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Front Cover Picture

Description

*Beaver in the River Tamar catchment, a
'European Protected Species'.*

*Photo: DWT's Beaver Conservation
Team*

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Good evening dear readers well we've made it to May. Hopefully long warm days will be with us, swallows diving and turning wonderful patterns in the sky, butterflies and bees flitting from flower to flower, barbecues on warm evenings with family and friends around, what a glorious picture I paint of the summers we had when we grew up. Truth be told it will more than likely be a summer of wellies and water proofs ,and me barbecuing in the shed, which as it turns out is a bit of an tradition in our household, only time will tell though.

Anyway to business. As you may or may not know there is no defibrillator at all in the Lewdown area. It seems the one at the Blue Lion was used a few months ago, but the problem is that it is now eight years old, which is ancient for these machines, and getting spare parts is proving difficult. We been unsuccessful in getting a free one from the British heart foundation, so this means that we as a community will need to buy a new one. It has been decided by the committee of newslink that we will purchase on your behalf, a replacement for the one at the Blue Lion. So what we are hoping is that the most generous people of the Lewdown area, will donate money to this cause, to eventually cover our costs, or you could hold a fund raising event in your own groups. There is already over one hundred pounds raised by the draw taken at the Victory Hall supper evening. There will be another piece in the link composed by Sarah and Simon, that will give a lot more information in it, about costs etc. and how to donate. Many thanks for your time.

Anyway, will close now, as I have just come in from cleaning out the fish pond filter, so am in dire need of a shower, but the fish are happier.

Many thanks and best wishes from Tim Nash, Chairperson.

PS. Good news everyone. Publishers have just found a long miss manuscript by Jane Austin. It's about a rich country land owner who grows wheat, barley and oats, and a hard up orphan daughter of an Earl.

The BBC have already bought the rights to make a cereal.

There was an accident on the M5 the other day, between a lorry carrying tiny bits of confectionery, and an ice cream van. No one was killed, but there were 100s and 1000s of casualties.

And finally. Recently I saw two packets of crisps strolling down the road hand in hand, so I pulled over and asked if they needed a lift anywhere. They said "no thanks," we're Walkers.

And on that note I bid you a good night 🌙



Draw Results

April



- £15 Marion Lethbridge #3
- £5 Trevor Dawe #120
- £5 Andrew Craddock #185

Join us for the magical
**Bluebell Walk and
 Pixie Hunt**
 at the Forgotten Garden

Sunday 10th May 2-4pm
 Cream Teas Available



Soupa Troopers

All welcome to this community event



Wednesday May 13h

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall
 Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £4

Followed by conversation & games



From the Editor:

Lewdown Defibrillator: At the moment there is no unit in Lewdown (apart from the one at the school). So Lewdown Residents Association have funded and ordered a new unit to be located at the Blue Lion. We are hoping to recoup our investment through fundraising and donations. Please support this important initiative by making a donation using the BACS details on Page 3 and quoting 'Defib' as the reference. If we raise enough funds we will purchase another unit to place in the centre of the village.

The Shop @The Blue Lion: Currently footfall is so low that the shop may not be able to continue. **We must Use it or we will Lose it.** Don't forget you can pop in for Coffee & Cake when the shop is open.

Nicky & Charlie need some volunteer help. Two at a time for 2hrs would work well. Ed

The Shop @The Blue Lion, Lewdown

Here is a selection of some items the shop offers:

Fruit & Veg	Fresh Bakery (to order)
Drinks & sweets	Fresh meats (to order)
Foxcombe Bakery	Local Jams, Chutneys & Honey
Local bottled/canned beers	Cleaning products
Newspapers & magazines (to order)	

If there is anything you would like us to stock please let us know and we will do our best to get it.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri 09:00-11:00 & 15:00-16:00 closed Wed PM

Sat 12:00-15:00

Sundays Closed

We will also open during quieter times when the pub is open

Friend's of Lew Trenchard School



Bingo

Friday 12th June

6:30pm, Eyes Down 7pm

Lewdown Victory Hall

All proceeds for Lew Trenchard
Primary School

GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!



Gardening Jobs for May



Continuing on from the last few articles, this month I am focusing on planting out your small plants into the garden and for 'crop of the month' this time, I have gone with beetroot!

