

The latest news from Liss and Liss Forest
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New faces at Liss Parish Council

We have some new faces at the Parish Council.



We are very pleased to welcome Liane McDonald as a new Parish Councillor - Liane is already providing excellent input to Parish Council decision making.



We are also pleased to welcome Frances Cook as our new Administrative Officer in the Parish office. Amongst other duties, Frances will be looking after allotment rents and village hall/pavilion bookings.

East Hampshire Boundary Review



The Boundary Commission for England are currently conducting a review into the boundaries for council wards within East Hampshire District Council, and the number of councillors required per ward.

Liss is currently represented by two District Councillors, while Liss Forest is represented by one, as part of the Hangers and Forest ward which also includes Greatham, Hawkley and Empshott.

There will be two rounds of public consultation, from 23rd May 2017 until 31st July 2017 and from 14th November 2017 until 15th January 2018. Details of how to participate in the public consultation will appear in the local press.

Any changes to ward boundaries will take effect from the next full East Hampshire District Council elections in May 2019.



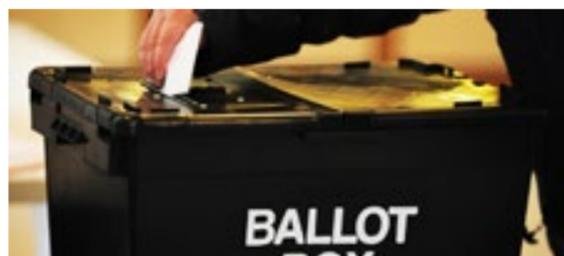
COUNCIL TAX RISE - 11p per week

No one likes to see an increase in Council Tax, but for small councils like ourselves who do not have the large capital reserves of District and County Councils, funding large capital projects is only possible by increasing our share of the council tax.

This year we are planning to provide new accessible toilets in the Village Hall, together with funding to support a loan to finance construction of the much needed new Liss Pavilion.

Together, these have required us to increase your Council Tax by 11p per week for a band D property.

We hope that you will agree that in return for the supply of such excellent facilities, 11p per week represents a really good investment.



Thursday 4th May - Hampshire County Council Elections

Vaughan Clarke, our current Hampshire County Councillor is not standing for re-election. The candidates for this election are:

Louise Bevan - Liberal Democrat
 Malcolm David Bint - UK Independence Party
 Peter Grant Bisset - Green Party
 Howard Jeremy Linsley - Labour Party
 Russell Julian Oppenheimer - Conservative Party
 Steve Whiting - Justice and Anti-Corruption Party

Polling stations open from 7am - 10pm at Liss Village Hall and the Evangelical Church in Liss Forest.

Presentations were made at the Annual Parish Meeting, held in Liss Village Hall on Wednesday 15th March 2017

VILLAGER OF THE YEAR

Sandra Berriman named villager of the year 2017

Sandra Berriman was awarded the villager of the year trophy for 2017 for her varied charitable and community activities in Liss and Liss Forest, principally her involvement with Liss Heart Trust which has provided 3 defibrillators for public use.

John Neilan and Bob Perry were presented with certificates (photos below) in recognition of their work with the Liss Conservation Rangers.



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SHEDS ARE LOCKED



There have been a number of thefts of garden equipment, chainsaws and quad bikes across the parish in recent months.

Police advice is to ensure your shed is locked with a sturdy padlock, that if the shed has windows, valuable items are stored out of sight, and for quad bikes and ride on mowers, ensure they are fixed to the shed structure using a sturdy chain and lock.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VILLAGE AGENTS



Age Concern Hampshire's team of highly-trained Village Agents work in rural communities across the county, signposting people to the information they need on issues such as day care, foot care, benefits, company at meal times, transport for shopping and medical appointments and finding reputable tradespeople to help you.

To contact our local village agent, **Ray Betsworth**, please call **01730 892587**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



Cllr Roger Hargreaves (right) is pictured receiving his Special Recognition Award at the Annual Parish Meeting from Cllr Budden and Vice Admiral Sir John Dunt KCB.

The award was presented to Roger in recognition of the many thousands of hours of work he dedicated to completing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Read more about the Liss Neighbourhood Plan on pages 6 and 7.

BRIGHTENING UP THE STATION WAITING ROOM



Liss railway station will have a bright new look later this year, with the help of the Crossover Centre and the East Hampshire Rail Partnership, supported by the South Downs National Park and East Hampshire District Council.

