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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— From www.rspb.org.uk - Spotted Flycatchers

One of the last summer visitors to arrive in the UK is the Spotted Flycatcher

Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



2023

Wednesday June 14th

Wednesday July 12th

Wednesday August 9th

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall

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

Followed by conversation & games



S Hedger 05/23

A question for you dear readers,

How many rooms are there in Buckingham Palace?.

The answer is at the bottom of the page, but i was surprised. this was a question asked at the games night for the Coronation. I had a lovely evening, a few more people would have been nice but there you go. The esteemed committee of the Link are total rubbish at beetle drives, Your Treasurer had the lowest score, and i was second worst. There was a raffle on the evening and £61 was raised to go toward Plymouth Blood bikes.

Anyway a complete change of subject, After the event at the victory hall, where Launceston male voice came and entertained us so wonderfully, to raise money for Dementia UK, at the end, when we cleaned up, there was a Tupperware container left that nobody owned up to being theirs. so if there is someone out there missing a 10 inch square, 2 inch high container then just call me on 01566783320. As i said it was a lovely evening which raised lots of money. and Audrey Jones should be congratulated on organising it.

Will close now as the dog needs walking, yes we have a temporary dog staying with us while daughter and husband and grandson are away for a few days.

Kind regards Your Chairperson Tim Nash.

Ps. There are 775 rooms in Buckingham Palace. So if you went in one every day it would take you over two years to see them all.

Little Jonny is approached by the lifeguard at the local swimming pool. You're not allowed to pee in the pool, says the lifeguard, i'm going to report you. " put everyone pees in the pool" said little Jonny, maybe said the lifeguard, but not from the diving board.

If the entire human Population held hands around the equator. a significant proportion of them would drown.



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Lewtrenchard WI May Report

We met on May 9 at Lewdown Victory Hall. Margaret welcomed 14 Members and our adviser Sarah Shorthouse who joined us for our annual meeting. We love singing Jerusalem and sang another beautiful rendition.



The meeting was held in two parts: First part a normal monthly meeting and the second part the annual meeting. Business was swift for the first part. We received a lovely letter from Audrey H, explaining why she is stepping out of WI life after 39 years. This is due to ill health. We all wish her well and hope she will visit us on better days. Although not WI business, many of our ladies helped with the Launceston Male

Voice Choir evening, Audrey Jones thanked us all, she raised a staggering £1,150! We had 5 birthdays. The Clean Rivers for people & wildlife resolution was widely accepted and our vote will be taken to the NFWI annual meeting in Cardiff.

Part two went without a hitch. Sarah acted as teller and supported us ably throughout the meeting. Pleased to announce the new committee for 2023/24: Margaret D - President. Barbara - Treasurer. Monique - Secretary. Mary E, Lynn, Caroline & Judy - Committee members, we have two vacancies, don't be shy and come forward to join this friendly & fun team. The new committee will meet on Tuesday, 16th May, contact Monique if you would like a taster session. Sarah then answered some questions from the floor and the meeting closed. A refreshing cup of tea/coffee with some delicious cakes was shared together with laughter and catching up with everyone.

Date and venue for next meeting: Monday June 12, 2023, day out to Blisland. Bring and share picnic. If you would like to come along, please contact Monique.

May dates for your diary:

08 - Walk

15 - Coffee morning at Roadford Lake

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



Stowford Village Open Gardens

Sunday 11th June

1pm-5pm

In aid of St John the
Baptist Church

Admissions to Gardens £5

Tickets will be available at

Stowford Parish Hall

Where there will also be

refreshments and a plant stall



Abbreviated Minutes of Annual and Ordinary meetings held on 9th May 2023

These minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council, for the full minutes please see our website.

Meeting No 718

Present:- Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair), Alexander, Law, Govett, Lorna St Louis, Cllr Chris Edmonds (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.38pm

Annual Meeting

1. The chair welcomed all those present and new councillor Richard Alexander and proceeded to read his annual report. Appreciation for the great work that Cllrs Audrey Hennessey and Rees Kenyon were conveyed, the chair also gave the family of Kay Roberts the councils best wishes, they will all be missed. Highlights and achievements included the completion of the Parish Hall registration with the Land Registry including a 99 year lease agreement, a new social media presence, and the 'Lest we forget' statues.

