

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

December 2019

Available via email, or in the Church or from the Village Hall Mondays & Thursdays 10:00 am to 12:45 pm

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

Date		Morning	Afternoon / Evening
Sun	1 st	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	2 nd	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	3 rd	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	4 th		
Thu	5 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	6 th		
Sat	7 th		
Sun	8 th	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	9 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	10 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	11 th		
Thu	12 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	13 th		School Christingle in the church 2.00 pm
Sat	14 th		School Christmas Fair in the School. 12.00 - 2.00pm Wreath Making Workshop in VH 2.30– 5.00pm
Sun	15 th		Scarr Chapel Carol Service with seasonal refreshments to follow 2.30 pm
Mon	16 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	17 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	18 th		School Good Work Assembly in the church 2.00 pm
Thu	19 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm CF Carols By The Christmas Tree 7.00 pm
Fri	20 th	SCHOOL End of Term	
Sat	21 st		
Sun	22 nd	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm LSL The Christmas Story in Words and Music 4.00 pm
Mon	23 rd	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	24 th	Recycling Collection ONLY	CF Crib Service 3.30 pm
Wed	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	
Thu	26 th	BOXING DAY	
Fri	27 th		
Sat	28 th		
Sun	29 th		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	30 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Tue	31 st	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	1 st	NEW YEARS DAY Village Walk – Meet 11:00 in the VH Car Park	

CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES

Christmas Services

The following Christmas services are being held in Lydeard St Lawrence, Tolland and Combe Florey:

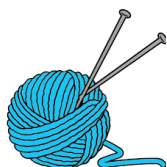
Friday 13 th December	Lydeard St Lawrence – School Christingle 2.00 pm.
Wednesday 18 th December	Lydeard St Lawrence – School Good Work Assembly 2.00 pm
Thursday 19 th December	Combe Florey – Carols outside by the tree 7.00 pm
Sunday 22 nd December	Lydeard St Lawrence – The Christmas Story in words and music. 4.00 pm
Tuesday 24 th December	Combe Florey – Crib Service 3.30 pm
Christmas Day	Combe Florey – Holy Communion 9.30 am
Christmas Day	Tolland – Christmas Carols 10.45 am
Christmas Day	Lydeard St Lawrence – Holy Communion 11:15 am

Christmas Tree Festival

Unfortunately there has been very little interest in this years Christmas Tree Festival so the decision has been made to cancel the Festival. Perhaps next year. However, it is hoped to arrange a festive social gathering on the evening of what would have been the opening ceremony, Friday 20th December at 6.00 pm. Details will be announced on the website (village, church,) and on the church noticeboard. Watch this space.

VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

CRAFT GROUP - NEW FOR 2020



The new Lydeard St. Lawrence Craft Group will be meet on the third Thursday of every month from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Village Hall.



First meeting of 2020 will be on Thursday 16th January.

You are all invited to bring along whatever you are working on, hoping to start or can dig out from the back of the cupboard (those U.F.O.s).

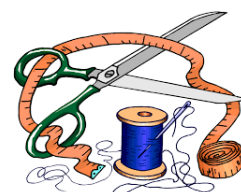
We hope to inspire, learn from and encourage one another in our love of craft.

We might even set ourselves some new challenges too!

Everyone welcome.

£3 a session to include refreshments.

See you there.



Raffle

Lydeard St Lawrence School Christmas Fair

Stalls

Festive Games

Tombola

Saturday 14th December

In The School

Father Christmas

12.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Craft Activities

Fun For Everyone!

Food & Drink

Bell Tower Open Day Free Tours! Saturday 18 January 2020

Church bell ringing combines many interests – music, history of ancient buildings, physical exercise, social interaction, ancestry, exercises for the brain.

In Lydeard St Lawrence and Combe Florey, we have two of the best and easiest ringing towers in the country. What we do not have are enough ringers!

We invite people who live nearby to explore a new interest – or to revive an old interest - come and have a look!

We will be opening both towers on **Saturday 18th January 2020**, Lydeard St Lawrence from 10am to 12 noon and Combe Florey from 2pm to 4pm. There will be guided tours of the towers, opportunities to see the bells demonstrated and to have a go at ringing.

There are no age limits, only that you need to be more than about 4 feet tall and fit enough to make it up the stairs to the ringing chamber. Come on your own or bring a friend. We have a qualified trainer in the team to make sure that new ringers can learn in a safe and structured way.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

New Year's Day Village Walk Wednesday 1st January 2019 11:00 in the Village Hall car Park

Come and join us for a merry amble on New Year's Day. Starting at 11 o'clock in the Village Hall car park, we will stroll down to the Farmers Arms in Combe Florey, stop for a swift drink and complete the circuit back to the village. Everyone is welcome, young and old, two legged and four. The walk will be about 2 hours in length. An excellent way to start the new year.



October WI Meeting

At the November meeting it was agreed to have a Christmas tree in the Church this year. It was organised that the next meeting would be held at Jo Stewart's house where decorations would be made. The group Christmas carol service is to be held at West Monkton and names were taken who could attend. Also there will be a Carol Service at Middelney Manor (there will be a guided tour first). The carol service will be followed by tea and mince pies.

A group of people sorted through all the shoe boxes which were collected from all the WIs in this area. These are to be distributed to the YMCA and any surplus will be given to the homeless. There were around 300 boxes altogether.

Naomi Waters was introduced as the speaker and her subject was Behind the scenes at the Museum.

