

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

January 2018

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
Mon	1 st	New Years Day Walk. V. Hall Car Park at 11:00	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	2 nd		Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	3 rd	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Thu	4 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	5 th		
Sat	6 th		
Sun	7 th	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	8 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm SCHOOL Inset Day	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	9 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection SCHOOL Start of Term	
Wed	10 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	11 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	12 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	13 th		
Sun	14 th	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	15 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	16 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	17 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	18 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	19 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	20 th		
Sun	21 st	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	22 nd	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	23 rd	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	24 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	25 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	26 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	27 th		
Sun	28 th	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm BL Benefice Evensong 4:00 pm
Mon	29 th	Post Office and Coffee Shop, LSL Village Hall, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	30 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm Mobile Library: Tolland Glebe Farm (TA4 3PR) 11.50 - 12.05 LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 12.15 - 12.30 LSL School (TA4 3SF) 1.10 – 1.40
Wed	31 st	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present, Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Matt Hele, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Edward White.

In attendance, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk and County Councillor Mike Rigby

17/90 **Apologies** Borough Councillor Gwil Wren and PCSO Louise Fyne

17/91 **Declarations of interest** – None received

17/92 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 16th October were agreed as an accurate record.

17/93 **Matters Arising**

93.1 17/82 **Dog fouling in the village**

There seems to be an increase of dog fouling within the Village especially outside the Primary School. Cllr Marshall would put a message in the newsletter requesting responsible dog ownership and for people to pick up their dog mess. He also requested that perhaps the village could have a designated dog waste bin, rather than residents using the litter bin. It was suggested that Cllr Marshall should investigate this further.

To have a dog waste bin in the Village would cost £345 plus VAT. The bin could be emptied weekly at a cost of £5.25 per time and a total yearly cost of £273. This seems a lot of money to be spent and the Council agreed to monitor the situation in the village with the request for responsible dog ownership in the Newsletter. The playing field signs saying ‘No dogs’ have been lost and should be replaced.

93.2 17/84 **Christmas Tree Festival 2017**

The Parish Council have been asked if they would like a Christmas tree at this year’s festival. Cllrs thought it was a great way for the Parish Council to support the community and Cllr Telling agreed to take charge of decorating the tree. A medium sized tree would be purchased.

Cllr Telling has put up the Tree in Church with some great thought in the decorations with handmade road signs to represent the Parish Council. Cllr Marshall thanked Cllr Telling for taking on the Christmas Tree and for her very inventive decorations which has been echoed through the Village.



93.3 89.3 *The Parish Council were asked if the damaged cones by the school could be removed. Cllrs had no objections. These have now been removed.*

93.4 17/83 **Paint for fingerposts**

Cllr Marshall requested the purchase of paint as required to refurbish the Parish fingerposts. Cllrs agreed and suggested a working party to be set up in the spring. It was also suggested that a few people go on the Course set up by SCC for the maintenance of Finger Posts. Cllr Marshall has now completed the course, however has found out that he is unable to restore any signs that are against the road and any he is able to do cannot be done alone. A request to residents to take the course will be made to enable the restoration of the signs.

17/94 **Planning**

94.1 **Applications received for comment from Taunton Deane BC:**

22/17/0021 - Erection of oak framed single storey extension to front of Pipers Gate, Chapel Leigh Road, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/17/0022/LB - Replacement of 1 No. first floor window at Chapel Leigh Farm House, Chapel Leigh Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence

22/17/0023/T - Application to carry out management works to two Beech trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Lydeard St. Lawrence No.1) Tree Preservation Order 2012 at Church Close, Lydeard St. Lawrence

The above planning has all been referred to the planning committee with No Objections.

94.2 **Notification of any Taunton Deane Decisions:**

None received

17/95 **Financial**

95.1 Accounts Statement

95.2 To Pay Invoice for Tolland Phone Box Shelving etc.

95.3 An Invoice has been received from Andy Coleman for £342 for the shelving and notice board. Cllrs agreed to payment Proposed by Cllr Hobson Seconded by Cllr Cox

95.4 Cllrs agreed to pay for the Christmas Tree for festival of £15
Proposed by Cllr Vickery Seconded Cllr Harding

95.5 Grants payments has been received from TDBC £1905

95.6 Cllr agreed to forward Grants on to:

Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club playing field grant 735.00

Lydeard St Lawrence PCC £650.00

Tolland PCC £220.00

Footpath Grant (added to fund) £300

Proposed by Cllr Cox Seconded Cllr Hobson

95.7 Cllrs agreed to pay the Parish Council Grants to

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee for £500.00

Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club for £500.00

95.8 To Pay Clerks Salary and Expenses

Cllrs agreed to pay £350 for salary and £8.89 for the Clerk's expenses.