Looking ahead the chair wished to encourage new and existing councillors to attend training and development courses to benefit the community and themselves. Summarising, the chair considered the parish council was well positioned to meet the challenges of today and the future. Special thanks were conveyed to Cllr Chris Edmonds of W.D.B.C. for his work and support of the parish council.

2. Apologies – all present

3. Appointment of Officers

3.1 Election of **Chair** – Cllr Govett proposed **Cllr Leroy St Louis**, seconded by Cllr Law, all in favour.

3.2 Election of **Vice Chair** – Cllr Leroy St Louis proposed **Cllr Law**, seconded by Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour.

3.3 Election of **Southern Links representative** – Cllr Lorna St Louis proposed **Cllr Leroy St Louis**, seconded by Cllr Alexander, all in favour.

3.4 Election of **Tree warden** – Cllr Leroy St Louis proposed **Mr Brian Wilkinson**, seconded by Cllr Law all in favour.

3.5 Election of **Snow warden** – Cllr Lorna St Louis proposed **Cllr Alexander**, seconded by Cllr Leroy St Louis, all in favour

3.6 Election of PCC representative – Cllr Leroy St Louis proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded by Cllr Law, all in favour

3.7 Election of **Social Media co-ordinator** – Cllr Lorna St Louis proposed **Cllr Leroy St Louis**, seconded by Cllr Govett, all in favour

4. The Clerk reported that on top of the council's recent achievements he had in the past 7 years seen the council undertake a survey for a Neighbourhood plan, the council's legal position and status for the recreation ground and the development of the council's website.

5. Close of Annual Meeting

Ordinary Meeting

6. Members of the public open forum – none present

7. Dispensations & declarations of interest Cllr Leroy St Louis Item 9.2

8. Minutes of previous meeting 715, 716 & 717 were signed as a true and accurate records of those meetings proposed by Cllr Law, seconded by Cllr Govett, all in favour.

9. Finance -

9.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR) 2022-23

Confirmation of the Asset register as per 31st March 2023 approved.

Certificate of exemption – approved; proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded by Cllr Alexander

Annual Internal Audit – conducted and successfully completed

Annual Governance Statement – approved; proposed by Cllr Alexander, seconded by Cllr Law

Accounting Statements – approved; proposed by Cllr Govett, seconded by Cllr Alexander


Confirmation of the dates of the period for the exercise of public rights set for 5th June, proposed by Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded by Cllr Lorna St Louis.

9.2 Payments were approved for the following – Caroline Harris Bookkeeping – Payroll service £165.00 Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Mar - April) £249.30 HMRC – PAYE for clerk £27.00, DALC – Annual affiliation fee £85.49, Lewdown Parish Council – hire of equipment £5.00, Stowford Parish Hall Committee – WDBC Kings Coronation celebration grant £500.00, Proposed by Cllr Law, seconded by Cllr Alexander, all in favour.

9.3 R.F.O. reported a credit balance of £5,761.98 after approved payments, proposed by Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded by Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour.

10. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that he had been successfully re-elected for the third time. The political landscape has changed at W.D.B.C. with many new councillors and a reduced Conservative presence resulting in a likely 'Alliance Group' being the ruling party. One ward with two seats has yet to vote on 15th June because that election was postponed.

11. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Law asked if the parish council could do anything to support the existing speeding problems in the vicinity of Lewtrenchard Primary School, Cllr Alexander commented that Lewdown Parish Council would welcome the support, Cllr Govett suggested that the Chair may wish to write a letter of support for lowering the speed limit by the school. Cllr Leroy St Louis to action.



