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Good evening dear readers, i hope you have all recovered, after the sight on the front cover of last months magazine. It really should have come with a public health warning, so that those with a weak constitution, or the young, could have prepared themselves for the horrible sight that awaited them...

... yes it was me, in all my glory. Think yourselves lucky, the present Mrs. Nash has to look at that every day, whether she wants to or not.

I feel that a short bit of levity is required to lift your spirits.

So a question for you. Why do bananas wear sun cream?, they peel easily.

What typed of bird always stick together?, Velcrow's.

In last months edition i forgot some very important news. I may have mentioned that i had been re-elected as chairperson, but i completely forgot to thank all the other wonderful people who are continuing in their positions in the running of the link.

Sarah Nash is still looking after the money, Simon Hedger is the editor, and although Terry Southcott has been unwell over the last few weeks, he, with the help of his family have continued to print the magazine.

Thanks must go to Monique Hedger who has taken over as secretary. I would like too personally thank Mrs. Tracey Weymouth who has been our secretary for a few years but has sadly had to stand down. Also to Mrs. Esther Van Delft, and Andy McCarthy for being on the standing committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the season of remembrance is nearly upon us. Poppies will be on sale all around the area, in shops, pubs and in the school, plus some wonderful people will be coming around to try and sell some poppies house, to house. I know times aren't easy, but give what you can to this most worthy cause.

Will close now as my hair is being cut in a minute, which is getting more depressing with each trim, there seems to be a lot more grey, and a lot less colour than a few years ago.

Best wishes to you all your streamlined Chairperson, Tim Nash.

Ps. What do you call a potato wearing glasses?, A spec-tator and lastly:

Have you heard about the tribe of cannibal who ate a Missionary? They've now got a taste for religion.

Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



Wednesday November 13th
From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall
Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £4
Followed by conversation & games



Lewdown Victory Hall
December 19th
Starting 7pm ish



Please support the 2024 Poppy Appeal



Reflections of a Steam Fireman

As a 16 year old I found it difficult to get the coal on the fireman's shovel (short handle long shovel) into the firebox in one movement especially when the loco was moving.

So I sought the advice of a top link fireman who told me he practised when he was a cleaner in electric 4cor sets between the coaches in the corridor when moving it was difficult to stand let alone practice with an imaginary shovel, but I persisted and gained my sea legs firing right handed and left handed, because U and N class loco's were right hand drive, Q, Q1, S15, all Standard class West country ,Battle of Britain and Merchant Navy were all left hand drive.

Some of the Top link drivers expected you to keep your side of the foot plate and they would put a chalk mark down the middle of the footplate and tell to keep on your half.

Not that it happen to myself as I was not experienced enough to be given top link work, but after working the 5.30 Bournemouth down while on loan to Nine Elms, and must have done alright, because Guildford loco knew I was working it, as I was seen on the engine at Waterloo , and by word of mouth it was spoken about 7pm at the loco (no mobile phones !?!).

Because of the shortage of drivers due to reshaping of the Railway, drivers were training to learn diesel The senior Fireman had to go for their Driving exam, some did want to step up and sadly left, if you fail the exam you are given time to revise and take the exam again, there is no going back if you failed three times it was the sack. The same with your first diesel.

So I started to get Passenger work and one such turn was the 08.06 from Woking down bay platform to Salisbury stopping at all station with five coaches, the loco was a U or N 2.60. I liked this turn - got relief at Salisbury and walked over to the upside platform and worked a stone train back to Woking Yard a heavy load with a bank from Salisbury tunnel junction to Grateley but if the engine was steaming not a problem. I had an interesting experience on this turn I was rostered for a week with one of the most senior driver in the loco ,we had an N class 2.6.0. I could not get the engine to steam light fire ,heavy fire, primary dampers in different positions, secondary air which was adjusting the position of the firehole door and looking at was coming out of the chimney until the smoke was not black, baffle plate in ,baffle plate out make sure the coal was no bigger than your fist, dart in the fire lift it off the firebars to no avail the pressure stubbornly sat at 160 psi enough to keep to time but hard work.



My driver on Friday was on a day off so I had a young recently appointed driver who told me that they was not happy with my performance he was going to show me how it was done, I was instructed to keep an eye on the road, tell him when we approach a station, put the injector on when told and he would drive and fire to this N class. And show me how it was done.

So we get the right of way, first station is Brookwood and we were not to good for steam and I said shall I have a go, Sit down and do as your are told so onwards to Salisbury back on 120psi in a bit

of a state when we eventually arrive at Salisbury.

On reflection if the top link driver had his regular mate he would have put a defect card in to the Foreman Fitter, the engine would have removed from service, fire out boiler and tubes checked etc. But because it was the nippers fault, nothing was done until Friday when the young driver submitted the card, the following week I had the same engine no problem (dirty tubes).

