

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland

Village Newsletter - April 2021

Deadline for items – 25th of each month – to Liz (liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com or 667375)

Date		Activity
Thu	1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSL Maundy Thursday Service 11.00 am CF Maundy Thursday Service 12.30 pm
Fri	2 nd	GOOD FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Bagborough Service 12.00 noon Bishops Lydeard Service 12.00 noon Tolland Church Prayer Vigil Noon to 3.00 pm Scarr Chapel worship mtg 3.00 pm Zoom.
Sat	3 rd	
Sun	4 th	EASTER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF Parish Communion 9.30 am LSL Parish Communion 11.15 am with blessing of a new altar cloth in Lady Chapel – see below. Scarr Chapel worship mtg 2.30 pm Zoom.
Mon	5 th	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tue	6 th	
Wed	7 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Thu	8 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	9 th	
Sat	10 th	LSL Church & Churchyard spring clean 10:00
Sun	11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF Parish Communion 9.30 am Scarr Chapel worship mtg 2.30 pm Zoom. LSL Parish Communion 6.00 pm
Mon	12 th	
Tue	13 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	14 th	

Date		Activity
Thu	15 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	16 th	
Sat	17 th	
Sun	18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LSL Morning Prayer 11.15 am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm Zoom
Mon	19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL Term starts Annual Village Meeting 7.00 pm via zoom. Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm via zoom.
Tue	20 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	21 st	
Thu	22 nd	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	23 rd	
Sat	24 th	
Sun	25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CF Morning Prayer 9.30 am LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm Zoom..
Mon	26 th	SCHOOL Bag2School Day BEFORE 9.00am See article below
Tue	27 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	28 th	
Thu	29 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	30 th	

Mel Horner

A message from Katharine:

“Thank you so much to all those who have sent cards and messages of sympathy following Mel’s death. Your kind thoughts have meant a great deal to his daughter Denise, the family and myself. With all good wishes, Katharine “

As you will all be aware, this wretched virus means that numbers at the funeral have to be restricted to close family and friends. There will be a live webcast of the funeral for those unable to attend who wish to pay their respects this way. Please email Katharine if you would like the link at k.spry@outlook.com

Additionally, the family have said no flowers but if you would like to make a donation in Mel’s memory, a Just Giving page for St Margaret’s Hospice can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MelHorner>

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 1st March 2021 by Zoom on at 7.30pm.

Councillors in virtual attendance: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Mary Harding (on telephone), Don Hobson, Andrew Venner, Maeve Vickery and Tony Weir.

Also, in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, SCC & SWT Cllr Mike Rigby, SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew and two members of the public.

- Guy Sturgess who has purchased the old Tower Farm Cheese Factory, gave a presentation to the Parish Council on his proposed development of the establishment of a creative artisanal centre with 15 individual studios, a shared exhibition atrium and a communal area. Further ideas include the re-establishment of a farm shop and a tea room if felt appropriate by the local community.
Cllrs thanked Guy Sturgess for his presentation and supported his idea to bring employment to the area. A few concerns were raised over access and the sustainability of a café/farm shop, but all agreed it is a great proposal for the development of the site and supported it. *(More on page 5. Ed)*
- SCC & SWT Cllr Mike Rigby gave his report to the Parish Council.
 - Covid-19 numbers are coming down nationally and locally. The Council is working on distributing grants to businesses and continue to support with coming out of lockdown.
 - Unitary Council Consultation is now live for people to make comments on and County Council Elections have been postponed until May 2022, when it is hoped newly elected Councillors will be a shadow Council to the new Unitary Council. It means that currently elected Councillors will be in office for an extra year and all are working to complete ongoing projects.
 - A Phosphates plan is being worked through.
 - The current Local Plan is two separate plans for the former West Somerset and Taunton Deane Councils. The Council are working on creating a single Local Plan.
 - The damage road on B3224 at Sandhill Park has now been fixed.
- SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew reiterated Cllr Rigby's report and added that the Unitary Council consultation link had been sent via email and encouraged everyone to comment.

21/13 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Charles Cox,

21/14 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal interest in item 6.5 on the Agenda.

21/15 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 18th January 2021 agreed as an accurate record and to be signed. It was agreed that the Chairman would be posted the minutes to be signed, and would sign all previous unsigned minutes. All agreed.

