

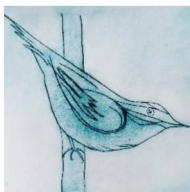
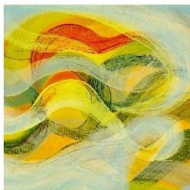
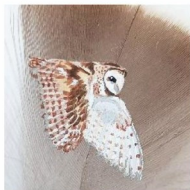
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Would you like to get involved in helping to run the Newslink magazine and helping publicise and fund local events? We are looking for new members to come forward to join the LRA Committee.

We usually have two meetings a year, and if you are interested in helping to run this valuable local resource in the community please contact our Chairman—Tim Nash on 01566 783320 or email the Editor of the Newslink at mccarthy.andy@gmail.com

Front Cover Picture- Drawn to the Valley—Open Studios 2023. From the 26th of August to the 3rd of September come and visit our wonderful artists in their studios throughout the Tamar Valley area. For more info see page 29

# Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



**2023**

**Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall**

**Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3**

Followed by conversation & games



S Hedger 07/23

*Patient to Doctor, i keep seeing an insect spinning in front of my eyes.  
Doctor, oh yes, there's a nasty bug going round at the moment.*

**Good evening** and welcome to this pile of tripe for another month. I can distinctly remember eating tripe when i was growing up, as supplied to us by Mr Norman Woods. For those of you too young, or newish to the area, he used to have a butchers shop on the site of the new building opposite the war memorial, and before that it was a inn and staging post, to change horses for the stage coaches to London, and the was a jail there as well to hold felons on the way to trial in Exeter assizes.

Warning! all, some or none of this information, may or may not be correct, but my lonely brain cell has had enough for one night, it's telling me there is a urgent need for food, and who am i to argue.

How's the Sunflowers doing, there are classes in the produce show for those, and many other flowers and vegetables and handicraft. Schedules are available from the shop and other places.

Will close now as we have pancakes for tea, yes i do know it's a bit late for pancake day, but we are just rebels in our household.

Best wishes from Tim Nash.

*P.S Patient. Since you fitted these new false teeth, can't pronounce my f's and th's properly.*

*Dentist. Well you can't say fairer than that then.*

*I know a man who taught his dog to play the trumpet on the London underground.*

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Scams should be reported to Action Fraud and Trading Standards can investigate a seller who refuses to deliver an item.

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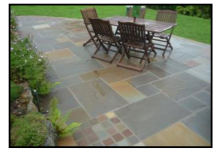
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# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

## Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 763 of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

A site meeting was held at the Lewdown Recreation Ground commencing 7pm.

Discussion took place for the location of play equipment within the recreation ground, the area required and the current proposed positioning of the main play equipment pieces.

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Southcott, Alexander, Metherell, Perkins, Wilkinson, Yeo

1. The chairs welcomed all those present
2. Apologies for absence – Cllr McSmythurs
3. Members of the public open forum – no one present
4. Declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meetings 761 and 762 being a true reflection of those meetings were approved and signed by the chair. Proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour
6. Planning – Application 1621/23/FUL – Replacement slurry store, Wooda Farm, Lewdown, EX20 4PL, application withdrawn by applicant.  
Planning – Application 1948/23/HHO – Householder application for extension to dwelling. Manor House, Coryton, EX20 4PG. Council decision – Support, proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour
7. Cllr Mott (WDBC) reported that business would commence once committees were set up in the new council this would take place during the current week.
8. Finance – Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices – Dean Elliott – Grass cutting £110.00, Cllr Wilkinson – Repairs to noticeboard £21.98. Proposed by Cllr Yeo, seconded by Cllr Metherell, all in favour.
9. New Councillors - vacant seats at Coryton, Marystow and Lewtrenchard – Cllr Southcott reported that he submitted an advertisement in the Newslink, no interest has been expressed yet.
10. Play area update – Cllr Perkins provided 2 quotes for consideration, it was resolved that both quotations should be reviewed by the council and sub-committee members at the next meeting allowing time for

councillors to assess and compare each one. Discussion took place on how best to assign the play area to a lease, Cllr Yeo suggested the play area could be sub-let from the Recreation Ground Committee, Cllr Southcott suggested that the sub-committee should look at the options available and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Perkins suggested that if the council did approve the recommendations, then a draft planning application can be presented to WDBC. Cllr Alexander suggested that Lewtrenchard School could be consulted to seek any recommendations for the type of play equipment best suited for local community.

