

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Village Newsletter

December 2020

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

Date		Activity
Tue	1 st	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	2 nd	
Thu	3 rd	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	4 th	
Sat	5 th	
Sun	6 th	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	7 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	8 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.40 – 12.00
Wed	9 th	
Thu	10 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	11 th	
Sat	12 th	
Sun	13 th	CF Parish Communion at 9.30 am LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	14 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	15 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	16 th	
Thu	17 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Date		Activity
Fri	18 th	SCHOOL last day of term
Sat	19 th	
Sun	20 th	LSL Parish Communion at 11.15am Scarr Chapel Carol Service 2.30 pm
Mon	21 st	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	22 nd	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	23 rd	
Thu	24 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY CF Christmas Parish Communion at 9.30 am Tolland Carol Service Outside 10.30 am LSL Christmas Parish Communion 11.15 am
Sat	26 th	
Sun	27 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm.
Mon	28 th	BOXING DAY
Tue	29 th	
Wed	30 th	Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection. No GREEN collection
Thu	31 st	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:00 am – 12:00 noon.
Fri	1 st	NEW YEARS DAY
Sat	2 nd	
Sun	3 rd	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am
Mon	4 th	SCHOOL Inset day Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	5 th	SCHOOL Term starts
Wed	6 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Lydeard St Lawrence - 11.15 am Christmas Parish Communion

Tolland - 10.30 am Carol service. Wrap up warmly as this will probably be held outside

Combe Florey - 9.30 am Christmas Parish Communion

Scarr Chapel - will be holding a Zoom carol service is on 20th December at 2.30pm. All welcome, if anyone would like to join with us please contact Jenny for the meeting ID and passcode.

Rubbish Collection Days over Christmas

Wednesday 30th December - Black bin and recycling only, no green bin collection

Wednesday 6th January - Kerbside recycling only

Tuesday 12th January - If you subscribe to a green bin, you may put your denuded Christmas tree out for collection.

PARISH COUNCIL

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual meeting held by Zoom on 30th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Also, in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk. SCC & SWT Cllr Mike Rigby and 1 member of the Public.

20/53 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Mary Harding, PCSO Louise Fyne and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

20/54 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Marshall declared a personal interest in item 6.3 on the Agenda.

20/55 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 19th October agreed as an accurate record and will be signed at the first face to face meeting of the Parish Council.

20/56 **Matters Arising**

Councillors Training (DH) (20/43.2) Cllr Hobson has circulated his feedback.

Dog Waste Bin (20/47.2)

Cllr Marshall has not had a response on costings for the installation of a Dog Waste Bin, but has been able to gain a price for emptying a bin. For a twice weekly empty would be £627, or a once weekly would be £313. Cllrs felt a once weekly empty would be good start to see how the bin works. Until a price is given, no further action can be taken at this time. To add to next Agenda.

'Free' Trees (SW&T free trees for open spaces) (20/48.2)

Liz McConnell, Cllr Hobson and Cllr Peter's have planted 3 oaks, 3 beech and 2 lime trees along the verge on B3224 between Handy Cross and Stoney Cross. A fairly central and well traversed place between the two villages which also allowed the replacement of some of the ash trees we have recently lost.

Cllr Marshall thanked Liz, Cllr Hobson and Cllr Peters on behalf of the Parish Council for gaining and planting the trees, and also to Cllr Peters for the removal of the Ash die back trees.

20/57 **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

22/20/0011/T - Notification to fell one Sycamore tree, to carry out management works to one Beech tree and to dead-wood one Lime and one Sweet Chestnut (permission not required for dead-wooding) within Lydeard St. Lawrence

22/20/0012/T - Application to carry out management works to a line of Oak, Chestnut, Beech, Alder and Ash trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Combe Florey No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 along the eastern edges of the woodland to the south of Nethercott Lane, south east of Lydeard St Lawrence (TD714)

The above 2 planning applications have been referred to the Planning Committee, with no objections to the tree works.

22/20/0010 - Erection of a single storey extension with alterations to roof to include the formation of gable on rear elevation and installation of dormer windows and roof lights at Hurley View, Raleighs Cross Road, Lydeard St Lawrence

This planning application is still under review by the planning committee who will give their comments before the 11th December.

20/58 **Financial**

58.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council.

58.2 Cllrs agreed to pay the Clerks Salary £453.50 and Expenses £6.25 £459.75

Proposed by Cllr Vickery seconded by Cllr Hobson

58.3 Cllrs agreed to pay Jonathan Marshall for Remembrance Wreath £21.98

Proposed by Cllr Telling seconded by Cllr Venner

58.4 Cllrs agreed to pay SALC for Councillors Training £25

Proposed by Cllr Venner seconded by Cllr Vickery

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

20/59 **Budget and Precept**

59.1 The PC reviewed and approved the Budget for 2021/22. Proposed by Cllr Hobson and Seconded by Cllr Telling.

59.2 Cllrs agreed to keep the precept at the same amount as last year. The tax base has gone down this year from 219.73 to 213.57. This means asking for the same amount as last year per house at £19.286, the PC will be asking for £4118.91.