21/16 **Matters Arising**

Dog Waste Bin (20/47.2)

Costings have now been received - thanks to Cllr Trollope-Bellew for his help in aiding the response for this. A dog waste bin would cost £451.14 to install, then twice weekly collections would cost £13.34 per week, with a £693.68 cost to the Parish Council each year after installation. It was felt that adding a dog waste bin to the Playing field would not solve the issue, a sign would be better and it was felt that a standard waste bin would be more appropriate for the location. Cllr Marshall to look into sourcing a second litter bin.

21/06.4 Review banking

Cllrs agreed that Cllr Marshall and the Clerk should now look into changing the Parish Council's banking to facilitate online services and this would include the updating of the Council's standing orders.

Cllr Marshall has contacted Santander and is awaiting the form required to make the changes.

Salt Bins and Salt supply (21/08)

Cllr agreed that 3 bins should be purchased and placed at the agreed locations for SCC to fill with loose salt, as bags get taken.

Cllr Marshall has purchased, received and placed the salt bins and filled them with the remaining bags of salt. He has asked SCC to fill the remainder of the bins. Cllr Telling thanked the Parish Council for the purchase of the salt bins and requested that Salt Bins should be added to the next Agenda as it was felt Chapel Leigh should have one.

21/17 Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:

Planning applications have been sent to the planning committee for comment and displayed on the Parish Council's website

None received

21/18 Financial

18.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

18.2 Payment has been made for Salt Bins £404.86 (21/08) and to Tolland PCC for the Gate refurbishment of £2000 from the CBF (21/09.)

Cllr Marshall has received a thank you letter to the Parish Council from Tolland PCC which he read to the Council. Cllr Harding also reiterated the thanks to the Parish Council for its support with the restoration of the gates.

18.3 Cllrs agreed to pay the Clerk's Salary £453.56 and Expenses £10.06

Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Weir

18.4 Cllr Weir proposed to appoint Mary Abel as its Internal Auditor, this was seconded by Cllr Venner and agreed by all Cllrs.

18.5 Cllrs agreed to pay Lydeard St Lawrence Hall Committee £570 for the costs of supporting the Outreach Post Office for 2020 out of CIL funds.

Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded by Cllr Weir

All cheques will be posted to two Councillors and then returned to the Clerk for distribution.

21/19 Crime Report

The Crime report was noted by the Council

Cllr Marshall reported that a sheep worrying incident had taken place near Handy Cross, which he believes has been reported to the Police.

21/20 Correspondence and items for information

The following items were noted by the Council:

- Recycling Newsletter
- Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream
- SWT Newsletters
- Census 2021

21/21 Any other Business

None received. With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

The Proposed date of the next meeting is on Monday 19th April 2021 subject to Covid-19 guidelines.

Planning Applications

1. Planning Application [41/21/0003](#)

Replacement of an agricultural building for storage and housing of miniature Mediterranean donkeys at Burts Farmhouse, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence.

25th March 2021: The Council are still considering this application.

2. Planning Application [22/21/0002](#)

Erection of extension to office/storage building at The Old Piggery, Deans Cross Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

25th March 2021: The Council are still considering this application.

CHURCH NEWS

TOLLAND EASTER SERVICES

There is no service at Tolland on Easter Day but on Good Friday there is a prayer vigil from noon until 3 pm. People are very welcome to drop in to Tolland church whenever they wish.

APRIL CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be held in the various churches in the Benefice throughout April including Easter. Please note that all these services are subject to any changes that may be announced. We shall have to continue to sanitise our hands, stay socially distanced and wear masks in the churches.

- Thursday 1st April: **Lydeard St Lawrence** at 11.00 am. Maundy Thursday short service.
Combe Florey at 12.30 pm
- Friday 2nd April: **West Bagborough** at 12 noon. Good Friday: Stations of the Cross
Bishops Lydeard at 12 noon. Good Friday meditation, prayers and music
- Sunday 4th April **Combe Florey** at 9:30 am. Easter Day Parish Communion
Lydeard St Lawrence 11:15 am. Easter Day Parish Communion.
At this service there will also be a blessing of the white linen altar cloth in the Lady Chapel
- Sunday 11th April **Combe Florey** at 9.30 am. 'Low Sunday' Parish Communion
Lydeard St Lawrence at 6.00 pm. 'Low Sunday' Parish Communion
- Sunday 18th April **Lydeard St Lawrence**. At 11:15 am. Morning Prayer
- Sunday 25th April **Combe Florey** at 9.30 am. Morning Prayer

The stripping of the altar in Lydeard St Lawrence and Combe Florey, as well as in all the other three churches in our Benefice, on Maundy Thursday is to remind us that Jesus was stripped of his clothes before he was crucified.

