



Lyt-Up - February 2012

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NEW YEAR, NEW NAME

Happy New Year to all our residents. 2012 is destined to be a special year, having many reasons to celebrate, not least Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and the United Kingdom hosting the Olympics. The spotlight will certainly fall on our country, and Dorset, for its hosting of the sailing events in Weymouth and Portland. We therefore felt that it was an appropriate opportunity to rename our newsletter 'LYT-UP', which serves to highlight the activities of the Town Council within our community of LYTchett Minster and UPTon.



DAVENPORT CLOSE OPEN SPACE RECEIVES MAKEOVER

The open space at the junction of Meadows Drive and Palmerston Road, known as Davenport Close Open Space is in the process of being given a makeover.

Partly funded by the Town Council, and supported by the generous efforts of Upton in Bloom, who successfully applied for £7000 of funding from Awards for All, this area will benefit the residents who live in and around this area.

The project, which has been led by the Upton in Bloom team has seen ground works improvements, grass upgrades, and will soon see a new pathway and attractive planting to achieve an attractive community garden to be enjoyed by all.



A lot for allotments!!!

Allotments granted Award for All monies from Big Lottery Fund

Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council are pleased to report that their allotments in Slough Lane, Upton which are rented by 85 local residents will benefit from a recent grant application from The Big Lottery Fund. The town's allotment society (Upton and Lytchett Minster Allotment Association) submitted an application to the Lottery's Awards for All in September 2011. Councillor Mrs Lynn Wright, also an allotment tenant was able to help the society make a successful bid for £8,463. The money will go towards making the site more secure, buying 2 strong fixed locks and keys, purchasing a metal dry lined container fitted with a solar panel and several pieces of equipment for allotmentees to use such as a petrol strimmer, petrol mower and rotavator.



The cabin will be used to sell seeds etc, as a base for plant swaps and a place to meet the committee. A local brownie group are also going to use the cabin on wet nights when they can not tend their allotment.

TOWN COUNCIL HELP CENTRE

Open Mon– Thurs 9 am—12.30 pm

Citizens Advice Surgery

Monday 9 am—12.30 pm

(1st and 3rd Monday of each month) &

Thursday 9 am—12.30 pm (weekly)

Meeting Dates:

All meetings are open to the public, with 15 minutes of public participation at 8.15 pm. Agendas available via town noticeboards, library, help centre and website. **February Meetings**

Amenities	07/02/12	7.30 pm
Planning	14/02/12	7.30 pm
Town Council	21/02/12	7.30 pm
Environment	28/02/12	7.30 pm

CHRISTMAS AT THE CLOCK-TOWER

Thank you to the many residents who turned up to join us at the community carol singing event on 13 December. Despite inclement weather it was a successful service, ably led by Rev de Garis, with musical accompaniment by the Salvation Army. Father Christmas, escorted by two festive friends arrived as usual in style!

The Friends 4 Upton Library did a sterling job providing much needed hot drinks from the Community Centre after the service.

There was a really good community at-

mosphere and much festive cheer.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Please bring your trees to the Recreation Ground Car Park between 03—16 January 2011.

