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# DEC2018/JAN2019

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Haven't the autumn colours been lovely this year? Due apparently to the sunshine and prolonged dry spell during the summer which has developed more sugars and pigments which intensifies the colours of the leaves. A touch of New England in the Fall.

Well it seems that a lot has been going on this year. Loxhore Village Hall committee has once again provided a variety of entertainments and social occasions and, as Jane Hunt remarked, the hall has never been in use as much. There are many and different regular activities; on Monday alone four groups meet at separate times of the day. There is still room on the timetable if anyone is interested in starting a new group activity and of course the hall can be hired at very reasonable rates for private functions.

Members of the Parish Council have also worked hard to resolve concerns raised by residents and improve quality of life in general. Following discussion at their meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, councillors have asked BT to remove the telephone kiosk by the T-junction at Halsey Lake. (See overleaf for news of the red box by the chapel.) The telephone itself has not worked for some time and in spite of requests made to BT it has never been fixed. It is hoped that its removal, together with improved road markings/signage (which has also been requested of Devon Highways), will improve safety at this junction. Currently it is not clear which side of the road to take when turning and because the corners are 'blind', vehicles (including tractors) turning into and out of the road down to Halsey Lake have met head on, narrowly avoiding collisions. Recently two cars did collide but fortunately no one was hurt and emergency services were not called.

In the meantime please take care when turning at this junction which should be treated almost as a roundabout, turning with the kiosk on your right hand side. Many residents continue to be worried by the speed at which some drivers travel on our narrow and winding lanes and road safety must be a concern for us all.

#### Contd. overleaf

**Contd.** The housing and business needs survey conducted by the Rural Alliance only attracted 21 responses from all the parishes and only 2 of these from Loxhore. This could indicate that the need for additional housing is very limited but Frank Benbow of Bratton Fleming, who is Chair of the RA is keen to pursue this further and is seeking funding to pay for paper copies of the surveys to be mailed to every household. So one may be arriving on your doormat before too long.

MAGNOLIA Thank you to the anonymous person who left a potted magnolia on the chapel steps. This has now been planted in the emerging garden there.

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BBC2 LOVE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE Frankie Mensah, a Casting Producer at Boundless Productions sent the parish council the following message: "We are making a second series of the BBC Two show and looking for rural singles who find it difficult to meet potential partners. I was wondering if you would be able to put the attached flyer in your local parish magazine then if any of your parishioners were interested in getting in touch with us they could contact LoveInTheCountryside@boundlessproductions.tv." The deadline for applications is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Their poster is on the village hall noticeboard.

SEASONED LOGS FOR SALE - dry and ready to burn. One cubic metre load of softwood £75 or mixed soft/hardwood £85. Free delivery within 5 miles. Contact Phil Delve tel. 07527 347080

RED TELEPHONE BOX Huge thanks to Ray and Chris Comer and Jane Vanstone who have offered to tackle the red telephone to try to restore it to its former glory. Hopefully a rather neglected corner of Loxhore, both the box and the area of green, will become an attractive feature of the village before too long.

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NEED A BABYSITTER? Available now. About me: My name is Becky Hassall, I'm 15 years old and I live in Loxhore. I enjoy looking after children and have lots of experience caring for them (from babies to 11 year olds!) and I can supply references. I'm trustworthy, reliable, loyal, responsible and caring. I can do housework like cleaning, ironing, dishes and I love dog walking as well. Please don't hesitate to ask for references! Available day and evening. Contact me on 0750 1430330 or 01271 850638

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

## at the village hall unless stated otherwise and in date order

- ✤ Table top sale Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10am 1pm
- **Coffee morning** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am
- ✤ Coffee morning Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am
- Carol singing around the village Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December meet at Brooklands (Walter and Di's) at 6.30pm
- Combined Carol service Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at St Michael and All Angels 6.30pm. All are welcome.
- Coffee morning Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 10.00am
- Parish Council meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 6.00pm. All parishioners welcome to attend.
- Christian Fellowship Group Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2-4pm
- ✤ Coffee morning Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am
- Christian Fellowship Group Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2-4pm
- Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm
- Cocktail party Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Coffee morning Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am
- Christian Fellowship Group Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm
- Christian Fellowship Group Monday 18th February 2-4pm
- ✤ Coffee morning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 10.00am
- Village Hall Committee Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm

For further details look out for posters on the noticeboards

### **100 CLUB PRIZEWINNERS**

OCT 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Hale 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> Murray Sharpe

NOV 1<sup>st</sup> Sheila Brain 2<sup>nd</sup> Di Webber 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Smith