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The Autumn 2015

Litter Pick

Help keep our
village tidy



Date: Saturday 10th October

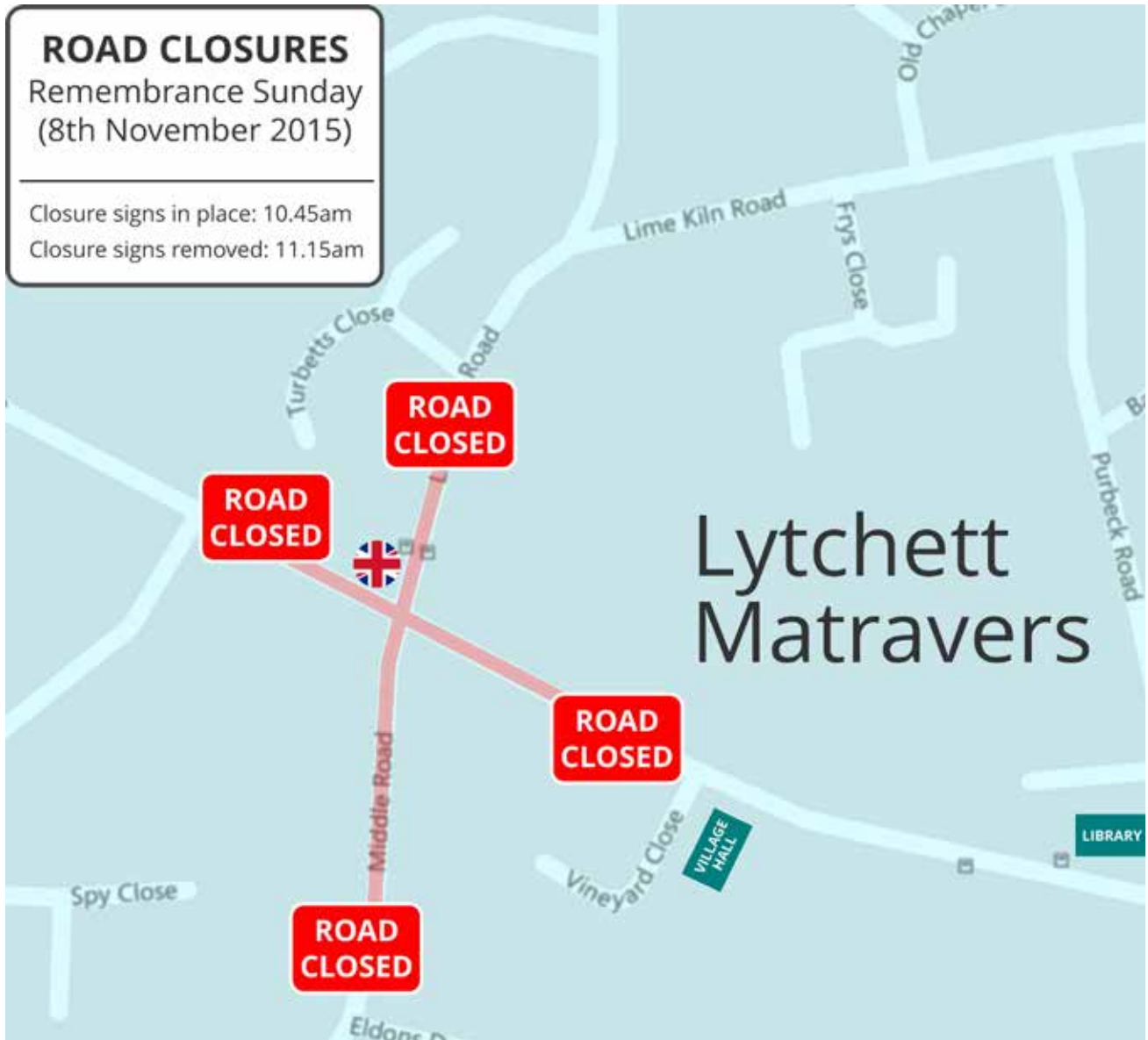
Time: 10am

Meet: The recreation ground car park (village hall end)

Our regular Litter Picks are making a difference and increasingly some residents routinely litter pick as they go about their daily routines. Needless to say, we need to keep battling against

the litter bugs so please join us on Saturday 10th October at 10am. Safety guidance will be given and we have a supply of High-Vis vests and Litter Pickers to issue but use your own if you have them. Bring your own gloves.

Remembrance Service



Last year 500 to 600 people - attended the service at the War Memorial. This number of villagers coming together to remember is a great credit to the village.

However concerns have been raised about the increasing

dangers posed by so many people gathering at the higher cross roads without any control of the traffic. This year the Parish Council has arranged for the roads to be closed during the gathering at the war memorial. **John Taylor**

The PURBECK FILM FESTIVAL

Comes to Lytchett Matravers for the 5th Successive Year
Saturday 24 October - doors open at 7.00 pm

Ghost

starring Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze

Licensed bar and raffle in aid of the Village Hall
Development Fund

This Year's Festival Theme is LOVE
and runs 16 - 31st October
the full programme can be found at
www.PurbeckFilm.com

CHANGE OF VENUE

All Parish Council meetings are being held in the Methodist Church, Wareham Road with immediate effect. Please note that meetings now start at 7pm rather than 7.30.