Planting out

As the weather warms up and young plants raised under cover get bigger, attention turns to planting out. There are many options, from dibbing a small hole for plants raised in small modules which can just be dropped in, to using a hand spade to make a hole for larger things like courgettes which then need to be filled around.

Even if the ground is damp, give new transplants a water as this helps the soil settle around them and ensure there is good contact with the roots.

Generally it is better to plant a little deep, as this ensures your transplants will be more stable, for things like tomatoes they can even grow new roots from the buried stem.

Protecting new transplants

I don't harden off anything that I plant out, any benefit is surely eroded by the massive effort required to take plants in and out of cover over the course of a week or so.

Instead, I try and look ahead at the forecast to avoid planting things outside right before any extreme weather (like heavy rain or a frost) If that's not possible, then the use of fleece or mesh to give plants some protection from the worst of the weather helps.

Crop of the month - Beetroot

Growing advice - there are many options for growing beetroot, seeds can be sown and planted as little clumps to give lots of small harvests or they can be grown in well-spaced rows to get big hearty roots which will store better

Top varieties - Boltardy is an old reliable variety, whilst Chioggia roots have amazing white and purple stripes or if you are feeling adventures why not try a Golden beetroot which are far sweeter.

Best ways to eat - pickled for sure (but that can be a fair amount of work), so try roasted beetroot which goes with most meals and adds a unique earthy tone, whilst the leaves and stems can both be added to salads

How to store - leaves should be picked to eat, whilst the root itself can be stored in the fridge or in the autumn and winter it can be stored almost like a potato

Other notes - don't let beetroot grow too big, or else the roots start to get woody.



May the weather be with you!

Liam



Launceston Male Voice Choir

presents

'NEW MUSIC' NIGHT

**Victory Hall
Lewdown**

Saturday 16th May 2026

7.00pm

Special Guest

Charlotte Beazley

Admission free

Retiring Collection



STOWFORD COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet your neighbours for a coffee, cake and catch up!

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Stowford Parish Hall.
10am - 12noon. All friends and family welcome.

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

All profits are donated to a charity chosen by villagers.
If you need help with transport, please contact Tracy on 07973 327161



Stowford's



at Stowford Parish Hall

To all Quizzers

Allana, David and Peter wish to thank everyone who attended the Stowford quiz nights.

This season, you have all helped to raise an amazing £385 for local charities.

We will be donating £96.25 to Lewdown Residents Association towards newlink

Also £96.25 to Stowford Parish Hall towards improvements

and £192.50 to Devon Air Ambulance

Devon Wildlife - Bluebell (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*)

In April and May, our ancient woodlands are awash with the much-loved, nodding heads of the bluebell. Millions of bulbs can exist in just one wood, giving rise to the 'blue carpets' that are a springtime joy.

Habitats: Woodland, Towns & Gardens

Statistics: Height up to 50 cm

About: The bluebell spends most of the year as bulb underground in ancient woodland, only emerging to flower and leaf from April onwards. This early flowering allows it to make the most of the sunlight that is still able to make it to the forest floor habitat, before the canopy becomes too dense. Millions of



bulbs may exist in one bluebell wood, causing the blue carpets we so keenly associate with spring, and new plants are sometimes able to split off from these bulbs and grow as clones.

The Bluebell attracts the attention of plenty of pollinating insects.

How to identify: The bluebell is, perhaps, one of our most famous and unmistakable woodland flowers: look for long, narrow, drooping leaf fronds, and bending flower stems that are heavy with nodding, blue bell-shaped flowers

Distribution: Widespread

Did you know: The bluebell's Latin name, *Hyacinthoides*, comes from a Greek myth: when the Prince Hyacinthus died, the tears of the god Apollo spelled the word 'alas' on the petals of the hyacinth flower that sprang up from his blood. Non-scripta means unlettered and distinguishes the bluebell from the similar-looking hyacinth.

From Delft to Devon

My family history by Peter van Delft - Part Five
Cornelis 1815-1859, 2 x Great grandfather

Cornelis Pieter was the sixth child of Pieter (3 x Great grandfather). Cornelis would follow in his father's profession as a barge owner. However, not as a public taxi service, but as a stone and rock haulier.

