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New Kitchen for the Village Hall

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A very modern and functional kitchen has been installed in the Village Hall. It has been a long time in its conception and has been carefully considered as to the needs and requirements of the village. The single and most exciting thing is that the kitchen can cater for large catering groups and food is regularly cooked for over 60 covers on a weekly basis.

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The equipment includes a Range Oven, two large single ovens and a state of the art induction hob which provides very quick and controllable pan and saucepan cooking. There is also a wall mounted kettle which can provide instant hot water for over 60 cups.

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The kitchen has numerous working surfaces which are lit by under wall unit lighting and substantial wall and base units for storage. There are two sinks to cater for large amounts of washing up and a separate filtered drinking water facility. The floor has been finished in a hardwearing anti slip surface which can quickly be cleaned to provide a very clinically clean working environment.

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In conclusion our lovely new kitchen provides all that is essential for large or small catering groups – so holding those events and functions will be so much more enjoyable. The capabilities of this kitchen are unique to the area and we hope that all will take advantage of this wonderful facility. Hourly charges for the Village Hall range from £7 to £12.75 please contact LPC for full details and to make a booking.



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Policing in Liss

At the start of April Liss has said goodbye to Elliot Mowbray and Stuart Neal and says hello to Pc David Longden-Thurgood and PCSO Almy Toogood. I would suspect that you would have seen Dave already cycling around the village and Almy will soon be a regular sight in the village. Dave has worked with Targeted Patrol Teams in the East Hants District and with the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Whitehill and now with the team in Petersfield.

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Almy has been working on the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Petersfield and has recently been involved in promoting Country Watch across our police area. Almy and Dave are the dedicated beat officers for Liss and Hawkley and can be contacted by calling 08450454545 or via email to easthants.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Both officers look forward to working in the village and will see you around soon.

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Allotment Re-generation Project, Princes Bridge, Liss

After many years of disuse land situated at Princes Bridge has been brought back into use. Liss Parish Council already manages over 100 plots in Liss, however, 'growing your own' has become increasingly popular over the last few years and demand exceeds plots available.

The Parish Council owned land was designated as an allotment site in the Queens Inclosure Award of 1857 but, as popularity decreased in 1970's, the land fell into disuse.

The project is possible thanks to funding from Liss Parish Council, East Hampshire District Council Developer's Contributions and the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food programme.

'Longmeadows' were appointed as contractors and worked closely with parish staff and councillors within a tight time frame to manage and complete the project, additionally the Forestry Commission and the Environment Agency had input. Thanks go to The Turf Centre at Ham Barn for kindly donating turf for the pathway and to the Community Payback team for their additional work on the project.

A total of 20 plots have been created and an open day was held on 15th May to allow interested potential plot holders to view the site, which is available for letting from 1st June.

Any resident of Liss is entitled to apply for a plot. Further details are available from Liss Parish Council on 01730 892823.



Liss Skatebowl

In July last year after periods of consultation and public meetings LPC finally voted to provide a Skatebowl facility at the Centenary Gardens, also known as the Memorial Gardens at the entrance to the Newman Collard Playing Fields provided that a successful independent noise survey was achieved, and that any planning issues were resolved. This site had been proposed by the Newman Collard Board of Trustees who own the land. At the April parish council meeting this year the Council decided to form an Implementation Group made up of Councillors, 3 objectors, and 3 users, with a view to take the project forward to completion if possible. This group met recently with a representative of the Newman Collard Trust attending. The group will take into account views from all sides on such topics as day to day management, and then make recommendations to LPC for the decision making.

The project has two aspects, the first is the construction of the Bowl which sits in approx 10% of the existing gardens, and the second is the provision of a new garden on Parish owned land adjacent to the pond. It is hoped that the new garden will be a place for quiet contemplation away from Hillbrow Rd, and the below ground Skatebowl on the Centenary/Memorial Gardens will provide a safe environment off the roads for the youths of the village to enjoy their sport.

There are a number of trees & shrubs that have been planted in the Centenary/Memorial Gardens to commemorate loved ones and LPC is acutely sensitive about these memorials. None of the memorial trees



except a Copper Beech planted by the council to commemorate 50 years since the end of the 2nd World War need to be moved to accommodate the Bowl. However relatives who have planted these will be given the options of leaving them in the existing location, having them replanted into the new garden, or having replacements planted into the new garden. LPC will be writing to those residents this affects. If anyone knows of any memorial planting that LPC may not be aware of as it is not readily apparent, please can you contact the Parish Clerk.

Similarly there are a number of commemorative benches that have been given, the donators of these will also be asked if they want to have them relocated

in the new garden or leave them in the existing location.

The design of the new garden will be drawn up by the Implementation Group and then brought to LPC for decision. It is hoped to open up the views to the pond from it.

Liss Parish Council understands the need to move forward sensitively with this site and welcomes comments from all residents regarding these proposals.

Photograph shows proposed location of New Garden.



1ST Liss Scouts

1st Liss Scouts were formed in 1973 and have been meeting at West Liss for over 30 years. Thanks to a team of dedicated leaders, committee members and parent helpers, children can enjoy a wide range of activities as well as learning new skills whilst working towards badges.

Boys and girls can join the Beavers at age six, move up to Cubs from 7½ and Scouts from age 10½. Each group runs their own camp, plus an annual joint group camp for the whole family. The group regularly takes part in local challenges with Scouting troops from surrounding towns and villages and represents Liss at parades. 1st Liss Scouts also attracts members from Greatham and other neighbouring villages. It's fair to say, a fun time is had by all!