Tom

Punishment Book

Stowford Church of England School 1935 - 1946



Below you will find the second page in this series of misdemeanours at Stowford school, I think the teacher made some discrepancies with the ages of the children! Maybe the teacher should have received some form of punishment for the errors, 'could do better' comes to mind! I won't say anything just in case!! P van Delft

Date	Name of Child	Age	Offence	Amount of Punishment
1936 Sept 8th	William Woodridge	9	Throwing chestnuts in playground	One stroke each hand
	Eric Frise	10	Broke window pane	One stroke each hand
1936 Sept 9th	Alfred Woodridge	13	Concerned in above	As above
	William Maynard	12	As above	As above
	Gordon Frise	11	As above	As above
1936 Sept 29th	Eric Frise	9	Throwing things at Dinnertime.	One stroke each hand
1936 Sept 30th	Gordon Frise	11	Concerned with above yesterday	Two strokes each hand
	William Maynard	12	As above	
	Alfred Woodridge	14	As above	
1936 Oct 8th	William Woodridge	8	Disobedience	Two strokes each hand
	Reggie Bowyer	9	Not joining in line at playtime after warning yesterday	One stroke each hand
1936 Oct 20th	Eric Frise	9	Not joining in line at playtime After warning yesterday	One stroke each hand
1936 Nov 8th	Eric Frise	9	giggling	One stroke each hand
	Eric Frise	9	repeated	One stroke each hand
1936 Nov 13th	William Woodridge	9	Fidgetting, sending note in arithmetic	One stroke each hand
	Annie Mitchell	13	Giggling in singing lesson	Two strokes each hand
1936 Nov 16th	William Maynard	12	Making silly noises	One stroke each hand
	William Woodridge	9	As above	One stroke each hand

Lewdown Exchange Project

UK Gigabit Voucher Scheme **Funded by UK Government**

Our community has reached 66,6% of the required target for Openreach to commit to providing us with Gigabit Internet access. As of this morning just 89 households and 7 businesses have pledged to use the service if it becomes available. There is nothing to loose. Pledge to use the service and we all win.

Gigabit fibre will provide speeds starting at more than 1,024 megabits per second (25 times faster than the Airband offering and much faster still than most homes broadband connection). Over time this will improve as fibre technology improves. If we fail to get Gigabit now then I believe our community will remain stuck in the dark ages as the government is unlikely to make another rural grant available, especially as areas who are interested in Gigabit will have applied so there is little point in offering another scheme to communities that have expressed little interest.

Visit: www.openreach.com/connect-my-community to pledge.

The Sherlock Holmes Mysteries

'Silver Blaze' & 'Mrs Hudson & The Twisted Pilchard'

By Richard Moon

Supper Theatre

Friday 22nd November – 7.30pm

£15

£10

Matinee Cream Tea

Saturday 23rd November - 3pm

LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL, LEWDOWN

BOOK ONLINE: www.seaty.co.uk/RSCSherlock

Phone Bookings for BACS Payment: **01409 221409**

* Advance bookings only: Ticket sales end Tues, 19th Nov *

Supper Menu:

Beef Chilli, Jacket Potato & Salad, or
Chicken Casserole, Jacket Potato & Peas, or
Vegan Root Veggie Stew, Jacket Potato & Peas
Apple Crumble & Custard or Ice Cream

Pumpkin Bread Recipe: Use up that leftover pumpkin this Autumn!

Ingredients: 250g raw, peeled, seeded, coarsely grated pumpkin (~500g whole)
175g butter, melted 140g clear honey 1 large egg, beaten
350g self-raising flour 1 tbsp ground ginger 2 tbsp demerara sug.
100g light muscovado sug.

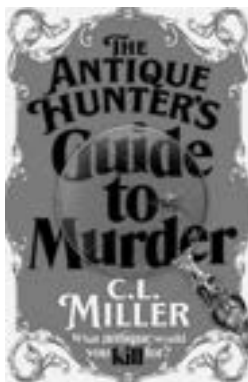
Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/gas 4/fan 160C. Butter and line the base and two long sides of a 1.5kg loaf tin with a strip of baking paper.
2. Mix the butter, honey and egg and stir in the pumpkin. Then mix in the sugar, flour and ginger.
3. Pour into the prepared tin and sprinkle the top with the demerara sugar. Bake for 50-60 minutes, until risen and golden brown. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out and cool on a wire rack. Serve thickly sliced and buttered.



Book of the Month for November 2024

The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder



Freya Lockwood has avoided the quaint English village in which she grew up for the last 20 years. That is until news arrives that Arthur Crockleford, antiques dealer and Freya's estranged mentor, has died – and the circumstances seem suspicious.

You will uncover an invitation, I implore you to attend . . .

