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### Lewdown Produce Show

Tim: JB Hill Cup winner

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***Good evening dear readers. Firstly for the good news, or bad news depending on your view of the comical element of this illustrious magazine...***

...for your sins, and you must be very wicked, I have been re-elected as chairperson, which means that for the next twelve months you will have to put up with my grammatically incorrect load of old Pooh, but the next AGM has already been set for the first of September 2025, so put it in your diaries.

On August bank holiday we went on our annual pilgrimage to Looe, maybe a stupid idea with the number of people who were there, but we got there early so had no trouble parking. We sat on the side of the harbour wall eating the fish and chips, watching the crabs being put in the buckets of small children, although I think that the dads were getting a lot more out of it. Always with one of us constantly watching out for seagulls, we must have looked like a family of meerkats always on the lookout for potential predators. Afterwards we walked around to west Looe and looked back across the river at the millions who were crammed in over the other side, bringing back happy memories of Sunday school trips in times past.

Ladies and gentlemen, I am disgusted with your feeble attempts at growing sunflowers for the produce show. This year the winners were a 3 year old and his 10 month old brother, closely followed by a 6year old. Well done Noah, Alex and Ashley.

I have to admit I was not too upset, as the boys are our grandchildren.

Will close now as I have been asked to hover around the house, the out laws are here so it's good to make a good impression.

Best wishes Tim Nash still the worst chairperson you are likely to ever have.

*Ps. A gym has opened up nearby and I've just had one of the instructors come to my door to tell me about it.*

*It's called Jehovah's Fitness*

*A director was screen testing Sylvester Stallone, and Arnold Schwarzenegger for a new film about great classical composers. He turns to Sly and asks him which composer he would want to play, after some thought Sylvester says he would like to play Mozart.*

*That's great said the director. Turning to Arnie he asks the same question, which composers would you like to play. After much thinking, Arnie turns to the director and says" I'll be Bach!.*

So sorry about the last joke, a kind person has left two joke books on my letter box recently completely anonymously so you will have to blame them if we ever find out the culprit.

*And finally ladies and gentlemen, what sort of crowd do ventriloquist hangs around with?.*

*A bunch of dummies.*



## September

- ★ £50 Andrea Steel No. 51
- ★ £15 Mike Bickell No. 68
- ★ £5 Rosie Smith No. 86
- ★ £5 Dave Pearse No. 144

## All welcome to this community event



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

Followed by conversation & games

## Reflections of a Steam Fireman

Being in the old mans gang meant not always working locally, if we were available we would be allocated a turn. One such turn was a freight from Basingstoke to Felpham, a full load with an S15 class via Chertsey & Staines, I liked these engines, they steam well with plenty of power. On arrival at Felpham goods yard I uncoupled the engine and went to the loco to clean the fire etc and we were home passenger to our loco.



Felpham yard was a hump yard where our train would be pushed up the hump very slowly by the shunt loco a 350 diesel, and the shunters would uncouple wagons the signalman would set the road for the wagons destination and shunters would slow the wagons with their shunting stick on the brakes sometimes riding it (I suspect illegally).

If, at the steam shed, the bike was leaning against the wall, you could take the bike and leave it at the station, because it was some distance you would be allowed 30 minutes so you would ride the bike with the driver on the crossbar.

With Frank we had a special with a Standard 2-6-0 5mt to Liss and the Longmoor military sidings to pick up 60 empty coal wagons, when we arrived the shunter lets us into LMR and explained the plan, we pull forward and reversed onto our train and I couple up, the guard told my driver the load and explained it was going to be a difficult shunt, hedge restricting vision length of train etc my driver said when given the signal he would reverse steady.

I walk back half the length of the train until I could see the guard who had the shunter in sight he waved his flag I signal Frank it was ok to set back I rejoined the engine just as there was a bang and we came to a halt. I run towards the end of the train to see the guards van on top of the solid stop block.

The young shunter said that the signalman at Liss station crossing ordered him to close the points so he could let traffic through which was giving him verbal for the delay - completely against the rules.

Train was cancelled and we went back light engine, to the depot, two days later repeat and all went well with the station master in control, dead start up Langley bank 1in60 gradient but Frank was up to the task no slipping plenty of regulator and we top the bank easily.

Our loco turntable was not big enough to turn a Pacific, west country class merchant navy etc, so if a Pacific work to Woking from Bournemouth or Salisbury it was facing the wrong way so had to be turned, the crews would leave their engine at the coal stage, if it needed work on it, it would be left on no 2 road this was the only road where you could go straight over the turntable and into the running shed.

The foreman would inform my driver and we would make our way up to the coal stage and get the engine ready and pull up to the ground signal. I would then have to inform the signalman where we were going by a telegraph machine it was a 12inch disc with destinations inscribed on it. you would select and move the pointer to Chertsey, and the signalman would set the road and off you go, at Chertsey you would reverse round to Weybridge and then back to Guildford. I enjoyed this run out because it gave you a chance to work the firehole door, it was steam operated by pressing a pedal in the floor, when turned on you pressed the pedal and the door opened, coal on the shovel into the firebox, getting the timing right was another matter, if you got it wrong the shovel would hit the door closing and spill over the footplate with strong words from your driver.



**Tom**

# Punishment Book

Stowford Church of England School 1935 - 1946



I recently became aware of the Stowford School Punishment Book. This local social history book gives an interesting insight into the young lives of attendees of the school. This serialisation will give excerpts of the register that will surprise and give an impression of education standards of school life at that time. P van Delft.

