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## **LEWDOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **JANUARY EDITION OF THE COMMUNITY NEWSLINK**

Please note that this year we will be producing an edition of the Community Newslink magazine in December (normally we get a month off for good behaviour!).

Please submit any news or events that you'd like included in the New Year's edition by Friday 11th December. The magazine will be distributed at the end of December

These unusual times mean that it is more important than ever to keep in touch with friends and neighbours—hopefully we can provide an extra way to publicise upcoming social events in the New Year. Also, assuming we ever are released from lockdown, it will be vital to support local businesses and self-employed individuals as much as possible.

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## **LEWTRENCHARD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

### **Lewtrenchard ZOOM W.I. Meeting Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

We held our second ZOOM members meeting in November. Cathie welcomed 16 of our members via ZOOM online and one member phoned a fellow member to try and listen to her ZOOM connection. A couple of members weren't successful at joining so we will work on how to help them join the December call. We received apologies from some members, who weren't available.

Cathie then welcomed two guests, Judy and Julia, whom were welcomed by everyone. Cathy wished Happy Birthday to our November birthdays.

Cathie then welcomed our speaker, Teresa Bowers, to talk about her time in the Falkland Islands. Teresa had worked there for the environmental research institute and managed to get the last plane home this year before flights ceased due to the pandemic. Teresa was passionate about these beautiful islands and she shared an array of photographs of the landscape, people and wildlife there. The landscape is very similar to South Africa because it was once all part of the same continent before they split millions of years ago. It is now an archipelago of over 740 islands including East and West Falkland and Lefonia. She gave us an insight into the lives of the people on the islands that include approximately 2,300 citizens in Stanley plus the military camp at Mount Pleasant Complex and, during normal times tourists from the cruise ships, such as The World, which can almost treble the population in one day. It is the main stop off on the way to South Georgia and the Antarctic. Although they are 8,500 miles from the UK and are made up of over 45 nationalities, they are fiercely British. They voted 99.8% to remain British in the referendum with only 3 people voting against. Life there is similar to life here in the 1980's. They are unique in that they have been invaded within living memory and evidence of the 1982 war with Argentina is still visible. There is still a mine clearing programme to remove those left by the Argentinians. Growing anything is very difficult because of the terrain and the climate but they have native Diddle Dee berries and Teaberries, which are quite deli-

cious. There is abundant wildlife on and around the rocky and windy islands including dolphins, whales, seals, penguins and Albatross and various sea birds. Visitors go to Boot Hill, where they can leave a pair of shoes to show they have visited or can choose to leave only one shoe if they intend to come back. Unsurprisingly, Teresa has left only one shoe. Monique gave the vote of thanks saying that the Falklands looked bleak yet fascinating and allowed you to get so close to nature. Members gave Teresa a round of applause and are looking forward to welcoming her back for another talk about her adventures sometime in the future.

### **Matters Arising:**

**AGM** – Cathie reminded everyone to please return their AGM voting slips to Sarah Shorthouse. So far Sarah has already received 18 responses and will contact us with the results after the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**Christmas Card Packs** - We showed an example of the Christmas card packs, that are going out to everyone in December. These are a simple craft for members to try and to then share with a fellow member along with a recipe – all that is needed is a second-class stamp.

**Marystow Church** – are holding a reading of a Christmas Carol on 5<sup>th</sup> December with carols and nibbles, conditions allowing. There are raffle tickets at £1 each for 5 hampers and there is a Just Giving page for collections for the church and Children's Society. Please contact Margaret D.

**Christmas Party** - We will hold a short, 40 minute Christmas party ZOOM call on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Members opted for an evening meeting so we are dialling in for 7:00. Don't forget to wear those Christmas jumpers and bring your own snacks and libations.

**Newsletter** – Members said how much they enjoyed the November newsletter. Barbara asked members to continue to share any pictures or stories they may have for future newsletters.

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You can also report and get advice about fraud or cyber crime by calling 0300 123 2040

From a member of our Link Community has contacted us to tell us that they had their current account hacked in to by fraudsters. Nearly all savings accounts were with the same bank. The person in question is a 70 plus year old, and is very used to on-line banking, ordering on-line with such as Amazon, Ebay, QVC and online shopping sites.

