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Empty Skies

I did not see them go but you seldom do
Yesterday they flew happily around the sky
Or chatted gaily on the telephone wires
And thoughtlessly one tends to wonder why.

Yet winter winds and rain are not for such as they
That live for warmth and sunny skies of blue.
But when icy winds and frosty days are gone
The swallows come and welcome spring anew.

As March winds die I watch the clearing skies
To welcome back with ever thankful heart
Those friends again to with us summer share
Yet rue the day when we again must part.

I well recall our first meeting on that April morn
When over next doors roof they flew to make my day
And twittered happily their joy just to be here
Before the breeze caught them and they were whisked away.

My mother loved the swallows all her life
And claimed they on her birthday came
They are earlier now it would appear
She was born on the 19th April, Primrose Day.

Imagine a summer without our welcome friends
Is anything more lovely than a swallow on the wing
When once again they fill our warming skies of blue
I shall rejoice and then my happy heart will sing.

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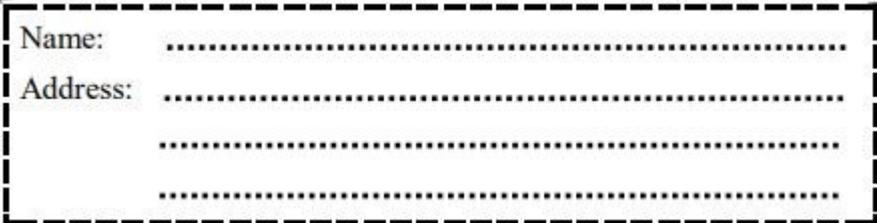
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Dear readers, welcome back to the Newslink after nearly 6 month's away, and the good news is that things haven't improved where my load of old flannel is concerned. I've had all this time to think of some interesting and enlightening things to entertain and impress you with, but as usual my brain has failed miserably, anyway here's one to start with.

Well the good news is the present Mrs Nash and myself really enjoyed our holiday in the Mediterranean, the weather was spectacular and sunny and the view from the window looked a lot like the view we see every day from our Own window, but we are like so many others, and in truth a postponed holiday is not that important in the great scheme of things with all that's been going on over the last few months.

We did see the sun rise over a golden beach in Hawaii, but this was only on a web cam on the internet, mores the pity.

To think the last thing I was waffling about was planting the garden last March, and now we are outside most evenings picking runner beans and other veg and flowers.

We have been making a list of all the different type of birds we have had visit our garden and at the moment we are at about 30.

I went to the opticians the other day and had my eyes tested. Afterwards I asked if I could see the results. The optician looked at me and after a while said " with your eyes no chance".

Here's a interesting fact. A collective noun for a flock of sparrows is a quarrel Was not the thunder and lightning great this afternoon 12/08, but I am always impressed by the forces of nature and how small and insignificant we actually are.

While lots of you out there during lockdown started new hobbies like gardening, or learning to play the ukulele , we in the Nash household have been making jigsaw puzzles . If there was a Olympic event in making puzzles, we would be in the running. We have made a good dozen over the last few months, including one that was nothing but minions. Well it helps to pass the time when you reach a certain age.

Hope you have all kept safe and well over the last few months, Best wishes from your long lost chairperson Tim Nash

Someone threw a giant bottle of omega 3 pills at me the other day. I am fine , I only suffered super fish oil injuries!.

Did you know 97% of the world is stupid? Luckily I'm in the other 5%.

Lewdown Grouped Parish Council

Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow and Thrushelton

These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they have been agreed and then signed by the chair at the next Parish Council meeting. For a full copy of the minutes go to the parish councils website.

Minute No 729 of remote meeting held on Monday 27th July 2020

Members of the public – 4 members present – Representations were made in connection with application 1830/20/FUL. Concerns over the size of yard in relation to the proposed barn. Proximity to a listed building. The amount of livestock that the owner has or intends to own. The applicants agent answered questions relating to the owners livestock, vehicle access, landscaping, location of proposed building in relation to the surrounding dwellings.

