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RRW 2nd phase of works

Work is well under way to bring further improvements to the LPC section of Riverside Walk. The walk follows part of the old Longmoor Military Railway, dismantled in 1972 and now holds the status of a local nature reserve.

Liss Area Historical Society compiled a report showing how the railway used to look and expressed concerns that the remaining railway artefacts could be lost forever. LPC have aimed to be sensitive to the walks' historical importance and local nature reserve status, whilst improving the walk for today's user. It is hoped that work will be completed by the end of March and will comprise:

- tidying up the old platform building and returning it to its original state
- tree removal around the platform to stop damage to the structure
- planting bulbs and native shrubs around the platform
- removing the concrete buffer at the entrance from Station Road and replacing with an original steel buffer on a small length of track donated by the MOD
- the installation of several pieces of wooden activity equipment in the picnic area
- replacing the old fencing surrounding the allotment site with new fencing and a native hedge.

Following improvements made to ground conditions at the entrance in 2010, LPC hope to source funding to continue these improvements as far as the picnic area.

Work is possible thanks to the very kind donation of turf from the Turf Centre Ltd at Ham Barn, and continued support from Liss Conservation Rangers, Tony Grant from Liss Forest Residents Association and the Community Payback Team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the Parish Office on 892823.



Station shelter nears completion

The final stage of the refurbishment of Liss Rail Station is now almost complete. Contractors have been on site since mid January constructing the new shelter on Platform 2 (the platform for trains towards Petersfield and Portsmouth). The new shelter will provide seating and some shelter from the weather when the main booking office / waiting room is closed.

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Newman Collard Playing Fields Trust

The beautiful, green and much used Playing Fields in the centre of the village are regularly used by many villagers every week. The pavilion and grounds are owned and run by a Trust and we are looking for more Trustees to help us keep and run this wonderful facility.

Would you help us? Whilst skills in your 'Day Job' may be invaluable to the Trust, we are mainly looking for enthusiastic and willing people who want to 'do something for my village'. Today's Trust is made up of 5 independent Trustees, 3 Liss Parish Council Trustees and a representative Trustee each from the four user groups.

The Trust has full ownership and management responsibility of the whole site and we meet monthly throughout the year to manage any issues arising and to make sure the Trust is fulfilling its duty to provide facilities for all villagers to make recreational use of the site.

As a management committee we have all the legal responsibilities that go with the commitment of any Trustee to a Charity, but some of the monthly issues we may have to deal with might include rent issues with users, requests from users about their use of the site or one-off requests to use the facilities, dealing with Tennis Court resurfacing or special football pitch maintenance jobs, vandalism, paying bills, repairing windows, keeping abreast of Health and Safety issues and any variety of events including an annual pond clearance (along with a good cup of coffee)!

The Trust has full control of the Pavilion and Playing Fields and the decisions of what goes on here; however, we do have a Service Level Agreement with Liss Parish Council who undertake responsibility for the upkeep and general maintenance of the grounds as well as the provision of play equipment. The Trust always aims to work in partnership with LPC to benefit the village.

Please do consider joining our team – it is a very rewarding and worthwhile cause. We wouldn't want to lose this wonderful village facility. Please contact Dorothy (Chair) on 893131 or Gary (Secretary) on 893046 to register your interest.



Village Day 2011

This will take place on Saturday 4th June at 2.00pm on the Newman Collard Playing Field. The event is being organised by the NCPFT committee - contact Dorothy Collard on 893131.

Newman Collard Tennis Courts

Courts can be booked at Jade News, Station Road at a very reasonable fee i.e. Adults £3.00 per hour and Young persons (under 18yrs of age) £1.50 per hour plus a refundable deposit for the key.

2010 Christmas Fair

Although the weather was against us we managed to erect the two Christmas trees kindly donated by Harris Caravans and have them lit by the evening of December 8th for the Liss Christmas Fair. The evening was very cold but this didn't deter the large numbers of residents of all ages who joined in the festive fun. Once again we were delighted to have Liss Band, the children of Liss Junior School and a choir organised by "Liss Churches Working Together" providing music to bring alive the spirit of Christmas. For the children, Father Christmas's grotto was in the Whistle Stop bowling alley, and fairground rides were in their car park. We had two dance groups: "Boppins" and a modern jive group, performing in the Village Hall and alongside this there were model trains. For everyone, eating and drinking opportunities abounded in the shops and from the many stalls in the street. The Triangle was packed with people taking the opportunity to stock up early on Christmas gifts from a wide variety of craft stalls. So very many local residents, organisations and businesses contributed to the success of the evening that it is quite impossible to mention each one by name – but on behalf of all Liss residents we say a massive "Thank You" to everyone who helped to provide the whole community with such an enjoyable evening.

Plans are already taking shape for this year – so please put **Wednesday, 7th December** into your 2011 diaries now. Also, on Friday, 2nd December we intend to have the carol singing to celebrate the lighting of our two village Christmas Trees, which due to snowy weather could not happen in 2010.

If you have any suggestions or would like to be more involved we should like to hear from you. Please contact Liss Community Association, Liss Parish Council or Jade News.