The fraudster had in some way gained access to their current account and had co-operated with other fraudsters throughout the world. All pensions and savings were with this bank.

Banks and Building Societies have increased their Fraud employees. Even if you think you are safe and have apps, anti-virus etc, you ARE NOT SAFE.

The person who was hacked by fraudsters knows an ex-Police Officer who has retired but had a career on the Fraud Squad, latterly investigating these very such crimes. The Police Officer now does not use technology at all including a mobile phone.

The reason being that all web sites are now inter-linked, and even if you say "No—do not save my Password" they do.—e.g. Ebay, QVC, Amazon etc. So, in conclusion YOU ARE NOT SAFE USING TECHNOLOGY even if you think you are!



**Dear fellow members of the lockdown survivors club mark two**, it's only little old me here, extolling the virtues of watching paint dry, and trying to do the exceedingly difficult sudoku with out resorting to a sneaky peek at the answers in the back.

Hello and welcome to this months offering of old poop.

It was so good to hear from the best ex-chairperson this venerable Publication has ever had, from the far off lands of sunny Wiltshire. If she is reading this rubbish from the comfort of her vast estates while sipping a cup of finest cocoa it was so good to here from Beryl after all this time.

We are pleased to say that we the committee of the link have decided to run a December issue. Normally we would do a double issue in November to give everyone a bit of a break from my rubbish over Christmas and the new year, but due to the strange times we are in at the moment, it was thought that You should suffer like the rest of my Friends and neighbours. The main difference being that any information you want to put in has to be with the editor by the 11th of December in stead of the usual 15th.

It has been requested that I put in my now world famous Christmas Quiz that usually rears it's ugly head at the carols around the tree, but that's not going to happen this year. that's the carols, and not the quiz.

Here's a interesting fact for you all.

What do you call a detective electrician?, - Sherlock ohms.

What do you call a woman standing between two goal posts? - ANNETTE.

I've taken up cage fighting to keep fit. There was blood and hair everywhere. Who knew budgies could be so tough .



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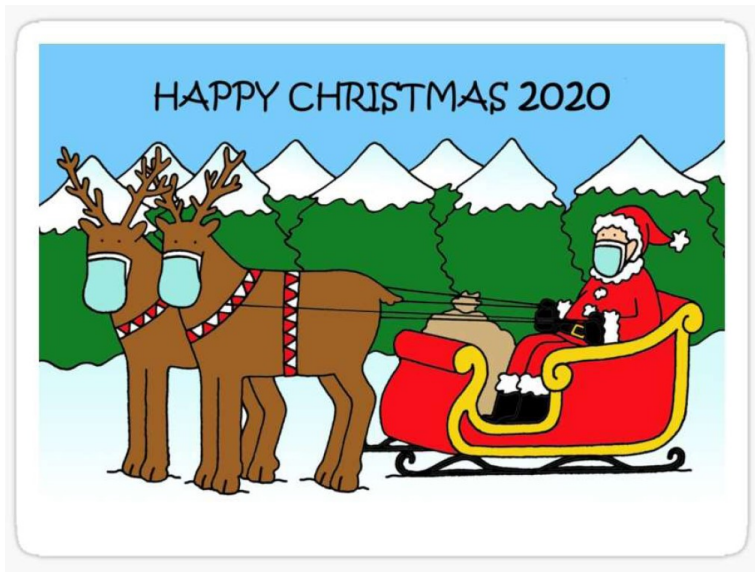


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For an extra charge we can gift wrap books for Christmas, and if you are shielding and not venturing out – we will also post them on your behalf.

Please do call Joy if you would like to talk about the stock and have help with ideas for presents – but here are some thoughts:-

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*Cookery* – Vintage Mrs Beeton to up to date classics like Rick Stein

*History* – Jambusters (the story of the WI and the war) to Imagined Corners (exploring the World's first Atlas)

*Sport* – Anyone for tennis (the Telegraph book of Wimbledon) to 101 ways to win at Scrabble

*Vintage* – Poetry collections and Classic novels to Peter Scott's beautifully illustrated book on birds

*And don't forget to treat yourself* – revisit Poldark? Get immersed in a Ruth Rendell? Or try a new author.

