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The 9th Steampunk and Pirate Gathering was a huge success. There was a marriage proposal from Kevin to Sandra (she said yes!), and Tim and Kelly renewed their vows. We send our congratulations and best wishes.

Over 200 riders and bikes came to the monthly Bike Night on 21 May raising money for LVC Fundraisers and South-West Blood Bikes. The next Bike Night is on Thursday 18 June.

Other recent highlights include the opening of the new boathouse, the Sailing Club Regatta, and Lynton Tennis Club achieved their goal to refurbish one of the courts.

On Sunday 14 June, the Lyn Valley Classic returns with over 400 vehicles expected this year, again raising money for local charities.

Congratulations to Lynton Cinema celebrating 25 years since it opened in June 2001. Where did that time go?!

The above events and those below depend on dedicated volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make this such a great community. And ..It's good to see St Mary's clock working again.

Coming up:

- L&L Cliff Railway summer markets start on 25 May then every Tuesday and Wednesday, weather permitting.
- 1 to 14 July: Lynton & Lynmouth Scarecrow Festival, *Movie Magic theme*
- 4 to 5 July: Brendon Open Gardens
- 17 July: Pleasure Dome Theatre returns to the Valley of Rocks with The Signalman. Book your seats early for a magical open air performance.

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NORTH DEVON COUNCIL NEWS

14 May 2026



Very recently the white-tailed eagle has started to be reintroduction to Exmoor, so keep your eyes open and you might spot one overhead. This project, led by Forestry England and the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation will add to its existing programme of releases on the Isle of Wight. Working with Exmoor National Park Authority 20 young eagles will be introduced over the course of three years. There is a lot of work going on with farmers and other stakeholders to support them in adapting to this species fledging on Exmoor once again.

You might not have heard of the People's Emergency Briefing; it's a 45 minute film about the unfolding climate crisis. Pretty dry stuff you might think, but you'd be wrong. I've seen it twice in the last three weeks, once in Barnstaple and once in Lynmouth. And it is fascinating. And it isn't all doom and gloom because there are relatively cheap and easy ways to mitigate the damage we are doing to our planet. Some little snippets I took away are:

- There will be harvest failures and severe food shortages.
- Climate crisis causes instability so wars will happen across the world, and the crises will cascade.
- One of our problems is that change creates winners and losers and the losers lobby government.
- A petrol car only uses about 25% of its energy to move, the rest is lost as heat. What a waste!

However, do not despair:

- Reaching net zero (that is stopping more greenhouse gasses being added to the atmosphere) would only cost the UK about £4 billion a year. That is far less than the cost of not reaching net zero.
- Over the last decade wind power generation has increased 3 times as much as predicted. Solar power has increased 15 times as fast as predicted.
- Half of China's power is now from 50% renewable sources, and half their cars are electric. So it can be done.

This film is being shown in thousands of communities across the country including dozens in the north of Devon. If you get a chance to see it I strongly recommend that you do because I have only scratched the surface and it is very easy viewing.

The Councillors' Surgery in May had to be cancelled because the Town Hall was book for a wedding, which is good because it helps meet the cost of keeping the building running. The next surgery is on 6 June. Unfortunately I'll be out of the country, but Adrian Hobbs the Mayor of Lynton will be there from 10am to midday. On 4 July it will be back normal, with me from 11am to 1pm and Adrian from 10-12. Remember, it the first Saturday of each month.

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STEAMPUNK & PIRATE GATHERING AT THE CLIFF RAILWAY 2026

Well what a day it was! A splendid array of costumes, live music and much more made Lynmouth and Lynton the place to be.

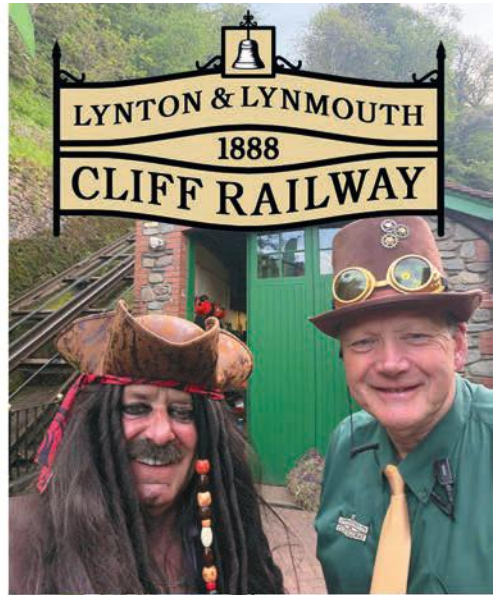
There was live music from Soulcraft, Piano Girl, Dynamix Choir, South Molton Town Band, Daz Handpans, Ali & Mart and the Lynmouth Shanty Crew. Fabulous dancing by Switch Frame, Lyn Line Dancers and Borderline Morris and other acts including Kevin & Sandra with Barrel Organ and Major Blunder.