Cornelis would transport the rock and stone from the south of Holland or Germany to help build a new polder in the Haarlemmermeer. A polder is a drained area from the sea. Cornelis's job was to help build the dams that formed the polder. Haarlemmermeer is an area just west of Amsterdam.

Unfortunately, Cornelis was not so lucky in love. He married his first wife in 1842 all three of their children died soon after childbirth. His wife died after giving birth to their third child. Cornelis married soon after to his second wife in May 1849. His second wife died giving birth to their first child. Not hanging around or maybe just a Casanova, Cornelis married his third wife Neeltje Maagdelyjn aged 26 in 1850. She gave birth to 6 children including Jan (1 x Great grandfather). Cornelis then aged 44, whilst working on his barge to help build a dam, encountered a sudden storm. Cornelis eldest son Dirk aged 6 fell overboard. Cornelis dived into the sea to try and save him but unfortunately, due to conditions, they both drowned. This was reported in the local newspaper.



Neeltje would have been distraught with this news however she still had 5 other children to look after. The youngest aged just 1 year and the eldest aged 8 years old. Neeltje could not or did not want to continue living in the town of Alkemade where she lived with the 5 children. She would move to a town called Zwartsluis. This was a two-day journey from Alkemade at that time but was where her brother lived. There, she set up a new shop as a seamstress.

Neeltje would remarry two years after Cornelis's and Dirk's death. With her second husband she would have two still born baby's. Her last husband died just 8 years after marrying. Neeltje died at the aged of 76, the photo of her was taken circa 1900.

Fiction of the month: The Pretender by Jo Harkin

Is a vivid, transporting feat of imagination and storytelling, so alive I felt Jo Harkin might be a time traveller...

Wolf Hall meets Demon Copperhead in a sharply ambitious, brilliantly imagined and hugely entertaining story of intrigue, deceit, revenge and ambition.

1483.

The English throne is in peril.

Peasant boy and pretender John Collan is faced with two options.

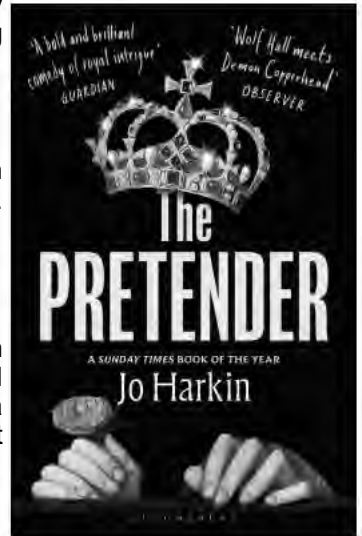
a) Become king

b) Die trying

What could possibly go wrong?

Seething with revenge and machination, sparkling with wit and humanity, and roaring with adventure and bravado, *The Pretender* is the captivating true story of a young man tossed into the chaos of history as it happens.

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Asparagus & New Potato Frittata: GF, Vegetarian, Nut free, ready in 20 min

Ingredients:

200g new potatoes quartered

100g asparagus tips

1 tbsp olive oil

1 onion finely chopped

6 eggs beaten

40g cheddar grated

Rocket or mixed leaves, to serve

Step 1:

Heat the grill to high. Put the potatoes in a pan of cold salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling, cook for 4-5 mins until nearly tender, then add the asparagus for a final 1 min. Drain.

Step 2:

Meanwhile, heat the oil in an ovenproof frying pan and add the onion. Cook for about 8 mins until softened.

Step 3:

Mix the eggs with half the cheese in a jug and season well. Pour over the onion in the pan, then scatter over the asparagus and potatoes. Top with the remaining cheese and put under the grill for 5 mins or until golden and cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve from the pan with salad.

By Monique



Village Skies by The Watcher on the Hill

We are now well into BST and the skies are not properly dark until gone 11 p.m. By this time, we can look eastwards to see rising some of the constellations that will be with us over the summer months. Mythical Hercules is already high up, needing just a little imagination to pick out his arms and legs in the pattern of stars. Within his boundaries can be found the Great Globular Cluster, a ball of half a million stars on the outskirts of our Milky Way galaxy. It is the brightest such cluster that can be seen to observers at our latitudes, and can just about be seen with a good eye on a dark night, as a faint smudge. In a telescope, it resolves magnificently into hundreds of individual stars.



