July 2025

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Primary School Crossing
We have now had confirmation from Dorset Council that following the consultation, the works to install the crossing are provisionally programmed to start on August 4th, 2025. There would then need to be a day closure on August 26th for surfacing works and possibly August 27th for undertaking the road lining. As soon as firm dates are known we will advise again.

VE Day 80th Anniversary
A few hundred residents made it up to the Rec for the 80th anniversary of VE Day. There was the excellent display from WWII from the U3A History group. The weather stayed friendly and the local Army Cadets acted as guards of honour for the beacon lighting. Refreshments were available throughout and raised £280.00 for the Royal British Legion to support their continued work.

Village Notice Boards
As you will have seen by Tesco and the Pharmacy the new Notice Boards have now been installed replacing the rather tired looking one. This will continue to have local Parish Council information and be available for the Community to post their own items.

Village Pond
Following on from the works to reinstate the village pond, work on planting around it has begun. The plan is to create a wildlife haven as well as to allow an area for all, including children, to safely investigate life in the pond. If any residents have additional plants that they would like to donate do please let us know. The pond area will continue to act as an outfall from the Rec drainage scheme so there will be a small, but constant flow of water through the pond.

Guerilla Gardeners (GG)
You have probably seen various members of the GG working around the village, tidying verges, trimming bushes and planting. This is an informal group that meets weekly helping to keep our village looking good. Do feel free to join them even if just a few times a year. Many residents already do, but we would encourage you to safely cut and tidy verges outside your own properties when you are gardening. It all helps to keep the village smart and tidy.

Neighbourhood Plan
The recent consultation was to gather residents' views on what is their priorities for our village. We are collating all that information and will publish the results shortly. However, you can write in or come and speak at any of our meetings to add to those views or just to ask questions.

Councillor Vacancy
We still have 2 vacancies for Parish Councillor, so please call the Parish Clerk to find out more. Being a parish councillor is a direct way to participate and help in your community. It does take a few hours per week, but it is

very rewarding so give it some thought. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Clerk or any Councillor to have a chat.

Lytchett Matravers Summer Festival

This year's Summer Festival was another fantastic success, with over 800 people attending and more than £1,000 raised for local charities. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event!
A special thanks goes to Beverly and Roger, who took on the lion's share of the organising—your hard work truly made the day possible.
Stay tuned for next month's newsletter, where we'll share a full round-up and photos from the day.

Parish Council Meetings:

Our next Finance & General Purposes meeting is on July 10th at 7 p.m. and the next Full Council meeting will be on July 24th at 7 p.m., both in the Village Hall as usual.

Agendas for all meetings are published online and the associated reports can be requested from the Parish Clerk. Meetings always start with a public participation session, so please come along if you have suggestions or questions that you would like to discuss with the Parish Council or stay and listen to our discussions, because it's all about your village.

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Chair, Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

For further information please visit our website at: https://lytchettmatraverspc.org/ or contact the Parish Clerk via lytchettmatravers@dorset-aptc.gov.uk You can find us and comment on the Lytchett Matravers PC Facebook page. The Parish Clerk can also be contacted directly on 07596-885667.