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The magazine for all that's going on in your area

Community



Newslink

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What's going on in the area

Date	Location	Organisation & Contact Information	and at what time
Mon-02-Dec	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566783392	Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30
	Victory Hall	Lewdown Young Farmers	Bingo 20:00 doors open 19:30
Wed-04-Dec	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Mon-09-Dec	Victory Hall	Lewtrenchard W I	Social start 19:00
Wed-11-Dec	Victory Hall	Soupa Troupers	Xmas Special start 12:30 till 16:00
	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Thu-12-Dec	Victory Hall	General Election	All Day
Fri-13-Dec	Victory Hall	The Faith Mission (01566) 783512	Community Carol Service (taking part Launceston town band)
Sat-14-Dec	Victory Hall	Village Hal Committee	Hall Xmas whist drive
Sun-15-Dec	St John the Baptist	Stowford church	Carol service started at 11:15 AM
Mon-16-Dec	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566783392	Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30
Tue-17-Dec	Victory Hall	Resident Association	Carol Service 19:00
Wed-18-Dec	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Tue-24-Dec	St John the Baptist	Stowford Church	Christingles family service 18:30 hours (6:30 PM)
Mon-30-Dec	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566783392	Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30
Mon-06-Jan	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566783392	Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30
Wed-08-Jan	Victory Hall	Soupa Troupers	Start 12:30 till 16:00
	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Sat-11-Jan	Victory Hall	Colin 01566783279	Whist Drive
	Victory Hall	Lewtrenchard W I	Meeting 19:00 to
Wed-15-Jan	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Mon-20-Jan	Victory Hall	Audrey 01566783392	Lewdown Drop In 14:30 to 16:30
Wed-22-Jan	Victory Hall	Lewdown residents Association	Final Assembly of the NewsLink Magazine starting at 14:00 hours
	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-
Wed-29-Jan	Victory Hall	AUCTION Paul 07401192921	AUCTION @19:00-



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Dear readers, well here it is everybody the Christmas double issue of my rubbish, you lucky lucky people.

Well what to say, i did take the present Mrs Nash to Exeter the other Saturday, she was feeling a bit low as England had just lost the rugby, while there we happened upon Mr Steve Jones and the present Mrs Jones who used to live at Thrushelford who thought they had got away from receiving this rubbish by moving away from the area but now it seems they still read this tripe even though they have escaped. For those of you how are wondering, i did not get Nicks present, there's plenty of time, and the Shell garage is open all day Christmas eve. You can never have enough windscreen washer liquid and they do rap it ever so nicely.

What do you get if you cross a duck with a cement mixer?, Quacks in the pavement.

For those of you who want to sing some carols near Christmas, we the LRA are holding the annual carols around the tree, on the Tuesday 17th of December at the Victory Hall Starting at 7 pm prompt(ish). There will be mulled wine, refreshments, the ever popular Christmas quiz, and hopefully some other entertainment to be confirmed, and best of all it's free, hope to see you there.

Which athletes are the warmest at Christmas?. The Long Jumpers.

The only thing left for me to do is to wish all of you sad people who read my bilge a most wonderful and joyous Christmas, and a happy and peaceful new year, which is a odd thing to be typing on the 12th of November, hope to see you all at the end of January when the next instalment of my torturous rubbish is inflicted on a unsuspecting public.

Best Wishes from Tim Nash, and the present Mrs Nash.

Why was the Turkey asked to play in a band? He had the drum sticks!.

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Monday December 16th

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There will also be different rates applied depending on whether the advert is to be black and white or in colour.

The new rates will apply for all new adverts placed in the Newslink from the next edition onwards. Existing adverts will not have the new charges applied retrospectively—the new rates will only be applied when the adverts come to be renewed.

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2019

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Wednesday January 8th

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The Lewdown and area local history group

Stowford Parish Hall

Tuesday 21 January at 7.30 pm

Illustrated talk by Sue Andrew

Stories on the Stones

*an insight on the lives of those
buried in Dartmoor's churchyards*

We are privileged to have yet another visit by the chair of the Devonshire Association, Dr Sue Andrew. Some epitaphs on gravestones have become well-known, through their quotation in newspapers and books, but few people have sought to uncover the human stories behind them. Sue's talk will shed light on the people remembered and those who sought to honour their resting places. I am sure she will have discovered some interesting characters.

