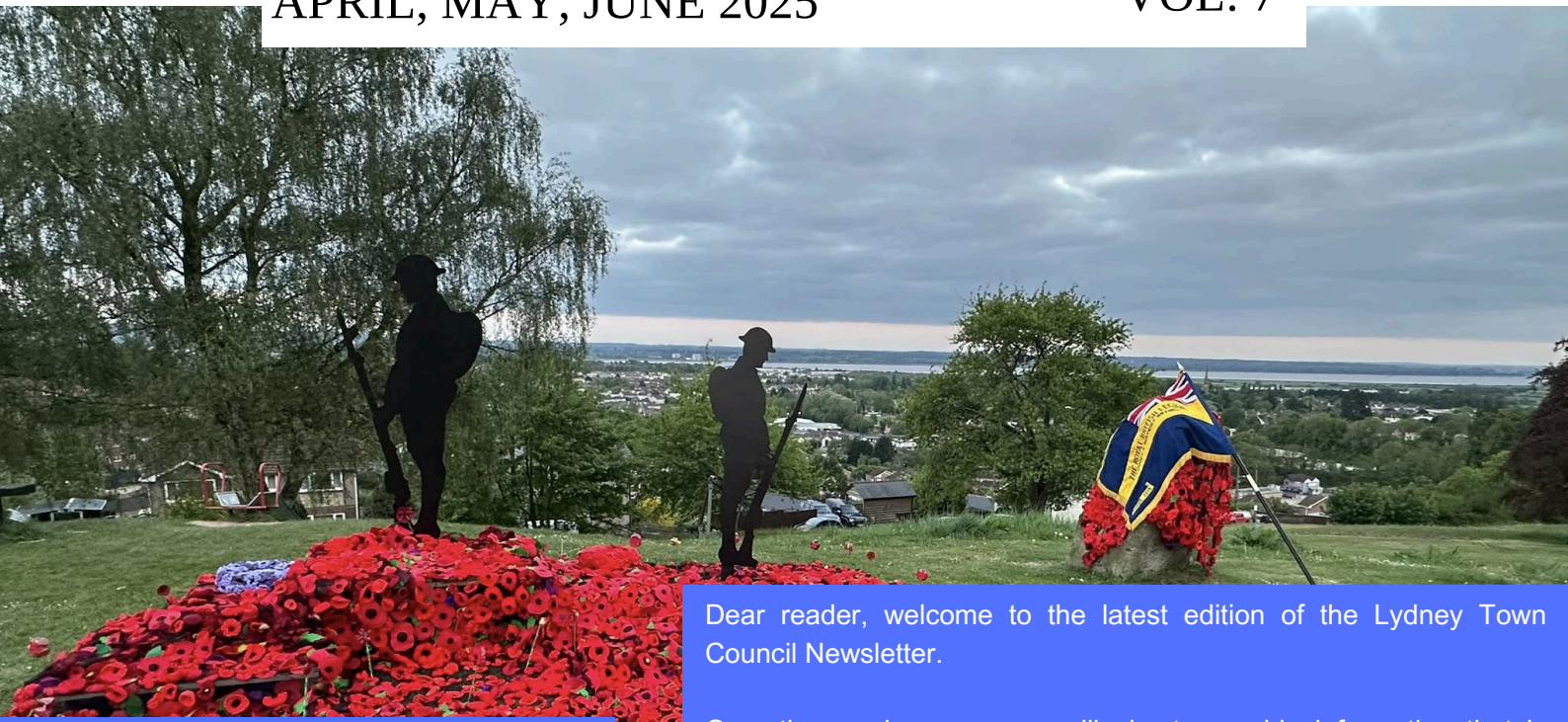




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Dear reader, welcome to the latest edition of the Lydney Town Council Newsletter.

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

The next edition will be released in September 2025

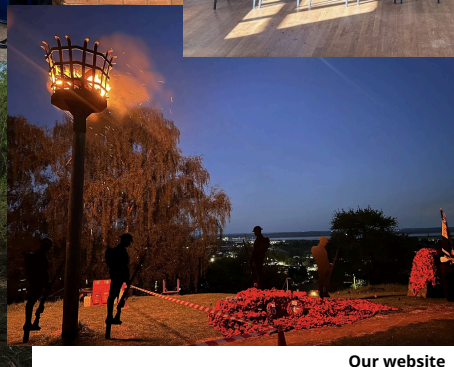
If you have any photos/stories for inclusion in the next editions, please forward them to me:

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WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION?

In this issue, we celebrate the transformation of Bathurst Park and the Recreation Ground, look back at the joyful Easter celebrations, and share exciting news on the much-anticipated skatepark revamp.

You'll also find updates on local restoration efforts, upcoming events to mark in your calendar and much more!



