

Lydeard St. Lawrence and Tolland Village Newsletter

April 2022

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

Date		Morning	Afternoon/Evening
Fri	1 st		
Sat	2 nd	Church Open Day 10.00 am - 12.00 pm – Page 7	
Sun	3 rd	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Mon	4 th	Garden (Green) Bin Collection	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Tue	5 th		
Wed	6 th		
Thu	7 th	Tolland Household (Black) & Recycling Collection LSL Kerbside Recycling Collection Only	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Fri	8 th	SCHOOL: End of Term	
Sat	9 th	LSL Churchyard Tidy Up – Page 8	
Sun	10 th		Scarr Chapel worship meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Mon	11 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm PCSO Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	
Tue	12 th		Short Mat Bowls, LSL Village Hall, 7.30 - 9.30 pm
Wed	13 th		
Thu	14 th	Tolland Kerbside Recycling Collection Only LSL Household (Black) and Recycling Collection	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Fri	15 th	GOOD FRIDAY	Tolland Church Music and Meditation 12.00 – 3.00 pm Scarr Chapel Special 150 th Anniversary service at 3pm. Speaker: Rev Mike Plant. Refreshments to follow the service. All Welcome.
Sat	16 th		
Sun	17 th	EASTER SUNDAY LSL Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel Easter service at 2.30pm led by Rev Cyril Aston. Refreshments to follow the service
Mon	18 th	BANK HOLIDAY	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	19 th	Garden (Green) Bin Collection	
Wed	20 th		
Thu	21 st	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	22 nd	All Kerbside Recycling Collection Only	
Sat	23 rd		
Sun	24 th		Scarr Chapel worship meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Mon	25 th	SCHOOL: Start of Term	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Tue	26 th	Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.10 am to 11.30 am	Village Hall AGM 7.00 pm
Wed	27 th		
Thu	28 th	Tolland Household (Black) & Recycling Collection LSL Kerbside Recycling Collection Only	Junior Table Tennis, LSL Village Hall, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Table Tennis Club, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Fri	29 th		
Sat	30 th		
Sun	1 st		Scarr Chapel worship meeting in the Chapel 2.30 pm
Mon	2 nd	BANK HOLIDAY	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Don Hobson and Maeve Vickery

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, SCC Cllr Mike Rigby and Liz McConnell

Questions from members of the Public:

None

SCC Cllr Mike Rigby gave his report.

- The School is under the County Council's Schools Improvement intervention team and is getting the support and resources it needs to get the school back on track.
- Covid Numbers are still high although all restrictions have now been lifted.
- The Energy Grant of £150 will be paid direct to Council Tax payers who pay by Direct Debit on band A-D properties automatically. For all other methods of payment, the grant will need to be applied for. An extra fund is available to those that fall outside of the main criteria, so they can apply from this grant funding.
- Broadband update has been given, working on local areas with Airband.
- Tonedale Mill has a compulsory repair order on it, and SCC are working on these repairs.
- Firepool is moving forward and if planning is approved works should start in April.

22/15 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Tony Weir. Mark Peters and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew

22/16 **Declarations of interest** –

Cllr Hobson declared an Interest in Item 8.2 on the Agenda as Village Hall Chairman (22/21.2),

22/17 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 17th January 2022 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

22/18 **Matters Arising**

None

22/19 **Playing Field Play Equipment**

Cllr Telling has no further update.

22/20 **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.

22/22/0001 - Installation of solar panels to the front roof of Sandings Corner, Hoccombe

22/21 **Financial**

22/21.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

22/21.2 Cllrs agreed to pay the Village Hall for Village Post Office Outreach Service support £671, as decided at the last meeting.

22/21.2 Cllrs agreed to pay Clerk's Salary £463.32 and Expenses £6.56

Proposed by Cllr Telling Seconded by Cllr Hobson

22/22 **Casual Vacancy, Co-option**

No one has come forward from the appeal in the Parish Newsletter. With the Election coming up all Cllrs would now be up for re-election in May, so there is no requirement for a co-option at this time.