A number of bright murals will be painted within the station, one by an artist commissioned by the National Park, and the others with artwork created by young people from the Crossover Centre

LISS IN BLOOM

Springtime is a wonderful time of year and promises us warmer days and lighter evenings as we wave winter goodbye. Last autumn we managed to plant a large number of crocuses as shown in the photo and we would like to say a big thank you to the small number of volunteers who plant and tend the various flower beds around our village.



With summer ahead we would like to do more -

- More floral colour in the planters outside Tesco
- More welcoming flowers at the entrances to the village
- More hanging baskets in the centre of the village
- More flowers around the station
- More flowers around the Community Centre

To do this well we will need more volunteers to offer their help and would welcome funding support from local businesses and organisations to sponsor beds and baskets.

If you would like to volunteer or are a business and would like to donate please contact Frances Cook in the parish office:
01730 892823 e mail: admin@lissparishcouncil.gov.uk

LISS OPEN GARDENS DAY SUNDAY 25th JUNE 2017 11 AM - 5 PM

Following on from the Liss in Bloom theme, the Liss Open Gardens Day, organised by the Triangle Centre, offers a great chance to view more than 15 gardens who are throwing open their gates to give you a chance to look around.

A route map, showing the location of all gardens taking part, is available for just £5. Why not give your feet a rest and buy a hop-on, hop-off minibus ticket for £2 too.

The Triangle Coffee Bar will be open all day for refreshments

Route Maps and minibus tickets are available from the Triangle Centre office.



JUDY MEDHURST THANKED AT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Many people will be aware that for a great number of years Judy Medhurst has had annual open days at her garden, often to raise funds for the British Red Cross.

Fewer may be aware that Judy has also lovingly nurtured the plants along the verge between Liss Village Hall and the Whistle Stop.

In recognition of all of her hard work, Judy was presented with a certificate of thanks by Parish Council Chairman Keith Budden.



NEWMAN COLLARD TENNIS CLUB

Newman Collard Tennis Club welcomes new members of all standards. The club has a wide range of activities planned for Summer 2017, culminating in a Bright Ideas in Tennis day on September 2nd which will see Davis Cup players in an exhibition match. The Davis Cup players will also provide a coaching session for adults and children.

The three tennis courts are available for public use. Please book via Jade News or see the club website at <https://newmancollardtennis.wordpress.com> for details of booking times.

CRICKET CLUB READY FOR SEASON AHEAD

Liss Cricket Club are prepared for a busy season of cricket at their ground at West Liss.

They extend a warm welcome to new players (both male and female).



This year's Village Day event will be held at the Newman Collard Playing fields from Noon until 4:30pm on Saturday 20th May. Please come along and support your local charities

LISS VILLAGE DAY 2017



CROSSOVER ACTIVITIES

The Crossover Youth Centre has a wide range of activities planned for the Easter, Half-Term and Summer Holidays, together with their regular weekday evening meetings and tennis sessions at the Newman Collard Tennis Courts on Monday evenings after school.

For further details, give them a call on **01730 892981**

Our long term plan to provide a new pavilion (incorporating a replacement Scout hut) continues...

LISS PAVILION UPDATE

Final plans move a step closer with a meeting with SDNP planners

Action has continued over the winter to bring the long awaited Liss Pavilion scheme to fruition.

Following public consultation events held at Liss Village Hall, and subsequent consultation at the Liss Infant School Christmas Fair and the Christmas late night shopping evening, a clear 'favourite' has emerged from the possible building styles.

While nothing is yet 100% set in stone, representatives from the Pavilion Committee have met with SDNP planners who have confirmed that the new design principles are acceptable to the National Park. Further consultation will now take place on the desired floorplan for the building.



The new building will be constructed from a number of modules built off-site in the factory of our chosen supplier.

This has three benefits, a faster build time on site, simpler foundations, and as a result of both of these, significantly reduced cost.

Our consultation has indicated support for the Parish Council obtaining a loan from the Public Works Loans Board to fill the gap between our existing reserves for the project and the eventual build cost.

Our calculations indicate that the loan repayments will result in an increase in our precept (council tax) of approximately 20p per week per band D property (from April 2018) for the next 20 years. The majority of parishioners consulted are in favour of this approach to enable delivery in a timely fashion.



KEEP YOUR HEDGE TRIMMED

With the arrival of warmer weather, all of our gardens spring into life.

If you have a hedge on your property which borders either the pavement or a road junction, please keep your hedge trimmed so that pedestrians do not have to walk in the road and sight lines for road junctions are maintained.



