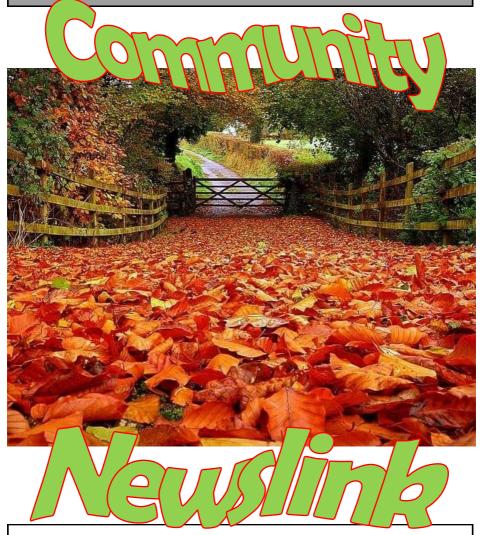
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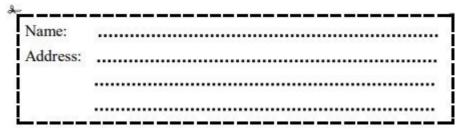
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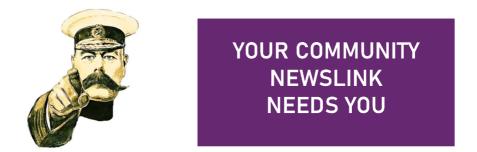
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Tribute to Pat Pollard and Andrew Wilson

We were very sad to lose two people who have contributed so much to our village and benefice.

Mrs Pat Pollard was, for nearly 30 years, the Treasurer for St Mary's, Lifton. She was also the editor of the Messenger for many years and a bell ringer. Pat was a very generous lady with a love of dogs and nature. We enjoyed her hospitality on several occasions such as the Pancake Parties and the many PCC meetings which always started with being directed to the wine and told to "help yourself"! She will be missed by many in the village

Reverend Canon Andrew Wilson was Rector of Lifton, Broadwood and Kelly with Bradstone from 1987 to 1993 and, although his ministry was not very long and it started over 30 years ago. He remained a much loved and highly regarded minister often being asked to return to assist at weddings and funerals. Our love and prayers go to his wife, Ruth, son Richard and his family.



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LEWTRENCHARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Lewtrenchard WI zoomed into the 21st century last Monday 12th October when 19 members joined zoom for a very interesting talk by Dylis Lord of Devon Waste Management. She was pleased to report that Devon has a recycling rate of 54% compared to 45% for the UK. This is in part due to the wider range of articles, particularly different types of plastic that are now recyclable in Devon. A trial is currently taking place of 1,000 local households who only have a black bag collection every 3weeks to encourage more recycling. Some WI members are part of this trial. It was disappointing to learn though that 50% of black bag waste is food waste. People need to be encouraged to make more use of their food collection bins or to compost more food waste. Members were pleased to hear that no black bag waste or bags from food bins are put into landfill. They are used in a strictly controlled burning scheme that then provides electricity for Devonport Dockyard and a nearby housing estate. All garden waste is turned into compost for agricultural use. It was also good to hear that no plastic from Devon is sent overseas.

Ms Lord was proud that during Lockdown no collections were missed, this was despite much more waste was being generated by people spending time at home clearing out lofts and garages etc. The extra boxes resulting from on line shopping meant more work for the crews but also helped recycling rates.

We were also told how DWM representatives are members of the South West Forum which together with other authorities can help to push forward ideas from a regional to a national level. Collectively this can result in such outcomes as pressure on supermarkets to reduce packaging. Changes take a long time to implement but initiatives such as using more cardboard than plastic are in the pipeline.

Members' questions led to interesting discussions on topics such as bubble wrap, the metal rings on wine bottles and the use of the white bags. Ms Lord was thanked for an interesting and enlightening talk.

A short business meeting followed. Members were informed that the AGM ballot which should have been held in May will now take place by postal vote. Members were encouraged to stand for the committee as it was a good way of learning more of the WI and how it works. Cathie Slocombe is retiring as chairman and Margaret Dunn is stepping up to the position. The monthly newspaper will continue and members were asked for contributions such as recipes, jokes, photos and other interesting items. Monique Hedger is to be the representative for Lewdown WI at the virtual Autumn Council meeting. Members were told that even though Denham college was closing many interesting courses were available on line at a very low cost.