After her A levels and her degree she worked for two or three publishers in London, this was mostly on Military publications, in particular Naval books. Whilst at one of these jobs she was involved in producing the 30th year addition of the "Joy of Sex". She was then appointed Head of Publications at the National Gallery Museum. She told us that there were hundreds of thousands of items in the collection and these were mostly kept in huge storage facilities underground.

Her first six months were manic, getting to know the job and needing to get books published in those months - no mean feat as it normally takes at least a year. Naomi had to work alongside curators of the different departments, often the curators, who were doing research alongside their jobs, were asked to propose a subject for the next book. She then had to arrange photographing the objects, organising typefaces and layout and presenting to the board. Sometimes she would be presenting five different themes for publications most of which would be turned down. When the book was accepted often a run of 20,000 books would be commissioned.

There were franchises for translations, the largest consumer was the USA. Naomi was also responsible for opening up the market for children's books. The book shop in the museum was the main funding for the NGM.

Naomi brought in boxes of books which she was involved in producing, which were browsed through on subjects as diverse as Egyptian Pharaohs, 5000 years of textiles, Chinese ceramics and Greek sculpture. The Egyptian mummies have always been the most popular items for visitors. Special books for Exhibitions were dealt with separately.

Naomi continued to work there for three years and when she moved down to Somerset she bought a cafe in Minehead.

She was thanked for her interesting talk and the evening finished off with tea, biscuits and cake.

Theft from a Motor Vehicle.

A car parked in Nethercott Way, Lydeard St Lawrence has had its contents stolen overnight on the 23rd November 2019. The owner of the vehicle has lost the following items, a Coat, Purse, Hand bag and a collection of keys. There is no suggestion of any damage to the vehicle but the locks have had to be changed and this will prove costly.

If you contact the Police about this incident, please call 101 & quote Reference number: 5219271706 or Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, thank you.

Over 60's Christmas Lunch

The Over 60's Christmas Lunch this year will be on Tuesday December 31st in the Village Hall.

Road Closures

(1) Parish of Elworthy - Temporary Closure of Higher Lodge via Willett To Willett Lodge

The County Council of Somerset propose to make an Order PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC from proceeding along Higher Lodge via Willett To Willett Lodge from 380m north of the junction with Willett Hill Cross to Thornbush Cross, northwards for a total distance of 25 metres. This order will enable Wessex Water to renew a stop tap

The Order becomes effective on 09 December 2019 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 3 days.

Please visit www.one.network for further information on the alternative route

(2) Parish of Brompton Ralph - Temporary Closure of Pitsford Hill To Gandstone Cross

The County Council of Somerset propose to make an Order PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC from proceeding along Pitsford Hill To Gandstone Cross from the junction with Gandstone Cross to Parks Lane, south-eastwards for a total distance of 590 metres. This order will enable Utility Services Ltd to carry out telegraph pole repair work on behalf of BT Openreach

The Order becomes effective on 17 December 2019 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to last for 3 days (09:30-15:30hrs).

Please visit www.one.network for further information on the alternative route

Suspected Fraud Phone Calls

Please alert any elderly or vulnerable friends, neighbours or relatives to the following scam.

Bath and North East Somerset Trading Standards have been made aware of three residents being contacted by suspected fraudsters who are claiming to be from “Bath Council”, “Safe and Secure” or “Protect Your Home UK”.

The caller say that they are contacting people aged between 50 and 70 to offer home security systems. One resident was offered an ID wrist band for £1, along with a quote for floor sensors which would alert the wristband if there was a flood or fire. The other resident was offered free security equipment, £1 for installation and ongoing maintenance costs to be agreed. Both residents say the caller was extremely convincing. The caller guaranteed that police, ambulance or fire would attend an incident. The telephone number provided to residents does not work and it's believed that this is a SCAM! This may be an attempt to get people's bank details or to sign residents up to an expensive monthly subscription.

If you have been affected by a similar telephone call, the advice from Trading Standards is to call the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 04 05 06 or report it online at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/consumer-service/>

Do something amazing this year

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe, loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.

Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, and the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of long term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary – please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important – you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake. Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 7-9pm.

Donate your Winter Fuel Payment so Somerset's elderly don't have to choose between eating and heating



As we head into winter, many of us face an expensive – but essential - bill for heating our homes, while many of our neighbours face a stark decision between eating and heating: a shocking one in eight households in Somerset live in fuel poverty. Thanks to the bright idea of one generous pensioner, hundreds of older people in Somerset are being supported to stay warm, safe and well every winter through Somerset Community Foundation's Surviving Winter campaign.

The campaign encourages people who don't need their Winter Fuel Payment to donate some or all of it to help local older people who are unable to afford to heat their homes. Last year, over 500 elderly people living in Somerset were helped through the cold winter months, thanks to generous local donors who donated over £100,000 to Surviving Winter.

Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) are also taking part in The Big Give, and **online** donations to the campaign that are made **during the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge** - midday Tuesday 3 December to midday Tuesday 10 December - will be doubled! So, not only will **your donation be worth twice as much**, but even more older and isolated people across the county will feel warmer and better connected this winter.

If you would like to donate to Surviving Winter, visit www.somersetcf.org.uk/winter or call 01749 344949.

CONTACTS

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Village Hall	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
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Local Police	PC Jo Jeffery PCSO Louise Fyne Non Emergency Number	07889 657943 07889 659476 101	Joanne.jeffery@avonandsomerset.police.uk Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk

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

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