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Note from the Editor:-

The situation regarding Coronavirus is evolving rapidly, and everyone should ensure that they follow the official advice from the Government and Public Health England.

Many of the adverts and notices in this magazine for upcoming events were submitted before the current instruction for “social isolation” was in place.

Therefore before attending any event or social gathering please make sure that you check with the organiser to see if alternative arrangements have been made (i.e. if the event has been cancelled or postponed).

Ironically as we are all being told to self-isolate, the importance of Community togetherness is going to be ever greater.

Keeping in contact with our neighbours, especially the elderly and those in particularly vulnerable groups—via phone or internet— will help us all get through this trying time. Please support local businesses where you can, many will be struggling.

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Dear readers , welcome to this months pile of old flannel, dredged from the deepest recesses of my very tiny brain.

Bad news, still can't get on the garden unless I hire a small hovercraft, but the present Mrs Nash has taken up residence in the greenhouse, so in a few weeks there will be plenty to plant out. There are some signs of the up and coming spring, at least the dandelions are looking cheerful and bright in the garden, not sure they are meant to be there but for now we will tolerate each other.

Did you know, a school of piranhas can devour a child in under 30 seconds, unfortunately my friend lost his job at the aquarium after finding this out!.

The other evening I was talking to the present Mrs Karen Mudge at skittles, when the conversation went to what we did at Primary school, other than try and be taught something which they failed miserable at with me. Karen pointed out that she had been both milk monitor, and dinner monitor, she seemed to find it quite amusing when I said that I had been coal monitor, this was in the early seventies when global warming was still unheard of, and if you came to school wet you could stand in front of the fires and steam for a while. This was when Mrs Fanny Downing was the school caretaker and it was with sadness i heard of her death a couple of weeks ago.

Will close now as there is a sports relief thing on the tele, so will settle down for a hour and watch that.

Best wishes to you all from your hon chairperson ME.

There was a elderly couple in church the other week, and during the Rectors sermon the husband leans across to his wife and whispers to her, "Apologies, but think I have just had a silent fart". The wife whispers back to him, "I think you need new batteries in your hearing aid"!

I ran out of toilet paper the other day,
so i have begun using old newspaper.

The times are rough.

A bloke in a tractor has just driven by
me shouting "the end of the world is
nigh!" ,

I think it was farmer Geddon.

I ran out of toilet paper the other day
so had to resort to lettuce leaves.

Today was the tip of the iceberg..

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 726

held on Monday 24th February 2020 at Lewdown Victory Hall

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Planning – Ref: 0206/20/LBC – Listed building consent for slate hanging to southern wall of Vicarage Cottage due to damp problems. Site - The Old Vicarge, Chillaton – PL16 0JA

Council decision - Support

Planning – Ref: 3800/19/VAR – Readvertisement (revised description).

Application for removal of condition 4 of planning permission 2099/19/ARM, Site – Land at SX 456 868, Cross Roads Farm,

Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP. Council decision – No comments to make

2. Projector, screen & equipment for planning app's and for other community use. It was resolved to purchase the projector screen and equipment or a total cost of £974.40 including vat. A grant has been provisionally offered of £812.00. The VAT of £162.40 will be claimed back from HMRC.

3. Emergency Plan – Review of current status, and consideration for a revised plan.

Discussion took place on the merits and pitfalls of producing a E.P, after considered debate the chair requested a decision to support the E.P. Cllr Metherell Proposed, and Cllr Crocker Seconded.

One abstention, motion was carried. Clerk and Cllr Southcott to transpose draft E.P. to Revised new plan. The new plan will be focused on aspects that are relevant to the parishes needs.

Discussion took place on the commemoration of V.E. day on May 8th. Possible joint celebration with the W.I., Soupa Troopers, and a Church service maybe appropriate.

Date, time and place of next meeting – 30th March 2020 – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

Parish Councillors - Andrew Harrop (Chair): Tom Andrews (Vice chair) Sylvia Crocker: Trevor Dawe: Colin Dunn: George Metherell: Nicola Perkins: Terry Southcott: Owen Vanstone: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:

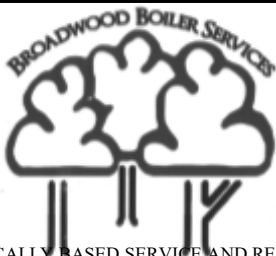
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Lewdown Past

The Lewdown and area local history group

Tuesday 21 April

Bratton Clovelly Church and Village History

***Due to recent advice from the government
we are reluctantly postponing this meeting.***

February meeting: **The Okehampton Archive** was begun about ten years ago by a small group, including our speaker, Christine Marsh. Its aim was specifically to deal with the town's records, as the Museum of Dartmoor Life there had its work cut out dealing with the moor alone. Christine chose several people whose influence is still strong in Okehampton to illustrate their collections of documents and photographs.

