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Illegal Parking

We point the finger at LHFA Committee when others apparently transgress, but the reaction to Abandonment Notices on illegally-parked boats was irresponsible in some cases. LHFA was one step ahead of those who re-stuck their Notices on others' boats; every original posting had been photographed. But much time was wasted. Nevertheless, nearly all the offending boats suddenly disappeared!

This 'n That

- The maximum windspeed recorded in the Clubhouse in February was just 60mph - a good 'Storm 10' on the Beaufort scale.
- Nearly 50 French visitors from Lympstone's twin village Biéville-Beuville in northern France, will be with us on 29/31 May. Please practise your French on them if they appear in the Clubhouse. If anyone is prepared to take a French visitor(s) aboard for a sail or whatever, please contact Editor.
- The Editor's French guests, Jacques Bacconnier and his wife, Bernadette, once sailed their 24ft cruiser to Lympstone and berthed overnight 'leaning' on the jetty!
- **Club Race Officer** Training @ SYC. 4th April £10 drinks & lunch provided. Contact Tony Blackmore to join: Tel/ Fax 01392 420043 Mob 07977 512673

Diary Dates # = tickets != see noticeboard				
G Fr	9 Apr	0730	Cranning Afloat + Refreshments	
Mon	19 Apr		Dinghy park open	
Fri	23 Apr	1900	Capsize & MOB training	
Sun	2 May	1700	Dayboats & Dinghies - Spring Series 1	
Mon	3 May	1800	Cruisers - Kett Trophy 1	
Tue	4 May	1830	Cruisers - Kett Trophy 2	
Sat	8 May	0900	Cruisers - Smith Tankard 1	
Sun	9 May	0930	Dayboats & Dinghies - Spring Series 2	
Sun	15 May	1630	Dayboats & Dinghies - Spring Series 3	
Mon	17 May	1800	Cruisers - Kett Trophy 3	
Tue	18 May	1830	Cruisers - Jupp Salver 2	
Wed	19 May	1900	Cruisers - Kett Trophy 4	
Fri	21 May	1830	Dayboats to Turf - Fish & Chips Supper	
Sat	22 May	0800	Training / Cruisers _Chandis Cup	
Sun	23 May	0830	Training / Cruisers return	
Sun	30 May	1500	Dinghies & Dayboats Flotilla Event	

For Sale

Drascombe Dabber with road trailer & Mariner 4hp engine, £3500
phone 01395 271915

Plymouth Pilot 18' 1974

Classic estuary/coastal craft
10hp SABB diesel, cabin: £2500
Phone 01395 200441

Venford Walks

Leap Year Day: Daphne & Brian put on what might be thought of as 'The Ideal Walk' in spite of the 10am start! Brilliant sun & scenery passing ancient stone circles, stone walls and water channels contouring along the hillsides - the results of the efforts of Napoleonic POW's - a gentle four and a half miles before a well-organised lunch at Hexworthy, followed by another shorter scenic walk along the Dart valley for those who wished to walk off the effects of a fulsome meal. Personally, I would have fallen into a deep sleep after lunch had not the need to muster for the second walk arisen. Meticulous planning ensured that the event ran smoothly and to schedule with smiles and thanks all round.



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Chestnut Appeal Lunch

The biggest event since the Annual Dinner Dance took place in the Clubhouse on Sunday 22nd February. Forty seven people sat down to colourfully decorated tables and proceeded to devour a four-course meal with no trouble at all! Oh that the preparation had been so swift! The care and hard work Pat Giles & Richard had gone to showed in every detail and a jolly good meal it was too. Spicy soup and French bread, three-meat roast with a surplus of assorted vegetables provided by Pat and others, followed by home-made meringues, tarts, gateau and fruit salad. One needed tea or coffee to bed it all down!

An then it was Stan's turn to extract as much money from us in various ways. He even managed to take first prize, as quizmaster, just because there was a tie for first place! Amazing! Cunning strategy also allowed the generously given pile of raffle prizes to be distributed in short shrift. And then there was the Devonshire Dialect Quiz! Grockles beware! According to some born & bred locals, you shouldn't believe all you read in books, Stan!

Whilst the main plaudits justifiably went to Pat for her master-minding the whole event, she was quick to thank her group of 'girls' on the vegetable side, and Stan whose efforts on the raffle etc raised £100, whilst the whole event raised £335.

<i>Inside this issue:</i>	From Our Spanish Correspondent	
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Bar Maintenance

Operating the Bar is an important operation within Lymptone Sailing Club. It requires working within licensing laws, insurance requirements, being aware of forthcoming demand and so forth. Depending upon the individuals doing this, the team may be part of the General Committee or form a focused Sub-Committee.