Visitors are very welcome but may like to phone 01566 783396 nearer the time to check there has not been a rare change of programme or for further information. Lifts are possible also. Charge £2 for members, £3 for non-members to include refreshments.

At our October meeting, Alan Endacott told how, in 2007, a gorse fire led him to discover a stone circle that had been forgotten for thousands of years. Having studied Dartmoor's archaeology since childhood, he had noticed that stone circles formed an arc, or even a circle, around the slopes of the moor and predicted that there should be another circle near the double circles of Greywethers, on the moor above Chagford. After this fire, a result of swaling getting out of control, the shrivelled vegetation revealed a few stones, more were detected with a probe and, as a result of this exciting discovery, the national park authorities assisted in further clearance to reveal what is now known as the Sittaford stone circle. None of the stones remained upright, and dating of material found beneath them showed they fell (or were pushed) over at least 2000 years ago. As they are lying flat, possibly the best view of this circle is on Google earth, which is also a helpful guide to finding their location if you wish to visit!

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Lewtrenchard with Thrushelton & Kelly with Bradstone

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nick123law@gmail.com

The Rectory, The Down, Bere Alston, PL20 7HQ

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The Revd. Andy Atkins, 01822 870298

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Community College, Mill Road,
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St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

Church services at 9.30am unless otherwise stated

1st Sun. in the month - Holy Communion ● 3rd Sun. in the month - Family Service

Worship in the Lifton Benefice - December

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

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

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

Services listed in alphabetical order:

1st Dec	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Stowford
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
8th Dec	6:30 pm	Caribbean Christmas Concert - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Kelly with Bradstone
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
15th Dec	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer - Thrushelton
22nd Dec	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	3.00 pm	Carol Service - Lifton
24th Dec	6.00 pm	Nine Lessons & Carols - Broadwoodwidge
	6.30 pm	Christmas Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
	11.30 pm	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	4.00 pm	Crib Service - Lifton
	6.30 pm	Christingles - Stowford
25th Dec	11.00 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	10.00 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
29th Dec	10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service - Stowford
	3.00 pm	Carol Service & Baptism - Thrushelton

There will be a short service on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Lifton.

Worship in the Lifton Benefice - January

St. Mary, **Lifton** St. Nicholas, **Broadwoodwidge** St. Peter, **Lewtrenchard**
St. Mary, **Kelly** St. John the Baptist, **Stowford** St. George, **Thrushelton**

Services listed in alphabetical order:

5th Jan	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer - Stowford
12th Jan	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
	9:30 am	Morning Prayer - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
19th Jan	9.30 am	Service of the Word - Lifton
	10.30 am	Christian Unity Service - Liftondown Chapel
	10.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service - Thrushelton Lead by Bishop Right Rev. Nick Mckinnel
26th Jan	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	11.15am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard

There will be a short service on Wednesdays at 10.30am in Lifton.

Please email your services to Simon no later than the 10th of the preceding month for publication in The Community Newslink

Bridestowe Methodist Church

Preachers for December 2019

1st	Rev G Warmington
8th	D Bray
15th	A Kelly
22nd	Carols & Mince Pies 3.00pm
25th	Rev I Penberthy 10.00am
29th	A Morgan

January 2020

5th	Rev L Singleton C
12th	D Sutcliff
19th	A Banfield
26th	J Hawkins

Lifton Methodist Church Preachers

All services at 10:30am

Dec 1st

Advent Family Service

Led by Rev. Cathy Arscott

Coffee and Mince Pies

Collection for Action for Children

Dec 8th	Mr Tony Howe
Dec 15th	Mrs Miriam Parsons
Dec 22nd	Carols with Bible Reading
Dec 25th	Christmas Celebrations
Dec 29th	Rev Malcolm Jones (Communion)

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For our **Harvest Festival**, on Sunday, 20th October, the church was filled with beautiful floral arrangements and there was a wonderful display in front of the altar, complete with tractor! The 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, which included a large donation from Ambrosia organised by Iris Griffiths. All the dried, tinned and fresh produce and money from the collection were again, delivered to The Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. During the service, the first few envelopes containing money raised from the **Double your Money** challenge were handed in. Several more have since been received. Well done to everyone who has taken part. The winner is yet to be announced!

