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We welcome your articles / items / advertisements. Though we do our best, we cannot guarantee to publish all that is sent to us, as some things will not reproduce in a good enough quality.

LEWDOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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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- The Forgotten Garden of Lewtrenchard WINTER SOLSTICE event 21st December 2023 at St Peter's Church, Lewtrenchard—see page 17 for details

Important announcement from the Lewdown Resident's Association

Due to the economic climate we unfortunately have to reduce the number of copies of the Newlink that we produce each month. Starting with the next edition (Feb 2024), we will be operating a reduced print run, and therefore will not be able to deliver paper copies to all properties in the area.

Copies will still be available to pick in various points in all areas covered;- each of the Churches will have a supply of the magazines, as well as the Village Stores and the Blue Lion, and also in the foyer of Stowford Hall.

Alternatively you can have a copy delivered electronically via email.

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Here's a interesting fact for you about Christmas, dear readers.

The word Christmas comes from the amalgamation of the words Christ's Mass, And comes from the old English Cristesmaesse, and the phrase was first recorded in the year 1038.

There you are never to old to learn something, as my granny used to say. Mind you she also told us to eat our carrots it will help us to see better. Just to prove her wrong i have just spent another heap of money on glasses, hey oh.

As you may have guest, this is the double Christmas/ new year edition, that does not mean you will be getting double my normal flannel, nobody deserves to be put through that much pain, and misery.

We in the Nash household will be having the present Mrs. Nash's parents for Christmas, why we can't have a Turkey as most people i don't know.

It will be fun, having two grandchildren now, to spoil, defiantly makes Christmas special, even though they are to young to understand what its about yet. here's hoping they get Lego, so grandad can help. Here's a interesting fact. Lego are the biggest manufactures of tyres in the world, ok they aren't huge but there you go.

Anyway will close now as the guinea Pigs are getting restless for the tea, one likes rice crispies beleave it or not, the other seems to enjoy the kitchen carpet.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and a prosperous and peaceful new year. Best Wishes from Tim Nash and family, and all the Committee of the newslink.

I nearly forgot. If you are doing nothing on the evening of the Monday 18th of December, and you want a fun filled evening, there's always Carols around the tree at the Victory hall starting at 7pm prompt ish with your chance to win at brussels sprout bingo, there will be refreshments including Mulled wine to help the singing.

Ps. What did the Rooster do to impress the hens?, He wrote Poultry for them.

Father Christmas wanted to lose a few pounds before the big day, so decided to try yoga. When he went to the first session the instructor asked how flexible he was. I can't do Tuesdays and Fridays are a bit iffy also he said.

Poppy appeal collection 2023.

Dear readers. The poppy appeal collection for 2023 at the moment stands at a wonderful £2176.01

I would like to thank every last one of you for giving so generously, again this year. Also I would like to thank the people who went door to door, collecting again this year, and the kind proprietors who had a poppy box in their establishments.

The money will be used, for not just active and retired service men, but also their surviving wives and families.

Best wishes Tim Nash.



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www.lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk
Email lewtrenchard@andaras.org





Stowford Parish Council are looking for two new councillors.

If you are looking for an interesting and rewarding experience and would like to put something back into your local community then please contact the clerk to learn more.

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Abbreviated minutes of Ordinary meeting of 30th October 2023

Minute No 767

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

Present: Cllrs Andrews, Southcott, Alexander, McSmythurs, Mincher, Metherell, Perkins, Wilkinson, Yeo, P. van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.31 pm


1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Mott
2. Members of the public open forum - One member present
3. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Southcott item 8.2
4. Minutes of previous meeting 766 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour.
5. 20 is plenty – Signage initiative – Cllr Southcott informed that signage would need to be placed on private property for a limited time only. Signes to be located in 30mph zones only. Cllr McSmythurs commented that evidence suggested that the speed reduction had limited effect or even counterproductive. Cllr Wilkinson commented that the signage would be best used in the vicinity of the school however as it was 40mph there this would not be possible. Cllr Alexander suggested that in this instance it would not be beneficial and proposed not to proceed any further, seconded by Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour.
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) had provided her October report via email with nothing more add at this time.
7. Finance
 - 7.1 – Payments were authorised for outstanding invoices – W.D.B.C. – Dog bins emptying service £763.78, Royal British Legion – wreath £18.00, Peter van Delft – clerk printing expenses £47.74, Dean Elliott – grass cutting £110.00, Victory Hall Committee – hall hire £270.00, Proposed by Cllr McSmythurs, seconded by Cllr Southcott, all in favour
 - 7.2 – Review of donations for the year 2023-24. It was resolved to hold over to the next meeting.
 - 7.3 – Devon County Council – VAS Funding invoice £532.74 – It was resolved that the clerk to enquire further.
8. New Councillors - vacant seats for Coryton and Marystow – nobody came forward, a new advert to go in Newslink
9. Play area update – Including approval of preferred supplier, planning application. Cllr McSmythurs reported that contact had been made with George Greaves and Charlie Hughes. A formal letter from C.H. had been received to

