



NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2013

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CARNIVAL QUEEN!



If you are interested in becoming the Newton Poppleford Carnival Queen, then please contact Jackie on 01395 567803 or Jean on 01395 568815 before 30th June.

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MEMORABILIA NEEDED

Does anyone have memorabilia of the village that they will loan for a display/event later in the year? If so, please contact Jackie on 01395 567803 or Geoff on 01395 568466.

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STREET LIGHTS, POTHOLEs etc.

If you notice that a **street light** is faulty or has failed, first take a note of the lamp column number and then notify Devon County Council about it as soon as possible. The quickest way is via their website:

www.devon.gov.uk

Select the 'Report It' option and complete the online form (only takes a few minutes).

Use the same option to report **potholes**, faulty **pavements** or **manholes** etc. Note that **you have to identify the location** as accurately as possible, but the little maps that are used are cumbersome when specifying the location.

Alternatively you can report by phone; a full list of contact phone numbers is on the DCC website, or use the general contact number:

0845 155 1015

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL Webcasts of Council Meetings

Some county council meetings can be watched on-line, either live or from a library of archived recordings. These include the full Council meetings, Cabinet, Development Management, and various others. Just go the county council website, and under the 'Council and Democracy' heading select 'Watch Council Meetings Live' which shows what's available either immediately or from the archive.

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GRANTS AVAILABLE IN THIS AREA

For any organisations (not just parish councils) and some individuals in the district looking for grants or funding, EDDC has set up a 'funding opportunities' page on their website. There are many types of grant available, so take a look to see whether any apply to your needs:

www.eastdevon.gov.uk/grants

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EDDC - 'SPEAK NOW'

Join East Devon District Council's 'Speak Now' group and have your say!

What is 'Speak Now'?

Speak Now is a group of East Devon residents that are regularly asked for their views on East Devon District Council services and life in East Devon. It gives people the opportunity to make their views heard on local issues and to take an active part in the decision making process.

Speak Now members are invited to give EDDC their views in a variety of ways ranging from focus groups, postal questionnaires, meetings and more. You choose the activities you would like to be involved in. There is no pressure and it is up to you to choose your level of involvement. You can remove yourself from the group at any time.

How to join? To find out how to get involved, please contact Jamie Buckley on (01395) 517569, e-mail speaknow@eastdevon.gov.uk or to join you can complete the online joining form: **www.eastdevon.gov.uk/joinspeaknow**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH / RINGMASTER

The Police Community Messaging System sends out emails and warnings about crime in the area. If you need to report a crime or would like to receive these updates send an email to

**general.enquiries@
devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**

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NEXT BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

Ottery St Mary, Football Club: 3/7/13 & 10/7/13
West Hill Village Hall: 12/08/13

Ring **0300 123 23 23** for appointments or book on-line at www.blood.co.uk

The Blood Donor service supplies hospitals with around 7,000 units of blood every day! In order to continue to meet that demand, nearly 200,000 new donors are needed every year.

- *each unit of blood donated is split into its constituent parts, and can save up to three lives*
- *the number of regular blood donors has fallen by 23% over the past decade*
- *the minimum age for blood donation is 17 years (650,000 people will turn 17 in the next 12 months!)*

If you aren't already a blood donor, consider signing up now - you might just be someone who will need a blood transfusion one day!

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PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012-3

The Parish Council has produced this annual report to update residents on the activities and business of the Parish Council over the past year.

Parish Plan

Around 71% of households in the parish responded to a questionnaire that will inform the future of the parish. This was the culmination of nearly 3 years of work by many volunteers. The Parish Plan was published and delivered to households towards the end of 2012 and is available on the Parish Council website. East Devon District Council formally adopted the Parish Plan in November 2012.

Development and Planning

In East Devon it was estimated there would be a significant shortage of housing over the next 15-20 years, and that more housing needed to be built. Over the past few years, East Devon District Council (EDDC) has invited landowners in East Devon to suggest sites that might be available for development of housing. This exercise is the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

(SHLAA). A number of sites in the parish were identified as part of the SHLAA exercise in 2012.