Date	Name of Child	Age	Offence	Amount of Punishment
1929 February 22nd	Albert Frise	13	Disobedience twice repeated	Cane - two strokes on each hand
1935 May 27th	Thomas Earl	11	Saying thank you when caned	Six strokes on each hand
1935 September 4th	Rupert Squance Alfred Woodridge Thomas Earl	13 12 11	During dinner hour swore and said rude things to Ann Mitchell	Cane - two strokes on each hand
1936 March 23rd	Rupert Squance	13	Knocked down Lois Pearce on way home on Friday	Cane - three strokes each hand
March 23rd	Eric Frise	8	Turning round talking for one minute after being warned	Cane - One stroke each hand
March 31st	Annie Mitchell	12	Turning round talking for one minute after being warned	Cane - one stroke each hand
May 18th	Reggie Bowyer David Goater Eric Frise William Woodridge	8 8 8 8	Wrong work book, inattention As preceding As preceding As preceding	Cane - One stroke each hand
May 22nd	Alfred Woodridge William Maynard	13 12	Hitting girl with stick Throwing stock in meadow	Two strokes each hand One stroke each hand

Dear Editor

May I, a reader from distant Lifford, be allowed to comment in your magazine?

In September issue you highlighted the government's voucher scheme for ultra-fast broadband involving voucher application, commitment to contract for the service and a wait of {at least?} 18 months.

I was fed up with the partial fibre speeds {copper from the box to home} and speeds of half the 'guaranteed' level. I reported to my supplier who told me there was a line fault. It was not remedied within 30 days and I exercised my right to cancel the contract penalty free.

I contacted Airband and Wildanet. Airband responded quickly and within 3 weeks I was up and running at guaranteed speeds of 40 download and 10 upload. I have had it for just over a week but the speeds have always exceeded the guarantees stated. Today is 47 down and 11 up.

I am a domestic user and these speeds are plenty for me. I no longer have 'buffering' on Netflix, for example.

This costs me £30 from month 5 – first four free – for a two year contract with no in-contract price increases.

For those frustrated by low speeds this MIGHT be a better answer and a good deal sooner. It will depend if the service is available in Lifford, which you can check on Airband's or Wildanet's web sites.

As we have good mobile phone reception, we were able to give up our landline so this is a consideration too if mobile reception is poor although I believe you can still operate your landline via the new internet connection.

I hope this is useful rather than confusing for Lifford. It may be the answer for your circulation area beyond Lifford not covered by the government's scheme.

Tom Moore  
Lifford

Ed: We are in a chalk & cheese situation. Gigabit fibre will provide speeds starting at 1,000 megabits per second (more than 25 times faster than the Airband offering and much faster still than most broadband services) and over time this will improve as fibre technology improves. If we fail to get Gigabit now then I believe our community will remain stuck in the dark ages as the government is unlikely to make another rural grant available, especially as areas who are interested in Gigabit will have applied so there is little point in offering another scheme to communities that have expressed little interest.





The cricket season has now finished but you can find out more about Lewdown Cricket Club here:  
[www.lewdown.play-cricket.com](http://www.lewdown.play-cricket.com)

Geraint has offered to report back in April next year as the new season begins.

**Club Contact:**

Geraint Williams 07850 786310

**Junior Cricket Coordinator:**

Mike Maynard 07974 756136



We would like to say thankyou to everyone who came and supported our cream tea afternoon which we held for Macmillan Cancer.

We raised £470.

Thankyou all once again.

Sarah & Andy



## ***CHURCH NEWSLETTER***

### **Ministers**

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Lewtrenchard with Thrushelton & Kelly with Bradstone

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#### **Thrushelton - St George**

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Mr T Nash 01566 783320

### **From the Parish Priest**

I have had a lovely Summer! I have not had my Summer Holiday yet, I will be enjoying that when this letter is published, but in spite of working and being very busy we have had a lovely summer.

We haven't done anything particularly exciting, or gone anywhere exotic, but what we have had is a very busy household with lots of visitors. We have enjoyed many a joyful evening in our garden, and round our dining table.

As someone who comes from a very small family, I am always in awe of the large family groups that appear in church for Funerals and weddings. Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, sometimes numbering into the forties and fifties, are quite a shock when you are from a family where you only have five blood relatives!

Despite having only one aunt, and no cousins, I can never truly say that I have a small family! In fact I have an enormous and wonderful family. The rule is that Family may, or may not, include relations!

The members of our family that have come and shared the summer with us are all indispensable and much loved. It matters not if some are actually related or not, they



are all essential members of our family and we would not be without any of them: even with some of their/our peculiarities!

We often hear of the Church being described as a Family, and that is quite appropriate, we are all related in and through Jesus. We may fall out and bicker, and not always agree, but we are a family and we should always look out for, care for and give thanks for each other.