Steam Engine rides from Young Buster and SS Freshspring, the Steampunk Parade, and in Lynton there was a Steampunk Dog Show and Market on the Garson House lawn.

Bonnie won an impressive trophy (made by Bernie the supervisor) for most outstanding costume of the day.

There was also love in the air! Not only was there a marriage proposal - congratulations to Kevin and Sandra getting engaged - there was also a renewal of vows too! Congratulations to Tim and Kelly.

Sandra and Kevin photo credit Jeremy Lamprell
Tim and Kelly photo credit Simon Ellery
Bonnie photo credit Robert Brooksbank



Best Steampunk Dog Winner





A message from the Mayor from Mayor Adrian Hobbs

Well that twelve months has passed very quickly. Whether I continue in my role as Mayor will have been decided at the main meeting at the end of May.

We have seen changes within the workforce and councillors. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire council workforce for their hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout the year. Your efforts, often behind the scenes, make a real difference to our community every day.

I would also like to acknowledge those who have only recently joined the team this past year – your contribution is already greatly valued.

While there remains a very small handful of individuals seemingly determined to bring discredit to the Council, I firmly believe they do not represent the views of the wider community. The overwhelming majority of residents continue to support the Council and recognise the hard work being carried out on their behalf every single day. We will never please everyone all of the time but rest assured any decisions we make we do so for the good of our community. We do have a vacancy for one more Councillor and will be looking to start the co-option process in June. If you would like to put something back into the community and can spare a few hours a month please consider applying.

Lyn Youth Club I was invited to attend a Youth Club evening at Holman Park recently and our young residents were having a great time. Whilst there I was able to present them with a cheque for £100 from my Mayor's allowance and I would like to give a huge well done and thank you to all the volunteers who help make their evenings such a success.

Lyn Tennis Club By the time you read this work should have started on resurfacing the tennis court. Well done to the club on raising the considerable money needed to carry out this project.

Coming up in June

Lyn Valley Classic Car Show - Sunday 14th

Bike Night - Thursday 18th (Manor Green)

Council Surgeries Cllr Patrinos will be away for the June surgery but I will be there between 10am - 12pm. in the Jubilee Room. if you have any questions or concerns.

Adrian

CLASSIC CARS
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Lyn Valley Classic
Sunday 14 June
2026

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NOW THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS — WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

The image is a promotional poster for the Lyn Valley Classic Car Show. It features a large green circular logo with the text 'Lyn Valley Classic Sunday 14 June 2026'. The background shows a variety of classic cars, including a red Mini, a blue classic car, and a white classic car. The text is overlaid on the image in various colors and fonts.

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We were also keen to raise awareness locally as well as to encourage donations. The final “push” was an enormous success, great fun for all who attended, and we raised enough money to reach our Crowdfunder target of £21k.

After extensive research, we are confident we have found an excellent contractor to do the work too, which is scheduled to start late May/early June.

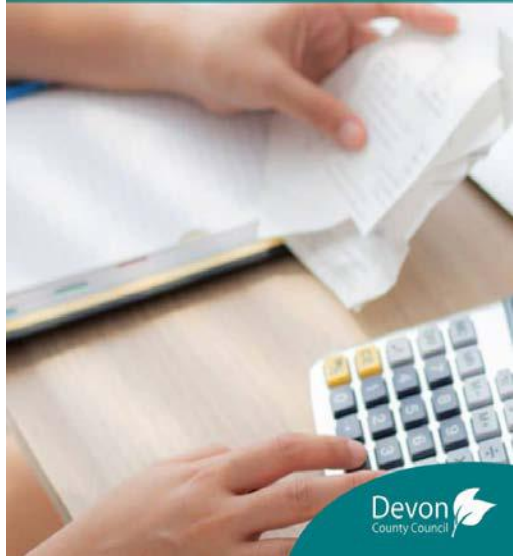
The committee would like to thank everyone who has made this possible. The support we have had from club members, people in the community and local businesses has been outstanding. We could not have done it without you all. We are confident the new court will be a great asset to Lynton and will be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the club, including membership, please look at our website, www.lyntennis.wixsite.com, or email us at lyntennisclub@gmail.com



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The opening ceremony of Lynmouth's brand new Boathouse on Sunday 10th May.

