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# Lewtrenchard WI August Report

**WI Members Meeting Minutes - Lewdown Hall**  
**9th August 2022, 3pm - Cream Tea**

**Attendees:** Margaret Dunn (Pres), Barbara Scott (Tres), Monique Hedger (Sec), Teresa Belk, Lynn Atkinson & many members/guests.



**Apologies:** Mary Edgecombe, Judy Law, Caroline Harris

**We had 2 birthdays:** Kathryn, our Australian member & Cecile, we had a lovely thank you email from Kathryn for her birthday card.



**Margaret welcomed:** everyone and thanked them for coming to support us on such a hot day. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Rampsonwillis Nature Trail Project to purchase a picnic bench. After her address we settled down to a lovely afternoon of tea, cakes and pleasant conversation. Margaret had prepared a slide show on the laptop to show the progress we made clearing the Rampsonwillis site, which was very overgrown. Entry, raffle & plant sale raised £302.

**We finished off:** the afternoon with a fantastic raffle, our thanks to Lewtrenchard Manor for donating a cream tea for two voucher & to

Karen & Michael for donating a beautiful, hand painted silk scarf & to all the committee members for their donations towards the raffle.

**Various clipboards:** were out on the stage for members to sign up and various plants & produce was available for a donation.



## News just in: WI Day Baking Class with the Cake Lady of Oxford



Sarah Jones will be running a WI Day themed baking class on Wednesday 14 September 2022 at 6pm. All ingredients and equipment lists will be sent out after the class along with the recording. Join Sarah to create wonderful bakes that you will be able to show off at your next WI meeting and hopefully bring out in all its glory to celebrate the WI's birthday!

To book your **FREE** place please follow the link below or visit the Denman at Home website: <https://www.denman.org.uk/nfwi-events-competitions/products/nfwi-wi-day-baking-class-wi-members-only-2022-09-14-180000/>

**Don't forget:** Jumble sale is back, Saturday 1st October from 2pm, entry £1 including cup of tea, children FOC, cakes & biscuits available for purchase.



**After clearing up:** we finished just after 5pm.

**Date and venue for next meeting:** September 12, 2022, 7.30 pm Victory Hall Lewdown, Poetry reading by Frank Rolfe.

***Dear readers.*** Good evening too you all, and i hope you have not all melted in this very hot weather we have been having recently, I'm old enough to remember 1976, when there was no rain for 7 weeks. It eventually broke on the 17th of August, but we weren't allowed to use the showers after games at Okehampton college for many weeks after. I seen to remember Meldon Reservoir was under construction at the time.

Good news everyone. I nearly got to Okehampton Show last Thursday. I Got as close as parking my car, when my wife phoned me to say that she our daughter, and the grandson had had enough of the heat and were going back home for a cold drink and a ice cream, in the shade.

If your garden is anything like mine ( a bit of a dust bowl), it will be a bit of a struggle to find much for the produce show, but we are all in the same situation unless you are lucky enough to have a bore hole on your property.

Will close now as we are going to Tesco's chiller department to cool off for a hour, at no personal cost.

Best wishes to you all from your Chairperson Tim Nash.

*The other day i went to the local Costa Coffee and said to the Barista, "can i have a cappuccino please",*

*She asked" is that to sit in "*

*I said "no, I'm going to drink it like most people".*

*Why are dogs terrible at dancing?. Because they do have two left feet.*

*I went to the doctors this morning, and told him that every time i cough, i hear words like Knight, Bishop, Pawn and Queen.*

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£2.00 per session – please bring your own snack (we are unable to provide drinks for parents).

We will be adhering to all current covid policies and procedures to keep you and your little one safe.

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£2 increase on the door.

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) Lewdown Playground Fundraising Group  
For more details contact **07868 650 601**

There cannot be a single person who has not had a conversation about the cost of living crisis which seems to be escalating at an alarming rate and this month's question is typical of the thousands of requests we get each month asking for help and advice.

*"The cost of energy and food is so high now. With the kids home from school for the summer, I'm having to pay more for lunches and snacks. I'm worried about how I'll put food on the table. I'm on a prepayment meter and I'm really scared we're going to be left without any gas or electric if I can't top up. What can I do?"*

As a prepayment meter customer, your energy supplier will be able to give you temporary credit if you can't afford to top up your meter. They might add this to your meter automatically, but if they don't, you can call them and ask them to do this.

If you run out of temporary credit, speak to your supplier and explain your situation. They may give you extra temporary credit if you are struggling with living costs. If you're disabled, have a long term health condition or you have children under 5 you may also qualify to get extra credit. You'll have to pay back anything extra you get, but you can agree how to do this in a way you can afford.

CA TNMWD are working with Devon County Council to manage an Energy Relief Scheme and it could be that you qualify for fuel vouchers. We also have a specially trained Energy Advice Team who will provide free, confidential and informed advice. Either visit [www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk) click on 'Get Advice' then go to the Energy tab. Alternatively, ring our free, local AdviceLine on 0808 27 87 999. You may like to consider having a Smart Meter installed (at no cost to you) and this is something else our team can advise on.