Dispensations & declarations of Interest – Cllr Dawe declared an interest in app. 1949/20/FUL

Planning – Ref: 1666/20/OPA – Outline application with some matters reserved for residential development to include demolition of former motel building to achieve cohesive residential development in line with approval 1199/19/OPA - Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Dawe, seconded Cllr Perkins. One Cllr abstained, seven Cllrs supported the decision.

Planning – Ref: 1916/20/FUL – Change of use, repair and alterations to agricultural barn to community building with café and tea room. Address – Lewtrenchard Manor, Road from Lewtrenchard Cross to Lobhill Cross, Lewdown, EX20 4PN -Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Wilkinson, seconded Cllr Dawe. One Cllr abstained, seven Cllrs supported.

Planning – Ref: 1917/20/LBC – Listed building consent for change of use, repair and alterations to agricultural barn to create community building with café and tea room. Address – Lewtrenchard Manor, Road from Lewtrenchard Cross to Lobhill Cross, Lewdown, EX20 4PN - Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Perkins, seconded Cllr Vanstone, eight Cllrs supported the decision.

Planning – Ref: 1949/20/FUL – Change of use of part of field to touring caravan/motor-home pitches with associated works (including dropped and dropper kerbs. Address – Land West of Lobhill Cottage, Lewdown, EX20 4DS - Council decision – No comment – Proposed Cllr Harrop, seconded Cllr Yeo, 4 Cllrs supported the decision, 2 Cllrs abstained, one Cllr objected.

Planning – Ref: 2095/20/PHH – Notification for prior approval for proposed larger home extension for kitchen extending 5.5m beyond the rear wall, maximum height of 4m and approx 3m height at the eaves Address – Bull Hill, Chilaton, Lifton, PL16 0HE - Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Wilkinson,

seconded Cllr Andrews, one Cllr abstained. Seven Cllrs supported the decision.

Planning – Ref: 1830/20/FUL – Proposed agricultural building. Address - Allerford Farm, Portgate, Lewdown, EX20 4PU-Council decision – Support – Proposed Cllr Metherell, seconded Cllr Vanstone, one Cllr abstained. Seven Cllrs supported the decision.

4. 4.1 R.F.O. Reported a combined credit of £15,974.28 after authorised payments
4.2 Payments were authorised for items below, Proposed Cllr Southcott, Seconded Cllr Yeo.

ICO – Annual Subscription (paid by dd) £35.00, Dean Elliott – Grass cuts at the ramps £200.00, P. van Delft – Clerk salary – May -June £344.88 HMRC – Paye clerk £0.40, A. Harrop – Repayment for Zoom subs. May & June £28.78 4.3

A Vat Refund £341.41 for the year 2019-20 has been received.

Correspondence – BT consultation on removal of payphone at Lowertown Cottages, Coryton.

It was resolved to object to the removal again, Clerk to respond to the consultation.

Councillor Southcott reported that work had commenced on the Wig Wag lights installation.

Date, time and place of next scheduled remote meeting – 28th September 2020 – 7.30PM

Peter van Delft

Lewdown Grouped Parish Clerk

Parish Councillors

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George Metherell: Nicola Perkins:
Terry Southcott: Owen Vanstone: Brian Wilkinson: Graham Yeo:**

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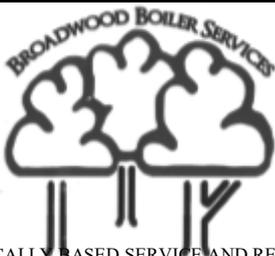
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Lewtrenchard W.I.

As I'm sure all our friends in the village understand W.I. has not been able to meet in person since March. As with many of our local organisations everything came to a halt during lockdown. Although that is easing to some degree, we do not feel it would be safe to start meeting as we used to just yet.

That does not mean that we have not been doing anything though! We have been keeping in touch with our members by phone, email and recently by producing a short Newsletter. At the beginning we set up a Neighbourhood Help Scheme, and we have been grateful for all the help that members and non-members have given with shopping, collecting prescriptions and other requests that those shut in have made. I know there is a piece about those activities further on in the Link.