On Sunday, 10th November, we joined Coryton for a **Service of Remembrance**.

We held our **Christmas Coffee Morning with Stalls** on Saturday, 16th November to raise money for church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event.

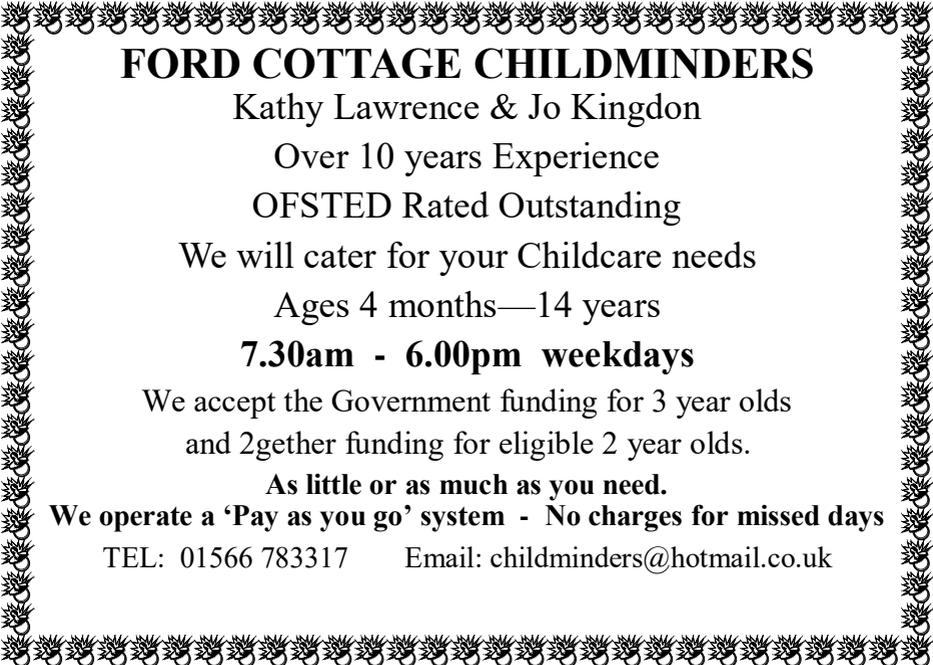
We continue to offer greetings cards and second-hand books for sale in the Church and in the Schoolroom. If you have any books you have finished with, please call Barbara Dawe [on 01566 784797](tel:01566784797). Collection can be arranged.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, 15th 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**, Tuesday, 24th December at 6.30pm for a **Christmas Communion Service**. Everyone is very welcome!

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Sunday 15th December
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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These minutes are abbreviated provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chairman at the next meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at Lewdown Victory Hall

commencing at 7.30pm

Minutes No 723

Present - Cllrs Andrews (Chair), Crocker, Dawe, Dunn, Metherell, Perkins, Southcott, Vanstone Wilkinson, Yeo & Peter van Delft (Clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome

2. Apologies – Cllr Harrop & Cllr Mott of WDBC

3. Members of the public – Open forum, no members present.

4. Minutes of previous meeting 722 being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair, Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Yeo

5. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - None

6. Planning – Application to name/number a new street ref:1236019, new development at Lewdown

Council decision 'Woods Field', Proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Dawe.

7. Finance

7.1 Approve payment for the following;

Devon County Council – Wig Wag lights - £3818.45

Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Vanstone.

Cllr Andrews thanked Cllr Dunn for starting this long process of improving the safety near Lewtrenchard School, also for getting the Wig Wag lights to the current conclusion.

8. Servicing of Air Ambulance landing lights – A two year servicing agreement with approved supplier Matt Electrics was considered. It was resolved to approve an annual cost of £89.95+ vat.

