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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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- a high temperature
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You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

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4. meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
5. seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
6. attend education or childcare - for those eligible
7. If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you

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Cover Picture - Lewdown YFX Tracor Run . See page 12 for a report

I found out my wife is really a ghost. I had my suspicions when she walked through the door....

Dear readers, welcome to lockdown trio, so to raise your spirits a tiny bit, i thought i would start with a bit of fun (possibly).

I hope you all had a good Christmas and new year, if a bit quiet. We in the Nash house hold did see in the new year sort of, reading a good book in bed.

Mine was very exiting, Pooh got stuck down a rabbit hole and piglet could not get him out, but it all ended well. I still have got my Winnie the pooh book circa Sunday school 1967s Christmas party. I am going to court controversy by saying its still the best children's book ever written, but that's just my opinion. If you wish to disagree please send you emails to me at Votefordon-aldrumpforthenextjamesbond.com

Talking about old men. We call our grandad Spiderman!, he does not have any super powers, he just finds it impossible to get out the bath these days.

Will close now, as not a lot has happened of interest in my little life. We have planted the onion seeds so hopefully there will be a show to put them in this year, but who knows for certain. Best wishes to you all
Yours Tim Nash

Ps, I've got this awful disease where i can't stop telling airport jokes,

My doctor say's it's terminal.

On Monday we are starting a Diarrhoea awareness coarse, It runs until Friday.

Healthy New Year to everyone!

Once again we start a New Year but this is like no other. The Community Newlink is important providing a link with local businesses but also in keeping those who are shielding or living alone in touch with the rest of the world out there. As someone no longer living in the Lewdown area it is lovely to stay in touch with old friends and may I say exchange banter with your chairman Tim.

It is hoped that as the vaccines become available through Surgeries close to home more older and vulnerable people will feel safer to leave home.

Thank you committee members and one day the team will be celebrating Folding Day again!

Hadn't meant to be serious today but Stay safe and High Praise to all NHS staff and care workers everywhere.

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£2.00 per session – please bring your own snack and drink (we are unable to provide drinks for parents).

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Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These minutes are provisional until they have been agreed and then signed by the chairman at the next Parish Council meeting.

Extraordinary meeting held on Monday 21st December 2020 - Minute No 733

Present: Cllrs A. Harrop (chair), T. Andrews (vice chair), S. Crocker, T. Dawe, N. Perkins, T. Southcott, O. Vanstone, B. Wilkinson, G. Yeo. Cllr C. Mott (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies - G. Metherell
3. Members of the public – No members present
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 732 were signed being a true reflection of that meeting was approved and signed by the chair. Proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Dawe
6. Planning – Ref: 3923/20/HHO – Householder application for proposed conservatory.
Address – Overdale, Lobhill Cross, Lewdown, EX20 4DT, Council decision – support, proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Southcott, unanimous. Planning – Ref: 3384/20/FUL – Re-advertisement (revised description). Retrospective
Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural/equestrian use, with hard-standing and earth banks. Address –
Land to the east of West Headson Farm, Bratton Clovelly, Okehampton, EX20 4JP Council decision – object, proposed Cllr Andrews, seconded Cllr Perkins, two Cllrs abstained.
7. Councillor reports: Cllr Harrop brought to the attention of the council for the need of a snow warden for the parish's, it was resolved to advertise the position together with a job description, advertisement to be placed on the notice-boards and the Newlink, proposed Cllr Southcott, seconded Cllr Harrop. Cllrs Crocker, Yeo, and Perkins reported persistent problems with the temporary road signage indicating that of a road closure towards Chilliton, issues such as HGV's turning at the "Y" junction, Lewtrenchard. Cllrs Crocker and Southcott have informed highways, improvements to the signage has been

requested. Cllrs Wilkinson and Yeo reported problems of surface water on the Lewtrenchard School to the “Y” junction road with excess water 100 meters before the junction. Issues relate to insufficient pipe capacity to deal with excess water and blocked drains. Safety concerns relating to aquaplaning on a blind bend near the junction and black ice in freezing conditions. Excess water problem also culminates at the “Y” junction from the road Lewdown- Lewtrenchard. Highways have been informed of problem, an assessment has been asked for. Cllr Wilkinson also reported he had identified poor or no warning signage on the bridle path in Lew Woods near the old slate quarry. The slate quarry has a large sheer drop into it so is a potential hazard for anyone leaving the path, Cllr Mott to raise the issue with the landowner. Cllr Southcott raised the issue of safety and speeding near Lewtrenchard School, Cllr Southcott had drawn up a draft plan showing suggested safety measures on the C822 from the outskirts of Lewdown to Lobhill Cross, revisions to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllrs Crocker and Vanstone suggested that similar local villages such as St Giles and Clawton have 30mph speed limits outside their schools.