The next meeting will be on November 9th and it was hoped several more members would be able to zoom in to join us. TJS fencing contractors

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Dear wonderful readers of this quite frankly above average magazine for the Lewdown area, it's only little old me.

Well what can i say, we've been nowhere a done nothing of interest, the highlight of this month has been a exciting trip to Maunders in Launceston, (Lanson if your local), and a quick pop into Tescos for some flowers to decorate the church with, yes i did buy the present Mrs Nash some flowers while i was there, Red Roses no less. For those of you who know me though, they were in the reduced bucket, but they still lasted a fortnight more or less, who said romance was dead?

People have been asking what's happening with the poppy appeal this year with the covid virus seemingly getting worse and not better. All I can say is at the time of writing this, the advice from the Royal British Legion is that there will be no House to house collection, but there can be static boxes in shops pubs etc, so with that in mind there will be boxes in the Blue Lion curtese of Charlie and Nicky. Another in the shop thanks to Mr and Mrs Copper, we are also hoping to have a box in the Stowford the final placement to be decided.

There will also be one at Lewtrenchard school, another at Lewtrenchard Hotel and possibly at Roadford lake cafe. Give what you can but remain safe in doing so.

As for remembrance Sunday which this year is on the 8th of November, there can be no massed meeting at the war memorial for the laying of wreaths and observing the 2 minute silence, the advice at the moment is to watch it on the tele, but the wreaths will be placed there and the crosses pushed into the ground to mark each person mentioned on the memorial.

It's a sadish time of the year for us in the Nash household. We are pulling up all the summer bedding plants given a dry few hours, it's the end of another year in the garden, but on the upside we are planting many spring bulbs and pansies so as the new year comes so hopefully will some early spring colour.

Will close now as the guinea pigs nails need trimming again. We really live the rock and roll lifestyle.

A Couple of things for the Rector, although if he had any sense he would avoid this rubbish. I had a priest perform an exorcism for my house, but i never bothered to pay my dues. It's now been repossessed

Why don't skeletons play church music?. they don't have any organs.

A mummy has been found in Egypt covered in chocolate and nuts. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche..





Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These abbreviated minutes are provisional, for a full copy of the minutes go to the councils website.

Minute No 731 - Ordinary meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020

Present: Cllrs A.Harrop (Chair) T. Andrews (Vice chair), T. Dawe, G. Metherell, T. Southcott, O. Vanstone,

G.Yeo, B. Wilkinson, Cllr K. Ball (DCC), Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

- Cllr Kevin Ball of DCC reported on the latest Covid 19 issues in the county. Highways maintenance whilst challenging is still coping well, it has managed to prepare its strategy for the effects of winter weather on its highways. Cllr Ball reminded council that use of the highways website was the most effective and efficient way of dealing with potholes and issues relating to its highways.
- Speed limit through Lewdown and problems relating to speeding vehicles were discussed, the chair reminded ClIr Ball of this long standing issue and the real possibility of a serious accident occurring should a review of the current speed limit not take place. The chair asked ClIr Ball what the rationale was for determining the speed limit through the village. ClIr Ball was reminded that many more houses were being built in the village resulting in greater use of the C822 also more children may attend Lewtrenchard Primary School. ClIr Ball considered that the issue of the speed limit could be reviewed with the Highways Engineer, ClIrs Andrews, Dawe, Southcott, Yeo and Wilkinson also identified safety issues relating to speeding, school drop off and pick-up times and its effects on the C822. In light of the proactive stance that the pc had taken ClIr Ball suggested that he would set up a virtual meeting with the highways engineer and the parish council, date and time to be advised.
- Members of the public open forum One parishioner apologised for the current appearance of his land, this was due to issues with the planning dept. Also raised were the two T.P.O planning applications and why they were requested. A tree surgeon would be on site to oversee work.

