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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.

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Dear lovely readers, it's only little old me here again, trying to find inspiration from my brain that's as empty as my petrol tank was at the start of October.

Well I know you won't need reminding but by the time you read this load of old poo, it will be remembrance tide. We are hoping that normal service will be resumed regarding poppy collection. There will be boxes in all the local stores, pubs and hotels including Bratton Clovelly this year, but unlike last year there will be a house to house collection around the area.

Unless something drastic happens there will be a service at the war memorial starting at 10.45am, and after at the Victory hall for a ecumenical service, and may be a bring and share lunch after. Word will get around about it, so keep you ears open.

Unfortunately Mrs Margaret Hill has decided to hang up her collecting box after many years of loyal work on behalf of the British legion. We thank her for want she has done and the many thousands she has collected. The present Mrs Nash and myself will try to cover the Thrushelton area put if we don't get to you I apologise in advance. If you think you could take over collecting from Margarets area next year or even this, let me know and I will be pleased to help you.

Big news we went to Exeter the other Sunday to supposedly start Christmas shopping,

Well for myself and the present Mrs Nicola it was a excuse to do a bit of grandchild cuddling while the new parents went shopping, it's a hardship but someone has got to do it. I apologise for the use of the C word before December I don't know what came over me.

Will close now as my omelette is getting cold. Best wishes to you all from your chairperson

P.s I have booked the hall for carols around the tree in December, more information in the next edition.

What do you call a flying insect with curly hair?, a frizzbee.

What does a tick and the Eiffel Tower have in common?, they are both parisites.

Two cannibals are sat around the fire one evening, one says, "you remember those two missionaries last week, I boiled one up last night and he tasted awful". "Well I'm not surprised" said the other," he was a friar".



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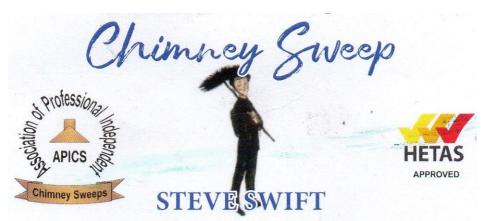
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Lewtrenchard WI

Margaret Dunn, our president, welcomed members to our first proper meeting since March 2020. She asked members to consider if they would like the monthly newsletter which started during lockdown, to continue. A vote at the end of the meeting confirmed that members were in favour of it continuing. Margaret told members that work at the Ramps was going well, with most of the Lonicera having been eradicated. Two further working groups were arranged for October 19th and 22nd. Members were reminded of the Christmas lunch in January and to sign up if they wished to go. They were also reminded of the walk on October 14th in the Widemouth Bay area and the coffee morning and walk at Roadford on the 21st. There will be a collection in December by Bags for School. Everyone was encouraged to start collecting unwanted clothing for this. Margaret then introduced our speaker, Teresa Bowers.

Teresa then gave us a very interesting talk about her work with the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute, a charitable organisation of which Teresa is a director. The Institute is involved in scientific data collection in the Antarctic and South Atlantic including territories such as The Falklands Islands, Ascension Island, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. Grants are obtained from various foundations to fund a variety of scientific projects. These can include counting wildlife such as whales, dolphins and penguins and tracking their movements. Fishing is one of the Falkland Islands most important resources and the scientific data collected provides information so decisions can be made to sustain fishing. Teresa stressed the importance of modern technology such as drones and satellites in collecting scientific data. They make it possible to collect data from areas that otherwise would be difficult to access. An example of this is the discovery that penguins can travel up to 400miles to forage. Around the Falkland Islands the routes of all shipping in the area has been tracked and the information used to plan oil rigs. Drones and satellites are also used in mapping projects, tracking icebergs, recording climate changes, changes in water levels and the movement of invasive species due to global warming.

Mary Edgecombe gave a vote of thanks, saying how fascinating it was to learn of the work being done in an area that seemed so remote from our corner of Devon.

The flower of the month was won by Margaret Dunn and the monthly competition for an interesting article beginning with A was won by Jane Jones with an intriguing apple cosy! Our next meeting will take place on November 8th.

