, and not forgetting our new assistant Sarah for an extremely exciting year for the Pre-School.

Currently, everything is still on schedule for our New Building, which will be opening Jan/Feb 2009 providing full day care for our children.

If you are interested in more information about Lympsham Pre-School, our Pre-School leader Deborah Smith can be contacted between 9-12pm on 07743 188865.

I would like to take a brief look back over the last year and the success we have had in raising secure funds for the Pre-school through various events including a Craft Fair, Sponsor a Brick campaign, BBQ, Jumble Sales and Bags 2 School. All the money we have raised over the past years goes towards equipment for our new Pre-School building, and I wish to thank all the volunteers that have given up their time without whom these events would not be possible and also to those that have supported and sponsored us.

There will be many events organised throughout coming year. Including a Monster Mash Party for the children at the end of October at the Manor Hall tickets will be available to purchase shortly, and obviously a Grand Opening for the New Building, so please as always keep a lookout for our notices.

And finally, Lympsham Pre-School AGM will be held on Thursday 2nd October at 7.45pm in the Manor Hall, A list of committee roles is available to view in the Pre-School Porch. If you wish to register an interest in any role or require further details please contact me on 01934 750935.

Rachael Holland

Chair – Lympsham Pre-School Committee



Lympsham 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 Lympsham 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

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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
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St Johns Ambulance Carer Support Programme



The St. John Ambulance Carer Support Programme, run in association with Somerset County Council, is now in its third year and hundreds of carers across Somerset have benefited from the free training that it provides them.

Many carers groups have been set up as a result of the programme as carers are keen to keep in touch with one another not only for friendship but also to continue to exchange ideas and share experiences.

The Carers Re-unions are also very popular and in June over 90 came together in Taunton to meet Princess Anne who is patron of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and a strong advocate for more help for carers – many of whom find themselves undertaking this role 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Surprisingly it is still difficult to make carers aware that St. John can help them as many remain 'hidden'. According to the 2001 census there were over 50,000 in Somerset which means the figure will have grown significantly since then. We need to reach them.

Some of the 'outcomes' we have received following the courses are: 'knowing I am not alone'; 'the talking, the unloading and sharing'; 'support in my caring role'; 'the feeling of belonging'; 'the confidence to look after myself better'; 'encouragement to start a new life after a death'; 'a professional ear to listen to'; 'learning to relax properly after years of trying'; 'feeling better about myself - thank you'.

Please call Jude Glide or Ross Young at St. John Ambulance County Headquarters on 01823 345920 for further information about the Carer Support Programme and the new Parent Carer Support Programme or to arrange for us to come and talk to you.

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The Nuttall Trust

The Nuttall Trust is a charity set up to provide financial support for local projects, community organisations and individuals within the villages of Brent Knoll, East Brent, Lymphsham and Mark. It was made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. James Nuttall who left part of their estate for that purpose.

The Trust has been operating now for seven years. During that time, the four trustees (one to represent each of the four villages) have been able to provide varying sums of money for about seventy five different projects and causes. In making available such sums, the trustees have sought to balance the likely benefit of funding to individuals and/or to the community as a whole, taking into account whatever evidence is provided as to the need for funding together with the apparent likelihood of the project getting off the ground if funding were to be provided.

If you are interested in applying, please let me know by writing to me, James Counsell at The Manor, Lymphsham, Nr Weston-s-Mare, Somerset BS24 0DT or by calling me on 01934 750943. Alternatively, if you would like further information before deciding whether to apply, please give me a call. All applications are treated in complete confidence. Don't hesitate to contact me.

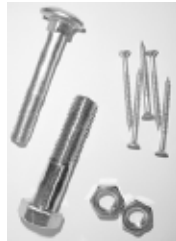
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James Counsell.

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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.

Lympsham Local Beat Bobby

PC Alan Alsford

Mobile: 07917 001501

Email: alan.alsford@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Sam Haydon

Mobile: 07825 125101

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.