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The magazine for all that's going on in your area

Community



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WHAT'S ON? - Events in your area

Date	Location	Organisation & Contact Information	What's going on in the area and at what time
Wed/07/Mar	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Sat/10/Mar	Victory Hall	Victory Hall Colin 01566 783279	Whist Drive 20:00
Mon/12/Mar	Victory Hall	W I - Cathy 01566 784104	W I Meeting 19:30 - 22:00
Wed/14/Mar	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566 783392	Soupa Troopers at 12:30 Soup, bread roll & tea or coffee for £3
Wed/14/Mar	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Sat/17/Mar	Victory Hall	W I - Cathie 01566 784104	Jumble Sale 14.00
Mon/19/Mar	Victory Hall	Y F C Becky 01837 52364	Easter Bingo 19:30 - 21:30
Wed/21/Mar	Victory Hall	NewsLink Day	Newslink assembly day @14:00- Help is always very welcome
	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Sat24/Mar	The School Room Brat- ton Clovelly	Enquiries Mary Tomes 01837 871541	COFFEE MORNING 10:00 – 12:00
Mon/26/Mar	Victory Hall	Parish Council	Parish Council Meeting @19:30PM
Wed/28/Mar	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Wed/04/Apr	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Fri/06/Apr	Victory Hall	Y F C Becky 01837 52364	Young Farmers Disco 21:00—
Sat/Apr/7th	Lewdown Cricket Club	Lewdown Cricket Club Pauline Gearing on 01822 820400	Grand Jumble Sale @ 2pm entry 50p

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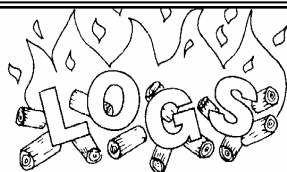
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Grand Jumble Sale Lewdown Cricket Club

Saturday April 7th @ 2pm

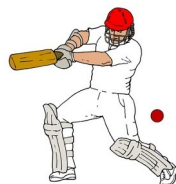
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DEAR READERS

.well after a depressing January weather wise, with what seemed like constant rain and wind we move on to February, so to try and lift your spirits a small amount here are a few bits of silliness.

Did you know the person who invented the knock knock joke has been given the a Nobel prize.

Why don't you see elephants hiding in trees? Their very good at it. The man who invented polos has recently died, he left a mint to his family.

What lies on its back 100 feet in the air? A dead centipede.

What type of birds would you find in church? A bird of pray.

Will close now as we have a wonderful fire going, there is rugby on the tele and its egg and chips for tea, what more could a man want from life.

Best wishes from you Honary chairperson Tim Nash.

I was in the pub the other day and got talking to someone. He said that he was just starting a zoo in the area but at the moment he only had one animal, a small dog.

It's a Shizu.



"I reckon Spring is just around the corner.
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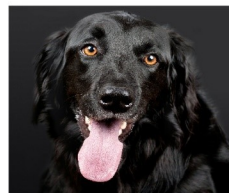
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Thankyou to the kitchen mums, Sylvia, Sarah, Jane, Tina and anyone else who helped out and came up to see the tractors during the day.

Also thanks to Jethro for waving off all the tractors, and to Phil Uglow for organising the route and leading all off the tractors.



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Lewtrenchard WI, February, 12th.

Our President, Cathie Slocombe took us through the many events on the WI calendar. These included our annual jumble sale on Saturday 17th March in the Victory Hall, Lewdown. Monique Hedger stood in for the secretary Barbara Scott.

Sylvia Crocker announced that Waitrose had now agreed to supply 65 of their stores with her small cartons of milk, another success in her campaign.

We then opened the meeting to our speaker Di Slocombe who had very kindly stood in at the last moment.

Di talked to us about the Renaissance with specific reference to the portrayal of the Mother and Child, Mary and Jesus. She wanted to show the development through the Renaissance of artistic style and technique. To begin we looked at what had gone before the Florentine expansion of artistic influence and activity which began around 1401.

We looked at a succession of images of Mary and the baby Jesus beginning with those which had come from the East and the Byzantine Empire. These icons from Russia and Greece were concerned with helping people worship the majesty and mystery of God, not any realistic portrayal of a woman and her baby.

The Western Church however, wanted to tell Bible stories to illiterate worshippers with pictures of Mary still being revered in the West. The heavy use of gold in the pre-Renaissance pictures was to symbolize heaven and also illuminate the subjects in dark, candlelit churches.

Di showed us the painstaking processes involved in creating these panel paintings from the initial block of wood to the final article. She showed us a Giotto picture which started to show the development from Eastern to Western interpretations of the Mother and Child. More realistic, less gold, the use of expensive colours like the blue created from lapis lazuli which is still sourced from Afghanistan with a 1kg of rock producing only 1oz of pigment.

Next we looked at the work of Masaccio who is now painting in the full Renaissance style with some blue and gold still there but a more 3D image and a far more realistic baby figure.

Among the techniques used by the Renaissance artists to create these more realistic, 3D images was linear perspective invented by the architect Filippo Brunelleschi. A grid was used towards a vanishing point on the horizon and the grid was the ghost pavement used by artists to create realistic sense of space, distance and size. Light and shade were also employed to show realism and depth in paintings.

Our next artist was Fra Filippo Lippi who represented Mary as a normal young woman rather than an imposing somewhat intimidating image. He showed her as a rather well-to-do young Florentine woman. A softer image and the gold has gone. Her portrayal as a more realistic, believable and accessible character pays service to the Renaissance belief that human beings can educate themselves without looking to God or the Church.

We turned to Da Vinci and Michelangelo in 1499/1500 with the Renaissance in full-swing. The former famous for finishing very few pieces of work and an ambiguity of smudged features giving softer more fluid images. The latter a painter and sculptor a long way from Giotto with real muscle shape being shown in his portrayal of Jesus and his parents.

The tenets of Renaissance art shown in the images we looked at were perspective, emotion, believable 3D space, movement in the subjects and an acknowledgement of the spectator.

Di finished with a contemporary artist, Jenny Saville who referenced Da Vinci and the ideas of the Renaissance in her very modern portrayal of the Mother and Child.

There was a short Q&A with thanks given by Gail Bones for a talk that kept the room concentrating hard and totally engrossed. We learnt much and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Flower of the Month: Monique Hedger.

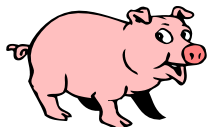
Next Meeting: March 12th, 7pm Victory Hall, Lewdown.

Speaker: Mary Cole on Victorian Underwear.

Competition: A pair of double knit fingerless mittens in the Olympic colours of red, white, black, blue, green and yellow.

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Fantastic Mr Fox

February 2018 saw the celebration of two big events – Red Spider Company’s twenty years of theatrical productions and the launch of the spanking new Lifton Community Centre. Something very special was called for and something very special was delivered in the shape of David Wood’s superb adaptation for the stage of the beloved Roald Dahl classic, Fantastic Mr Fox.

Make no mistake this was a challenging production for the Red Spider Company director, Gill Taylor, and her production team. Firstly the play required an unusual adaptation of the stage so that the illusion of simultaneous action both above and below ground could be created. However the Lifton Community Centre does not have a built-in stage to adapt. Neither does it have back-stage facilities or curtains. Somehow an impressive tiered stage with stunning scenery was purpose-built by the production team thus providing the necessary illusion at the same time as it facilitated easy access for the actors from the wings and front of stage. Scene changes were brought about through the use of lighting, sound and music. The mechanical tractors and diggers were another unexpected but very amusing production team surprise. Everything worked beautifully.

The other big challenge for the director was the presence in the production of a small army of children, more than 25 in all and playing the parts of fox cubs, rabbits, mice, chickens and rats. They were drawn from four different local schools: Lewtrenchard, Lifton and Gulworthy primary schools and also Tavistock College. Surely keeping so many children in order, seeing they were in the right place at the right time and seeing that they delivered their lines correctly was asking a lot? Not a bit of it. Their contribution to the success of the production was immense. They were all hugely entertaining and I just loved the way the mischievous rats ran around the hall, playfully harassing the audience at various times during the performance.

Mr Fox was indeed fantastic. He was suave, always in control and had a pleasant singing voice. By contrast Mr Badger was delightfully portrayed as a pompous idiot. Then, of course, we also had some humans in the shape of three thoroughly unpleasant and murderous farmers, Boggis, Bunce and Bean. We tried our best to hiss and boo, but the portrayals of them were so wonderfully absurd that most of the time it seemed more appropriate to laugh and applause.

All in all this was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I cannot remember when I laughed so much.

So how do I sum all this up? Easy!

Fan-tas-tic!!

Ron Wawman



CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Okehampton Saturday 6pm
Sunday 11am

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Okehampton

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Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

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Community College, Mill Road,

Okehampton.

Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Church services at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

1st Sun. in the month - Holy Communion ● 3rd Sun. in the month - Family Service

Dear Friends,

RENEWAL

All around us the world of nature is putting on her new clothes as Spring (at last) takes hold; a time when members of the local Anglican Church will be busy renewing their commitment to the Church through the Electoral Roll Revision and Annual Church Meetings.

