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Good evening dear readers. Myself and my wife have recently been on a Rhine river cruise holiday. We ended up in the country where Peter Pan lives, you guest it!...

Neader Neaderlands

Other than the bit about Peter Pan, all the above sentence is correct. We did recently go on a Rhine River cruise, starting at Basel Switzerland, and ending up in Amsterdam.

It was rather hot in Basel, 32 degrees, and Amsterdam was rather damp, although it did not stop us taking a canal sight seeing tour. This passes right in front of the house where Anne Frank hid for 3 years from the Nazis. A bit of advice, you have to book online to look in the house, you can't just go there and hope to get in. Another thing we discovered about Amsterdam is, don't buy the lollypop's without looking, because cannabis flavoured are a big seller, their drug laws are a bit more, how shall I say, relaxed. I wanted to buy one for the mother-in-law, but it seems getting it back into the UK could be a bit problematic. We had a lovely time even though the boat broke down, and we had to spend 3 days in Strasburg, but like Nick said, we had plenty of wonderful food, the beds are made every day and no washing up, although there was about 5 loads of washing when we got home. Ps Strasburg is possibly the cleanest city I have ever seen. PPs, no, we did not go and look in any windows where I'm told certain young ladies aren't wearing very much clothing.

Just a quick reminder about the up and coming AGM of the Lewdown Residents Association, where you can come along and have your say, and if you are completely sick of the jokes in each issue, its your opportunity to get rid of the idiot who is the chairperson.

I nearly forgot the date, 2nd September 7.30pm Victory Hall.

Will end now as the tomatoes need to be watered, they need all the help they can get if they are to look their best for the produce show.

Best wishes to you all, from Tim Nash, for now still the worst chairperson you have.

*How do you know if you take an electrician out for a meal?,
He will miss the starter, and go straight to the mains.*

*Has anyone else used WD40 to get rid of mice?
It doesn't work, but it stops the squeaking.*

Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



Wednesday September 11th

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall

Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £4

Followed by conversation & games



Draw Results

July

£15 Margaret Perkin No. 180
£5 Emma Jones No. 94
£5 Will Wonnacott No. 178



Draw Results

August

£15 Andy Ogborne No. 16
£5 James Perkins No. 9
£5 Tim Nash No. 117

Lewdown Residents Association

AGM

September 2 from 7.30pm
Lewdown Victory Hall

All welcome
Come, have your say on NewsLink, etc.

The Ark



AT BRIDESTOWE METHODIST CHURCH

Is open for teas and coffee and a chat on
Tuesdays From 10am to 12 noon And 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursdays From 10.00am to 12 noon

Do come and join us, you will be made most welcome.
You will find us on **Launceston** Road, Bridestowe.



It's been a busy few weeks with lots of cricket going on both at home and away. You can find all the results and fixtures at:
www.lewdown.play-cricket.com

The season is coming to an end and this is a good opportunity to thank all those who have supported the club. We would particularly like to thank all our sponsors and particularly Tinhay Building Supplies. Without this support we would find it very hard to provide cricket at the heart of our community. We are grateful to

those that volunteer but we need more helpers. We plan to do a lot of maintenance on the facilities this winter and need skilled helpers so If you can give us a little of your time we would be most grateful.

Notable performances: 17 year old Ollie Jordan has been batting well in recent games. His impressive 52 runs vs Bridestowe was backed up by a 4 wicket haul. Team captain Keith Maynard's 78 not out almost won the game against our nearest rivals.

UPCOMING GAMES:

Sat 17th August:

2nd XI home Plymstock 3rd (13.00)

Sat 24th August:

1st XI away Paignton 3rd (13.00)

Sat 31st August:

1st XI home to Plympton 2nd (13.00)

Sat 31st August:

2nd XI away to Yelverton Bohemians 3rd (13.00)



The draw for the Lewdown CC 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 31st August at the club pavilion after the game. If you haven't bought a ticket yet please get one at the Blue Lion, at the club during matches or call/text Geraint on the number below.

Club Contact:

Geraint Williams 07850 786310

Junior Cricket Coordinator:

Mike Maynard 07974 756136

Stowford Parish Council



Abbreviated minutes of Ordinary meetings held on 11th July 2024

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

Meeting No 726

Present: Cllrs Leroy St Louis (Chair), Alexander, Lorna St Louis, Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk), Apologies: Cllrs Govett and Law

1. Dispensations & declarations of interest – none declared.
2. Minutes of previous meeting 725 were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting, proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour
3. Finance – 3.1 Payments approved – Peter van Delft – clerk salary (May – June) £330.85, HMRC – PAYE for clerk £12.40, Lewdown Grouped Parish Council – projector hire £10.00, Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour. 3.2 R.F.O. reported a credit balance of £4,772.87 after approved payments, proposed Cllr Leroy St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour. 3.3 Bank signatory update- removal and additions. It was resolved to include Cllr Law and remove previous Cllrs, proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Lorna St Louis, all in favour. 3.4 Financial regulation policy – Approval of updated N.A.L.C. version. It was resolved to adopt the policy, motion proposed by Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour. 3.5 Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy – The R.F.O. requested that this policy is held over to the next meeting. AGAR. Notification of exempt status logged by external auditor. The R.F.O. reported that the external auditor acknowledged receipt of the documents with no further action due.
4. Cllr Edmonds of WDBC reported that the draft accounts had shown a small credit surplus had been achieved despite the challenges it faced in the current circumstances, the accounts would now go to the external auditor. The council had been busy with the recent General election. The various committee's would next meet on 23rd July to resume work.
5. Reports from Councillors – Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that he had received a dog fouling complaint from a parishioner, the Cllr advised that the complaint could be registered and dealt with through the W.D.B.C. website. Cllr Edmonds suggested that WDBC could manage the complaint through its dog warden and reminded the council that signage was available from WDBC and that dog warden patrols could be actioned.
6. Parish Councillors vacancies – The chair reminded councillors that two vacancies remained.
7. Table Tennis – Council initiative to help with health & fitness. It was resolved to hold this item over to the next meeting when full council is present.
8. Correspondence – The clerk informed that two letters were received in connection to planning application 1311/24/FUL, both letters provided detailed reasons for objection to the proposal.
9. Members of the public open forum – One member present who wished to comment on planning application 1311/24/FUL, the parishioner gave detailed reasons for objecting to the proposal mainly citing privacy issues, drainage management and the business viability of the proposal when considering existing similar established businesses are present in the local vicinity. The parishioner also enquired what could be done to reduce the speed of vehicles through Portgate. The chair informed that after many years of communication with Devon Highways it proved difficult to introduce a reduction in the speed of vehicles on a that stretch of road that has a speed limit of 60mph. Cllr Edmonds informed that the local PCSO could be contacted to request a speed check.
10. Planning app. 1861/24/CLP - Certificate of lawfulness for proposed extension & alterations including erection of a double garage. Gingerbread Cottage Lifton PL16 0AT. This application is for notification purposes only.
Planning app. 1311/24/FUL – Installation of 4no glamping pods for overnight guest use, associated decking, reinforced grass track and parking/turning area, service bicycle storage & recycling/refuse storage and landscaping of site.
Sunnybrook Farm, Portgate, Lewdown, EX20 4PZ,
Council decision – Object – Proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.