Since before the AGM, the Club has been in need of a new bar maintenance person or persons. There are four Tasks related to the bar:

1. Manning the bar during Club activities
2. Dealing with cash generated by bar sales
3. Stocking, re-ordering and receiving deliveries & disposing of empties
4. Weekly cleaning of the bar pipework.

Tasks 1 & 2 are already done by a list of volunteers and the Treasurer respectively. Task 3 & 4 require one or more volunteers; in the past, these tasks were performed by one person, but this does not necessarily have to be so.

Task 3 is clearly to do with keeping a watch on stocks and being aware of upcoming Club events to order supplies appropriately.

Task 4 is a weekly job taking about 1 hour which entails disconnecting the pipework, attaching a cleaning supply, flushing through, and reconnecting to the three barrels.

If you are interested in offering your services to the Club, or just want to find out more of what the task(s) entail, please ring Martin Hebdige on 01395 275262

Moorings - Lymptone Fishing & Harbour Association

There are approximately 130 moorings at Lymptone under the control of the LFHA. The administration of the moorings is via an annual licence which permits the licensee to lay a mooring in a location suitable for the type and size of boat. The licensee is responsible for the good state of the mooring and to ensure it does not interfere with other boats. If the mooring is not maintained the licence can be withdrawn and the owner asked to leave the Association's property. The mooring is for the sole use of the licensee and may not be used by other persons without the permission of the LFHA.

Applications for moorings should be made in writing to the LFHA & it is the responsibility of the new licensee to lay a **new mooring** with chain suitable for the purpose. Owing to the demand for moorings, applications are restricted to those who live in Lymptone Parish.

Those licensees who wish to give up their moorings must inform the LFHA and their location may be reallocated to a new applicant. **Licensees may not give or sell the mooring to another person.** The mooring tackle should ideally be removed from the foreshore. To encourage licensees to remove old moorings their mooring application fee will be refunded if the tackle is presented on the slipway for the inspection by the Mooring Officer. Any queries should be sent to the Mooring Officer c/o LFHA.

Editor's Perch

• **WANTED** Newsletter deliverer(s) particularly for the top end of Longmeadow Road, lower Longmeadow Road and Church Road. Just a few deliveries near you would help. Please contact Editor or Christine Ashton.

Committee Matters

- The Committee welcomes new members Paul & Helen Dennison (Lymptone) and Paul Painter (Budleigh Salterton).

Dayboat Spuddle

Several dayboaters attended the Spuddle. Hot-off-the-website Sailing Programmes were issued but after discussion it was clearly too soon for people to make decisions about specific events. The group was almost equally divided between those who do and do not wish to race and this is already catered for in the Club Programme. There was also discussion about sailing outside the Estuary. As the Club would not be able to provide normal safety boat cover, any estuary trips would be done under owner only liability. Those who were unable to attend the Spuddle are asked to provide John Bennett with their contact details (including up-to-date e-mail), boat type and name etc.

Capsize & Man-Overboard Practice

You are reminded that a Capsize and Man Overboard theory and practical Training Session is scheduled for **April 23rd, mustering at 1900.**

Apart from dinghy sailors, we are particularly recommending that all members who will be using the Safety Boat this coming season try to attend. As an RYA training establishment we are mindful of the importance of the need to refresh our skills.

Dinghy Captain

Your Club is on the lookout for a Dinghy Captain to champion all aspects of dinghy sailors' activities. This is not a General Committee position, so those that dislike Committee work need not be put off. If however, you feel this could be too time consuming, Jeremy Chew would be pleased to have help with encouraging dinghy participation for specific events. Please talk to him on 01392 660426.

Woodbury Singers

Sixteen members and guests were thoroughly entertained by Mike Jeans with, on this occasion, a 5-male voice group accompanied by acoustic and bass guitar. Audience participation was encouraged on a range of familiar and unfamiliar sea shanties and seafaring songs. A very enjoyable evening for all who attended.

Under Milk Wood

A packed Clubhouse listened intently as the Lymptone Players skillfully read Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood, a play for voices. It consists of a day in the life of the Welsh community of Llaregyb (obvious anagram). It starts with the sleepy town and we hear the dreams of a colourful array of town's characters, who wake & go out into the day. The Play goes on until day's end - "the second dark time this one Spring day." The fallibility and idiosyncrasies of the various townspeople are described by Thomas in an affectionate irreverent humour with rich language & verbal imagery, which was enhanced by music and sound effects. An unusual entertainment in these surroundings but much appreciated nevertheless.

Storytellers

Jenny M, Harland and Brian R each gave us stories in different styles. From the far east and mythology to a local train-ride with Lymptone characters we were variously transported to another time and place. Another Welsh poet featured again too!