Dispensations & declarations of Interest - None

Planning – Ref: 2763/20/HRN – Application for hedgerow removal, notice to remove 25m of

hedgerow to improve access. Address –Ireland Farm, Coryton, EX20 4PG Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Andrews, unanimous decision

Planning – Ref: 2649/20/HHO – Householder application for proposed garage (resubmission of

consent 0970/20/HHO) Address – Sunnyside Bungalow, Lewdown, EX20 4BX Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Vanstone, unanimous decision

- Report from R.F.O showed a combined credit balance of £19,117.46 after approval of payments
- Also reported; Dog and litter bin charge increase from April 2021, cost analysis for next meeting.
- Councillor vacancy for Marystow Parish It was resolved that notices should go up on the noticeboard, the pc website and the Lewdown Residents Association facebook page.
- Councillor reports: Cllr Southcott reported that the cost of the Emergency Plan booklet for parishioners could cost £194.35 for 376 households, the chair suggested that a print run of 450 copies should be quoted for. Cllr Yeo reported that Fir trees by the Ramps needed some pruning, Cllr Yeo and Wilkinson to attend to the work. Cllr Wilkinson reported that quotes for the removal of the trees infected with Ash Dieback would cost £95.00. Cllr Wilkinson also reported that some trees on the Tavistock road also showed similar signs of the disease. Cllr Harrop asked councillors to consider possible uses for the adoption of the telephone Kiosk near the ramps.

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 30th November 2020, 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

Councillor Vacancy

A vacancy has occurred on Lewdown Grouped Parish Council. If you would like to become a councillor representing the parish of Marystow please contact the clerk for details.

Peter van Delft

Lewdown Grouped Parish Clerk

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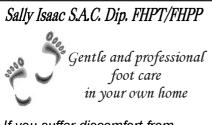
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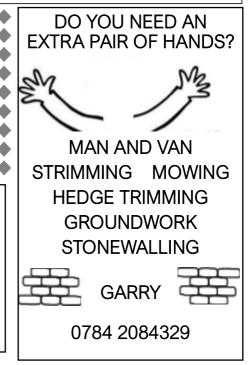
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St. Mary, Kelly	St. John the Baptist, Stowford	St. George, Thrushelton

Services listed in alphabetical order:

1st November	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
2nd November	7.00 pm	The Requiem for All Souls' Day - Lifton
8th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton Remembrance Sunday Service
	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday Service - Broadwoodwidger Gathering around war memorial followed by service
15th November	9:30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	11:15 am	Holy Communion - Stowford
22nd November	9:30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidger
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
29th November		No services advised

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

S Hedger October 15, 2020

A letter from the Parish Priest

Dear everyone,

It seems ridiculous, that it is now nine months since I was put in place by the Bishop, and yet this is the first letter I have written for the Community Newslink Magazine.

Not even the most imaginative script writer for the most outlandish soap opera could have penned a scenario as complicated and frustrating as we have all lived through this past year. However, it has taken time, but I am now living in the Rectory, and slowly getting to know the places and people of the parishes.

Like everything else, our worship was affected by the lockdown, and we have had to adapt according to what is legal and safe, however unusual, or uncomfortable that may be. But all our churches are now, in some way, open for worship. I extend to all of you a warm welcome to join us, if you can, and our best wishes for your wellbeing and safety, if it is not sensible for you to gather with us.

We are all looking as to how we will celebrate Christmas, and there will be further news about this in next month's magazine. But before then there are two events that we will be celebrating.

First, there is All Saints and All Souls' tide. Normally, on the 2nd November the Church remembers and prays for all those who have died. This year it is even mor poignant as many of us have not been able to mourn and gather for those who have died during the Covid Pandemic. On 2nd November this year, at 7pm, there will be a Special Requiem Eucharist, at St. Mary's Lifton, to remember those who have died. If you would like to have a member of your family, or a friend of yours remembered at this service, please email me with their name, dates, and if you wish, a picture and a brief epitaph, so that we can put together a visual presentation.

At the time I am writing this, it seems that it would be foolish to encourage large gatherings of people, no matter what the reason and motivation. So very sadly we have decided that we cannot hold the usual Remembrance Sunday services. Can I encourage you to join in with the National service from the Cenotaph, and perhaps pay a personal tribute at your local war memorial at a convenient time.

These are strange times, but there have been stranger, and communities are often strengthened when faced fierce challenges. I am so pleased to be part of your community, and look forward to growing in strength and friendship with you all,

