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WHAT'S ON? - Events in your area

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Date	Location	Organisation & Contact Information	What's going on in the area and at what time	
5th	Forgotten Gardens of Lewrtenchard	Friends of the Forgotten Gardens of Lewtranchard	BLUEBELL DAY	
6th	Thrushelton Church	Andy 01566783274 / Tim 01566783320	Sunday Lunch 12.30 for 1pm	
9th	Lewdown Victory Hall	Ruth Dawe	SOUPA TROOPERS 12.30pm	
12th	Lewdown Victory Hall	For Victory Hall funds	Jumble and Plant Sale 2pm	
12th	Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall	Mary Tomes 01837 871541	Charity plant Sale 11am—2pm	
14th	Lewdown Victory Hall	Lewdown Women's Institute	W.I. AGM followed by regular meeting 7.30pm	
15th	Stowford Parish Hall	Lewdown Past Local History group	"Dunterton—a plague village" 7.30pm	
26th	Start at Lobhill Farmhouse	In aid of St. Peter's Church, Lewtrenchard	Alder Bluebell Walk 2.30pm	

Please advise us of any other event you would like to see listed here Send E-Mail or phone the editor (see page 3)

Lewdown Rainfall (Information supplied by Andy Nash.)					
For 2017for the first 3 months in 2018					
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Oct	76 mm		£5	Andrew McCarthy	97
Nov	101.5 mm		£5	Peter Jones	59
Dec	175 mm		I		I
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The Community Newslink

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE PROVIDING NEWS, INFORMATION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THE AREAS OF LEWDOWN, CHILLATON, CORYTON, STOWFORD AND MARYSTOWWE, THRUSHELTON, LEWTRENCHARD

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£2.00 per session – please bring your own snack.

For more information contact the school office on 01566783273. <u>www.lewtrenchardschool.org.uk</u> Email admin@lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk

Calling all babies and toddlers! Have you heard?

Lew Trenchard School have set up a new and exciting toddler group based on the Montessori approach, all activities are sensory based and involve lots of messy play!

A great way to meet new friends and begin transition to our wonderful preschool / foundation unit.

Term time 9.15am to 11.15am and only £2 per session, run by our very own qualified practitioner Justine and taking place in the school hall. Come and join us for craft, messy play, singing and much more!!!!

> *Tel: 01566 783273 or email <u>lewtrenchardadmin@andaras.org</u>*

LOCAL SCHOOL NEED VOLUNTEERS

Lew Trenchard primary school would like to invite volunteers to get involved in a team of enthusiastic adults to deliver 'Open the book'.

This group will tell bible stories to the children in a fun and lively way.

If you would like to get involved please come and watch how it's done when we showcase it in school on April 27th at 9.30 am in the school hall.

You will have an opportunity to ask questions and find out much more!



BRENTOR & MOOR COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOURS URGENTLY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Brentor & Moor Compassionate Neighbours helps to support individuals living with a long-term condition, suffering from a life -limiting illness, or approaching the end of life, enabling them if at all possible to remain at home during this difficult time. BMCN works in partnership with St Luke's Hospice.

The scheme was launched in June last year, with the original intention of serving the area to the North of Tavistock, to include Brentor, Chillaton, Lydford, Mary Tavy, Lifton, Lewdown and surroundings. Due to demand, however, it has now expanded to cover Tavistock, Yelverton and surrounding district. Because of this, more volunteers are now urgently sought.

If you have two or three hours a week to spare, maybe have some experience in health or social care- or indeed have perhaps looked after a loved one, or simply have a genuine interest in helping this vulnerable group of people in our communitiesplease do get in touch *now*. We need you! Full training, DBS checks etc, is given to our volunteers.

For further information, visit: www.bmcneighbours.org ; alternatively, for an informal chat- with no obligation to commit- please call the BMCN Co-ordinator, Mark Alderson, on 01822 860799.