With love and prayers,

Philip

## The North Tamar Mission Community



St. Mary the Virgin,  
Kelly with Bradstone

St. Mary the Virgin,  
Lifton

St. Nicolas,  
Broadwoodwidge

St. John the Baptist,  
Stowford

St. George,  
Thrushelton

St. Peter,  
Lewtrenchard

## Service times for October 2024

*Any updates will be posted on the Mission Community Website <https://north-tamar-churches.org>*

### 6th October The 19th Sunday after Trinity

8am Eucharist at Stowford  
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Lifton  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Kelly  
4pm Pet Service at Bradstone

### 13th October The 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge  
Morning Prayer at Thrushelton  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard  
4pm No Evensong at Lifton this week

### 20th October The 21st Sunday after Trinity

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

*With thanks to The Revd. Roger Carlton who is taking services this weekend.*

### 27th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton  
Morning Prayer at Lifton  
Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard

### 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 October 2024

6th	B Searle <b>Harvest Festival</b>	11:00
13th	Rev C Jackson <b>S</b>	11:00
20th	Bridestowe Worship Group	11:00
27nd	P Webb	11:00

## St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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

Services are also available online from 6pm on Sundays.

### 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

Fr. A. K. Gundabathina 01837 52229

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#### **Launceston**

Sunday 10.30am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

# PET SERVICE

ST NONA'S CHURCH  
BRADSTONE

4PM

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER



ALL PROCEEDS FROM COLLECTION WILL  
GO TO CATS PROTECTION LAUNCESTON

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The North Tamar Mission Community



## Book of the Month for October 2024

### Abroad in Japan by Chris Broad

When Englishman Chris Broad landed in a rural village in northern Japan he wondered if he'd made a huge mistake. With no knowledge of the language and zero teaching experience, was he about to be the most quickly fired English teacher in Japan's history?

Abroad in Japan charts a decade of living in a foreign land and the chaos and culture clash that came with it.

Packed with hilarious and fascinating stories, this book seeks out to unravel one the world's most complex cultures.

Spanning ten years and all forty-seven prefectures, Chris takes us from the lush rice fields of the countryside to the frenetic neon-lit streets of Tokyo. With blockbuster moments such as a terrifying North Korean missile incident, a mortifying experience at a love hotel and a week spent with Japan's biggest movie star, Abroad in Japan is an extraordinary and informative journey through the Land of the Rising Sun.

*Publisher: Transworld Publishers Ltd*  
*ISBN: 9781804992227*



### Stuffed Marrow Recipe:

**Another family favourite, this one comes with a bit of a health warning!**

#### Ingredients:

Nice marrow  
Celery  
Peas

Beef mince  
Carrots  
Gravy granules

Onion  
Tomato puree  
Seasoning

#### Method:

Use the ingredients to make a bolognaise, adjust the ingredients to suit the size of the marrow. Cook up the bolognaise and set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 200 C fan. Cut the marrow in half, length wise, this is the dangerous bit, depending on the size. Remove seeds etc. sprinkle plenty of salt over both halves. Leave for an hour, wash off the salt and dry off with kitchen tissue.



Stuff both halves of the marrow with the bolognaise, flip them together (not easy if you are dealing with a big marrow) to make it look like a whole marrow. Cover with foil and cook in the oven for 30-45 minutes, yes you guessed it, depending on size may need longer, prick the flesh of the marrow, if soft remove from oven, slice into portions and serve with boiled potatoes, salad and optionally grated cheese.

## **The Pinwill Sisters and the Restoration of Lew Trenchard Church**

*An illustrated talk by Dr Helen Wilson*

**7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th October  
at St Peter's Church, Lew Trenchard**



*Carving of St Peter on a pillar casing, Lew Trenchard*

The Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould set his sights on restoring his parish church to some of its former glory, following the changes made by his father. The Pinwill sisters, who had carried out some remarkable church carvings throughout Devon and Cornwall, were engaged. A significant part of that restoration was the new rood screen, based on the original, together with an elaborately carved pulpit, based on a 15th century one at Kenton.

Our speaker's expert knowledge of the Pinwill sisters' lives and work culminated in a splendidly-illustrated, detailed book plus an online catalogue of their work. Come and see the sisters' expertise in situ!

Visitors are very welcome: charge £2 for members, £4 for visitors including refreshments. Parking beside the church.

# Bratton Clovelly & Area Twinning Association

**Wine  
And  
Wisdom**



**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**





# 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



## We're back! Stowford's



at Stowford Parish Hall

Thursday 10th October 7.30pm

£4 per person at the door      Teams of 2 - 6 people

Bring your own drinks, we provide the nibbles.

(All profits go to charity)

The WI is keen to involve the community in making poppies for remembrance day. A possible venue for a workshop is Stowford Hall with guidance from Julia Terry, either one Saturday or a Tuesday after Stowford coffee morning - TBA.

Margaret and Lynn are the contacts for dropping off poppies, which will be displayed in Lewdown Victory Hall and Stowford Parish Hall.

The school is being asked to take part too.

## **Poppies from the Community**

Why not make poppies for November, to be displayed in Lewdown Victory Hall and Stowford Parish Hall? Any medium welcome. If you don't have the knack but have material, why not donate it to someone who can make poppies?

Contact Margaret Dunn on 01566 783779 or Lynn Atkinson on 07794 548447 for more info or to drop off your poppies/material.

It would be wonderful to have loads of them for the remembrance service.



Thank you 😊

# 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.

### You can make your poppies in four colours:

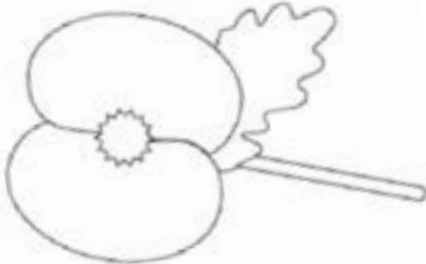
Red - memorial to world war one and following conflicts.

