

# LISS



## Riverside Railway Walk – Nightingale & Briggs Bridges

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To complete the bridges programme, Nightingale bridge is to be replaced during November and the bridge will therefore be closed from 1st November to 30th November 2010. Similarly when Briggs bridge is replaced early in 2011 this bridge will be closed from 7th February to 18th March 2011. It is hoped that these two periods of closure will be reduced if the works are completed sooner. Please note that the actual Riverside Railway Walk will remain open although the bridges will be closed.

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The bridges will match the new Rose bridge, being constructed of solid Oak, using high quality local materials on the existing metal structure, with one less set of arches and a slightly reduced height to keep the bridge specifications to scale.

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By constructing the bridges off- site the installation process should be speeded up and the disturbance to users of the walk minimised. The walk will be fully open during the Christmas and New Year period.

## Important Christmas dates for your Diaries

All Liss residents are warmly invited to join in two Christmas events.

### Christmas Tree Lighting

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**On Friday, 3rd December at 6.30pm** there will be a short ceremony lighting up the two village centre Christmas trees. Carols will be sung around the tree and John Meader, "Villager of the Year", will be helped by local children to switch on the lights.

### Liss Christmas Fair

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**Wednesday 8th December between 6.00pm & 8.00pm.** Once again Station Road will be closed to traffic, our shops will stay open and local organisations will run stalls in the street offering fun, gifts, information and local fare. Seasonal music will be provided by Liss Junior School, Liss Band and St. Mary's Church choir who will lead us all in carol singing. The Triangle will be packed with craft stalls and hospitality. For the children there will be visits from Santa, a fun fair, the village steam engine, and a model railway in the Village Hall. Anyone who would like to run a stall or participate in any way should contact Brian Mayo on 894866 or Linda Li-Davies at the Liss Triangle Community Centre: 01730 301000.

## Liss Skatebowl Update

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At the Liss Parish Council meeting in September it was noted that the Newman Collard Playing Field Trust rescinded their permission for a skatebowl to be built on Trust land at the Centenary /Memorial Gardens.

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As a result of this the parish council met in October to consider a way forward and we took the decision to "perform an investigation into the practicality of siting a skatebowl on West Liss Recreation Ground at a position suggested by some residents. The location is at approximately the midpoint on the recreation ground, behind the football pitch. The Council also resolved to similarly investigate a suggested site on EHDC owned land adjacent to Woodbourne Close in Mill Road and any other sites proposed by the public before the end of November 2010.

This is in line with the Council's decisions to provide a skateboard/BMX facility within Liss and a feasibility report will be brought to the next Council meeting.

If this technical investigation of further sites results in any potential sites, the Council will then propose procedures that involve members of the public in taking the project forward.

If any one has a suggestion for a site will they please inform the Parish Clerk in writing as soon as possible.

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## Princes Bridge allotments

The restoration of the Princes Bridge allotments was completed in May.

All the plots were let very quickly and remarkable progress has been made by many of the allotment holders, with very healthy crops on view.

The money for the restoration came from a grant from "Local Food", and the use of LPC funds and developers contributions.

## E-planning & LPC website

Planning applications are submitted to East Hants District Council electronically and Liss Parish Council as a statutory consultee is asked to submit comments on these electronically.

The Parish Council believes it is very important to know what residents are saying about planning applications so we would ask any residents submitting comments to EHDC electronically to provide a copy to Liss Parish Council at [lissparish@aol.com](mailto: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/acolnetcgj.gov>

LPC continues to welcome members of the public to its planning meetings to hear their concerns. The parish planning committee meets on a monthly basis at 7.30pm in the parish room behind the Village Hall to discuss the applications that affect the Parish and these will be listed on our website [www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Please see the back page for a schedule of meeting dates.

## Liss Village Plan and Design Partnership

**Are you interested in planning in liss?** Then read on .....

Some villagers in the parish may not have heard of us! Unbelievable really as we have been in existence for some 12 years. The group was set up as a result of a Government scheme to allow local people more say in the planning process. We have done an enormous amount of research, taken questionnaires around to every household in Liss and had major exhibitions in the village hall. There is a document called the Liss Village Design Statement (VDS) and this is held at the offices of East Hampshire District Council and in the Liss Parish Office. In the year 2000 the Statement was completed and adopted as supplementary planning guidance. The document is often quoted by the Planning Department and developers.

For the past four years we have been busy updating the original document in order to make it even more robust when developers want to build in Liss. We are nearing completion of our work on this document and have recently had it approved by the Liss Parish Council. Within a short space of time we will be going to EHDC for them to approve it and hopefully adopt it. Once complete the document will be held on the Parish Council's website.

Our next task is finalising the Parish Plan. This document is all about us, you, me, the traders, the businesses, transport, doctors, dentists, schools, sports facilities etc. We have taken a survey of what we have and what we have not in the Village. We have then written a paper on each subject and made recommendations to the Council.

Each finished paper has to be approved by Liss Parish Council and once all the subjects are approved we will finalise the document and again seek approval from EHDC. This will then be placed on the Parish website.