8. Emergency Plan – Home plan review, a draft copy was submitted to Devon Communities for further consideration. It was resolved to proceed with the revised plan for printing. A grant from Devon communities to be sought for the cost of the printing the plan, Cllr Southcott to forward details for the application to the clerk.

Items for inclusion at a future meeting to include, Commemorative VE Day plaque – cost and inscription. Emergency plan, Ashtree removal quote, The Ramps – progress report. Speeding & Safety concerns on c822 through Lewdown. Snow warden and councilor vacancies.

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date & time of next scheduled meeting, 25th January 2021 7.30pm, this will be a virtual meeting

Peter van Delft

Lewdown Grouped Parish Clerk

Parish Councillors

Andrew Harrop (Chair): Tom Andrews (Vice chair), Sylvia Crocker: Trevor Dawe: George Metherell: Nicola Perkins: Terry Southcott: Owen Vanstone: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:

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Lewdown young farmers:

Thank you to everyone that attended, watched and donated to our Tractor run in memory of Dave Seccombe. We had an amazing 123 tractors turn up, which is the most we've ever had! We also raised £2700, £550 of this was from the chicken hamper raffle.



This money is being split between Devon air ambulance and Cancer research UK.

We will be holding an Easter hamper raffle, look out for this in the upcoming months!

Ode to a naïve turkey

I'm a very happy turkey,
Henry is my name,
I want to tell you what it is,
that makes me kind and tame.

You see, everybody loves me,
especially now it seems,
They've fed me, cared and kept me warm,
beyond my wildest dreams.

I started as a little chick,
It was only months ago,
But now I'm weighing 30 pounds,
my belly's hanging low.

Don't fly a lot, it's far too hard,
Fat wobbles I'll be bound,
The runway's very short in here,
I can't get off the ground.

We have a lovely pen here,
With shavings on the floor.
Every time we make a mess,
They chuck in lots, lots more.

They say they want to keep us nice,
No mud upon our feet,
They ask us not to peck each other,
and promise us a treat!

'A holiday for turkeys',
Far from our tiny coup.
The detail is a little vague,
It all seemed gobbledegook!

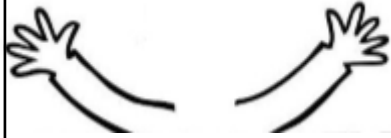
I'm fed and watered every day, we have music, what a treat.
I heard them talk of "Christmas Lunch", and juicy succulent meat.

What is this meat thing? - I don't know, who cares, my life-style is a must!
My farmer loves me, 'til Kingdom come, I say, "You other birds, - GET
STUFFED!!"

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Postscript – There is a happy ending, in as much that due to something or other called, 'a pandemic' and 'lack of demand', Henry went on to live a happy life in a muddy field, foraging for worms. Make the best of hard times, be happy!

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It has come as no surprise that we are in another lockdown. Everything is moving at a very rapid rate at present, the rise in case numbers, the rolling out of the vaccines and now another lockdown. This is essential if we are to beat this wretched infection but we have all been through it before and come out the other side. The case numbers for the under 60's in this area have shot up due to the new strain of the virus, whereas the rate of infection in the older age group is increasing at a much slower rate. However the vaccines will eventually win so make sure you are there on the dot when your appointment comes through. If you have transport problems let me know and we will organise it. Indeed if you, friends, neighbours or anyone else you know needs support of any kind don't be shy just let one of us know. We are all in this together, the better weather is coming, the sun still shines and we will emerge stronger than ever.

Meanwhile here is some information from Devon County Council to help you through these challenging times.