In the late nineteenth century many industries took advantage of the fast-flowing Okement rivers to drive waterwheels for power. One such business was that of Charles Geen, later run by his younger brother Henry, who generated electricity in this way for their cabinet and joinery works. Henry was responsible for many improvements in the town, building a large number of affordable houses for workers and improving places of worship for several different denominations. He also extended his supply of electric power to other businesses, shops and even street lighting in 1888-9, before most parts of Devon had even thought about it. However Henry's most outstanding achievement was the planning and building of Okehampton's Victorian Arcade, still a notable feature of the town today. Due to four years of legal wrangling with the council, over whether it could include dwellings as well as shops, it was finally completed in 1900.

Another major benefactor was Sidney Simmons who, although born in Okehampton, was sent away to school at the age of seven and subsequently spent little time in the town, apart from returning to visit relatives. He seems to have maintained an affection for his birthplace and, after a lucky break in America, acquiring the rights to a mechanical carpet cleaning process, he bestowed many benefits on the town. In 1911 he bought Okehampton Castle, had it restored and left £1000 for upkeep, insufficient now but leaving a fine legacy for its present owner, English Heritage. He also gave land to set up the Golf and Bowling Clubs. Possibly his greatest contribution was buying the land for Sim-

mons Park, to save it from being built on and designing the park himself, as a recreation ground and site for alms houses. He seems to have used his wealth well and, in his will, left generous bequests for all his employees and 37 charities. His great friend Henry Treloar, Mayor of London, said of him 'He is a man who has the head to make money and the heart to give it away'. Certainly three people who will be long-remembered and a fascinating insight into the town's records of their lives.



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The Parish Council received 4 quotes and after taking references and councillors doing a site visit to review work done by one of the bidders that builder was subsequently, after a final vote at Parish Council meeting on the 10th March, engaged to do the work.

We are now pursuing the insurance and waiting for the weather to improve for work to begin.

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Gail Bones
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Okehampton Saturday 6pm
Sunday 11am

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Launceston Sunday 10.30 am
Holy Days 7.30pm
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Community College, Mill Road,
Okehampton.
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St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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St. Mary, **Kelly**

St. Nicholas, **Broadwoodwidge**
St. John the Baptist, **Stowford**

St. Peter, **Lewtrenchard**
St. George, **Thrushelton**

Services listed in alphabetical order:

5th Apr	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Benefice Service - Lifton
9th Apr	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday - Thrushelton
10th Apr	TBA	Good Friday Walk of Witness - Lifton
11th Apr	7.30 pm	Vigil of the Resurrection - Lewtrenchard
12th Apr	9.30 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
13th	3.00 pm	Easter Festival Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
19th Apr	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Stowford
26th Apr	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer - Lifton
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer - Thrushelton

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

Please email your services to Simon no later than the 10th of the preceding month for publication in The Community Newslink

S Hedger March 12, 2020



Public Health
England

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Useful links

DHSC Twitter page which is updated at 2pm every day:

https://twitter.com/DHSCgovuk?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

NHS information – the first port of call for the public:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Latest information and advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

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<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Blog about contact tracing:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/13/expert-interview-what-is-contact-tracing/>

Blog about self-isolation:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important/>

Blog about the five things you can do to protect yourself and your community

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/03/04/coronavirus-covid-19-5-things-you-can-do-to-protect-yourself-and-your-community/>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

All current coronavirus guidance produced by HM Government for health professionals and non-clinical settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Travel advice:

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Lewtrenchard WI



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Thank you to everyone for your goodwill during this very strange period.

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A Prayer for these difficult times:

Heavenly Father, may we know of your will,
to come through this disaster,
After the Corona virus, may you keep us in your care
and help us overcome difficulties that has placed us under
at this time.

May we seek you at every opportunity we have on Earth,
and help us not to be too engrossed in ourselves
but to think of others who need feeding at this time,
like the people who go to foodbanks,
to meet their necessary needs day by day.

Sometimes we are unkind to them
because of their hard times.