Meeting closed 8.42pm

Date time and place of next meeting – 3rd September 2024 – 7.30pm at Stowford Parish Hall

Recipe for Cooking with Children: Berry Sundaes with Chocolate Sauce

An indulgent treat. It's fun, if messy, to assemble a bowl of berries, whipped cream and nuts, pots of ice-cream and a jug of sauce, and let everyone put together their own pud. Serves six.

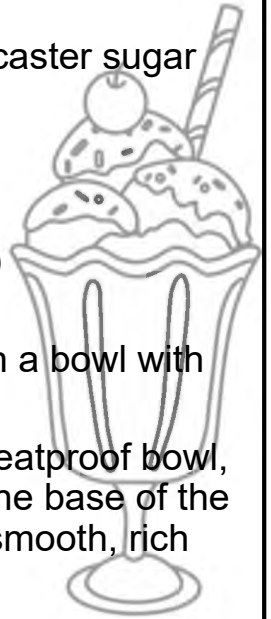
Ingredients: 200g strawberries 200g raspberries 3 tbsp caster sugar
For the sauce: 150ml double cream 2 tbsp Golden Syrup
200g dark chocolate, broken in pieces
To serve: Vanilla, strawberry or chocolate ice-cream
100ml double cream, lightly whipped
1 small handful toasted almonds, chopped (optional)

Method:

Halve large strawberries lengthways and leave small ones whole. Mix in a bowl with the raspberries and sugar, and macerate for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the sauce. Put the chocolate, cream and syrup in a heatproof bowl, place over a pan of barely simmering water (the water shouldn't touch the base of the bowl) and stir gently from time to time, until everything is melted into a smooth, rich sauce. Keep warm over the pan until you're ready to use it.

Layer berries, ice-cream and cream in sundae glasses, and finish with a trickle of sauce. Add a sprinkling of nuts, if you like.



Children's Book of the Month for September 2024

Shipwrecked by Jenny Pearson

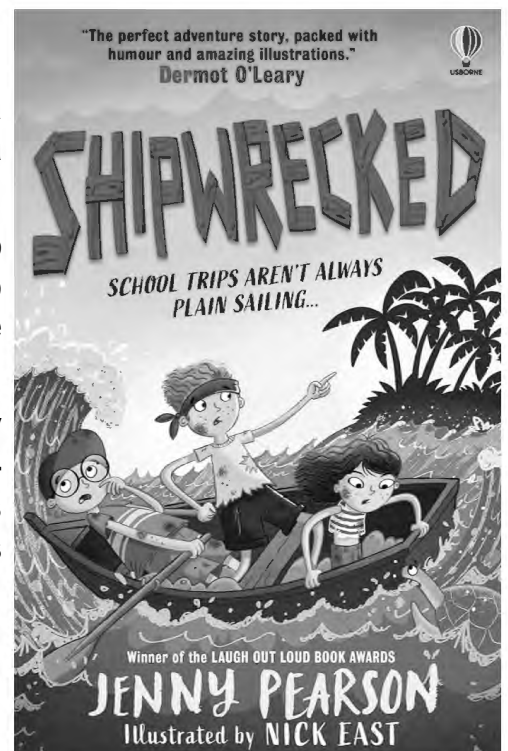
But Three kids face shipwrecks, survival and pirates in the latest adventure from bestselling and award-winning author Jenny Pearson.

Sebastian Sunrise and his two best friends, Lina and Étienne, are in a bit of trouble. They are stranded on a desert island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, after a rowing race went very, very wrong.

The friends have no idea how long they might have to stay on the island, so they make a plan. They will try to survive, look after the island's baby turtles, and have fun, if they can.

But Sebastian's life has never gone to plan, and they quickly face jellyfish stings, burnt bums and an out-of-control goat. But when a boat arrives, bringing pirates who want to hunt the island's baby turtles, the friends face their greatest danger yet.

Publisher: Usborne Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9781836041566



Gardening Jobs For September

Time is flying by and we are now into September, another summer has almost passed and as seems to be the case more often than not, the weather was rather unpredictable. While the conventional growing season is coming to an end, there are still plenty of things to keep you busy in the garden this September.

Save 'seeds'

Saving your own seeds (and bulbs) can have a number of benefits, from reducing the cost of next year's crop, to providing you with seeds you know are fresh (sometimes bought seeds can be older, and less successful than you'd hope).

For an easy starter, I have kept back a few of my garlic bulbs (harvested in late June), to plant cloves back in the ground in October/November, ready for next years harvest. The same can be said for shallots, simply hold onto some of this year's harvest (dug up and dried out in July), and then these can be re-planted in spring to provided next summer's crop.



French and runner beans are both easy to save seeds from, simply leave some pods on the plants until they start to dry out and go crispy. You can then shell the beans from the pods and place on a bright window sill for a week or so until fully dry. These can be stored in jars or paper envelopes ready for next year (just don't forget to label them!).

Preserve

If, like me, you've started to have enough of eating runner beans with every meal of the week, why not preserve some to enjoy in winter or even spring?

For an easy way of preserving vegetables, there are plenty of crops which can be easily frozen, including french and runner beans, carrots and chillies. This year I had a few onions which wouldn't have stored well due to damaged skin, I used what I could in the kitchen, but the excess onions were chopped up and frozen. Fresh is best, but now I have ready to go diced onions for those evenings where I don't have time (or can't be bothered) to chop an onion for dinner.



Spare tomatoes can also be frozen whole or chopped, just place them in a freezer bag in good sized portions, and then these can be easily taken out and used to create bases for a variety of sauces as and when you need them.

There are plenty of vegetables that can be pickled (garlic, beetroot, gherkins) or turned into chutney (runner beans, marrows, onions, green tomatoes), and these can be great ways of using up surplus harvests and preserving the taste of summer that bit longer.



Happy gardening, keep on picking!

Liam

Stowford's



at Stowford Parish Hall

We are pleased to advise that the organisers and all that attended our regular quiz evenings this last winter have raised £259 for charity. The beneficiaries

this year are St Lukes Hospice and Devon Air Ambulance

From the organisers, a big thank you to everyone who came along.

We look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 10th October 7.30pm



STOWFORD COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Support this new venture and come and meet your neighbours for a coffee, cake and catch up!

When?

10am - 12noon on the first Tuesday of every month.

Where?

Stowford Parish Hall.

Cost?

£3 per person (cash only) which includes a hot drink and cake.

Profits will be donated to a charity chosen by SCCM.

All friends and family welcome.

If you need help with transport, please contact Sarah on
07801 106702 or Tracy on 07973 327161



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Early Years Teacher

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3.15pm to 5.15pm (4.15pm Fridays) after school care including snacks.

