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# The Community Newslink

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All proceeds will go to The Lewdown Residents Association and The Community Newslink.

**Dear readers** The sun is out, the sky is blue, and I have seen my first swallow of the summer, on Monday the 8th of April, so it can't be so bad after all. By the time you read this latest dose of stuff and rubbish, Easter will be nearly over and the kids, and some adults who should know better, will be calming down after the overdose of chocolate that they will have consumed. Anyway back to the business at hand. It's the news you have all been waiting for. Sit down everyone, the AGM for the residents association which produce the link, has been fixed, so get your dairies out and put the date in, and you to can have your chance to vote me out of office, go on spare yourselves the terrible jokes and the excruciatingly bad grammar, Your chance will be on Tuesday the 30th April at 7.00 pm at Lewdown victory hall

Just to prove my point, What do you call a Mexican who has had his car stolen? Carlos.

Any way will close now as my giant Cornish cabbage needs planting out. Yes one of my brothers who will remain nameless, gave me six seeds to grow to see how big they will be for the produce show in August, sounds a bit like a cheap version on Jack and the bean stalk. The good news is that a little bird has told me most of his have died off, oh dear that's a pity isn't it. Really will close now Best wishes Tim Nash.

A bit of humour at Easter:-And the lord said unto John, "Come forth, and receive eternal life." but unfortunately John came fifth and won a toaster.



# LEWDOWN YFC BIG BREAKFAST 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019



#### **LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL**

9.30AM-1PM

£7 LARGE MEAL £5 SMALL MEAL

**CAKE SALE ASWELL** 

RAISING MONEY FOR LEWDOWN
VICTORY HALL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT



#### **Dangerous Corner**

By J B Priestley

Red Spider Company has often lived dangerously in its productions and the Spring 2019 production of 'Dangerous Corner' by J B Priestley was no exception. This is an exceptionally challenging play in which most of the characters are expected to demonstrate several varied and contrasting facets to their personalities as the extraordinary and ever changing plot unfolds.

Although the costumes and décor were appropriately dated to the 1930s, the play surprisingly actually addresses some issues, such as drug abuse and sexual orientation, which are very much with us today.

I have to admit that I attended the performance with some apprehension knowing what a difficult play it could be for an amateur company to put on, but I need not have worried. All of the characters were superbly portrayed throughout the performance by the Red Spider cast, with Priestley's extraordinary plot taking a hair-raising and winding course as it sped through the evening with no one skidding off the road. I went home a happy man who had enjoyed his evening immensely.

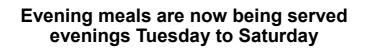
Everyone in the cast is to be congratulated for a superb performance and I was reluctant to single out anyone for a special mention. However I do think there is very much a need to commend the director, Alan Payne, whose understanding and mastery of the complicated plot shone through. I also want to mention Mandy Kenyon. She is, of course, very well known to me as one of the original members of Red Spider Company and always perfectly ladylike. However, if I had not known from the programme that she was playing the part of a man, Charles Stanton, I simply would not have recognised her. On top of having, like everyone else, to portray a complex character she also had to pass her herself off as an assertive and controlling man. Somehow her facial expressions and general demeanour were undoubtedly very masculine. Well done Mandy!

So, all in all, a superb production and a credit to everyone involved with it.

Ron Wawman

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Throughout the summer of 2019, I will be running hand building in clay weekend workshops at my pottery in Lewdown, Devon.

There will be a garden theme and suggested topics are 'pinch & coil' garden pots, bird baths/feeders, decorative plaques, house signs, wind chimes, mobiles, sculptures.....

Dates are ~

May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

July 13th & 14th

August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Courses will run from 10am – 3/4pm on both days, with coffee & biscuits, a light lunch and tea & cake provided.

Price for the weekend course is £110 including all materials and your finished pieces once glazed and fired.

Places are limited to four people per course. Beginners very welcome!

If you would like more details or to book please contact me on 07794 532961 or email g.f.lee@hotmail.com

#### **LIFTON NOTICES**

Saturday May 11th, 10.30am: Spring Cleaning St Mary's Church,

Sunday May19th, 2.30pm: Plant and cake sale at Tanglewood,

Darkey Lane, Lifton, in aid of St Mary's Church,

Refreshments served.

Offers of plants or cakes very welcome.

(Pat Pollard 01566 784471).

Saturday June 23rd, 2.00 – 4.30pm: Cream Teas and Outdoor Fun on Lifton

Recreation Field in aid of St Mary's Church.