The services on Good Friday acknowledge the horror and violence of the events of Good Friday before we can truly experience the rejoicing and feasting in the light of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day.

Also, on Easter Day, we shall be blessing a new white linen altar cloth for the Lady Chapel altar - paid for by our much-missed village resident Val Boyce, given in her memory and in thanks for her life. Everyone is most welcome to join us on this day, as we remember Val.

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE

CHURCH and CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN

On Saturday 10th April, the church and churchyard will be having a much overdue Spring Clean, starting at 10:00 am. There is plenty of space to allow social distancing. Please bring as many gardening tools and cleaning materials as you can. We had to cancel the Autumn clean up due to the awful weather.

VILLAGE NEWS

Post Office

I have spoken to Jane who runs our Post Office in the village hall to see when they might be restarting. No definite news yet but apparently Watchet and Alcombe are reopening fully on the 12th April so we may know then. Keep watching this space.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLD “TOWER FARM” CHEESE FACTORY

Some of you may be aware that Guy Sturgess has purchased what was the Old Cheese Factory up at Deans Cross with a view to turning it into a Creative Artisanal Centre with individual studios, an exhibition atrium and possibly a tearoom and local farm shop.

Guy presented his plans to the Parish Council in March together with a short presentation which you can [see here](#).

To support the application to the planning department, Guy would like to be able to include some local history about the site. If anyone has any old photos from the Cheese Factory and farm shop days, let me know and I can pass them on to Guy. It would be good to show that this was once a busy site and convince Highways of that precedence to help things along. Once this goes to planning, if local people who like the proposed developments would be prepared to write a letter of support, that would also help.

The Parish Council were very receptive to the idea. Watch this space for more information in the coming months.

SCHOOL NEWS

BAGS2SCHOOL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Lydeard St. Lawrence School will be having a Bags2School collection on **Monday 26th April** to raise money for the care of our new school guinea pigs!

This is a very easy fundraiser for which the school receives 40p per KG and we usually raise around £100 for each collection.

Please place any donations in black bin liners and leave them at the school no earlier than the Sunday (25th). Bags should be left by grass bank just inside the school gates please.

The driver will be arriving to collect the bags at 9am on Monday 26th April and so any bags dropped off after this time will not be taken.

WHAT IS COLLECTED

The following ‘**good quality**’ items for RE-USE are accepted:

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| • Men’s, Ladies’ and Children’s clothing | • Lingerie |
| • Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around) | • Socks |
| • Handbags | • Belts |
| • Hats | • Soft toys |
| • Bags | • Household linen |
| • Scarves and ties | • Household curtains |
| • Jewellery | • Household towels |
| | • Bedding – sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers |

*We **DO NOT** accept:*

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|---|--|
| • <i>Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing</i> | • <i>Duvets and blankets</i> |
| • <i>School uniforms with and without logo</i> | • <i>Pillows and cushions</i> |
| • <i>Corporate clothing and workwear</i> | • <i>Carpets, rugs and mats</i> |
| • <i>Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material</i> | • <i>Bath, shower and toilet mats)</i> |

For more details, please visit <https://bag2school.com/>

Wilder Churches - a new initiative



Wilder Churches is a new partnership initiative between the

Somerset Wildlife Trust

and the

Diocese of Bath and Wells

that is supporting communities to get to know the wildlife in their local churchyard and work together to find ways to increase the value of these special places for wildlife.

Churchyards are often the oldest enclosed piece of land in a parish and many still support a rich variety of wildflowers and wildlife, having remained unscathed from the widespread loss of habitats seen in the wider countryside due to changing land management practices.

The Diocese of Bath and Wells oversees 477 parishes of over 900,000 people in the county and they are working with us to bring communities and church leaders together to learn more about their churchyards and how they can manage them with wildlife in mind.

Key to the initiative is the ongoing support provided to anyone and everyone interested in being involved. Launched on 24 March 2021, regular, free online training sessions are supporting communities to take positive action at a pivotal time for nature.

