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From the Ashes: New Buildings at Lytchett Minster School

Pupils and their parents will know all this, but it is something for the whole community to share.

Nearly nine years ago a devastating fire set by a pupil arsonist destroyed over half of the school.

The maths/science building and school hall and theatre were completely destroyed and the 100 firemen who attended only just managed to save the adjoining 150 year old manor house in June 2000.

For nine long years staff and pupils have trudged to temporary teaching huts nearly a third of a mile away.

Now at last the £13m rebuild is finished and the new buildings will be officially opened on May 20th 2009. Parents and friends of the school will be invited and

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 29th April 2009 7.30pm at the Village Hall

This is an open, public meeting for all villagers. It is not a Parish Council meeting, though by tradition it is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council. The Parish Council and other groups will make presentations and answer questions, and you can come along and say what you think about the village and its future.

See some ideas for a new Village Square

This is your meeting

– come and have your say!

Council Tax:

What Do I Get For £31.70?

Just over 2% of Council Tax this year is allocated to the Parish Council; for a Band D property, this is £31.70 for the year 2009/10. The Link thought you ought to be told what you get for that.

£11.19 Village Maintenance

From Row Park Cemetery to the skateboard park and the children's play area, from the hi-tech Lytchett Astro to the traditional allotments, from the Youth Club Hall to a roadside bench, the Parish Council has a lot of bits and pieces of property to maintain. Many of them are quite small and insignificant, and you probably wouldn't notice them unless the Parish Council did not maintain them – in which case, they would soon become scruffy places that "someone should do something about". Jobs range from regular grass and hedge cutting to mending broken gates or clearing the drainage at the bottom of the Recreation Field.

£9.07 Parish Clerk

For £9.07 you get a part-time Parish Clerk (including his office expenses, training etc) managing all the day-to-day business of running the village. There is a lot more to it than taking the minutes of council and committee meetings! Under the Parish Council's general direction, Tim Watton handles the administration of every council activity, dealing with contractors, solicitors, funeral directors, utility companies and so on; he also fields all manner of enquiries from villagers (many of which have nothing to do with the Parish Council) and redirects them. Most importantly, Tim knows more than anyone else about the operations of the district and county councils in our village and works hard to make sure that they do their jobs for us; if nothing else, this £9.07 is an investment to make sure that Lytchett Matravers gets its money's worth from all the rest of your Council Tax.

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£3.16 Insurances and Fees

The inescapables. Quite rightly, we have to take due care and have our accounts audited, our contracts scrutinised and our equipment (the children's play equipment in particular) checked by properly qualified professionals, and be in a position to provide proper compensation should the worst happen.

£2.78 Grants

The Parish Council can provide grants to village organisations for specific purposes (i.e. not day-to-day running) if it believes that those organisations benefit the community as a whole as well as their own members: you may not use it yourself, but you are glad that it is there. For example, neither you nor your family may use certain youth activities but the fact that they exist for others probably helps to reduce vandalism in the village.

78p Library

In the successful fight to keep our village library open, the DCC-funded library hours were cut from 22½ to 20 hours per week. As a small compromise (you may recall that DCC's original plan was to put the entire cost of the library onto the village) the Parish Council funds one extra hour, making it up to 21 hours opening per week.

65p Communications

We try hard to tell you what we are doing, and why. This 65p pays for this Lytchett Link, the Parish Council website and occasional public meetings in the Village Hall.

56p Meeting Rooms

While certain councillors think that the village would benefit from the council having a permanent, manned office and meeting room (and some dream of a German-style Gothic Rathaus complete with Ratskeller restaurant!) the fact is that we have to hire premises for all council meetings. The good news is that this money helps to support the Village Hall and occasionally the Library.