22/23 **Parish Council Election 5th May**

The Parish Council and County Council Elections are coming up on 5th May. All Parish Councillors have been given nomination packs, and if anyone else would like one they can be gained from Clerk or the Electoral Services Returning Officer at SWT. Nominations must be delivered by 4pm on 5th April to the Returning Officer at either West Somerset House, Williton or The Deane House, Taunton. If any election is contested the poll will take place on 5th May 2022 for the Parish Council.

County Council Elections will also take place on this date for the new County Councillors for a year; these Cllrs will then become the new Unitary Council Councillors. Notices will be placed on the Notice boards and on the website.

22/24 **Fingerpost repairs**

Cllr Marshall has been working at restoring the fingerposts in the Parish, the painting of some has been completed although some now need cleaning. Cllr Marshall has found that 4 posts and fingers need repair rather than painting. He has spoken with Quantock Landscape Partnership Scheme who are able to give a 75% grant of the costs of repairs. Cllrs agreed to look into the costs and grant further.

The 4 posts are at Lower Tarr, Tarr Road and Tolland Road Cross, Deane's Cross, and Rexton Lane Cross. It was also reported that the one at Common Down, Chapel Leigh is bent, so this too may need repairing.

22/25 **Crime Report**

The Crime Report was noted by the Council.

22/26 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream

SWT Newsletters

Local Heritage List

LGR Programme Governance

Quantock Hills Government consultation on AONBs and National Parks Draft Response

22/27 **Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Liz McConnell has offered to help organise, and will arrange to meet/speak to others who have also offered to organise. Ideas of a Tea Party, leading into a hog roast were suggested for Friday 3rd June, perhaps at the School playing field or Cricket Club playing fields.

22/28 **Any other Business**

Cllr Hobson has reported a pot hole on the new reporting system for SCC Highways, it appears from the system that the pot hole has been repaired but in reality, this is not the case. Cllr Rigby to follow up.

Cllr Cox reported that the road on Binfords Lane is flooding and making it impossible for pedestrians to use. Cllr Rigby will report the issue.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of Next Meeting is on Monday 4th April 2022.

Planning Applications

1. Planning Application [22/22/0004/CMA](#)

Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a change of use and conversion from commercial, business and service use (Class E) into ancillary accommodation for the 2 No. dwellings (Class C3) (as approved under 22/21/0018/CMA) at the first-floor offices, The Old Cold Store, Deans Cross Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

As you are probably aware there is due to be a significant Local Government reorganisation in the near future. The five former District Councils will be merged into one unitary authority as well as other changes which affect all other councils throughout the county.

As a result of the reorganisation, elections for the new unitary Somerset Council as well as to the City, Town and Parish councils across Somerset will be brought forward from 2023, to take place on 5th May 2022. This is to ensure all local elections in Somerset remain aligned.

At these elections on 5th May, City, Town and Parish councillors will be elected for a term of five years instead of the usual four-year term. This does mean that members elected in 2019 will have been in post for only three years at the next election.

What does all this mean for us? Well, our Parish Council is divided into two Wards – Lydeard St Lawrence Ward, which returns seven Councillors, and Tolland Ward, which returns two, and we will need people who are willing to fill those positions.

The Parish Council is the first level of Local Government, playing an important role in the local community, including reviewing local planning applications and distributing government and other funding in ways that benefit the local community. This year one of the first things on the agenda is organising an event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June.

To be able to best carry out its function effectively it needs a full quota of members. The duties are not onerous - the Council meets 8 or 9 times a year - and is a very valuable way of serving the community in which we live.

If you would like to stand for either Ward you will need to complete a Parish and Town Council Nomination form, which can be obtained from our Parish Clerk Lorna Thorne (2 Beech Tree Close, Wiveliscombe TA4 2PE; e-mail lornathorne-lsltpc@hotmail.com) or from the Returning Officer, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton TA4 4QA.