All those who are clinically vulnerable know the shielding drill by now, but if you are having problems with getting any supplies, or you just need to talk to someone, please contact us. (See above.)

As from 11th January the BBC has lessons for all school children up to year 9 on both CBBC, BBC2 and iPlayer so that everyone has access to learning even if they don't have access to the internet.

Any business which is legally required to close, and which cannot operate effectively remotely, is eligible for a grant. (Copied from www.gov.uk)

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If you are concerned about mental health both Every Mind Matters and Patient Access have helpful information online.

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Roman Catholic Services

Tavistock

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Holy Days 10am

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(P. Sparling 01822 860355)

Okehampton

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 11am

Fr M. Darline Joseph

01837 52229

Launceston

Sunday 10.30 am

Holy Days 7.30pm

Canon John Deeny 01566 773166

Quakers

Meeting for Worship

Tavistock every Sunday 10.00am.

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Contact – Kay Nicholson

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Okehampton

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Children's Meeting 2nd Sunday

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Community College, Mill Road,

Okehampton.

Contact - Eleanor Flack 01837 53475

St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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

Services are also available online and by telephone 01822 730132.

Worship in the Lifton Benefice - February

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St. Mary, Kelly

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

St. Peter, Lewtrenchard
St. George, Thrushelton

Lifton Benefice Service times for February

All services and times are subject to change following National instructions and restrictions.

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

At going to Print, the following services are arranged in the Benefice

Sundays:

10am: Livestreamed Eucharist.

This service takes place at St. Mary's Lifton. People are most welcome to attend if it is safe and appropriate for them to do so,. However we do counsel people to be careful and cautious during the Covid Pandemic.

For those unable to attend in person the service can be seen live on the LIFTON BENEFICE YOUTUBE CHANNEL. And the service sheets will be available on the worship pages of our Website

Weekdays:

The Daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are prayed at 8.30am and 6pm daily, and are livestreamed, whenever possible, on the LIFTON BENEFICE YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

During Lockdown there will be a Service of scripture and prayer at 11am on Wednesday mornings on **Zoom**. The link for this will be found on the worship pages of our website.

All our weekday services can be found and followed on the Daily Prayer page of the Church of England website.

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter on the first anniversary of my licensing to this benefice by Bishop Robert.

It has been quite a year, in which so much has happened and I which we seem to have done very little!

Actually that is not quite the truth. We just have been doing things differently!

One thing to note has been the launch of our new Benefice Website::

north-tamar-churches.org

Do please use it and visit it to find out what is happening, especially for short notice announcements regarding services and events during Lockdown. Do let us know if there is anything you would like to see on it. It is a growing organism, and will develop over time.

Hopefully, with the roll out of the Vaccine, and spring approaching we will, before too long, be able to start living and worshipping together again. In the meantime, do please stay safe and well.

With love and prayers,

Philip

Tuesday 2nd February

**The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas**

*To celebrate this important Festival, we are going to hold a
Virtual Candlemas Party on Zoom at 7.30pm*

*There will be entertainment provided by members of our fellowship
together with a Grand Candlemas Quiz, which we hope will be fun for
everyone.*

The evening will close with a short service of Compline(night prayer)

Please provide your own refreshments...

The full Zoom Link will be available on the Benefice Website.

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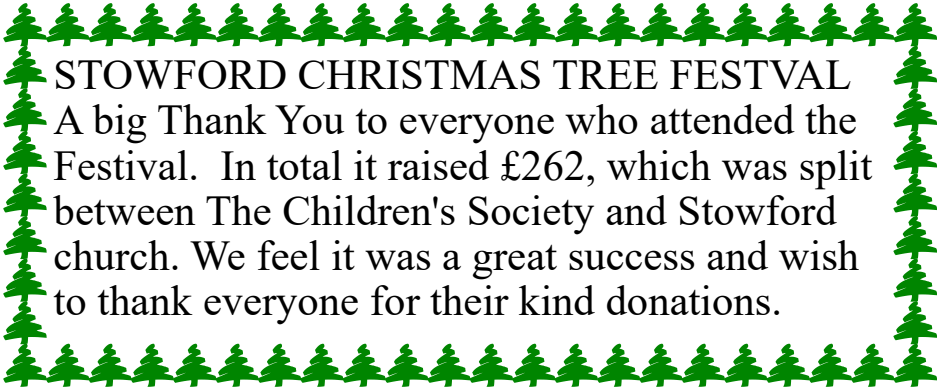


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Sunday from 9.30am until 4pm.*

*All the usual protocols are in place including
hand sanitiser and track and trace details. Face
Masks should be worn.*


STOWFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
A big Thank You to everyone who attended the
Festival. In total it raised £262, which was split
between The Children's Society and Stowford
church. We feel it was a great success and wish
to thank everyone for their kind donations.