But when a letter from Arthur is delivered, sent just days before his death, and an ordinary pine chest concealing Arthur's journals are revealed, Freya finds herself sucked back into a life she'd sworn to leave behind.

But beware, trust no-one. Your life depends on it . . .

Joining forces with her eccentric Aunt Carole, Arthur's staunch best friend, Freya follows both clues and her instincts to an old manor house for an 'antiques enthusiasts weekend'. But not is all as it seems; the antiques are bad reproductions and the guests

all have something to hide.

Can Freya and Carole solve the mystery and unearth the killer before they strike again? Find out in *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder*, the unputdownable cosy crime caper from C L Miller.

Publisher: Pan Macmillan
ISBN: 9781035021826

Lewdown Past
The Lewdown and area local history group

Miasma, pestilence and death: Cholera in Devon

A (cheery) illustrated talk by Kevin Dickens and AGM

**7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th November
at Stowford Parish Hall**



Don't worry, this is a light-hearted look at the impact of pandemics and medical theory on Devon in the nineteenth century and some of this is bound to be relevant today. Kevin has given us many interesting talks in the past and I'm sure this will be no different.

Visitors are very welcome: charge £2 for members, £3 for visitors including refreshments. Parking in front of the hall or opposite.

Enquiries: phone Hilary on 01566 783396.

Stowford Parish Council



Abbreviated minutes of Ordinary meetings held on 3rd September 2024

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

Meeting No 727

Present: Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair), Law (vice chair) Alexander, Govett and Lorna St Louis. Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.33pm

- Members of the public open forum - Two members present. Both members expressed their appreciation for the parishioner who freely cuts and maintains the hedges in the village. Further discussion took place as to who's responsibility it is to maintain a hedge adjacent to public highways. Cllr Edmonds suggested that in a case of an overgrown hedge that may be of public concern to safety, that it can be reported on the D.C.C. website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport> where the council will look into the matter.
- Minutes of previous meeting 726 were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded by Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
- Finance - 3.1 Payments were approved for - P van Delft - clerk salary (July August), £331.85, HMRC - PAYE for clerk £11.40 Clerk - admin expenses £80.98. Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour. 3.2 Vat refund of £141.87 has been claimed for the period 1.4.23 - 31.3.24. 3.3 R.F.O. Reported a credit balance of £4,348.64 after approved payments, proposed Cllr Law, seconded Cllr Govett, all in favour. 3.4 Bank signatory update- removal and additions have now been completed. 3.5 Bank Statements - all statements will now be paperless from 1st September. 3.6 Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy - The policy was adopted. Proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour.
- Planning app. 2702/24/TCA - T1: English Oak - crown raise descending tertiary branches to create 5m clearance from the road. Reduce overextend limb over out building via thinning up to 2m, causing vehicle obstruction and rubbing the roof. T2: Small leaved Maple - full crown reduction via thinning up to 3m in height and 2m from lateral branches, to reduce the subsequent re growth, and proximity to house, risk of subsidence. Hayne Barton, Stowford Lewdown, EX20 4BZ. Mr Brian Wilkinson the parish councils tree warden had viewed the tree and had no objection to the proposed work. Council decision - Support, proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
- Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that the government intend to review the planning system and housing targets are also being reviewed.
- Reports from Councillors - Cllr Govett reported that Openreach are looking to bring fibre broadband to the Lewdown/Stowford area, Cllr Govett further suggested that it would be beneficial to secure a speedy installation into the area that if interested, parishioners visit the Openreach website, for more information <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> If parishioners have any questions regarding the proposed service contact Gemma Bristow of the 'Active Travel & Digital Connectivity' lead at West Devon Borough Council 01803 861383. Cllr Leroy St Louis has highlighted the Openreach pledge request on the Stowford Village Facebook page.
- Councillor vacancies - two vacancies still available.
- Parish Questionnaire - After much discussion on the content of the questionnaire it was resolved that the draft questionnaire would be reviewed by the chairman. Options for the distribution of the questionnaire were considered, including hand delivery, responses could be posted or hand delivered to a letter box at the parish hall. Permission is required from the Parish Hall Committee to locate a letter box on the premises, the cost of the letter box to be borne from the parish council.
- Table Tennis - Council initiative to help with health & fitness. The clerk reported that a parishioner was interested to lead a new group so that sessions could be arranged at Stowford Parish Hall. It was also reported that Cllr Chris Edmonds would support the initiative with a grant of £150 from his West Devon Borough Council Localities Fund to help towards the cost of the table tennis equipment, the clerk also reported that the council could also contribute up to £150 towards the costs of the equipment. It was resolved to support a grant application upon which the purchase of the equipment could be arranged.
- Correspondence - Stowford Parish Hall - Hire agreement. It was resolved that the chairman sign the S.P.H. Hire agreement, proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour. Tree exemption notice - works to existing tree. 2309/24/TEX had been received.
- Stowford Parish Hall - Completion of lease registration. The clerk reported that the Lease agreement with Stowford Parish Hall Committee has now finally been registered with Land Registry. The council thanked Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Louis for all the work they done that enabled the registration of hall and the lease agreement.

