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Cover Picture - The start of the Tractor Run organised by the Lewdown YFC in February (see page 23 for more)

Good evening to you all, and welcome to this months load of old waffle, some of which might be interesting, but don't hold your breath.

Over the last few weekends I have been getting plastered on a regular basis, don't worry yourselves to much, as I am doing some work over with my daughters, and I would like to think most of it is still attached to the wall, but like when I do some painting there seems to be plenty every where else also.

Big news. The present Mrs Nash and myself went to Exeter to shop the other day, and yes I spent some money, I treated Nick to dinner. There's a lovely restaurant called the Ivy facing out to the cathedral, you can sit inside or out , we decided to sit out, about 800 yards away in fact, I'm not made of money you know, but one day who knows, I might have a complete lobotomy.

We recently had the grandson and the dog, over to look after for a few hours, so we went for a walk, as for a few brief moments it wasn't raining. We met several people along the way, and they all either wanted to cuddle the child or the dog. It seems that I have passed the age where random people want to cuddle me oh well that life for you.

Will close now as the Guinea pigs need a bath.

Best wishes from your chairperson Tim Nash.

There was a article in the press recently, that said that 30% of all pet owners let their pets sleep with them. I tried it but it didn't work out to well for me and the goldfish.

A friend of mine recently got a job in a bowling alley. "Ten pin I asked?, No he replied definitely a permanent position.

And finally a question for you. How long is a minute?.

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Stowford Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 20th April

7pm

Held in the Hall

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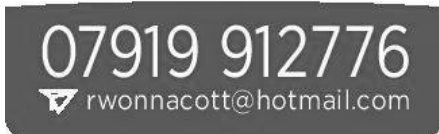
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Queens Platinum Jubilee

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Hear about what is planned and how you could help us put on a great celebration of the Queens 70 years of service.

Grand Jumble Sale

2nd April

no entry before 2pm

Lewdown Victory Hall

Entry Fee 20p

In aid of Lewdown Cricket Club

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These minutes are abbreviated, for the full minutes visit our website,
Lewdowngroupedpc.org.uk

Minute No 747 Monday 31st January 2022 at Lewdown Victory Hall commencing at 7.30pm
Ordinary Meeting

1. Members of the public open forum – The Chair from the Lewdown W.I, the Chair from Stowford Parish Council and one member were present. A parishioner gave a brief history of the Trafalgar way the historic route for dispatching news of the Battle of Trafalgar 1805. The Chair of Lewtrenchard W.I. wished to thank Cllr Wilkinson for the work he had done at the Ramsonwillis in clearing a path for the ‘Nature Trail’. Two dedicated trees will be planted by the WI later in the autumn. The chair from Stowford PC wished to hear about preparations on item 11. and how Stowford PC could work with L.G.P.C. and associated clubs, groups and organisations.
2. Naming of access road servicing the Slaughterhouse site; Proposal - *Trafalgar Close* with houses numbered 1 to 5.
It was resolved to support the proposal, Cllr Andrews proposed the motion, Cllr Southcott seconded, all in favour
3. V.E. Day 50th year Remembrance commemorative stone – It was resolved to unveil the stone on Sunday 8th May.
4. Finance- The following payments were authorised; P. van Delft – clerk salary (Dec-Jan) £291.80, HMRC – PAYE £61.80
Cllr B. Wilkinson – Replacement timber for the Ramps bench £31.65, Dean Elliott – Grass cut (sept 2021) £50.00
E. Pascoe & Son – V.E. Day Remembrance stone £292.80. The R.F.O Report showed a combined balance of £19,134.90 after authorised payments, Cllr McSmythurs proposed and Cllr Andrews seconded payments and the report, all in favour. Asset register – A request for more information on supporting evidence to substantiate ownership of its assets, Cllrs provided dates for seats at Fourways Junction and Lobhill Cross, Cllr Andrews found additional assets that may now include land at Lobhill cross, more detail to follow.
5. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) Cllr Southcott reported on behalf of Cllr Mott asking if the p.c may consider a Broadband Champion, this would help with providing a service and also for speeding up delivery of fiber though out the parish. After much discussion Cllr McSmythurs offered to look at the options available and report back to councillors. The chair suggested that an article in the Newslink may prove helpful, Cllr Southcott agreed to produce a notice for the Newslink.
6. Reports from councillors: Cllr Southcott reported that V.A.S. signs may prove

very useful in slowing down traffic, positioned at the end of the new 30mph limit in Lewdown Village with the other sign near the Jethro's site. Cllr Southcott also reported that he had been given an old copy of the parish's Appraisal dated 1994, it was proposed to look at the appraisal and consider its contents for analysis at the next meeting.

