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Issue 1

About Town

Newsletter for Lydney

Dear reader, welcome to the latest edition of the Lydney Town Council Newsletter.

Over the coming months, we will aim to provide information that is useful and interesting.

If you have any relevant articles or information that could be of interest to Lydney residents, please forward it to me.

Reception@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

Message From the Mayor

I was re-elected in May to serve as your Town Mayor for an additional year as well as a Town Councillor for the ensuing four years.

This year has been extremely hectic. First of all, I want to express my gratitude to our town for its support during the coronation ceremonies, which united the neighbourhood through happy and sorrowful times.

We have a very busy few months ahead of us, so we are grateful that Mr Michael Greenfield, our new clerk, joined us in April this year and will once again have a town clerk on a full-time basis. Many of the projects we had begun and hoped to begin are now moving forward. I'm eager to start the town's improvements and enhancements in the upcoming year.

In a highly challenging environment, budget planning is currently underway. Making decisions for the upcoming fiscal year is extremely difficult because no one could have anticipated the effects of the cost of living issue on us at this time last year.

With the help of our consultants our NDP working party is reviewing the neighbourhood development plan for our town and is making great progress. We are currently constructing our sensory garden in Bathurst Park, a proposal that was presented to the

council when I first became a councillor over two and a half years ago. It is wonderful to see the efforts and talents of our grounds team. We are eagerly anticipating the garden's completion by the spring of 2024.

We will hold our yearly fireworks display in Bathurst Park on Friday, 3rd November.

To honour and commemorate our nation's fallen service members and women, we are also busy arranging our communities' Remembrance parade for Sunday, 12th November with the help and advice from the Lydney Royal British Legion. Before we know it, Christmas will be here. We'll be hosting a parade and ceremony on December 1st to celebrate, along with other festive events that are still in the planning stage.

We are still searching for new members to join the Lydney Town Council. There are several seats up for co-option. If you want to make a difference, volunteer your time for the numerous projects of community involvement and regeneration, as well as for the enhancement of the amenities and environment in which we live. We'd be thrilled to hear from you.

In the name of all my council members, I'd want to express my gratitude to our community for the support and encouragement you provide for the role we play for Lydney.



D-Day 80 Beacon

Lydney Town Council has resolved to light a beacon on Primrose Hill in celebration of D-Day 80. The event is a celebration and commemoration of this important occasion, as well as using the event to enable communities and individuals to pay their tribute to those who gave so much during this campaign to help ensure the freedom we all enjoy today. The flames from the Beacons will represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war all those years ago.

The coordinated events will aim to have the beacons lit at 9:15 pm on 6th June 2024.

Community Event 22nd July

The community reaffirmed on Saturday 22nd July that they would enjoy any weather conditions despite the dampness and rain. The community showed up to the event with gazebos, umbrellas, raincoats, and good spirits. The event was supported by various musical acts, emergency services, a funfair, Balloon Man, children's sensory play, voluntary and community groups and an array of stall holders.

We would like to thank all the participants. Once again, thank you to the Grounds Team for making Bathurst Park look fantastic.



Civility and Respect Pledge

At the Council meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023, Lydney Town Council resolved to sign up for the Civility and Respect Pledge.

The National Pledge has been organised by The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), One Voice Wales, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and county associations that will oversee the Civility and Respect Project.

By signing the Pledge, Lydney Town Council agreed that the council would treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect.

And that it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity-at-work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/ champion council through for example the local Council Award Scheme
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Future editions

We want to learn more about you. Can you tell us a little bit about your family's time in Lydney and how long you've lived here? Send us pictures if you like, and you may appear in the next addition.

Email: Reception@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

Save the date

- Lydney Fireworks - Friday 3rd November 2023 5.30pm - 8.30pm (Bathurst Park)
- Remembrance Service 12th November
- Lydney Christmas Parade & Switch-On Event - Friday 1st December 2023



Grounds team day out

By going to the Malvern Show in September 2023, the Lydney Town Council Grounds Team will continue to hone their abilities. The team had the opportunity to check out several exhibitions, use a number of pieces of equipment, and bring back some suggestions that may be helpful to Lydney.

Sensory garden

The new sensory garden beds are now being prepared for planting by the crew.

It will be a magnificent addition to Bathurst Park and is already looking amazing.



Lydney Town Council Community Grants

Could we help your organisation with a grant?

The Council is committed to supporting and strengthening the many networks and community groups that help to make a positive difference to Lydney.

Every year we put aside money in our Budget to assist community organisations and we have increased the maximum sum available to any one group from £500 to £1,000.

Lydney Town Council's grant policy aims to: -

- Support projects and initiatives which will directly benefit the residents of Lydney.
- Enable local people to participate in voluntary groups, organisations and activities
- Help the town's voluntary groups and organisations to improve effectiveness.
- To support organisations which meet the needs of the people experiencing social and economic difficulties.
- To ensure that there is equality of access for Lydney residents to the services it provides and funds.
- To enable the local community to be involved with and participate in local sports clubs/ organisations.



Applicants must be based in the Lydney area and be non-profit making.

Accounts must be provided to the Council.

Grants cannot be used to pay for salaries or support core costs. Applicants with considerable turnover or reserves are likely to be unsuccessful.

We are inviting applications for the next tranche of grants to be considered on Monday 6th November 2023.

Application forms and further details can be found on our website.

Completed applications must be received before the deadline of 12 noon on Monday 23rd October 2023.

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Email: town.clerk@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk

Lydney Community Centre Autumn update

Lots of work has been done at the centre over the summer:

- The new extension room has now been completed.
- New planters located in the carpark to brighten up the outside.
- The carpark was voluntarily weeded for us by the Kings Arms church during August which has made a big difference.
- New WI-FI Access points have been installed in every room so capacity and speeds should now be much improved.
- New Hive heating thermostats installed to provide us with full control over the heating during the winter.



