

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, Carole Nicholls

Treasurer: Syd Delve Clerk: Priscilla Gellatly 01271 850610

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

www.loxhore.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Terry Chapple Treasurer: Alison Barr

Secretary: Kim Seggons 850335 Bookings: Sue Bishop 850559

DEVON COUNCILLORS:

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

County: Richard Edgell 01769 550242 richard.edgell@devon.gov.uk

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 (and some further afield). Contact Julie Moir by telephone 01271 850610, e-mail loxhorelines@hotmail.com or via the Loxhore website www.loxhore.org.uk to submit articles, advertise events and items for sale or to receive LL by e-mail.

It's good to know that Loxhore traditions continue; the carol singers conveyed by tractor touring the village just before Christmas, the New Year's Day boundary walk, this year with a large and assorted band of children, adults and dogs all undaunted by the muddy conditions and the Kift cup, a light-hearted but keenly fought skittles competition. With this issue comes a list of classes for the 2017 Summer Show so that you can make a start on those entries that need longer preparation. Amazingly it is 10 years since the idea of holding a craft and produce show was conceived by village hall committee members and for this reason there are a couple of 'special' classes for this year only. Also included is the ever-popular 'Potato-in-a-bucket' competition and Alison and Jim Barr have kindly offered to purchase and chit the potatoes ready for you to collect later on. Please let them know if you wish to participate and do consider taking part in other classes too if you haven't done so before. The committee is keen to encourage children to participate as there has always been a dearth of entries in the children's section. As a result, grandchildren of Loxhore residents are always invited to boost numbers.

Local roads are in poor condition, particularly so at this time of year and the lanes are gradually narrowing as weeds colonise the mud and other debris that collects at the sides. As reported previously, Jim Barr has already spent many hours clearing gullies and culverts but the task is huge for one person with a shovel and, like the painting of the Forth Road Bridge, it is ever on-going. Devon County Council is encouraging self-help schemes in these straitened times and with no likelihood of things improving in the near future, David Smith as parish councillor with responsibility for highway 'issues' is calling a public meeting on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The purpose is to discuss the problems and set up a volunteer workforce team to plan and carry out the necessary highway maintenance work around the village on pre-set dates, followed by community refreshments! Please come along even if you can only spare a little time to help – many hands make light work and we will all benefit from better road conditions.

Members of the Village Hall Committee have proposed the purchase of two defibrillators to be placed in the village and operated if the need arises by trained village residents. The AED's (Automated External Defibrillators) cost

continued overleaf

LOXHORE LINES.....

about £1500 each and so the committee intends to hold a fund-raising event but would also welcome donations from parishioners. They are also seeking volunteers to undertake training in their use and in CPR at the Village Hall some time in February.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or in making a donation towards the cost of purchase please contact Janet Wright by telephone; 850161 or by email at Janet.wright1000@gmail.com

BIRD FLU Rather belatedly the Parish Council has received advice from DEFRA (via DCC) regarding outbreaks of Avian Influenza. A Prevention Zone was declared in December that covers the whole of the UK and this means that all poultry keepers, whether on a commercial scale or simply a small backyard flock, are now required by law to house them (keep them under cover) or otherwise keep them separate from wild birds. This requirement (the Prevention Zone) has now been extended until 28th February 2017. For more detailed information look at posters on village noticeboards or visit

www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

If you suspect bird flu call the Defra helpline 03000 200 301.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Weeks before Christmas it was suggested that a Christmas tree-shaped display board could be placed in the hall on which greetings could be attached. Some folk send many cards to friends and neighbours within Loxhore and the idea was that a single message displayed at the hall would save the time and effort of writing lots of cards. It was also suggested that the money saved by each person might be used instead to make a charitable donation. The Village Hall Committee endorsed the idea but this came too late to allow time for the manufacture of said tree and for it to be used and viewed. It is intended that a tree will be in place during the whole of December this year for this purpose. Watch this space.

PENNY'S CARDS "I always go to Thursday coffee mornings at the village hall with my handmade cards and would like to mention that I will be happy to produce bespoke cards for that special birthday, anniversary, wedding or any other special occasion. Just let me know and with a little notice I will see what I can do it for you. To contact me, Penny Hewitt, telephone 01271 850984."

From Di Webber "On behalf of members of Loxhore Methodist Chapel, I'd like to thank everyone who supported our stall at the Christmas Market. We raised £84, so gave £42 to the Freedom Centre and £42 towards the cost of lunch on Christmas day at Bishops Tawton Methodist Church for the lonely and needy."

FOOD WITH FRIENDS - another SEND-A-COW event! In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the inception of this charity, ambassadors Carole and Syd Delve invite you to a three-course meal at the village hall on Saturday 18th February at 6.30pm. In addition there will be a welcome drink and coffee with a petit four to follow. Carole is taking bookings for tables of 6 at a cost of £20 per head and she can be contacted on 01271 850316 or sydandcarole@loxhore.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

at the village hall unless stated otherwise and in date order

- + **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 31st January 7.30pm
- + **Coffee morning** Thursday 2nd February 10.00am
- + **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 6th February 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- + **Coffee morning** Thursday 16th February 10.00am
- + **Public Meeting** Thursday 16th February 7.30pm
- + **Food With Friends - Send A Cow 30th Anniversary** Saturday 18th February 'Welcome' drink 6.30pm, meal 7pm
- + **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 20th February 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- + **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 28th February 7.30pm
- + **Coffee morning** Thursday 2nd March 10.00am
- + **Parish Council Meeting** Thursday 2nd March 6.00pm
- + **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 6th March 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- + **Coffee morning** Thursday 16th March 10.00am
- + **Christian Fellowship Group** Monday 20th March 2-4pm at Meadow Park
- + **Village Hall Committee Meeting** Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm

For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards

100 CLUB PRIZEWINNERS

DECEMBER 1st Greta Hunt 2nd Dennis Bament 3rd Barbara Venn
JANUARY 1st Syd Delve 2nd Nicky Turner 3rd Doug Matthews