With Love and Prayers,

Philip

A Tribute to Nancy Cleary– by the Family Former member of Lewtrenchard W I

On a sunny day in September Nancy Cleary was laid to rest in Bridestowe's cemetery. It seems fitting that readers who perhaps didn't know Nancy well have a glimpse of the energy and spirit of this remarkable lady. It would appear that Nancy was slightly confused over her place of birth, on her passport she had Seaton, on another document Axminster but on her Birth Certificate it transpired that it was actually Axmouth, all fairly close in proximity I know, but odd all the same! Nancy Morey a Devon girl by birth, moved to Berkshire with her family in her teenage years and upon leaving school she worked for Huntley and Palmers – the biscuit company, as Sports Organiser, mainly managing their netball team. It was while working there attending a social event that she met and married John Dennis Cleary, builder and farmer, in 1956. The wedding wasn't straight forward as Nancy's mother thought that her daughter was too good for John and was convinced that he was seeing someone else. She instructed a private investigator to follow him and, I understand, was very disappointed to find out that in fact John only had a second job working evenings to pay for the wedding. Things as you can imagine were always more than slightly tense between Mother-in-law and Son-in-law. John and Nancy bought a 2 acre plot in rural Hurst which was an old dump (literally) and turned it into a smallholding, first farming chickens and having an egground and then changing to pigs, looking after 400 in sties they built themselves. Eventually they were able to build a couple of bungalows on the site. They also subrented a 140acre beef farm from John's father but it was a council property and they were unable to take over the tenancy on the death of John's dad, and so in 1972 they sold up everything and purchased "South Reed Farm" Boasley Cross. Things were never easy as the year they moved was the start of the Beef Slump making life very difficult for them for many years to come. Nancy, ever the entrepreneur, decided that she would do Bed and Breakfast to help make ends meet. This was the start of their holiday business, eventually finishing with them converting the barns into self-catering cottages with fishing lakes. Nancy lost John in 1999 and continued to run the business, working hard all her life. She did not retire until she was 74 when she sold South Reed and brought Wheatly Park Barn, Lewdown near Roadford and then finally moving into Bridestowe. During her retirement Nancy became the consummate globetrotter travelling to Australia, New-Zealand, China, India, Canada and South Africa to name but a few countries. Always up for a challenge, Nancy took part in Parachute Jumps, White Water Rafting, Jet Boating, Elephant Washing, Camel Riding, Husky Sledding and Balloon Safari, either for her own enjoyment or raising funds for charities all done in her later years. To quote a message from a family friend: - "No Passport, Visa or Expensive Ticket required on this trip. We pray that that you have a safe journey and arrive at your ultimate destination to find everything you are looking for in a lifetime of travels, although they must be aware that you might expect a few adjustments made on vour arrival!" Nancy had a love of horses, especially when it came to racing; she was a member of Elite racing, enjoyed her days at Exeter and Newton Abbot Race courses and attended many of the local Point to Points, especially the Lamerton Hunt, where she sponsored the Best Turned Out for several years. Going through the lovely cards of sympathy and bereavement these are some of the words that people have used to describe Nancy: independent, a real character, admired, dry-humoured, companion, contrary, determined, great fun, fierce competitor and friend. All family gatherings, friends' outings, group meetings, girls' get-togethers, etc. will be quieter affairs without her. Nancy loved to party, especially to dance and would have been disappointed that you could not have all celebrated her Tribute to Life with a good, old- fashioned knees up.

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Stowford Parish Council



Notice

Due to the current Corona Virus restrictions, the meeting was held using telephone conference calling and Zoom platforms.

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting No 689 held on Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council, for a full copy of the minutes please look on the council website or noticeboards.

Present: Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair) Dunn (Vice Chair), Bowers, Hennessey, Law, Roberts, Lorna St Louis

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

Members of the public – A parishioner gave a brief synopsis of planning application 2646/20/FUL.

Minutes of previous meetings 688 were approved and signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Hennessey

Dispensations & declarations of Interest – Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Louis disclosed a pecuniary interest in planning application 2646/20/FUL

Planning Ref: 2646/20/FUL – Change of use from ancillary accommodation to the main house to holiday use. Address– Peacock Cottage Annex, Townleigh Farm, Stowford, EX20 4DE

Cllrs Leroy & Lorna St Louis left the meeting then Cllr Dunn chaired this application.

Council decision – support- proposed Cllr Hennessey, seconded, Cllr Bowers, unanimous decision

Planning Ref: 2584/20/TCA – T1: Horse Chesnut – pollard to 7m from ground level due to ill health and recent limb failure. Address – Stowford House, Stowford EX20 4BZ

Council decision – support - proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Bowers, unanimous decision.

Councillor reports – Cllr Roberts commented on the improved appearance of the bus shelter by the former Royal Exchange Cllrs Leroy and Lorna having painted it. The bus shelter near the former Harris Arms also now needed some maintenance, Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that a parishioner had been in contact Regarding overgrowth of the hedges in the vicinity of Sprytown Cross, Cllr Leroy St Louis to look into the report.