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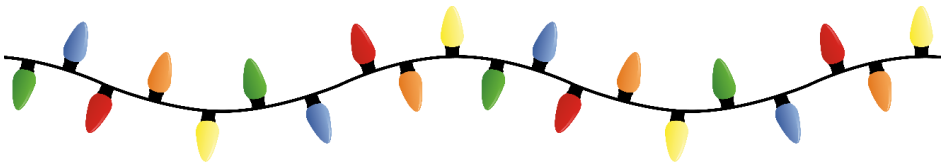
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## **December 12<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2020**

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### St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Church services at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month – Holy Communion at 11.00am unless otherwise stated

# Worship in the Lifton Benefice - December

St Mary, **Lifton**  
St. Mary, **Kelly**

St. Nicholas, **Broadwoodwidge**  
St. John the Baptist, **Stowford**

St. Peter, **Lewtrenchard**  
St. George, **Thrushelton**

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

## Sunday 6th December **Advent 2**

10am: Benefice Lockdown Eucharist, Livestreamed on the Lifton Benefice YouTube Channel

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December **Advent 3**

9.30am Eucharist at Thrushelton

11.15am Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December **Advent 4**

9.30am Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Eucharist at Stowford

## **Christmas Services (All Christmas Services will be ticketed. Further Details will be forthcoming)**

*Any queries please contact The Revd. Philip Conway*

### **Christmas Eve**

**6pm Vigil Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge**

**8pm Vigil Eucharist at Kelly**

**10pm Vigil Eucharist at Stowford**

**11.45pm Midnight Eucharist at Lewtrenchard**

### **Christmas Day**

**9.30am Christmas Morning Eucharist at Thrushelton**

**11am Christmas Morning Eucharist at Lifton**

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

**10am**

**The Feast of St. John the Evangelist**

**Benefice Eucharist at Stowford**

From the Parish Priest

Dear friends,

I am sure that you are all working out how you will celebrate Christmas this year. Things are different. They are inconvenient and frustrating, and we will have to do things differently.

In church there will be no singing together, no mince pie and mulled wine after services, no church Christmas Parties. The way we celebrate will need to change and, indeed, has changed, but what we celebrate is the same. Nothing has changed in the beauty and truth of the story of God's incarnation. Nothing has changed in the beauty and truth of the infant in the Ox's stall, and nothing has changed in the grace and love of God that we celebrate in church, and around the table or fireplace with our family and friends.

We live in an age where the external is so important, where what someone wears, or the car they drive, or where they live can be seen as far more important than what they say or who they are. We live in an age where people feel they have to "push the boat out" to keep up with their neighbours or current social trends, whether for Children's birthday parties, Wedding Celebrations, or wearing the right brand of trainers.

The Truth of Christmas is the same, whether you are celebrating round your own table or fireplace with your immediate family, or in the banqueting hall of the Ritz hotel. We cannot make Christmas any more special than it is by embellishing it, and we will not make it any less wonderful by celebrating it more simply.

However you will be celebrating, May I wish you a very Happy and Holy Festival, and all my hopes and prayers for you and your families in 2021

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Firstly we reopened our Church and had a wonderful Harvest Service with Holy Communion on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, then a delightful Morning Prayers at the beginning of November led by Richard....now it is all shut again. Our Harvest Service collected a magnificent £180 for the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

Secondly Deborah stood down as Church Warden at our APCM – she will be sorely missed, especially by Barbara who now is the only Church Warden for Marystowe. We all give Deborah many thanks and are delighted she is staying on the PCC; we also welcome Jonathan who joined the PCC.