Thinking about the value of renewal reminds me of the purpose of Lent – the ‘spring-time’ of the Church’s year. Lent provides six weeks every year for Christian people to examine and renew their lives of prayer, worship and service and reaches its climax in the glorious Festival of Easter when the churches will be filled with flowers and colour and praise; when everything feels especially “new.” At Easter we shall be celebrating again the renewal that is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and it is most fitting that part of our worship on that day should include the renewal of our own Baptism Vows.

In just about every sphere of our daily lives and existence we know the value of renewal - we eat, exercise and sleep regularly; we occasionally re-decorate our homes inside and out; we know the value of having our cars serviced at appropriate intervals. Passports, television licences, insurance policies and the like are useless and invalidated if they are not regularly renewed.

Our Christian life requires the same constant and thoughtful renewal lest it become useless and invalid! It often happens that for a variety of reasons we allow the promises made at our Baptism to lapse – often through no particular fault of our own! We may reach the point when we would feel awkward about coming to church or even calling ourselves ‘Christian’. This is precisely why the Church exists – to offer renewal and to provide an unquestioning and unqualified welcome and support to all-comers.

Such an attitude stems from words of Jesus himself who said: “Come to me, **all** who are weary and heavy laden and I will refresh you.” (Matthew 11.28).

Please be absolutely certain and confident that your local churches are made up of ‘normal people’ who are very welcoming and friendly and ready to welcome any and all visitors and regular worshippers at their times of worship – on Sundays and during the week. You are welcome to discover this for yourselves!

I encourage you to make space and time in your lives this Lent to be renewed in your faith and following of Jesus Christ as together we make our pilgrimage through this season of renewal to the foot of the cross and beyond to the empty tomb of new life and hope.

With every blessing and my prayers.

Faithfully yours,



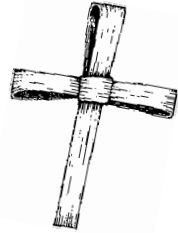
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LIFTON BENEFICE CHURCHES

HOLY WEEK 2018

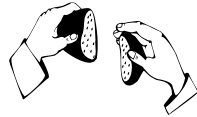
Sunday 25th. March **PALM SUNDAY**

- 9.30am Lifton Church, Holy Communion
9.30am Thrushelton Church, Holy Communion
11.15am Lewtrenchard Church, Holy Communion
All Services today include the Distribution of Palm Crosses



Wednesday 28th. March **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

- 10.30am Lifton, Holy Communion (Said Service)



Thursday 29th. March **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

- 7.30pm Stowford Church
Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper, the stripping of the Altar in haste ...
Followed by opportunity to make a personal Vigil of Prayer.
(Those present are invited to "keep watch with Jesus" for as long as they are able)

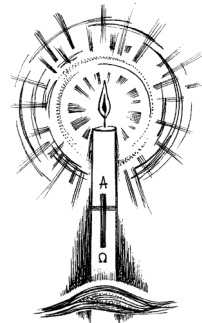
Friday 30th. March **GOOD FRIDAY**

- 10.00am Meet at Strawberry Fields Farm Shop
for a Walk of Witness following the Cross
of Jesus - to Lifton Church
10.30am Ecumenical Service at Lifton Church
Followed by Hot Cross Buns and fellowship
2.00pm Devotional Hour at Thrushelton Church
Followed by Hot Cross Buns in Church



Saturday 31st. March **EASTER EVE**

- 8.00pm Lewtrenchard - Service of "New Fire"
Lighting the Paschal Candle, The "Exultet" (Easter Praise)
and the First Communion of Easter



Sunday 1st. April **EASTER SUNDAY**

- 9.30am Lifton, Holy Communion
9.30am Broadwoodwidger, Holy Communion
11.15am Kelly, Holy Communion
11.15am Stowford, Holy Communion

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Holy Communion every Wednesday, 10.30am at St.Mary's, Lifton

SERVICES in MARCH / APRIL 2018

	9.30am unless different	11.15am unless different
4th. Lent 3	Lifton - Holy Communion Broadwood - Morning Prayer	Kelly - Morning Prayer Stowford - Holy Communion
11th Mothering	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Morning Prayer	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion
18th Lent 5	Lifton - Morning Prayer Broadwood - Holy Communion	Kelly - Holy Communion Stowford - Holy Communion
25th Palm S.	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK 2018

28th March Wednesday	10.30am	Said Holy Communion at Lifton Church Followed by refreshments in church
29th Maundy Thurs	7.30pm	Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch of Prayer at Stowford Church
30th Good Friday	10.30am 2.00pm	Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Lifton Church after Walk of Witness from Strawberry Fields (Gather at Strawberry Fields at 10.00am) Devotional Hour at Thrushelton Church
31st Easter Eve	8.00pm	Service of "New Fire" and 1st Communion of Easter at Lewtrenchard Church