There is more government support coming in October to help with energy bills including a £400 payment. With a prepayment meter you will be given vouchers in the first week of each month from October.

If you pay council tax and are in bands A-D you may have already received a payment of £150 which is being automatically credited by local councils. If you haven't and you qualify, check out your council's website and see how you go about making a claim.

You may find it useful to check out [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) where we

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have benefits calculators you can use online to assess whether you are eligible to claim anything and there is also advice on how to reduce living costs and other ways to increase your income.

School holidays put additional pressures on everyone's budget. Contact your local council to see if there is extra support available to help you over the holiday period. At CA TNMWD we can also help you get a referral for a food bank voucher. You are by no means the only person in your situation so just reach out to us for help. [www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk](http://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk) or 0808 27 87 999.

If you are reading this and thinking that you would like to be able to help people like this, email [recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@ruraldevoncab.org.uk) and find out about volunteering opportunities with us. We give ongoing training and support and you would be helping us to meet the ever increasing demands on our services!

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Where?

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Cost?

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**A tour through 17th century Devon**  
*an illustrated talk by Kevin Dickens*



Many of us will think of the English Civil War, even the battle of Sourton Down, but what else marked the 17<sup>th</sup> Century in our area? Kevin Dickens has visited Lewdown Past a number of times to share his detailed knowledge of history, assimilated from his own interests and his teaching career and I'm sure this will be an excellent start to our autumn programme of talks.

Visitors are very welcome. Parking in front of the hall or opposite. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.



## CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### Ministers

United Benefice of Lifton, Broadwood, Stowford,  
Lewtrenchard with Thrushelton & Kelly with Bradstone

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(P. Sparling 01822 860355)

#### **Okehampton**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

01837 52229

#### **Launceston**

Sunday 10.30 am

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Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

### **Quakers**

Meeting for Worship

Tavistock every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact – Kay Nicholson

01822 614596

Okehampton

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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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Please see the church website [www.southtamar.church](http://www.southtamar.church) for details about services.

Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

# North Tamar Mission Community

## Service times for July 2022

*Any updates will be posted on the Benefice Website. [north-tamar-churches.org](http://north-tamar-churches.org).  
At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Benefice*

### Sundays and Festivals

- 4<sup>th</sup> September** The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  
10 am: Celebrating Together at Kelly  
*A Mission Community Eucharist*
- 11<sup>th</sup> September** The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge  
Morning Prayer at Thrushelton  
Morning Prayer at Lifton  
11.15am Harvest Eucharist at Lewtrenchard *followed by Bring and Share lunch.*
- 18<sup>th</sup> September** The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
**9.30am** Parish Eucharist at Lifton  
**11.15am** Morning Prayer at Kelly  
Harvest Eucharist at Stowford *followed by Bring and Share lunch*
- 25<sup>th</sup> September** The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity  
**9.30am** Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton  
Morning Prayer at Lifton  
**11.15am** Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard  
**6pm:** Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration at Broadwoodwidge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October** The Sixteenth 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 may be some occasions when the Wednesday Morning Service will be a service of Morning Prayer.*

## From The Parish Priest

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, I am sorting out all the arrangements for the celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving across our churches.

Since Victorian times, the celebration of the Harvest in the Autumn has become part of our annual pattern of events. The Farmers sow, nurture and reap. We then thank God for his gifts.

The harvest, or lack of, has been a major news item over the past few weeks. A combination of the hot weather, lack of rainfall, and other world events such as the war in Ukraine has meant that the world faces a shortage of food, and the inevitable rise in the cost of food for the customers in the shops.

I read in an information leaflet this year that approximately, worldwide, One Third of all the food grown prepared, packaged and cooked for human use is thrown away before it is eaten. **And yet** there are still millions of people who are starving in this world. This is a disgraceful situation, and something that all of us can do something about, not only by lobbying those who make policy and decisions, but also in the way we manage our own households.

Thanking God for his gifts in Creation does not mean taking them for granted.

This harvest, let us think again of the effort that goes into providing our food, and the real human cost of wasting the earth's valuable resources.

With love and prayers,

Philip

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## **Bridestowe Methodist Church Preachers for September**

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>In the Ark</b>	<b>10.30/12.30</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Circuit Gathering at Hatherleigh</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>United Service B W G</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>D Sutcliffe</b>	<b>11.00</b>

### **Thrushelton Church**

would like to invite you to a Barbeque and  
relaxing afternoon/ evening.

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# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

## Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

Minute No 752 of Monday 25th July 2022 held at the Victory Hall  
These abbreviated minutes are provisional, for the full minutes visit our website

1. Members of the public open forum – two members present expressing an interest in item 12.
2. Declarations of interest – Cllr Southcott for item 7.
3. Minutes of previous meeting 751 being a true reflection of that meeting were approved and signed by the chair, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded by Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
4. Planning – 1634/22/HHO Householder application for proposed extension to form gym with room above.  
Site – Allerford Farm, Portgate, Lewdown, EX20 4PU.  
Council decision – support. Proposed by Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour.
5. Finance 5.1 Payments authorised, Proposed by Cllr Yeo, seconded by Cllr Metherell, all in favour  
Dean Elliot – Grass cutting £165.00, I.C.O. – Annual subscription £35.00, Cllr A. Harrop – refund for community Jubilee  
Gifts £226.15, Cllr A. Harrop – refund for materials used for repair of noticeboard £79.84, Lewdown Victory Hall  
Committee – hall hire £250.00, Cllr T Southcott – refund for emergency plan equipment £707.48, P. van Delft – clerk salary (June- July) £333.88, HMRC – PAYE £72.20  
5.2 R.F.O. reported a credit balance after payments of £20,194.13  
5.3 WDBC Localities grant of £500 for the jubilee events to be applied for by the clerk
6. Reports from councillors – Cllr Wilkinson reported that some trees have been identified with Ash Dieback in Stoney Lane; also, it appears that the dog waste bin near the Blue Lion has been very well used, possibly no collection has been made as scheduled, Cllr Wilkinson to report problem to the waste contractors. Cllr Andrews thanked everyone for their support and help in making the Queens Jubilee celebrations held in June a great success.
7. WDBC Cllr Mott. Reported that a Community Fund grant was now available for voluntary groups and parish councils.
8. DCC Cllr Samuel – circulated the latest July report.

9. Rampsonwillis – Committee report – Cllr Perkins provided a detailed progress report on all the work she has done to date and work/jobs that still need attention. Cllr Perkins has arranged a fundraising Summer Music Festival, details to be circulated. It was resolved that a site meeting would be useful to establish the proposed positioning of the play equipment, benches and parking area. Cllr Vanstone suggested that the use of ‘Markers’ to identify the positioning of the equipment maybe be helpful. Cllr Andrews to arrange date and time for the site meeting. Cllr Southcott reported that planning permission would not be required for this project. The clerk to inform DCC of the council’s proposal.
10. Stoney Lane – layby/passing area – Parishioners again expressed their concern for accessibility through Stoney Lane and to private home-owners driveways along the lane. It was resolved that councillors would hold a site meeting to see the problems that parishioners and users of Stoney Lane are experiencing. Members of the public are invited to attend this meeting.
11. VAS signs in the vicinity of the school – Cllr Southcott reported that problems existed with the locating of the signs, fundraising will be required to meet some of the costs, Cllr Southcott suggested that just one sign should be considered to see what effect it has on reducing the speed of vehicles. A recent survey showed that 10 out of 75 vehicles were speeding through the village.
12. Emergency plan – Cllr Southcott informed that some minor amendments are still required and these need the help of Cllr Harrop. A storage location for the sand bag is still sought. Final update at the next meeting.
13. Repairs to noticeboard near the war memorial – Cllr Harrop has now got the materials for the repairs, reinstatement will be in due course.
14. Bus services – It is proposed that a new Park & Ride will be near Sourton Cross in the future. There is a bid to develop a new railway station at Okehampton, this will require more linked bus services.
15. New Councillors – A Marystow parishioner has expressed an interest.
16. Correspondence – including request for temporary direction sign. Request approved.

Date, place and time of next meeting 26<sup>th</sup> September, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

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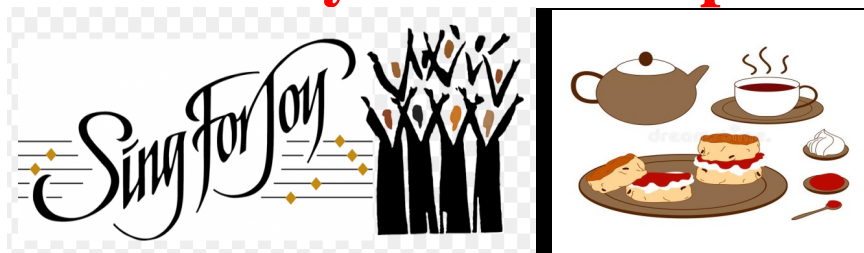
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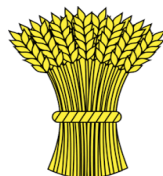
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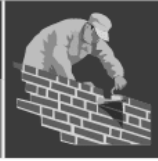
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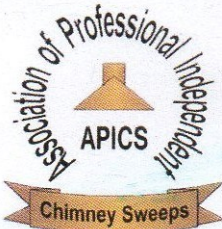
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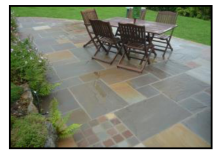
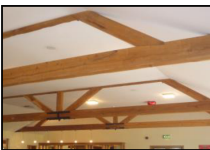
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