

# LOXHORE LINES

DECEMBER 2015/NEW YEAR 2016

*funded by Loxhore Village Hall Committee*

## + LOXHORE CHURCHES +

METHODIST CHURCH: Sundays 10.00am.

Revd. Robert Manning. Contact Jane Hunt 850514 or Chris Comer 850219.

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion at 11.15am. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evensong at 3pm.

Team Rector: Revd. Rosie Austin 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 850610.

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

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chairman: Terry Chapple Treasurer: Henry Bastiaenen

Secretary: Kim Seggons 850335

Bookings: Sue Bishop 850559

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As a result of the Local Government Transparency Code, Loxhore Parish Council will be required to publish online, information to provide taxpayers with a clear picture of the activities, spending and governance of smaller authorities to improve the ability of communities to hold local public bodies to account. The information will include details of expenditure over £100, end of year accounts, annual governance statements, internal audit reports, a list of councillors and their responsibilities, details of public land and building assets and minutes, agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings.

Many nearby villages already have websites which provide local information as well as Parish Council business and so Loxhore Parish Councillors see this as an opportunity to extend the website to include more general and useful information relating to the community. Examples might be sections for Church or Village Hall news. So if you are involved with a Loxhore group which would benefit from having its own pages to publicise meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk.

It was disconcerting to hear that a tyre of a car belonging to Loxhore residents had been slashed whilst it was parked near to the trout farm at Bratton Water. Not quite as serious, but unsettling nonetheless, is the fact that posters had been carefully removed from noticeboards and that the finger posts near to Blackpool Bridge have been peppered with shot. This serves as a reminder that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme involves us all in being vigilant if we see or hear something untoward. Linked to this issue is an item overleaf regarding poaching.

On a more cheerful and festive note, just a reminder that there will be a Christmas Market at the village hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm where there will be stalls with a variety of produce for sale and hot refreshments too. The village hall committee (and stallholders!) would be pleased to see you there.



**ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE;  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

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**YOUTH CLUB - A message from Mike Matthews** "We are currently short of leaders and need to recruit 3 more; 2 ladies and 1 man. Youth Club is held on the second and fourth Fridays of every month from 7 to 9pm and leaders work in pairs for a session once every 6 weeks. It is very rewarding work." If you are interested please contact Mike, telephone 01271 850550 or email [mike.matthews@lineal.co.uk](mailto:mike.matthews@lineal.co.uk)

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**STOP POACHING CAMPAIGN:** Working in partnership with other government agencies, the North Devon police wildlife crime officers will be sharing information and intelligence on those involved in this type of crime. They would like people to 'Turn In Poachers' and give them a TIP on who, what, where, when and how by phoning Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They also want to know where this meat is going, where it is being butchered and stored, who is buying it and where it is being sold. The call is free, no one will know who you are and it won't show up on your BT or cable phone bill. In some circumstances you may be entitled to a cash reward.

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**HIMALAYAN BALSAM** Members of the North Devon Biosphere Team are investigating the distribution of this invasive, non-native plant. They would like to hear from you if you are aware of any growing in the parish and they can be contacted by email: [phil.metcalfe@devon.gov.uk](mailto:phil.metcalfe@devon.gov.uk) or telephone: 01271 388573. If you have not heard of Himalayan balsam before, you can visit the GB non-native species secretariat website [nonnativespecies.org](http://nonnativespecies.org) which details the problems associated with this plant.

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**LOXHORE OIL GROUP** Winsons report that throughout the summer there has been a steady flow of orders from Loxhore and environs and these are increasing in number as winter approaches. If you need oil but not urgently, you can register your interest by phoning Winsons towards the end of any month. Winsons will get back to you with a group price based on the number of potential orders and then you can place a firm order, if you wish, for oil to be delivered in the second week of the next month.

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### 100 CLUB PRIZEWINNERS

OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> Carl Seggons 2<sup>nd</sup> Aston Chapple 3<sup>rd</sup> Nigel Wright  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Hale 2<sup>nd</sup> Sue Bishop 3<sup>rd</sup> Carl Seggons

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL (in date order):

- **Beaford Arts theatrical double bill – 'Mass' and 'Echo Beach'** – suitable for all ages. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm. (Doors open at 7pm). Tickets £8.50 (adult), £5.50 (under 16's), £24.50 (family) to include soup and crusty bread. Bring your own drinks. Telephone 01271 850011 or 07973 181646.
- **Christmas Market** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. Stalls £3 Refreshments on sale. Telephone 01271 850610 to book a table.
- **Christian Fellowship Group** at Meadow Park Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- **Carol service by candlelight** at Loxhore Methodist Chapel Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 4pm. Cups of tea with mince pies afterwards. Everyone welcome.
- **Carol singing** around the village Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – meet at Brooklands (Di's and Walter's house) 6.30pm
- **Holy Communion Service** Christmas Day at 8am at Loxhore Parish Church. Everyone welcome.
- **Christian Fellowship Group** at Meadow Park Mondays January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- **60's 70's 80's DISCO** Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, 8 'til late. Admission £4 Nibbles provided but bring your own drinks. Raffle. Proceeds to Loxhore Methodist Chapel.

**For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards**