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2018



Wednesday December 12th Christmas Special

2019

Wednesday January 9th

Wednesday February 13th

From 12.30pm in Lewdown Victory Hall
Soup and a Bread Roll, Tea or Coffee - £3



Followed by conversation & games
(Optional)



S Hedger

Lewtrenchard WI,

November 12th 2018.

This was our first winter early start meeting at 7pm.

Our guest speaker was Paul Rendell who had come to tell us about The Military on the Moor.

There has been a military presence for at least 1000 years with Iron Age hill forts and a warlike people inhabiting Dartmoor, and of course there is Okehampton Castle which is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

The 1800's see the first real organised, military presence during the wars with France and America. Prisoners of war had been held in ships at Plymouth but the conditions were becoming impossible so they were marched to Princetown where they built the prison which still stands. There were around 5000 prisoners with officers being permitted 'parole' to live in the local towns around the Moor. At the end of the wars the prisoners were released.

In the 1870's there was a boost in the military presence with a camp of 10,000 troops established for training purposes to see if Dartmoor would be a suitable place for the troops to train. By the time they left at the end of August after some bad weather they said they would never return. The foundations they created for their bell tents can still be seen occasionally around the Moor. Journalists were invited and there are photos from The Times.

In the 1880's however, it was decided to return as its distance from the public made it attractive and the camp at Okehampton was built. The original buildings still exist and the camp is recognisable today from its initial format. Throughout the early C20th the Moor and the camp were used for training. Photographers were invited to take photos of each party and they were reproduced as postcards which was cheap and the troops bought these and sent them to friends and families. Due to this there is a good photographic record available.

There was little awareness of the safety of civilians so the photographers and walkers and general public had access whilst the training was going on. Even when there was live firing and shelling.

The 1ST WW saw 40,000 Dartmoor ponies being rounded up and sent to battle. Only 4000 came back.

Dartmoor was used for training throughout the 1930's and 1940's in the lead up to the 2ndWW. The RAF built decoy airbases to fool the enemy and draw their fire from Plymouth, Harrabear and Yelverton airbases. The road system round Yelverton we use now was built during the war to avoid the airbase in case of the danger of a Plymouth invasion.

Training not only involved shells and guns, around the moor chemicals and

mustard gas still lie buried and secret.

After the war the Moor was given back to the public and local people with Okehampton Camp being retained and some training continuing. The lack of public safety awareness continued, with walkers and users of the moors able to come close to live firing. This changed after a fatal incident in 1962 involving a father and his son who were walkers.

The changes brought about then still exist today with flags, lights and lanterns and notices giving advanced warning. If people are seen then the exercise has to stop and the people are removed. There have been quite a few accidents and deaths due to firing including not just the public but also military personnel.

Nowadays the 10 Tors is a huge PR exercise for the military on Dartmoor. In May they organize 35,45 or 55 mile routes across the Moor for young peoples' groups to take part.

Paul told us of his involvement in this with the Jubilee Trust and Fresh Tracks which is an organization that takes young people, trains them and then they walk a pony across the Moor for 15 miles, an activity which has huge benefits for their mental health.

The military presence has left its mark across the Moor with observation posts of concrete and stone, buried detritus, and the abandoned hardware from decades of training. Their activities have never been documented so much of what has happened is top secret. Training and the public is not an easy partnership but it is the history of Dartmoor and has contributed to making the Moor as we see it today.

Paul's final words were a prediction that whilst the training will continue it will be robots in future as warfare changes.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Cathie Slocombe with tea afterwards.

Competition: A Wartime Recipe 1st Mary Rolfe

2nd Mary Edgecumbe.

Flower of the Month: Margaret Dunne.

Next Meeting: Monday, 10th December, A Christmas Celebration. 7.00pm, Lewdown Victory Hall. All welcome

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POPPY. APPEAL 2018

This year the poppy appeal marked the centenary of the ending of the First World War. There has been news stories and documentaries all over the TV and I think because of this you have been most generous. I am delighted to announce that together we raised **£1668.46**



£240.56 of this total was given at the service at the Victory Hall.

Thank you to all who collection on behalf of the British legion, either having a box in you establishment, or going house to house.

Many thanks again yours most sincerely Tim Nash.
Honorary poppy appeal organiser.

**LEWDOWN VICTORY HALL
GRAND CHRISTMAS
WHIST DRIVE
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER
8.00PM**

**MONTHLY WHIST DRIVES
START AGAIN ON SAT 12TH
JAN 2019**

Dear Readers, Well by the time you read this monthly pile of poop, December will just about be with us, and the family will be undertaking their annual trip to late night shopping in Tavistock, under the prefix of buying some more presents, but the real reason is the fish and chips. I use to feel rather guilty about this because the present Mrs Nash being gluten intolerant was unable to partake, thankfully though the new shop in Okehampton will do gluten free food on a Monday, also there are some available in Launceston. Unfortunately KFC have not got around to doing their Chicken else life would be wonderful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had anything to do with the production of the newlink. Andy for editing , Terry who prints and who has sorted out getting the new colour printer up and running, I hope you all find it much improved. All the other members of the committee Tracey the secretary, Sarah treasurer, and Mary who undertakes each month the folding and distribution. Thank you to all the people who give their time to go about delivering the magazine around the area, thank you one and all.