Meeting closed 9.03pm

Date time and place of next meeting - 12th November 2024 - 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall



STOWFORD COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Support this new venture and come and meet your neighbours for a coffee, cake and catch up!

When?

10am - 12noon on the first Tuesday of every month.

Where?

Stowford Parish Hall.

Cost?

£3 per person (cash only) which includes a hot drink and cake.

Profits will be donated to a charity chosen by SCCM.

All friends and family welcome.

If you need help with transport, please contact Sarah on 07801 106702 or Tracy on 07973 327161



Stowford's



at Stowford Parish Hall

Thursday 14th November 7.30pm

£4 per person at the door Teams of 2 - 6 people

Bring your own drinks, we provide the nibbles.

(All profits go to charity)

The WI is keen to involve the community in making poppies for remembrance day.

The school has been asked to take part too.

Poppies from the Community

Why not make poppies for November, to be displayed in Lewdown Victory Hall and Stowford Parish Hall. Any medium welcome. If you don't have the knack but have material, why not donate it to someone who can make poppies?

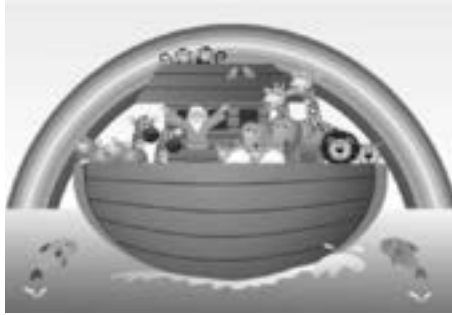
Contact Margaret Dunn on 01566 783779 or Lynn Atkinson on 07794 548447 for more info or to drop off your poppies/material.

It would be wonderful to have loads of them for the remembrance service.

Thank you 😊



The Ark



AT BRIDESTOWE METHODIST CHURCH

Is open for teas and coffee and a chat on
Tuesdays From 10am to 12 noon And 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Thursdays From 10.00am to 12 noon

Do come and join us, you will be made most welcome.

You will find us on **Launceston** Road, Bridestowe.

Bratton Clovelly & Area Twinning Association

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our wine & wisdom quiz event, a big thank you to our excellent quiz masters Allana & Dave who donated their skill and time to support the Bratton Clovelly & Area Twinning Association. It was a lovely evening and we raised £412.67 towards entertaining our French friends from Nonant next Spring.

If you would like to be a part of this enjoyable, worthwhile cause, either actively or passively, just contact our secretary Monique on 01566 783765 or monique@hedger.biz.

Thank you very much

**Simon
Chairman**



Gardening Jobs For November

As the rain pours and the wind howls, nicer weather can seem like a long way away. While that may be true, when there are breaks in the weather there are still some jobs to do outside and if not, why not start planning ahead for 2025?

Sow broad beans

November is a good time to sow broad beans to over winter and crop in late spring. Sowing them now means they will over winter as small plants which are more likely to survive and then thrive when the weather starts to warm up next year.

You can sow them direct or start them in modules before planting them out at the end of the month. I will be trying the variety 'Aquadulce Claudia' which is recommended by the RHS as the best autumn sowing variety. I hope to harvest the beans in May or June next year, giving me plenty of time to plant a second crop once they finish.



Start planning ahead

It's never too early to start planning ahead, and that can take many forms, here are some of the things I will be doing in November and throughout the coming months:

- Sort your seed collection, don't be afraid to discard the packets of varieties that you didn't enjoy or weren't successful, you can then make a shopping list
- Create a planting plan for next season, this should be rough and you should be flexible. Harvest times are never exact and it is always good to have spare plants
- Clean, oil & sharpen your tools to help keep them in tip top shape, I like to use Danish oil for wooden handles and camellia oil for things like secateur blades

Start harvesting winter crops

Now that we have had the first proper frosts, it is a great time to start harvesting winter crops such as parsnips, swede and leeks. Lots of vegetables get sweeter after the first frost as the plants produce sugar as a sort of 'anti-freeze'. Just make sure you leave enough plants to harvest for Christmas dinner, it'd be a shame to have no sprouts left for the big day!



Liam's garden fail

One evening after work I popped down to the allotment and in the fading light picked my remaining chillies which I thought were ripe - they weren't and unfortunately, it turns out chillies don't really ripen on the windowsill, certainly not as well as tomatoes do..