We are always looking for more villagers to come and join us and should you be interested in the invaluable work we do for the Parish, please do come and see us in the Triangle Centre on the evening of the Christmas Fair on December the 8th or alternatively phone the Chairman Margaret Effenberg 01730 893179 who will be happy to answer questions and advise you of the date of our next meeting.



## Liss Band success....

Liss Band recently took part in the "Challenging Brass 2010" musical competition held annually by Addlestone Community Association. Godalming Band, Mole Valley Silver Band and Staines Lammas Band were the other competitors, and the adjudicator was Captain David Barringer, Director of Music, Band of the Royal Corps of Signals. Each of the bands played for half an hour including an arrangement for instrumental soloist and a Test March in this case Arnhem by A E Kelly. Liss Band's musical programme also included "The Rother" by Gareth Churcher. It was the first time Liss Band had taken part in this event and they were delighted to be placed second. The musical standard achieved was exceptionally high. It is hoped that they will take part in next year's competition.



## Helping Liss take shape as the 2011 Census approaches.

In less than a year, residents in **Liss** will take part in the nation's biggest survey, as the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out the 2011 Census in England and Wales on Sunday 27 March.

Every ten years a census takes a numerical snapshot on a single date to gain an accurate picture of the population. The census statistics that ONS produces help **East Hants District Council** to correctly target funding and public services (such as education, transport, schools and housing) where needed. That's why it's crucial that all **Liss** residents take part (and it's compulsory).

In March your 2011 Census questionnaire will arrive by post and can be returned using a pre-paid envelope or, for the first time ever, can be completed online via a secure internet site. The questionnaire should take around ten minutes for each person's details to be entered and the information you provide will help shape our community for years to come.

A wide range of help and support will be available. Your personal information is protected by law and is kept confidential for 100 years.

The 2011 Census team is also recruiting for many roles in the East Hants District Council area. Recruitment for the following roles starts soon:

- Census Coordinators lead and motivate a team of up to 15 field staff
- Special Enumerators cover communal establishments such as care homes and university halls of residence, collecting questionnaires and offering help and advice on completing them
- Census Collectors contact householders to follow up on the non-return of completed census questionnaires.

We will also be recruiting Census Coverage Survey and Non Compliance staff in early 2011, so you can also register your interest for these jobs on the website.

For more information on the roles, dates of employment and pay rates, please visit [www.censusjobs.co.uk](http://www.censusjobs.co.uk)  
More information about the 2011 Census can be found at: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## New Councillor for Liss



On 20<sup>th</sup> September Mr Ian McInnes was co-opted as a Liss parish Councillor.

Ian moved to Liss in May 2007 bringing with him a wealth of local council experience that will hopefully benefit our village.

Ian joined Peasedown St John Parish soon after the County of Avon was created in north Somerset. Ian saw his former mining village double in size with a major housing development for which his parish council negotiated a bye-pass on the A367, a new 120 seater village hall & the gift of over four acres of land for family recreation.

The administrative failure of Avon as a county led to its replacement by three Unitary Authorities terminating a decade of unsettlement for over one hundred parish councils. During that time Ian represented the Avon parish Councils at both regional & national level.

Ian has been appointed to the Liss planning & highways committees.

## Committee responsibilities of LPC Councillors

Howard Linsley – Chairman

Sue Halstead – Vice Chairman of the Council & Chairman of Planning Committee

Les Mann – Chairman of Highways Committee

Graham Baker – Chairman of Buildings Committee

Roger Mullenger – Chairman of Grounds Committee

## Crossover Christmas Extravaganza

Come and join us on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and mid day where there will be beauty treatments, soaps, gifts, cards and sundries available. Enjoy mince pies and a cup of tea in a convivial atmosphere. There will also be a raffle (£100 first prize and other prizes too) and Crossover staff will be selling raffle tickets in the village centre on Saturday's prior to the Extravaganza, and up until the night of the Liss Christmas Fair, 8<sup>th</sup> December, when the raffle will be drawn.

## Village Day 2011

This will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm on the Newman Collard Playing Field. The event is being organised by the NCPFT Committee.

## Parish Council Meetings 2010

	Time	Nov	Dec	Jan(2011)
Council	7.30pm	15th	20th	17th
Planning	7.30pm	8th	6th	10th
Highways	7.30pm			24th
Buildings	7.00pm	29th		
Grounds	7.45pm	29th		
Finance	7.30pm	1st		31st

## Being prudent

We have been reminded by our local Bobby that people should not leave valuables in their vehicles, and if they see anyone suspicious, to please report it to the police. For example, isolated areas like the car park to the ranges at Liss Forest seem very vulnerable.

## Policing in Liss

Our dedicated beat officers Pc David Longden-Thurgood and PCSO Almy Toogood will be holding two more Beat Surgeries this year on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 10.00 and 12.00hrs at the Liss Triangle Centre. Please come along to discuss any crime or anti-social behaviour issues with them.

## Bulb planting to brighten things up



LPC agreed that the Brownies could plant bulbs at the entrance of Riverside Walk, as part of their Gardening badge. Picture shows them planting a large number of bulbs which had been kindly donated by Hilliers.

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

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