7. The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Weekend of celebrations – Cmtte members collaboration partner arrangements.
 - 7.1. It was resolved to contact organisations, clubs and groups who may be interested in participating in the organising of the celebrations, the chair to send out invitations to a Zoom meeting.
 - 7.2 Jubilee bench – no comments at this meeting
 - 7.3 Beacon site – Subject to permission from B.G. Cllr Dawe offered the use of land for this purpose.
 - 7.4 Celebration arrangements – Cllr Dawe kindly offered to donate a lamb for a BBQ
 - 7.5 Lunch - street party/Victory Hall – a Bring & Share lunch was thought appropriate.
8. Cllr Samuel (DCC) Reported that she had continued to liaise with D.H. however unfortunately D.H. will not review further the extension of the 30mph through to the Jethro's site. D.H. will review again when new housing stock is built along the C822. Cllr Samuel also reported that the Speedwatch data will be very helpful in a review. Also reported that in the West Devon area 85% of adults were now vaccinated with the booster jab. The council was now looking at balancing a budget for the year 2022-23.
9. Emergency plan – The chair suggested that the Victory Hall could be an appropriate refuge, DCT have grants available for E.P. equipment, a list is to be drawn up. The chair also suggested that once the draft E.P. is completed an enactment of an emergency to check if it robust and fit for purpose.
10. Bench repairs at Lobhill Cross – Cllr Andrews reported that some concreting work was now needed and this would be dealt with in due course with Cllr Metherell.
11. Correspondence - Letters of appreciation for grants and donations were received from Lewtrenchard PCC, Marystow PCC, Citizens Advice and Lewdown Cricket Club. A request from Lewtrenchard W.I to decorate the bus-shelters promoting 'Show the Love', councillors were all in favour and looked forward to seeing the decoration.

Date of next extraordinary meeting 28th February at Lewdown Victory Hall,
7.30pm

Date, place and time of next scheduled meeting 28th March at Lewdown Victory
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2022

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Wednesday April 13th

Wednesday May 11th

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We badly need more active volunteers to ease the burden on the operators of the group and be active more often.

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Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11th January 2022

These are abbreviated minutes, for the full minutes please go to the parish councils website.

1. Planning – Ref 4394/21/FUL – Construction of a new dwelling, Land to the east of Stowford Farmhouse, Stowford,
Lewdown, EX20 4BZ Council decision – Object, for comments go to the WDBC planning porthole.
Proposed - Cllr Dunn, seconded - Cllr Roberts, unanimous decision.
2. Finance - Payments were approved for - Peter van Delft – clerk salary, £176.80, HMRC – PAYE £44.20, Stowford PCC –
Graveyard maintenance £200.00, Citizens Advice – donation £100.00, Newlink – Donation £50.00, Proposed by Cllr
Kenyon, seconded by Cllr Roberts. R.F.O. Reported that the projected balance after payments is £907.47, however
projected future receipts of £4881.72 remained unclaimed.
3. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC – reported that a government Omicron grant of up to £6000 was now available, applications to be received by 28th February. A tenant incentive scheme was now available to help with the housing shortage, the council hopes that larger properties will be made available with tenants downsizing to smaller properties thus freeing up the larger properties for families best suited to those properties, incentive grant is worth up to £5000.
4. Reports from councillors – Cllr Lorna St Louis suggested that the clerk to contact the administrators of Devon & Cornwall Windows & Doors and ask if they could release the ordered door if it was fabricated. Cllr Kenyon reported that the WDBC Broadband Champions scheme was a challenge but would continue to pursue the initiative. Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that he would be attending a virtual Highways training course.
5. Refurbishment and repairs to the parish hall update – The clerk reported that the out-door electric lighting still needed to be installed later in the month. Some minor work on the kitchen was now nearly complete. Indoor lighting, new heating and new kitchen was now installed.
6. 25-year V.E. remembrance tree plaque – replacement plaque. It was resolved that a similar plaque to that of the 75yr plaque should be suitable for the long term. Cllr Kenyon and Leroy St Louis to arrange. Cllr Dunn commented that maintenance of the ground and area around the tree should be arranged, Cllr Leroy St Louis suggested that this could be done by the community.

