

Crabtree Cottage, 6 Church Terrace, Bampton

13 January 2016

Dear LARCS

A Very Happy New Year!

The LARCS team met with the Assessors from Social Investment Business and Power to Change last week, for which many hours' preparation was required. We've reached the final stage where we are in competition with just 7 other projects nationwide, 1 in every 20 applicants having been discounted in the earlier stages. Unfortunately, there is far more funding applied for than grants available. We anticipate the grant panel's decision by 29 January and can only hope and pray that we have been successful. We are *cautiously* optimistic.

It would indeed be a cause for great rejoicing if we heard positively by the time we hold our **Supporters' Party on 29 January** (from 6.30 pm in the Riverside Hall). In any event, we'd like to invite everyone, from teeny-tinies to our most senior citizens - bring all the family! - to an enjoyable get-together to thank all our supporters and gives an opportunity to hear the latest news. The Whirligig group of (excellent) musicians has supported LARCS from the outset and agreed to provide musical entertainment for their petrol expenses only. There'll be light refreshments – wine and nibbles. There'll be no charge but we hope that everyone will buy raffle tickets.

If you are free on the day and/or able to contribute in any way to the preparations for this event, please let me know on (01398) 332883. All offers of help would be much appreciated.

Devon Youth Services Senior Support Worker Chris Jones and David Phillips of our Cub Scouts will be meeting the LARCS team at 16.30 on the 29th to discuss youth provision in Bampton. Any interested parties are welcome to join this meeting; please let me know if so.

Our junior LARCS, aged 5 – 11 years and their parents/grandparents can look forward to a fun time at **Harry Potter's Book Night**. This will be from 16.30 – 18.00 on Thursday, **4 February** at the Community Hall. There'll be a charge of £1 per child to cover costs.

With the very best of wishes for 2016

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Janet M Crabtree, Chairman