East Devon has been developing their new Local Plan to set out strategic policy for development. Alongside the main plan, EDDC continue to work on a plan for the villages of East Devon through a separate Village Development Plan Document. EDDC envisage identifying land allocations and sites for development as part of this plan. The Parish Council were asked to feedback on possible and favoured site options for development. The Parish Council were supplied with information and maps from the SHLAA work (as the sites are possible options for accommodating future development). To inform this work an open meeting was held on 24 November 2012 to consult the parish on the SHLAA sites proposed to EDDC for potential development.

The Parish Council considered 34 planning applications during 2012-13 and expressed their views to East Devon. In some cases site visits were made to make a better assessment of what was proposed and how it related to the surroundings. One application has been particularly controversial, the development of land behind King Alfred's Way. The Parish Council held an open meeting on 1 March 2013 to hear the views of residents.

Flooding

The weather has made for very difficult working arrangements. Whilst this Parish has not suffered as severely as some, there have been some overarching problems, not least in Lower Way, Harpford and further erosion in the Back Brook. Webbers Meadow also had its fair share of water overflows from Back Brook and the Otter. The Parish Council expressed its strong concerns to the Environment Agency (EA). However the issue appears to be a multi-agency problem which lies between the District Council (East Devon Way), County Council P3 Scheme and the land owner. It is worth noting because it also applies to Back Brook, that the Riparian owner can only do remedial works after agreement with the EA.

Luckily, during the major flood flow, the EA removed tons of stone etc from the Brook to allow free flow after the storm. The old fence beside the road opposite the tennis courts was raised to allow any flow on the road to cascade into the Meadow and into the Brook. The wild area on the base of the old railway line was seeded with wild flowers by the EA.

Jubilee

The Jubilee celebrations fell into the early part of the year and went really well. The committee set up to raise funds, support the events and coordinate the activities over 3-4 days did a fantastic job. Special thanks to Bryan Woodley for Chairing the Jubilee Committee and ensuring that everything went so well, and to all the people and organisations who worked so hard to provide a Jubilee to remember. The fund-raisers managed to achieve a small surplus which has been passed to the Parish

Council. Funds have already been used to acquire some benches for the Play Area on the playing field.

District and County Councillors

The Parish Council has good working relationships with District Councillor Ken Potter and County Councillor Christine Channon. Both members regularly attend Parish Council meetings and update the council on relevant issues such as highways, flooding, and development and listen to the concerns of the parish.

Changes to the Parish Council

All Parish Councillors are volunteers and give up some of their time to discuss and decide on matters affecting the community. During the year Councillors Richard Swann and Derek Simmonds stepped down as members; we would like to thank them for their contribution to the parish. New members were co-opted in 2012 and 2013: Jean Clarke, Hazel Jeffery and Graham Salter.

The business of the Council has been and is being increased by higher authorities anxious to pass down some of their functions, not least the car park and toilet. The public toilets have been run by the Parish Council for the last 3 years. The car park is another expenditure item that will need careful consideration as to its continuing free status because it serves the surgery at this time. Discussions are ongoing with Coleridge Medical Centre about improving the facilities for the doctors surgery in Newton Poppleford.

Grants

The Parish Council supported the Citizens Advice Bureau to the sum of £230.

The Pavilion received a grant from the County Council for the sum of £1000 for provision of 'acoustic clouds' which have improved the building's acoustics.

Communication

The Parish Council website, notice boards and the newsletter are the main ways in which the Parish Council communicate what is happening and when meetings will be held. During the year newsletter boxes were installed on Parish Council noticeboards for the latest issue to be collected. An email list was set up so that residents could receive newsletters automatically by email.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2012-3

This has been a busy but productive year for the Village Hall Management Committee, and as Chairman I am very pleased to report that we are in a financially sound position.

MAJOR EVENTS:

JACK & the BEANSTALK: As usual The Riverside Players presented the annual village pantomime in

February and drew an audience of 425 over the 5 performances.