the estate regarding support for the scheme and the release of a part of the recreation ground land from the existing lease agreement. A meeting with the planning officer is to be arranged. Two quotes have been received a third quote is still needed. Cllr Southcott reported that WDBC provides a 50% discount for parish council planning applications.

10. Vehicle activated signs – Sponsorship, grant funding – Cllr Southcott reported that the cost of camera securing materials and solar panels for the remaining two VAS poles was approximately £172.56, it was resolved that the exact cost is to be provided for the next meeting. The second stage for the installation of two further camera's would cost approximately £4,530, fund raising and grants to be discussed at the next meeting.
11. Commemoration bench – location, build and installation. Held over until next meeting.
12. Cllr Reports – Cllr McSmythurs reported that he was still waiting for details on the WDBC housing survey from Cllr Mott, Cllr Southcott to enquire. Cllr Perkins reported that more potholes had been reported in the Barton and Tolbar areas. Cllr Andrews reported that the South West Water meeting scheduled for 30th October had been cancelled by them. The clerk to reschedule.
13. Review and motion to vary the adopted Standing orders dated October 2018- The clerk identified two clauses that needed updating, both clauses were considered appropriate. It was resolved to complete the review process at the next meeting.
14. Correspondence – Citizens Advice donation request, it was resolved to hold over this item to the next meeting. Devon Communities Together had provided a Direct Debit mandate form for the annual subscription, it was resolved that future annual membership payments are paid by D/D.

The chair reminded everyone that a Remembrance service will be held on Sunday 12th November

Meeting closed 9.27pm Date, place and time of next meeting Monday 27th November Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

 <p>Defibrillator</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lewdown</p> <p>Located in the roadside porch of the Blue Lion (EX20 4DL)</p> <p>Please note it is not recognised by 999 calls if more than 200 meters away from it. When ringing 999 they will access code to open box.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chillaton</p> <p>Located in the Village Square on the wall of No. 1 Barn Cottages (PL16 0HS) The 999 operator will be able to give directions for its use.</p>
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Why ?  To feel good about ourselves – so help us raise funds for **The Children's Society** and Marystowe Church

How ?  Come along on the 16th December – tickets are £5 each and include a glass of mulled wine, mince pie or sausage roll and a lucky number programme. Additional snacks are available to order.

PLEASE CALL JOY (01822 860630) OR AMY (01822 860181) TO GET YOUR TICKETS – A WORD OF CAUTION – SPACE IS LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY TO HAVE THE ANSWERS TO THESE IMPORTANT

Lewdown Victory Hall

Big Breakfast

Sunday 10th December

From 10am – 2pm

Large £8

Small £6

Bacon / Sausage sandwich also available



Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event

Christmas Special



2023

Wednesday December 13th

Wednesday January 10th

Wednesday February 14th

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



Followed by conversation & games



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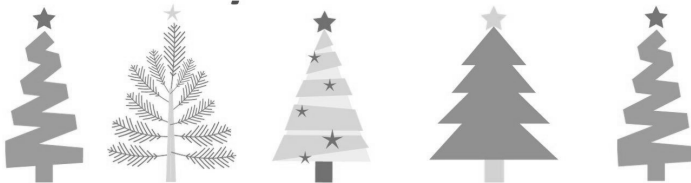
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

1 - 3 DECEMBER
10.30 AM - 5 PM

Advent Christingle Service

Saturday 2nd December at 4pm.

Everyone Welcome



**Lamerton Hunt Christmas Bingo
at Lewdown Victory Hall
Monday 4th December.**



Eyes down 8.00pm.

Prizes to include fresh oven ready chickens, and many good raffle prizes.

Stowford's



Christmas



We are all looking forward to seeing you again for another evening of brain teasing fun. Cash prizes for Christmas

Stowford Parish Hall

Thursday 14th December 7.30pm

Another date for your diary

Thursday 11th January December 7.30pm

£3 per person at the door Teams of 2 – 6 people

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Lewtrenchard WI November Report

We met on November 13 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Margaret greeted 16 members and welcomed our speakers Lindsay and Catherine, then we sang a lovely rendition of Jerusalem.