For more information, contact the school office on
01566 783273

www.lewtrenchard.devon.sch.uk

Email lewtrenchard@andaras.org



Reflections of a Steam Fireman

Preparing a steam locomotive you sign on at the Foreman's Office and the timekeeper would record in his ledger and take your chit out of the rack and place it at work rack this was quite important because you were only paid by his times recorded also on payday he would hand you your chit and the paymaster would pay you on presentation, you then handed it back to the timekeeper, if for some you were unable to make payday wrong shift etc. you would write a note to the timekeeper and he would pick up your pay with your chit (numbered 7342) It worked unlike modern times if you were caught stealing, instant dismissal.



Your Driver would check and sign for his notices and any alteration to our turn the foreman would tell the number of your engine and you would make your way into the running shed, on arriving on the footplate your gear and coat etc. would be placed in the locker, if the engine was stabled overnight the steam raiser would have kept it quiet with a fire at the firebox door, open the blower and push the fire with the pricker (long fire iron with a flat bar at the end) over the firebox and shovel some coal in, while the blower is drawing you make sure the dampers are working ok, then check that the gauge glasses are ok shut both isolating cocks open the drain cock then close and then open both isolating cocks and that would you tell how much water is in the boiler, repeats on the other gauge glass, hopefully when you open the tool locker there would be four gallon cans, you take these to the storeman and he would issue with thick oil, engine oil, lube oil and paraffin. if it was a special a white disc board, cleaned and number of special would be glue on to the disc.

Back to the engine fill the drivers oil can with oil and place above the firebox door, by this time he is waiting to oil the engine.

Now check that you have all the require tools etc, shovel, coal pick, brush, four lamps with red shades, three white disc boards, flare lamp, oil feeder, rubber two gallon bucket, gauge lamp, two spare gauge glasses and rubber sealing ring assorted spanners (open the smokebox and the hydrostatic lubricator) three fire irons, a pricker (lifting clinker off the firebars) and shovel (cleaning the clinker out of the firebox) baffle plate, a storm sheet if the loco is A Q class, S15, U or N class. Two Red Flags and Detonators in date, fill the lamps and trim the wicks and clean glass, fill flare lamp and light, steam pressure should be rising check both injectors work, open water valve, open steam valve, adjust until singing which means it lifting water into the boiler, if the loco has a hydrostatic lubricator fill with thick oil and open the drain cock clear out any rubbish, close drain and open steam valve and adjust feeders so that the oil is dripping in the sight glasses, fit baffle plate.

By this time the drivers back on the footplate doing brake test, I would check smokebox make sure the nuts are all tight, sweep off front of engine, shout to driver to operate sanders and check that sandboxes are full, if not go to road Seven and fill up, if the coal is rubbish then take half bucket of stones to put in the firebox to prevent clinker sticking to the firebars. Fit tail lamp and place headcode on direction of travel. Sweep cab floor, clean boiler front and clean cab windows if dirty then wash floor with pep pipe.

Move off shed onto the turntable, you would be turned for correct direction of travel, move off turntable and top up tender with water, while doing this check coal in tender is safe for travel.

If going tender first back on to the footplate and spray water on the coal to keep down dust. You would be allowed an hour to get your engine ready.





CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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From the Parish Priest

Dear friends,

Although I could in no way be described as sporty, and I do not have the physique of an athlete! I do appreciate the endeavours of those who train hard to achieve greatness in physical endeavours. From my lovely comfy chair, I have partaken in the thrills and excitement of the Olympic games in Paris.

There was some excellent competition, and some wonderful surprises for some with gut wrenching disappointment for others, and yet what pleased me beyond words was the wonderful display of sportsmanship, comradery, and collaboration between athletes who despite being opponents in the pool or ring, or on the track or pitch, were able to celebrate with, and support, each other in their victory or loss, showing empathy and compassion to their fellow competitors.

How sad it was then, to have as the other major news item the horrific violence that has recently affected our nation. The death of those three little girls in Southport was a horrendous action, and I am sure that the Justice system will deal with it accordingly. However, the deliberate manipulation of misinformation by some, and the vicious hatred that it unlocked in others, was a total disgrace. Communities, which already feel

exceedingly vulnerable, were targeted, as were those whose duty it is to protect all of us and keep order.

I am delighted that so many communities rallied round to protect those who were being targeted. Many churches and church leaders took their place in demonstrating what community life should be, and witnessed to the reconciling love of Christ in practical ways.

The saddest thing is that people will use Christianity, or a distorted version of it, as an excuse for showing hatred to those who are different. Real Christianity is hospitable and compassionate. Jesus demonstrated this in his own words and actions. Let us pray that we demonstrate real Christianity in our language and behaviour and call out False teaching when we hear it, and ungodly action when we see it.

With love and prayers,

Philip

Service times for September 2024

Any updates will be posted on the Mission Community Website north-tamar-churches.org.

1st September The 14th Sunday after Trinity

No 8am Eucharist this morning

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly

8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge

Morning Prayer at Thrushelton

4pm Evensong at Lifton

6.30pm Flower Festival at Lewtrenchard

15th September The 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton

11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist at Stowford

Followed by a Bring and share Lunch

22nd September The 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton

Morning Prayer at Lifton

Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

Preacher: Fr Christopher Johnson: Vicar of Horbury

29th September St Michael and all Angels

11am Fifth Sunday Festival Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

Congregation members welcome to join Michaelmas celebrations afterwards

6.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving at Broadwoodwidge

Followed by Refreshments in the Hub

Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton

There will be some occasions when the Wednesday Morning Service will be a service of Morning Prayer.

Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for September 2024

1st	Drop in the Ark	10:30 - 12:30
8th	A Banfield	11:00
15th	US at CofE H F	9:30
22nd	V Penfound	11:00
29th	G Yates	11:00

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Please see the church website www.southtamar.church
for details about services.

Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

Quakers

Meeting for Worship:

Tavistock

Every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road

Tavistock

Contact: Kay Nicholson
01822 614596

Okehampton

Second Sunday 10.30am.

Fourth Sunday 10.30am

Second Sunday Children's Meeting

Ockment Centre

North Street

Okehampton

Contact: 01837 55805

Roman Catholic Services

Tavistock

Sunday 9.15am

Holy Days 10am

Fr. Greatbatch 01822 612645

(P. Sparling 01822 860355)

Okehampton

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

Chagford - Sunday 9.00am

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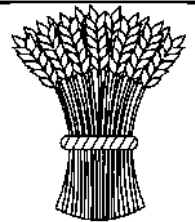
Sunday 10.30am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166



Harvest Thanksgiving 2024
In the
**North Tamar Mission
Community**



**The Parish Church of
St. Peter, Lewtrenchard**

Sunday 8th September 2024
6pm?