We were also asked by our Federation President early on to help with making headbands for nurses, to make the wearing of face masks more comfortable. Not many were able to sew, but many members did provide fabric, buttons, organisational skills and delivery. Around 250 were taken to our Tavistock hospital and a couple of local care homes.

Since then we had hoped to do more together by holding an outdoor picnic in August, but sadly we have been thwarted by the limit on those meeting being still only six outside. So instead we arranged a little surprise for the ladies on the day we wanted to hold the get-together, and very much hope they enjoyed that!

We have very much missed our meetings, but look forward to a time when things are more normal, and we can catch up again. If any ladies who live locally would like to join us you would be very welcome. When we can once again meet we will let you know where and when.

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A very different Lewdown but maybe a reminder of the quieter times last April?

Not surprisingly, due to the current government regulations and recommendations regarding meeting up with others, it is not possible to continue with our programme of meetings for the time being. Even the walk we had planned for this month would technically have only been able to involve a few people.

Due to so many meetings having to be cancelled this year the committee will be considering reducing or waiving membership fees for next year, as we hope that the situation will improve at some stage. I'm sure many will have missed our sociable meetings and seeing everyone again will be very welcome.

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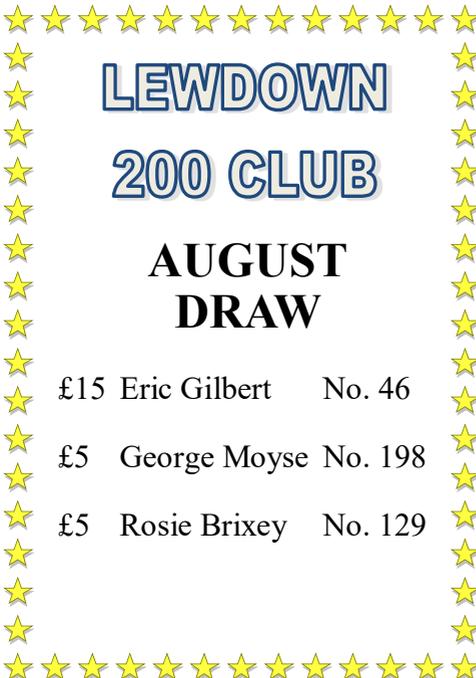
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St. Mary, **Kelly** St. John the Baptist, **Stowford** St. George, **Thrushelton**

Services listed in alphabetical order:

9th September	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Kelly with Bradstone
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
13th September	11.15 am	Holy Communion - Lewtrenchard
	9.30 am	Holy Communion - Thrushelton
20th September	9:30 am	Holy Communion - Lifton
27th September	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

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Bridestowe Methodist Chapel

Hello to Lewdown Newslink readers. As we have some friends that join us from Lewdown I have been asked to tell you just a little about what we are doing at the moment.

As has been the case with many churches and chapels our chapel building has been closed for worship during the past months. But this has not stopped us being a church, because the church is not the building but the people. We have been meeting on zoom every Sunday to share in the West Devon circuit service and including our own worship material. Joyce Vanstone plays for us to sing our hymns and we have different people do the bible readings and take part in other ways.

Worshiping in this way has enabled people that would normally worship elsewhere to join us, this has been a real blessing. We also have a prayer meeting on a Wednesday morning.

In our chapel building AC Worth have been busy with the work to develop part of our building into a community meeting place and coffee bar. The project called the Ark has been in the planning for some time and was started earlier this year but was held up by the Covid lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming people from the whole area to the Ark as soon as possible.

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Lewdown (Virtual) Produce Show August 2020

On the 22nd August Lewdown held their first virtual produce show. Thank you to all that entered with over 50 entries spread over 6 classes

From scarecrows to flowers gardens and veg on a tray.

1st Tim and Nicky Nash taken before last week's storm!