Nomination forms must be delivered to the Returning Officer at either West Somerset House or at The Deane Hose, Belvedere Road, Taunton TA1 1HE **no later than 5th April**.

If you have any questions about any of this please do contact me, either by e-mail on jejm@hotmail.co.uk, or by telephone on 01984 667323.

Jonathan Marshall
Chairman
Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

VILLAGE NEWS

TABLE TOP SALE

The Table Top Sale in the village hall on 19th March raised a total of £90 from the 9 stalls there. There was a varied collection of stalls together with teas and coffees. The money raised has gone into the Village Hall accounts.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Horticultural Show will be on Saturday 13th August this year. The list of classes for all divisions [can be found here](#). Also listed is the recipe for the Routley Cup class together with the rules, regulations, timings, prizes and charges.

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th April in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE WI

It was nice to gather again in the village hall after so long. After the agenda, we discussed how we were going to set up the tabletop for the sale which is being held in the village hall on 19th March. Mary asked for contributions from the members.

With regard to the silk-screening course, Mary updated us on what we needed to wear for the silk screening workshop. We are all looking forward to perfecting our skills in this new venture.

Mary asked if we were keen to enter the Taunton Flower Show (the theme is summer sports) and she wanted ideas from us for the next meeting. We have five months to discuss this, but time seems to pass by very quickly and it will be here before we know it.

Our speaker was one of our members, Carolyn, who stepped in at the last minute as our original speaker was unable to attend. Carolyn's talk was on Mindfulness. She has been practising Mindfulness for about 20 years and was telling us all the different ways that we can practice this. One very simple way was to make a cup of tea/coffee and just concentrate on making this without thinking of any other jobs that need doing. Only five minutes each day can create a calmness in our being. She was really enthusiastic about the benefits and we all found her energies compelling. She said that it can help in situations when you are given terrible news and have to cope with the fall out, just a few minutes of concentrated breathing and getting rid of all those nasty thoughts can help. She handed out a card to all of us which stated:

Five minutes of calm

sit
be still
breathe
enjoy the silence

Carolyn asked if we wanted to try the above and we said we would. It was really calming and I, for one, found the benefit. We thanked her for her talk and the enthusiasm with which she delivered it.

A delicious supper was supplied by Margie.
Gill Boyce

ROAD CLOSURE

Wessex Water will be closing the road from Lydeard St Lawrence village towards Westowe from 4th to 8th April.

Diversions will be in place for the duration. For any further information about this closure please contact Wessex Water on 0345 600 4600, quoting reference: ttr0388467.

CHURCH NEWS

SCARR CHAPEL

Easter Services

Good Friday 15th April - Special 150th Anniversary service at **3pm**. Refreshments to follow the service. All Welcome. Speaker: Rev Mike Plant

Sunday 17th April - service at 2.30pm led by Rev Cyril Aston. Refreshments to follow the service.

All Services are now being held in the chapel.

TOLLAND CHURCH

Blast of Brass

Saturday 9th April at 6.30 pm

Tolland is delighted to welcome resident Jesse Musson and his fellow music students for a special concert in the church on Saturday, 9th April at 6.30pm. Trinity Laban Brass Ensemble will be performing music from the Baroque through classical to the more modern.

Jesse has been studying at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance based in Greenwich, London for the past three years. During lockdown he often practised in the church and now you all have an opportunity to enjoy the skills of these inspiring young musicians.

Tickets £10, children under 12 free, from Linda Lloyd: linda@goulds-farm.co.uk 01984 623155



Music and meditation for Good Friday

St John the Baptist, Tolland will offer a time for quiet reflection and music on Good Friday, 15th April from noon to 3pm. One of the 13 pieces of *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* by Karl Jenkins will be played every quarter hour with silent prayer and meditation in between. Do come for as long or short a time as you wish.

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE

Easter Service

There will be a Holy Communion service in Lydeard St. Lawrence church at 9.30 am on Easter Sunday 17th April.