The boathouse idea originally came about following the untimely death of Gilbey Spice, a much loved and sorely missed local young man. Gilbey loved Lynmouth, the harbour and the sea and the money collected in his memory paid for a much needed safety boat for use in and around the harbour. It was quickly realised somewhere would be needed to house the rescue boat and all the associated kit.

Heartfelt thanks to the many local tradesmen who put their time and skills into the construction and to the people who volunteered their time to putting the final touches in place.

Meg Piper

1. *The Lynmouth Shanty Crew who have made a not inconsiderable contribution to the fundraising efforts to build the boathouse, who could obviously not resist singing a few more shanties and passing the bucket round, thanks to all who donated.*

2. *Mayor, Adrian Hobbs cutting the ribbon, ably assisted by Livvy Wilde, Mariella Glover and Henry Wakeham, all who are descendants of seafaring families of the twin villages.*

3. *An aerial shot of the front of the building taken as Shanty Man Tony Piper was giving an introduction to the day.*

4. *Our very eloquent Town Crier Daniel Day-Robinson giving it full volume, announcing the ceremony.*

5. *A small section of the Appledore Brass Band who provided very fitting musical accompaniment to a very special day.*

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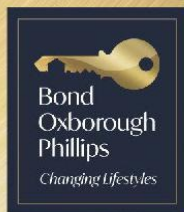


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I was surprised recently by how many people did not realise their phones could display emergency information even while locked. It means that if something happens and you can't unlock your phone yourself emergency services, or someone trying to help you, can still contact family members or view important medical information such as medication or blood type.

On an iPhone it is called Medical ID and is hidden away in the Health section. Open Settings, tap your profile picture in the top corner, then choose Medical ID. In this area you can add emergency contacts, allergies, medications, blood type or anything else you feel might be useful. The important part is making sure "Show When Locked" is switched on so it can be viewed when an unlocking code is unavailable. If someone needs to access it, they can do so directly from the lock screen by tapping "Emergency" and then "Medical ID." No password is required.

Android phones have something similar although the menus can change depending on make and model. Usually, you can find it under Settings by searching for Emergency or Safety & Emergency. Once there, you can add contacts, medical details and often enable Emergency SOS features too. Most Android phones allow this information to be viewed from the lock screen by tapping "Emergency" followed by "Emergency Information."

It might also be worth enabling Emergency SOS. On many phones pressing the power button several times quickly will contact emergency services and sometimes even send your location to chosen contacts. Again, hopefully never needed but sensible to have ready just in case.

I like these features because they are quietly helpful. No subscriptions, no adverts and no constant notifications demanding some kind of attention. Practical tools sitting in the background doing exactly what technology should do. Helping when needed. It takes a few minutes to set up properly but it may become the most important setting on your phone that you never think about again. Five minutes free on a bus ride? Waiting for a taxi? Waiting for friends? Do it.

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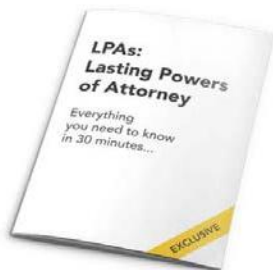
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ILFRACOMBE, Wilder Road Car Park	0933	-	1233	-	1533	-
CHAMBERCOMBE, Hele Bay Hotel	0940	-	1240	-	1540	-
WATERMOUTH CASTLE	0944	-	1244	-	1544	-
BERRYNARBOR, Top of Barton Lane	0949	-	1249	-	1549	-
COMBE MARTIN, Seaside	0950	-	1250	-	1550	-
COMBE MARTIN, Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	1002	-	1302	-	1602	-
BLACKMOOR GATE	1011	-	1311	-	1611	-
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	1020	-	1320	-	1620	-
BARBROOK, Shelter	1025	-	1325	-	1625	-
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	1039	1050	1339	1350	1639	1650
COUNTISBURY, Blue Ball Inn	→	1057	→	1357	→	1657
COUNTY GATE	-	1107	-	1407	-	1707
PORLOCK, Whitstone Post	-	1117	-	1417	-	1717
PORLOCK, Doverhay Car Park	-	1129	-	1429	-	1729
ALLERFORD, Bus Shelter	-	1133	-	1433	-	1733
SELWORTHY, Turn	-	1134	-	1434	-	1734
BRATTON, Turn	-	1139	-	1439	-	1739
MINEHEAD, The Parade	-	1145	-	1445	-	1745
MINEHEAD, Railway Station	-	1149	-	1449	-	1749
MINEHEAD, Butlins Main Gate	-	1151	-	1451	-	1751