#### **Lewdown Victory Hall**

Bookings contact Esme or Roy Stacey On 01566 783267

# Soupa Troopers

#### All welcome to this community event



2019

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3



Followed by conversation & games



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# STOWFORD OPEN GARDENS

& CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

- 9 Gardens
- Classic Cars
- Plant Sale
- Cream Teas/Refreshments

Adults £5.00; Children under 16 free – all proceeds to the historic church of St John the Baptist, Stowford

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2019

1230 - 1730

#### Lewdown Past

The Lewdown and area local history group

#### Stowford Parish Hall Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm

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Children's Pixie Hunt.

Guided walks and a chance to experience and find out about the Woodland Garden

Cream teas will be available.

**2.30 - 4.30pm. All welcome** 



http://www.forgottengarden.co.uk/



#### **BROADWOODWIDGER COMMUNITY HUB**

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY
from 10 am to 2.0 pm
COFFEE MORNING WITH CRAFT FAIR,
CAKE & BRIC A BRAC STALL
BACON ROLL OR SOUP - LUNCHES SERVED AFTER 12 noon
ALL PROFITS ELF (leukaemia fund)
No entrance fee, donations welcome
We look forward to seeing you

# Training in the use of the Parish Defibrillator + other basic First Aid

For more information and to book a place

Contact the clerk
On
01566 783023

Training on Thursday 13th
June

Commencing at 2.30 — 5.00pm

At

Lewdown Victory Hall



Training includes CPR

Dealing with an unconscious casualty —

(breathing and non breathing)

Demo and practice of A.E.D

Questions and answers

#### St Mary the Virgin

## Marystowe Church

invites you to a summer

#### FLOWER FESTIVAL

entitled

### 'An English Country Garden'

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and Sunday, 23rd June 10am - 5pm

Please come along to see the floral displays and enjoy a cream tea with friends and neighbours.

**EVERYONE** is invited to exhibit their flowers. Any size arrangement, whatever you'd like to do, from a tea cup to a large pedestal.

If you would like to take part, please contact Deborah Asbridge on 01822 860378

# LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL SNOWBALL WHIST DRIVE Saturday 11<sup>TH</sup> May at 8.00pm

Contact Colin 01566 783279

#### **LEWDOWN YFC**

15th June Lewdown YFC Big Breakfast Lewdown Victory Hall 9.30am-1pm in aid of Lewdown Victory Hall Kitchen Refurbishment, also a cake sale as well.

#### Club update

We have been busy lately with members taking part in county sports achieving a second in ladies football and third in men's football. One of our members Becky took part in group member of the year where she won and came 4th at the county round being the youngest by 5 years a



massive achievement for the club.



We have also had the rural + course and recommend to clubs to do!

We had a recent club tour to the Morrison's distribution centre in Bridgwater with Winkleigh YFC, it was an insight into the scale of food they deal with!

Most recently we had our biggest event of the year our tractor run where over 85 tractors attended raising £1250 for charity which is fantastic.

We have lots more planned including a tour to the New Holland Basildon plant in May!



#### CHURCH NEWSLETTER

#### **Ministers**

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#### Roman Catholic Services

**Tavistock** Sunday 9.15 am Holy Days 10am

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Olyahamutan Saturday Gu

Okehampton Saturday 6pm Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

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**Launceston** Sunday 10.00 am Holy Days 7.30pm

Rev. David Annear 01566 773166

#### **Ouakers**

Meeting for Worship

<u>Tavistock</u> every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact - Kay Nicholson

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Okehampton

Every Sunday 10.30am.

Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday Community Centre, Okehampton Community College, Mill Road,

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

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#### Holy Communion every Wednesday, 10.30am at St.Mary's, Lifton

| MAY  |   |       |                                |                                |                              |                    |
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| Date in<br>May   | Broadwood<br>widger                                 | Kelly | Lewtrenchard                   | Lifton                         | Stowford                     | Thrushe<br>Iton    |
| Sunday<br>5th May<br>3rd<br>Sunday of<br>Easter              |   |       | 11.15 HC<br>- John<br>Gleadall | 09.30<br>HC<br>John<br>Withers | 11.15<br>John<br>Wither<br>s |                    |
| Sunday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> May<br>4th<br>Sunday of<br>Easter | LIFTON - JOHN WITHERS 10.00 UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE |       |                                |                                |                              |                    |
| Sunday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> May<br>5th<br>Sunday of<br>Easter |   |       |                                | 09.30 -<br>MP<br>FRR           |                              | 9.30<br>HC -<br>SW |
| Sunday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> May<br>6th<br>Sunday of<br>Easter | 09.30<br>HC -<br>SW                                 |       | 11.15 HC<br>- John<br>Withers  | 09.30<br>HC<br>John<br>Withers |                              |                    |

There will be a short service on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Lifton.

| Bridestowe Methodist Church<br>Preachers for May at 11.00am |           |  |  |  |
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| 12th  | A Morgan  |  |  |  |
| 19th  | J Daniel  |  |  |  |
| 26th  | J Hawkins |  |  |  |
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# Thrushelton Church Sunday Lunch

