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Village Centre Enhancement

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Hampshire County Council, under its Village Initiatives Scheme, has awarded a grant of over £20k towards the cost of replacing the old and worn tarmac paving in Station Road with attractive Marshall Tegula block paving, similar to the area around the war memorial in Petersfield.

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It will cover the pavement from the Railway Station to just beyond the Heart Foundation on the North side of Station Road and from the Two Butchers as far as the Crossing Gates on the South side.

The Council and village shop holders are looking forward to this substantial improvement to the appearance of the centre. Work is expected to be carried out in early 2009.

Update on Additional Street Lighting for Station Road

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In their 2007/08 budget Hampshire County Council approved a grant under their Community Safety Initiative for the installation of two wall mounted street lights in the village centre in Station Road. This project was designed to enhance the performance of our CCTV coverage. However, the installation has been delayed because of objections received from residents of Station Road.

HCC are now investigating the alternative option of installing lampposts rather than wall mounted lights. If this goes ahead the aim will be to synchronise the installation with the works

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Early in September Nigel Paren, a Liss Parish Councillor representing Liss Forest, died suddenly and unexpectedly while on holiday.

We would like to pay tribute to Nigel's work for the whole of Liss, both within the council and the wider community.

He started as a councillor in 1999 and was chairman for 2 years until May 2007. He used his skills in much of the detail work which is essential in dealing with public consultations and other papers, which so few are able to do so effectively.

His involvement with the Village Design Group, Liss Conservation Volunteers and of course with the South Downs National Park campaign is well known. His LCV involvement was extensive having been chairman, on the committee and an active volunteer.

Behind the scenes he spent much time helping, talking with and meeting others in relation to council and village issues. He worked hard at keeping our bus service and gaining funding for local facilities. He was always well informed,

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reasoned and courteous in his contributions, trying to gain agreement by consensus, willing to spend very significant amounts of his time trying to get a good result.

Nigel's death will be a massive loss to everyone whether in his public and community role or as a friend.

Of course the greatest loss is to Margaret and Nigel's family. We would like to extend our heart-felt condolences for their untimely loss.

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Skate & BMX bowl consultation.

LPC are consulting about the siting of a concrete bowl for skateboard and BMX users at two possible sites. These are at Newman Collard Playing fields and West Liss recreation ground. If you have comments, in favour, against, just for clarification or suggestions, about either site or the project as a whole send them to the council office by email lissparish@aol.com or letter.

A decision will not be made about the project until the final submissions have been considered, probably in November.

A picture of a similar facility is shown below.



Information about the project is on our website - www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk

Click on "Liss Bowl" then "Public Meeting 12th September 2008" to see the information presented at the meeting. This is also available in print from the office if you do not have Internet access.

Towards the end of the consultation there will be another public meeting at which responses to questions raised during the consultation will be presented.

Date for your diary Saturday 15th November 2008. 2.00 pm. through to 4.00 pm. in the Village Hall.

Live Theatre at the Triangle Centre on Sunday 7th December 2008 at 4pm

Following on from the success of *Beauty and the Beast*, the Triangle Centre is delighted to be welcoming Proteus Theatre back for a production of *The Snow Queen* on Sunday 7th December at 4pm. "An evil magic mirror shatters into millions of tiny pieces, shards fly out into the world piercing the heart of a young boy and making him the captive of an ice castle watched over by the mysterious Snow Queen..."

Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of frozen lands, talking reindeer, the power of friendship and one girl's bravery is re-told in Proteus' unique style fusing film, circus and music together in a magical package! Brought to you by the same artistic team behind the widely acclaimed 'Beauty and the Beast', this promises to be a wild ride!

To reserve your tickets contact the Triangle Centre on: 01730 301000, or pop into the office.

E-planning

Planning applications are now being submitted to East Hants District Council electronically and Liss Parish Council as a statutory consultee is asked to submit comments on these electronically. The electronic planning system currently blocks our ability to see 3rd party objections, although the objectors may assume we have access.

In view of this and the fact that the Parish Council believes it is very important to know what residents are saying about planning applications we would ask any residents submitting comments to EHDC electronically also provide a copy to Liss Parish Council at lissparish@aol.com

By doing this local people can often usefully alert us to valid planning concerns which we may not otherwise become aware of. Please can residents who don't have access to computers and the internet and write to EHDC with their concerns continue to supply copies to the Parish Council.

You can see planning applications yourself on-line by accessing the

EHDC website or by using the following address:- <http://planningdevelopment.easthants.gov.uk/dconline/acolnetCGI.gov>

Village Events

The Annual Arts Exhibition at the Triangle will be open to the public for viewing from

Wednesday 29th October –
Saturday November 1st 9.30 –
5.30 pm and on Sunday 2nd
November 9.30 – 12.30pm.
Should you wish to exhibit,
entry forms are available from
the Triangle and we are keen
to encourage all art forms -
especially photographic work.

Don't forget to book early for
our forthcoming film
presentations:

November 15th - **The Edge of
Love** – a biopic about the life
and loves of the charismatic
poet Dylan Thomas.