Purple - to remembers animal victims of war.

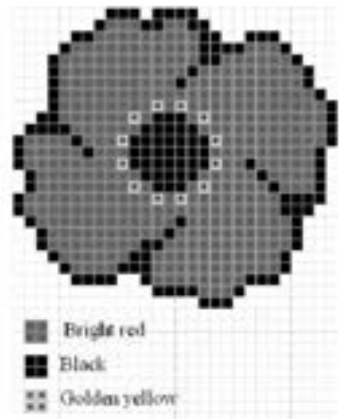
BlackPoppyRose - commemorates the contributions of black, African and Caribbean communities to the war effort - as servicemen and servicewomen, and as civilians.

White poppy - remembers people who died in conflict with a focus to an end to war.

### Poppy template for any medium:



Poppy cross stitch pattern:



# GHOSTS, WEREWOLVES & COUNTRYFOLK

*A Centenary Celebration of Sabine Baring-Gould*

***Lewtrenchard Church 6pm 30th October 2024***



***Tickets £16 PP Cash At Door***

**JIM  
CAUSLEY**

**JOHN  
PALMER**

**MIRANDA  
SYKES**

**TOUR 2024**



Sabine Baring-Gould Centenary  
Celebration Group  
[www.sbgcentenary.co.uk](http://www.sbgcentenary.co.uk)



## Blue Plaque "One Day in October" Celebrations - for the Centenary of Sabine Baring-Gould

**4pm Wednesday 16 October –**

**Blue Plaque unveiling by a Baring-Gould descendent  
at Lewtrenchard Manor Hotel Gates**



- **7pm 16 October** – at *The Blue Lion* public house a Wren Music organised. **Open Mic for folk singing** where some of the collected songs were first recorded and sung by local singers. Free entrance / All welcome.
- Also **6pm. 30 October** - at *Lewtrenchard church* a special *Halloween* rendition of storytelling and folk singing as part of a national tour celebrating the SBG Centenary.  
Jim Causley, Miranda Sykes and John Palmer..  
**"Ghosts, Werewolves and Country Folk – songs and stories of SBG".**  
Tickets £16pp Booking necessary

<https://www.sbgcentenary.co.uk/>

# Gardening Jobs For October

Autumn is upon us, even if we barely had a summer. Between the autumn showers there is still plenty to do in the garden and whilst this month's instalment is more of a 'show review', I've still managed to squeeze in a few quick tips..

## Show review

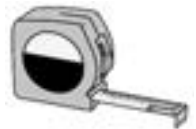
The local village show is always a great spectacle for those who are interested in that kind of thing, and this year was no exception - there was a great selection of vegetables, fruit, flowers and crafts of all different shapes, colours and sizes on display.

A big shout out to Frankie, whose set of 6 shallots not only pipped my entry to 1st prize but also received a rosette for best vegetable exhibit in the show - I am only a tad jealous..



My favourite entries included a collection of pure white sweet peas, four brilliant yellow tomatoes and some rather tasty looking homemade fudge. On display were also dazzling dahlias, huge hydrangeas and a reasonably sized marrow (courtesy of yours truly).

Whilst I wasn't counting, I am reliably informed my marrow entry was an impressive 17 inches long. I must admit I was a little disappointed that I could still hold the marrow up in one hand - next year's challenge is to grow a marrow that requires at least two hands to lift!



## Quick fire tips for October

- This month is the best time to plant garlic, before it gets too wet and cold. This year I'll be growing mine under cover in the polytunnel to reduce the risk of rust next spring. I'll also be trying to grow elephant garlic for the first time
- If you want to take the 'No Dig' approach to gardening, then mulch your beds with a good layer of compost after harvesting the last of your summer crops. This will feed next years crops and reduce weeds
- You should just have time to make final sowings of winter cover crops like white mustard and winter rye, although broad or field beans can be sown into November and often overwinter better as smaller plants



## Liam's garden fail

Despite warning you all to 'read and (re-read) the rules' in the August edition, my entry for the 'foliage display in an unusual container' class was disqualified for exceeding the size limits.. oops!



## May the weather be with you!

Liam

# Lewdown Flower and Produce Show 2024 Winners

## Key to winners names:

Karen Alexander	KA	Tom Andrews	TA	Lynn Atkinson	LA
Eva Briggs	EB	Alex Broadhurst	AB	Emily Broadhurst	EmB
Julie Chick	JC	Ashley Colon	AC	Sylvia Crocker	SC
Liam Downing	LD	Alex Dufty	AD	Jemma Dufty	JD
Noah Dufty	ND	Sam Dufty	SD	Mary Edgecombe	ME
Julie Hatton	JH	Frankie Hedger	FH	Monique Hedger	MH
Hannah Hill	HH	Henry Hill	HeH	Margaret Hill	MaH
Val Isaac	VI	Colin Jones	CJ	John Lethbridge	JL
Marion Lethbridge	ML	Liz Metherell	LM	Andy Nash	AN
Megan Nash	MN	Mike Nash	MIN	Natalie Nash	NaN
Nicola Nash	NN	Patrick Nash	PN	Sarah Nash	SN
Tim Nash	TN	Hilda Pengelly	HP	Barbara Scott	BS
Ellie Stacey	ES	Isla Stacey	IS	Joyce Vanstone	JV
Roger Wonnacott	RW	Eileen Worth	EW		