The local environment needs your help

To the residents of Lewdown that are connected to the Local Sewage Works. During heathy rain the amount of water traveling through the system is very high. This is resulting in a verity of NONE flushable items passing through the sewage works, and ending up in a local stream and then the River Thrushel. This is very harmful for the environment and river health. There is the added risk to livestock and wildlife drinking for the streams and rivers.

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton
These minutes are abbreviated, for the full minutes visit our website,
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Minute No 743 Monday 27th September 2021 at Lewdown Victory Hall commencing at 7.30pm
Ordinary Meeting

1. Planning – Ref 1968/21/FUL Demolition & replacement of agricultural building within same footprint.

Thrushelford View, Thrushelford Farm, Lewdown, EX20 4QP, Council decision – Support – Proposed by Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Andrews

Planning – Ref 3252/21/FUL Replacement dwelling, mobile home, Widdacombe Barns, Lewdown, EX20 4EA

Council decision – object – Proposed by Cllr Metherell, seconded by Cllr Andrews. For full objection reasons please view on the WDBC website - planning porthole.

- Finance Invoices due for payment: Dean Elliot Grass cutting July & August £200.00, P. van Delft clerk salary (August Sept) £327.20, HMRC PAYE £70.60, Royal British Legion Memorial wreath £18.00, Devon Communities Together annual subscription £24.00, Cllr B. Wilkinson Replacement timber for the Ramps bench £52.00, Clerk administration expenses March- September £28.94, Payments authorized by, proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Vanstone
- A Vat refund has been made for the sum of £180.84 R.F.O Reported a combined credit of £22,723.31 after approved payments. Bank account signatories – The accounts have now been updated with new the signatories.
- 3. Cllr Mott (WDBC) reported that monthly reports continue to be made available to the council. The draft 'Memorandum of Understanding' sets out the planning process objectives for both WDBC and Parish councils. Cllrs to send to the clerk their responses by 22nd October,
- 4. Reports from councillors:- Cllr Crocker remarked that the new floor in the hall was a significant improvement and wished to thank the Victory Hall committee for making this possible. Cllr Southcott reported that Speedwatch was still operational, some vehicles have been recorded exceeding 50mph in the vicinity of the school and village. Cllr Metherell reported that a bench in the recreation ground that was thought to be donated by the parish council was in need of repair. Details of the bench donation to be provided, if supporting evidence is forthcoming it will then be listed on the council's asset register.
- 5. The Rampsonwillis plans/planning & fundraising update, bench repairs Cllr Perkins reported that she was still trying to obtain quotes for the play

- equipment upon which she could then proceed with finalising a grant application with the National Lottery Fund, if the application is successful, planning and then work could commence. Cllr Wilkinson reported that he repaired the bench, Council members thanked him and commented on the high level of repairs.
- 6. The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 Cllr Crocker suggested that a historical timeline of the parish's events may be of interest to parishioners when displayed at a celebration event, Cllrs to provide details. Clerk to enquire who maybe organising a celebration event.
- 7. Remembrance Sunday Cllr Harrop will be attending.
- 8. Emergency plan Distribution of the booklets is nearly completed, Cllrs to help with delivery for the undelivered booklets. The plan is yet to be completed.
- 9. Bench repairs at Lobhill Cross cost for repairs to be advised.
- 10. New Councillor for Marystow Parish a parishioner expressed an interest in the position. Cllr Southcott to provide the Coopt information.
- 11. Council Covid 19 precautions review and update It was resolved to continue with the existing safety measures for the time being.
- 12. Correspondence Dead ash tree in the Ramps. Cllr Wilkinson has contacted the parishioner and inspected the tree in question, Cllr Wilkinson is seeking a second opinion. A parishioner expressed concern over the access to the property from Ramsonwillis, Cllr Perkins reassured the parishioner and explained the current plans. Correspondence from the project engineer for the Crossroads development provided a response to the Parish councils concerns regarding the surface drainage system. It was resolved that the response from the project engineer was inadequate because it did not provide documented evidence. Aspects of the project engineer's response were felt inadequate and that the proposals did not actually deal with the flooding issues that are currently experienced. A meeting to be set up with the project engineers and the parish council + a representative from WDBC to discuss the issues relating to the drainage. Cllr Vanstone provided photo's of foul water effluent from the stream on his land, the contaminated water was as a result from the recent stormy weather resulting in discharging from the sewage works into the stream. Photo's to be used for supporting the parish councils concerns on the current sewage/drainage systems ability to work efficiently and safely.