Following Hercules up from the horizon, we see the bright star Vega, within the small constellation Lyra, the lyre. Much larger is Cygnus, the swan, whose body points straight down the arcing Milky Way. Binoculars reveal the background sky here to be packed full of stars.

Astronomers often observe on nights without a moon, better to

see the fainter objects in the skies. The moon is new on the 15th but perhaps, with the recent success of the Artemis II mission, we should give our neighbour a little attention too. No instrument is needed to make out its larger, darker features - the so-called "seas" and "oceans" - actually plains of volcanic lava, spewed



out billions of years ago. Binoculars will show their shapes, surrounded by lighter areas of mountains. The full moon on May 1st shows the whole disc, but better views will be had around last quarter (9th May) or the following first quarter (23rd), when the glancing sunlight accentuates the mountains and craters along the line (the "terminator") dividing lunar night from day. At such times, binoculars can show some lovely details, especially when supported - ideally a tripod, or else a convenient wall. The craters are the results of ancient meteorite impacts and, at higher magnifications, some of them reveal features like terraced boundary walls and central mountain peaks. The pictures sent back by the Artemis astronauts are superb, but we can still get some decent views from here in Devon.

Secrets of the Past Beneath Our Feet

Boar War Medal, South Africa. Awarded to: 871. Private W.J.F. Ackford, Cold Stream Guards. Found locally, apparently a quarry worker possibly Lewtrenchard quarry works:



Queen Victoria's Jubilee medal. Born 1819, Crowned 1838, Married 1840, Golden Jubilee 1887:



Key, possibly Roman or Medieval, same design both periods:



Medieval Horse Harness mount, found locally:



Tony Butland

Reflections of a Steam Engine Fireman

At the start of 1967 Guildford loco had 86 Drivers and 82 fireman and more diesel were being added Class 33 Cromptons 1550 hp Diesel and class 73 Electro diesel, 1600hp/600 hp diesel and on some turn they did not require a fireman this caused a loss of about 20 fireman who left to find work away from the railway and 30 drivers had done 50 years service so were about to retire on or before the end of steam 10 July 1967. Lucky for me nine elms was short of fireman.

The loco was still doing lots of ballast work so steam was still operating and we were all hoping for a special with a full load and a good engine for a last hurrah.

And I was not only rostered a special 175 on 3-7-67 a week before the end of steam but the best engine left in our depot a class 5mt 73118.4-6-0 tender engine.

My driver was Alec McClymont and we prepared the engine, the tools were in the stores because train enthusiasts were pinching tools etc. from the loco. Tender first to Woking and then forward to Southampton and we entered the docks at Redbridge so that the loco was facing the right way for Feltham.

We stabled the engine to await our goods train by the Ocean Liner Terminal. This was being put together by a USA 0-6-0 tank ,we were then instructed to reverse back onto the train by the shunter.

I started making the fire up ready for our departure, we had topped the tender up while we were stabled, the guard then informed us the weight and number of wagons, a full load banana special to Feltham, we were then instructed. After a brakes test we were fully fitted goods to pull forward by the shunter to the dock gates two shunters with red flag stop the traffic and then signal us to go across Canute Road and pass to the right of Southampton terminus and join the The Mail Line at Northam.

We were given the right of way to Wallers Ash loop and was turned in to let two expresses pass both steam hauled by there Headcodes, one for Waterloo and one for Oxford, our speed was 45mph right away again and turn in at Byfleet New Haw and onto Staines and Feltham goods yard, uncouple. light engine to loco, water, turn the engine and return to Guildford loco and clean the fire etc.

I have been given the timing for this special, sign on 08.45 prepare loco depart 09.53 for Southampton East Docks via Woking. 14.00 depart East Docks to Felpham, then depart 1700 to Guildford loco.

Alec has provided me with photos at east docks and a picture of myself at Wallers Ash loop.

