

# LISS



## Ponder the Poor Pond

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I am doubly lucky. I live in Liss and my garden gate opens out onto the pond in the Newman Collard Playing fields. I like ponds. You can't really dislike a pond you can only be indifferent. The pond I thought was looking a bit neglected (choked with debris both natural and more distressingly man made) so I joined the trust in order to perhaps do something to help improve it.

The pond is owned by the trust but managed by the parish council. The trust and the council reacted favourably to my enquiries and in short have agreed to help to improve the situation. I was more than a little humbled when I visited the parish office to collect the 'file' on the pond and saw just how much work had been done over the years and that there had been some major work done only a few years ago. Nature doesn't standstill however.

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We sought some advice from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and they sent out someone to assess the health of the pond. It was found that the pond needed to be cleared of its decades worth of rotting leaves, rubbish thrown in by the indifferent and beer bottles. This adds to the over rich nutrients in the water which kills plants and makes the water cloudy, unhealthy and unsightly.

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In September after the season we aim to clear some of the gunge at the smaller end and in subsequent seasons clear other sections (gradually so not to stir up and disturb, is the advice of the wildlife expert). In short the pond needs friends and volunteers to do this.

If you care about this little bit of loveliness in our midst and would like to see it in a more vibrant condition in future please contact myself [gary@goutyfoot.com](mailto:gary@goutyfoot.com).

Richard the grounds man remembers the pond being covered with lilies. Wouldn't it be nice to see that again.

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## Streetwatch

Streetwatch is a scheme organised by police to help reduce the fear or crime in local neighbourhoods and deter crime such as vandalism. Crime rates are low in East Hampshire, including Liss, although the fear of crime can be disproportionately high. Street Watch is about a visible presence and taking control of the local area, setting standards of behaviour and challenging those who may wish to undermine it.

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East Hampshire Street Watch members are local residents who are committed to keeping their local town or village safe and to reduce the fear of crime. Local residents in the scheme are willing to spend a few hours a month walking about our open spaces, providing a visible presence, offering support and reassurance. The East Hampshire Street Watch Scheme is supported by the Hampshire Constabulary and local police. See this link for more information or contact Parish Council office.

<http://www.street-watch.org.uk/>

## Skate Bowl public meeting

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A well attended second public meeting (with at least 90 people) was held on 13<sup>th</sup> June at which a presentation was given by some residents opposed to a skate bowl at the sites presently being considered. The council also gave a presentation of the key findings about skate bowls and these sites in particular. Many of those present were able to state their views. There were adults and a group of young people indicating support, as well as others against. The working party researching this will report back at the July council meeting.

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## Highways update - Village Centre Enhancement – Replacement paving in Station Road

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, work will have commenced on the replacement pavements in Station Road to enhance the village centre. Before commencement, HCC's contractor will be visiting the shopkeepers, to explain the process of the works programme and how it will affect them. However, this work has to be dovetailed with the gas pipeline work currently being undertaken in Forest Road, so as not to inconvenience villagers more than necessary.

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## Crossover - open day 17<sup>th</sup> July

Crossover, the drop in centre for young people, situated next to the railway crossing gates, has now been in action almost every Monday to Saturday for the past 3 years and is widely acknowledged to have helped to improve relations between the young and older people in the village. The experience of the trustees and volunteers from the earliest days indicated the need for the centre to provide creative activities as well as table games and internet access and this has been borne out by the success of Young Women and Young Men only nights. However the facilities for these activities and for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which Crossover hosts every Thursday evening, were very inadequate. A new room, which we are renting, has just been built over the centre and has created an ideal space for an exciting range of "artistic," and other, activities.



We would welcome parents and young people to come and join us for a cup of tea and view our facilities from 4.30pm until 6.00pm or join us for a glass of wine from 6.00pm until 8pm on the afternoon and evening on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We hope to see you there!

## Newman Collard Tennis Club

Regular visitors to the Newman Collard Playing Fields will have noticed that one of the tennis courts has recently been out of action whilst being resurfaced and painted and it is now back in use. Members of the public are encouraged to make use of these excellently maintained courts and they can be rented by visiting Jade News newsagents on Station Road. Hire is £3/hr for adults and £1.50/hr for juniors.

The Newman Collard Tennis Club has been around for 40 years this year! The club welcomes new members of all standards, juniors and adults, and is a friendly and enthusiastic club. If you are interested in joining, contact the Club Secretary on 01730 893165.

The tennis club has just participated in the Liss Village Day, running free coaching sessions for juniors, in conjunction with Advantage Tennis Academy. This was really well attended with lots of enthusiastic children taking part. The club's "lobster" (a ball lobbing machine) was also in use ensuring that everyone could have a go. The club runs weekly coaching sessions for both juniors and adults.

There will be 2 Open Play sessions during the season when members of the public (adults only) can come along and join in with club players, playing doubles. Just bring a racket! These sessions will be run on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00 am. Free admission and refreshments. Come along and join in!