World Day of Prayer - Cancelled.

The above due to be held on 5th March 2021 is unfortunately cancelled. The booklets, including the donation envelopes, for the promotion of the movement, prepared by the women of Vanuatu for 2021 service will be available to collect from local churches.

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How lovely are the sounds of night carried far on the windless air
When the world is sleeping and sounds come creeping to the lonely listener there.

Then silence comes like a falling shroud and the dark world holds its breath

And the hands that shake for the spell to break in a moment as still as death.

Far away the Barn owl calls from his lonely tree a sudden piercing cry
On silent wings he glides where the field mouse hides from his fierce unblinking eye.

When the day has passed and the crowds all gone and the sun has lost its glare.

Just to stand at night in the pure moonlight and feel you're the only one there.

The headlong rush of mans journeys that take him to lands far apart
Yet there are places still on vale and hill where silence can fill the heart.

When the winter wind roars and the mighty trees tremble and shake
Just to feel it's might on a gale torn night when our firesides we forsake.

Or a gentle breeze on a warm spring night that whines through the spruce trees tall.

The twisting bat flits where the nightingale sits and sings the best of all.

The whispering sounds of geese on the wing as their shadows traverse the moon.

And their voices spill o'er the lonely hill to rejoice in that heavenly tune,
But of all the voices through the long dark night are the ones we no longer hear

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Reduce collisions with livestock with simple prevention measures. Working together, landowners, rural businesses and members of the public should be vigilant reporting collisions or incidents to the police - noting vehicle details, descriptions and an accurate location. There is a legal requirement to report road traffic collisions involving livestock to the police.

How can you prevent this?

- If you see livestock or other vulnerable road users reduce speed, be patient, pass slow and wide.
- Drive responsibly, anticipate hazards, take note of road signs, ensure your vehicle is road worthy.
- Where possible livestock owners can consider feeding away from roads, check fencing and secure gates.
- Farmers or public can consider the use of dash cams and upload certain traffic offences to Op Snap - <https://operationsnap.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>
- Notify the police using 999 if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- If you have any information about livestock road safety please email 101@dc.police.uk, call the non-emergency number, 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 783 0137.
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area.

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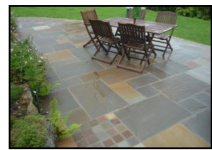


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The Parish council is looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to fulfil the role of Snow Warden in the parishes of Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton.

Snow Warden Role

Objective—To provide a service to enable parishioners to deal with poor surface conditions during cold weather.

Problem Statement:

Minor roads are not covered by main gritting / salting operations and therefore can represent a hazard during periods of poor weather. Previously highways would place salt bags / bins at the beginning of the winter and remove when in the spring. Highways will provide up to 4 tons of salt to a location for distribution within parishes. The parish council currently does not have a storage location or handling equipment.

Proposal:

The parish council is considering appointing a snow warden. This voluntary role would be to work with local communities and business to locate and agree the areas that require attention, determine storage locations for the initial supply of material. The position would identify the appropriate positioning of the material and then co-ordinate the placement of the same.

This is a plan, research, and co-ordinate role. The parish council is not expecting the individual to physically distribute the material.

The individual would report to the council the progress and issues that may arise.

At this time this is not intended to cover disruption caused by snow but this could be expanded if the research within the community indicated it was required. Currently the council believe the infrequency and short period of disruption of snow in the local area does not warrant this element.

The role would require the individual to attend training given by the Neighbourhood Highways Team.

Applicants should contact the parish council clerk (lewdownnpc.clerk@gmail.com) or the Chairman (cllrharrop18@gmail.com)

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