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Dear wonderful readers of this above average magazine for the Lewdown area. It's only me, here again to assault your intelligence with my load of old tosh.

The present Mrs Nash has asked to be left out from being apart of this month's wittering, so I have promised her there would be no mention of her at any point.

Good news everyone the number of hedgehogs coming to visit us each evening has reached 4. This has caused a bit of a problem in the Nash house hold, up to now they have been all called either prickles, or sonic, somewhat unimaginable I know, so if anyone can come up with something better then please let us now and we will do our best to ignore them. Yes I do now that the hedgehog crossed the road to see his flat mate, but that's just not funny. The down side is that it's costing a fortune in cat food, and so far we have had no luck in getting sponsorship from any local supermarkets.

Bad news everyone. A new strain of head lice has been found that is resistant to all conventional treatments.

It's left scientists scratching their heads.

On a serious note, we have been advised by the poppy appeal organisation that there will be no house to house collection this year, and in light of recent announcements I am not sure what we will be able to do this year, but In the next few days we will probably be getting lots of advice from higher authorities.

Will close now as the jam is ready to be put into the jars. Something new is being tried, blackberry and sloe, sounds yummy.

Best wishes to you all. Keep safe, from your honorary chairperson Tim Nash

Ps,

What did the instructor at a school for kamikaze pilots say to his students? - Watch closely, I shall do this only once.

PPs.

Everyone was excited to be at our autopsy club meeting this evening.

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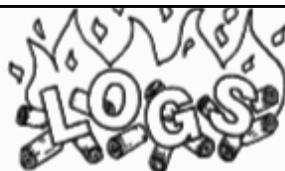
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St. Mary the Virgin, Marystowe

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

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St. Mary, **Kelly** St. John the Baptist, **Stowford** St. George, **Thrushelton**

Services listed in alphabetical order:

4th October	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
11th October	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
18th October	9:30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
	11:15 am	Holy Communion - Stowford
25th October	9:30 am	Holy Communion - Broadwoodwidge
	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard



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For Government guidance search: COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic

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

S Hedger September 15, 2020

Thrushelton Church.

Dear friends, as you may have come to realise there will be no harvest festival service at Thrushelton this year because of the restrictions due to coronavirus. The members of the church therefore have decided that we will still decorate the church as is the custom going back more years than can be remembered.

To this end the church will be open between the 27th of September to the 4th of October for you to come and look around and enjoy the traditional decorations and also the peace and quiet of the Thrushelton valley.

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St. Mary's Church, Marystowe

Firstly, I apologise for missing the deadline for the last magazine, caused by my unexpected stay in Derriford! Thank you all for your kindness and your prayers.

Rev. Andy has worked extremely hard during this difficult time and has enabled us all to take part in the online services and more recently, enabling us to listen to the services on the telephone. These have been a great comfort to us all. It's been good to see familiar faces from across the benefice, in the photos, set to the beautiful music, "Over the Rainbow/What a wonderful world" by IZ.

Some of us have been shielding and are continuing to be careful, but in our small community, we do keep in touch and help in whatever ways we can. There have been services at Milton Abbot and Lamerton, but Marystowe has remained closed. Having reviewed the situation recently, we hope that our services can resume in October (only time will tell), when we look forward to seeing everyone again. It's unlikely that we'll be able to hold a service for Harvest, but we will still be supporting the Shekinah Mission in Plymouth. As we are unable to give produce, we will send a cheque, so if you would like to make a gift in this way, please send your donation to our treasurer, Guy Talbot.

We'd like to thank both Ian Silcox and Rosie Woodcock for all that they've done for us at Marystowe and wish them every happiness in their retirement. Our congratulations go to Richard Searight, who has now completed his 3 year training.

Joy and her husband Andy have been keeping an eye on things for us while the church has been closed, which has been much appreciated. The churchyard has been maintained; with the grass being cut by Dean Elliott and Son and volunteers, Chris Taylor and Ross Woods. Ian Minshull kindly repaired the lock in the bell tower and Alan Jenner has continued to carry out various work on the church. Our grateful thanks to you all. With many of the annual inspections having been postponed, we're now trying to catch up with these and health and safety issues, before our next Quinquennial.