Sunday the 5th of May 12.30 for 1 pm.
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or Tim Nash on 01566783320

#### CHARITY PLANT SALE Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 11-2pm Lots of lovely plants, Annuals, Perennials, Shrubs & Vegetables Refreshments & Raffle

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The Ladies of St. Bridget's Church, Bridestowe
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#### Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

#### Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the parish council

#### Monday 25th March 2019

Planning app. Ref.0456/19/FUL – Proposed holiday cabin and replacement of foul drainage Disposal system (relocation of previously approved cabin under reference 1367/18/UL, At Lee Byre, Coryton, EX20 4PE. - Council decision – Support

Planning app. Ref.0659/19/FUL – Change of use of ancillary room to holiday cabin (including Regularisation of unauthorised extension). At Lee Byre, Coryton, EX20 4PE. Council decision – support 1.Playground update – Unfortunately the Communities Together grant application was not successful on this occasion, it was deemed as being received too late to process under the 30 day rule. The application may be considered at the next meeting if other approved applications are unfulfilled.

Finance - R.F.O. report – showed a combined credit balance of £7749.98, Payments – Peter van Delft – Clerk salary (Jan – Feb) £ 370.80, Peter van Delft – (admin expenses July 18- March 19)

£27.59, Vision ICT (Website annual subscription) £150.00, Stowford Parish Council (Viking storage containers) £36.98, Asset register - update to include Land light mast. Payroll provider – review of annual contract cost for 2019-20 is £150, Clerk salary review – changes in the NJC 2019 pay- scales old pay scale was SCP 20, new scales for SCP are SCP9 or SCP 10. It was resolved to pay the clerk the new replacement scale SCP10. Direct debit for payments to West Devon B.C. motion supported.

Reports from Councillors- Cllr Harrop reported on the Southern Links meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March. WDBC achieved a balanced budget however it would be a challenge for the year ahead, expect a budget deficit. Bere Ferrers held training programmes, clerk to enquire. Cllr Dunn reported on correspondence received from Devon and Cornwall Police stating that it was unable to support the pc's request for a lowering of the speed limit through Lewdown. It did however suggest the creation of a community Speed Watch.Cllr Dawe requested an update on the running costs for the proposed play ground. The current Insurance policy included play equipment for the sum insured up to £50,000, Annual Inspection costs provided by Rospa Play Safety were £68.50 + vat for up to 5 itemsthen

£3.50per additional item. An initial 'Post Inspection' cost is £395 plus vat.

Defibrillator training – Training will be on  $13^{th}$  June at the Victory Hall, starting at 2.30pm. Contact the clerk for more details and to reserve a place.

Air Ambulance landing site official opening-Cllrs Metherell, Jones & Andrews to makearrangements.

Lewtrenchard Primary School – Wig Wag Lights – a grant application was submitted to WDBC however the application missed the deadline. It was resolved to wait for new schemes from WDBC. 7.Correspondence – Devon Communities – Martin Rich has agreed to do a brief presentation on 20<sup>th</sup> May after the Annual Grouped Meeting. Martin will go through the services D.C. provides.

A letter of appreciation for the donation given to Citizens Advice was received.

A late letter from Lewdown YFC, they are taking part in the National Federation of YFC scheme to plant a tree for every member in their local club. Council and members of the public to suggest area's of land that maybe suitable for planting a tree. **Deadline is end of May** 

8.Grass cutting contract – no other contractors submitted a quotation. It was resolved to accept Dean Elliott's quotation. £50 per cut up to 10 cuts per year if required. Motion supported.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

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#### Stowford Parish Council Annual Parish meeting 9th April 2019

Parishioners open forum – Two members attended, no issues were raised.

#### Parish Council Chair's Report

2018-2019 has seen Stowford Parish Council grapple with the new rules around GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) and thanks to the thoroughness of Parish Clerk, Peter Van Delft emerge compliant. This covers our communications between councillors, and our website and making sure the Council's Standing Orders have been brought into line. Whilst hardly world changing stuff the Council has a duty to all the residents of Stowford to ensure the Council is run well and in a responsible way.

There are improvements around the village which include two new notice boards which have been installed by Spry & Sons and Andy Nash Builders. We are also currently reviewing quotation for the refurbishment of the two bus stops.

Ongoing issues are: planning, which this year has not presented us with anything controversial:

highways, where we have seen some success in repairs being made such as drainage issues outside Part Barton and the odd pothole being filled; finally, the Recreation Ground and the issue around its ownership. This is proving to be a long and difficult situation but the Council and the Church are working together to see a resolution.

The Parish Council has within it's gift the ability to make small donations to local organisation should they make an appeal for funds. This year has seen us award donations to Stowford Parish Church towards the upkeep of the

graveyard, Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Okehampton Community Bus service.