NEW HOME FOR DUCKS

There has been some new development in Liss in the last few weeks - the ducks who live on the Newman Collard pond now have a lovely new home!

The old duck house was damaged in the floods of winter 2013 and has never quite recovered. It will be removed from the pond when the breeding season is over.



LISS GREATHAM AND HAWKLEY FRIENDSHIP FUND

The Liss, Greatham and Hawkley Friendship Fund is a small local charity which provides grants to local individuals and families in times of hardship.

If you, or someone you know, has fallen on hard times, please contact the fund trustees on 01730 888888 and see if they can help.

Lissvillage neighbourhood plan



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Liss Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the South Downs National Park for approval.

The SDNP have carried out the required public consultation exercise and have now submitted the plan to an independent examiner who will check the soundness of the Neighbourhood Plan.

As Village Voice goes to press, we are waiting to hear whether the examiner will wish to hold a public inquiry into the plan.

Once the examiner has completed his work, it is hoped to put the plan to a village referendum in the Summer of 2017.



LISS FOOD BANK

The Liss Food Bank is open on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm until 4pm at the Triangle Centre, Liss (please use side door).

If you need urgent help outside of these hours, please contact Annie on 01730 300659, Sue on 01730 300921 or Angie on 01730 890073



NEW INFORMATION BOARD UNVEILED

In conjunction with the South Downs National Park and the East Hampshire Rail Partnership, a new information board has been unveiled outside of the front entrance of Liss railway station.

For visitors to the area using the railway station, the board provides lots of useful information on the local area, together with a map showing suggested walking and cycle routes.

In the coming weeks it is hoped that a new sign will be in position giving directions for visitors on how to access the Shipwright's Way from the railway station.

A smaller copy of the information board should soon be in place at the Triangle Centre and hopefully the local schools too.

THE SPIRIT OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Spirit of Music Festival returns to Liss for its fourth year.

Events kick off with a concert by local band, Flight Brigade at St Peter's Church, West Liss on Friday 28th April 7pm.

Saturday 29th April sees the official opening promenade by Liss Band at the Triangle Centre, Liss at 2pm - admission free.

The evening of Saturday 29th April sees Swing and Dance at St Mary's Church, West Liss, to the sounds of the Havant Clarinet and Saxophone Band and the Joel Knee Jazz Combo.

Further concerts follow through until Sunday 7th May - see <https://www.spiritofmusicfestival.org.uk> for more details



TAKE THE LEAD

The South Downs National Park have launched their Take The Lead campaign, aimed at promoting responsible dog walking, and in particular encouraging dog owners to keep their dogs on leads around livestock and wildlife and to dispose of dog poo responsibly. Go to <http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/takethelead> for more details.



GOT A POWER CUT? CALL 105

If you have a power cut, there is now just one number to call - 105.

Calling 105 will connect you to the control room for your electricity supplier, so now there is just one number to remember in a power cut.

LISS PARISH COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

| 2017 MEETING DATES | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| COUNCIL - 7.30pm | 18 | 15 | 19 | 17 | | 18 | 16 | 20 | 18 |
| PLANNING - 7.30pm | 3 | 2&30 | 26 | 24 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 11 |
| HIGHWAYS - 7.30pm | | 22 | | 10 | | | | 27 | |
| BUILDINGS - 7.00pm | | | 12 | | | 11 | | | 4 |
| GROUNDWORKS - 7.45pm | | | 12 | | | 11 | | | 4 |
| FINANCE - 7.30pm | 24 | | | 31 | | | 6 | | |
| LISS PAVILLION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 7.00pm | 12 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 |

All meetings are open to the public to attend. If you wish to do so, you will be very welcome



We currently have vacancies for two Parish Councillors

If you are interested in joining us, please pop into the Parish Office (behind the Village Hall) or call 01730 892823 for more information.

Parish Councillors are unpaid, but the role is very interesting and rewarding.



SAVE THE TEMPLE INN

As the Temple Inn has ceased trading and has been placed on the market by its owners, Fuller's Brewery, the Parish Council have submitted an application for the Temple Inn to be registered as an Asset of Community Value. If you believe the Temple Inn is worth saving, please sign the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/keith-budden-save-our-temple-inn>

There is now a 6 month window for those who wish to save the pub to work on a development plan. You can help the team by completing the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZR2JPQG>

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 GARDENS INN LISS MEETING
 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARISH PLAN
 TEMPLE VILLAGER YEAR**

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