Tom



Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystowe and Thrushelton

Abbreviated Minute No 799 of Ordinary Meeting

Held on Monday 30th March 2026 at Lewdown Victory Hall

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

Present: Cllrs Yeo (Chair), Mincher (vice chair), Alexander, Allison, Andrews, Metherell, Southcott, Perkins, Wilkinson. Cllr Mott (WDBC) P. van Delft (clerk). Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence - Caroline Mott (WDBC)
2. Lew Trenchard primary school - heating problem - Cllr Alexander reported that the School head Liz Davy had received a response from 'An Darus Trust' who administer the school. A.D.T. wrote to suggest that the repair/replacement heating system would cost in excess of £200,00. Cllr Alexander thought that this was an excessive sum and asked the council if the clerk could write to Cllr Grainger and ask for his intervention to resolve this most urgent heating issue, in particular why the cost is so much and what the actual quotation covers, also when the heating system will be operational again. Clerk to action.
3. Members of the public open forum - no members present
4. Declarations of Interest - Cllr Alexander item 9.3
5. Minutes of previous meeting 798 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Southcott, motion carried
6. Cllr Mott (WDBC) report - no current news
7. Planning app. 0383/26/HHO - Householder application for extension & conversion of existing garage/store. 2 Cross Roads, Lewdown, EX20 4DP Council decision - support - Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Andrews, motion carried.
Planning app. 0453/26/FUL - Proposed calf rearing building, Ford Farm, Coryton, EX20 4PG Council decision - support - Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Allison, motion carried.
8. Finance -
 - 8.1 Payments were authorised for the following;

Clerk salary - Feb - Mar	£566.50
HMRC - Clerk paye	£137.88
P Van Delft - Clerk expenses - refund	£141.24
Vision ICT - Web hosting & email provider	£215.58

Proposed Cllr Alexander, seconded Cllr Southcott, motion carried.
 - 8.2 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance of £20,550.96, proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Metherell, motion carried.
9. Play area updates
 - 9.1 Lease agreement - update - still awaiting the return of the final copy.
 - 9.2 Play equipment - Cllr Perkins provided a two stage purchase plan, this consisted;

Stage one - Purchase swing frame, basket swing, and mats, installation and delivery total cost	
£15,683.40 inc VAT	
Stage two - Purchase Octagonal tower with accessories, mats & delivery, estimated cost	
£27,300.00 inc VAT	

Cllr Perkins asked a motion to support and proceed with stage one, funding from s106 fund with the balance to come from previous fundraising activities. Motion proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Southcott, motion carried.
 - 9.3 Section 106 - The R.F.O. to submit an application asap for the sum of £10,933.26 to hep with the purchase of stage one items.
 - 9.4 Safety Nets - Cllr Perkins provided an estimate of £1000 for the purchase of safety nets, it was resolved to make further enquiries for the equipment and seek support from the Cricket club for the installation. Cllr Metherell to discuss with the chair of the Cricket Club.
10. Cllr reports - Cllr Mincher reported that the Car Park at the Cross Park development that is intended for school teacher use still has no signage and markings. More items of unfinished work remain for the development.
11. Councillor vacancies - Two councillors for Marystow
12. Information & Technology policy - Cllr Mincher to review the draft and provide a copy for the next meeting.
13. Highways - Cllr Southcott informed that the Wig Wag lights still remain inoperative despite having contacting them. Cllr Metherell reported that the 'stop' lighting has now been repaired.
14. Correspondence - none
15. Emergency plan - Cllr Southcott reported that just one item remained outstanding.
16. Noticeboard repairs - Cllr Wilkinson reported that the glass for the doors had been purchased and delivered to Mr Spry for final repairs.
17. Defibrillator - repairs and replacement - awaiting D.H.F. response to grant application.

Meeting closed 8.50pm. Date, place and time of Annual Parish and Ordinary meeting Monday 27th April 2026, Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30pm



Piper's of Lewdown in the 1920's

LEWDOWN SCHOOL 1946 (approx)

Back Row.

Harold Jones, Pat Summers, Mavis Hitt, Jean Parsons, Michael Payne, Les Yeo.

2nd Row.

Ivor Chapman, Margaret Worth, Jenny Payne, Joan Mounce, Jean Hetherall, Val Mounce, Margaret Hitt, Cicily Rowland, Bunty Parsons, Rita Jones, Teacher, Pat Falconer.

3rd Row.

Derriak Webbar, David Allen, Peter Summers, Francis Burden, Judy Summers, Lorraine Spry, Meg Chapman, Eric Worth, Patrick Williams.