Do Dogs and Farms Mix?



On Post Green Farm we always try to welcome people. However, over the past few years the amount of people walking and riding over our farm has got completely out of hand. It would be lovely to say this doesn't matter, but unfortunately it does. In the stretch of hedge line along Halls Road leading to Bulbury Lane, there are 7 gaps forced through by walkers and horse riders and across the Home Harm there appears to be a well trodden route from the end of Deans Drove. Here is why it matters:

1) We have had cattle abort from neospora, a parasitic worm which cattle get from eating grass where a dog has defecated. We lost three calves at seven months gestation last year.

2) Natural England want us to keep six metres on the edges of fields in a wild and uncultivated state. This is to allow ground nesting and hedge line birds, insects and small mammals to thrive. Dog walkers, horse riders and even those without a dog completely defeat this attempt to make wildlife havens.

3) Gates are found open, fences damaged and this means if there are animals in the fields, they are not safe. This year we had 16 black Angus cattle escape onto the Huntick Road in the night. £2,000 of damage was caused to cars which were hit by

cattle. My family herded the frightened cattle back into the field in the pitch dark. It was nerve racking and dangerous. In 2014, a calf was chased onto the Blandford Road by a dog and was hit by a car. Calf and car driver were uninjured, but this accident was attended by both police and an ambulance and could just have easily have been a fatal accident.

I am a 'townie' born and raised in Sheffield and I completely understand the desire to get into the open countryside and have a lovely walk. I am a supporter of Natural England and their insistence that any new house building comes with a dedicated dog walking area and a network of footpaths. I wish we could welcome all comers on the farm, but we simply cannot do this. I hope I have explained why. To end on a positive note there are a network of fantastic footpaths and bridleways which I would urge people to use.

Thank you for your understanding,

Clare Lees, local farmer.

Broadband in Lytchett Matravers

Residents experience a variety of internet speeds from less than 0.5 mbs on many 01929 numbers to much higher figures on the other exchanges serving Lytchett.

Speeds available will increase due to investment by BT Openreach who own the phone lines. Government funding is subsidising improvements so that 95% of households and businesses will have access to speeds over 20 Mbps. The other 5% will get at least 2mbs.

Details of the work being done, when and where and what is happening in any specific location can be accessed through Superfast Dorset at www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast

Some people may not be able to get the speeds they require and will need to think in terms of mobile or satellite broadband. Businesses can access government grants. To access the higher speeds speak to your internet service provider. Charges for a faster service may be greater.

Peter Webb



Chairman's Update



"In recent years, for whatever reason, the nature of the Remembrance Service at the village war memorial has subtly changed - no parade and less military involvement, but much greater attendance by the public... Last year I estimated that at least 500 people - possibly as many as 600 - attended"

So said Adrian Russell, chair of Churches Together in the village, when he petitioned the parish council to make an official application for a temporary road closure around the war memorial at the Higher Crossroads. After a meeting of the stakeholders and conversations with Tesco, and the bus company, an

application to DCC Highways Department was made. At the time of writing this application was still being considered but this will serve as early notice of some disruption on November 8. For those who attend we hope the road closure will take some stress out of the situation.

If you feel you could help for a few minutes on the day with collecting for the Poppy Appeal or stewarding the road closures please email me at: martyn@colvey.tv

Martyn Colvey Chairman, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

More dogs...

Dog fouling is a special area of concern in our village – and is clearly a very emotive subject. It is essential that owners are very vigilant and always clear it up and dispose of it in one of the many bins specially provided for that purpose. Not only is it very unpleasant, it is also dangerous. The Parish Council receives a lot of comments and complaints each year regarding this issue and it is evident that residents feel particularly strongly about it. The Council considers the matter to be particularly important - and it is up to every member of the community to help stop it. Dog waste is associated with a number of diseases including Toxocariasis. Toxocara is a roundworm commonly found in dogs, and almost all

puppies. Eggs from the roundworm are found in dog waste, and can pose a health risk if they come in contact with the mouth. The parasite can cause stomach upsets, a sore throat, asthma and in some cases, blindness. In areas where food is grown, such as gardens and allotments, dog waste presents a particularly high risk because the eggs remain active in the soil for years. Long after any dog waste has weathered away - so the risk is not always obvious. For this reason, the popular argument put forward by some dog owners that it can safely be left to "nature" to take care of in rural places simply don't hold up. **Tim Watton Parish Clerk**

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Time Table of Full Council Meetings

Monday 19th October

Monday 16th November

Monday 21st December

Monday 18th January

Monday 15th February

Meetings will normally take place at Methodist Church, Wareham Road commencing at 7.00pm.

Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council notice boards and website.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend all meetings and some time is allowed at the commencement of the meetings (i.e. Immediately after 7.00pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

Lytchett Matravers website...

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