I would encourage local organisations to come to us with applications for help with funding. The amounts are small, but we are there to support the community.

Stowford Parish Council is entitled to 7 councillors in total. The last few years we have been functioning 1 to 2 councillors short of this. Whilst it is now too late for anyone to put in a nomination form for the elections to be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> we can co-opt. It is worth pointing out that we are a rural, agricultural community and there is no councillor directly involved in agriculture at present on the Council. As Chair I feel this is something we need to address and fix. So to anyone working in agriculture in Stowford please do contact me or the Parish Clerk about joining us- stowfordclerk@gmail.com. There needs to be a direct voice for this section of our community.

The councillors who have served this community this year are Kay Roberts, Audrey Hennessy, Colin Dunn, Simon Grace for which much thanks is due. Without them there would be no Parish Council for Stowford. Thanks also to our West Devon Borough Council colleague, Councillor Chris Edmonds who is a punctilious attender and keeps us up to speed with WDB matters and is always happy to give advice and guidance when needed.

Gail Bones, Stowford, April 2019.

#### Parish Clerk annual report

Website- The site is continued to be maintained for all documents, agenda's and minutes, there were a total of

30 hits during the past year.

Council meetings – a total of 9 meeting were held and a total of 9 planning applications were dealt with. Finance – Opening balance on 1st April £4673, the closing balance on 31st March £4989, an increase of £316 in reserves.

Payroll provider – 'Caroline Harris Bookkeeping Services' has managed the wages for the clerk the past year ensuring all legislation regarding PAYE have been dealt with.

#### **Stowford Parish Council**



# Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.40pm at Stowford Parish Hall.

#### No 676

These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Present: Cllrs G. Bones (chair), C. Dunn (vice chair) A. Hennessey, , S. Grace Cllr C. Edmonds (WDBC), P. van Delft (clerk)

Chair's Welcome - The Chair opened the meeting to councillors.

Apologies - Cllrs K. Roberts (MBE)

Declarations of interest - None

Members of the public – Two members of the public were present. The chair asked if the two members would be interested in becoming members of the council. The members were asked to consider the request. The chair suggested that if they did wish to become a member then they could be co-opted on to the council at the next meeting.

#### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 675 was signed by the chair being a true reflection of the meeting.

#### **Planning applications**

Reference No 3333/19/FUL – Application for proposed alterations and extension of existing Property to create a self contained annex

At Church View, Stowford, Lewdown, EX20 4BZ

Council decision – support – Proposed Cllr Dunn, Seconded Cllr Hennessey

Reference No 3644/19/FUL – Construction of 3 carports with secure garden store to serve the Two dwellings at Wreys Tower (resubmission of 3379/18/FUL)

At Wreys Barton, Stowford, Lewdown, EX20 4BZ

Council decision – support – Proposed Cllr Bones, Seconded Cllr Dunn

#### **Finance**

It was resolved to continue with the services provided by 'Caroline Harris Bookeeping Services' for the current year at a fee of £150 per annum. Proposed Cllr Bones, Seconded Cllr Dunn.

#### **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Dunn wished to express his appreciation for the work conducted by Highways for the drainage work near Part Barton, Stowford, It was resolved that the clerk to write a letter to Highways on the high standard of work achieved.

Cllr Bones reported that the pot hole was now repaired, highways reference W191208880

#### Report from Cllr Edmonds

Cllr Edmonds had contacted highways regarding the maintenance of the kerbs on the C822, unfortunately the department did not have sufficient funds to carryout additional work on clearing the kerbs. There is a match funding scheme that could undertake the clearing work but this cost maybe prohibitive. Drain clearing was done once a year and the highways inspector checks for defaults annually. It was resolved not to pursue this matter further.

The Joint Local Plan between W.D.B.C, P.C.C and S.H.D.C. had now been adopted and will form the basis of planning decisions up to 2034. W.D.B.C. now has a 5 year land supply for housing and development.

#### Correspondence

A letter from Lewdown YFC regarding their participation in a national "Protect your Future" campaign to plant a tree for every member of the club. Lewdown YFC has asked the pc to suggest sites were trees could be planted. Sites are to be accessible to members of the public. Deadline for submitting suggestions are 31<sup>st</sup> May. It was resolved that the council will put forward suggestions at the next meeting.

A parishioner reported to the clerk an abandoned vehicle parked in the bus stop opposite the Royal Exchange. This has been reported to W.D.B.C. reference 2019/03/0283, Processing of the request should be completed by 24.4.19 Items for consideration for the next meeting

Suggestions for planting area's where the Lewdown YFC can plant a tree.

<u>Date and Time of next meeting</u> Annual General Meeting followed by an Ordinary Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 7.30 at Stowford Parish Hall

Meeting closed 8.25pm

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