**Flower Festival and
Harvest Celebration**

*Followed by
Fellowship Refreshments*

**The Parish Church of
St. John the Baptist,
Stowford**

Sunday 15th September 2024
At 11.15am

Harvest Festival Eucharist
*Followed by
"Bring and Share" Lunch*

**The Parish Church of
St. Nicholas
Broadwoodwider**

Sunday 29th September 2023
at 6.30pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
*Followed by
Refreshments in The Hub.*

**The Parish Church of
St. George,
Thrushelton**

Friday 4th October 2024
at 7pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
*Followed by
Supper in the Church*

**The Parish Church of
St. Mary the Virgin,
Lifton**

Friday 11th October 2024
at 7pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Service
*Followed by
Supper in the Church.*

Bratton Clovelly & Area Twinning Association

Wine
And
Wisdom



Saturday 12th of October
Bratton Clovelly Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm quiz start

Teams of 6 @ £10 per person

**Includes a bottle of wine & nibbles per table and a
bread & cheese supper during the interval**

A good evening will be had by all...
...we have a new Question Master 😊

Please book your tables from:

Monique 01566 783765

George 01566 783266

Lewtrenchard WI August Report

We met on August 13 for our Afternoon Tea Fund Raising Event. Barbara extended a warm welcome to our members, guests from other WI's, the general public and Matt Holland, our speaker



After everyone had a cup of tea, food and was nicely settled down, Barbara reminded us about the coffee morning, walk and working party at the Rampsonwillis, then introduced Matt Holland, press officer from North Dartmoor Search & Rescue (NDS&R). He spoke about how he got involved, how he always wanted to be part of this volunteer group. It was sad to hear that there is a growing trend for members of the public who wished to end their day on Dartmoor and the poor volunteers have to search for them. They often walk many miles in the worst possible conditions, often taking much, much longer walking back with a casualty on a stretcher, but they will always follow up a call for help no matter the weather. If you are in trouble, call 999 and ask for the police then Mountain Rescue. Matt's advice: Always tell someone where you are going, which route you plan to take and what time you plan to be back. If the person doesn't come back as planned, make that 999 call. **We raised a fantastic sum of more than £500 for NDS&R - well done all.**

You can also find more information in the Oke Links magazine, July/August 2024, Issue 45, page 11. Matt kept his talk brief so as not to bore people, but everyone was fascinated and interested, so much so that Matt answered about 15 questions from the floor. Matt was indeed very informative and helpful and enjoyed our WI welcome.



Date and venue for next meeting: Monday September 9 at 2pm Prompt Start, Lewdown Victory Hall Market Garden with Sarah

September dates for your diary:

19 - Coffee morning - new venue to be agreed

23 - Monday Walk TBA

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystowe and Thrushelton

Abbreviated minutes Minute No 776 24th June 2024
of Ordinary meetings held at Lewdown Victory Hall

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

Present: Cllrs Andrews (Chair), Southcott (Vice chair), Alexander, Mc Smythurs, Mincher, Metherell, Cllrs Perkins, Yeo, Wilkinson, Peter van Delft (clerk). Meeting opened 7.32 pm

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Mott (WDBC)
2. Members of the public open forum – One member present; it was stated that an “Access Protection Marker” could be provided if requested. A white line on the kerbside could be marked so that emergency vehicles and private vehicles have easy access to some properties in Stoney Lane. The parishioner stated that the parish councils two notices were doing the job at the moment however it was thought that the white markings would provide better longevity.
3. Dispensations & declarations of interest - none
4. Minutes of previous meeting 775 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed, Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour.
5. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) – provides monthly email reports, no news due to general election
6. Planning app. 047724/LBC – Listed building consent for proposed new flower room, Coombe Trenchard, Lewdown, EX20 4FA - Council decision – Support – proposed Cllr McSmythurs , seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
Planning app. 0478/24/FUL- Proposed new flower room, Coombe Trenchard, Lewdown, EX20 4FA Council decision – support – proposed Cllr McSmythurs, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
Planning app. 1518/24/PDM – Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 No dwelling house (class C3) a associated development (Class Q (a+b) Land at SX 422 847, Portgate, lewdown. Note – The above application is for notification purposes only.
Planning app. 1311/24/FUL – Installation of 4no glamping pods for overnight guest use, associated decking, reinforced grass track and parking/turning area, service bicycle storage & recycling/refuse storage and landscaping of site.
Sunnybrook Farm, Portgate, Lewdown, EX20 4PZ, Council decision – No comment – proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Mincher, all in favour.
7. Finance – 7.1 Authorise outstanding invoices to include: Dean Elliot – Grass cutting £120.00 – Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour. 7.2 Bank signatory update- removal and additions. The clerk informed that Cllrs McSmythurs and Wilkinson have now been added as bank signatories. 7.3 Financial regulation policy – Approval of updated N.A.L.C. version – Adopted, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs, all in favour, signed by the chair 7.3 Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy – Adopted, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr McSmythurs , all in favour. 7.4 AGAR. Notification of exempt status logged by external auditor. The R.F.O. informed that the external auditor had acknowledged the year end accounts.
8. Reports from councillors – Cllr Metherell reported that 3 potholes on the Bratton Road had now been attended to. Cllr Mincher requested feedback on the ‘Viburnum Estate’, Cllr Southcott informed that he had attended a meeting with the agent, owner and WDBC. It was reported that S.W.W. had agreed to service all the waste water from the site. With regard to the ‘Exceedance flow trench’ the developer needs to resubmit a detailed plan. The D.C.C. drainage engineer agreed that the existing outlet was acceptable for existing surfaces. Ownership of the ‘Car Park’ is with Viburnum Estates Ltd. The maintenance of the SUDS tanks under the car park is at the expense of S.W.W. All excess water will be passed through the existing foul water system from S.W.W. Cllr Southcott reported that the VAS sign has now been moved to the village and appears to be recording reduced speeding vehicles.
9. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow - no interest shown this month, however Cllr Alexander offered to become Cllr of Marystow at the next election if that was helpful.
10. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Cllr McSmythurs reported that the planning application had now drawn up. The agent for the land had not yet received approval from the Lewdown Recreation Ground committee that the agreed area at the ground could be used as a playground thus a draft lease agreement could not yet be drawn up, Cllrs Andrews and Mincher to contact the chairman of the L.R.G.
11. Defibrillator replacement – update including grant availability. Cllr Mincher informed that he would attend to the matter in July. Cllr Alexander suggested that a council member should take responsibility for the defibrillator, also, he enquired if the existing defibrillator could be repaired, Cllrs Alexander and Mincher to action. The R.F.O. reports that the existing defibrillator was purchased by L.G.P.C. in November 2015.