Unfortunately, the future isn't bright for the group. For several years, Liss has seen a dramatic decline in the number of volunteers for such organisations and 1st Liss Scouts have fallen victim to this trend. The group is actively seeking leaders and assistant leaders.

Could you have what it takes to be a leader? If you are interested, or would just like to chat to see what's involved, please contact Karen Saunders, Tel: 01730 892619, kaz140662@yahoo.co.uk

Training is provided and every volunteer is subject to a CRB check.

Photograph shows one of the activities at the Group Camp, Tilford, May 2010



Petersfield Area Neighbourhood Watch Association

Neighbourhood Watch enables neighbours to help each other and the vulnerable in our community.

We aim to cut crime, the opportunities for crime, anti-social behaviour, provide reassurance to local residents, reduce the fear of crime, and encourage neighbourliness and closer communities. This will improve the quality of life for local residents and tenants. We cover 15 geographical areas, from Buriton, to East Meon, to Liss and of course Petersfield, with 219 co-ordinators and deputies. In starting and running a Watch our co-ordinators are doing your local community a huge service and really learning about the issues on the ground. Our Association allows its co-ordinators to share best practice and there is evidence that shows that when a number of Neighbourhood Watches are in place together, crime is reduced. Our lamp post signs and window stickers serve the twin purpose of deterring thieves as well as advertising our presence. You also get a reduction in your household insurance, for just being a member. If you wish to join Neighbourhood Watch please contact me John Collins on 01730 894039 or email john.collins90@ntlworld.com

Triangle Lunch Cafe re-opens

The café, run by Elizabeth FitzRoy Support, has now re-opened for business at the Triangle Centre in Liss.

Sandwiches, jacket potatoes, salads and homemade soup are available from Monday through to Friday from noon until 2 pm. They also serve hot and cold drinks.

Members of "On Track", a busy Day Centre for adults with learning disabilities in Petersfield, are supported to help in the Café.

Newman Collard Tennis Club

This year Newman Collard Tennis Club celebrates its 41st anniversary. The club is active all year round competing in league tournaments and friendly matches as well as holding its own in-house tennis gatherings. Members of the public are encouraged to use the courts which can be booked through Messrs Jade News on Station Road at a charge of £3/hour adults and £1.50/hour for juniors.

Coaching for the club is provided by Generation Tennis. Coaching takes place on Saturday mornings during term time for children aged 4 to adults. Adult coaching is aimed at all ages and abilities.

A children's summer holiday coaching programme has also been arranged for the weeks beginning Monday 2nd August and 16th August 2010 (except Tuesdays). Details and enquiries about coaching are available from James on 07746 408181 or email: james@generationtennis.co.uk

The Club is always welcoming to new tennis enthusiasts and more information can be had through our website (www.hants.org.uk/nctennisclub) or by contacting the Club Secretary – Roy Hubber (Tel: 01730 302093).



Hedges as Boundaries

Increasingly we seem to be getting more fences replacing hedges and this reduces the very rural feel of the village.

The Liss Village Design Statement produced in 2000 describes what is important to the village, and this includes our hedges which we should endeavour to retain. *“The impression of a community enveloped by the countryside is heightened by the trees and hedgerow plantings around and through the settlements. Where settlements border the countryside they should have natural boundaries of hedges and trees”.* Our hedges enhance the village but they do require regular maintenance and cutting back which is the responsibility of the residents. This is necessary at road junctions to maintain adequate sight lines for all road users, and is particularly important where the hedges act as boundaries alongside pavements so that pedestrians and those using prams, buggies, or mobility vehicles can move about easily without getting caught up on any overgrown/overhanging vegetation.

Hanging Baskets

Saturday 5th June found Parish Councillors and other helpers acting as Horticultural assistants, making and hanging up some 28 floral baskets and also planting up the beds in front of village shops. Pictures show some of the participants.



Parish Council Meetings 2010

	Time	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Council	7.30pm	21st	19th		20th	18th
Planning	7.30pm	28th	26th	23rd	13th	11th
Highways	7.30pm		12th			4th
Buildings	7.00pm				6th	
Grounds	7.45pm			30th	6th	
Finance	7.30pm			2nd		

Villager of the Year Award

This award is presented every year by LPC at the annual Parish meeting, and this year we are delighted to make the award to John Meader.

John was a founder member of the Liss Conservation Volunteers who began looking after the Riverside Railway Walk in 1992. Since then the walk has become a nature reserve, and although the group has become the Liss Conservation Rangers, their excellent work continues and the volunteers are as busy as ever maintaining our much loved RRW.

He has also been involved in the Liss Village Design Partnership and Neighbourhood Watch and has helped the village in numerous ways over a great many years including helping to run the Liss Christmas Fair.



The Shipwright's Way

The Shipwright's Way project is progressing with a proposed route linking Alice Holt Forest to The Queen Elizabeth Country Park (for walkers, cyclists and horse riders) and a section passes through Liss and onto Petersfield. EHDC would like to give people the opportunity to comment on the proposed route via an on-line survey. This public consultation will now take place between 21st June and 31st July, and further information will be available nearer the time in the press. Please supply your comments via the on-line survey, or request paper copies from Sarah Hobbs, Community Access Officer at EHDC on 01730 234013 Email Sarah.Hobbs@easthants.gov.uk

The Village Voice is written, edited, produced, published and delivered by Parish Councillors in order to keep the citizens of Liss informed of the actions of their elected representatives.

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