

LISS



A Timely Reminder... OVERGROWN HEDGES

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We are very lucky in Liss as the large number of hedges give the village a very rural feel and greatly enhance it, but they do require regular maintenance and cutting back. This is particularly important where they 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. This regular cutting back is also necessary at road junctions to maintain adequate sight lines for all road users.

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Importance of Planning

Planning is an important function of the Local Authority, and can have an impact on all of us as individuals or as a Parish.

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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.

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EHDC notifies adjacent neighbours about applications that may affect them and invites these residents to make comments, by letter or e-mail. Your input (however minor) by way of both positive and negative comments is greatly valued and can be really worthwhile. If residents are somewhat daunted by officialdom or need help with their concerns please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Council or your local EHDC councillors – Gina Logan 893690 or Elizabeth Cartwright 892311.

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The Parish Council believes it is very important to know what residents are saying about planning applications and we would ask that 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>

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Millennium Mosaic

It's hard to believe that nine years have passed since the Liss Village Millennium Mosaic was completed. Its planning, preparation and assembly brought many people in our community together for a common purpose. Its position in the garden at Newman Collard playing fields makes for easy viewing by everyone.

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Some four years ago one of the parish councillors gave his time and effort to voluntarily carry out some repairs – missing tesserae were replaced and accumulated algae removed. Sadly similar work is again necessary! Spare material is available but there are no funds for labour costs.

It is unrealistic to expect everyone involved at the turn of the century to again be on hand to repair the individual 'motifs'. I am willing to have a go but only if a few like-minded people will join me. Ideally we should tackle this before the winter weather sets in. A preliminary meeting would be held to assess the problem and to decide on the action necessary. If you can offer to help I would be delighted. Morag Crawley 01730 893429.

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Liss Christmas Fair - Wednesday, 9th December 2009

Our two village Christmas Trees will be lit up to set the scene for the Christmas Fair which is to be held on Wednesday 9th December. The Christmas Fair is now a well established festive event for everyone in the village. Our shops stay open late, local organisations run stalls in the street, and seasonal music is provided by Liss Band, Liss Junior School & St Mary's Church choir.

The Triangle will again hold a Craft Fair together with a traditional offer of mulled wine and mince pies. Most importantly Santa will be in his grotto, there will be a children's fun fair and in the village hall a working model railway. Watch out for more details, including a fancy dress competition for all ages. If you would like to run a stall or participate in some other way please contact the Parish Council, Liss Community Centre or Lisa in Jade News.

Drivers please note: On Wednesday, December 9th Station Road will be closed between the Station and The Whistle Stop between 6.00pm and 8.00pm.

LPC community projects

Like London buses, you wait and wait and then several turn up all at once. So has it been with LPC community projects over the past six months. After the lengthy process of Council debate and decision, followed by the securing of funding, LPC has seen four projects completed that will improve amenities for residents; these are:

Replacement paving in the Village Centre. After years of complaints about uneven footpaths and trip hazards we are having the old unattractive tarmac pavements resurfaced with block paving that not only looks one hundred percent better but will also prove to be easier to maintain when repairs or new services need to be installed. We appreciate that there has been some disruption for traders, pedestrians and parking, but hope you will agree that it will have been worth it. It was a pity that Network Rail had no site engineer to attend after the first two weeks of the project – as this has caused the extensive delay to completion. LPC would like to thank Trevor How of HCC for the design, HCC Highways East for the works and especially the village traders for their patience and understanding. The project was funded by HCC Villages Initiatives Fund, EHDC and LPC.

Provision of Disabled Access footpath to play area at West Liss recreation ground. We are required by law to ensure that reasonable provision is made for disabled access to all our facilities. This is primarily aimed at ensuring access for disabled carers of children. The project now completes suitable access to all three of our play areas. Funding came from the Developers' Contribution Fund for Open Spaces.

New kissing gates and stream crossing at the Riverside Walk/10 Acre Field site. This project replaced the broken down stiles at both sides of 10 Acre Field with metal kissing gates for easier access as well as creating a firmer footpath. Also, we renewed the stream crossing linking the footpath across 10 Acre Field to the Riverside Walk. The project was funded by grants from HCC Rights of Way – Countryside Access, EHDC & LPC. We would like to thank HCC, EHDC, Hampshire Probation Services for supplying the manpower and particularly Tony Grant for devising the scheme and overseeing the works.

Completion of a pedestrian footpath linking Farnham Road to Station Road. Hampshire Highways East have installed a new footpath that links Farnham Road to Station Road and also provided a drop kerb courtesy crossing in Station Road.

In addition we have some other projects coming to fruition; these are:

Enhancements to the Station Road entrance to the Riverside Walk. Tony Grant is to oversee a project to improve the entrance area to the walk. This will include new flower planters, a new bench, new signage, new bins and improved ground surfacing. Trees will also be thinned to improve light. Funding from HCC Rights Of Way – Countryside Access and Developers' Contributions Fund has been secured.

Regeneration of the Princes Bridge Allotment site. We are applying for grants from Local Food (lottery) and have secured Developer' Contribution funding to enable us to convert the run down allotment site at the end of Andlers Ash Road to usable plots in order to meet the huge increase in demand for allotments.

The pond at Newman Collard Playing Field. This is now going to have a management programme as outlined by the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust and we thank Gary Boller of the NCPF Trust who will be coordinating works. Look out for notices requesting volunteer workers.

