



## RYDA Newsletter No 01/2018

### Welcome to 2018

Now is the time of year when we take stock of our lives, make our New Year resolutions and, for many, look forward to the challenges of the coming year. Your Committee wish all members good luck and good fortune for 2018. We hope that it is a year that you will look back on in 12 months time with satisfaction and pleasure.

Your editor, for his part, has pledged not to make any resolutions that he is unlikely to be able to keep. He is pleased to report that so far he has been able to stick to this resolution with commendable fortitude.

One member in particular who we believe has a particular reason to look back with satisfaction is Professor Richard Thompson OBE who has just been awarded the Order of the British Empire in the latest New Years Honours list for services to Marine Biology. We offer him our warmest congratulations on behalf of the membership.

An activity often taking place at this time of year is that of considering what charitable causes we might support over the coming 12 months. We would encourage you to take the view that charity begins at home and consider donating to the Devon Air Ambulance. Lest you doubt that their red helicopters are to be seen visiting our community regularly, and some might think, all too frequently, we invite you to click on the arrow below.



This rescue occurred in the summer of 2016 when a small boy (Finley, aged 7) fell 20 feet down a cliff onto rocks on the foreshore. At the time it was thought that he had suffered serious head injuries. However we are pleased to report that he has since made a full recovery. (What some boys will do for a ride in a helicopter). You can read the full story and donate to the Devon Air Ambulance at page 10 of their :-

Helipad Magazine

Note: Use  to enlarge

## Community Store and Post Office

The following is a report from David Stembridge and Jenny Powlett covering the outcome of the Post Office Appeal which we ran in our 10/2017 edition.

*We are pleased to report that following our Appeal in November we have received promises from over 90 householders for financial support in the region of £10,000 and sincerely thank all of you who have joined in.*

*We are now confident that we can continue to maintain our Post Office Shop for the foreseeable future. This is good news for all, especially those villagers who for one reason or another are not very mobile and are dependent on the survival of your post office shop.*

*If you plan to stay in Newton/Noss for the rest of your life, as many of us do, it is worthwhile making a contribution now, however modest.*

*Our target remains at £14,000 and we urge anyone who has yet to make a promise to come forward.*

**Make a contribution**

*We now ask you to honour your promises by writing out your cheques, payable to the **Post Office Action Group** and handing them in at the Post Office/Shop or by transferring the money direct into the Post Office Action Group Account with Lloyds Bank. sort code **30-98-90** a/c number **15734060**.*

*To the donors who have already sent us a cheque for the amount promised we convey our sincere thanks. We will now pay in your cheques.*



## Unusual Sighting

The yachtsmen amongst you will be aware that it is relatively commonplace to see dolphins in mid-Channel and even in the approaches to the river estuary. However to see them up as far as the entrance to Newton Creek is rare indeed. We are indebted to Kairen Carter who spotted and video'd a pod of about 12 common dolphin in the river just before Christmas.



You may view this full screen and a sighting filmed the previous year beyond the bar by clicking on the thumbnail and then the  symbol



December 2017



August 2016

## Newton Downs Solar Farm

The Solar Farm at Newton Downs is on its way towards community ownership. It is now owned by CORE, with YCE as a junior partner. CORE (Community Owned Renewable Energy) is a £40m social investment company whose purpose is to enable communities to own local energy generation for the benefit of that community. This transfer of ownership is likely to take 3 years. CORE has invested £5.83m to fund the purchase.

Yealm Community Energy (YCE) is a Community Benefit Society set up to provide benefits to the parishes bordering the Yealm through the re-investment of all profits in the local economy. It is anticipated that a minimum of £1.4m will be spent on community benefit over the lifetime of the project.

YCE is presently chaired by Peter Brown and more details are at :-

YCE

If you want to know more, the Yealm Community Energy AGM is at 10am Saturday 3rd February in the WI Hall. Membership, at a cost of £1, may be purchased at the door.



## Annual General Meeting

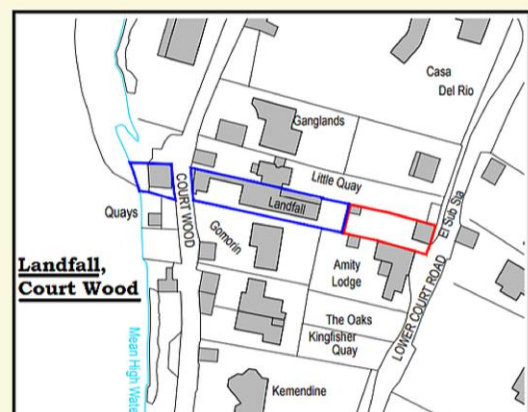
The RYDA AGM is to be held on Tuesday 24th April in the Village Hall in Noss starting at 7.30pm please make a note in your diaries and take care to cancel any previous date that you may have already noted. We have found it necessary to change the date. However we can promise you an entertaining evening as usual.

## Planning Applications

### Landfall, Court Wood

This is an application to demolish an existing derelict self contained annex and replace it with a detached dwelling to be located within the red rectangle shown on the plan to the right.

Since no mention is made of the new dwelling being a replacement for the existing we must therefore assume that it is to be independent of the main residence. (No details at all have been submitted with the application.) It is



therefore also reasonable to suppose that vehicular access to Lower Curt Road will be required and we believe this to be quite unacceptable. The Lower Court Road Association have given us their blessing to use the work they had commissioned at the time of the Steps Cottage planning application and we will be referring this to SHDC to substantiate the fact that the road is already suffering from an excessive amount of traffic.

We regret that we have missed the official deadline for comment but would nonetheless encourage you to do so quoting 4105/17/OPA. This may be done and the full correspondence scrutinised by following the links below.

[Detailed Plans](#)

[Comment to SHDC](#)

## Tamarinda, Yealm View Road

This application is to build a garden room with a space for storing boats beneath it on the foreshore just beneath the public footpath that runs between Yealm View Road and Riverside Road East. It will be a rectangular box on stilts accessed from above via a steel staircase which then runs on down to the existing quay below.



South Elevation



East Elevation

[Tamarinda, Yealm View Road](#)

This is the fourth boathouse/garden room on the north shore of Newton Creek in a year and you may feel that enough is enough. Further details and the opportunity to comment are available at the links below. The SHDC application reference is 4421/17/HHO

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River Yealm &  
District Association

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