	9.30am unless different	11.15am unless different
1st. Easter Sun	Lifton - Holy Communion Broadwood - Holy Communion	Kelly - Holy Communion Stowford - Holy Communion
8th Easter 2	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Holy Communion	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion
15th Easter 3	Lifton - Morning Prayer Broadwood - Holy Communion	Stowford - Holy Communion
22nd Easter 4	Lifton - Holy Communion Thrushelton - Morning Prayer	Lewtrenchard - Holy Communion
29th Easter 5	"Together at 10.00" on a fifth Sunday of the Month. All welcome to Lewtrenchard Church for Communion and Fellowship	

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Lifton History Group

Public Health in 19c Launceston' was the title of the talk given by Les Kennedy at the February meeting. It was, to say the least, shocking, but at the same time made us all feel glad that we were not having to cope with the conditions. Open sewers, no clean water for most residents as at one time there were only 7 taps in the town. Animals living cheek by jowl with families was not unusual. There was a fair amount of humour in the talk, which made it a bit less gruesome and we did enjoy the evening.

The talk on Wednesday 7 March, at 7.30 pm in the Tamar Room, will be given by Sue Knox. The subject is Haldon Belvedere (Lawrence Castle). All are welcome to attend and so we look forward to seeing you then.

The April meeting is on Wednesday 4th, in the Tamar Room, and the subject is 'The Fishermen of Port Isaac' which should be interesting. We hope to see you there.



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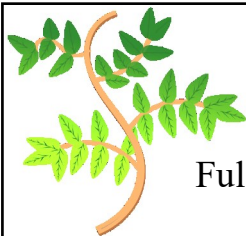


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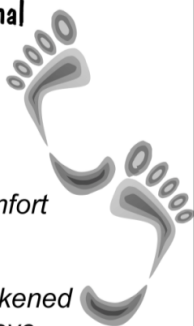
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Tuesday 20th March at 7.30 pm

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Simon Dell hardly needs any introduction, having served in our local police force for many years. Now retired, he has researched numerous subjects, written many books and has a large collection of photographs. This particular talk has been highly recommended by everyone I know who has heard it and gives an insight into an aspect of war which has possibly seemed taboo for so long.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone 01566 783396/793567 nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Lifts are possible also. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

January meeting: **Harry Hems** is renowned for his stone and wood carving in many Devon churches and other buildings. Even as a nine-year-old he was enthralled by carving, having been inspired by some particularly intricate work at the Great Exhibition of 1851. He began working in the family cutlery firm but soon left this to pursue his lifelong passion. However a legacy from this early employment was his adoption of the cutlery business' trade mark, 'IXL' (I excel) which often appears on knives in his carvings and whose significance was apparently first identified by our speaker, Sue Andrew.



After a seven year apprenticeship and some foreign travel, Hems arrived in Exeter in 1866, set up a workshop, and began work on stone carvings for the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM). He also collected numerous samples of medieval carving on which to model his Victorian church restoration work. Many of these were later bought by RAMM and now form one of the most important collections of medieval woodwork in any British museum. His work also had a contemporary flavour: for example, a scene of St John the Baptist's beheading might show a Bowie sheath knife

(inscribed IXL of course) like that in Stowford Church. His extensive work at St John the Baptist, Stowford is particularly well regarded and part of the reason for its Grade I listed status.

Hems was a workaholic, and expected the same of his employees, but he also remained intensely loyal to them if they were, in turn, loyal to him. He occasionally defended his principles with violence and also refused to pay his taxes on more than one occasion when he believed they were unjust. To fund his tax bills he organised some rather irreverent auctions of his possessions, including: 'three second hand tombstones (slightly damaged) suitable for the graves of Income Tax Commissioners'; his 'bulldog named Bob'; a statue of St Matthew the Tax Gatherer and a sculpture of the Twelve Apostles. Fortunately his many close friends bought these lots and returned them and it was widely reported that he had made the Twelve



Apostles pay his tax. Hems was also a prolific contributor to newspapers and periodicals, keeping scrapbooks of cuttings (over 33,000 of them) of everything published, so we can still discover a great deal about his life. But maybe not how to fund our taxes!

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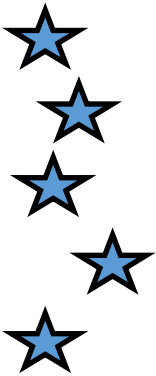
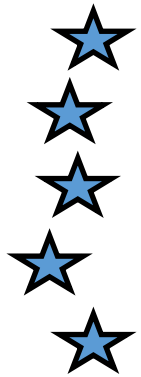


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