24p Councillors' Expenses

Most councillors have never even claimed any expenses, despite driving to district or county

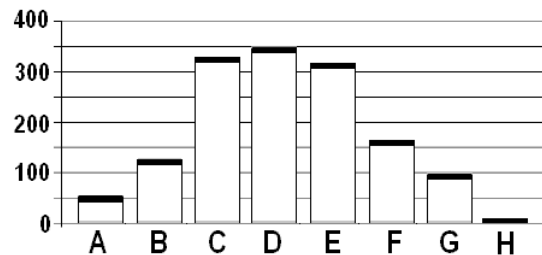
Parish Plan

The Parish Council is hoping to get its first glimpse of a draft Parish Plan by the end of April. It may seem ages since the Parish Plan Group were canvassing your opinions about the future of the village, but their success in getting responses at that stage gave them a lot of work to do in order to turn a mass of opinion and ideas into a coherent plan.

meetings and using their own stationery, telephones etc. Some of these expenses are for councillors buying odds and ends that should probably be under 'Village Maintenance' anyway. There has never been a railway in Lytchett Matravers, and there is no 'grave train' for the Parish Council.

£3.27 Projects

The Parish Council has no funds to put towards capital projects that it believes will benefit the village as a whole. Although large grants for projects are often available from national bodies, these usually depend on some token funding (perhaps five or ten percent) being put up first by the local community. Some of this £3.27 will go towards building up a long term fund and some will be put towards small projects this year. We have in mind to make some progress on the long-talked-of 'round village circuit'. We also want to be ready to make a contribution to an effective cycleway to Lytchett Minster School as soon as a sensible route can be agreed; if we are not ready, it never will be! We also have the new Parish Plan about to be published: separate from the Parish Council, the Parish Plan Group has canvassed the opinions of a very significant proportion of villagers to form its plan and the Parish Council is committed to putting that into action as far as we can.



Number of properties in Lytchett Matravers per Council Tax Band (Data from PDC)

In case you were wondering ~

The Parish Council has confirmed that it has no plans to use the Regulatory and Investigative Powers Act (RIPA) to detect and prosecute those anti-social dog owners who allow their animals to deposit faeces on public land where children may play. This policy will be reviewed periodically.

Waste Recycling & Disposal

Residents of Lytchett Matravers are entitled to apply for a permit to use Poole Borough Council's recycling centre on the Nuffield industrial estate (near Fleetsbridge), which is in many ways more convenient than our own tip at Wareham.

Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or DCC, or downloaded from:

www.dorsetforyou.com

Lynne Ballard – Purbeck Volunteer of the Year

If you don't have football-mad youngsters, and you don't visit the Recreation Field on Saturday mornings, you may not be aware of the tremendous growth of our Youth Football Club. One of the main reasons for that growth – in competence and quality as well as in numbers – has been the work of Lynne Ballard, its tireless treasurer for the last six years.

For this reason, the Parish Council proposed Lynne for PDC's Volunteer of the Year Award, and she received her award at a ceremony in Wareham on 8 April. It is worth listing just a few of the items on the citation:

- Ensured that Lytchett Matravers Youth Football Club has the correct safety procedures / insurance in place and up to date, so that the kids' & adults' safety come first and foremost.
- Used her own initiative to find out how to apply for various grants and schemes to help improve the facilities in the clubhouse for everyone who uses the facilities.
- Looked after the youth club & sports club funds, ensuring that all the moneys are collected (even going round to people's houses to save them the drive) and ensuring that every penny is accounted for, paying all bills and ensuring that the club is going in the right direction financially.

Lynne has also arranged parties throughout the year for up to 150 kids; made costumes and decorations; organised thank-yous for all the volunteers; run the bar for fund-raisers; arranged club activities at the Carnival. In fact, the citation says, she never stops. Without Lynne's hard work, pushiness and kind heart there would not be such a well-established DCFA Chartered Development Youth Football Club – the highest possible.

The Parish Council is now seeking village nominations for next years entry to this Purbeck initiative.

Grants – 22 May deadline

As explained elsewhere (see What do I get for £31.70?) the Parish Council makes available small grants for village organisations that benefit the community at large. Now is the time for applications to be made for this financial year. Applications should be made to the Parish Clerk by 22nd May; they should be in writing and include:

- ⌘ full details of the reason for the grant
- ⌘ how much is requested
- ⌘ what it is to be spent on
- ⌘ what benefits the expenditure it is expected to bring
- ⌘ a copy of the organisation's latest audited accounts
- ⌘ contact name (not just an unreadable signature!)
- ⌘ contact telephone number and email address

Recipients of a previous grant should also confirm in writing how it was spent.