2nd Julie Chick from far off Stowford

3rd Barbara Worth



longest runner bean, was a closely fought contest with 3 over 17 inches

1st John and Marion Lethbridge 17.8

Vegetable Animal

1st Tim and Nicky Nash

2nd Megan Nash

3rd Julie Chick



Single Flower (see front cover)

1st Sarah Nash

2nd John and Marion Lethbridge

3rd Eva Briggs

Selection of veg

1st Andrew Nash

2nd Tim Nash

3rd Eileen Worth



Scarecrow

1st Richard Hill and family

2nd Barbara Scott

3rd= John and Marion Lethbridge

3rd= Tim and Nicky Nash

Many thanks to all that enter, hopefully a normal show will go ahead next year.

A big thanks must go to Mr Brian Wonnacott of Halwill Junction for judging the classes.

Roy and Esmey Stacey for judging the scarecrow class

Marion Lethbridge with coming up with the idea and for Jonathan Nash for putting all the entries in the right classes

Stowford Parish Council



These abbreviated minutes are provisional until they are signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council. A full copy of the minutes can be viewed on the parish councils website.

Minutes of Ordinary remote meeting No 687 held on Tuesday 14th July 2020, 7.30pm

Members of the public – Two members present. Parishioners gave an insight to the planning application 1644/20/FUL.

Planning application – 1644/20/FUL – Erection of live/work dwelling, At Orchard Studio, Stowford, Lewdown, EX20 4BZ, Council decision – support – proposed Cllr Dunn, seconded Cllr Bowers

R.F.O. Report showed a current account credit of £5017.18 after payment of invoices. Council approved invoices for payment, proposed Cllr Lorna St Louis, seconded Cllr Roberts. Invoices due for payment – Community First (annual insurance premium) £177.31, ICO – renewal premium (paid by dd) £35.00, P van Delft-clerk salary May–June £172.60, HMRC–Paye £43.20, M.C. Carpentry & Joinery – repairs to bus shelter £460.00 – A VAT Refund of £37.87 had been received. Cllr Leroy St Louis has been added as a bank signatory and former Cllr Bones has been removed.

Repairs to bus shelter – Now completed, Cllrs Leroy and Lorna St Louis and Bowers offered to treat the shelter with wood preserver weather permitting.

Councillor reports. Cllr Lorna St Louis reported that a number of photos of pot-holes had been taken on the road from A30 to Sprytown-cross on the West Devon Drive. Cllr Lorna St Louis to register on the Devon Highways website.

6. Parish Hall lease agreement extension – Extension of current agreement to permit time to finalise new lease agreement. Cllr Bowers agreed to revise the draft extension. It was resolved to provide the extension to allow more time for the parish council to register the hall and lease.

Councillor vacancy – One position is vacant, the chair asked for cllrs to contact any interested parishioners. WDBC have been informed of the vacancy.

Review of parish council meetings places – The hall could now be opened for the public to use, however for p.c. to resume to use the hall for meetings the hall and pc must adhere to current government Covid 19 guidelines. The provision of risk assessments from the Parish Council and Stowford Parish Hall Committee before pc meetings can resume.

Facebook – Council presence on the media platform. Cllr Leroy St Louis suggested that Facebook may provide an additional useful social media platform for parishioners to see what the council is currently doing, latest news, WDBC news, local organizations services such as that provided by Soupa Troopers and useful information notices such as latest bus timetables, local road works etc could also be listed on the page. Concern was raised by Cllrs Bowers and Edmonds that nuisance messages may be posted and that it would be beneficial to have a monitor regularly checking the page for any such instances. Cllr Leroy St Louis to enquire further to seek more information and then to report back at the next meeting.

Items to be included for next meeting; Parish hall registration and lease agreement, recreation ground registration, public space protection orders-dog control articles a consultation, Office of the police and crime commissioner councillor advocate scheme, clerk employment contract and appraisal.

Date time and place of next remote meeting – 8th September 2020 – 7.30pm

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Like a rising wave at sea it rolls so gently across the field
To die a death then rise again as each straining stalk must yield
Above the ripening ears of wheat that dance in the summer haze
Are loved and familiar faces from those youthful, distant days.
One face I see from long ago, one crowned with golden hair
And we walk hand in hand again beside the wheat field there.
I can smell again the sweetness of dew on the dusty corn
And see the sun-jewelled cobwebs on the bramble and leafy thorn
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