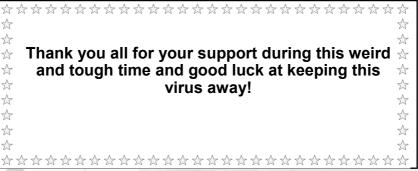
Meeting closed 9.39pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 29th November, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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Contact - Kay Nicholson

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Okehampton

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Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

Community Centre, Okehampton Community College, Mill Road,

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Please see the church website <u>www.southtamar.church</u> for details about services. Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

Lifton Benefice Service times for November 2021

All services and times are subject to change following National instructions and restrictions.

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

7th November The Third Sunday Before Advent

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

3pm: Service of Thanksgiving and Blessing

for Pets and Animals at Lifton.

14th November Remembrance Sunday/ Second Sunday before Advent

9.am Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

10.45am Services of Remembrance take place at Lifton, Kelly,

Lewdown and Broadwoodwidger

21st November The Feast of Christ the King

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton11.15am Parish Eucharist at Stowford Morning Prayer at Kelly

28th November ADVENT SUNDAY

10am BENEFICE CELEBRATION EUCHARIST at LIFTON

Followed by Lunch for all at the Rectory

29th November Monday

7pm Deanery Confirmation Service at Stowford

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 month of November is, in church, community and national life, a month of remembering.

Whether in church: remembering the great saints of the Church, or those loved ones that we still miss and mourn on All Saints day and All Souls day, or around bonfires in community and family groups on the 5th November, or standing round a War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday as a nation, remembering those who have given their very lives in service of our country. What we are doing, in all these acts of remembrance is making sure that essential parts of our community, be they the great characters of the past, or events that have shaped us, are held and treasured and learned from. The Act of Remembrance that we repeat day after day and week after week does exactly the same thing. "Do this in Remembrance of Me" Said Jesus to his disciples... and we do... we make sure that Jesus, and his example of love and sacrifice are central to who we are and how we love each other.

When Bishop Robert came to install me as your priest 22 months ago, I was looking forward to all the things we would do as Mission Community and Benefice: the worship, community outreach, and working together. Unfortunately, Covid came, and for most of the past two years we have had to deal with a situation that has caused havoc in almost every area of church, community and family life.

Despite the difficulties of the past few months, we are still called to be a community of Christian people, and so I would like to invite you to a celebration of our partnership.

There is nothing like an approaching New Year to gather our thoughts and to encourage us to make resolutions for the future, and we are going to celebrate this new year. NOT in January, but at the start of the Christian Year on Advent Sunday. So please, do come and join us for a Joyful Celebration of our shared mission at 10am at St. Mary's Lifton Advent Sunday, 28th November. Everyone is welcome, and Katie and I are looking forward very much to welcoming you to the Rectory for a Celebration Lunch at the Rectory afterwards.

Let us start our new year off as we mean to go on: with joyful and prayerful worship, friendly Christian fellowship, and Hope in Christ for our growth in faith, understanding and strength of numbers. With love and prayers,

Philip.