12. Road Warden scheme – community/volunteer involvement. Cllr Southcott suggested that the parish council advertise the scheme. D.H. funds the scheme with training available for interested people. Cllr Southcott to action.
 13. Correspondence – Hedge and verge growth complaint. Cllr Andrews reported that a parishioner had received a letter from D.C.C. informing that the hedgerows that were in need of maintenance were in need of urgent attention. Cllr McSmythurs suggested that the pc should write to D.H. enquiring clarification of the work required to meet the standards. Cllr Southcott offered to contact Cllr Edmonds who administers the work on behalf of parish councils along the 'West Devon Drive'
- Meeting closed 9.10pm. Date, place and time of next meeting 29th July, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystowe and Thrushelton

Abbreviated minutes Minute No 778 29th July 2024

of Ordinary meetings held at Lewdown Victory Hall

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

Present: Cllrs Andrews (Chair), Southcott (Vice chair), Alexander, Metherell, Yeo, Wilkinson,
Cllr Mott (WDBC), Peter van Delft (clerk).

Meeting opened 7.30 pm

1. The chair welcomed all those present
2. Apologies for absence – Cllrs McSmythurs, Mincher & Perkins
3. Members of the public open forum – Two members present – One parishioner wished to thank the council for providing no parking signs on Stoney Lane and that it has so far worked effectively, Cllr Southcott suggested that a more permanent signage would be beneficial.
A parishioner asked if a new battery could be purchased for the existing defibrillator, Cllr Southcott proposed to purchase a new battery, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour, the parishioner agreed to proceed to deal with the matter, the parishioner suggested that an 'open meeting' is held to discuss the locations of any new defibrillators in the parish's, this was supported by the council.
4. Dispensations & declarations of interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 776 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) provided her latest report via email.
7. Planning app. 0961/24/HHO – Householder application for extension & conversion of existing garage/store. 2 Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour
Planning app. 2021/24/LBC – Listed building consent for roof repair & recovering to include stripping of slated slopes & lead covered valleys & repair, replacing slate in part to match, replacing lead profiling gutters to upgrade to current standards. Repair to chimneys, gutters & external cornices to match.
Lewtrenchard Manor, Lewdown, EX20 4PN
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour
Planning app. 0849/24/HHO – Householder application for single-storey extension (retrospective) Higher Widdacombe Farm, Lewdown, EX20 4EA,
Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Metherell. Cllr Southcott, abstained, motion carried.
8. 8.1 Finance – Outstanding invoices were approved for payment they include: Dean Elliot – Grass cutting £60.00, Peter van Delft – clerk/RFO (June/July) £527.25, HMRC – Paye £90.60, Proposed Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour. 8.2 R.F.O. Reported a combined account credit balance after approved payments of £21,691.87, proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Southcott, all in favour. 8.3 Bank signatory update- removal and additions – R.F.O. to check with the bank if the details have been updated. 8.4 Insurance review of parish council assets – The R.F.O. reported that no response to his questions have not yet been received, R.F.O. to follow up.
9. Reports from councillors – Cllr Southcott reported that after discussions with Devon Highways no further financial support would be given for additional V.A.S's. Cllr Southcott reported that after discussions with the highways contractor regarding the verge and hedge maintenance he informed the council that the existing contract only required the verges to be cut twice a year. Cllrs Southcott and Alexander suggested that the contract should be reviewed to include some sections of the hedges that most affected pedestrian safety especially in the vicinity of the school, Cllr Mott informed that it was the responsibility of the landowner to maintain the hedgerows. Cllr Southcott agreed to look into the matter further, also, if there was an extra cost for the necessary work this could be paid for by the council. Cllr

Metherell reported that the work to repair Thrushelford Bridge had now finally been completed.

10. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow – No new councilors
11. Play area – Planning application, lease update, play equipment – Unfortunately Cllrs Perkins and McSmythurs were unable to attend this meeting however Cllr McSmythurs did provide a 'Briefing Note' highlighting the current items that still required further action. Cllr Alexander questioned why the proposed lease agreement was only for 25 years. Cllr Alexander urged the council to progress the play area without any further delay, Cllr Alexander offered to help with negotiations with the interested parties. Cllr Alexander offered help the sub committee with the remaining process, a motion to support was proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.
12. Defibrillator replacement – update including grant availability. Unfortunately, Cllr Mincher was unable to attend, the item is held over to the next meeting.
13. Road Warden scheme – community/volunteer involvement. Cllr Southcott that no interest in the scheme had yet been offered, however he did suggest that it may be beneficial for the village and would like it to proceed if possible, he offered to ask for volunteers.
14. Correspondence – Grant request from Okehampton District Community Transport Group - It was resolved that ODCTG apply later in the year, there is no money in the existing budget this financial year. Cllr Southcott suggested that the PC adopts a Grant policy and application form so that applications can be appraised with more formality thus showing transparency. Cllr Mott suggested that Sourton Cross P.C have a policy in place.
An enquiry regarding applications for community and church grants – The clerk informed that he had responded to the parishioner explaining the councils need for transparency when providing grant assistance.
Dog mess in Stoney Road – Cllr Mott suggested that the parishioner reports any incidents with the WDBC website
15. Emergency Plan – review of plan, storage of equipment. Cllr Southcott requested that this item is held over to the following meeting.

Part 2 – Public bodies (admission to Meetings) act 1960. Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) act 1960, states that because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting at this point.

Cllr Alexander asked for the meeting to go into Part 2, the chair asked parishioners to vacate the premises, motion proposed by Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo, all in favour.

Part 2 Meeting opened 8.45pm

16. WDBC planning procedure complaint.

Part 2 meeting closed 9.20pm proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Wilkinson, all in favour.

Full meeting closed 9.22pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 19th August, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm

You community needs your support

For a limited time those eligible can obtain a virtual voucher Funded by UK Government to encourage Openreach to upgrade our Lewdown Telephone Exchange to full fibre broadband via the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. There is no cost to you, all that is required is to pledge to use the service if it becomes available. See more on Page 23:



A few days ago I received the following from local resident Grant Weiss:
Dear Sir, I'm wondering if you would consider printing this letter in the next edition:

I have recently received a letter from Openreach regarding the **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme**. Although initially sceptical (what's this gonna cost me?) I did some further research thru their website and also at gov.uk, and found these projects are countrywide, and aimed at getting ultra fast full fibre broadband into rural areas such as ours. The government has dedicated £5 billion towards this, and all that is required for us is to pledge our voucher into the scheme, which will then apply towards the cost of providing it, and agree to sign up to ultrafast full fibre when it's available within 2 months. The cost of that appears to be similar to what we are currently paying, but the speeds are so much better!

I'm not one who absolutely needs fast upload and download speeds, but there are those in the community, families and businesses, who do, and will benefit hugely.

I would urge all those who have received the letter to sign up forthwith - currently it's only at 15% of the total needed. Let's get the Lewdown Exchange full fibre project moving forward, for the benefit of all of us!