Section A - Classes 1 - 28	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	HC
1. Garden News Top Tray	JL	LD		
2. Three Salad Items on a Plate	TN	LD	TN	JL
3. Three Carrots	TN	JD		
4. Three Onions (Sets)	LD	RW	JL	KA
5. Three Onions (Seeds, untrimmed)	AN	LD		
6. Three Beetroot (Round)	EW	TN	FH	LD
7. Six Runner Beans	EW	JL	EW	TA
8. Three Potatoes (White-Round or Oval)	EW	EW	JC	
9. Three Potatoes (White-Long or Kidney)	KA			
10. Three Potatoes (Coloured-Round or Oval)	TN	TN	HP	
11. Three Potatoes (Coloured-Long or Kidney)	TN		MIN	
12. The Heaviest Potato (One entry per exhibitor) (1 prize only)	TN			
13. One Marrow	LD			
14. A bunch of mixed herbs	KA	LD	TN	FH
15. Pair of Courgettes	TN	KA	EW	JC
16. Six Shallots (Any variety)	FH	LD	RW	RW

17. One Cucumber (Greenhouse)	AN	AN	TN	KA
18. Six French Beans	MaH	JC	LD	
19. Cherry Tomatoes on the Vine	LD	KA	AN	AN
20. One Summer Cabbage	JC	TN	JV	
21. Longest Runner Bean (1st prize)	LD			
22. Four tomatoes	JL	TN	KA	AN
23. Any Vegetable not above classes	TN	SD	LD	TN
24. Two Peppers (any colour)	TN	SN	LD	
25. Four Plums				
26. Four Apples (Dessert)	CJ	MH	AN	
27. Four Apples (Cooking)	MaH	AN	AN	CJ
28. Six Soft Fruit in a Dish	JV	LD	MaH	

<b>Section B - Classes 29 - 46</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
29. Five Dahlias (Pom-Pom, under 2")	RW	RW	
30. Three Dahlias (Cacti)	RW	RW	JL
31. Three Dahlias (Decorative or Ball)	JV	RW	RW
32. One Dahlia	JL	LA	RW
33. One Rose (any variety)	SN	JV	MH
34. Six French Marigold Heads	JD	NN	NN
35. Five Stems of Annuals	NN	FH	
36. Five Stems of Outdoor Perennials	NN	TA	SN
37. Six Sweet Peas (Mixed)	JL	LD	NN
38. Four Sweet Peas (One Colour)	JL	LD	FH
39. Three Gladioli (Mixed Colour)	EW	JL	
40. One Gladioli	EW	NN	MN
41. Five Rudbeckia Stems	JV	JH	LA
42. Three Stems of Hydrangea	JH	LM	MaH
43. Six Fuchsia Heads	JC	LM	RW
44. Potted Begonia (Max 8" Pot)	ML	NN	
45. Potted Orchid	KA	EB	NN
46. Potted Geranium (Max 8" Pot)			

<b>Section C - Classes 47 - 62</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>HC</b>
47. Jar Blackcurrant Jam	SN	MaH	ML	
48. Jar Jam (Any other Variety)	MaH	SN	FH	
49. Jar Fruit Jelly (Any Variety)	NN	EB	NN	



50. Small pot of Curd (Any Flavour, Cellophane Cover)	NN	SN	NN	
51. Jar Chutney Mature (Any Variety, at least 2 months old)	ME	ML	ML	
52. Bakewell Tart (presented on a plate)	SN	NN	ML	
53. Coffee and Walnut Victoria Sandwich (3 egg mix) Decorated Top	SN	SC	JD	
54. Lemon Drizzle Loaf (Set Recipe)	LM	NN	SN	NN
55. Three Cookies	ES	VI	JC	MN
56. Four Savoury Muffins	SN	SC	SN	
57. Six Pieces Homemade Fudge (any flavour)	NaN	SN	NN	
58. Four decorated cup cakes	FH	MH	SN	IS
59. MEN ONLY- Special Cherry Cake	TN	CJ	TA	
60. MEN ONLY- Six Cheese Straws	CJ	JL	PN	
61. Jar of Honey	KA			
62. Bottle of Fruit Cordial	NN	EB		

<b>Section D - Classes 63 - 69</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>HC</b>
63. WI Flower Arrangement in Trowel (Monica Horn Trophy)	LA	BS	ME	
64. An Item Made with toilet rolls Adult	LM	NN	SC	MN
An Item Made with toilet rolls Child	HeH	ND	AC	HH
65. Get Well Card Adult	SC	NN	BS	NN
Get Well Card Child	AB	HH	AC	EmB
66. An Item of Knitting, Crochet or Needle Felting	NaN	FH	LA	
67. An Edible Necklace Adult	LM	MH	NN	
An Edible Necklace Child	ND	AC		
68. Collage nature Adult	NN	LM	SC	
Collage nature Child	AC	HH		
69. An Animal Made from Fruit or Veg	FH	NN	AC	

<b>Photography 6" x 4" unframed - Classes 69 - 72</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>HC</b>
70. Black and White Photograph	NaN	
71. Wild Weather Photograph	SN	
72. Work in Progress Photograph	SN	JD