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Thank you

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7th **Bridestowe Worship Group**

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Minutes of ordinary meeting No 700 held on Tuesday 14th September 2021

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting 699 was signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded by Cllr Law.
- Finance: Payments for approval Peter van Delft clerk salary (Aug-sept) £176.80, HMRC – PAYE for clerk £ 44.20, P. van Delft – administration expenses £ 19.13 It was resolved to pay invoices as listed, proposed by Cllr Law, seconded by Cllr Kenyon. R.F.O. Reported a current bank balance after approved payments of £5421.76. Proposed by Cllr Dunn, seconded by Cllr Lorna St Louis
- 3. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that the consultation for the 'Plan for West Devon B.C' had now closed, the final version of the plan will be published towards end of September. A draft memorandum of understanding has now been circulated to all town & parish councils for consideration and consultation. WDBC are working with a number of providers to help communities to get faster connections to homes and businesses. CDS has awarded a contract to Airband to connect properties who are experiencing low Broadband speeds in this area, WDBC has no contractual or financial interest with Airband. For more information follow the Link

https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/community-broadband

- 4. Reports from councillors Cllr Leroy St Louis reported a complaint from a parishioner regarding a noise nuisance from dogs barking had been received, the complaint has been dealt with. Cllr Dunn reported that he had written to Geoffrey Cox MP regarding the speeding problems on the C822 from Lifton to Lewtrenchard.
- 5. Refurbishment and repairs to the parish hall Two grants have been successfully approved to pay for the items of refurbishment, one grant from WDBC for £3591.74 and the second from DCC for £3000.00, work to

- commence soon. Cllr Kenyon reported that he had contacted broadband providers to obtain quotations for installations into remote properties in the parish.
- 6. Facebook Parish council page update Cllr Leroy and Cllr Law will meet soon to discuss the setting up of a page.
- 7. 75 year Remembrance Tree It was resolved to purchase an Oak tree and stake, The chair suggested that Cllr Edmonds may wish to plant the tree before November, Cllr Edmonds agreed to do the planting. Plaques need to be purchased for the 25yr, 50yr and now the 75yr trees, plaque quotes to be obtained by Cllr Kenyon.

Minutes of Extraordinary meeting No 701 held on Thursday 7th September 2021

- 1. Dispensations & declarations of interest The clerk declared an interest for item 6.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting 700 was signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded by Cllr Kenyon
- Refurbishment and repairs to the parish hall Project costs and funding Project Costs

Devon & Cornwall Doors & Windows -£2245.00, Howdens Joinery-£2215.63, A1 Electrical - £2059.06, NBB Recycled Furniture - £1584.00. Total £8103.69

Grant Funding

WDBC - Community Grant Fund £3591.74, DCC - 3R Recovery Fund £3000.00, Vat recovery £1024.00. Total - £7615.74

It was resolved that after consideration on the effects of cashflow, the project would be completed in two stages. Cllr Edmonds had contacted WDBC to arrange payment of the grant on the basis of when invoices are submitted, this intervention enabled the project to progress much more quickly. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by 31st December 2021. Motion proposed by Cllr Law and seconded by Cllr Kenyon, unanimous decision.

4. Remembrance "TOMMY" statue – It was resolved that the council needed more time to obtain permission to locate the statue. The cost of the statue to be considered in the new budget for 2022-23.

- 5. Remembrance Sunday Cllr Leroy St Louis to attend with other councillors
- 6. 75yr VE Day Remembrance tree planting and plague inscription. It was resolved that the tree is to be planted by Cllr Edmonds on land in front of the church. The Oak tree cost £49.99. Cllr Edmonds kindly offered to pay for the brass plague and inscription, council members appreciated the offer and thank him. Cllrs Kenyon and Leroy St Louis to make the back board for the plaque and board ground spike. Date for the planting is to be set.

Date time and place of next meeting – 9th November 2021 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

Peter van Delft, Stowford Parish Clerk, Portgate Chapel, Lewdown, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4PZ

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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. If you can find some time to help, please contact <u>Cllr.Terry.Southcott@westdevon.gov.uk</u> or call 01566 783079 or 07831309666

Analysis of all my Group records for 2021-09-16 to 2021-10-16	
All Records	42
Excessive Speeder Records	1
Max Speeder 20mph	0
Max Speeder 30mph	0
Max Speeder 40mph	56
Vehicles without MOT	0
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Police Actions taken if known	
Letter sent 1	23
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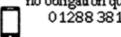
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