7. Portgate Cross grit bin – Maintenance around the bin will be undertaken by Cllrs St Louis.
8. Safe guarding of the parish map, future protection & display - Cllr Kenyon suggested that the map needed to be scanned and then printed, quotes to be obtained.
9. Recreation Ground & Parish Hall registration update – Clerk contacted Land registry for an update in December, he was told that the backlog had not helped the application, however since it was now 14 months it was now nearing the point of processing the application.
10. Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations – council participation and arrangements. It was resolved that a Beacon on the Recreation Ground is the best location. Other ideas included a Brass Band concert at the hall combined with a Bar-b-que, an Afternoon tea. Also, suggestions included a 1950's Dance that could be held in the hall and a drive around the village in a 1950's car.
12. Facebook Parish council page update - Cllr Leroy St Louis circulated an overview of the objectives and options available. Cllrs are asked to review the document and comment back before the next meeting. The chair wanted it known that the council must decide what to do at the next meeting.

Date time and place of next meeting - 8th March 2022 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

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Lewdown YFC.

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Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

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01837 52229

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Sunday 10.30 am

Holy Days 7.30pm

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Meeting for Worship

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4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact – Kay Nicholson

01822 614596

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Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

Community Centre, Okehampton

Community College, Mill Road,

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Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

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Lifton Benefice Service times for March 2022

*Any updates will be posted on the Benefice Website. north-tamar-churches.org.
At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Benefice*

Sundays and Festivals

2nd March **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7pm Benefice Eucharist: *The Liturgy for the beginning of Lent*
At Broadwoodwidge

6th March The First Sunday of Lent

8am Said Eucharist at Stowford

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

13th March The Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge

Morning Prayer at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

20th March The Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Morning Prayer at Kelly

Parish Eucharist at Stowford

27th March The Fourth Sunday of Lent/Mothering Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton

Morning Prayer at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford

3rd May The Fifth Sunday of Lent (*beginning of Passiontide*)

8am Said 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,

Have you had a well disciplined start to the year? How are your New Year Resolutions going?

Did you join in with Fry January, or a Veganuary?

It is amazing what human beings will do to challenge ourselves to look after our bodies and souls. But there is nothing new, and if you are still looking for something to work with to “improve yourself” could I humbly suggest keeping Lent.

Lent is not a miserable time, or it should not be! It is a time to think about how much God loves us, and how we can respond to that love. That means thinking about ourselves, how we relate and behave towards each other and God, which can sometimes make us feel a little uncomfortable, but that is because God’s love is so beautiful.

Lent is not just about giving things up, it is about exploring more fully God’s love for us. In our churches we will be following the **Live lent**, daily programme, which will be both online, and also uses a attractively designed booklet which will be available in all of our churches.

Lent has two purposes, for us to discover how we can be better Christians, and to prepare for the commemoration and celebration of Jesus Passion, death and, resurrection over Holy Week and Easter. Great events are always better when they re prepared for properly, so I invite you to join me and our church communities in keeping lent together so that we may grow in love together and rejoice together at Eastertide.

With love and prayers,

Philip

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LIFTON DOWN CHAPEL**

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Lewdown Past

The Lewdown and area local history group

Stowford Parish Hall

Tuesday 15 March at 7.30pm

The Tavistock Canal

an illustrated talk by Simon Dell

Lewdown Past is back in action. For our first meeting in 2022 we have invited Simon Dell MBE, who many of you will have met before. For many years Simon was involved in policing our area and, through his love of walking, is an authority on a range of local topics and the environment.

In the nineteenth century the Tavistock canal was an important artery for mines and businesses in Tavistock and the surrounding area. Many of the associated buildings and structures are still visible, and for about four miles the towpath forms a beautiful walk. Its preservation is partly due its structures and flow being maintained, primarily to feed the power station at Morwellham. It is possible we may have a follow-up walk later in the year.