December 6th - **The Duchess**
- a chronicle of the life of the
18th century aristocrat
Georgiana – Duchess of
Devonshire – a vibrant beauty
and celebrity of her time.

Liss Village Christmas Street Fair

Christmas shopping may not
yet be top of your agenda but
hopefully it will be on

Wednesday December 10th
when the Christmas Street Fair
organised jointly by the
Community Association and
the Parish Council will take
place between 6.00 and
8.00pm.

Station Road will be closed and
many shops will stay open late.

There is fun for everyone and
activities include music
provided by Liss Band, St.
Mary's choir and musicians
from the Junior School.

The Triangle is hosting a Craft
fair inside (so don't forget to
pop in) together with a
traditional offer of mulled wine
and mince pies.

Other refreshments will be
available both in shops and in
the Street. Most importantly
Santa will be taking up
residence again in the skittles
room of the Whistle Stop pub.

Parking Problems in Liss

Liss is very well endowed with legitimate free parking facilities, yet many inconsiderate people are causing problems by parking in the bus bay in front of Tesco. This creates difficulties for the bus services as their regulations state that drivers are not permitted to pick up passengers unless they can park in the bay.

The thick yellow line in the bus bay means no parking at any time; this even applies to those drivers displaying disabled parking permits.

There is ample free parking in the two EHDC car parks in Hill Brow Road and Station Road also in the time-limited spaces in Hill Brow Road. The owners of the Lower Mead shopping development also extend a courtesy free parking area to the rear of Tesco for the benefit of shoppers.

We should all be aware that EHDC are continually reviewing their parking provisions in the District and there is a real danger that, if the car parks are not utilised correctly, we may lose the facility. So, residents are urged to use the car parks and walk the very short distances to the shops.

We ask all Liss residents, as well as casual shoppers passing through, to show a little more consideration and park in the proper place.

Although there is a car park opposite, some inconsiderate people park in Station Road to use the Cash Point outside The Heart Shop.

Still going and growing strong

After the DIY planting by councillors and council staff earlier in the year the hanging baskets this year have been flowering well. The new watering system has enabled Tim Pay to keep everything in tip top order. There were some plants left over which were used elsewhere around the village so **thank you** to Ray Swift and John Norris for planting them out and maintaining them.



Newman Collard Pond Working Group

The pond at the Newman Collard grounds is a significant feature and is enjoyed by many on a daily basis whether walking to the village or school or relaxing on the playing fields.

With a resident heron and a population of irascible ducks it gives delight to all ages.

Sadly from time to time areas of the pond become vandalised or worse - large objects are dumped into the pond. It is to be hoped that with some attention and improvement those who vandalise may think again and consider those whose enjoyment they are destroying. With that in mind it is hoped to form a working group to meet on a regular basis to plan a programme of work to improve and enhance the area.

Improvements may include new tree or shrub planting, realignment or alterations to the edge path, restoring the duck nesting house and providing detailed information on species' habitat which could lead to involvement with village schools or playgroups for projects or educational needs.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the proposed group then please contact the Parish office during opening hours on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 10.00 – 2.00pm

Station Road - New Limited Parking bays.

Parking bays have been introduced in Station Road in the village centre with a waiting time of 15 minutes.

These have been provided to make it convenient just to pop into a shop for a few minutes to buy papers, get the laundry, some hardware widgets or other small items of shopping.

The retailers are very happy with this new arrangement, as Lisa Simmons of Jade News confirmed, thanking the Parish Council for their efforts.

This is as a result of the combined efforts of the police, Hampshire County Council & Liss Parish Council.

Liss Infant School – Governors wanted

Are you interested in supporting the education of young children in your community?

Liss Infant School is keen to recruit interested and enthusiastic people to join their Governing Body.

If you feel you have knowledge, skills or experience which could contribute to the wider life of the school we would love to hear from you.

To find out more please contact Teresa Offer (Head Teacher) on 01730 892666 or Andy Dabson (Chair of Governors) on 01730 891363.

Council thanks

The Council wishes to express its thanks & gratitude to Mr Mitchell of "Coloured Courts", for his very generous donation of grass treatments for the soccer pitch at West Liss. It has greatly improved the condition of the playing surface for the benefit of local teams.

The Council wishes to express its thanks & gratitude to Mr Gary Williams, "The Lawn Doctor", for his very generous donation of grass treatments to the grassed areas around and local to the War Memorial. It has improved immensely the appearance of the centre of the Village for the benefit of all who pass and view that area.

Skatebowl Public Meeting

The second public meeting has been deferred until Saturday 15th November and will be held in the village hall between 2 – 4pm. This will allow the Council more time to answer questions submitted and has the additional benefit of avoiding the schools half-term which some residents have requested.

The last date for submitting questions remains as 25th October.

Council Meetings 2008

	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>PLANNING</u>	<u>HIGHWAYS</u>	<u>FACILITIES</u>	<u>FINANCE</u>
	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm	7.30pm
2008					
OCT	20	27	13		
NOV	17	24		3	10
DEC	15	22			

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