

+ 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

Chair: Mike Matthews Vice Chair: David Smith

Councillors: Chris Bryars, Carole Delve, Julie Moir

Treasurer: Syd Delve Clerk: VACANCY

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

www.loxhore.org.uk

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Chair: Tess Seggons Treasurer: Alison Barr

Secretary: Kim Seggons Bookings: Sue Bishop

DEVON COUNCILLORS:

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June/July 2018

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There are several noteworthy items of Parish Council business to report on. Firstly Chris Bryars met with a representative of North Devon Council's Parish Paths Partnership and having walked the local bridleways and footpaths the Parish Council has been awarded a grant to maintain them. An example of the work to be carried out is the repair to paths scoured by the deluge of water during winter storms which currently make them hazardous to walk along.

David Smith pursued South West Water who finally accepted responsibility for the water leak which was bubbling up through the tarmac by the Lower Loxhore post box and this has now been repaired. Subsequently other repairs were carried out further up the hill.

If you detected a pungent aroma a while back which reached at least as far afield as Halsey Lake and Pickada, the source was piles of manure in the fields adjacent to Bratton Lane. In a previous year the farmer had brought in human waste which was subsequently removed as it posed a health hazard and there were concerns that this had been repeated. At the Parish Council's request the piles have been inspected by an Environmental Health Officer who has contacted the farmer with the result that what appeared to be chicken manure has now been ploughed in. There are regulations concerning the management and storage of faecal material, animal waste etc. with regard to the run-off from yards and fields and the impact on nearby watercourses which Environmental Health oversees. On this occasion the Environment Agency has been contacted as nitrates from the manure appear to have entered a pond and watercourses which has unfortunately resulted in the death of a number of Koi carp.

Thanks are due to Mike Matthews who has been a member of the Parish
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Council since 2002 and Chairman since 2005 and who decided to retire with effect from the AGM held in May. His links with other parishes and organisations has proved to be an invaluable source of information and his informal yet correct style has been appreciated by fellow councillors and parishioners alike.

A big thank you also to Syd Delve who has been Treasurer to the Parish Council since January 2003. Another of Loxhore's unsung heroes, Syd quietly devotes many hours to keeping the PC's finances in order. Chris Bryars will take on the role of Responsible Financial Officer (as the position of Treasurer is now described).

There is now a vacant position of Parish Councillor to be filled and the process of election or co-option will begin following the meeting on May 25th. Finally, just a reminder that the Parish Council is still in need of a Clerk. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these roles and would like further information please contact the acting Clerk, telephone 850610 or speak to any member of the Parish Council.

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Carole and Syd Delve thank all those who joined them for their 13th annual Send A Cow coffee morning which celebrated 30 years since the charity was established. Particular thanks go to Jane Hunt and others who helped with the organisation. The warm weather enabled everyone to enjoy refreshments in the garden at Pickada and although attendance was a little lower than usual £285 was raised in sales of cakes, bric-a-brac, books and plants.

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PLASTIC FREE NORTH DEVON All those who watched Blue Planet II were affected by its key message and the environmental group Surfers Against Sewage has started a campaign to reduce plastic use. The campaign is seeking to get local councils and community groups to sign up to a number of objectives to become Plastic Free Communities. If you would like further information it can be found at <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS at the village hall

MAY

- **Parish Council meeting and AGM** Friday 25th May
AGM 6.00pm Ordinary meeting to follow. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- **Village Hall Committee meeting** Tuesday 29th May 7.30pm

JUNE

- **BEAFORD ARTS MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY – 'BUTT KAPINSKI'**
Saturday 9th June Tickets £12 to include supper. Booking essential (via contact form)
- **Christian Fellowship meetings at Meadow Park** Mondays 11th and 25th June at 2pm.

JULY

- **Parish Council meeting** Thursday 5th July 6.00pm
- **Christian Fellowship meeting at Meadow Park** Monday 9th July 2pm
- **SUMMER BALL** Saturday 14th July further details to follow
- **Christian Fellowship meeting at Meadow Park** Monday 23rd July 2pm
- **SPORTS DAY** Saturday 28th July

AUGUST

- **SUMMER SHOW** Saturday 11th August

For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards

100 CLUB WINNERS

APRIL - 1st Alison Barr 2nd Ray Comer 3rd Dennis Bament
MAY - 1st Pat Gould 2nd Di Webber 3rd Sue Kitson