Online Wilder Church events coming up

We have a number of dates lined up between the 28th April and 30th June for online training (via Zoom) for church leaders and communities on how to support biodiversity and wildlife in their local churchyards.

Details to book onto our second event (April) will be available very soon on our [Web Page](#). You can watch the [first session here](#).

West Somerset Railway Ride Again!

The West Somerset Railway is planning to start up a service again from Saturday 22nd May. Initially, they will be only offering fixed excursions so check the timetable and destinations before setting out. All details can be found on their [Web page](#). It will be good to hear the trains going again after so long.

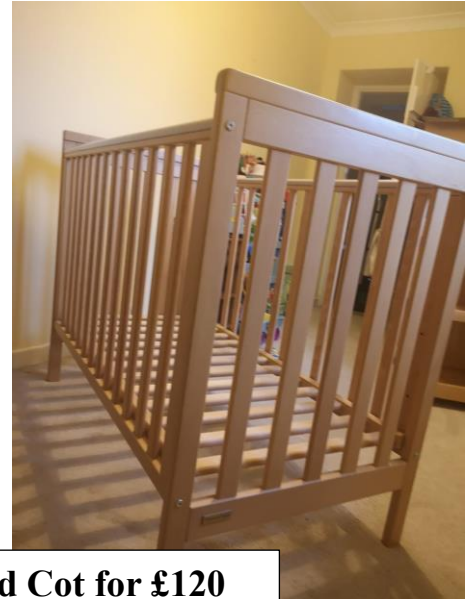
Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club

Hi all, hope you've all been Wintering well.

Delighted to say just agreed a pre-season friendly away to Stoodleigh on 24th April, 2.00pm start. Surely one of the grounds with the best views in England on a nice day!. Be great to see people, rules permitting.

Smudge

For Sale



One Mama's and Papa's Changing Table and Cot for £120



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Two 10 foot gates – offers accepted

For Free

Shredded Paper

I have four large bags of shredded paper to give away.
Is anyone interested?
If so, phone David Young on 01984 667472



Road Closure Lydeard Down Hill

Wessex Water are planning to close Lydeard Down Hill, the road out of the village towards Crowcombe, from Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May 2021 to undertake essential work on the water supply network. Diversions will be in place throughout this period.

Type 2 Diabetes

You could be more at risk than you think!

Anyone can develop Type 2 diabetes, but certain factors can increase your risk of doing so:

- The older you are, the greater your risk is likely to be. However, those from the ethnic groups outlined below tend to be at risk at a younger age.
- You're two to six times more at risk if you have a parent, child, brother or sister with Type 2 diabetes.
- You're more likely to get Type 2 diabetes if you're over 25 and from a Chinese, South Asian, African-Caribbean or Black-African ethnic background.
- You are more at risk of type 2 diabetes if you carry excess weight, have obesity or if you've ever had high blood pressure.

There are also other factors associated with an increased risk:

- You're more at risk if you've ever had a heart attack or stroke, if you've ever had schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or depression, or if you are receiving treatment with anti-psychotic medication
- You're more at risk if you are a woman who has had polycystic ovarian syndrome, gestational diabetes, or given birth to a baby weighing over 10 pounds.

You can't change some of these risk factors. But others you can.

If you're high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, you may be eligible for your free local Healthier You Service. This will help you put your health back in your hands by supporting you to lose weight (where appropriate), get more physically active and eating healthy food. Taking action now is really important as it can reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Finding out your risk only takes a few minutes using the Diabetes UK risk tool. It could be the most important thing you do today. <https://preventing-diabetes.co.uk/know-your-risk-dtc/>

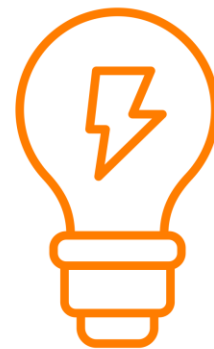


Are you 60 or over and on a low income and in need of a flat in Taunton?

The Taunton Heritage Trust is an almshouse charity with self-contained flats available.

All flats have flooring & white goods provided and communal gardens/laundry facilities.

Please get in touch 01823 335348 or email info@tauntonheritagetrust.org.uk for more information.



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Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School	www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk
LSL Village Web Page	www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk
Benefice Churches	www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org

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