<b>Section E - Floral Art - Classes 73 - 79</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
73. Arrangement 200 yrs of the RNLI (45x45cm)	LM	NN	
74. A Summer Wreath (approx. 8" round)	LM	NN	
75. A Foliage Arrangement in an unusual container (45x45cm)	LM	SC	MH
76. A Garden in a Seed Tray	FH	PN	NN
77. Victory Hall Top Vase	SN	ML	NN
78. Tallest sunflower	AD/ND	JL	AC
79. Largest Sunflower Head	JL	AC	

<b>Children's Classes under 11yrs - Classes 80 - 81</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
80. Hand, Fingerprint Art (A4 size)	AC	HeH	HH
81. Rice Krispie 6 squares (set recipe)	AC	HeH	HH

<b>Family Class - Class 82</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
82. Scarecrow Competition traditional farmyard		AC	

<b>AWARD WINNERS:</b>	
<b>The JB Hill Cup</b> Section A	TN
<b>The LVH Challenge Cup</b> Section B	RG/NN
<b>Best Exhibit of Shallots</b> Section A	FH
<b>Best Exhibit of Hydrangea</b> Section B	JH
<b>Best Exhibit of B&amp;W Photograph</b>	NaN
<b>The WI Silver Challenge Cup</b>	KA
<b>The WI Monica Horn Trophy</b>	LA
<b>The Mary Stuart Challenge Cup</b> Section C	SN
<b>A Silver Challenge Cup</b> Sections C,D & E	NN
<b>The Children's Silver Challenge Cup</b> Primary School Age	AC
<b>Pre School Award</b>	ND
<b>The LVH Junior Cup</b> Secondary School Age	ES
<b>The LVH Silver Challenge Cup</b> Section D	NN
<b>The Parkwood Trophy</b> Section E	LM
<b>The Cedric Warren Memorial Trophy</b> Most points in the show	NN
<b>The Jim Nash Memorial Cup</b> Most points Men's Cooking	CJ

**Many congratulations to everyone who took part 😊**

Lewdown Victory Hall Annual Flower & Produce Show 2024



Some of this Years Happy Winners





Class 69 1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
Animal made from fruit or veg.



Best Exhibit in Section A



WI Silver Challenge Cup Winner



Best Exhibit in Section





## **From the Mountains of Japan**

### **No.7 - Myoko's Retro Sunshine Paradise**

Japan has its fair share of theme parks, from the ultra-modern two-pronged attack of Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, to the mountainous, terrifying rollercoasters of Fuji-Q Highland, but for something a little more throwback, an interesting option is Nigatta Prefecture's aging bastion of theme park greatness, Myoko Sunshine Land.

Thirty minutes south of the Japan Sea, Myoko Sunshine Land sits pretty much in the middle of nowhere, at the foot of a mountain resort area that comes alive during the winter ski season, but for the rest of the year is mostly just seen from the window of a passing car or train.

Next to a golf course and a small hotel, the theme park itself is a collection of low-cost amusement rides which looks about fifty years old. Most of the rides are basic, like a big wheel, a couple of Go Kart tracks, a Viking ship, a merry-go-round, and a hall of mirrors in such bad condition that you can actually create your own route through the flimsy plywood walls. While it's fun for kids, one ride, the safari train, on which you can fire a pretend gun at plastic big game animals as well as some cutout stereotypical locals, teaches rather out of date morals and could do with being replaced with something a little less controversial.

On the plus side, its cheap, there is always plenty of room in the car park, and you're more likely to be calling for a staff member to start one of the rides than to be queuing for long. It's important to check the weather though, as the last time I visited with my daughter it was pouring with rain, and with nowhere really that's indoors - the restaurant is a hole-in-the-wall takeaway place with some chilly outdoor seating - to find a little warmth we had no choice but to huddle inside the big wheel's cramped cabin, peering out through grimy windows at the mist-shrouded park below.

While you won't get the glitz of Tokyo's Disneyland Resorts nor the thrills of Osaka's Universal Studios, Myoko Sunshine Land is a useful place to stop for an hour or two to break up a long journey through central Japan. And if you time it right, you might just find the sun to be shining.

**Chris Ward**



# **Lewdown Grouped Parish Council**

## **Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystowe and Thrushelton**

Abbreviated minutes Minute No 779 29th August 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), Alexander, McSmythurs, Metherell, Perkins, Yeo, Wilkinson,  
Cllr Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk). Meeting opened 7.30 pm