**Lydeard St. Lawrence
Church Development Project
Open Event Saturday 2 April, 10 am to 12 noon**

In the March newsletter we set out the feedback that we had from the Heritage Lottery and our plan to connect a wider range of people with heritage through the project; as well as making the church building more suitable for community use.

We can include funding for new activities in our lottery bid, so this could be an exciting way of bringing new activities and opportunities to the village, as well as protecting a valuable community asset.

At our open event you will be able to have a tour of the church and learn about its significant features and history. We will also be discussing activities that people might want to take part in over coffees, teas and cake.

You would be very welcome to come and join us on Saturday.



Benefice Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunch on the 14th March was hosted by Lydeard St Lawrence. A very varied selection of soups were available together with bread and cheese and fruit and all rounded off with coffee. A total of £200 was raised for the charity Shelter Box.

**Open Gardens in Lydeard St Lawrence
28th and 29th May**



There will be an Open Gardens weekend on the 28th and 29th May in Lydeard St Lawrence to raise funds for the church. So far we have 7 gardens opening but if you would like to open your garden too, no matter what the size, please contact Helen Foster (667207).

The gardens will be open from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm each day and there will be teas available at one of the gardens.

Please do consider whether you would like to open your garden and even if not, put the date in your diaries and come along that weekend.

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE
CHURCHYARD SPRING CLEAN

On Saturday 9th April, the church and churchyard will be having their usual Spring Clean Up, starting at 10:00 am.

Please do join us and bring as many tools and cleaning materials as you can. Like the Lent Lunches - it's a great way to catch up with people, meet new people and have some fun!

There will be refreshments available throughout the morning.



CRICKET

Delighted to say club stalwart, No3 batsman Mark Hannaford is currently in the Caribbean representing the mighty LSL and also Somerset over 50s (even though he only looks 39) and we wish him all the best for a great tour and hatful of runs. Suffice to say he will not be bowling !!!!!. Good Luck Bart from all of us.



Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

On Sunday 15th May 2022 we shall be holding our eleventh annual Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge, starting at 11am in Watchet and ending in West Bay.

Last year event seen 333 supporters take part to help raise funds to keep Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance flying. In doing so they collaboratively rode just over 18,315 miles and raised approx. £30,000 – that's enough to fund approximately 10 missions by the air ambulance.

We are aware that this event may cause you and your neighbours some slight disruption and would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused. We can assure you that we will follow COVID government guidelines in place at the time of the event.

If you would be willing to help marshal this event in your neighbourhood and help us keep everyone safe, we would love to hear from you.

With best wishes and many thanks for your support.

Samantha Smith
Fundraising Officer
Tel: 01823 669604

[Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge Map](#)

BETTER BUS CHARTER FOR SOMERSET

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England and Somerset's bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increase our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses.

Somerset residents have every right to expect better, but it will need funding.

We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

THE SOMERSET BUS CHARTER

BETTER BUSES FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

We need a core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages with enhanced weekend and evening services. Also we want an extension of the demand-responsive 'Slinky' bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT NETWORK

We need bus routes to link with local railway stations with timetables that offer improved connections between buses and trains.

We also want to see the introduction of integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

PROMOTION OF EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES

We should be promoting the bus as an important way by which we all can address the climate emergency in Somerset (transport accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions in Somerset).

To enable more to go by bus, it is essential that current bus timetable information is shown at all main bus stops and bus times information is available in libraries and at other information points.

AN AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR ALL

We should make bus travel more attractive through cheaper fares especially targeted at young people up to the age of 25. Plus, for everyone, a new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

CLEANER BUSES

We want an accelerated transition from diesel buses to zero emission buses.

MEANINGFUL FUNDING OF BUS SERVICES

We need Somerset's bus budget to be brought progressively up to the average for similar rural authorities in the South West.

CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School	Benefice Churches	LSL Village Web Page
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