A new face in Liss

Liss now has a new beat officer Pc Andy Smith who replaces Pc David Longden-Thurgood. He will be working alongside our PCSO Almy Toogood. Andy has been a Hampshire officer for over 11 years and is thrilled to be joining the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Petersfield. Andy can be contacted by calling 08450 454545 or by e-mail on andrew.smith.1486@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Our PCSO Almy Toogood will be holding Police Beat Surgeries at The Triangle on the following Saturdays:

2/04/2011 between 10.00 - 12.00hrs

30/04/2011 between 10.00 - 12.00hrs

28/05/2011 between 10.00 - 12.00hrs

25/06/2011 between 10.00 - 12.00hrs

Please drop in to discuss any crime or anti-social behaviour issues you have with her. You can leave a message for Almy by calling 08450 454545.



It is essential that all crime or antisocial behaviour is reported. Please use the relevant number that meets the situation as shown on the poster (courtesy of EHDC.)

The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee – 2nd to 5th June

LPC will be considering the most appropriate way for Liss to celebrate this truly historic occasion and would like to invite individuals and organisations who have suggestions, or would like to become involved to get in touch. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Road Safety Initiative – Older Driver Skills Scheme

Hampshire County Council is promoting an Older Driver Skills Scheme, offering help and advice that will enable people to get the most from driving, and continue driving for as long as they are fit to do so. For more information please call the road safety office on 01962 846100 or e-mail

road.safety@hants.gov.uk

Confused about who to call?

Reporting

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

in East Hampshire

Urgent Crime 999

Report an emergency. Violence or threats of violence. Danger to life.
A crime in progress or offenders committing crime have recently been disturbed.
A road accident where people are injured, or that has badly affected traffic.

Non-urgent Crime 101

Report a crime or anti social behaviour which is non urgent. For example - you discover that your car wing mirror was damaged during the night.

CrimeSTOPPERS 0800 555 111

If you don't want to talk to the police and want your identity protected. Calls to the charity are anonymous, free and neither captured nor recorded.

Safer Neighbourhood Police 101

General enquiries. Contact your local safer neighbourhood officer. To find out when your local safer neighbourhood officer is next on duty.

Environmental Nuisance 01730 266551

Report Noise, Litter, Fly-tipping, Abandoned vehicles, Dog fouling or Graffiti.



Parish Council website refurbishment

We are currently giving the Liss Parish Council website

(<http://www.lissparishcouncil.gov.uk>) a bit of a makeover. While we are using the exercise to ensure all information is up to date, we would also like to ask you for your suggestions as to what additional items you would like to see on the website. Suggestions we have already include a Twitter feed and a Facebook page, but what else would you like to see?

Please send your suggestions to Andrea Mann (lisscouncil@aol.com). We can't promise that we will be able to implement all of your suggestions but we do want to hear all of your ideas.

Liss Parish Council Precept for 2011/12

At its meeting on Monday 20th December 2010 Liss Parish Council set a precept of £143553 for the 2011/12 financial year; a rise of £1406 over 2010/11. As the housing stock in Liss has increased by 25 houses the charge per band D dwelling will be £55.26 the same as for the 2010/11 year. Parish Clerk, Dick Bowery, said that LPC appreciated the present economic difficulties and had worked hard to achieve this zero percentage rise for residents without effecting the services provided.

Local Elections 5th May 2011

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Being a councillor is one of the best ways to serve your community. Anyone can stand for election provided they are over 18 and live or work in the area. There is no need for special qualifications. Councillors are elected from all walks of life.

If you would like to put yourself forward for election as a councillor and would like advice and information please contact Hampshire Association of Local Councils on 02380 263438 or visit www.hampshire-alc.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

8.00pm on Wednesday 16th March

in Liss Village Hall. All villagers are invited to attend and have the opportunity to raise items of concern.

South Downs National Park

As from 1st April 2011 the SDNP takes on its statutory planning responsibilities and becomes fully operational so it will be able to work with partners to fulfil the purposes of the National Park which are:-

1. To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area
 2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Park's special qualities by the public.
- In carrying out its role, the Authority has a duty to: Seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the communities living within the National Park.

LPC has had an initial meeting with some of the SDNP Authority to find out how it anticipates involving communities, groups and individuals in shaping the future of the park. Initially they are setting up a Local Access Forum which will advise the Authority on how best the public can access the South Downs.

Within the next 3 years the SDNPA will be producing its management plan which is a policy document and they will be needing community input to formulate this.

The SDNPA has 400 volunteers within the park and is looking to link with other volunteer organisations.

The Authority will also be launching a small grants scheme to provide matched funding to local organisations that deliver the 2 purposes and duty of the SDNP.

Liss by way of its railway station and closeness to the A3 could be considered as a "gateway to the SDNP" and LPC will be having a further meeting with the Authority to highlight our aspirations for Liss and we would like your input as to what these are and how we can influence the Park in our area. Please contact the Parish Clerk.

For more information on all aspects of the SDNP visit their website at www.southdowns.gov.uk

Liss will be celebrating the launch of the South Downs National Park by officially opening the 3 replacement wooden bridges along the Riverside Railway Walk, and it has been confirmed that Margaret Paren Chairman of the SDNPA will be opening the bridges at 10.00am on 1st April. Further information will be available in the local press nearer the time.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

	Time	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug
Council	7.30pm	21st	18th	16th	20th	18th	
Planning	7.30pm	7th	4th	3rd & 31st	27th	25th	22nd
Highways	7.30pm		11th			11th	
Buildings	7.00pm	14th			13th		
Grounds	7.45pm	14th			13th		
Finance	7.30pm			9th			1st
Annual Parish Meeting	8.00pm	16th					

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