Cllrs agreed to keep the Precept at £19.286 per band D house equivalent. Proposed by Cllr Telling and Seconded by Cllr Vickery.

20/60 SWT Consultation notification: Climate Positive Planning Interim Policy Statement
The Consultation was noted by the Council, with comments welcomed from individuals.

20/61 **Crime Report**

The Crime report was noted by the Council

20/62 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures

Weekly Updates from SWT & SCC and workstream

SWT Newsletters

20/63 **Any other Business**

Cllr Marshall raised some concerns to The Parish Council he had been given from a member of the Public present at the meeting.

- After the previous Council meeting, letters from Somerset County Council Highways (SCCH) were issued to several landowners along the Quickbeam, Hoccombe, Chapel Leigh, Pyleigh area asking them to cut back overhanging vegetation. It was felt the letter was not sent considerately or from reviewing the area, just sent to multiple landowners, some of which had already maintained their hedges. Cllrs agreed the letter was well intended but thought that more consideration should have been taken into which households received the letter. Having had the same issue for a number of years, Cllr Marshall would speak to SCCH to see how improvements can be made, and the communication to the landowners.
- No council hedge cutting through Westleigh, Quickbeam Lane and many other areas. Why no cut for 2020?
Cllr Marshall had earlier spoken to SCCH who stated that the hedges have been trimmed. Cllrs commented that this is not the case, and was felt that this had not happened along parts of this section for several years, it was felt this could be due to the size of the vehicles trying to trim the hedges being too large for the job.
Cllr Marshall would speak to SCCH and discuss this matter.
- The road surface along Quickbeam Lane, Westleigh, Hoccombe and Pyleigh is in an unsatisfactory state. Members of the public and Cllrs report issues but no action appears to happen. Cllr Venner suggested that a different approach to reporting these problems could be sought as previous reporting has not worked.

Cllr Marshall agreed that a generic email address at Somerset County Roads departments wasn't the best reporting option and said that he was now in contact with the Assistant Highway Service Manager who has been more helpful in dealing with local issues.

SW&T Cllr Rigby informed the Parish Council that SCCH were overwhelmed and stretched with workloads and lack of funding along with Covid-19 restrictions, so they are being slow at responding but this can't be helped at present.

- No Winter salt supply for outlying areas. Cllrs agreed that the purchase of some more salt bins could be sought, Cllrs Weir, Telling and Vickery agreed to research suitable locations for some salt bins and to report back to the Parish Council.
- The small hamlets feel they are overlooked and not considered for financial assistance or to be given information such as PC minutes other than online.
Cllrs welcomed comments and requests from the outlying hamlets, as requests for help can only be considered if they are brought to the Council's attention. With the lack of facilities and volunteers, delivering paper minutes to the hamlets is not an option at this time but volunteers to assist would be welcomed.
- Cllr Rigby gave his report.
Covid-19 numbers are falling in the area, it was disappointing that SW&T area are going into tier 2 after the current lockdown ends on 2nd December but the decision has been made on 5 consideration factors. This includes some local care homes which have seen small outbreaks and some local large employers too.
Shops will be able to open 24hours during December if they wish and free parking will be available in West Somerset and Wellington, with parking charge reductions in Taunton.
Grants are available to businesses affected by the recent lockdown and restrictions.
The bids for one or two Unitary Council(s) in Somerset have been made, the timeline for the completion of the review and new Council starting have been extended to April 2023.
The planning department are still reviewing the implications of the phosphates implications on planning applications, it is hope to be resolved by the end of the year.
The local plan for housing plots has been reviewed and 103 new locations are being looked at with an online review open for comments and thoughts.
- Cllr Marshall, the Chairman, thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support over the past, difficult year, and wished them and their families a peaceful Christmas and a Happy, Hopeful New Year.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm

The Proposed date of the next meeting is on Monday 18th January 2021 subject to Covid-19 guidelines.

CHURCH NEWS

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE Mud Glorious Mud

Some of you who walk through the churchyard will have noticed the heap of soil near to the north porch. This is what was dug out for the foundation of the platform for our replacement oil tank. Owing to a misunderstanding it wasn't removed - the heap, not the tank!

So - as they say - if anyone cares to bring a barrow and a shovel they are welcome to take a load away.

David R Young



VILLAGE NEWS

Lydeard St Lawrence Post Office

The village Post Office will be open on Monday 21st December as normal and then not again until Monday 4th January.

New Year's Day Walk – CANCELLED

Sadly I don't think we can go ahead with our New Years Day walk this year. Of course, restrictions may have changed (again) by then and we may be allowed to meet in larger groups outside. But I suspect not. If things do change and we are able to go ahead, I will email out to let you all know. Ho Hum.