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1st Team matches

May 5th and May 19th @ 1.30pm

Sunday Team matches May 6th and May 20th @ 2pm

All welcome, Social Membership £5.00

p.s. the Jumble Sale raised £300 thank you for your generous support!

I would like to thank you for your support of Lewdown Cricket Club during 2017 - without it we would not be in the position we currently find ourselves. We have exciting plans to build further on the first year of our joint venture with Bridestowe CC for junior training. That joint venture meant that 86 children from the locality came training sessions last year and we also delivered the ECB All Stars programme for under 8's – the grass roots investment in cricket that is so important. Last year we entered two U11s and one U13s teams. This year we are running two U12s and one U14s teams, together with U10 friendly games and U8 festivals. In senior's cricket we will field one Lewdown Saturday team in the newly revamped Devon Cricket League C Division West and one team in the North Devon Cricket League, together with one Evening League team. The emphasis will be on creating a competitive but welcoming environment for our youth players to step up and develop into.

For 2018 the Club wants to build on the strong platform it has established and continue to offer opportunities for children and young people to play cricket within this community. We are planning to continue our coaching in the local schools providing much needed access to sport.

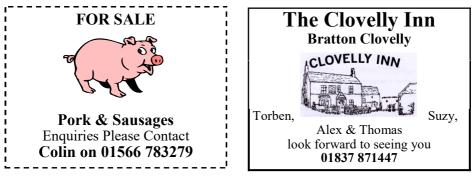
CHARITY PLANT SALE Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall Saturday 12thMay 11-2pm Lots of lovely plants Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs & Vegetables Refreshments & Raffle Donations of plants welcome, especially vegetables Contact Mary Tomes 01837 871541 or poppetmary @gmail.com

DEAR READERS, well after a rather grey and miserable start to the day(saturday the 7th), the evening has turned into a wonderful end to the day, and the present Mrs Nash and myself went out for a walk. It was so nice to see some of the early trees starting to show some new green buds, and the blackbirds and thrushes were singing away, isn't nature just wonderful at times, but as of yet no sign of any swallows, you know that summer is just around the corner when these beautiful birds start swooping over the fields.

Am I getting older or is it me being rather foolish, over the Easter break we went up with the outlaws and ended up at Weston super mare where on the sea front there was a collection of many what was called vintage cars best of all it was free entry, I like free entry, I think the wife got slightly miffed with me going on about how my father use to own one of those or how I learn to drive in that. There was even a Vauxhall viva there, and not surprisingly it had some rust issues. This isn't surprising as all new Vivas came with rust as standard. Will close now but before I do a question for you all?, where in the bible does it say that only men should make the tea or coffee? Hebrews!.

Best wishes to you all from Tim Nash possibly not your chairman after the AGM.

Ps, I saw my first swallow on Monday the 9th of April.





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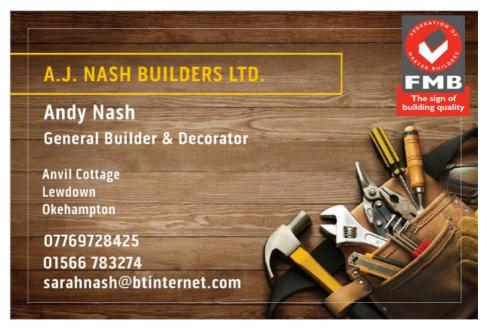
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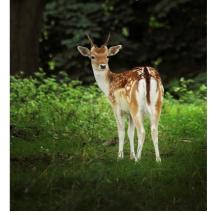
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Alder Bluebell Walk Walk Starting at Lobhill Farmhouse Saturday May 26th 2.30pm £5 to include a Cream Tea Parking and refreshments at Alder In aid of St Peter's Church, Lewtrenchard