Front Row.

Jackie Chapman, Brian Worth, John Oliver, Sylvia Farnall, June Harding, Rene Parsons, Tony Davey, Henry Farnall.



Cocktail of the Month 'Floating Garden'

Named for the sweet, colourful dome that appears to float atop the ice...

...Floating Garden evokes the unmistakable feeling of spring coming into bloom upon the palate. A refined twist on the classic Rossini, it reveals delicate floral notes from Elderflower Liqueur, complemented by gentle tropical nuances drawn from Overproof Rum Infused Mint.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Elderflower Liqueur
- Strawberry Syrup
- Overproof Rum Infused Mint
- Lemon Juice
- Brut Champagne

METHOD:

Moisten the rim of a Classic Coupe Cocktail Glass with lemon juice and dip in sugar.

Combine the Elderflower Liqueur, Strawberry Syrup, Overproof Rum Infused Mint, Lemon Juice and Champagne into a Cocktail Shaker.

Add muddled fresh mint to the Shaker before blending.

Add ice to chill the mixture and shake well! Strain into a Coupe Cocktail Glass.



From the Mountains of Japan

No.22 - Catching a (tax) break with Japan's homeland tax system

Paying tax sucks just as much in Japan as it does everywhere else in the world, and with fewer free allowances than many other countries (20% on all stock dividends, for example), financial year end is a particularly unpleasant time.

However, Japan has one quirk - what is known as "Furosato Nosei", or the homeland tax system.

Shamelessly benefiting high earners, this system was set up to allow people to "donate" a portion of their income tax payments to a particular city or region, in return for a thank you gift from the area in question, typically worth 30% of your donation.

The system is simple. You go to one of a series of websites that look pretty much like shopping sites, order what you want, then later submit the postal receipt with your tax return, and the payment gets taken off your income tax. For example, you might spend £60 on a case of beer worth £20, but since that £100 is taken off your income tax, the toilet roll is effectively free. Using this system, you can typically "donate" about 10% of your income tax payments.

There are a few rules. You're not allowed to buy anything in your own prefecture, and goods that are advertised as specialist local goods, had better be. A town near me was caught out buying in grapes to meet a demand for its local muscat variety, and as a result was kicked out of the scheme. This left a deficit of budget for the local council which had to be made up elsewhere, so for example, the entry ticket to that city's public zoo has risen from 200 yen to 600 yen. Consider that a slap on the wrist.

While originally designed for local goods such as fruit or vegetables, the system has expanded into pretty much anything grown or manufactured in that area, such as cleaning or kitchen products. I haven't effectively paid for toilet paper for three years, as I order 48-roll boxes through Furosato Nosei a couple of times a year.



Tissues: free

Really rich people can get things such as sofas, bicycles, or even short holidays off it, but for a local community, it can be really beneficial. All they need is a couple of decent coffee factories or a brewery or two, and the homeland tax money comes rolling in...!

Chris Ward

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April Answers

Freestyle Chess: How many ways are there to place the two bishops on an empty back row of four black and four white squares? **16**

Once the bishops are placed, how many combinations are there for placing the knights and queens? **60**

What is the total number of arrangements for the back row, including the rooks and king? **960**

QUIZ



Astronomers spotted five volcanoes simultaneously erupting on which moon of Jupiter? Io

What is the name of the fastest-flowing glacier in Antarctica?

Pine Island glacier

What is the name of the bonobo who was able to take part in a pretend tea party?

Kanzi

In which amphibian can you find the psychedelic compound 5-MeO-DMT?

Colorado river toad

Which fruit could be made to taste less bitter using CRISPR gene editing?

Grapefruit

Evil Sudoku

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Lewtrenchard WI April Report

We had a good turnout and Barbara welcomed everyone, especially Kathryn from Australia, her husband Terry, a friend of one of our members and our speaker Paul Rendell who was going to talk to us about Secret Nature on Dartmoor.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Everyone was sad to hear about the passing of Audrey Hennessey, a long term member of Chillaton and Lewtrenchard WI & the Lewdown community, she will be missed and our thoughts are with her family.

We are now looking forward to the Tamar Group Meeting, organised by Kelly WI and our Centenary fundraiser on Saturday 25th April.