Fundraising hasn't been easy during the lockdown. Unfortunately, our summer events were cancelled and we will not be able to hold the Christmas event on Saturday, 14th November. However, with Joy's hard work; cataloguing and promoting the sale of second-hand books (and delivering them too!), this has continued to raise money. If you have any books you have finished with, please call Barbara Dawe on 01566 784797. Collection can be arranged. Deborah has made more cards, which have also been sold. We've been collecting things and working on projects to raise funds for the church in the future. And, there are other ideas in the pipeline!

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Stowford Parish Council



Minutes of Ordinary meeting No 688 held on Tuesday 8th September, 7.30pm

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

The full minutes can be found on www.stowfordparishcouncil.org.uk

1. Members of the public – Open forum, One parishioner expressed an interest in joining the PC.

2. Minutes of previous meetings 687 was approved and signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Bowers, seconded Cllr Dunn.

3. Councillor Vacancy – Cllr Dunn informed Mrs Judy Law of a vacancy on the pc. Mrs Law introduced herself giving a brief background to her local roots. It was resolved that Mrs Judy Law to co-opted onto Stowford Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Bowers. The chair welcomed Cllr Law onto the Parish council. Clerk to provide information to Cllr Law.

4. R.F.O. reported a combined credit of £5087.12 after approved payments. Invoices were approved for payment, proposed Cllr Lorna St Loius, seconded Cllr Dunn. Mr L. St Louis – Zoom meeting £14.39, P van Delft - Clerk salary £ 172.60, HMRC £43.20, P. van Delft – admin. expenses £59.87

5. Councillor reports – Cllr Leroy St Louis reported that a Lewdown fundraising initiative involving the positioning of scarecrows on the C822 roadside verge near the junction for Stowford, had resulted in a parishioner contacting him. The scarecrow was thought to be a hazard on the roadside. The chair commented that such initiatives by neighbouring parishes should make contact with the neighbouring parishes of their initiatives. Chair to contact Lewdown Grouped P.C. Cllr Edmonds mentioned that the roadside verge was the property of highways and that they must be contacted for any placement of items on its verges.

6. WDBC Councillor report. Cllr Edmonds informed council that a government “White paper Planning for the Future” had been published

and that NALC had provided a summary of the document.

The consultation closes on 15th October. The main points were, a simplification of the planning system. Speeding up the system. Simplifying local plans. Planning consultations to take place when developments are first put forward. The NALC summary provided a consultation questionnaire to help when responding to the proposals. It was resolved for councilors to send responses back to the chair or clerk for them to forward on to NALC BY 30th September.

7. Facebook – Council presence on the media platform. Cllr Leroy St Louis informed council that he was considering how the Facebook page could be managed and how it should be policed. He wanted no one individual to manage it and hoped that two or three cllrs could take ownership.

Cllr Bowers suggested that a simple one page concept note giving information on structure, scope and purpose should be produced for the next ordinary meeting.

8. 2021 meeting places and dates. Current Government legislation advises parish councils to meet remotely until May 2021. Dates and venues to be provided by the clerk for the next meeting.

9. Remembrance day – Arrangements for wreath & attendance. The chair or vice chair would usually attend at Lifton's St Marys Church. The wreath has been ordered but still unable to confirm if a service will be held due to current social distancing legislation.

10. Recreation Ground – Registration update – No new news, however it was resolved to obtain a cost for the verification of documents by approved authorities. Cllr Dunn informed council that there was an organisation he knew of that may do such services.

Date time and place of next Extraordinary meeting 6th October 2020, 7.30pm, a remote Zoom meeting.

Parish Councillors

Leroy St Louis (Chair), Colin Dunn (Vice chair),

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Martin Perry said how pleased the Friends were to see the hospital gradually emerging from the effects of the pandemic.

The Force Cancer support was maintained throughout the lockdown but now the clinics supplied by the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital and the North Devon Hospital are returning to Okehampton. Audiology, Podiatry, Physiotherapy and X ray facilities are all opening up and although telephone consultations have been the order of the day until recently now patients can look forward to more face to face appointments with the visiting consultants.

He added, "We are pleased to help our hospital in this way and our committee try to fill the gaps when NHS resources are not available and thus make visits from patients that much more comfortable."

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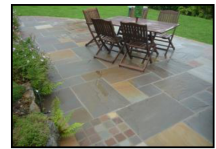
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