Fiveways

If anyone would like to receive Fiveways magazine, a monthly printed magazine covering all the news and events in Bishops Lydeard and the associated parishes, please contact Helen Foster on 01984 667202 or at helenfosterlstl@gmail.com

Council Free Tree Update

In November Somerset West and Taunton council were offering free trees up to the value of £50 to local parish councils as part of their commitment to making the whole council area carbon neutral by 2030. We were lucky enough to be allocated 8 trees in total, 3 oaks, 3 beech and 2 limes, for Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland. After some consideration, we decided to plant the trees along the B3224 between Handy Cross and Stoney Cross. This is a well-used route by all and fairly central to the two villages. It also allowed us to replace some of the ash trees we lost recently to ash die-back.

Mark Peters and Don Hobson, ably assisted by Liz who held things, spent last Friday morning planting the trees. As requested by the council we have submitted photos of all the trees, that currently look almost identical, together with their locations. I shall be keeping a photo diary and monitoring the trees over the coming months and years.

My thanks to Don and Mark for, literally, doing all the spade work last week.



Mark and Don planting. About 2 minutes after I took the picture of Mark, we decided that planting right under the electricity pylon was not a good idea, so we moved our hole further down the road.

Cleaner Wanted

Alan Miles is looking to organise a cleaning rota for a holiday cottage in Lydeard St Lawrence. The cottage would normally need cleaning weekly on a change over day which would include changing the linen.

Rates are negotiable. For further information please contact Alan Miles on 01823 412394



LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME

We bought Scramble in July as another hen to join our small flock. However, Scramble has turned out to be a cockerel!

He is approximately 7 months old and is just finding his voice. It wouldn't be fair on the hens or our neighbours for us to keep him, so we are looking for a new home for our beautiful boy.

Can anyone help please?

Hayley 667800

Village Hall Treasurer Wanted

The Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall is **URGENTLY** looking for a new Treasurer.

The responsibilities will include maintaining the bank accounts, paying bills, banking money and annually preparing the accounts for audit. As a committee member the Treasurer has a voice in how the village hall is run and used.

If you would like to know more, please contact Don Hobson on 01984 667375.

Please remember that this asset needs the support of people living in the village to operate.

Comfort
and Joy



The Big Doorstep Carol Sing

Sunday 20th December
@ 6:00pm.

Gather on your doorstep, in the street or in whatever way is possible on the night and sing along to some familiar Carols and share tidings of Comfort and Joy with your neighbours and friends!

Andrew Norris will be our host on 10 Radio, introducing the Carols, sung on the radio by local singers and musicians to keep us all connected and in time. You will be able to download the carols and music nearer the time from the 10radio (www.10radio.org) or St Andrews, Church Wiveliscombe websites (<http://wiveychurches.org.uk/carols/>), or pick them up from Jones Garage in Wiveliscombe



Seasonal Quiz

Some answers may make you groan

1. A word ending in 'gale' that can be either an item of horse tack or an historic item of ladies' apparel.
2. The Himba tribe of Namibia have no concept of which visual experience?
3. In the mid 19th century, the first synthetic dye, mauve, was accidentally discovered while trying to find what?
4. Who had a hit with "Big Green Car"?
5. What is as big as an elephant but weighs absolutely nothing?
6. What is a famous type of soft cheese that originated in a region of France to the North East of Paris?
7. Who wrote "The Selfish Giant"?
8. What does 1 Imperial gallon of water weigh?
9. Which series of books did Captain W. E. Johns write?
10. I am an odd number, take away one letter and I become even. What am I?
11. What is stumpwork?
12. What is unique about the M49 motorway (*apart from it being the only one called M49!*)?
13. If you sailed a boat out of Watchet Marina, in which Shipping Forecast area would you be?
14. In Thomas Hardy's Wessex novels, on which real town was Casterbridge based?
15. What animal has the highest blood pressure?
16. How many seconds are there in a year?
17. What animals can collectively be known as a Dazzle?
18. Which British tennis star won his first tournament for 2 years in October 2000?
19. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
20. What do you actually find at the end of every rainbow?
21. What was the name of the dog in "The Famous Five" books?
22. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
23. What starts with an E and ends with an E and only has one letter in it?
24. What decoration do elves traditionally have on their shoes?
25. In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, what do the Dursleys give Harry for Christmas?
26. Misteltoe literally translates from Anglo Saxon as "what" on a stick?

Thanks to all who submitted questions.

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



As we head into winter, many of us face an expensive – but essential - bill for heating our homes, while hundreds of our older neighbours here in Somerset are forced to choose between heating and eating.

The coronavirus outbreak means that, for many older and vulnerable people, this winter will be even more difficult and worrying. Many will need to stay at home to keep themselves safe, and will find themselves cut off from family and friends, facing higher costs to heat their homes.

A shocking 10% of 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.

Surviving Winter 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.

Every year Surviving Winter helps around 500 elderly people living in Somerset through the cold winter months, thanks to generous local donors who, last year, donated over £100,000 to the appeal.

Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) is taking part in The Big Give, and **online** donations made to Surviving Winter **during the week-long Big Give Christmas Challenge** - midday Tuesday 1 December to midday Tuesday 8 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 get the support they need this winter.

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

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LSL Village Web Page	www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk
Benefice Churches	www.bishopslydeardbenefice.org

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