MINEHEAD, Butlins Main Gate	0930	-	1230	-	1530	-
MINEHEAD, Railway Station	0932	-	1232	-	1532	-
MINEHEAD, The Avenue	0935	-	1235	-	1535	-
BRATTON, Turn	0941	-	1241	-	1541	-
SELWORTHY, Turn	0946	-	1246	-	1546	-
ALLERFORD, Bus Shelter	0947	-	1247	-	1547	-
PORLOCK, Doverhay Car Park	0953	-	1253	-	1553	-
PORLOCK, Whitstone Post	1007	-	1307	-	1607	-
COUNTY GATE	1017	-	1317	-	1617	-
COUNTISBURY, Blue Ball Inn	1025	-	1325	-	1625	-
LYNMOUTH, Lyndale Coach Park	1033	1045	1333	1345	1633	1645
BARBROOK, Shelter	→	1057	→	1357	→	1657
MARTINHOE CROSS, Woody Bay Station	-	1103	-	1403	-	1703
BLACKMOOR GATE	-	1111	-	1411	-	1711
COMBE MARTIN, Wildlife & Dinosaur Park	-	1120	-	1420	-	1720
COMBE MARTIN, Premier Store	-	1130	-	1430	-	1730
BERRYNARBOR, Top of Barton Lane	-	1134	-	1434	-	1734
WATERMOUTH CASTLE	-	1136	-	1436	-	1736
CHAMBERCOMBE, Hele Bay Hotel	-	1141	-	1441	-	1741
ILFRACOMBE, Garage	-	1149	-	1449	-	1749
ILFRACOMBE, St James' Place Gardens	-	1155	-	1455	-	1755

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- Supported the growth of the Friends of Middleham gardens as part of the ongoing management of the gardens.
- Installed an arbour seat in memory of Suzette Hibbert at the gardens.
- Continued to support Lyn in Bloom.
- Supported Lyn Climate Action with the development of the Community Orchard.
- Repaired the floodlights for Devon Air Ambulance night landing site at Holman Park.
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Saturday 6 June 2026, 10.00 – 12.00
Coffee Morning in the Bar

Saturday 6 June, 7.30pm
Cancer Research UK – THE CONCERT

Now in its third year, this sell-out event is returning to the Regal Theatre. Some 40 singers – both choir and soloists – plus an 18-strong orchestra will present an evening of music and light-hearted entertainment with an eclectic mix of music.

Saturday 13 June, 7.30pm
ALTER EAGLES

The Alter Eagles are delighted to return to the Regal with their celebration of one of the best loved bands of all time. Now in their 23rd Anniversary Year, the band have established themselves as one of the country's top tribute acts, headlining at theatres all over the country. Playing a mix of old and new Eagles' songs.

Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June, 7.30pm
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Friday 26 June , 9.00 – 17.00
The Regal Film Society Screening - TBC (Cert 15)

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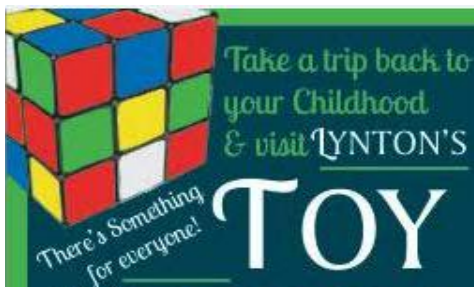
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Bubble Church is a new initiative at St Mary's to encourage young people and parents to take part in church.


Everyone is welcomed with refreshments and then the activity involves singing, storytelling with puppets and prayer. It is described as a free, puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-and-croissant-fuelled, 30-minute kids and families adventure. Here is a report on what they did in their first session.

We were thinking about the lost sheep. After shepherd lost one of his sheep, he left the other 99 to search for the one sheep. He searched far and wide and was delighted when he found the sheep. Jesus told this story as a metaphor: we are the sheep and Jesus the shepherd and Jesus will always search for us, welcome us and rejoice with us.

We made a ball of Play-Doh to symbolise a flock of sheep, took a small bit off to represent the one lost sheep, and then put the small bit back and made a heart to show how much the shepherd loves his sheep - and how God loves us.

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