Kenneth William (Bill) Bill Stuart 1929 to 2018

I first met Bill back in 1996 when we both attended a series of workshops in Lewdown given by Paul Wilson and Wren Music about Sabine Baring-Gould and his work as a novelist and collector of folk songs. That led directly to Wren Music organising the writing and production of a community play based on Sabine's novel Red Spider. The play was staged at the Lewdown Victory Hall to great acclaim in October 1997. The play opened with Bill and I having a fierce argument over a red spider. Quite out of character for Bill who never had a harsh word to say about or to anyone! We enjoyed ourselves so much that when the play was over we were all in some despair wondering what on earth could we do to build on the huge sense of fun and conviviality we had all enjoyed. Three members of the cast, including Bill, got together and decided that we should form our own Amateur Dramatic Company. Thus it was in that, in December 1997, Red Spider Company was launched with Bill as the vice-chairman. Our first production was a rerun of the hugely successful 'Red Spider' at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall in February 1988.

Born in Esher Surrey, Bill spent most of his life firstly in Sussex, where he studied agriculture, and latterly in Devon. As a young man in Sussex, Bill was a leading light in the highly regarded drama group, The Barnstormers, with whom he worked for some 15 years, cutting his teeth in drama before moving to Burgh Island off the South Devon Coast, which had been purchased by his aunt Sue. It was here that he met his future wife, Caroline. The expectation was that the family would establish a farm on Burgh Island but some how life did not work out that way and Bill ended up purchasing The Blue Lion, here in Lewdown, where he and Caroline were hugely popular landlords. It was at The Blue Lion that Lewdown people first became aware of Bill's prowess as an entertainer. In 1978 Bill and Caroline left Lewdown to continue their lives as pub landlords at the well-known Turf Inn on the Exeter Canal. It was at this time that they adopted two baby twin boys, Ian and William. With retirement in 1989 they returned to West Devon, living firstly in Germansweek and then at Newthey Cottage, Thrushelton. It was here, with time on his hands, that Bill returned to drama and Red Spider Company.

Bill brought a wonderful professionalism to Red Spider Company and many of the parts he played had real 'shine.' Over many years he acted in a wide variety of roles, some big, some small, and he was also willing to roll his sleeves up back stage and at times worked as stage manager and indeed, director. Although she was not herself a Thespian, Caroline at some point also became involved in Red Spider Company making a huge contribution backstage and as an organiser. Bill remained a long-standing and active member of

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the committee. His active participation in Red Spider activities was eventually curtailed by the visual and mobility problems that came with his advancing years. Not surprisingly comedy was always his forte and many, many times at revues and village concerts we have all been spellbound by his brilliant monologues, in a particular his rendition of Stanley Holloway's 'The Lion and Albert.' If that was not enough he also mimed to operatic arias such as the 'Largo Al Factotum' from Rossini's 'The Barber of Seville.' His facial expressions during those performances were simply out of this world.

Bill was a delightful friend and neighbour, who got on well with people and, always very amiable and cheerful, was very popular in the local community. Both Bill and Caroline will be sadly missed. Ron Wawman



Lewtrenchard WI,

9th April.

During President Cathie Slocombe's welcome to members and guests she announced that members were being encouraged to wear the suffragette colours of purple and green to the Devon Federation of Womens' Institute's (DFWI) Spring Council to be held in Torquay. There was also a request that those attending bring toothpaste and toothbrushes to donate to Mercy Ships.

Our speakers were then welcomed to the meeting. June Shepherd-Blandy and Pat Kirby from DFWI had come to speak to us on Dementia Awareness. Both women told that they had become Dementia Friends and with further training were now Dementia Champions.

The extra training meant they were able to present to WI's on dementia issues and to promote a better awareness and understanding of people living with the condition. This was part of a DFWI campaign to make all Devon WI's dementia friendly environments. We were given a questionnaire which was designed as part of a programme led by the Alzheimer's Society to highlight and think about what dementia means to us.

