

LOXHORE LINES

APRIL/MAY 2017

Funded by Loxhore village hall committee

+ LOXHORE CHURCHES +

METHODIST CHURCH: Sundays 10.00am.

Revd. Robert Manning 01271 812574

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH:

1st Sunday Holy Communion at 11.15am. 3rd Sunday Evensong at 3pm.

Team Rector: Revd. Rosie Austin 01598 711962

LOXHORE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mike Matthews Vice Chair: David Smith

Councillors: Carole Delve, Julie Moir

Treasurer: Syd Delve Clerk: Priscilla Gellatly 01271 850610

Minutes of meetings are available to view by arrangement with the Clerk or at
www.loxhore.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Terry Chapple Treasurer: Alison Barr

Secretary: Kim Seggons Bookings: Sue Bishop

DEVON COUNCILLORS:

District: Malcolm Prowse 01598 710533 malcolm.prowse@northdevon.gov.uk

County: Elections on May 4th

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Loxhore is a community that is envied by others, not just for its beautiful location but also for the way in which local, long-time families and 'incomers' pull together for the common good. Individuals know that they can rely on the support of friends and neighbours in difficult times. Many people give up their time on a regular basis to volunteer for helping roles at the village hall and within the wider parish. The Loxhore Lines has always tried to reflect this, to pass on information and to share moments of celebration (and sadness), to highlight problems and concerns and to seek views and ideas. See inside for further comment regarding LL.

One concern that has been discussed by a variety of people in recent times is the speed of traffic travelling through the narrow lanes of Loxhore. There have been collisions and near misses but fortunately so far no one has been hurt. However, many people enjoy horse riding, cycling or walking often with dogs or children in pushchairs and even when vehicles slow down it is often a squeeze for them to pass safely. Bends are frequent, passing places are few. The roads are rarely busy, often very quiet and a driver in a hurry may be tempted to travel faster than is safe. So this is a plea to all those motorists from all those who ride or walk in the lanes without the benefit of pavements, to keep in mind that they could be sharing the same route. Perhaps too we should all take note of and report delivery drivers who take unnecessary risks.

Loxhore village hall committee has decided to donate to charities, after costs, all monies raised through events at the village hall during the year. All profits at the end of 2017 will be divided between the following charities; Alzheimer's Research, Cancer Research, Children's Hospice SW, Everything Ellie, the Freedom Centre, Go North Devon, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Women's Refuge Barnstaple.

A quiz evening which includes a supper of soup followed by puddings will be held on April Fool's Day, Saturday 1st April and there is still time and space to

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book another team or two. This will be followed by the annual Plant Sale which will be held on Saturday 6th May and a new musical event; 'Loxstock' with a hog roast (but no smoking barrels!) on Saturday 10th June.

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The LOXHORE LINES has been in existence since Lauri Golds started writing and publishing it many moons ago. I took over the role in September 2008 and throughout all this time it has been a useful means of reaching **every** household in Loxhore (and supporters further afield – on one occasion I sent it to an interested friend in Japan). However, depending on the vagaries of the housing market my 'reign' will be coming to an end and assuming that most parishioners feel that the Lines makes a valuable contribution to keeping them informed, a successor will be needed. The Village Hall Committee supply the printer, inks and paper and there is a willing band of volunteers who deliver it so the job is not arduous. I have very much enjoyed producing it and am happy to continue to do so until I leave but if there is someone who fancies taking over I would be pleased to answer any questions. My contact details are on the back so please let me know.

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VILLAGE ROADS AND DRAINS A message from Parish Councillor David Smith. The highways public meeting which took place in the village hall on Thursday 16th February was attended by approximately 30 residents from all parts of the village and by Victor Gough from Devon County Council Highways Team.

Your Parish Council has now submitted a formal application to Devon Highways for the funding to purchase various good quality tools, equipment, protective clothing, tubs of Instamac, and a storage shed, which will enable us to plan and carry out some roads maintenance and drain clearing.

If you have not yet put your name down on the volunteer workforce list, and wish to do so (if only to make tea!) please let David, Wendy, Nigel, Janet, or Chris Comer know. As soon as we receive Devon Highways' reply, we will arrange our first 'Day at Work'.

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RECYCLING Notification of the new garden waste service and weekly collection of food waste came with our new Council Tax details. Amy Carr of North Devon Council will attend the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 11th May to explain how the new system will work and to answer questions. This

will follow the AGM which starts at 6.00pm at the village hall.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

at the village hall unless stated otherwise and in date order

- **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm
- **APRIL FOOL'S DAY QUIZ with Food** Saturday 1st April 7pm
- **Coffee morning** Thursday 6th April 10.00am
- **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 10th April 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- **Coffee morning** Thursday 20th April 10.00am
- **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 24th April 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 25th April 7.30pm
- **Coffee morning** Thursday 4th May 10.00am
- **PLANT SALE** Saturday 6th May 2pm
- **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 8th May 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- **AGM and ordinary Parish Council Meeting** Thursday 11th May 6.00pm. Guest speaker Amy Carr of NDC – about recycling.
- **Coffee morning** Thursday 18th May 10.00am
- **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 22nd May 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 30th May 7.30pm
- **LOXSTOCK** Saturday 10th June. A musical event with hog roast. Tickets will be sold in advance at £5 per person. Under 15's accompanied by an adult will be free.

For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards

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100 CLUB PRIZEWINNERS

FEBRUARY 1st Ray Comer 2nd Chris Comer 3rd Tom Batson

MARCH 1st Andrew Muxworthy 2nd Liz Murphy 3rd Cheryl Thornburgh