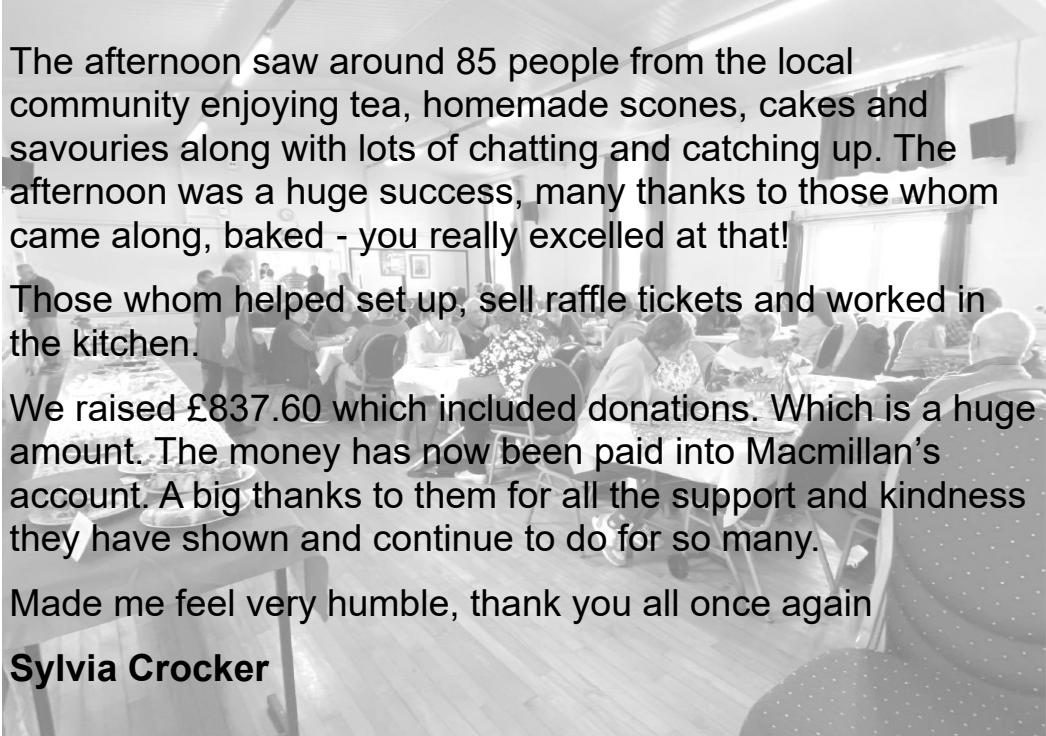


May the weather be with you!

Liam

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

AFTERNOON TEA Held at Lewdown Victory Hall On 28 September THANK YOU 😊



The afternoon saw around 85 people from the local community enjoying tea, homemade scones, cakes and savouries along with lots of chatting and catching up. The afternoon was a huge success, many thanks to those whom came along, baked - you really excelled at that!

Those whom helped set up, sell raffle tickets and worked in the kitchen.

We raised £837.60 which included donations. Which is a huge amount. The money has now been paid into Macmillan's account. A big thanks to them for all the support and kindness they have shown and continue to do for so many.

Made me feel very humble, thank you all once again

Sylvia Crocker

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystowe and Thrushelton

Abbreviated minutes Minute No 780 30th September 2024
of Ordinary meetings held at Lewdown Victory Hall

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

Present: Cllrs Andrews (Chair), Southcott (vice chair), Alexander, McSmythurs, Metherell, Perkins, Wilkinson, Cllr Yeo, Cllr Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk). Meeting opened 7.32 pm