To help us to be kinder in our outlook,
and see if there is anyone who needs our help.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen

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Spring Time

There is a cold north wind that whirls the snowflakes round
Yet there is a feeling that longer is each day
Slow indeed is winter to release her grip of chill
But there are signs that surely spring is on the way

Snowdrops warily push their pale green leaves into the light
Although the ground is wet and bare they add colour to the scene
Up through the cold and snowy earth their presence is a promise
To brighten up the winter day with shoots of joyous green

On the bare branches of the hazel the first catkins appear
To dance to the tune of that wind from the north
The first green shoots of daffodils add their colour too
And beneath the trees the gentle crocus brightly show their worth

Gradually the days get warmer as February turns to March
And daffodils add their welcome yellow and gold
Frosty nights remind us that winter is with us still.
The first primroses really are a joy to behold

On sheltered banks the first violets shyly raise their heads
And on the hedgerow pushy willow buds appear.
Lambs frolic in sunlit meadows and barks sing on high
All welcome signs that spring will soon be here

April brings the swallow from Africa's hot sun
And the cuckoo tells us that wintertime has passed
Warm sunny days banish those cold March winds
Then we know that spring is really here at last.



The Friends of the Forgotten Garden are cancelling the
Jumble Sale at the Victory Hall, Lewdown
Saturday 25 April because of the corona virus risks.

At the time of writing the garden and walk remain open to all
and

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Saturday 9 May 2.00 – 4.00pm

is still expected to proceed but may not take its usual form. Remember
the bluebells will still flower, the birds will still sing and the dog and
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Bloodwise later in the year.

St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

We hope that you are keeping safe during these difficult times. At least, with the church being on top of a hill, we're not at risk of flooding. However, we do have a very large puddle in the road outside, which in recent months has made parking rather difficult. This has been caused, not only by the heavy rainfall, but by a blocked drain under the church steps. Devon Highways have been out to look at it and we're hoping that they'll soon sort it out, so that we don't have to come to church in our wellies!

Fortunately, the wet weather doesn't seem to have affected the spring flowers; the Lent lilies (wild daffodils) on the bank by the lychgate have been beautiful and the primroses in the churchyard are coming on well now.

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Dates for your diary (At this time, we don't know what will happen or if we will be able to go ahead with these plans)

Easter Sunday, 12th April at 9.30am – We hope you will join us for a service with Holy Communion.

Sunday, 24th May – We're pleased to have the **Tavistock Wheelers Cycling Club**, coming again for their coffee stop at the Schoolroom – If you would like to help by making a cake for this, please let me know.

Saturday, 20th June – We'd like to invite you to an **Afternoon Tea**, hopefully, on the green outside or in the Schoolroom from 3pm. Raising money for Church Funds.

Saturday, 14th November – We will once again, be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning** in the church with gifts and craft stalls - If you know of anyone who might be interested in having a stall, please let me know (they would pay £10). Raising money for Church Funds.

Deborah Asbridge

Thrushelton Church Sunday lunch

this year it will be on Sunday the 10th of May
12.30 for 1pm.

As normal there will be 4 courses
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Minutes of Ordinary meeting held on
Tuesday 14th January 2020, 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall
These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Minutes No 683

Present: Cllrs Bones, Hennessey, Leroy St Louis, Lorna St Louis

Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.35pm

Chairs Welcome

Apologies – Cllrs Dunn, Bowers and Roberts

Members of the public present – None present

Bus shelter – repairs/replacement to damaged structure by former Royal Exchange.

After due consideration two options were discussed, repair or replacement of existing shelter.

Contractors that quoted for the repair of the structure considered the main framework to be sound and that only the base of the structure was in need of replacement. The chair pointed out that it was still of sound structure and therefore the council was morally bound to repair the structure. The replacement cost was significantly more and was a waste of existing materials. It was resolved to discuss on site with the provisional contractor the council's full requirements. The council will finally consider at the next meeting the preferred contractor.

Meeting closed 8.10pm

Parish Councillors

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Lewtrenchard WI

Report 9th March 2020

President Cathie Slocombe was replaced for the evening by Gail Bones.

We sang Jerusalem and went through the business of the meeting including the results Devon-wide for our recent vote on the WI Resolutions to go forward to our national AGM.

1st - A Call to Increase Potential Stem Cell Donor Registration- 38,3820 votes

2nd End Modern Slavery 35,395 votes.

Recent activities were reviewed, the WI Quiz, skittles match and the Show the Love Campaign seeing the Lewdown bus stop festooned with hand crafted green hearts.