11. Lewtrenchard Primary school re-wilding project – Held over to the next meeting
12. Lewtrenchard Primary school – Mini bus funding support – Held over to the next meeting.
13. Village traffic speed reduction update – Cllr Southcott reported that D.H. would be installing the poles for the VAS shortly. The speedwatch team have reported a continuation of many speeding offenders.
14. Cllr Reports – Cllr Southcott reported that a volunteer group had been set up to clear an overgrown stretch of pathway from the village to the school. Cllr Alexander suggested a site visit of the village sewage works with South West Water, the purpose is to evaluate if the existing facilities meet the current and future requirements of the village. Cllr Wilkinson reported that the exit/entrance to Lewtrenchard Hotel no-longer has demarcation lines on the highway, the original lines were removed when resurfacing work to place.
15. Refunding of expenses incurred by volunteers for maintenance of kerb -side highway. Volunteers were not requesting a refund of expenditure on this occasion.

Meeting closed 9.03

Date, place and time of next meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July, at Lewdown Victory Hall,  
7.30pm

*Peter van Delft*

*Lewdown Grouped Parish Clerk*

Parish Councillors

**Tom Andrews (chair): Terry Southcott (vice chair)**

**Richard Alexander: Andrew McSmythurs: George Metherell: Nicola Perkins: Brian Wilkinson:  
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# Lewtrenchard WI July Report

We met on July 10 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Margaret greeted 15 Members and extended a warm welcome to our newest member, Jean Harris. We sang another beautiful rendition of Jerusalem.

It was 9pm by the time we had ploughed through our agenda. Audrey then entertained us with two very witty insights: recycling 'The Green Thing' touching the young & the old then a bit of 'Cornish Advice' on how to shop for a wedding hat. Together with a cup of tea and a biscuit, it was a very nice end to a good meeting.



**Competition winners:** Interesting item beginning with 'E'

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|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Marion     | Egg             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Julie      | Engagement ring |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Margaret D | Elephant        |

**Flower of the month winner:** Audrey



**Spring Council Torquay:** Margaret D & Jean went along with two ladies from Lifton WI. Margaret presented an excellent report. Overall it was a good meeting with great speakers but nowhere near as many attendees as in past years.

**Date and venue for next meeting:** **Tuesday August 15**  
**Cream Tea at Lewdown Victory Hall, doors open 3pm,**  
**£5 with speaker & raffle.**

**August dates for your diary:**

10 - Walk

10 - Okehampton Show

15 - Cream Tea - Lewdown Victory Hall, 3pm, £5 with speaker & raffle

17 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

**Don't feel left out, Mary E is always on hand to organise a lift.**



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There is no limit to how many classes you enter but each person may  
only enter one item per class.

Everyone is welcome to take part and to attend.

Entries for the classes should be brought to the Community Centre  
between 9.00am and 11.00am

Judging will take place between 11.30am and 1.00pm

Doors to the show will open at 2.30pm.  
Come and see what everyone in the village has  
entered.



Raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

Refreshments available.



Cups and Awards for the Village Show and  
Winner of the Scarecrow Trail will be presented at 4.00pm



# Revd Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary 1924-2024



100 years ago next year the Revd Sabine Baring-Gould the Squareson of Lewtrenchard died after a career that would have been difficult for 4 people to perform.

He started as a teacher and progressed to writing about archeology on areas like Dartmoor, Saints local and far flung, religious papers, hymns, carols and numerous gothic novels and legends (over 1000 publications) and is perhaps best known for collecting and publishing local folk songs such as Widecombe Fair. For the last 40 years of his life he was the “Squareson” our parson and squire of Lewtrenchard. As such the church of Lewtrenchard, the Manor House which is now the Lewtrenchard Manor hotel and the village of Lewdown bare his mark. The Blue Lion public house is named after his coat of arms. The recreation field is on Baring-Gould land and the village hall and school were built on land from the estate.