1. Members of the public open forum - Two members present. Complaints were received regarding the persistent parking of an articulated vehicle in the vicinity of Reddicliffs Mews were by its nature restricts visibility and access to the highway for the residents of the Mews. Also, the issue of road safety was raised since a couple of potential accidents could have arisen due to the restricted visibility. The chair informed that the vehicle could be reported on the basis of causing an obstruction and poor visibility at a nearby access onto the highway where by creating a road hazzard for residents living in nearby households. The chair to contact the local PCSO Kevin Williams.
2. Dispensations & declarations of interest - Cllr Alexander item 14.
3. Minutes of previous meeting 779 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair.
Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Metherell, all in favour.
4. Planning app. 2625/24/FUL - Change of use (internal alterations only) to create holiday cottage, Alder, Lewdown, EX20 4PJ, Council decision - Support - proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
5. Cllr Mott (WDBC) reported that she circulated her report earlier in the month via email.
6. Finance - 6.1 Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices to include: Dean Elliot - Grass cutting (August)
£120.00, P van Delft - clerk salary (Aug -Sept) £527.25, HMRC - PAYE for clerk £90.60, Clerk - Administration expenses
£57.84, Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour. 6.2 VAT refund was submitted for the sum of
£319.55 6.3 R.F.O. report a credit balance of £25,602.34 after approved payments, proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour.
7. Grant policy - A motion for the adoption of grant policy and application form were proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all were in favour.
8. New defibrillator location(s) consideration for new location(s) - It was resolved to ask the chair of Lewdown Victory Hall committee if under their Section 106 agreement there was funding available for a new defibrillator, also if it could be located at the hall. The chair to enquire. Cllr Perkins suggested that the council may consider defibrillators for the four parish's if grants were available, the clerk to enquire. Cllr Alexander asked if there were any 'First Responders' in the village, Cllr Southcott was not aware of any F.Rs, he will enquire further with help from N.H.S.
9. Defibrillator replacement - It was resolved that since the existing defibrillator had been updated and reinstated at the Blue Lion it was no longer necessary to replace it.
10. Reports from councillors - Cllr Wilkinson reported that the question of suggested public footpaths in the vicinity of the sewage works have now been identified and that no public footpaths were registered in that vicinity. Cllr Yeo reported that the Baring- Gould celebrations have been well attended through-out the year, the unveiling of a Blue plaque on 16th October will be held at Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel gates 4pm, more events will be held for the remainder of the year, see the Newslink, Oke-links and Lewdown Noticeboard for details. Cllr Southcott reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner who informed that a public footpath at Cholwell to Allerford was overgrown, this has been reported with D.H. Cllr Southcott suggested that the pc should be more proactive in the maintenance of the parish's public footpaths.
11. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow - no new applicants this month.
12. Play area - Planning application, lease update, play equipment. Cllr Alexander asked if the council wished him to leave the meeting for this item since he had a pecuniary interest however the council unanimously agreed that it was not necessary in this instance. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he was still waiting for information from the agent for the Baring Gould trust before any further progress can be made.
13. Correspondence: Speed awareness, Police participation request. It was resolved that the chair would contact the local PCSO to look into the matter.
Request from parishioner - overgrown hedge on public footpath Cholwell to Allerford, the clerk informed that this has been registered with Devon Highways.
Parishioner flyer - Openreach Fibre broadband connectivity has been widely circulated.

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 28th October, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

From the Mountains of Japan

No.8 - The Battle For Convenience Store Supremacy

Upon my arrival in Japan just over twenty years ago, I remember being asked my first impressions. It was an unexpected one: there were a lot of 7Elevens. Far from the geishas, mist-shrouded temples, and samurai of my imagination, it was the sheer number of convenience stores that proved the biggest surprise. They are quite literally everywhere. In any major city, it's not unusual to be able stand at the door of one and spot several others further up the street.

The big four, so to speak, are 7Eleven, Family Mart, Lawson, and Daily Yamazaki. With the obvious exception of branding, they all look more or less the same: a wide, glass store front with a car park at the front, usually full of people sitting in their idling cars while drinking coffee or staring at their phones. Inside, the magazine racks are inside the big window, with drinks and food cabinets against the walls, everything else in between.

Far from simple snack shops, they redefine the meaning of convenient. In addition to selling everything you could possibly need to survive the day—albeit at a slightly higher price than a supermarket—you can pay bills, send and order mail and parcels, buy event tickets, And they do it 24 hours a day, even in the middle of nowhere. The workers too, are highly efficient and super polite: as a very early riser, I'll often head to my local 7Eleven at 4 or 5 a.m., where I'll find the staff waxing the floors or cleaning under the racks.

Everyone has their favorite, and its in these details that the companies perhaps look to gain a bigger market share. I personally prefer the coffee at Lawson over that at 7Eleven, even though it's cheaper; Lawson has better lunch boxes, although you have to heat them yourself at the self-service microwave rather than have the staff do it for you. Daily Yamazaki has a really good fresh-baked bread counter, while Family Mart, for some strange reason, has a rack of imported cigars.

Wherever you go in Japan, you will surely find yourself in a convenience store at some point. And love them or hate them, its pretty hard to survive otherwise.



Chris Ward

SBG 1924-2024 Centenary Celebration Group



SBG 100 Michaelmas Celebrations

The recent Sabine Baring-Gould centenary events of 2024 held in Lewdown have had mixed reviews. There were few takers for the **Michaelmas walk** around the Baring-Gould trail because of very wet and windy weather conditions but children of Lewtrenchard school still managed to fill and bury a **Time Capsule** at the Forgotten Garden.



The Wren Music organised “**Bell Ringing contest**” was well received in local churches – Broadwood Widger, North Lew, Ashwater that are mentioned in the *Devon Bellringing song* collected locally by Sabine Baring-Gould.

A **Blue Plaque unveiling** on the afternoon of 16 October by descendants of Sabine was well attended with people visiting from all around the UK and joined by the Chair of Devon County Council and his wife with other Councillors present.