Barbara handed over to Paul Rendell to talk about 'Secret Nature on Dartmoor'. Paul has a vast knowledge of walking on Dartmoor, talking about Dartmoor, spotting rare plants and animals, basically he lives and breathes Dartmoor. Paul showed us many photos of rare and common finds of plants, insects, birds and other animals. His photos were beautiful, his knowledge amazing, gained from many walks and years spent on Dartmoor with his parents and sister. Paul is not new to Lewtrenchard WI, some years ago he spoke to us about the making of War Horse, the film, a most interesting talk. Paul spoke easily for 45 minutes, no notes and then took questions from the floor. Barbara thanked him warmly for his time and invited him to judge our competitions. Afterwards, we had a refreshing cup of tea and biscuits. Want to know more about Paul check out: www.paulrendelldartmoor.co.uk.



Date & venue for next meeting: Monday May 11, 19:30, Lewdown Victory Hall Annual Meeting

Dates for your diary:

9th May	Skittles @ Treburley
21st May	Coffee morning
25th May	Walk



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Wednesday 20th May 2026

19:00 - 21:00

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Farming Report

April has been another busy one on the farm, with the weather coming just right at the start of the month we got all the fertiliser spread on the fields and rolled them after. Now it's a waiting game for it to start coming to life and growing for hopefully a big silage crop and start getting the stock on the fields.

On the calving front we've had more calves born and most of the lambs have now gone to the abattoir to catch the Easter trade with the price holding firm.



On a farm safety point my dad had a bit of an accident on the farm a few weeks ago (nothing too serious thankfully) and it came as a reminder that no matter "how many times I've done this job" you can never be too careful. It just takes 5 seconds to think have I taken all the precautions such

as turning the PTO off, turning the tractor off, giving enough space, etc. Most of the time farmers are alone working so just take those few extra steps no matter how many times you may have done the job!

Becky Dennis

LEWDOWN



Adult Training: With the new season rapidly approaching outdoor training sessions are beginning (please call or message Keith Maynard 07368 654932 to check on days and times).

Junior Training: The first Friday night session will take place on Friday 1st May at 6.30pm

CRICKET CLUB

Fixtures:

SAT 2nd May 1st XI HOME vs Whitchurch 1.00pm

SUN 3rd May 2nd XI AWAY vs Stoke Gabriel 1.00pm

SAT 9th May 1st XI AWAY vs Babbacombe 1.00pm

SAT 9th May 2nd XI HOME vs Tavistock 1.00pm

SAT 16th May 1st XI HOME vs Stoke Gabriel 1.00pm

SUN 17th May 2nd XI AWAY vs Ipplepen 1.00pm

SAT 23rd May 1st XI AWAY vs Stokeinteighead 1.00pm

SAT 23rd May 2nd XI HOME vs Torquay & Kingskerswell 1.00pm

Match Ball Sponsorship:

Like all community clubs we rely heavily on the generosity of local people and businesses. We passionately believe that sport can be a power for good in our community. One relatively low-cost way of supporting us is through match ball sponsorship. Every Saturday we have to use a brand new ball for each innings and at £15 per match this is a great way to support our club. Your name or business will be displayed on A-board at the game and on social media over that weekend. Make contact on the number below if you interested.

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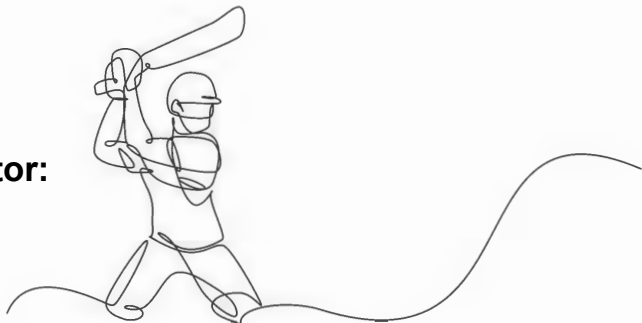
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From the Parish Priest

Dear Friends

I write this letter in a state of both exhilaration and exhaustion!

Holy Week and Easter was a wonderful celebration of God's love in Jesus which was made even more special by including a joyful Baptism and a wonderful wedding.