Cllr Edmonds (WDBC) reported that a Superlinks meeting was held, a Covid 19 action plan had been developed to help with response and recovery and maintenance of the economy. Crime & lawlessness showed that unfortunately numbers were on the increase. Cllr Bowers raised concerns that crimes in the area had recently taken place. Cllr Leroy St Louis raised the issue of crimes in the parish at the Superlinks and DCT meetings.

- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Councillor Advocate Scheme . Cllrs Law, Hennessey, Bowers and St Louis raised the various measures that were in place or had taken place. Early warnings using "Whatsup" was in place and used by a group. The local PCO to be contacted
- Remembrance day Clirs Leroy and Lorna to lay the wreath. No service will be held due to Covid 19 regulations on social distancing.
- Items to be included for next meeting; Parish hall registration and lease agreement, recreation ground registration. Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy to be considered & adopted, 2021-22 draft budget. Parish Map and Register of 1838 future preservation and storage.
- Date & time of next meeting 10th November 2020 7.30pm, a remote Zoom meeting.

Parish Councillors

Leroy St Louis (Chair), Colin Dunn (Vice chair), Teresa Bowers, Audrey Hennessey, Kay Roberts (MBE), Lorna St Louis

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Our talents cover many fields and we don't wish anyone to feel that they are facing difficult problems alone. We cover the parishes of Lewdown, Marystowe, Thrushelton, Coryton and Stowford and have contact with other volunteer groups in West Devon. We are here for everyone whatever their age or circumstance and however large or small the problem.

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Wrapped up well in a little flag of blue and white and red. The Legion heard about it and they took up the fight Then this mans war record really came to light. Badly wounded at Passchendaele he lived to fight again He carried back his captain who had laid out among the slain. The village folk all came along his medals for to see For no one there had ever seen a real live VC. Well, the date was fixed and everything arranged It was special for the village and perhaps a little strange. Down the quiet street the old horse gently plodded People bared their heads and old men smiled and nodded. Outside the church so many came they formed into a queue

Everyone came, it seemed to honor this man they never knew.

Then from the church the vicar out to the graveside led

Followed by the Legion men with banners of gold, blue and red.

Last of all the trumpeter and so the last post was played

Men were loathed to leave there and some stayed and prayed

No relatives at all, it seemed he had no family

But here in this tiny village he had won a victory.

And so that's how they buried him, this man called Tommy Lane

Many shook they heads and said 'We'll not see his like again.'



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We would like to make residents aware that we have received reports of various scams taking place where a cold caller, email, or automated call claims to be from Amazon or Amazon Prime.



Please be wary of all contact of this type – the scams have varied and include the following:

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All of these are scams and instructions should not be followed, please hang up, don't give out any personal information or click on any links.

If you want to check a call is genuine - hang up and make contact the company via a reliable source. Please wait ten minutes before making another call or clear the line by phoning a friend/family member.

If you have any concerns please phone 101 or email <u>101@dc.police.uk</u> If you have fallen victim to a scam, please report this to Action Fraud: <u>https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/</u>

Please report any suspicious emails you receive to the National Cyber Security Centre: report@phishing.gov.uk

Also reports of cold callers claiming to be collecting on behalf of a Charity We would like to remind residents to be wary of any such callers and be mindful to request to check their identity and contact the Charity they claim to be from if required.

If the caller is genuine they will be happy for you to do this.

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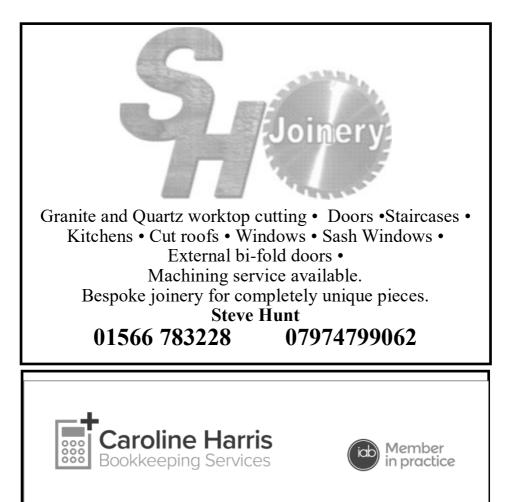








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