

## Ken Gollop's Newspaper Collection (1998)

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### MUSEUM CURATOR GETS THE MBE

Liz-Anne Bawden, former town councillor and deputy mayoress, has overseen dramatic improvements at the museum since taking up her post as curator in 1988. She has guided the museum's resurgence at the head of a team of dedicated volunteers.

In 1991-94 the museum was extended and refurbished in a £350,000 scheme. Phase two, equipping the interior, is underway. John Fowles opened a new Writers' Gallery.

A further £200,000 will be spent on this work.

Liz-Anne Bawden said the honour was unexpected but reflected the hard work and dedication of the volunteers. (LRN (Lyme Regis News), Jan 2nd 1998)

Article on artist Julie Oldfield.

Julie Oldfield (34), young entrepreneur and traveller, is displaying her paintings in Blue Lias which she manages. (LRN, Jan 9th 1998)

### LETTER STIRS MEMORIES OF A GREAT MAN

A great nephew, Donald F Hamberg, is seeking information about a greatly revered Lyme Regis man. George Fleming, musician, died during a concert he had arranged at Woodmead Halls. He was devoted to young people and local football. He set up the playing field scheme. George was an ex soccer coach; he formed the Bantams team which once represented Lyme in the Perry Street League.

(LRN, Jan 23 1998)

### ACCIDENT PROVED TO BE A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Courageous former Lyme Regis builder has beaten a broken back to become one of the hottest rising pop stars in the west. Simon Hawkins of Manor Avenue, broke his back while water-skiing. He formed a duet with Richard Grundell. Received promotional aid from Geoff Baker who headed the publicity for Paul McCartney. Simon had singing lessons with Brian Manners (Talbot Road). He is now doing well with lots of bookings nationwide. (LRN, Feb 6 1998)

### FORMER MAYOR BARBARA WILL NAME THE LIFE BOAT

This will be called "The Pearl of Dorset".

(LRN, Feb 13 1998)

### SCHOOL CALL FOR BUSINESS

WDDC in partnership with LRTC and the Rural Development Commission, are pressing ahead with a scheme to convert the old St Michael's school, off Poole's Court, into a business complex. Called St Michael's Business Centre, it will provide facilities for computer and IT skills learning and a Citizens' Advice Bureau. (LRN Feb 20 1998)

### COME AND SHARE MY MBE SAYS MUSEUM SUPREMO LIZ-ANNE BAWDEN

The former deputy mayoress and town councillor wants the people of Lyme Regis and Uplyme to share her pleasure at receiving the MBE at a party hosted by the museum.

"I would like to share my honour as I regard it as recognition of the museum and all who have worked for it."

Liz-Anne, curator and leading light in the refurbishment project, went to Buckingham Place to receive the MBE from the Queen.

"I told the Queen that the museum is small and local but very special and I hoped she would visit it one day.

"The party will also give people who have not seen what we have achieved in the museum, including the new Writers' gallery, a chance to do so.

"I shall also be taking the opportunity to sport the elegant hat mad for me by the local firm Pop Goes the Weasel." (LRN Feb 20 1998)

#### TRIBUTES TO THE MAN WHO KEPT LYME ON THE MAP

There were tributes and thanksgiving at Upline parish church for Harry Williams who was the town clerk for 26 years.

Known as the great gentleman of local government, he fought like a tiger to ensure the former borough retained maximum control of its own destiny when many other small councils were stripped of their powers. (LRN Feb 20 1998)

#### TERRY DIGS DEEP TO FIND MEDIEVAL WATER COURSE

Terry Elwick was searching for a sewer to make a connection for his new bathroom at Thatch, Uplyme Road when he found a medieval water course. Constructed in solid blue lias stones, some of 3 hundredweight each, they were confirmed by the local museum. One even had the imprint of a large ammonite.

Ted Street, local historian, said this was "A very important find"

St Andrew's Well, once in this area, supplied Lyme Regis with its drinking water in the 14th and 15th centuries but it disappeared during the Siege of Lyme (1644). The area once accommodated St Andrews' Charity used by pilgrims on their way to Whitchurch.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIZ-ANNE

100 people called in at Lyme Regis Museum to attend a reception to mark the award of the MBE to curator, Liz-Anne Bawden. She said the accolade was recognition of the efforts of the many people who had striven so hard to bring about the extensive refurbishment and development of the museum. (LRN Feb 27 1998)

#### (OH, WHAT A WHOPPER! TOP GEOLOGIST MAKES A GREAT FIND

Visiting geologist Charles Moon, found two interesting spherical limestone formations which are being examined at Birkbeck College, London.

#### FLASHBACK

A photo of a pastoral scene at Lyme Regis from 1920s comes from the fabulous Ken Gollop collection. Wait and see....

#### LYME GALLERY'S SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Blue Lias Gallery celebrates its second anniversary with an exhibition called Three Revelations.

This is the work of three Lyme Regis artists; Amanda Kathrens 'mirrors, lighting and chairs using stained glass; Nicola Kathrens: textile designs using angels, elephants and mermaids and also Rebecca Ainscough.

(LRN March 13 1998)