Many local families will have interesting anecdotes of Sabine and many local groups may wish to help commemorate the year with events. If so the “Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary Committee” would like to hear from you, so that we can help publicise events and reduce the risk of competing for dates. A website is in preparation plus events are already marked in our diary for January, April and October. Contact - [ffgLewtrenchard@aol.com](mailto:ffgLewtrenchard@aol.com)

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

## **Holiday Let Housekeeper Required – Lewtrenchard Estate**

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## CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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**Okehampton** Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph  
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Contact – Kay Nicholson  
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Okehampton  
Every Sunday 10.30am.

Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday  
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Community College, Mill Road,  
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Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

# North Tamar Mission Community Service times for August 2023

*At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Mission Community*

## Sundays and Festivals

### 6<sup>th</sup> August **The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** *Lammastide*

- 8am: Eucharist at Stowford
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
- 11.15am Lammas Sunday Festival Eucharist at Kelly  
*with Origin Voices*
- 4pm. Festal Choral Evensong at Thrushelton *with Origin  
Voices*

### 13<sup>th</sup> August **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge  
Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
- 4pm Evening Prayer with Holy Baptism at Lifton

### 20<sup>th</sup> August **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism at Stowford  
Morning Prayer at Kelly

### 27<sup>th</sup> August **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton  
Morning Prayer at Lifton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
- 6.30pm Flower Festival Service

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8am: Eucharist at Stowford
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

### Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton

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

## From The Parish Priest

In the Autumn we will all be busy preparing for our Harvest Festival services. Nothing could be more traditional than Harvest Festival in a well decorated church with all the trimmings of favourite hymns, Harvest auctions and lots of Marrows!



Actually, Harvest Festival as we know it is a relatively recent invention. It was developed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and has become an essential part of our national life, particularly in rural communities.

With the advance of Harvest Festival in Autumn, so the church and society has forgotten what we used to do before. In the Old Testament there is a Harvest Festival, but not at the end when “all is safely gathered in,” but right at the beginning, when the first fruits of the Harvest were offered to God. This festival is known as Lammas, and was, and in some places still is, celebrated on the first Sunday in August.

This year we are going to celebrate Lammas, with our Festival Eucharist at Kelly on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August. We give thanks to God for his gifts and pray for his continued generosity to us and care for those who work the land on our behalf.

We will be marking the occasion both with a special service and with a celebration lunch, and everyone is welcome.

With love and prayers,

Philip

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13 <sup>th</sup>	Bridestowe Worship Group 11.00 am
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*Gracious Father, once again we are praying for rain for the reservoirs, for the farmers, and for the gardeners. Yet when it does come, many of us will then pray for the sun to ripen the fruit, open the flower buds and top up our suntans. There are many more places with extreme need, where the reservoirs are empty, the farms barren and a garden an unimaginable luxury. Father as we pray, help us to balance our local pleas with a Thank You for our piece of heaven in Devon as we remember somewhere in greater need than us.*

As always Marystowe Church is welcoming – welcome dog water bowls in the heat of June and welcome shelter for dog walkers in the downpours of July!

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While you are putting the “Three for” in your diary, please also save the **25<sup>th</sup> November** as we are having a family day in Marystowe of Midsummer Madness – afternoon and evening entertainment more details to follow.

## Now

It is easy to report on what has happened and what we are planning and miss being in the present when there is so much to be thankful for in our heavenly corner of Devon. The snowdrops around the Church are nearly over, but being quickly followed by the wild daffodils and the primroses. Therefore this report ends with an extract from our prayers on 5<sup>th</sup> March:

*“We have the contrast of the world’s suffering with our beautiful Marystowe and South Tamar Mission Community. .... we ask for you to be with all of us that we may feel our faith deepening during our Lent journey.”*

Joy McSmythurs 01822 860630



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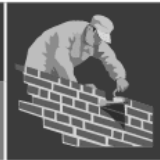
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