Filling in and discussing the questionnaire led members to think about consequences of certain behaviours and reactions towards those living with the condition. June and Pat wanted to have members come to a realisation that if people with dementia are treated with a more informed level of understanding and empathy they will be less hurt, confused and better able to deal with their world as they perceive it.

There were 5 key messages June and Pat wished to emphasise which are worth repeating here;

1)Dementia is not a natural part of ageing

2)Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain

3)Dementia is not just about losing your memory-it can affect thinking, communication and doing everyday tasks

4)It's possible to live well with dementia

5)There's more to a person than dementia.

June and Pat then presented each member with a Welcome to Dementia Friends leaflet from the Dementia Friends Alzheimer's Society Initiative.

Mary Edgecumbe gave the Vote of Thanks on behalf of members for such an informative, compassionate and practical presentation which conveyed so well the emotions of those who live with dementia. Competition: a wreath displaying the Olympic colours 1st prize to Margaret Dunn.

Next Meeting: 7.30pm, Victory Hall, Lewdown. Monday, 14th May, AGM plus an activity. Competition: Resolution for a New Year.

ALL WELCOME

CLEANER WANTED for holiday let approx 2hrs on Saturday mornings. Days vary during the winter call Lin on 01837871268.

Stowford Parish Council



Stowford Parish Council is looking for additional councillors, if you are looking for an interesting and rewarding experience and would like to put something back into your local community then please contact the clerk to learn more.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Stowford Parish Clerk Telephone : 01566 783023 Email : stowfordclerk@gmail.com

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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Thrushelton—St George			
Mr A J Nash	01566 783274	Mr T Nash	01566 783320

Roman Catholic Services

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Rev. David Annear 01566 773166	Okehampton. Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Church services at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

1st Sun. in the month - Holy Communion • 3rd Sun. in the month - Family Service

WORSHIP IN THE LIFTON BENEFICE

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HC Holy Communion. MP Morning Prayer. EP Evening Prayer Holy Communion every Wednesday, 10.30am at St.Mary's, Lifton

SERVICES in MAY 2018

	9.30am unless different	11.15am unless different		
6th. Easter 6	Lifton - Holy Communion Broadwood - Morning Prayer	Kelly - Holy Communion		
9th Wednesday	7.30pm The Archdeacon's Visit to the Tavistock Deanery – which includes the parishes of the Lifton Benefice. Service of Commissioning at Tavistock Parish Church – followed by Refreshments. ALL WELCOME			
10th Ascension	7.30pm Holy Communion for Ascension Day At KELLY CHURCH For the whole Benefice. ALL WELCOME			
13th Easter 7	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Morning Prayer	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion		
20th PENTECOST	Lifton - Morning Prayer Broadwood - Holy Communion	Kelly - Morning Prayer Stowford - Holy Communion		
27th TRINITY SUNDAY	Lifton - Holy Communion (Lifton Flower Festival Service) Thrushelton - Morning Prayer	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion		

The Rectory, Lifton

Dear Friends,

With Thanksgiving

Around Easter-time each year all Parish Churches of England hold their Annual Parochial Meetings; this includes the six churches of the Lifton Benefice. There are legal requirements that have to be fulfilled on these occasions, such as the elections of Churchwardens, PCC Members and Sidesmen for the ensuing year and the adoption of the previous year's accounts; but these occasions are much more than business meetings. As reports on the wide-ranging activities associated with our churches are given, we are reminded of God's blessings in, through and beyond our places of worship as we give thanks for the time, effort, grace and energy of so many who give so much in order that the local churches may flourish and provide a fitting and warm welcome to all comers.

Much of our genuine thanks giving relates to activities that take place without much public knowledge! Those who suppose that our local churches ${\rm Page}~20$ simply 'exist' on their own should be aware that scores of people are busy behind the scenes planning, organising and giving so much of their time and resources. I thank them all – they know who they are!