This was followed by a **Folk Singing evening at the Blue Lion pub** led by Wren Music with many less vocal locals joining the celebration. It will be remembered for many years.

There are only a few more events on the SBG100 Calendar for 2024. Thank you to all that have helped during the year.

<https://www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/>



Blue Plaque unveiling on the afternoon of 16 October
by descendants of Sabine Baring-Gould

There are a few more SBG 2024 events. See:
<https://www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/events-calendar/>

Quiz night at The
Blue Lion, Lewdown -
28th November

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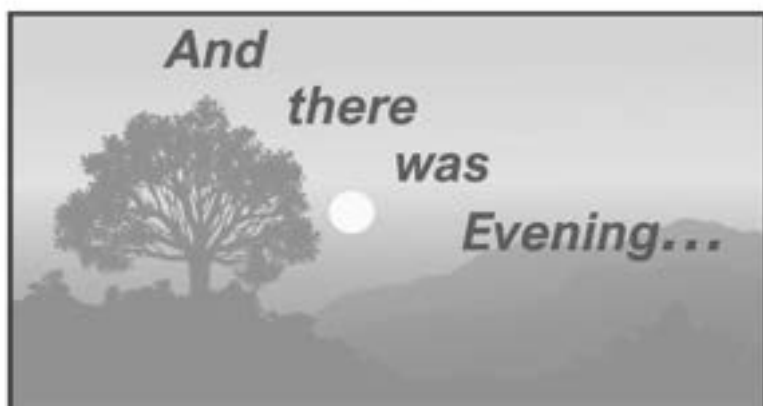


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Halloween Quiz

1. Name the celestial event which happened on Halloween in 2021 for the first time in 19 years?
2. In the 2024 body horror film *The Substance*, starring Demi Moore and Margaret Qualley, what is the name of main character Elisabeth Sparkle's younger, 'better self'?
3. In the film adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*, Anjelica Huston's Grand High Witch plans to turn children into what?
4. What vegetable was originally carved to create a Jack-O'-lantern before the pumpkin became the Halloween vegetable of choice?
5. In *13 going on 30*, Jenna Rink saves the office party by getting everyone to join her rendition of a famous dance routine to which spooky song?
6. On which historical figure was Bram Stoker's *Dracula* said to have been based?
7. Which actress reprised her iconic role - made famous over two decades ago - for *Halloween Kills*?
8. What was the original reason people wore costumes and lit bonfires, during the Celtic festival which eventually led to Halloween?
9. Which famous magician died on Halloween?
10. What is the day after Halloween called?
11. What is a group of witches called?
12. When will the next Halloween full moon occur?
13. Horror film *The Quiet Place* co-stars which real-life Hollywood couple?
14. In which US state did the infamous Salem witch trials of the 1690s take place?
15. According to legend, what can harm a vampire?
16. Victorians used to put what inside their coffins, just in case?
17. For which fruit do you traditionally bob for on Halloween?

Answers next month...

November's Sudoku

6			5			2		8
9		8		7	2	3		5
2				3		4	9	
	8	7			5			
						8	5	1
				2				
8		3	1					
								2
	6	9			4	5	3	



Children's Halloween Pumpkin Competition

Carve a scary pumpkin, for Halloween, take a photo and email to the editor by December 15th to win a tub of sweets.



October Puzzle Answers

Mensa Quiz Questions - Are you a genius

- 1,155
- Jane's daughter
- Cherries
- Rachel
- 41 ($4,000/2=2,000/5=400/10=40+1=41$)
- 16 (each number adds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, respectively, to the preceding number)

Sudoku

2	4	3	8	5	1	7	6	9
7	5	8	3	9	6	2	4	1
9	1	6	2	7	4	8	3	5
1	3	7	4	2	8	5	9	6
8	2	4	9	6	5	3	1	7
6	9	5	7	1	3	4	8	2
4	7	1	6	3	2	9	5	8
3	6	9	5	8	7	1	2	4
5	8	2	1	4	9	6	7	3

Can you ace this quick IQ test

1. 5p

If you guessed 10p, you're not alone. However, if that were the case, the bat and ball would cost £1.20 - not £1.10. On the other hand, a 5p ball and a bat priced at £1.05 (which is £1 more than 5p) would total £1.10.

- Five minutes. Although you might have answered 100 minutes, the actual time is less than that. Since the question reveals that it would take 5 minutes for 1 widget machine to make 1 widget, you can determine that it would also take 5 minutes for 100 widget machines to make 100 widgets.
- Forty-seven days. At first, you may think it would take 24 days. But remember: Since the area of the lake covered in lily pads doubles every day, a patch that covers half the lake would fully cover it in just one additional day. Subtract one day from 48 days, and what do you get? 47 days.