Fingerpost Down

Months after the Parish Council had warned DCC that it was getting dangerously weak, the fingerpost at the upper crossroads fell down sometime in the snowy night of 5/6 February. The Parish Clerk called DCC Highways and the broken post was removed promptly enough, but we have no idea when (if ever) a replacement might appear. In line with the comments in the last issue of the Link, the Parish Council has made it clear to DCC that we want a new village-style fingerpost to replace it – not a collection of modern plate-style signs more appropriate to a junction on a major road.



Lytchett Minster Arts Festival Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 2009

After the success of last summer's Arts Festival, Lytchett Minster School will once more delight audiences with a week of rich and varied professional performances. The popular 'open to all' photographic competition will run in the weeks running up to the festival.

As well as some of last year's favourites – the fabulous **CScape Dance Company**, the delightful **Hot Fingers** jazz ensemble and the ever popular **SUBB** (Swing Unlimited Big Band) there will be exciting new performers this year.

The Lytchett Minster Arts Festival will again take advantage of the school's stunning manorial setting with 'picnic' performances in the Victorian walled garden and on the extensive lawned terrace at the front of the manor house.

Make time for the Manor Fest !

For the latest information and tickets contact:

Alison Colvin on 01202 622413 or email

colvina@lytchettminster.dorset.sch.uk

Arts events link on the school website:

www.lytchettminster.dorset.school.uk

Village mourns the death of Roy Hannam

Lytchett said a poignant farewell to one of its most respected and popular personalities on January 9th when Roy Hannam - the cheery smiling face of the family Butchers L.A. Hannam & Sons - was laid to rest in St Mary's Church.

He died peacefully on Christmas Day aged 91. He was father to Lyle, Kevin, Jerry and Liz, grandfather to Daniel, Keely, Alex, Leah, Philippa, Leigh and Justin and great-grandfather to Morgan and Harry. But he touched the lives of many others, clearly shown at his funeral where every inch of the church was filled by friends and the British Legion was packed by people paying their respects.

The funeral was a celebration of Roy's remarkable life, and the mood of good humour was enhanced by the knowledge that he was being laid to rest next to his beloved wife Joan, finally reunited with the woman he'd lost to cancer in 1972.

285 mourners heard tributes to the great man who had fought in the Second World War, was the centre of village sporting activities, ran the butcher's shop for more than 50 years and was an inspirational father and role

Beta Testing

Try the new Lytchett Matravers Parish Council website and tell us what you think:

<http://parishcouncil.lytchettmatravers.org.uk>

Report a Flytipping Incident

For general enquires or information contact the Environmental Services Section direct on 01929 557270/277 or the Helpline on 01929 557279. Alternatively you can email:

envservices@purbeck-dc.gov.uk

FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council and its committees will be meeting on the following dates in the coming 2 months:

Wednesday	29	April	Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday	8	May	Planning
Monday	18	May	Full Council
Monday	1	June	Finance & Policy Committee
Thursday	18	June	Planning Committee
Monday	15	June	Full Council

All meetings will take place in the **Blanchard Room** of the **Village Hall** commencing at **7.30 pm**. Agendas are displayed on the parish notice boards. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings and during full Council Meetings up to half an hour will be allowed at the commencement of the meeting (i.e. immediately after 7.30pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

DIRECTORY: USEFUL CONTACT NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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E-Mail: parishclerk@lytchettmatraverspc.org

PARISH COUNCIL

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Adrian Russell 60 High Street - 623225
Patrick Talbot Linden Cottage, Wimborne Road - 623766

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Councillor Drane holds a surgery for residents in Lytchett Matravers
Library on the first Friday of every month at 4 pm 'til 6 pm

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS:-

Contact team through PC1813 Jonathan Stuart 01929 552222

DORSET POLICE - Reporting Non-Urgent Incidents: **01202 222222**

PURBECK DISTRICT COUNCIL CARELINE (to report noise and other nuisances) **01929 554555**

'CLARENCE' - DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL (for reporting road related problems) **0800 232323**

DOCTORS' SURGERY - Heath Cottage, High Street 632764

LYTCHETT PHARMACY - Next to Tesco's 631815

MEALS ON WHEELS (WRVS) - 677480

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS - 623904

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