As we only had a few meetings before our enforced break, membership subscriptions for 2020 will be valid throughout 2022. At this stage we do not anticipate any anti-Covid precautions, apart from maybe spacing out seating, but do wear a mask if you prefer. Please contact Hilary (number below) if you need any further information, including parking. I'm sure many will have missed our sociable meetings and seeing everyone again will be very welcome.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone 01566 783396 nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

Bridestowe Methodist Church

The attached picture is of past Lewdown resident Fred Hammet, who came from his care home in Princeton to Strawberry Fields for Lunch with a few friends to celebrate his 101st Birthday.



Preachers for March at 11.00am unless stated

6	V Brown
13	D Suttcliffe
20	US at C o E 9.30 am
27	Bridestowe Worship Group

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Lewdown W.I. Reports

Our most recent meeting was held on February 14th. Following the singing of Jerusalem, our president, Margaret Dunn, led the business part of the meeting. We were updated on the adoption of our penguin, bought on our behalf by one of last year's speakers who spoke to us about her work in the Falkland Islands and used her fee to adopt a penguin for us. He is named Lewie. Members were reminded of the walks and coffee morning. Our competition this month was to make a green heart to show our love for the countryside and our concern over climate change. The hearts are to be displayed in the bus stops at Stowford and Lewdown from the 15th.

We were then introduced to our speaker, Hilary Stevenson, The Devon Cottage Gardener. Hilary was brought up in the country and always appreciated the benefits of country life. Having worked in marketing for several years, including time with Anita Roddick at The Body Shop, where she was heavily involved with care for the environment, Hilary eventually moved to the local area in 2017. We were then amazed to see through a series of excellent slides how Hilary had turned an overgrown, rundown smallholding into a nature paradise and commercial flower farm. The emphasis has always been on creating an environment that naturally attracts nature into it. For example, an old hidden pond is now a beautiful lake which has brought in a variety of wildlife, such as nesting kingfishers, grass snakes, toads and moorhens. An area developed as a prairie now has stoats and weasels in residence. Lockdown gave Hilary the opportunity to develop a flower farm. Her emphasis is always on growing British flowers and most importantly choosing plants that suit the soil and growing sustainably. At the moment 90% of flowers sold in the UK are imported. These are often produced using chemicals. In 2017 flowers grown in Columbia and flown to the USA just for St Valentine's Day produced 360,000 metric tons of CO₂, roughly equivalent to 78,000 cars driven for a year. Hilary is an advocate of no-dig gardening. She covers the ground with cardboard, this is then covered in garden waste, compost and when possible, sheep's wool which is good at retaining moisture. Hilary emphasised how British flower growers were feeding the birds and supporting bio-diversity. She now enjoys a business providing sustainably grown British flowers for weddings, parties and business events.

(The following Report for the meeting on January 10th was omitted from last month's Newslink due to a Technical issue)

The WI party was held in December on Zoom. One of our members, Sharron, gave us an interesting demonstration on making some impressive Christmas

decorations. We also had a quiz organised by our secretary, Barbara Scott. After Christmas members voted to return to the Victory Hall for the January meeting. This took place on the 10th and began with the singing of Jerusalem. Our president opened the meeting with the minutes of the previous meeting which were agreed. Our treasurer, Monique Hedger, gave her report. A birthday card was given to a member who has a birthday this month. Members were reminded of the walk on the 13th. This was going to be a local walk along part of the Baring-Gould trail. They were also reminded of the walk and coffee morning at Roadford on the 20th. Members agreed that it would be advisable to postpone the Christmas lunch due to be held later this month to later in the year, probably to May.

Margaret Dunn informed the meeting of the very sad death of our longest standing member, Monica Horn, just before Christmas. Her funeral is due to be held on the 17th and members will arrange the flowers in church. During her time as a member since the 1960s, Monica had served on the committee, and served at various times as treasurer, secretary and president and will be very sadly missed.

Committee members then gave a short talk on each of this year's resolutions. These are voted on by all institutes and one is taken forward to be acted on at national level. The topics were varied and covered the areas of Girls' fashion, Non-violent women offenders, Diagnosis of ASD and ADHD in girls, The Menopause and Tackling digital exclusion.

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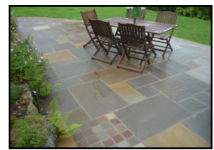
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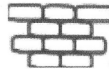
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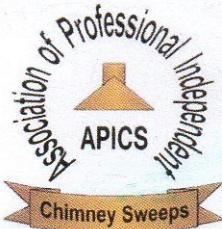
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