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+ LOXHORE CHURCHES +

METHODIST CHURCH: Sundays 10.00am.

Revd. Robert Manning Tel. 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 Tel. 01598 711962

LOXHORE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Mike Matthews Vice Chair: Carole Nicholls

Councillors: Carole Delve, Julie Moir, David Smith

Treasurer: Syd Delve Clerk: Priscilla Gellatly

Minutes of meetings are available to view by arrangement with the Clerk.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Terry Chapple Treasurer: Henry Bastiaenen

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Christmas is long past but it seems that winter proper has yet to arrive. Some reports foretold of Arctic conditions and these may still reach us but for others the word is that rain is the new snow! The Christmas market was very well attended yet again but seemed to be regarded by most as a social rather than a 'retail' event so that many stallholders sold very little if anything. Maybe a rethink in planning is needed to provide a Christmas event that suits all.

The carol singers who made the traditional tour of the village on December 23rd collected, together with some extra donations, a total of £300.30 for the local Barnstaple branch of Action for Children. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Beaford Arts are well known for offering a variety of entertainments at venues across rural north Devon, often in unexpected locations. A number of these have taken place at our village hall but it can now be revealed that the latest production 'Salt in the Sugar Jar' will be hosted by Toni Carter on two evenings and one lunch time at Halsey Lake! Nikesh Shukla, a Bristol based writer, invites you to an intimate storytelling performance that combines the preparing, cooking and sharing of food with a funny and bitter-sweet reflection on memory, family and grief. Included in the cost of £12.50 will be a two-course meal but there will be no more than 20 places on each date so early booking is advised. See 'Forthcoming Events' overleaf or posters for contact details.

The Parish Council is pleased to offer a talk given by a representative of the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service which will take place at the village hall on Thursday 3rd March. Dean Hastie, the Local Risk Manager for Barnstaple and Braunton will be speaking about the prevention and protection aspects of the Fire Service with a view to serving the local community more effectively. This will commence at 6.00pm at the start of the Parish Council meeting and is open to all members of the public.

Finally best wishes to Keith Luckhurst who has recently moved from Loxhore closer in to Barnstaple. Keith has been active in the community for many years, serving as clerk to the Parish Council and adviser to the village hall committee on matters regarding building works and is well known for providing many highly entertaining quizzes and the occasional Easter egg hunt. We are sure that we will continue to see him from time to time at Loxhore events. We welcome the new residents at Hammonds Farm.

Issued at the beginning of February, April, June, August, October and December, paper or e-mail copies of LOXHORE LINES are delivered to all Loxhore households. Contact Julie Moir, e-mail loxhorelines@hotmail.com or telephone 850610 to submit articles, advertise events and items for sale or to receive LL by e-mail.

LOXHORE LINES

VACANT POST (1)

Due to cuts in the provision of services by the County Council, Parish Lengthsmen's duties have been reduced with the result that there is often an accumulation of debris littering the roads locally, reducing width and blocking drains. In recent years public-spirited parishioners have frequently cleared isolated problem areas but the Parish Council has now decided that the matter needs a proper long-term and comprehensive solution. A 'maintenance' fund will be used to provide payment on an agreed hourly rate to anyone willing to take on this role. If you are interested please contact Councillor David Smith to discuss this.

VACANT POST (2)

The Parochial Church Council is in need of a secretary who would be required to attend four meetings per year, each lasting about one and a half hours. The role involves the taking of minutes and the dissemination of these and other information to PCC members. Expenses, tea and biscuits will be provided. For further information please contact Reverend Rosie Austin, telephone 01598 711962.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

A message from David & Wendy at Meadow Park

One of the best things about living in Loxhore is the sense of community that exists here. In the village we are a mix of people with different backgrounds, ideas, and beliefs, who support and respect each other.

Some people have asked what we actually do at our group meetings, on alternate Mondays!

The Christian faith, and life in general, present us with some puzzling and challenging questions. Any experience you have had of 'church' usually involves someone else talking/preaching to you. There is no opportunity to talk back/ask questions/discuss what you think.

As a group of friends, we meet in our house, and of course start with coffee/tea and biscuits etc., in true Loxhore style! We then have the opportunity to go a bit 'deeper' with discussion and exploration of our beliefs and ideas on life.

We are not part of any particular church or denomination, and everyone is welcome, whether or not you have a 'faith'. We don't have all the answers, but we do have an open door, and a warm, friendly atmosphere!

100 CLUB PRIZEWINNERS

DECEMBER 1st Peter Kitson 2nd Jane Platten 3rd Sue Kitson

JANUARY 1st Don Gordon 2nd Kym Balcomb 3rd Gill Watts

FORTHCOMING EVENTS: at the hall unless stated otherwise and in date order

- ✚ **Coffee morning** Thursday 4th February 10.00am
- ✚ **60's 70's 80's DISCO** Saturday February 6th 2016, 8 'til late. Admission £4 Nibbles provided but bring your own drinks. Raffle. Proceeds to Loxhore Methodist Chapel.
- ✚ **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 8th February at Meadow Park
- ✚ **Coffee morning** Thursday 18th February 10.00am
- ✚ **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 22nd February at Meadow Park
- ✚ **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 23rd February 7.30pm
- ✚ **Beaford Arts 'Salt in the Sugar Jar'** Friday 26th February 7.00 for 7.30pm at Halsey Lake. Tickets available from Toni Carter or Beaford Arts 01769 572573
- ✚ **Beaford Arts 'Salt in the Sugar Jar'** Saturday 27th February details as above
- ✚ **Beaford Arts 'Salt in the Sugar Jar'** Sunday 28th February 12.30 for 1pm. Contact details as above
- ✚ **Coffee morning** Thursday 3rd March 10.00am
- ✚ **Parish Council Meeting** Thursday 3rd March 6.00pm including Fire Service talk at 6pm - all parishioners welcome
- ✚ **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 7th March at Meadow Park
- ✚ **Coffee morning** Thursday 17th March 10.00am
- ✚ **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 14th March at Meadow Park
- ✚ **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 29th March 7.30pm

For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards