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Village Fayre Success

The First Fayre was held on the Recreation Ground in the centre of Lytchett Matravers recently. The atmosphere was wonderful, and everyone that came had a great time. Several local organisations in the village came together to provide a vibrant and entertaining means of raising money for various charitable causes. Alongside these stalls were food, fun and games. The Parish council supported this new Fayre with a grant, and we were also there on the day with our new Gazebo. Cllrs John and Julie had a lovely afternoon meeting the villagers. Our thanks to all concerned, and we look forward to a bigger and better fayre next year…

John Taylor

The new fayre was well attended and was great fun for young and old alike.

Lytchett Link
Your village needs you!

There is a growing need for us to get together as a community and develop our neighbourhood plan. This is an initiative from the government which will replace the Parish Plan and allow us to have a say in the future look and development of our village until 2027. The neighbourhood plan has a legal basis and, once adopted, has to be recognised and followed by Purbeck District Council. As a result, it means that we automatically receive more funds from developments as Section 106 is replaced by the 'Community Infrastructure Levy'. This means a direct payment to the community from every new development and can be worth many thousands of pounds.

In order to avoid having large developments foisted upon us, we must allow for growth of Lytchett Matravers. Some growth is already planned at Huntick Road, which was agreed a couple of years ago and means that we will take a share of the local housing need. It is crucial that the community take this opportunity to declare their collective view of the level and type of development we wish to see. This development includes housing and community assets, such as the library, the village hall, youth facilities and sport opportunities.

We need your help. At the recent Village Fayre we were delighted that some of you agreed to help. We need more local residents with a range of knowledge and expertise to help drive the plan to fruition. Those of you who kindly volunteered recently, we will be in touch shortly, but if anyone else would like to be part of this project please contact any of us on the numbers on the back of this Link.

Julie Dyball

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Allotment Vacancies

Fancy growing your own fruit and veg this summer? It’s not too late to get your green fingers on one of our allotment plots and be up and running this season. Unusually, we have a very short waiting list and there are plots available to new applicants. Half plots are available for anyone who would like to just “test the water” this year. All allotments have access to a water supply and for just £32 a year you could be picking your own before you know it. For further information please contact Parish Clerk Tim Watton on 01202 624530

Julie Dyball
**VOLUNTEER PRESENTATION**

It was with great pleasure I was able to accompany Peter Ashton Ex Hon. Secretary of the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club, together with his Son and Grandson to the Annual Volunteer of the Year Event.

Peter was presented with a 'Scroll of Thanks' from Purbeck District Council Chairman in recognition of his long and dedicated work in support of the LM Sports Club.

Peter has worked so hard to get a new underground drainage system installed for the recreation playing field thereby enabling football to be played throughout the winter season, this project having now been completed - ‘Well done Peter’

Bob Miller Chairman

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**Litter Picking Flash Mob**

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting, several of you signed up to make yourselves available to “flash mob litter pick”. The idea is that we send out a text message if there is a problem with litter in area with a time and location.

You turn up, we provide a high-vis jacket and picker-uppers and many hands make light work. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to our community and maybe make some new friends whilst getting out in the fresh air. To sign up, contact contact councillor Martyn Colvey on martyn@colvey.tv or text me on 07768144915.  and we’ll add you to the list.

Julie Dyball

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**Village Hall Token Scheme**

Those of you who shop at Waitrose will be aware of their green token scheme, where shoppers are given tokens at the checkout to support a local charity.

In July Waitrose of Wimborne will be sponsoring our Village Hall through this scheme, so please hold onto your tokens until then. Alternatively there will be a collection box in the Village Hall entrance for the tokens.

Your Village Hall Committee works tirelessly and without remuneration to fundraise for the hall. They also clean, paint and generally improve the hall’s appearance in their own time. Any monies raised from this scheme will go towards the refurbishment of the toilet facilities. Please support them. Liz Wilson

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Councillors lead the way with a mini Flash mob, but we need more help so why not join in.

Village Hall Token Scheme

Village Hall is at the centre of village life. Please support your Village Hall Committee and help make sure it stays that way.

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**Chairmans’ Update**

It has been a while since the last issue of the LINK, but hope this copy will bring you up to date with all that the Parish Council has been doing recently.

The Council asked me to remain as Chairman for a third year, but I have said that this would be my last term. It is a tradition with this Council that chairman stand annually for a maximum of three years.

You will no doubt have appreciated from this copy, just what a successful year it has been in completing several of the very urgently needed village projects. Considering the present economic climate, it has been a remarkable achievement, battling against all the ‘Red tape’ and other bureaucratic obstacles that had to be addressed to complete the tasks. So I wholeheartedly give every member of ‘Team’ Council a very special, and well earned ‘Pat on back’ and THANKS.

The amount of time, and dedication Councillors continue to give to the Parish is rarely recognised. But when consideration that, unlike District or County Councillor’s, our Council Members receive no reward for their efforts, plus all the expenses that could be claimed, and are not, it demonstrates just how dedicated the team is. The only part time paid staff employed by this Council, is the Clerk and a Handyman (who is responsible for some basic weekly duties around the village)

We are still brimming with plans and targets to make life a little better for all who live in the community and the ‘team’ are focused on the tasks ahead.  

**Bob Miller**

**Lytchett Link Directory**

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Signatories: Chairman Bob Miller, Vice Chairman Alf Bush, Julie Dyball

**COMMITTEES**

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Finance and Policy Cllr K Norris (Chairman), Cllr Alf Bush (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Cokey, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr C Wood Planning Cllr J Dyball (Chairman), Cllr E Wilson, Cllr P Talbot, Cllr C Wood (Vice Chairman).

Notes: The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council are ex officio members of all committees.

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**County Councillor**

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Cllr Drane and Taylor hold a surgery first Friday of the month in the Library.

**Important Numbers**

Police Community Support Officers

PC 1813 Jonathan Stuart PCSO 5344 Luke Taylor 10/7825 521900

Only dial 999 if a life is in danger or a crime in progress

Purbeck District Council Carline (to report noise and other nuisances) 01299 545555

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**Time Table of Full Council Meetings**

Monday 18th June

Monday 16th July

Monday 20th August

Monday 17th September

Monday 15th October

Monday 19th November

Meetings will take place at the Lytchett Matravers Sports Club Hall Recreation Field commencing at 7.30pm.

Agendas are displayed on the parish notice boards and available on the website.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend all meetings and during full Council Meetings up to half an hour will be allowed at the commencement of the meeting (i.e. immediately after 7.30pm) for members of the public to raise matters of concern to them.

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