Catherine and Lindsay stepped in at short notice, as our planned speaker was unwell; we wish Lynda a speedy recovery. Catherine is very passionate about all things Tudor and soon roped in Lindsay to help. They are now a formidable double act. Catherine has a friend who, for over 30 years, goes to Kentwell Hall to dress and live a Tudor life. She makes all the outfits to authentic patterns, handstitched, every year a new outfit. Catherine is now the guardian of all the dresses, suits, shoes, hats and gloves. Next year Lewtrenchard WI are hosting the Tamar Group Meeting and the theme is the Elizabethan era, what could be better than to have these two ladies



on our side to help and guide us. Their talk was very entertaining and funny, they clearly love the subject as they are willing to give up their time to assist us now and on the night. The Tudor period spans 1485 to 1603, ending with the death of Queen Elizabeth I. There are many strong links between famous men and ladies from the West Country. Margaret told an interesting story about

the old Manor House she grew up in, which might sound grand but was not. Her father was head gardener on the grounds of Leicester Abbey, the walls were very thick and her bedroom had two huge leaded windows and a very small sash window, beautiful but bitterly cold with a view to Cromwell's grave. Margaret thanked Catherine and Lindsay for their valuable advice. There was an air of excitement as our imagination started to kick in, the Tamar Group Meeting is going to be a great evening.

**Date and venue for next meeting: Monday December 11, 2023 at 7pm.
Secret Santa, Bring & Share, Entertainment.**

December dates for your diary:

14 - Walk

21 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

Remember, Mary E is always on hand to organise a lift.

The Forgotten Garden of Lewtrenchard

WINTER SOLSTICE

Thurs 6.00 – 8.00pm
21st December 2023



At St Peter's Church with the
Friends of the Forgotten Garden,
Lewtrenchard.

Candle lit - Hot drinks and mince pies plus carol
singing with The Packhorse Singers

All welcome



An Invitation from Red Spider
Drama Company

Play-Reading Evenings

On the first Thursday of each month (excluding show months) we hold play readings for members and prospective members to come along for an enjoyable evening of dramatic reading.

On Thursday, 4th January 2024 come and join us at The Fox and Grapes in Tinhay, Lifton to read *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw. It is proposed that this will be staged by Red Spider during April 2024, so if you are interested in getting involved, why not come along to the reading, which starts at 7.30pm.

New members

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Membership: Martin Perry 01409 221376

**Carols around the tree at
Lewdown Victory hall
Monday the 18th December at 7.00.**



There will be Christmas Carols,
Christmas bingo,
With added Brussel sprouts,
and Christmas refreshments,
And may be the return of the
classic Christmas quiz.
Come along , just bring
yourselves

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Roman Catholic Services

Tavistock

Sunday 9.15 am

Holy Days 10am

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(P. Sparling 01822 860355)

Okehampton

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

01837 52229

Launceston

Sunday 10.30 am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

Quakers

Meeting for Worship

Tavistock every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact – Kay Nicholson

01822 614596

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

Please see the church website www.southtamar.church for details about services.

Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

North Tamar Mission Community Service times for December 2023

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

1st-3rd December *St. Mary's Lifton Christmas Tree Festival*

Saturday 2nd: Christingle Service at 4pm

3rd December The First Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist at Stowford

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

10th December The Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge

Morning Prayer at Lifton

Morning Prayer at Thrushelton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

15th December *Carol Singing at Upcott Barton*

Friday *Starting at 6pm*

17th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford

Morning Prayer at Kelly

4pm Lammerton Hunt Carol Service at Stowford

22nd December

Friday 7pm **Community Carol Service at Lifton**

24th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am **Mission Community Eucharist at Lifton**

CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm **Children's Crib Service at Lifton**

6pm **Christingle Service at Stowford**

Nine Lessons and Carols at Broadwoodwidge

8pm **Vigil First Eucharist of Christmas at Kelly**

11.45pm **Solemn First Eucharist of Christmas at
Lewtrenchard**

25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY**
 9.30am **Christmas Morning Eucharist at Thrushelton**
 11am **Christmas Morning Family Eucharist at Lifton**

31st December Holy Family Sunday
 11am **Mission Community Eucharist at Stowford**
 3pm **Carol Service at Thrushelton**

2024

2nd January Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary Celebrations
 11am Festival Eucharist (*please see separate notice*)

6th January: **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
 6pm: **Festival Eucharist and Epiphany Party at St. Mary's Lifton**