Lydney Town Hall

Upcoming events

21st October

Back at last, formed in 1996 and hailing from Bristol, Hells Bells has evolved into perhaps the most well known and professional AC/DC tribute band in the United Kingdom

28th October

This Elvis Tribute is the only one of its kind in the world Elvis 56, Memphis to Hollywood show is a unique, not to be missed show.



4th November

Best of the Blues following the success of their previous shows 'Old Dogs, New Tricks' and 'Faux Bonamassa', the fantastic Alex Voysey Blues Band returns to Lydney this autumn with 'Best of the Blues'.

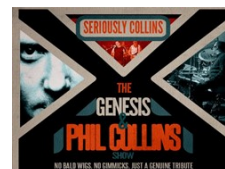
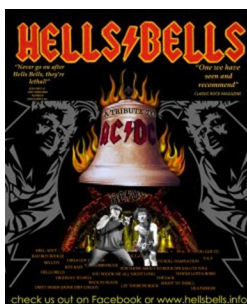
11th November

At the beginning of 2022, Guitarist Nigel Dean and Bassist Pete Willey, decided to put a new project together. A Tribute to the Greatest Rock Hits of the 70s and a show they would call ROCK THE 70s! 11th November.

18th November

A genuine tribute to the biggest artist of our generation. Packed with hits and fan favourites, this two-hour extravaganza will take you back to Phil in his hey-day.

Featuring the award winning tribute to the man himself, Chris Hayward and his world class band. Phil's extensive catalogue has been meticulously studied and arranged to give the ultimate Phil Collins & Genesis experience.



Have to considered becoming a Town Councillor?



Do you love the place you call home?

Do you want to make sure your friends and neighbours reside in a welcome and safe neighbourhood?

Do you want to help the community change for the better?

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

A Town Council member's duties are extensive and very diverse. Each topic brought to the Parish Council's attention is discussed in detail, and many factors are taken into consideration.

The Town Council is divided into several committees, from planning to finance.

Town council members can participate in both large and minor projects that will benefit the neighbourhood or surrounding area.

To find out more about becoming a Town councillor please visit the Town Council website or contact Reception@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk for an informal chat about the work of a councillor and how you can get involved.

Where to find the help you need?

What?

Where?

Includes:

- Community grants
- Burials
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- The Recreation Ground



Lydney Town Council

lydneytowncouncil.co.uk

01594 842234

Includes:

- Bins, rubbish and recycling
- Bulky waste collection
- Fly tipping
- Street clearing
- Abandoned vehicles
- Council tax
- Benefits
- Housing
- Dog warden
- Pest control
- Planning and building control
- Car parks



Forest of Dean District Council

www.fdean.gov.uk

01594 810000

Includes:

- Libraries and archives
- Schools
- Birth, marriages and deaths
- Health and social care



Gloucestershire County Council

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

01452 425000

Includes:

- Public Rights of Way
- Roads and pavements
- Overgrown vegetation
- Street lighting
- Flooding



Highways

Gloucestershire County Council highways

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

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CLlr Roger Holmes (Chair)

CLlr Carol Harris (Vice Chair)

Personnel Committee

CLlr Roger Holmes (Chair)

CLlr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Planning and highway Committee

CLlr Carol Harris (Chair)

CLlr William Osbourne (Vice Chair)

Amenities Committee

CLlr Susan Holmes (Chair)

CLlr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Burial Committee

CLlr Emma Taylor (Chair)

CLlr Carol Harris (Vice Chair)

Regeneration Committee

CLlr Carol Harris (Chair)

Lydney Recreation Trust

CLlr Richard Kemsley (Chair)

CLlr Peter Macklin (Vice Chair)

Bathurst Park and Recreational Trust

CLlr Richard Kemsley (Chair)

CLlr Tasha Saunders (Vice Chair)

Forest District Councillors

District Cllr Mark Topping 01594 840086

District Cllr James Bevan 01594 842146

District Cllr Andrew McDermid

District Cllr Harry Ives 07443 343395

County Councillors

Gloucestershire County Cllr Alan Preest 01594 564668

Lydney Town Council & Burial Authority

Committee meeting dates From September 2023-April 2024

	<u>Finance and Scrutiny</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Planning and Highway</u>	<u>Amenities</u>	<u>Burial</u>	<u>Regeneration</u>	<u>Lydney Recreation Trust</u>	<u>Bathurst Park and Recreational Trust</u>	<u>Full Council</u>
Nov	Monday 6 th	-	-	-	Monday 13 th	-	Monday 27 th	Monday 27 th	Monday 13 th
Dec	-	-	Monday 11 th	-		-	-	-	Monday 11 th
Jan	-	-	Monday 8 th	Monday 15 th	Monday 29 th	-	Monday 29 th	Monday 29 th	Monday 8 th
Feb	Monday 26 th	-	Monday 12 th	-		-	-	-	Monday 12 th
Mar	-	-	Monday 11 th	-	Monday 25 th	-	Monday 25 th	Monday 25 th	Monday 11 th
Apr	-	-	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 16 th		-	-	-	Monday 8 th

Useful Contacts

Organisation	Phone Number
Emergency Services	999
Police (non-emergency)	101
Fire and Rescue (non-emergency)	01452 888777
NHS 111 Service	111 (24hr)
Local Authority	
District Council	01594 810000
Gloucestershire County Council Highways Team	08000 514 514 (24hr)
Gloucestershire County Council Social Care	Adult Helpdesk 01452 426868
(including safeguarding concerns)	Children 01425 426565
	Out of Office Hours
	01452 614194 (emergencies only)
Forestry Commission	0800 923 9236
Samaritans	116 123
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177 650