More obviously I am glad to thank a whole host of people whose contributions to the life of the local churches help to ensure their stability and growth. In no particular order of preference we as a community which values the provision and high standards of our parish churches are indebted to those who resource their worship: this includes our Associate Priest, John Withers and those who lead services of Morning Prayer; the musicians, flower arrangers and sidesmen, bell ringers, sacristans and lesson readers. We express our gratitude to those who maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the decency of the churchyards; to those who serve on the various councils and committees, to those who pray for us all, who visit the sick, who provide transport for those in need, who organise study, social and fund raising activities through the year, such as Bible study and prayer groups, fetes, bazaars, coffee mornings and fairs; to the churches' caterers who provide coffee after worship, Lent and Sunday Lunches, Harvest Suppers and the like....

Just a snap-shot of so much annual and regular activity maintained by so many individuals!

I am also glad to use this page to thank all those who give committed financial support to our local churches enabling them to flourish and grow. May God continue to bless and prosper the work of his kingdom through his local church in 2018.

With my thanks and very best wishes to all,

PACOL

Advance Notices for June ... Please note the following ... <u>STOWFORD CHURCH – PATRONAL FESTIVAL</u>

Stowford Church is dedicated to St.John the Baptist, whose life and ministry are commemorated every year on the 24th. June.

The 24th. June this year falls on a Sunday – when The Rt. Revd. Nick McKinnel (Bishop of Plymouth) will be leading the worship at Stowford Church at 11.00am. The service will be followed by a "Bring & Share" Lunch in the victory Hall.

KELLY CHURCH – MIDSUMMER'S DAY WALK

Sunday 24th. June. Walk begins at 6.00pm - starting and finishing at Kelly House. Barbecue after the walk.

(inc. Bratton Clovelly, Thrushelton, Lewdown, Stowford, Portgate, Northlew, Chiller, Halwill, Milton Abbot, etc)

Twinning Association

Bratton Clovelly & Area

We have been twinned with Nonant a commune in the Calvados department in Normandy, France for more than 40 years but our numbers have dwindled and we need new members to join us in visiting and hosting our friends on a biannual



basis.

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For information please contact club secretary Simon Hedger: simon@hedger.biz

or

Club chairman George Bellamy dreckly: 01566 783266



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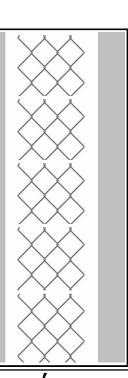


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The Bluebell day is a chance to see the woodland garden with the flowers in bloom and help raise funds for the reroofing of the lime kiln to create a small Visitor Centre. Children can help us find some missing pixies that are hidden on the walk.

This year we are running a **Photograph Competition** for *images from the Forgotten Garden* so that we can choose the best in the autumn giving us enough time to make a Forgotten Garden calendar for 2019. A small prize will be given to the winners in adult and junior (under 16years) categories.

Our AGM this year is Monday 25th June at 7pm at the Lewdown Victory Hall with a talk by Dr Graham Yeo on "Your Pet's Food".

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Lewdown Past The Lewdown and area local history group

Dunterton - a plague village?

an illustrated talk by Chris Burchell

Tuesday 15th May at 7.30 pm Stowford Parish Hall

No need for alarm, any suggestion of infectious disease is definitely past history. Chris Burchell, from the Milton Abbot local history group, is well acquainted with the history of Dunterton, including the Church of All Saints, an ancient Grade 1 listed building and I'm sure will have some surprises to tell about this lesser known locality. Following on from this talk we plan to have a visit to Dunterton under his guidance in August.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone $01566\ 783396/793567$ nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Lifts are possible also. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