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From the Parish Priest

Dear Friends,

The North Tamar Mission Community is very excited to announce the start of a new initiative in Christian Worship within our six parishes.

From Saturday 30th November 2024, we will be giving the church and the community another opportunity to gather together to worship God and enjoy fellowship together.

So many people find Sundays such a busy day, and there is a long tradition of recognising the biblical tradition of the day beginning at dusk the night before.

So we are introducing a Vigil Service (the first service of Sunday) at 6pm every Saturday evening at St. Mary's Kelly, starting on the eve of Advent Sunday, which is a very special occasion.

These services will be quite different to what we are used to in our churches on a Sunday Morning. They will last half an hour and be followed by half an hour of fellowship together, including Tea and Crumpets and the opportunity to have some fun together.

Everyone, of every age, including the very young, is welcome to join us, and to join in!

We look forward to welcoming you to our new exciting venture.

With love and prayers,

Philip

Service times for November 2024

Any updates will be posted on the Mission Community Website <https://north-tamar-churches.org>

The North Tamar Mission Community



St. Mary the Virgin,
Kelly with Bradstone

St. Mary the Virgin,
Lifton

St. Nicolas,
Broadwoodwidge

St. John the Baptist,
Stowford

St. George,
Thrushelton

St. Peter,
Lewtrenchard

3rd November All Saints Sunday
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

10th November Remembrance Sunday
*Please see separate notice for details
of all services this weekend*

17th November The Second Sunday before Advent
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford

24th November CHRIST THE KING
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton
Morning Prayer at Lifton
Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton

There will be some occasions when the Wednesday Morning Service will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for November 2024

3rd	Drop in the Ark	10:30 - 12:30
10th	U S at C of E	10:15
17th	U S at C of E	09:30
24th	M Cooke S	11:00

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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Sunday 11am

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Launceston

Sunday 10.30am

Holy Days 7.30pm

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The North Tamar Mission Community



Remembrancetide Weekend 2024

Saturday 9th November

Vigil Eucharist at St. Peter's Lewtrenchard: 6pm.

Sunday 10th November

Acts of Remembrance at 10.50am beginning at the following locations.

Kelly War Memorial,

followed by a service at St. Mary The Virgin, Kelly

Lifton War Memorial.

Followed by a service at St. Mary the Virgin, Lifton,

Broadwoodwidge War Memorial,

followed by a service at St. Nicholas Broadwoodwidge

Lewdown War Memorial,

followed by a service in Lewdown Victory Hall.

Monday 11th November

Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at 10.50am
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Lewtrenchard WI October Report

We met on October 14 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Barbara welcomed 17 members and Kate Dixon from the Cinnamon Trust. **Congratulations to Karen for winning the potato challenge with a haul of 3.759kg!** After Jerusalem it was over to Kate:

The Cinnamon Trust is a charity that helps the elderly and their pets; anyone can register as long as you are over 60 or have a terminal illness. The Trust was founded in 1985 by Mrs Averil Jarvis after she lost her beloved Corgi 'Cinnamon'. It started out in Hayle, Cornwall and is now a nationwide Trust. Pets are such a vital part of life and owners have a very strong bond with them. When an owner becomes ill or is too elderly to walk/look after their pet, a volunteer from the Cinnamon Trust will come to their homes and help, with walks, transporting pets to vets, emergency short term care with a foster, lifelong fostering or in the event of the owner's death with no one to look after their pet, pets can go to a Sanctuary. In the South West, there are



two Sanctuaries; Hayle, Cornwall and Thrushelton, Devon. These Sanctuaries are not kennels, they have 'dog bungalows' & 'cat bungalows', each furnished like a home, with sofas, toys, a kitchen with an AGA!, everything you expect from a family home. The Pets love it! When the pets pass on, they are buried in the memorial garden. Kate started

volunteering in 2007, walking many different dogs, currently 2 a week, as well as being a busy primary school teacher. The Cinnamon Trust will send a volunteer to the owner for pet profiling; owners receive a newsletter twice a year. The Trust relies totally on donations. Reassuringly, volunteering did not stop during COVID. What a fantastic cause to have on our doorstep! Kate was a brilliant speaker and may have encouraged some members to volunteer. Our June 2025 outing is already booked and we will be visiting the Cinnamon Trust Sanctuary in Thrushelton, we are already looking forward to it. Want to become a volunteer? Visit: www.cinnamon.org.uk/volunteer. There are a number of pet friendly care homes, for more info visit: www.trustedcare.co.uk.

Date and venue for next meeting: Monday November 11 at 7pm, Lewdown Victory Hall, the Lone Kayaker - open meeting All Welcome visitors £2.50.

November dates for your diary:

21 - Thursday Coffee morning - venue TBA

25 - Monday Walk

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