Despite being closed we are all busy with our Christmas plans, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December we are hosting a Zoom reading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol with many familiar faces from Marystowe and around the Benefice. Reverend Andy has kindly offered to 'host' the evening, organise Carol Singing and draw the raffle. This is a free event, although we will be opening a Just Giving page for the night and asking for voluntary donations to be divided equally between the Church and the Children's Society. A local representative from the Children's Society will be joining to give a brief talk about the work of the Charity. We are also planning on delivering Christmas Supper Nibble bags to everyone who wants to be able to sit back and enjoy Christmas snacks while watching our entertainment! More information will be available on the contents and pricing of the supper boxes by email and the website. We are sorry for the delay, but with the lockdown only easing a few days before the 5<sup>th</sup> we are hoping for more clarity! So here is how to join in:-

- Watch out for the email invitation to the Zoom evening from the Vicar, this will be via the database – if you are not on the database then please contact Joy McSmythurs (01822 860630) to ensure you receive the invitation.
- Contact Joy or Barbara Dawe (01566) 784797 to reserve your Supper boxes early,
- Buy raffle tickets for our Hamper Draw. The tickets are £1 each and available from anyone on the Marystowe PCC. The prizes are five tremendous hampers and photos of the hampers are on the website.

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## Minutes of Ordinary meeting No 690 held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

**These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.**

1. Minutes of previous meetings 689 were approved and signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
2. Planning – Ref -3245/20/FUL Change of use of agricultural barn to use for training dogs. Rexon Stud, Broadmoorhead Farm, Lewdown, EX20 4DE, Council decision – support, Proposed Cllr Roberts, seconded Cllr Dunn.
3. R.F.O. Reported a credit balance after approved payments of £5960.14
  - 7.1 Invoices due for payment – totaled £445. Proposed Cllr Lorna St Loius, seconded Cllr Dunn.
  - 7.2 Draft budget -considerations for 2021/22+ precept request. Discussion took place on the various items contained in the budget, Cllr Bowers expressed concern over the rate of increase and requested a further review. R.F.O. to present a revised budget for the next meeting.
4. Councillor reports : Cllr Law reported that she had applied to be a Councillor advocate for the pc on the Police & Crime Commissioner Councillor Advocate scheme, unfortunately she has not yet had a response. Cllr Leroy St Loius reported that it was made known to him that the report on the scarecrow highway safety concerns made at the September meeting was inaccurate. It was stated that the event was a fundraiser, he has since been made aware that the event was not a fundraiser. The council apologizes for the inaccuracy. Cllr Leroy St Loius also reported that he has recently been made aware that a parish council survey was undertaken in 2017 and that he wished to review the findings of that survey to see what the council could do further. Cllr Leroy St Loius raised the issue of providing “The Telephone Meet Me” service, and the associated cost of providing this service. It was resolved that since no parishioners had used this service, the Zoom platform would be the only method to use for meetings whilst the government guidelines on workplace and social distancing were in place. It was proposed by Cllr Dunn to terminate the T.M.M. service, seconded Cllr Bowers, motion supported.
5. WDBC Councillor report. Cllr Edmonds reported that the council was anticipating a small drop in the council tax collection rate of approximately 2%, this will have a negative knock on effect on the councils precept next year.
6. Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy – It was resolved to adopt, Proposed Cllr Lorna



St Loius, seconded Cllr Roberts.

7. Parish Hall - Land registration update – the application has been made with Land Registry.
8. Facebook – Council presence on the media platform – The chair had circulated a discussion document to all councillors and asked cllrs to respond by 26th November. Conclusions to be discussed at the next meeting.
9. Remembrance Sunday - There was no church service this year. Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Loius attended the wreath laying and observed a 2 minute silence on Remembrance Sunday.

Date time and place of next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 7.30pm, a remote Zoom meeting.

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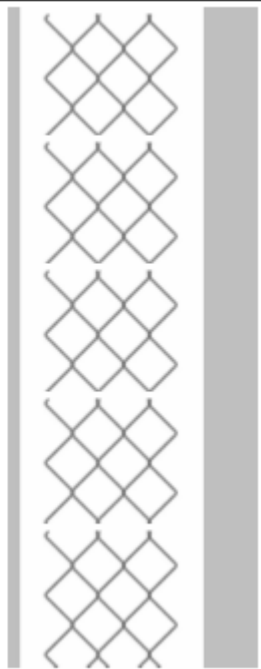
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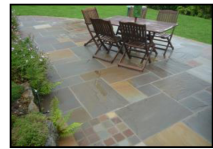


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