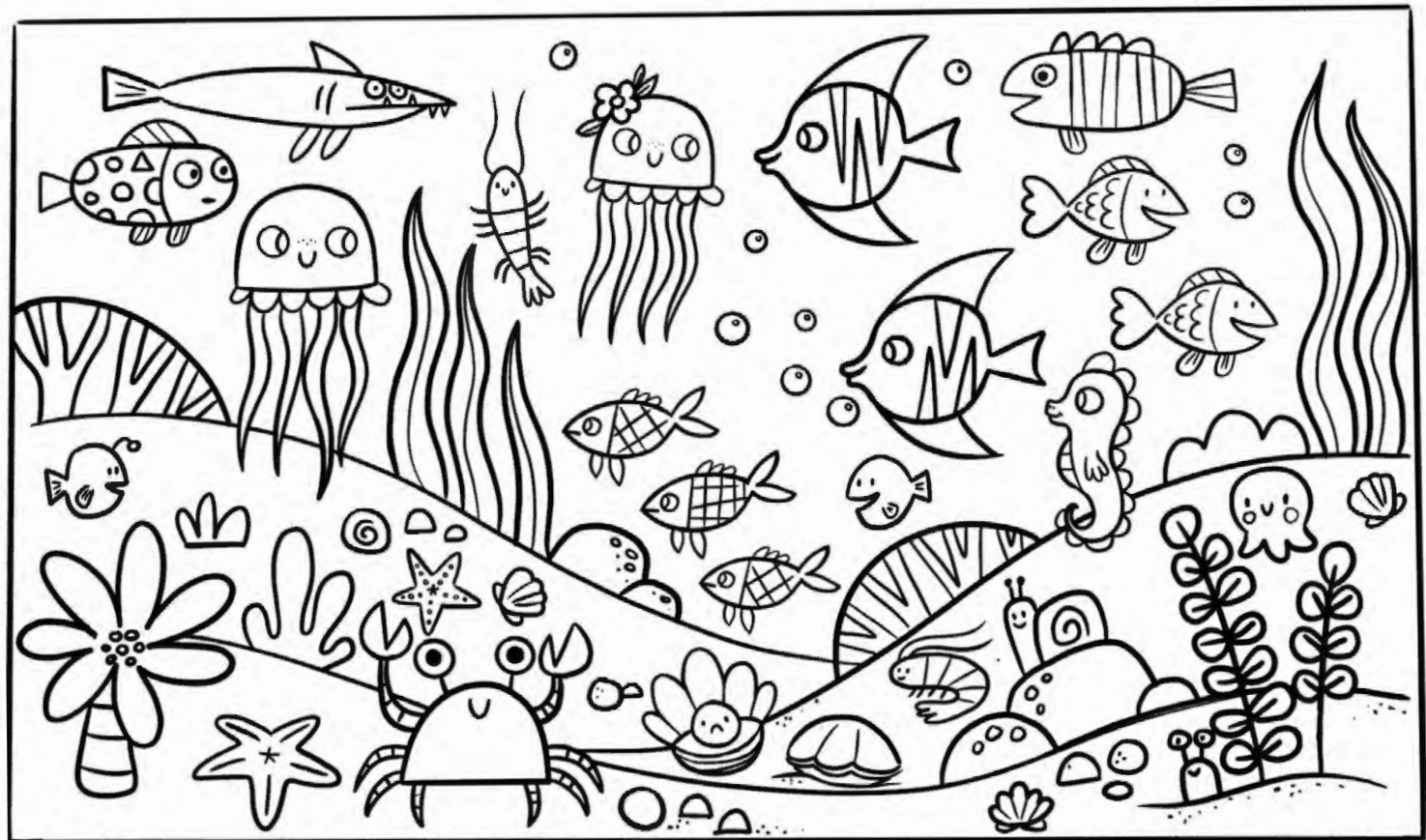
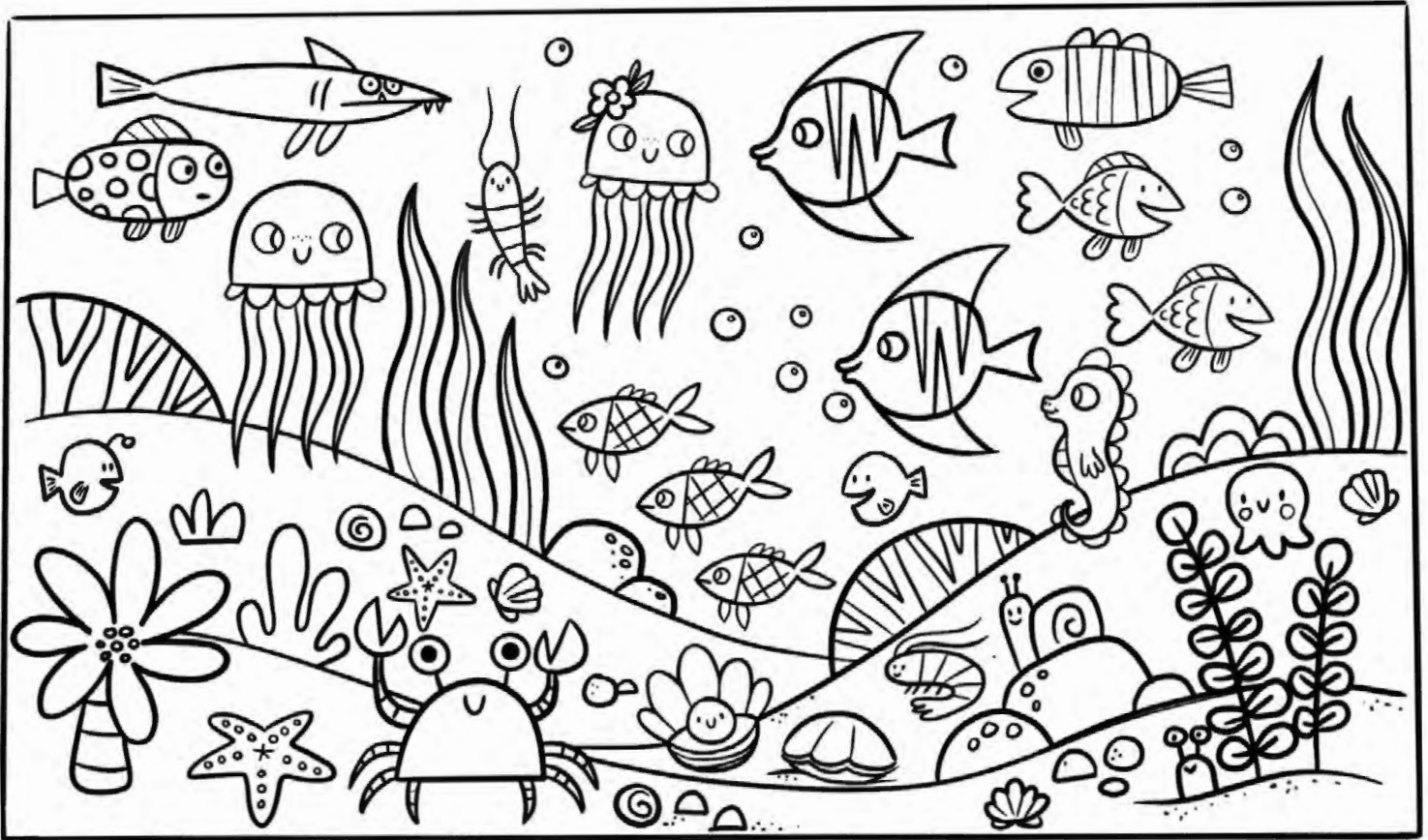
Sincerely
Grant Weiss
The Croft
Lewdown
EX20 4DE

Lewdown Exchange Full Fibre Broadband Project

At the time of writing 33 homes in our community had pledged £148,500 hitting 22.9% of the required target. Come on signup, we will all benefit from better broadband speed. **No local businesses have pledged!**

Ed. So I urge you to visit: www.openreach.com/connect-my-community enter your postcode, check your eligibility and signup - I have!