Due to the fact there will be no Link in December it feels slightly strange to be wishing you all a very happy Christmas the day after Bonfire night, but there is a big plus point about this, you won't be inflicted with my rubbish for two whole months, no appalling jokes, no bad grammar. if on the other hand you fancy much of the same but in the flesh so to speak, then come along to the annual carols around the tree at the Victory Hall on Tuesday 18th of December starting at 7pm prompt ish. There will be festive songs from the ladies from Bridestowe to start the evening in tune, followed by mulled wine, tea and light refreshments, and may be even a quiz with prizes. It is preferred if you wear your best Christmas jumpers.

Will close as now that the bake off has finished I have time to have a bath, four in the same year what ever next.

Best wishes to you all from Tim Nash Hon Chairperson and the present Mrs Nash.

I asked the wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace. So i bought her nothing.

A Christmas poem for you. T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, they'd been worn all week and needed the air.



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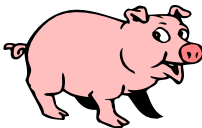
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Sunday, 16th December, 2018 at 6.30 pm start with refreshments in the Community Hub.

Contact Marion Perkin 01566 776758 for Celebration attendees and refreshment numbers.

Donations and Collection for St. Nicholas Church

We had a very successful Remembrance Sunday Service with a Commemoration on the village green for the first time, attendance some 70 parishioners and 2 horses followed by a service in the church taken by Mr Dean James, attendance 55 followed by coffee and biscuits. The collection of some £195 has been sent to the British Legion. This was our first ecumenical service and we hope to plan more in the coming year. The concert by the Launceston Male Voice Choir with Leslie and Mary Mazur Park was a great success followed by supper in the Community Hub. We are very grateful to the Choir, organised by Kevin Lane, and Mary and Leslie.

We look forward to our Caribbean Concert on Sunday the 16th of December at 6.30 there will be refreshments following the concert in the Community Hub.

A JPPC Meeting was held on the 14th Of November chaired by the Rural Dean the Rev Nick Law, the main purpose be the pursuance of the procedures needed to be undertaken leading to the selection of a new Priest-in-Charge in June 2019.

A list of services is attached for December and January 2019.

I should like express our gratitude, on behalf of Broadwoodwidge, to Pat for all her hard work over the years in editing the Messenger, we also hope that there will be some continuance of the publication in the future.

Services for December 2018

Sunday 9th Holy Communion taken by the Rev Stuart Wilson 9.30am

Sunday 16th Caribbean Concert 6.30 for 7pm start

Sunday 23rd Holy Communion 9.30am Rev Stuart Wilson

Monday 24th 9 Lessons and Carols in the Church at 6pm

Services for January

Sunday Jan 13th Morning Prayer 11am

Sunday Jan 20th Holy Communion 9.30am

Dear Neighbour

St. John the Baptist, Stowford needs your help. Currently we have a congregation numbering six parishioners (people living within the parish) and an operating cost of more than £700/month. Financially we can survive for about six months and then we will have no choice but to close the church.

You may know that our incumbent, the Reverend Tim Deacon, sadly died earlier in the year. Presently we have no vicar and the process of finding a new incumbent could well take many months. This does not help the situation.

St. John is at the heart of Stowford, we are lucky to have such a beautiful building in our community. We undertake a number of well attended parish events every year and these will have to cease. This includes Christingles, Stowford Church Lunch, The Great Stowford Duck Race, Harvest Festival, Open Gardens and a first this year the Hayne Manor Event. We are sure you will also miss the church clock, the ringing of our ancient bells and the playing of our wonderfully restored organ.

If, like us, you wish to see St. John open in the future then we need your help. We really need parish residents to join us for services and for those not interested in religious matters but who wish to see the church continue in its work become Friends of St. John and gift a regular sum of money to the parochial church council - no matter how small.

We do our best to hold two services a month: on the first and third Sunday at 11:15. Please come and join us. You can find service details in Newslink and on the Church of England 'A Church Near You' website - just search Google.

We do not wish for this to look like a begging letter and we are hoping you will understand our need to communicate the predicament our parish is in.

Please contact either Warden Simon Hedger or Warden Charles Chick if you are interested in helping us keep St. John going.

With thanks in advance for your kindness

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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

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Launceston Sunday 10.00 am
Holy Days 7.30pm

Rev. David Annear 01566 773166

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Meeting for Worship

Tavistock every Sunday 10.00am.

4 Canal Road, Tavistock.

Contact – Kay Nicholson

01822 614596

Okehampton

Every Sunday 10.30am.

Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

Community Centre, Okehampton

Community College, Mill Road,

Okehampton.

Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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DECEMBER 2018

SUN 2nd	09.30 09:30 09:30 11.15	First Carol Service – Lifton Morning Prayer – Thrushelton Holy Communion – Kelly Holy Communion - Stowford
SUN 9th	09.30 11.15 15:00	Holy Communion – Broadwoodwidge Songs of Praise – Lewtrenchard Christingle Service – Lifton
SUN 16th	09.30 09.30 11.15 11:15 18:00	Morning Service– Lifton Morning Prayer – Thrushelton Holy Communion & Carol Service – Stowford Morning Prayer – Kelly Caribbean Christmas Concert - Broadwoodwidge
SUN 23rd	09:30 11:15 15:00	Holy Communion – Broadwoodwidge Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard Nine Lessons & Carols - Lifton
MON 24th	16:00 18:00 18:30 23:30	Crib Service – Lifton Nine Lessons & Carols – Broadwoodwidge Christingle Service - Stowford Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
MON 25th	09:30 11:15	Holy Communion - Thrushelton Holy Communion – Lifton
MON 30th	10:00	United Benefice Service – Stowford

Note there will be Holy Communion on the 3rd Wednesday
at 10.30 am

Bridestowe Methodist Church

4th 9.30 United Service at Church of England
11th 10.00 United Service at Church of England
18th 11:00 Preacher: V Brown
25th 11:00 Preacher: Gideons

Note: Circuit Meeting at Bridestowe 14th November 2018 at 19:30

SERVICES IN THE LIFTON BENEFICE JANUARY 2019

SUN 6th	09.30 11:15 11.15	Holy Communion – Thrushelton Holy Communion – Kelly Morning Prayer – Stowford
SUN 13th	09.30 11.00 11:15	Morning Service – Lifton Morning Prayer – Broadwoodwidge Morning Prayer – Lewtrenchard
SUN 20th	09.30 11.15 11:15	Morning Prayer – Thrushelton Morning Prayer – Kelly Holy Communion – Stowford
SUN 27th	09:30 11:00 11:15	Holy Communion – Lifton Morning Prayer – Broadwoodwidge Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard



St Peter's Church, Lewtrenchard
 Festive Supper and Song Evening
 Friday December 7th 2018

This event has unfortunately had to be postponed to a later date, due to unforeseen events. Apologies from St Peter's PCC

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

with stalls & Post Office

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Saturday, 1st December

10am – 12 noon

Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies

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Raising money for Church funds



MARYSTOWE CHURCH

On Friday, 21st September, an **Antiques Road Show** organised by Margaret Dunn, was held at Lamerton Community Centre. Everyone brought along an antique, and throughout the evening, Roger Knowles, the auctioneer, valued and spoke about each piece in turn. There was also a raffle, a quiz and an auction, supper and delicious home-made desserts! Our thanks go to everyone who supported this event, which raised a grand total of £1,344 shared equally between Plymouth & Cornwall Cancer Fund and the church.



For our **Harvest Festival**, on Sunday, 21st October, the church was filled with beautiful floral displays, some including fruit and vegetables. This joyful service was led by Rosie Woodcock and afterwards, coffee was served. We would like to thank Kamila Mazur-Park for playing the organ, the ladies who decorated the church and everyone for their generous harvest gifts, including a large donation from Ambrosia. All

the dried, tinned and fresh produce, some bedding and money from the collection were again, kindly delivered by John and Barbara Dawe to The Shekinah Mission in Plymouth.

We will be having a **Christmas Coffee Morning** on Saturday, 1st December 10am - 12noon in the Schoolroom at Marystowe Church to raise money for church funds. There will be various stalls, a raffle and also the Post Office, so an opportunity to post your parcels in good time! Do come along and have coffee and your first mince pie!

If you have any **books** you have finished with, please let us know. We are happy to arrange to collect them. Call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, 16th December at 4.00pm for a **Crib and Carol Service**, suitable for all ages and followed by refreshments. Children may like to come dressed as angels, kings, shepherds or animals. We will also have some costumes for the children to wear on the day.

And on **Christmas Eve**, Monday, 24th December at 6.30pm for a **Christmas Communion Service**. Everyone is very welcome!





STOWFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**St. John the Baptist
Stowford**

Saturday 8th December

10am - 4pm

Sunday 9th December

12am - 4pm

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16th December 2018

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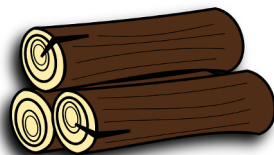
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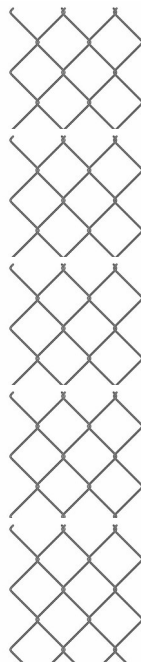
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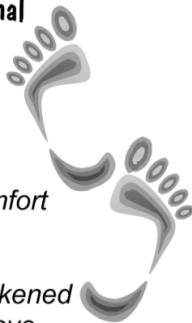
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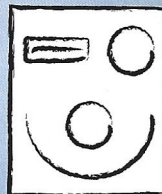
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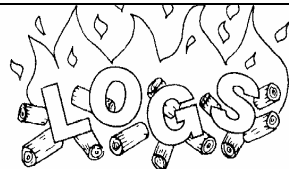
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