



## **Exmouth Town Council –Newsletter**

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### **Devon County Show**

It seems a long time now since the Devon County Show on 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. Exmouth Town Management Partnership with Exmouth Town Council put on a great stand demonstrating what Exmouth has to offer. A big impact was made across the show with the Exmouth Shanty Men appearing on BBC Spotlight giving extra publicity for Exmouth for those who did not attend. The Exmouth businesses which took part were able to promote themselves whilst demonstrating that Exmouth is a viable place where businesses can thrive and showing that Exmouth is a town which is serious about its future.

The lighter side of Exmouth was demonstrated by our stage with lots of local performers showing that Exmouth is a great community which can pull together and provide a great welcome to all who visit.

### **Exmouth Festival**

Another big event over the late May bank holiday found Exmouth displaying all that is good about the town. A wide range of acts, arts and skills were on display with the focal point being the Manor Gardens. The Strand also turned into an area of celebration of all that is good about the town demonstrating the versatility of the newly created Piazza area. Our Exmouth Arts Manager Chris Woods has now resigned, sadly for us but great for him, as he explores pastures new and follows his own musical talents as they take him on a journey of discovery. We will miss him and his partner Michelle after what he has achieved for the festival. A replacement will now be sought with recruitment processes starting soon.

Dates next year for the festival will be affected by the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the moving of the late May Bank Holiday to 4<sup>th</sup> June with Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June being a holiday to mark the Jubilee. Our festival will therefore run from 31<sup>st</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **Exmouth Rotary Kite Festival**

The Exmouth Festival ended with the very successful concert headlined by Joey the Lips on the Imperial Grounds attended by 1,800 plus people. This concert also marked the beginning of the Exmouth Rotary Kite Festival. It was a great evening of fun and celebration. The Kite Festival continued on Saturday and Sunday and again was well attended with circa £12,000 being raised for charitable causes by the Rotary Club of Exmouth a truly magnificent effort. Alan

Sugar would surely have been impressed by the financial return on this event benefiting worthy causes.

Provisional dates have been set for the Kite Festival next year as 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May. It is proposed to carry out the concert again but this time timed to end Exmouth Festival and to be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Some people have asked for Joey the Lips again. It would be interesting to hear if this is supported or if another band would be preferred. Let us know what you think by emailing [townclerk@exmouth.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@exmouth.gov.uk)

### **Tour of Britain 2011 – Exmouth Big Cycle Weekend**

Arrangements are well in hand for the end of the Devon stage of the Tour of Britain Race on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Exmouth will welcome the large influx of people to the town who are expected. A programme of events is being arranged to make sure that there are things for people to do when they arrive here in addition to watching the close of the race. This is being billed as 'The Exmouth Big Cycle Weekend'. We hope that schools will close for the event on the Thursday so that as many young people as possible can witness this nationally important sports event as it sweeps into town. Come down and meet the cycling stars and be part of it.

Here is the local programme which we hope many of you will wish to be part of:-

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Exmouth Pavilion – Last Night of the Proms promoted by the Rotary Club of Exmouth. Tickets now on sale at the Pavilion

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Stalls, events and Tour of Britain set up for finish during the morning and to the completion of the race about 3.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Stalls and events in the Strand timed from 11am into the evening. Promote Rotary Club of Exmouth Raleigh with Exmouth Town Management Partnership

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm – Show of Hands headline concert supported by The Exmouth Shanty Men at Exmouth Pavilion Tickets now on sale promoted by Exmouth Town Council

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Entertainment in the Strand promoted by George Nightingale of Spoken

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm – The Jive Aces concert at the Pavilion – Tickets now on sale.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – all day festival event from 12 noon to 9.45pm promoted by George Nightingale of Spoken.

### **Master Plan**

The master plan drawn up by LDA working for East Devon District Council and in consultation with local people is now available and open for everyone to see. This lays down the key principles and direction for the future direction of Exmouth over the next 20 years. Great efforts are being made to make sure that all who wish to respond with their views are reached. It is though the responsibility of every person to seek out the information and to respond to the

questionnaire. The consultation period will last through to mid September so there is plenty of time to look at the proposals. On line go to the link from [www.exmouth.gov.uk](http://www.exmouth.gov.uk) home page. Otherwise go to the Town Hall to find out more. See the information boards in the window of Thomas Tuckers and look out for opportunities to find out what it is all about. Once the master plan is adopted it will then be possible for development briefs to be drawn up and put to the open market to obtain best value for Exmouth from any future developments. This is the opportunity NOW to be part of future plans for the town so make sure you do not miss this opportunity.

### **Current Issues Affecting the Town**

Here are some current issues which are affecting the town and are in discussion:-

- Jet Skis – Shelley Beach and concerns about dangers and parking on the beach
- The Strand – Review of proposed new building and implementation
- Rolle Exmouth – Community Use of the site still very much on the agenda
- Strand Management – Bringing into effect on going management of the Piazza area to ensure it is managed to high standards
- Queens Drive/Orcombe Point enhancing the Western Gateway to the Jurassic Coast
- Community Plan initiating a process for creating the plan
- Localism Bill – Anticipating the effects of this bill when implemented
- Partnership – working with other Town Councils in East Devon and parishes from the Otter to the Exe
- Business Improvement District Feasibility work to be considered in September
- Recruitment of Exmouth Arts Manager
- Future flower provision on highways and roundabouts with sponsorship
- Sponsorship of Christmas Lights
- Vandalism of allotments – if you have any information on this shameful destruction then let us know.

For more information – contact the Town Clerk on 01395 276167, visit the Town Hall or contact your Local Councillor visit [www.exmouth.gov.uk](http://www.exmouth.gov.uk) for all contact information.

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