Spot the difference between these two pictures



September's Sudoku

			4	7	8	6		
3	6					7	4	
	4		6	2				
	9		4		6	5		1
	5						8	
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Did you hear about the accident on base?

A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two kernels.

When is the only time to use trench warfare?

As a last-ditch effort.

What form is required for all members of the military?

A uniform.

What do soldiers want to know before getting married?

The rules of engagement.

Why do Twitter users make bad soldiers?

They are too quick to retweet.

What am I?

1. You go at red, but stop at green.
2. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old.
3. I have a head and a tail that will never meet. Having too many of me is always a treat.
4. I help you from your head to your toe. The more I work, the smaller I grow.
5. I can fly but have no wings. I can cry but I have no eyes. Wherever I go, darkness follows me.
6. I'm (usually) white and used for cutting and grinding. When I'm damaged, humans usually remove me or fill me. For most animals I am a useful tool.
7. I'm where yesterday follows today and tomorrow is in the middle.
8. I'm a god, a planet, and I measure heat.

Lewdown Past
The Lewdown and area local history group

Sabine Baring-Gould the local archaeologist

An illustrated talk by Jane Marchand

**7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th September
at Stowford Parish Hall**



Restored Kistvaen on Lake Head Hill. Rev. S. Baring Gould

Aug 1895

Along with his friend, Robert Burnard, SBG organised the first scientific archaeological excavations of hut circles on Dartmoor at Grimspound during 1893. Others soon joined them and the Dartmoor Excavation Committee was formed. Their work was not without criticism, but their work in identifying and re-erecting significant stones contributed to their protection from anyone who might fancy a block of granite.

Our speaker has spent 25 years with the Dartmoor National Park Association, the last five years as Senior Archaeologist so this should be an extremely interesting talk about SBG's archaeological work on Dartmoor and elsewhere in Devon.

Visitors are very welcome: £2 for members, £3 for visitors including refreshments. Park in front of the hall or opposite. Enquiries: phone Hilary on 01566 783396.

From the Mountains of Japan

No.6 - Hachiko: Japan's Most Famous Dog

In Tokyo, at the famous and stunningly busy Shibuya station road crossing, there is a bronze statue of a dog with one bent ear. This is Hachiko, Japan's most famous dog, who lived from 1923 to 1935, and the star of the Richard Gere-starring movie of a similar name, *Hachi: A Dog's Tale*, released in 2009, a movie you should never watch without a box of tissues. Spoiler: they both die, but for one it's far less traumatic than the other.

An Akita dog, a breed originally developed for hunting and fighting, Hachiko was the pet of Hidesaburo Ueno, a university professor who worked in Tokyo. Hachiko would accompany him to the station in the morning, then return to the station each evening to greet his master as he returned home. However, in 1925, when Hachiko was only 18 months old, Ueno died of a cerebral hemorrhage while at work. The dog obviously didn't know this, so for the next ten years, until his own death, he would show up at the station each day, waiting in vain for his master to return.

An example of loyalty in Japanese culture, Hachiko, and the subsequent statue at Shibuya station became famous, as well as reviving the Akita breed, which at the time of Hachiko's death had declined to just thirty purebred dogs.

However, it was in the far north of Japan, in Akita Prefecture, where Hachiko was born, and in March this year, my daughter and I undertook a pilgrimage to the dog's home town. Far less famous than Shibuya, we visited the small town of Odate, home of an Akita dog museum – where we found the Richard Gere movie playing on a loop – and a disappointing visitor centre where you could watch – but not touch – an Akita dog playing with a ball through a glass screen, before buying some expensive Made-in-China souvenirs to take home.



Finally finding some element of poignancy, we stopped at the dog's actual birthplace on the way home, where we found another statue outside a nondescript family home. The only two people there, we paid tribute at the statue, then used the dog-shaped toilet block next to the small car park, a somewhat jarring but rather unique monument to this most loyal of dogs.

Chris Ward

Michaelmas & October SBG100 Events

We have a full list of autumn events to celebrate the polymath who died 100years ago. Sabine Baring-Gould was "Squarson" at Lewtrenchard (parson and squire) for over 40years. He was one of the most famous novelists of his time, writing over 1000 publications on the West Country, travel, archaeology, religion, the supernatural and collected 100's of local folk songs and tunes. An "Uncle Tom Cobbley and all" list!

This is the traditional time for country fairs and festivals as quoted in "Red Spider" a story based on Bratton Clovelly folk. Michaelmas was the time for rehiring farm labourers and house- or milk-maids plus it was the time of round-up on Dartmoor when animals would be appraised and those thought fit for market or surplus to the farm or even unfit for another winter on the moor sold at the annual sales eg Widecombe, Sticklepath, Tavistock Goosey and Sourton Fairs. These fairs were sung about and the songs – Widdicombe Fair (Uncle Tom Cobbley and all) and Strawberry Fair (a top 10 hit in the 1960's) are examples of two old folk songs collected in west Devon.

Pre-booking Charges / tickets are required at some events more details and up to date information see Events & Calendar – Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary – 1924 – 2024

September

Lewdown WI Flower Festival Lewtrenchard church 10am – 4pm 6 – 8 Sept. WI was formed by a Baring-Gould and themes are Women's Institute 2024.

Lewdown History Group Stowford village hall. 7.30pm. 10 Sept. Jane Marchand "**SBG and archaeology of Dartmoor**".

The Old Plymouth Society Mutley Baptist church. 7.30pm. 19 Sept. Myfanwy Cook "**SBG-Polymath and Champion of Heritage**"

Lewtrenchard church 11am. 22 Sept. **The Vicar of Horbury** The Reverend Christopher Johnstone SSC. Horbury is where SBG wrote "Onward Christian Soldiers" for the Sunday School and where Sabine met his wife, Grace.

Devonshire Association Lewtrenchard church. 2pm. 24 Sept. Helen Wilson / Graham Yeo "The **Pinwill Sisters restoration of Lewtrenchard church**" / "**The Forgotten Garden and St Petroc's Holy Well**". (Helen is giving a similar talk for locals see 7.30pm 15 Oct). In his day SBG was President of the prestigious DA.

Lewtrenchard church, Friends of the Forgotten Garden and Lewtrenchard Primary school 29 Sept. 11am Michaelmas Church service, 12pm trail walk, 1.30pm onwards barbecue. Following the **Baring-Gould Trail** (3miles approx 1.5hours) from the church car park around the Lew valley and return. **Barbecue** available and the burying of a 25 year **Time Capsule** about 3pm. with some folk singing by school children to commemorate SBG100.