Proposed Cllr Cox Seconded Cllr Hobson

The Parish Council reviewed the Clerk's Salary and have agreed to increase it with immediate effect to £1629 per year.

95.9 The CIL Annual Report has been submitted to TDBC, payments received were £459.17 and payments made to the Primary School Library of £750, leaving £1591.50 in the CIL fund.

17/96 **Tolland Phone Box Update** (17/80, (17/30))

Cllr Harding has gained a third quote for new Paving Slabs around phone box. The Quote was £460 from John Brand and is considerably cheaper than the previous quotes gained. Andy Coleman has also quoted £60 to place a concrete ramp up to the door, although cheaper this is not what the council required to stop the growth of surrounding vegetation. Cllrs voted to accept John Brand's quote to go ahead with the work (4 in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions).

17/97 **Village Defibrillator in Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland** (17/81 (17/71))

The Parish Council agreed that a defibrillator in both Villages would be great but concerns over accessing them in an emergency were raised. Both Villages do not have good, reliable mobile phone signal and a landline would be difficult to access in an emergency.

The Parish Council has been awarded the two Grants of a £1000 for two defibrillators.

Although Cllr Vickery has researched the practicalities of having no phone signal and accessing them in an emergency she still needed to research more. Cllrs agreed more information was required for the next meeting.

17/98 **Budget and Precept**

98.1 The Clerk presented the Budget for 2018/19, with a healthy spending from the Community Benefit Fund and a healthy unrestricted fund. The footpath and play area funds are increasing. Cllr Telling suggested we look into how the footpath fund should be spent. This year has also seen some payments from the CBF to the Primary School and Cricket Club.

92.2 Currently this year the Precept is £19.286 per Band D equivalent, so we received £4053.

If we want to keep it the same then we would ask for £4103 as the tax base is slightly higher this for 2018/19. (212.72 compared to 210.12 last year.) Cllrs agreed to setting the Precept to be the same as last year and ask for £4053. Pr Cllr Cox S Cllr Telling

17/99 **Correspondence and items for information**

Heritage Lottery Support for Quantock Hills AONB Scheme
Somerset county council highways winter service 2017/2018 *and salt bags collected*
Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Half Year Progress Report 2017-18.
SWP October 2017 briefing
Evening Road Closure 18th December, A39 Cannington Road, Nether Stowey
WAP, Wivey Link request for funding support
Cllrs agreed that Lydeard Lifts were the local volunteer service and not to support Wivey Link financially.

17/100 **Website Merger**

WebMe, the Village website provider, are winding down their hosting operations so we need to find a new home for the Web pages. WebMe are suggesting we can achieve a seamless transfer if we move to a company called Heart Internet. WebMe is a Heart Internet reseller, so our hosting platform will be identical to our current set up. If we go to Heart Internet, Liz McConnell would recommend we go for a StarterPro option, the basic package. This would give us 5GB of Web space (we currently use somewhat less than 78 MB) and 30GB of monthly bandwidth. The cost of the StarterPro package is £31.87 a year but we will also need to pay a £10 set up fee and a £25 transfer fee in the first year making a total of £66.87 for the first year. Second and subsequent years will be just £31.87 or whatever that rises to in the future. Last time we paid for hosting, it was in the order of £60 plus £15 for the domain name. The Domain name is billed separately and is £15. The current registration for this expires in October 2019 so we won't be billed for this until then.

Cllrs agreed to Liz's suggestions and thanked her for her hard work and research in this matter.

17/101 **White Space Broadband**

Whitespace is the name given to gaps in the old TV wireless spectrum used before the big digital TV switchover. Whitespace UK is a company who can deliver broadband in these gaps over several kilometres, and the signal can travel over hills and challenging terrain, through buildings and trees. Following a desktop exercise, they are confident in being able to deliver a service to our community, providing consistent broadband speeds in the region of 16-20MBps.