1. Apologies for absence - Cllrs Mincher & Southcott.
2. Members of the public open forum - no members present
3. New defibrillator location(s) - consideration for new location(s) - item held over for next meeting
4. Defibrillator replacement - update including grant availability. Replacement parts for the existing defibrillator at the Blue Lion have now been supplied and fitted. An additional defibrillator will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Dispensations & declarations of interest - None
6. Minutes of previous meeting 778 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Yeo, seconded Cllr Alexander, all in favour.
7. Reports from Cllr Mott (WDBC) - this was emailed to all councillors prior to the meeting.
8. Finance - 8.1 Payment was authorised for outstanding invoice to Dean Elliot - Grass cutting £120.00, 8.2 Bank signatory update - All changes have now been confirmed. 8.3 Insurance review of parish council assets - The R.F.O. reported that he had now received written confirmation that council assets housed in councillors property are also covered under the existing policy.
9. Draft Grant policy - A grant policy and application form was considered and thought appropriate, clerk to provide the policy and application form for approval at the next meeting.
10. Reports from councillors - Cllr Wilkinson reported that nettles and brambles were now overhanging the pavement from the recreation ground to the school and suggested that this should be attended to prior to the beginning of the new school term. It was resolved that the chair would contact the land owner for permission to maintain the hedgerow. Cllr Alexander reported that the footpath entrance behind the sewage works was sealed off, however he was unsure if that footpath was part of the national footpath network. Cllr Mott suggested that use of the parish map would identify its existence or not, Cllr Wilkinson offered to look into the matter.
11. Councillor vacancies for Coryton and Marystow - no new councillors yet.
12. Play area - Planning application, lease update, play equipment. Cllr McSmythurs reported that he had been in touch with the land agent and was able to confirm that both the Recreation Ground Committee and the Baring Gould Trust were in agreement with a new lease, the terms and heads of agreement will be provided by the land agent. The planning application fee is £146.50 after a 50% reduction from W.D.B.C, a motion to approve the fee was proposed by Cllr Perkins, seconded by Cllr Metherell all were in favour. Application and fee to be submitted electronically.  
Cllr McSmythurs reported that there was potentially some confusion over the sum of S106 money that could be apportioned to the play area and that he was seeking confirmation of the committed sum. Cllr Mott confirmed that the play area could be called "The Ramps", and that she would forward new S106 application forms, Cllr Mott also confirmed that only one application form would be accepted. The clerk to forward the last application form.
13. Correspondence - New Fibre broadband network- Openreach are consulting local residents for interest in their service, if interested people should ask for an information pack from Openreach.
14. Emergency Plan - review of plan, storage of equipment - held over.

Full meeting closed 9.36pm

Date, place and time of next meeting 30th September, at Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm



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## **Mensa Quiz Questions - Are you a genius?**

1. What is the 4-digit number in which the first digit is one-fifth of the last, and the second and third digits are the last digit multiplied by 3?
2. Jane went to visit Jill. Jill is Jane's only husband's mother-in-law's only husband's only daughter's only daughter. What relation is Jill to Jane?
3. Tabitha likes cookies but not cake. She likes mutton but not lamb, and she likes okra but not squash. Following the same rule, will she like cherries or pears?
4. In a footrace, Jerry was neither first nor last. Janet beat Jerry. Jerry beat Pat. Charlie was neither first nor last. Charlie beat Rachel. Pat beat Charlie. Who came in last?
5. What is the number that is one more than one-tenth of one-fifth of one-half of 4,000?
6. Find the number that best completes the following sequence: 1 2 4 7 11 ? 22

## **Can you ace this quick IQ test?**

1. A bat and a ball cost £1.10 in total. The bat costs £1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?
2. If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?
3. In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake?

## **The “Legs on the Floor” Riddle: Can You Solve It?**

You walk into a room, and you see a bed. On that bed, there are two cows, four dogs, one cat, a bear, three chickens flying above the bed and a goose. How many legs are on the floor?

**Answers next month...**

## October's Sudoku

		3	8		1			
7			3		6			
9	1					8		
1		7					9	
	2	4				3	1	
	9					4		2
		1					5	8
			5		7			4
			1		9	6		

1. What's black and white and eats like a horse?  
A Zebra!
2. What kind of things does a farmer talk about when they are milking cows?  
Udder nonsense!
3. As farmers, we hear a lot of jokes about sheep.  
We'd tell them to the dog, but he'd herd them all!
4. Did you hear about the wooden tractor?  
It had wooden wheels, a wooden engine, wooden transmission and wooden work!
5. What did the mummy cow say to the baby cow?  
It's pasture bedtime!



"Funny the different kinds of jobs they land-girls 'ad afore they joined up. Wou'd you believe it, Colonel, I've one what used ter breed Poodles, an 'airdresser, and one what calls 'erself a Topiary Expert!"



## Michaelmas & "One Day in October" Celebrations - of the Centenary of Sabine Baring-Gould

### September-

- **29 Sept** - Lewtrenchard, Forgotten Garden & Primary school.
  - 11am **Michaelmas Church service**
  - 12pm walk around the **Baring-Gould Trail** (3miles approx 1.5hours)
  - 1.30pm onwards **Barbecue at The Forgotten Garden**
  - 3pm **Time Capsule** filled by children of Lewtrenchard school

### October -

- **11 Oct** 7pm - Wren Music & Devonshire Association. Church Hall, Market St, Okehampton. Wren Music. **"The Fidler Tunes of William Andrews"**
- **12 Oct** (leaving from Okehampton at 8.30am) - **Wren Music & Devon Association of Bell Ringers**. Across W Devon and E Cornwall. Based on "The Devon Bell Ringing Song" - a bell ringing contest across parishes. Booking necessary on Wren Music website (linked on SBG100 website)
- **15 Oct** - 7pm Lewdown History group. Lewtrenchard church. Helen Wilson talk on **"The Pinwill Sisters restoration of Lewtrenchard church"**
- **16 Oct** - 4pm SBG100 group. Lewtrenchard Manor Gate. Unveiling by member of the BG family of a **Blue Plaque** followed by tea at church
- **16 Oct** - from 6/7pm Wren Music. Blue Lion public house **Open Mic for folk singing**. Food available
- **30 Oct** - 6pm - Jim Causley, Miranda Sykes and John Palmer. Held at Lewtrenchard church. **"Ghosts, Werewolves and Country Folk - songs and stories of SBG"**. Special evening as part of national tour. Booking necessary