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BATHURST PARK & LYDNEY RECREATION TRUST REFRESH

Our fantastic Grounds Team have been hard at work over the past few weeks, giving the park and town a fresh new look! Benches and metalwork around the park have been repainted, and the bandstand is looking impressive after some well-deserved TLC.

Plus, two new flower tubs have been installed at Lydney Recreation Trust Ground, adding a splash of colour just in time for spring!

A huge thank you to the team for their efforts in keeping our green spaces looking their best!



A NEW COUNCILLOR

I was born in Lydney Hospital and grew up in Aylburton. My family have lived in Lydney and surrounding areas for many hundred of years with a family tree back to 1066, with many of my ancestors buried in the crypt of Lydney Church.

I was educated in Aylburton, Lydney and Cinderford Mining and Technical College, where we were taught Shorthand, Typing and Book Keeping.

For many years I worked in Lydney in the offices of Duramin, Watts Tyre and Rubber, and Kayanson Boilers. Then changed direction and worked in the Laboratory of J Allen Rubber Company where I became a shop steward.

I have always loved rugby and now support Lydney Rugby Club and am probably one of the few remaining people who helped to raise the original money to replace the old wooden shed with the new Club House.

My life and businesses took me to Bristol for 3 years and then to Mitcheldean where my Husband and I took the village Post Office. I also worked in Rank Xerox, Scantronic and Marlton Cross in the Purchasing Departments and retired as Purchasing Manager.

When my husband and I retired we moved to Spain for a few years, but my heart never left Aylburton/Lydney and my husband and I moved back to Lydney 5 years ago.

Whilst living in Mitcheldean I served as a Parish Councillor for many years and feel that this experience will be beneficial as a Councillor for Lydney Town Council.

I am not a political person and would always endeavour to do my best for this area and people living here.



Cllr Gill Phelps

BATHURST PARK EASTER EVENT

What a Cracking Day in Bathurst Park!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Egg Hunt & Hat Parade on Wednesday 16th April! The park was buzzing with creativity, laughter, and lots of chocolate and sweet-fueled fun.

From colorful crafts and brilliant bonnet-making to two exciting egg hunts and our fabulous hat parade—Lydney truly came together for a fantastic family day out.

Special thanks to all the volunteers, families, and little egg hunters who made the event such a success.



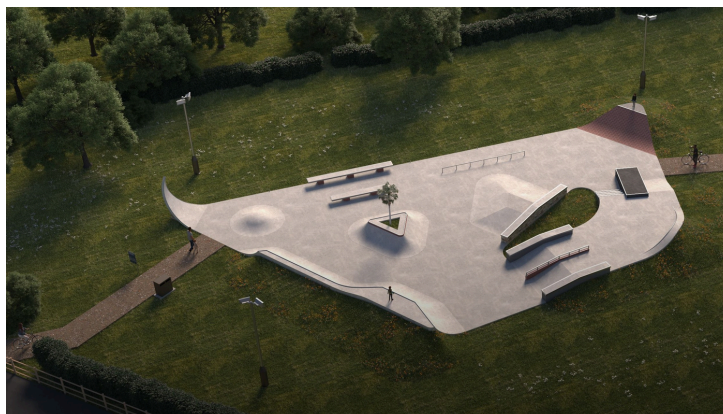
LYDNEY SKATEPARK

We have a very exciting update on the Lydney Skatepark Revamp Project! Permitted development has been granted, based on this amazing design by Maverick.

We are now in a position to move into the final stage, which is fundraising. However, this is not something we can do entirely by ourselves, so we are enlisting the help of the public to achieve this.

If you would be willing to help us push this project forward by committing a little of your time to fundraising and admin tasks, please contact councillor Steve Cave, who is heading the project on behalf of the Lydney Recreation Trust, at cllr.scave@lydneytowncouncil.gov.uk.

We cannot wait to see this project completed and to see you all enjoying the new skatepark!



WORK AT PIDCOCKS CANAL

Lydney Town Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to Magnera (formerly Glatfelter) for completing vital repair works along Pidcocks Canal (The Cut).

Their efforts have helped restore and repair approximately 19 sections of the canal bank, improving safety and access for all who enjoy this beautiful area. The works followed an ecologist's water vole survey.

The transformation is already making a big difference — thank you to everyone involved for your hard work and dedication to preserving our local environment!