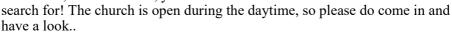
March Meeting: Conscientious Objectors of Dartmoor Prison by Simon **Dell.** During the first world war Dartmoor Prison was emptied of criminals and, in 1917, rebranded as the Princetown Work Centre in order to accommodate around 1000 conscientious objectors, or 'conchies', as they were derogatorily known. These were men who refused to serve even in noncombatant or medical roles, many for religious reasons, following the introduction of conscription in 1916. Theirs was not an easy option. If they failed to gain exemption from active service at a local tribunal, some were forcibly sent to the front, where a refusal to take up arms could result in being sent to prison to do so-called 'work of national importance'. In fact, the tasks they were forced to do were often seemingly pointless, including, on Dartmoor, building a road to nowhere, which became known as 'the Conchies' Road'. Although conditions in the Princetown Work Centre itself were not particularly harsh, the long, hard, physical work on the open moor took its toll and two men died as a result. Once much resented, attitudes to the 'conchies' has changed with the passage of time, as many families, like Simon Dell's, have had such men who were prepared to stand up for their beliefs. This May 15th, World Peace Day, Simon is leading a reflective walk from Princetown along the 'Conchies Road'. A passionate and thoughtprovoking talk.

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<u>News from Thrushelton</u> <u>Church Wool Project</u>

By the time you read this, 8 of the pews in the church will have their runners, all made individually, by hand, with local wool and ready to sit on!

The first 7 are all together on the north side of the church, but the 8th one, you will have to



We have one more 'get together' before taking a break for the summer: Sat. 19th May 10.30am to 3pm at Janet & Barry Albrighton's house,

Liddaton. Please phone 01822 860445 for directions.

If the weather is good on the 19th we will wash some more wool, there is always carding to do and we will work on trying to get some more runners finished before July. By then, hopefully we will be in double figures! Please do feel welcome to come along on to lend a hand or just to see what we're doing.

For more information please phone or email Rosie: 01837 871238 rosieyells@lineone.net

BROADWOODWIDGER OPEN GARDENS Sunday 27th May from 1pm to 6pm

Tickets will have a map and directions and include a free Cream Tea at the Community Hub, by St Nicholas Church.

£6 per person (children 6 to 16 - £3 and children under 6 free) Pre-booking advised Tickets available from Dean James 01566 784609

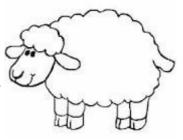
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Re-enactment of the poem by Thomas Hardy

Sace at the Casement'



Sunday 6th May 2018 12.30pm start until dusk

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An evening with Sabine Baring-Gould and Thomas Hardy

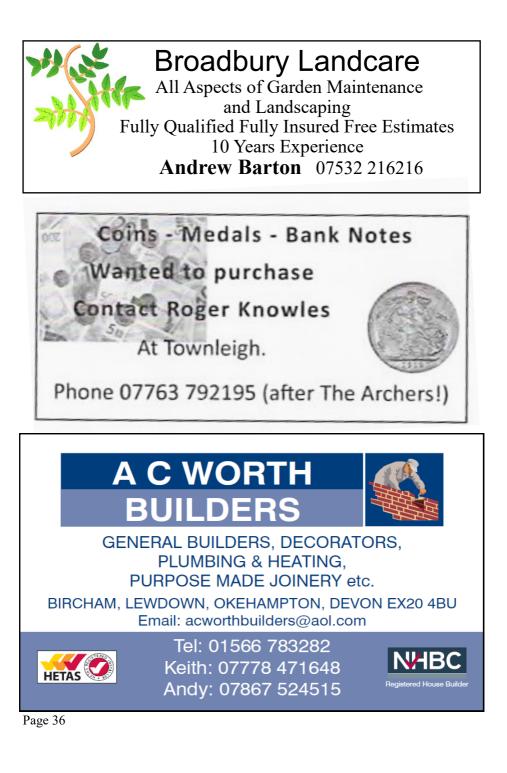
Two experts lead a discussion about their `Cornish Connections'

Saturday 5th May 2018 at 7.00pm (approx. 45 minutes each) Tickets £7 per person including refreshments

Venue Rosehip Barn, St Clether, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8QN

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