DAD'S ARMY : Two successful performances of the "Mum's Army" episode in May saw the village hall again packed to capacity, with the audiences also enjoying a street party supper. These evenings were a joint fund raising event between the Village Hall, The Riverside Players & the Jubilee Committee to raise funds for the village jubilee celebrations.

TONY BEARD: A thoroughly successful, fun filled evening was enjoyed in October when the Committee organised a visit from "The Wag from Widecombe" , in aid of Hall funds. Please note this is to be followed up in September with a coach trip to Widecombe Fair - watch out for the posters!

One-off charitable events during the year have included coffee mornings, quizzes and bingo for the Air Ambulance, RSPCA and Hospice, Carnival Cream Tea and a Band Concert.

Hiring has increased overall with new day time users. The change of evening for the monthly Parish Council Meeting has enabled the Short Mat Bowls Club to meet every week now on a Tuesday evening and a Wednesday morning , resulting in increased revenue for the Hall.

IMPROVEMENTS:

During the year extensive renovation has taken place in the kitchen area. New curtains have been purchased for the windows in the main hall. Improvements have been made to the electrical system of the building and the outside lighting for the car park.

In conclusion I would like to say a big thank you to the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work and commitment during the year.

PLAYING FIELD PAVILION: REPORT ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A summarised Profit & Loss Account, Budget for 2013-4, and Utilisation report are available for download from the parish council website.

The Pavilion has had a good year with the provisional figures showing revenues at £5328 up 20% from last year. Of the £5,328 income, £3,763 was from regular bookings amounting to 70%. Expenses were a little bit up on last year but included £1000 expenditure for the acoustic clouds, and around £300 for new lightweight tables. The clouds have been a significant benefit to those users who wear hearing aids, stopping the sound reverberation caused by all the hard surfaces.

As we believe costs will increase in the coming year as some redecoration is needed and the rates have been the same for 3 years, we have increased the rates for use of The Pavilion by about 10%. Profits have also been increased by the Lunch Club as all profits go to the Pavilion. As well as redecoration of some parts of the Pavilion, we are hoping to install

safety valves to reduce the temperature of the hot water in the toilet areas. Barry Easter donated a new oven to the Pavilion kitchen, which is much better and bigger than the old one.

We are in the process of opening a proper bank account rather than the existing building society account, so we can pay for utilities by direct debit and thus significantly reduce costs. There are some long terms plans to extend the changing rooms and kitchen areas but no funding has yet been found.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN

Annual Report as presented at Annual Parish Meeting, 24/5/13

District Councillor's Observations.

I am the vice-chairman of the Blackhill and Venn Ottery Quarries Liaison Group. We look after residents' concerns whilst quarrying is in progress and, in particular, ensure that Devon County Council planning conditions are being adhered to.

Congratulations to the Parish Plan Working Group, whose work was formally adopted by the Parish Council in October, 2012, and ratified by the District Council in December, 2012.

I am a member of the Newton Poppleford Village Hall Committee and am pleased with the upgrading programme that has recently been taking place. One of my jobs at EDDC is that of Member Champion for Rural Communities (including Post Offices). I have the privilege of attending meetings at the headquarters of the Local Government Association and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. At the Local Government Association I promote support for the fairer funding campaign for rural areas and, at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, I lobby ministers and senior managers of the Post Office to protect and enhance the future viability of the Network of Post Offices.

Planning policy issues in the district and this ward have been of great public interest this last council year. I am a member of the Development Management Committee at EDDC and do not wish to prejudice my ability to debate in that forum. What I will say is that I do hope the Parish Council will look carefully at the positive outcomes of an application, as well as the negative, for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Ken Potter - District Councillor



COUNCILLORS AS AT JUNE 2013

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Mark Sanders - Chairman	01395 568052	Luscombe, Back Lane, Newton Pop EX10 0EZ	Harpford
Michaela Tillotson	07453 632973	Badger Close Newton Pop EX10	Harpford
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District Cllr Ken Potter	01395 567147	Bayford Lodge, Exmouth Road, Newton Pop	N/A
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The Parish Council meets monthly, with additional or interim meetings as necessary. **The monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of each month - check noticeboards/website for details. Correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council.**