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 16th / 30th May
 13th / 27th June
 18th July

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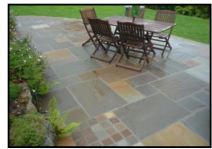
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Cllr Govett enquired if any further correspondence from Airband had been received in response to the questions raised by the council in March, the clerk informed that not further correspondence had been received, Cllr Govett suggested that a strongly worded letter should be written to the C.E.O. of Airband, this suggestion was supported, Cllr Govett to action, copy to the Chair. Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that a parishioner had contacted him regarding speeding vehicles going through Stowford Village. It was resolved that the issue should be raised at the next meeting to identify interest in the subject and what action should be taken, parishioners to contact the chair. Cllr Leroy also reported that the Stowford Cross junction on the A30 could pose a serious accident because the slip roads going to and coming from that junction are very short, Cllr Edmonds suggested that this issue should be raised with National Highways or Devon Highways, Cllr Leroy St Louis to write to Devon County Council. Cllr Alexander reported that the new hosepipe ban seemed unreasonable since it was suggested that South West Water was providing a service to another unitary water company.

12. Items for next meeting – Computer replacement, clerk employment contract review, speed limit, Airband.

Meeting closed 9.18pm

Date time and place of next meeting - 11th July 2023 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall



The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Forgiven Garden of Lewtrenchard is being held at 7.30pm on Monday 19 June at the Lewdown Victory Hall followed with a talk by local artist Katy Stonehouse. For more details and updates see our website.

<https://www.forgottengarden.co.uk/category/news/>

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Brough Requiem in Blue

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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph
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Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

North Tamar Mission Community Service times for June 2023

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

Sundays and Festivals

4th June *The Feast of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity*

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

11th June *The Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle*

9.15am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge
Morning Prayer at Thrushelton
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard
4pm Evensong at Lifton

18th June *The Second Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford
Morning Prayer at Kelly

25th June *THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY*

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton
Morning Prayer at Lifton
Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

2nd July *The Fourth 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

Dear friends,

The first half of the year has so far been rather hectic. The end of Christmas leading on to Lent and Easter, with all the preparations for and celebrations of the Coronation, there seems to have been very little time to think. And yet thinking is so important.

We need to think about what we say and do, otherwise we can find ourselves in all kinds of messes!

Up to now, the church has been busy celebrating and following our Lord's life and we have moved between fasts and feasts and some speed. The last of these major occasions falls on the first Sunday of June. Trinity Sunday. The day when we are called to think about the very nature of God. Not an easy thing to do. As God is other, so we will never have the right language to describe or explain him fully. The Concept of the Trinity. Three beings, separate but completely one is beyond our human telling, and many people have tried, and failed, to explain it. No piece of artwork, and no written or spoken treatise will ever do it justice, and just leaves us asking more questions.

But what God IS is LOVE, and although it may not be explainable, it is something that we are all able to experience. I do not understand every experience I have. I do not understand the science or engineering that makes an A380 take off from the ground and fly across the pacific at 40000 feet, but I do know that it is true and I have had a Gin and Tonic while looking down at the ocean 40000 feet below. Human being crave understanding, but sometimes it is beyond us and that does not make our experiences false.

May our combined experience of the love of God in Christ Jesus, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, help to bring us all together to serve God in each other.

With love and prayers,

Philip



Bridestowe Methodist Church Preachers for June

4th Drop In the ARK 10.30 – 12.30
11th Rev M Cooke at 11.00
18th A Morgan at 11.00 United Service
25th Bridestowe Worship Group at 11.00

Bridestowe Methodist Church Preachers for July

2nd Drop In the ARK 10.30 – 12.30
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(I saw this in the latest Newsletter from Devon History Society (www.devonhistorysociety.org.uk), and thought it might be of interest to readers...)

The Pipers of Lewdown

A 1920s Family

Most of the 1920s family accounts the Devon in the 1920s project has been collecting were written by the descendants of those families. From time to time, however, one comes our way which is written by someone else, someone who knew one of the family