7th January The Baptism of Christ
 8am Eucharist at Stowford
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

14th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge
 Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
 4pm: Evensong at Lifton

21st January The Third Sunday after Epiphany
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford

24th January
Wednesday 10.30am Eucharist for Unity week with fellowship
 Refreshments at Lifton

28th January The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton
 Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge
 10am: Unity Service at Lifton Methodist Church
 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

2nd February **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
(Candlemas) Friday
7pm Festival Eucharist at Kelly (*followed by Fellowship refreshments*)

4th February The Second Sunday Before Lent
8am: Eucharist at Stowford
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton
There may be some occasions when the Wednesday Morning Service will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for December & January

December 2023

3	Drop in the Ark 10.30 -12.30
10	R James
17	V Penfound
24	Bridestowe Worship Group
31	Rev J Cook

January 2024

7	Drop in the Ark 10.30 -12.30
14	V Penfound
21	G Yeats
28	Rev J Cook S

From The Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

The bumper two-month edition of a December/January Magazine always means that there is an awful lot to cram in to the Priest's letter, but this year there is even more challenge!

Not only are we looking forward to all the celebrations around our Lord's birth: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany etc. and looking forward to all the hopes and possibilities of a new year, but this January also sees the start of the Centenary Celebrations of Sabine Baring-Gould at Lewtrenchard. Baring-Gould was, and still is, a major figure in our national life, and it is quite right that we are celebrating his life and legacy here at what was his home.

We may be tempted to look back at him, and his eccentric Victorian ways with certain fondness, amusement and bewilderment, but we must remember as we start a new year in our time, that Baring-Gould was living in his time and working to proclaim the Kingdom of God in the best and most relevant way possible. No doubt, in one hundred years' time, our Great, Great grand children will look back at us with fond bewilderment at some of our ways, and yet we are only trying to do the same thing that Sabine Baring-Gould was in his lifetime.

The celebrations and commemorations for my illustrious predecessor will begin on the 2nd January and are attended to elsewhere in this volume.

Please do read and discover all about them and then come and join.

At the heart of Baring-Gould's faith was a deep veneration of Jesus, the word made flesh, whose birth we celebrate in December, and we are reminded of the great feast of the Epiphany every time we look towards the East in St. Peter's. As we celebrate his legacy this year let us also celebrate and proclaim God's great love for us all.

May I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous, and happy new year.

With love and prayers,

Philip



A Year of Celebration
and Commemoration.

Sabine Baring-Gould: Centenary 2024

There is much written, and there will be much said about both the man, and the celebrations that mark the centenary of his death. It is hoped that all those who live within, and around, the area he called home will be able to join in the celebrations.

As you are part of this community, then he is part of your history and please take this as an invitation to be part of our celebration. You can find out more about all the special events and occasions organised both locally and further afield in three ways.

Online:

The North Tamar Mission Community Website: north-tamar-churches.org for all church and community events organised by St. Peter's church, where he was Rector.

The Website of the Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary Celebration Group: www.sbgcentenary.co.uk for all the events local, county and nationwide celebrating this important year.

Brochure:

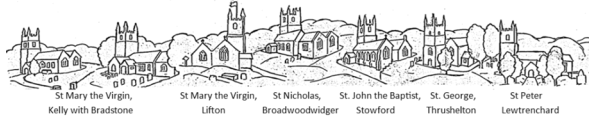
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The North Tamar Mission Community



***The Parish Priest, Churchwardens,
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Solemn Sung Eucharist

of Commemoration of, and to celebrate the life of
The Revd. Sabine Baring-Gould,
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Tuesday 2nd January 2024

(the One Hundredth anniversary of his death)
at 11am

followed by a Celebration Lunch at the Victory Hall, Lewdown

Preacher:

The Rt. Revd Michael Langrish: Former Bishop of Exeter.

***This is the Launch Event of our year of events to commemorate the
centenary of the death of Sabine Baring-Gould.***

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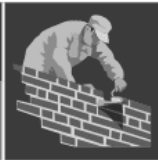
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2024 sees the commemoration by many local organisations of the centenary of Sabine Baring-Gould's death. Here, Martin Graebe will be speaking about Sabine's life and deep connection to Devon, particularly Dartmoor, and the legacy of the folks songs he collected locally, many during his incumbency as 'squarson' of Lew Trenchard. Martin and Shan Graebe have performed many of these songs to audiences and Martin has written several books about this valuable collection. This is a Zoom presentation via the internet, primarily for members of the Devonshire Association, in which we have kindly been included.

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