Cllr White will progress to the next stage which will involve a site visit and more detailed proposal and bring to the next meeting, where he will have a greater understanding for service areas and costs. In the meantime, Cllr White would encourage members of the community that may be interested in signing up to the service to register their interest with him via email. (edward@willettfarm.co.uk) This way we can start to gather a picture of where to focus initial coverage zones. Website is <https://www.whitespaceuk.com/>

17/102 **Any other Business**

102.1 Cllr Hele has sent a letter to express an interest for the TDBC Capital Grant Scheme within the 2018/19 financial from the Parish Council and Cricket Club year to improve or replace the current play area equipment on the playing fields. Cllrs have asked the issue be placed on the next agenda to enable the Council to set a plan for the improvements and requirements of the current play area.

102.2 The post and rail fencing along Quickbeam Lane is rotten and collapsing, which has left the road edge unclear and hazardous. Cllr Marshall would report to the SCC.

102.3 Cllr Harding reported that Tolland Lane near the junction with Tarr Road had a large area of standing water across the lane. Further drainage would be better than a gully and Cllr Marshall would report this to SCC.

102.3 County Cllr Mike Rigby then spoke to the Parish Council. He spoke about some of the on-going issues in the area, including the Children's Centre Consultation and the possible loss of the Bishops Lydeard Centre; Children's Services in TD being inspected as inadequate; a Library Consultation for the new year, putting Bishops Lydeard Library at risk, "use it or lose it."; and the Staplegrove proposal for new housing development. Cllr Rigby informed the Council of the new speed limit of 30mph from Staplegrove to Norton Fitzwarren. He was asked about the current situation with broadband which he will follow up.

102.4 Cllr Marshall thanked the Council for all their services over the past year and wished everyone and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, the next meeting being on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

CHURCH NOTICES

MESSY CHURCH: Plans are afoot for our next Messy Church - it might be a Pancake Party in February, or a Mothering Sunday craft and cooking event in March. WATCH THIS SPACE!

LENT: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14th February - Easter is early this year, Sunday 1st April. In an attempt to raise a few more funds to help the St Lawrence Church Development Plans, Revd. Maureen is ~~probably~~ going to dye her hair with streaks of purple (the colour of Lent), and then gold for Easter Day. She is looking for sponsorship, so watch out for more details in the February Newsletter. If you would like to encourage her - she has never coloured her hair in her whole life, so this really is a challenge - please consider sponsoring her.

CHURCH REPORTS

The **Second Christmas Tree Festival** was very well attended for the Closing Ceremony. We're still not sure exactly how much has been raised, but it is thought to be in the region of £700 which is more than double the amount raised at our first event in 2016. Thank you to all those who sponsored a tree and decorated it so beautifully. Many visitors were intrigued at the thought and trouble which had been taken in the decorations and the event was pronounced "posher" than our first event (not quite sure what that means!).

The **Annual Christingle** event was also very well attended. Nearly 30 Christingles were assembled by both adults and children in the village hall and then everyone processed to the church for a short service and to light the Christingles. We all sang about the Christingles by the light of the candles.

The **Carol Service** on 17th December saw fewer people attending than in 2016, which was a shame. However, we heard the Christmas story read by village residents and we had refreshments afterwards including hot drinks and mince pies. Cakes which were unsold at the Christmas Tree Festival had been safely stored, and were given away free after the service.

Thank you to all those who came along to our **Midnight Communion** on Christmas Eve - a service which it is thought has not happened for the last ten years.

Did You Know

You can collect free donations for Lydeard St Lawrence Church every time you buy anything online with the UK's leading online fundraising service – Easyfundraising?

With over 3.2 thousand shops and sites on board including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, Virgin Trains and Aviva – and many more – you can get donations on everything from your weekly shop to your annual holiday and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

The shops and sites give Easyfundraising a percentage of what you spend, and they turn that into a donation – it's that easy. There's no catch or hidden charge, and Lydeard St Lawrence church will be really grateful for your donation.

It's very simple – all you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/PBAHC6/IG9S76/> and join for free, stating "Lydeard St Lawrence Church, Lydeard St Lawrence" as your cause.
2. Every time you want to shop, go to easyfundraising first, find the site you want and start shopping.
3. When you check out, Lydeard St Lawrence church receives a donation for no extra cost whatsoever!

VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

New Year's Day Village Walk
Monday 1st January 2018
11:00 in the Village Hall car Park

Come and join us for a merry amble around the village of Lydeard St Lawrence on New Year's Day. Starting at 11 o'clock in the Village Hall car park, we will wander the lanes and footpaths around the village. Everyone is welcome, young and old, two legged and four. The walk will be about 4 miles and 2 hours in length. An excellent way to start the new year. This year we will be mostly walking on the lanes, so although it might be just as muddy as last year, there will be fewer styles. Not sure about the rain yet ☺

Dogs again

Mr Gilbert Gribble has asked us to remind dog walkers **that if there is livestock in his fields their dogs should be kept on leads**, as he has become increasingly annoyed and frustrated by dogs running loose. On several occasions his sheep have been frightened and scattered; some have ended up in neighbours' fields and have taken much time and effort to find and retrieve, and some have injured themselves.

He has also pointed out that all walkers, with or without dogs, should keep strictly to the Rights of Way shown on the Ordnance Survey map. Although there are public footpaths across some of Mr Gribble's fields, that does not make the whole field a right of way.

Over 60's Lunch

The next Over 60's lunch in the village hall will be on **Tuesday 2nd January 2018** at 12:30

The Spring pop-up Textiles, Fabrics and Costume Sale

Saturday 10th February 2018
9 am to 2 pm
Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall,
near Taunton. TA4 3SE

A grand rummage with Antique and Vintage textiles and fabrics including dress fabrics, florals, linens, French toile, upholstery fabrics, haberdashery, trimmings, scrap-bags and buttons, together with a collection of Vintage costume including 1930s and Wartime dresses.

Free admission and ample parking

Further details on [The Washerwoman](#)



New Mixed Ability Pilates Classes

Starting week beginning 8th January 2018

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall
Wednesday 9.30-10.30am

Combe Florey Village Hall
Wednesday 6.30-7.30pm

Stogumber Village Hall
Thursday 9.30-10.30am

Norton Fitzwarren Village Hall
Thursday 6.30-7.30pm

All welcome • All equipment provided • Contact me to book a place and try your first class for free!

Contact: Laura Sinclair

Tel: 07714276447

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A Gentle Christmas Quiz - ANSWERS

1. According to the carol, how many ships came sailing in on Christmas Day? **Three**
2. What other name is given to the carol "O Tannenbaum"? **O Christmas Tree**
3. RTRNR? **Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**
4. What was the name of the Roman Emperor who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed? **Caesar Augustus**
5. In which movie was the song 'White Christmas' first featured? **Holiday Inn**
6. How old were the infants that were slain under the orders of Herod? **Two years and under.**
7. OLTOB **Oh Little Town of Bethlehem**
8. Who sang Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in the 1950's? **Gene Autry / Bing Crosby**
9. When is the 'Feast of Stephen'? **December 26th**
10. ITBMW **In the bleak mid winter**
11. What country was Herod the king of? **Judaea**
12. "Christmas Is All Around" by the character Billy Mack was featured in which film? **Love Actually**
13. What was the name of Joseph's city? **Nazareth**
14. How would you say "Merry Christmas" in French? **Joyeux Noel**
15. Where did Joseph and Mary go to flee from Herod? **Egypt**
16. OIRDC? **Once in Royal David's City**
17. What gifts were given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men? **Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh**
18. What's the name of the carol about Christmas evergreen plants? **The Holly and the Ivy**
19. How many kangaroos pull Santa's sleigh over Australia? **6**
20. What guided the three wise men to the infant Jesus? **Star**

Combe Florey

The Combe Florey annual Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 24th February in the Village Hall

Notice from Somerset County Council

School Admission Arrangements 2019/20 Consultation

Have Your Say

School admissions arrangements for children who are due to start or transfer school for the 2019-20 school year, and those moving schools during the 2019-20 school year will be consulted on for a period of 6 weeks ending 31 January 2018.

This consultation applies to a number of schools and academies throughout Somerset.

This consultation period allows parents, other schools, religious authorities and the local community to raise any comments or concerns about proposed admission arrangements.

To view the admission arrangements and for details of how to make comments, please visit www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page School Admissions Policy or phone (01823) 356146.

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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.bishopslordeardbenefice.org

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