



Exmouth Town Council –Newsletter

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New Town Clerk

On 20th February 2012 there will be a new Town Clerk in post. His name is Colin Poole who will be coming here from Suffolk. More details will be published in the New Year. We hope that he will settle in well and bring lots of energy to Exmouth to speak up for the town and ensure Exmouth as the largest town in Devon continues to earn the respect which it deserves.

Christmas Cracker

It was great to see such support for the Christmas Cracker event on 3rd December. It is sad that there are no Christmas lights this year reflecting perhaps the difficult financial times we are all facing. It is a salutary reminder that we all have a responsibility to make things happen in the community and it is hoped that next year will see the problems overcome and lights returned to the high street.

Local Government Budget Cuts

It is widely reported that Local Government has had to face drastic central pressure over budgets and has been successful in making all the cuts that have been asked of it. Now further draconian cuts are being placed on local government whilst central government departments are failing to achieve target savings set for themselves. It is not a happy place for any of us as it affects services which we all depend on either resulting in higher charges or lower service provision. The result of the Financial crises is pain for everyone whether in the public service, private sector or in business.

The challenge for Exmouth is to overcome some of the differences which have emerged in recent months and to harness the considerable energy which exists here to keep this a thriving and hopeful town. There is so much to play and much to do. Exmouth needs to work with East Devon District Council and Devon County Council and keep both Councils interested in creating investment opportunities. There is much that can be achieved working with them and much to lose if we do not.

Community Plan

In the New Year volunteers will be sought to start working on a Community Plan which will help Exmouth to be clearer about its future whether in the outer boundaries of Brixington or in town. This will be a great opportunity for willing hands to get involved in Exmouth in a positive way.

Christmas Day Swim

Don't forget the traditional Exmouth Christmas Day swim at 11.00am – always a spectacle and where it seems like all Exmouth comes together for an hour to celebrate Christmas day

New Year's Eve

Fireworks will once again bring in the New Year on Exmouth Beach to complete the great New Year Celebrations in the town. They will be further down the seafront towards the life boat station this year because of the high tide.

Happy Christmas

All at Exmouth Town Council wish all readers a happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

For more information – contact the Town Clerk on 01395 276167, visit the Town Hall or contact your Local Councillor visit www.exmouth.gov.uk for all contact information.

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