Forthcoming Events at the Triangle

A diverse programme of fundraising events designed to appeal to young and old alike

If you would like to participate / buy tickets for any of these events please contact the office on 01730 301000

or [e-mail: info@liss-triangle-centre.org.uk](mailto:info@liss-triangle-centre.org.uk)

Saturday Morning Markets 17th October/ 21st November

Bookings are now being taken from interested stallholders

The annual Art Exhibition will take place from **Tuesday 27th October to Sunday 1st November**. If you would like to show your work but have not received an invitation please contact Clive Seymour on 01730 892696. e-mail seymourliss@tiscali.co.uk

Viewing times: Wed - Sat: 9.30am - 5.00pm, Sun :9.30am - 12.30 pm

Bridge Tea back by popular demand – the next Bridge Tea is scheduled for **Thursday 17th November** at 2pm
Tickets £7.50 - £30 per table – early booking is advisable.

An exciting new event for 2009 – Sing for your Supper will be held on **Saturday 5th December** at The Barn House, Greatham by kind permission of David and Wendy Self. This is the perfect pre-Christmas party with an opportunity to exercise your lungs! Ticket price - tba - to include a welcome drink and a 3 course Supper.

Shep Woolley at Liss Village Hall

The complete entertainer – with a winning smile, easy manner and numerous songs.

His unassuming chat and song introductions include anecdotes and clever one-liners while his music covers folk, country, rock and comedy. He is an international performer.

Friday 20th November 8.30pm (doors open 8.00pm) Drinks available

Tickets £7 (available from now from Parish Office, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 2pm)



Save £££ when you visit local attractions – Local Explorer card

As a follow on from our last issue, we are delighted to announce that you can now purchase the Local Explorer card from Liss Parish Council Office (located behind the Village Hall).

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

For just £5.00 buy 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

All the following attractions are giving 20% off the entrance price to card holders.

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

The Studio@TPS, Petersfield is giving 20% off ticket prices for their shows.

The Phoenix Theatre in Bordon is offering £1 off theatre tickets during their main season.

To find out more see www.easthants.gov.uk/localexplorer
or Tel: 01730 234066

East Hampshire District Council – Supporting local tourism

* Terms and conditions apply



Skate Bowl update

As mentioned at last month's council meeting, the working party including a representative from the Newman Collard Trustees has met and obtained 2 quotes from companies able to undertake ambient noise readings, but is still awaiting receipt of the 3rd quotation before placing the contract. Once these independent readings have been received and assuming that they are acceptable the situation regarding planning permission will be addressed with EHDC.

The working party will report on progress and ensure that residents are kept informed of developments.

Do you know of an outstanding tree?

It may be particularly old or big for its species or it may have wildlife or landscape value. It could have been the centre of great events or linked to a famous person. It could even be rare. It doesn't have to be a native tree; it could be an exotic or even a fruit or hedgerow tree.

Please submit the following information along with a photograph (electronic or print) to Liss Parish Council and we will then forward a maximum of 3 nominations to EHDC.

Your name

Your address

Your e-mail address (if available)

Name of tree / Species if known

Where is the tree? (please provide a post code or grid reference)

Details of the tree's owner

Do they know the tree is being nominated (Yes / No)

Description of your nominated tree and why it is special

EHDC intend to publish a booklet of the chosen trees and possibly produce a calendar featuring 12 of these trees. Entries will be judged by a panel of experts.

Council Meetings 2009

Parish Council Meetings

	Time	Oct	Nov	Dec
Council	7.30pm	19th	16th	21st
Planning	7.30pm	12th	9th	7th
Highways	7.30pm	5th		
Buildings	7.00pm		30th	
Grounds	7.45pm		30th	
Finance	7.30pm		2nd	

Councillor vacancies

LPC have councillor vacancies for both Liss and Liss Forest. Have you considered making a difference to our village by becoming a Parish Councillor? We try to do what is best for all our villagers by providing and improving facilities.

Councillors set the priorities for new council projects, review planning applications and ensure that the facilities provided by the council are maintained properly. These include the recreation grounds, allotments, village hall and play equipment.

The greatest representation of the whole community is achieved by having the widest variety of councillors from all walks of life including business people, women and younger villagers.

If you feel that you could contribute to the Parish Council, then why not find out more?

For an informal chat please contact the Chairman or the Parish Clerk on 01730 892823.

Allotments

Allotments have been in existence for many years and on a map of Liss, dated 1870, the Lower Green Allotments on Rake Road are identified as 'Allotments Gardens'. During this time an allotment was large and used to subsidize the family income by growing the food that they would not have been able to afford to buy.

Allotments today are smaller than in 1870 and have become popular for a number of reasons, including growing food the way you want to and perhaps not with some of the chemicals used by commercial growers, as a hobby, fresher produce than from the shops and reducing your 'carbon footprint'.

Allotments also have a social side; you cannot garden without talking to your neighbours on adjacent plots and to extend this aspect the allotment holders on Lower Green held a barbeque earlier this year.

All allotment holders in Liss have their plots assessed every few months by the Parish Council and are given points for various aspects and the holder with the highest points for the year is presented with an award. This year the winners were Alan and Carole Edwards who were presented with the award at the Liss Horticultural Society Summer Show by Roger Mullenger, Chairman of Liss Parish Council. In addition there were five people who received 'Highly Commended' certificates. (Mike Jordan, Allotment Users Group)

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