Take a look at some of the completed works below



MAYOR'S CADETS

The Mayor's Cadet Scheme, established in 2009 by former Mayor Councillor Martin Bowring, continues to honour exemplary young leaders from Lydney's vibrant youth organisations. Each year, this prestigious appointment celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership within their respective cadet units. On Monday 9th June 2025, Lydney Town Council announced the appointment of two outstanding individuals to the role of Mayor Cadet:

1. CADET SERGEANT THEODORE HAWKRIDGE

His ambition is to join the RAF and therefore like many young people joined the appropriate cadet service to gain knowledge and experience of the potential discipline and behaviour expected by the Armed Forces. Hawkridge has shown considerable determination to reach these expectations.

During the almost four years as a cadet at 614 (Lydney) Squadron he has shown a high level of interest and dedication to his ambition.

He is keen to learn as much as possible about the RAF Air Cadets and has progressed through the classifications at a considerable rate reaching the classification of Master Cadet in under four years and the rank of Cdt Sgt in just over three years.

2. ABLE CADET RHYS JONES

Rhys is a young man who has demonstrated exceptional personal growth and development during his time with the Sea Cadets. His confidence has grown significantly, and he has matured into a capable young leader who is both respected by his peers and admired by younger cadets.

Rhys consistently shows a willingness to step outside of his comfort zone and approach new challenges with a positive attitude. His enthusiasm and commitment to the Sea Cadets are evident in everything he does—from his pride in wearing the uniform to his dedication to upholding the values of the corps.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Lydney Town Council was pleased to host the Annual Town Meeting. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the local exhibitors who participated, the residents who attended, and all the local organisations that contributed to this year's report.

To read the full report, please follow the QR code below:



VE-DAY 80

On the morning of Thursday 8th May, Lydney Town Council began our VE Day commemorations by raising the VE-Day flag at the council offices.



At 11am, a special VE Day service was held at the Lydney Cenotaph, organised by the Lydney Royal British Legion Branch And Womens Section.



In the evening, Lydney concluded its VE Day celebrations with a beacon lighting ceremony at the Mesne.



DRAINAGE WORK

Gloucestershire County Council, with the assistance of GCC Highways and Forest of Dean District Council, has been working to clear a culvert located on East Marsh opposite Lydney Recreation Trust. This important work is part of ongoing efforts to address local drainage issues.

It is hoped that the clearance of the culvert will help to alleviate the flooding that has affected Lakeside and the Recreation Trust land in recent years. This collaborative project demonstrates the continued commitment of local authorities to improving flood resilience and protecting our community spaces.



UPCOMING EVENTS

We were delighted to announce that the commemorative plaque, unveiled by HRH The Princess Royal on Wednesday 26th February 2025, has now been installed on Newerne Street Bridge by Gloucestershire County Council.

Even more exciting — the bridge is now fully open to two-way traffic!

Councillor Carol Harris (Chair of Planning & Highways) and Mayor, Councillor Tasha Saunders, are pictured alongside the newly installed plaque, marking this moment for our community.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during the works. This project not only improves local infrastructure but also commemorates a historic royal visit.



Lydney Town Hall

Upcoming events

The Hound of the Baskervilles

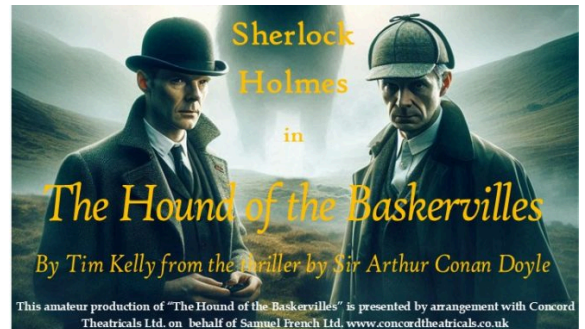
Start date: 4th July 2025

End date: 6th July 2025

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall

Performance



The Revolvers

Date: 12th July 2025

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall



Company.B – Jump Jive

Date: 6th September 2025

Time: Doors open 7pm

Location: Lydney Town Hall



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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 Pam Johns (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 Pam Johns (Chair)

Cllr Carol Harris (Vice-Chair)

Lydney Recreation Trust

Trustee Tasha Saunders (Chair)

Trustee Steve Cave (Vice Chair)

Bathurst Park and Recreational Trust

Trustee Tasha Saunders (Chair)

Trustee Tracey Lindsay (Vice Chair)

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District Cllr James Bevan 01594 842146

District Cllr Andrew McDermid

District Cllr Harry Ives 07443 343395

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Gloucestershire County Cllr Mark Howard

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LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lydney Town Council Municipal Year 2025/2026

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BATHURST PARK
LYDNEY
COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY 19TH JULY

BATHURST PARK LYDNEY GL15 5HG

2PM-8PM

LOTS OF FUN

FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

FREE ENTRY

LIVE BANDS . TRADE STALLS

LOCAL FOOD VENDORS . LICENSED BARS

PIRATE SHOWS AND ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING

AND LOTS MORE