Check out the website: [www.nctennisclub.hampshire.org.uk](http://www.nctennisclub.hampshire.org.uk)

Day	Court	Public Use
Saturday	1 & 2	After 1 pm subject to matches
	3	ALL DAY
Sunday	1 & 2 & 3	After 1 pm except for Club tournaments when Available before 1 pm and after 6 pm
Monday	1 & 2	Until 1 pm
	3	ALL DAY
Tuesday	1 & 2 & 3	After 12 noon
Wednesday	3	Until 6 pm
Thursday	1 & 2	Until 6 pm
	3	ALL DAY
Friday	3	ALL DAY

## Hanging Baskets

On Saturday 6th June, Liss Parish Councillors & staff, aided by village volunteers & Frances Trevail from 1st Liss Guides who was working towards her Duke of Edinburgh award badge, worked hard to put up hanging baskets & renew some planters in the centre of Liss.

This project, funded by the Parish Council & village traders, helps to make the village centre both welcoming & colourful.



## Commemorative Picture

This lovely picture of Longmoor Ranges by local artist Gordon Rushmer is dedicated to Nigel Paren a Liss Parish Councillor who worked tirelessly and achieved a great deal for the Village. The picture was commissioned by his wife Margaret Paren and unveiled by her in the Village Hall at the Annual Parish Meeting.



## Save £££ when you visit local attractions

For just £5.00 get a **Local Explorer** card and receive;  
20% off the entrance price for participating attractions.  
For up to 5 people.

The card can be used an unlimited number of times for 6 months\*.

### Attractions in the Local Explorer Scheme

Birdworld, near Farnham  
Butser Ancient Farm, Chalton  
Gilbert White's House & the Oates Museum, Selborne  
Mid-Hants Railway Watercress Line, Alton and Alresford  
Milestones, Hampshire's Living History Museum, Basingstoke

### How to get your card #

Web: [www.easthants.gov.uk/localexplorer](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/localexplorer)

Tel: 01730 234066

Visit: Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean  
Grayshott Pottery, Grayshott  
Forest Lodge Garden Centre, near Farnham  
Tourist Information Centre, Petersfield  
Town Hall, Petersfield  
Phoenix Theatre, Bordon

*# Liss Parish Council are investigating the possibility of making the cards available for sale in the parish office, interested people should watch out for information posters in the village..*

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\* Terms and conditions apply. See [www.easthants.gov.uk/localexplorer](http://www.easthants.gov.uk/localexplorer) for more information.

## Best Kept Allotments

We have commenced inspections for the above which culminates in the award of certificates to Runners Up and the presentation of the Liss Parish Council "Best Kept Allotment" shield to the person judged to have nearest met the criteria by which the competition is judged.

The inspections are carried out on behalf of the Parish Council by an independent person three times during the growing season, with the final inspection done in early July, the results are then reviewed by members of the Parish Council Grounds Committee and decisions made for the Awards presented at Liss Horticultural Society's Summer Show which this year takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Detailed below are the points by which plot holders are judged:

- The size of the plot is ignored, on the basis that the tenant undertakes to tend the entire plot.
- Assessment is on the basis that the tenant has the plot to grow either vegetables or fruit or both.
- The quality of the produce is not assessed for anything other than general cleanliness and good order.
- The general tidiness of the plot and the miscellaneous pieces of equipment left on site count towards overall appearance
- A tenant, who allows weeds to 'flourish', is penalised
- A tenant, who disregards a neighbouring tenant's access, is penalised

All Allotment sites throughout the village are inspected for the competition; additional inspections take place by LPC staff and Committee members and plot holders unable to maintain plots are contacted regarding their intentions, in order to try to meet the hopes of the many people on the waiting list for an Allotment.

## Dates for your Diary

### Shep Woolley

On Friday evening, 20th November Shep Woolley (singer & comedian) will be at Liss Village Hall.

### Liss Village Christmas street Fair

This now traditional event organised jointly by the Community Association and the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 9th December between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

### Villager of the year Award

Each year at the annual Parish meeting LPC presents the "Villager of the Year Award" in recognition of an individual's contribution to the community of Liss. This year however we were delighted to present the award to three very worthy individuals who have been involved with the Triangle right from the start and worked tirelessly as its officers - Colin Dring, Clive and Penny Seymour. During their watch the Art Exhibition was initiated, along with Walking to Health, the annual Quiz Night became an institution, the Pantomimes (enjoyed by all) and one off events such as the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V.E. Day street party and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trafalgar were staged. Colin Dring accepted the award on behalf of all three but more importantly in recognition of The Triangle Centre and Liss Community Association, and as Penny said in a written statement "all this would not have been possible without an enormous amount of input from dozens of others all of whom deserve recognition and whom we consider to be shareholders with us in this award".



Colin Dring being presented with the "Villager of the Year Award by Roger Mullenger, Chairman of Liss Parish Council

### Railway 150

Hundreds of Liss residents turned out (some in 1859 costumes) to greet the 'Oliver Cromwell' celebrating 150 years of the railway, which brought about the expansion of Liss.



### Council Meetings 2009

Parish Council Meetings

	Time	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Council	7.30pm	20th		21st	19th	16th
Planning	7.30pm	27th	24th	14th	12th	9th
Highways	7.30pm	6th			5th	
Buildings	7.00pm			7th		30th
Grounds	7.45pm			7th		30th
Finance	7.30pm		10th			2nd

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