## **Forgotten Woodland Garden of Lewtrenchard**

# **Barbecue, BG Trail & Time Capsule**

**Sunday 29 September 1.00 – 4.00pm**  
**At Lewtrenchard (part of SBG Centenary Celebrations)**



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**What could be better than a burger with friends  
and a walk?**

**All welcome**

# September Puzzle Answers

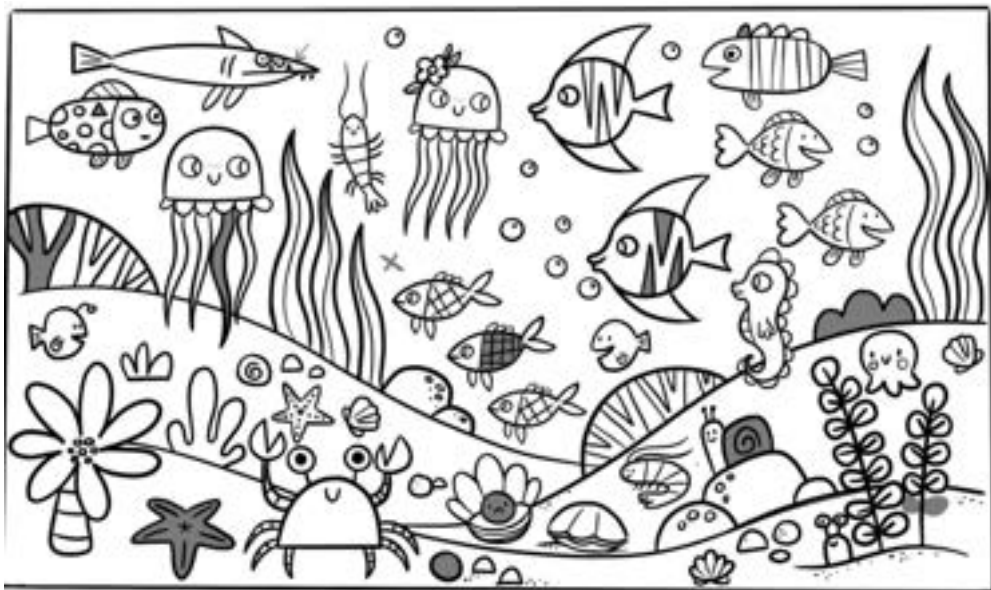
## What am I?

1. A watermelon. You eat the red part, and you stop eating at the green part.
2. A candle.
3. A coin.
4. A bar of soap.
5. Clouds.
6. A tooth.
7. A dictionary.
8. Mercury.

## Sudoku

9	2	1	3	4	7	8	6	5
3	6	8	5	9	1	2	7	4
7	4	5	6	2	8	1	9	3
8	9	3	4	7	6	5	2	1
6	5	4	2	1	3	7	8	9
2	1	7	8	5	9	3	4	6
5	7	9	1	6	2	4	3	8
1	8	6	7	3	4	9	5	2
4	3	2	9	8	5	6	1	7

## Spot the Difference?



# THANK YOU



Thank you from St Peter's church community to everyone involved with 'The WI Campaigns Flower Festival in the SBG year' especially Julia Terry with Lewtrenchard WI and Church members for the very successful Flower Festival held at the beginning of September which raised over £1000 for St Peter's coffers. A fantastic result from a very enjoyable and obviously popular event.

Many people joined us again for the Harvest Festival service, led by visiting vicar Reverend Roger Carlton, amid all the beautiful arrangements followed by the usual hot pasty supper served in the church.

The above arrangement publicising the '2005 awareness of the low price paid to Dairy Farmers' arranged by Marion Lethbridge and Joyce Vanstone.

# Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton  
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### Chillaton

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directions for its use.





# Lewtrenchard WI September Report

**We met in the afternoon on September 9 for a Market Garden presentation.** Barbara welcomed 17 members including Kathryn from Australia, visitors Pam Berry, Kym Ackroyd and Sue Nicolson.

**Over to our speakers:** Sarah and Simon Milestone from Market Garden, Newton Abbott. Sarah and Simon bought an empty 2-acre field in 2021 and started selling produce in 2022. They now go to market once a week and provide veg boxes to their local area within a 17m radius. Sarah is crazy about her chickens, started off with 4 and now has 30 plus 2 baby cockerels. We are her 3rd WI that they are visiting with more in the pipeline. Sarah went off to cook some of their gorgeous looking produce and Simon took over. He talked in detail about his past, present and futures plans, his inspirations, spreadsheets, planting, no-dig method, how to be profitable and have produce all year round. This was all informative. Then



we had questions from the floor, including the buzzword this year: slugs! Being an organic gardener, his advice is to go out in the dark, with a torch and pick them off. In 2022 we had a draught, no slugs then, 2023 a wet summer, followed by a wet autumn, hey presto in 2024 the slugs come out in full force. Because of the drought, they invested in a borehole.

They also dug a couple of ponds for extra water and pest control. Suddenly, the kitchen emitted some delicious smells of cooked food and we all tasted their mixed greens, Aztec broccoli, courgettes & various types of tomatoes. Everyone found the food really tasty.

**Date and venue for next meeting: Monday October 14 at 7:30pm, Lewdown Victory Hall the Cinnamon Trust.**

**October dates for your diary:**

17 - Coffee morning - venue TBA

28 - Monday Walk

Monday to Friday

8.45am to 3.15pm

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