October

Wren Music & Devonshire Association Church Hall, Market St, Okehampton. 7pm. 11 Oct. Wren Music. "**The Fidler Tunes of William Andrews**". William lived at Sheepstor on Dartmoor and was a very old man when his tunes were recorded by SBG for posterity.

Wren Music & Devon Bell Ringers Across W Devon and E Cornwall. All day leaving from Okehampton at 8.30am. 12 Oct. Based on "**The Devon Bell Ringing Song**" – which begins "One day in October neither drunken nor sober, o'er Broadbury Down I was making my way". This song is based on a bell ringing contest won by North Lew but many church belfries across the area are involved.

Lewdown History Group Lewtrenchard church. 7pm. 15 Oct. Helen Wilson “**The Pinwill Sisters restoration of Lewtrenchard church**”. Over more than a decade work on the beautifully carved rood screen and pulpit etc at Lewtrenchard church were restored to the condition we see today.

SBG100 Group Lewtrenchard Manor Gate. 4pm. 16 Oct. Unveiling by member of the BG family of a **Blue Plaque** to commemorate SBG centenary year.

Wren Music Blue Lion public house **Open Mic for folk singing**. 6pm 16 Oct. Folk singing in a public house where some of the folk song collection were heard – “A Cottage Well Thatched with Straw” was song by a Lewdown man who worked at Alder Quarry.

Lewtrenchard Church organised Held at Tavistock Parish church. 9/10am 19 Oct. “**Singing Songs of Expectation**”. A choral workshop open to all with world class participants to be sung to the public from 5pm. Booking is required for both music participants and audience. SBG was a writer of hymns such as Onward Christian Soldiers, Now the Day is Over etc.

Jim Causley, Miranda Sykes and John Palmer Held at Lewtrenchard church. 6pm. 30 Oct. **Ghosts, Werewolves and Country Folk – songs and stories of Sabine Baring-Gould**. A gothic story on the day before Halloween. This is part of a special evening on their national tour which started at Whitsun in Horbury, Yorkshire. Jim is a well known folk singer of SBG songs. Pre-Booking is necessary to avoid disappointment.

The SBG100 website give important information on all bookings and event links:
www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/events-calendar Email: ffglewtrenchard@aol.com

August Puzzle Answers

Spell it out

E-A-S-T-E-R
-I-S-L-A-N-D

X Words

WEIGHTY
POTENTATE
NETWORK
CANINE
HONEY

Sudoku

9	8	6	2	4	7	5	3	1
4	3	2	6	1	5	8	9	7
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GB-ORG-05
UK Agriculture



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www.wonnacottfarm.co.uk

We have reared some Oxford Sandy Black pigs and will have organic pork available to order:

10kg box of roasting joints, pork chops, diced pork etc.

Packed and labelled ready to cook or freeze £130.

Collect from our farm **Saturday 24th August 2024**

Or frozen boxes available after this date.

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Red Spider Company/Red Spider Youth Theatre
Present:

Extraordinary Times ... Extraordinary Lives

Saturday, 21st September – 7.30pm
The Fox & Grapes, Lifton



Red Spider Company invite you to join us for an evening of entertainment, commemorating the extraordinary individuals who lived through WWII and the 1940s.

Entertainment will be provided by members of the senior group and the older members of our youth theatre. This will include extracts from existing plays, new writing, music and songs from the era.

Join us in the Coronation Hall, Fox & Grapes for a fun social event - **free of charge**, Drinks available from the main pub..

With fabulous live 1940s music, dancing is optional!

If you are thinking about joining Red Spider as a performing or backstage member, the committee will be on hand to have a chat.

LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

7-00pm



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Councillor Vacancies

Would you like to become a councillor representing the parish of Coryton or Marystow.

Would you like to help shape the future of the area where you live.

If so, why not come along and see what is involved in being a parish councillor, you may then decide to join your parish council and make your own contribution to the future.

Contact the clerk for more details:

**Parish Clerk: Peter van Delft, Tel: 01566 783023 Email: lewdowngpc.clerk@gmail.com
www.lewdowngroupedpc.org.uk**

NewsLink Articles Required

We are seeking articles for our magazine so if you have an interesting hobby, pastime or favourite sport please write about it, take a photo or two and email over to the editor for consideration.

Thank you ☺

Lewdown

Located in the roadside porch of the Blue Lion, EX20 4DL. Please note it is not recognised by 999 calls if more than 200 metres away from it. When ringing 999 they will access code to open box.

Chillaton

Located in the Village Square on the wall of No. 1 Barn Cottages, PL16 0HS. The 999 operator will be able to give directions for its use.





Flower Festival

'WI Campaigns'
SBG Centenary Year



Open 6th, 7th, 8th September 10-5pm
St. Peter's Church, Lewtrenchard
(Disabled access)

Admission free

Donations for St. Peters' Church Funds appreciated



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The nature of advice people has sought has moved with the times through World War 2, post war changes, the 'swinging' sixties, and the changing social and economic changes throughout each decade thereafter. Sometimes geography played a big part in the nature of problems that people have asked for help with. For example, during times of industrial unrest there have been marked contrasts to the problems experienced by people in urban, industrial areas compared to people in rural and farming communities.

More recently, the gap between these areas has closed. The cost of living crisis is impacting on people countrywide and people and families across the country are sharing the challenges of coping with rising energy costs and spiralling bills in general.

At this time of year families are also having to deal with issues brought about as children go back to school or change schools altogether. Trying to fund the cost of new school uniforms on top of meeting day to day living expenses puts an additional strain on family budgets that are already stretched.

Family holidays can no longer be taken for granted and keeping children active and engaged throughout the summer break is challenging on many levels. It can also cost money.

One of the first things that we do at CA TNMWD is run a benefits check to see if additional funding is available and if so, advise on how best to go about claiming it and, if needed, helping with that claim.

Schools, by and large, are far better in touch now and many have excellent arrangements in place selling second hand uniforms. Recognising that just about everyone is feeling the pinch one way or another, increasingly people are reaching out for whatever help they can get – hopefully without shame or embarrassment.

Here at CA TNMWD, we listen to people's problems – often a big step helping people to move forward. Sometimes people can find their own way forward having accessed information on our website: www.citizensadvicetnmwd.org.uk, but we also recognise the fact that people very often need the reassurance of personal help, reassurance and guidance whether that be via our AdviceLine **0808 2787 999** or via a face to face meeting.

It is probable that next month will see the focus on energy costs in the wake of the removal of the winter fuel allowance for pensioners and the anticipated increase in fuel costs this winter.

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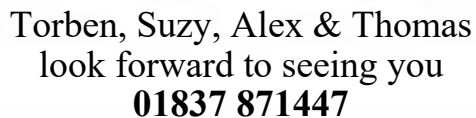
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