Proposed by Cllr Crocker, seconded Cllr Yeo.

9. Council meeting dates for 2020 – A schedule was circulated for 2020 meetings, dates will be on the website and on the notice boards.

10. Correspondence – Spring Acre entrance. Questions were raised enquiring how many people lived on site, water run-off from the site could end up in Alder lake which is used by members of the public. Pollutants

from the sites scrap vehicles and equipment maybe an environmental hazard. Scrap metal seems to be building up on site. The environmental officer should be made aware of the problem together with WDBC for planning breaches. Cllr Dawe reminded council that it objected to the creation of a site entrance (reference 2869/18/FUL) also stating that its objection was 'due to unresolved site issues'. Clerk to write letter to planning and environmental Officers.

11. Emergency Plan – Committee report and progress. It was resolved to appraise the current draft at the next meeting.

12. Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Andrews will participate.

Date, time and place of next meeting – 25th November 2019 – Lewdown Victory Hall, 7.30PM

Peter van Delft Lewdown Grouped Parish Clerk

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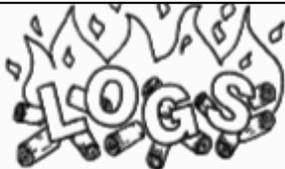
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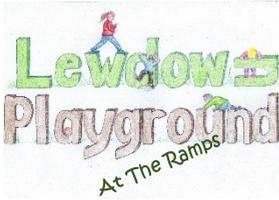
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Lane-Baber & Hannah Channing for all their hard work. Thanks also goes to the **sponsors** of the evening; **AC Worth, F J Yeo Ltd & JA & CJ Martin**. The night was a very poor one weather wise but that didn't put off the players - we couldn't have got anymore in the hall! Thanks also goes to Dave Chick for his expert calling & an amazing £1654.40 was raised over the night which makes a massive difference to the playground pot.

Following the bingo, the hall was rapidly rearranged & stocked with the many donations ready for the jumble. The following day the wind and rain continued relentlessly which sadly put off all but the seasoned jumble goers. However, the sale still managed to raise a further £249.96 so our efforts were not in vain. A huge thankyou goes to all those who donated &/or helped out over the two days (too numerous to mention but you know who you are); we really can't do these things without you .

Due to the poor turn out at the jumble we will be holding a second one on the 23rd Nov at the hall at 2.30 and donations can be left at the hall the night before or on the morning, although you may wish to save it for the school who are holding their ever-popular jumble the following week & I wish them every success with theirs too.

And finally, we have more good news; the playground has been supported by the Co-op Local Community Fund. To really benefit from this year-long fund we need to encourage as many people as possible



to become Co-op Members by using the following link: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>. Members can then nominate the playground, via the link <https://membership.coop.co.uk/Causes/39227>, as their good cause and then, while they are shopping, a percentage of their shop costs goes to their nominated good Cause. Members thereby help to contribute through their purchases to the playground pot. More info on the funding can be found on their website. So please get signing up & shopping!

More events are planned for next year including the return of the Bake-Off and a summer fete. Any help is always greatly appreciated, however small, so please feel free to contact me on 01566 783606 or email Clrperkins18@gmail.com. Further funding avenues will be explored & once we have raised around half of the £30,000 total needed for the play equipment, we will be seeking match funding from the likes of the National Lottery.

Nikki

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W.I. Meeting at Lewdown Victory Hall Monday November 11th 2019

Cathie Slocombe, president, welcomed everyone with apologies received from 4 members. We welcomed two visitors plus our speaker Peter van Delft and his wife, Esther. There are 3 birthdays in November and birthday cards will be sent out soon. The minutes of the meeting held October 14th were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

Autumn Council – Margaret Dunn read her report of the day summarising the business and the speakers on the day. It was a good event and everyone who went enjoyed the day. The Spring Council meeting will be held in the Great Hall at Exeter University with Angela Baker, the original “Calendar Girl”, as speaker. The Trustees want to meet as many of the WI’s in Devon so we will invite Dinah to the Tamar Group meeting in April 2020. There will be a cream tea event in June to commemorate the Devon WI centenary with the hope to break the Guinness world record for most people having a cream tea simultaneously.