To add to this we were blessed by a visit from our German Barbershop friends who not only entertained us in spectacular fashion in a concert, but were a delight to host and look after for the days that they were with us.

With all that seems wrong in the world, it is good to remind ourselves of what it is to live in God's love, and the events surrounding our Easter celebrations were indeed evidence of God's love in action within our church and community.

Although it is impossible to explain in human terms, the pure unifying love of God is what we celebrate and contemplate on Trinity Sunday, and we have a special opportunity to demonstrate and share that love and joy with each other at one of our Fifth Sunday Special celebrations on May 31st at the Fox and Grapes.

Everyone, of all ages, is welcome to join us for worship and to enjoy fellowship and fun with each other at lunch afterwards.

So do come and bring your friends!!

With love and prayers,

Philip

Service times for May 2026

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

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|-----------------|----------------|--|
| 3rd May | 6pm | on the eve Saturday 2nd May Vigil Office at Kelly |
| | | Easter 5 |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Lifton |
| | 11.15am | Parish Eucharist at Stowford |
| 10th May | 6pm | on the eve Saturday 9th May Vigil Office at Kelly |
| | | Easter 6 |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Broadwoodwidge |
| | | Morning Prayer at Thrushelton |
| | 11.15 | Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard |
| 14th May | | The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord |
| | 6.30pm | North & South Tamar Mission Communities Festival Eucharist at St. Peter's, Lamerton |
| 17th May | 6pm | on the eve Saturday 16th May Vigil Office at Kelly |
| | | Easter 7 |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Lifton |
| | 11.15 | GIFT service at Stowford |
| | | <i>A service for the very young and those who care for them.</i> |
| 24th May | | Pentecost |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Thrushelton |
| | | Morning Prayer at Broadwoodwidge |
| | 11.15 | Parish Eucharist at Lewtrenchard |
| | 6pm | Solemn Evensong at Kelly |
| 31st May | | Trinity |
| | 9.30am | Fifth Sunday Special Celebration for Trinity Sunday |
| | | <i>See Separate notice.</i> |

Wednesday Morning Eucharist: 10.30 at Lifton

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

Come and join us to celebrate

TRINITY SUNDAY



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Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for May 2026

3rd	Drop in the Ark	10:30 - 12:30
10th	C Wagstaff	11:00
17th	Rev C Jackson S US	11:00
24th	B Searle	11:00
31st	H Haywood	11:00

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

3rd May	09:30	Holy Communion
17th May	09:30	Breakfast Church

St. Andrew, Coryton

10th May	11:15	Matins
24th May	16:00	Pentecost Communion

Please see: www.southtamar.church/calendar for details about services

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Fourth Sunday 10.30am

Second Sunday Children's Meeting

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Roman Catholic Services

Tavistock

Sunday 9.15am

Holy Days 10am

Fr. Greatbatch 01822 612645

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Okehampton

Sunday 11.15am

Sunday 5.30pm

Chagford - Saturday 5.30pm

Fr. A. K. Gundabathina 01837 52229

anil.gundabathina@prcdtr.org.uk

Launceston

Sunday 10.30am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

DOG WALKING IN THE PARISH OF STOWFORD

Stowford Parish Council, along with the Parish Church Committee and West Devon Borough Council, has received numerous complaints about dog off leads in the area. In response, the Parish Council reviewed the relevant rules and now, for your information, provides the following clarification.

Under the West Devon Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), dogs must be kept on a lead in specified public areas, including roads, pavements, cemeteries and churchyards. Dogs must also be put on a lead if instructed by an authorised officer. A maximum of six dogs may be walked by one person at any time, and breaches may result in fines. Working dogs are excluded. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100, or a fine of up to £1,000 upon prosecution.

Enforcement is carried out by local officers through regular patrols.

The land opposite the church, often referred to as the “recreation ground”, is privately rented farmland and is not open to the public. Dog fouling in such areas poses a serious risk to livestock, contributing to disease that can cause miscarriages and financial loss for farmers.

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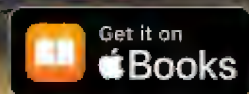
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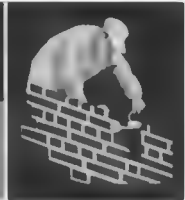
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