members and wanted to put on record their story. Pam Morris sent us an account of her friend Phyllis, born Phyllis Piper in Lewdown in 1921, who died in 2008 leaving a store of photos and memorabilia. Phyllis's own memories are of course of her school days in the tiny school in Lewdown which had only about twenty pupils. But there are also photographs and information about how the Piper family made their living. 6 Phyllis's grandfather John, and indeed her great-grandfather John, had run the post office and general store in Lewdown for many years before the First World War. John senior died in 1923 but John junior continued to run the business supported by Phyllis's parents, George and Winifred Piper. To make a living, though, the family needed more than a post office business, or even the business of a post office and a general store as well stocked as this one (see picture above). John did business for local estate agents, showing people round properties and offering to receive tenders. George bought a motor van, which advertised the delivery of fruit and flowers. A phone was installed, and George had cards printed describing himself as general dealer. He offered a car for hire. These local entrepreneurial families may have been key to keeping villages together in the 1920s. We have a similar story about the Potters in Liverton, who ran the post office, had the first telephone, provided a carrier service to the market in Newton Abbot and eventually branched out into the provision of a motor lorry and then a motor bus and car hire service. Does anyone else have information about these entrepreneurial figures in village communities in 1920s Devon? It would be interesting to see if we can make a collection of them!

Julia Neville (j.f.neville@btinternet.com)
Devon in the 1920s project

On Saturday 22nd April Lewdown Victory Hall was packed with a large audience for a wonderful concert by **Launceston Male Voice Choir and flautist Yvie Tilley**. The evening raised an amazing total of £1150 for Alzheimer's Research UK.

I would like to thank all those who attended and helped with advertising, parking, setting up the hall, providing food, catering and clearing up. Thank you all. Audrey



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Increase of 'livestock worrying' incidents highlighted by Police

Incidents of livestock worrying increased in Devon and Cornwall throughout May according to Police.

Devon & Cornwall Police are reminding the public to keep dogs on leads when visiting Devon and Cornwall's open spaces this bank holiday.

Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock, it is a criminal offence and can have a devastating impact on livestock, farmers and in some circumstances the dog and the owner.

Rural Affairs Officer for Devon & Cornwall Police, PC Chris Collins said: "We are hoping that by encouraging people to respect our countryside and communities this bank holiday we can also ensure responsible dog ownership and remind people of the law."

"All land is owned, and access is not a given right, so it is important that users of the countryside understand specific designations of land and 'rights of way'. For example, on land which is designated as 'access land' a dog must be on a lead between the 1 March and 31 July and at all times when livestock are present."

"Allowing dogs to chase or attack livestock is a criminal offence. Take notice of local signage, respect wildlife and any livestock around you, keeping your dog on a lead to protect livestock and ground nesting birds".

"If you witness an attack on livestock, do not intervene, keep yourself safe and call 999. All other information relating to attacks on livestock should be reported to the police **online** or by calling "101".

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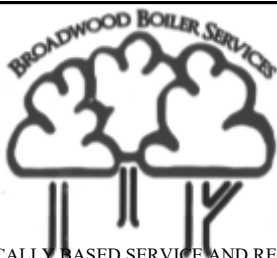
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You mention that the job ‘looked rough around the edges’; if this is to a degree you consider the job unfinished or unsafe, you should be able to get the tiler to come back to fix it and also suggest removing the old tiles be considered part of finishing the job.

You are protected by the **Consumer Rights Act 2015**, which says that work should be completed ‘with reasonable care and skill.’ If they haven’t done this, they’ve broken the law. The Act means you’re legally entitled to ask the tiler to fix the problem (if they provided the tiles as well as the service), or get money refunded (if they just provided the service and you bought the tiles). They should fix the problem or refund you in a reasonable amount of time without causing too much inconvenience. As you’ve received the invoice for the work but not paid yet, now would be a good time to ask them to fix the issue or negotiate a lower price for the work.

Let the tiler know you understand what you’re entitled to. Speak to them or contact them in writing by letter or email. There are template letters on the Citizens Advice website, <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/template-letters/letters/#sec55337>. Make sure you have a written copy of anything agreed. Before you contact them it’s a good idea to take photographs to use as evidence of the problem. Make notes about what happened, including dates and times. Also gather any paperwork and receipts – was there any prior written agreement about who would dispose of the old tiles? Was the final cost in line with estimates or quotes given to you at the outset of the work? If not, further advice is available on the Citizens Advice website or you could **contact us** using our **free, local AdviceLine 0808 27 87 999**. Alternatively, you can log on to our local website, www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk and click on ‘Get Advice’.

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