2020 Programme – this is almost completed and we hope to provide them at the Christmas party.

Potato challenge – after achieving such an amazing result DFWI News would like to feature us so watch out for us in a future edition. We thought it would be fun to do it again next year.

Open meeting at Broadwood – An excellent evening with Rupert Kirkwood doing an illustrated talk on wildlife as observed from his kayak journey around the coast.

Equality and Diversity – Cathie signed this off on our behalf and Barbara will advise Devon WI later in the year.

Advisors’ surgery – rearranged for 25th November and Ruth will still attend.

Resolutions meeting – at Holsworthy 23rd November. Mary E has provided directions so Cathie, Monique, Margaret and Barbara can find the venue.

FCS – next session Thursday 28th November from 2:00 - 4:00 pm making rag balls and Christmas decorations with Victoria Lee. You don’t need to bring anything with you as Victoria will provide everything needed. Audrey H brought her WIP advent calendar to show and said a good day was had by all.

Table flowers – the plant from October was presented to Esther, who was attending with Peter. This month’s flowers will be taken to Esme, who is now home.

AOB

Devon News – From next year they will be every other month. There is no problem providing them but members were asked if they would like their own copy, to have access to a central copy or, when available, an electronic copy. Ballots were attached to the Devon news and collected at the front.

Skittles – The team won their first match against North Tawton – congratulations! Next match is with Zeal Monachorum with date to be advised.

Tamar Group Carol Service – This will probably be Tues 10th Dec at 3:30pm as Thurs 12th is polling day. Cathie asked for a show of hands and approximately 12-15 were interested. The venue will be confirmed at the Christmas meeting.

Thinking ahead to Christmas –

Secret Santa – budget still £2

Donations to ACWW – collection box available for those interested instead of sending cards

Catering – please bring a plate of food

Guests - Sarah Shorthouse, our WI advisor, will be there with entertainment provided by Lifton Singers.

Gloucester Quays Shopping Trip – tickets still available with coaches picking up from Plymouth, Tavistock, Okehampton, Bideford, Barnstable, South Molton, Torquay, Newton Abbot. Contact Monique.

NFWI Annual Meeting – next year will be at the Royal Albert Hall 4th June 2020 and we are the nominated link delegate so all travel and accommodation paid for our delegate. Please sign up if you are interested.

DFWI Carol Service – tickets have arrived and members agreed to carshare.

Cathie then handed over to Peter van Delft, retired owner of West Devon Nurseries. Peter is the fourth generation in his family to be a nurseryman. His great grandfather and grandfather traded in Holland. His mother was the next in line and she worked with his father. They then moved to England after his father visited and loved it after he arranged to give one of his customers a 'tour' of English nurseries, despite not knowing any himself! His father was more of a salesman and he built the business up and Peter ran the nursery with him after attending college and expanding his training in Holland in the late 1970'S. The business was split into wholesale and retail with Peter taking over the nursery in Newton Abbott in 1985 through until 2014. Wholesale at that time was raising 'liners', which were supplied as either bare rooted plants or in sacks rather than pots. 'Liners' or small starter plants had to achieve a technical standard of so many shoots on the lower stem of the plant and these were sold in five sizes. Peter explained they grew 1.6 million plants and propagated a further 440k plants each year, which they sold mainly north of Birmingham but also abroad to places like France, Germany and Russia. Propagation can be done a number of ways. A lot are done with tiny leaf tissue suspended in agar in sterile laboratories. Here one tiny leaf bud can produce thirty shoots in just two weeks and they are guaranteed to be exact replicas of the mother plant and disease free. Walkers crisps propagate all of their potato plants this way.

Barbara gave the VOT thanking Peter for sharing such a wide range of knowledge and making all the methods he demonstrated look very easy. It was a thoroughly educational and entertaining evening.

Competition winners for interesting item starting with 'N' were Julie with a 'bag of nothing', Monique for her Nintendo game and Barbara with a necklace. Flower of the month was Joyce. The meeting then closed at 9:15.

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