Members gave their contributions to the food bank to be delivered by Susanne Allan.

We also discussed the theme for the 2020 Okehampton Show which is 'A Celebration' and the various clipboard activities before handing over to our own Sylvia Crocker for a cookery demonstration.

Sylvia told us she has now been doing these demonstrations since 2015 and is invited regularly by other WI's. As always Sylvia entertained us with anecdotes and chat whilst cooking 4 different dishes calmly and efficiently.

The recipes she gave us so we can make them ourselves and this evening she made, Crunchy Topped Squares, Cherry Slice, Mushroom and Caramelized Shallot Tart and Leek and Bacon Cheesy Wheels.

The smell of these baking gave us an appetite for a very luxurious tea at the end of the evening.

To further entertain us whilst waiting for the food to bake Sylvia treated us to a reading for several of her poems. Barbara Scott gave the Vote of Thanks remarking on the feeling of the members' that Sylvia managed to cook skillfully and be very organised and calm and yet entertain us all at the same time.

Competition

1st Place for flapjacks was Barbara Scott

1st Place for a Flapper Headband Barbara Scott.

Both of these categories are for the Tamar Group Meeting.

Flower of the Month: Susan Brown.

LEWTRENCHARD W.I.

We wish to inform everyone that W.I. will not meet for a period of 3 months from now, so no meetings in April, May, or June.

We will do our best to keep all members up to date with information, and do please contact any of the Committee if you are in need during the time that we are asked to stay at home. It's a good idea to keep in touch with each other by phone or email, so that no one feels totally isolated.

This will be a difficult time for us all, but we will get through it!

Cathie, (President)



Stowford Show is once again not far off
(Sat 10th August)

Time to dust off your sewing
accessories and baking utensils.

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Update from Thrushelton Church Wool Project



If you go into the church now, you will see that there are very few pews without runners.

In total we have achieved 36 completed pieces of work (runners, seat covers, cushions, wall-hanging and altar rail mat). Still to be finished are just 6 runners and 3 seat covers and 3 cushions. It is an amazing achievement and we are so close to finishing!

Thank you to everyone 😊 😊

One of the ideas of our project was to involve as many people as possible and we are delighted that over the last few months, Lew Trenchard School have invited us to be part of their Art Club. The children have done lots of wool carding and have also created two cushion covers. Brilliant!

There is clearly now a new generation of wool carders and locker hookers! Thank you to the school and to all those at the Art Club. Also, thank you to all the other volunteers for making this happen.

So what happens now?

Friday 3rd April 10am to 1pm. Lewdown Victory Hall.
Wool Project 'get together' for all those still locker hooking.

Saturday 2nd May 10am to 3pm. Lewdown Victory Hall.
Wool Project 'get together' for all those still locker hooking.

20th August 2020 This will be 4 years since we first gathered to wash wool to start the project. So we have thought that this would be a good date to aim to complete all the runners, the seat covers and the cushions. We'll see how things go between now and then, and hopefully everyone can support each other to get everything done. Then, after 20th August, we can give ourselves a huge pat on the back and plan a celebration!!

Watch this space, we'll try to keep you posted!

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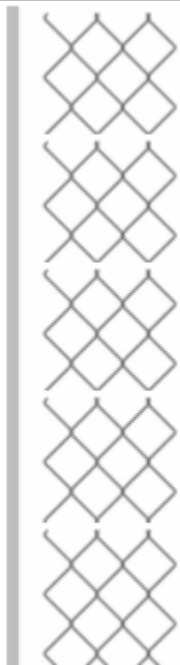


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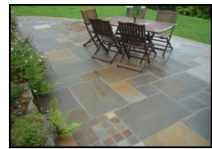
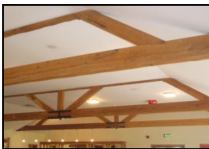
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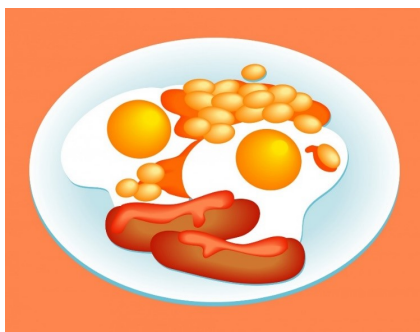
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day until future notice. The magazine
will be produced and delivery arranged,
in order to ensure people can keep their
distance from one another.

This system will continue until it is safe to
socialize once more