

## 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> of each month – to Liz ([liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) or 667375)**

Date		Morning	Afternoon / Evening
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> Village Walk – Meet 11:00 in the VH Car Park	
Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>		
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL Inset Day 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	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL</b> Term Starts Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	CF Benefice Holy Communion with Ruth, Bishop of Taunton at 10:30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	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	14 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	Village Crafters LSL VH 10.00 am – 1.00 pm 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	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Bell Tower Open Morning 10:00 – 12:00	CF Bell Tower Open Afternoon 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL Bag2School</b> collection 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	21 <sup>st</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	<b>Tree Planting Meeting</b> in the School Hub 7.30pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm LSL Benefice Evensong 4:00 pm
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	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	28 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	30 <sup>th</sup>	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	31 <sup>st</sup>		

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Andrew Venner.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk.

19/77 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mary Harding, Charlie Cox and SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

19/78 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal Interest in items. 6.4, 6.6 & 9 on the Agenda

Cllr Telling declared a personal Interest in item. 6.4 on the Agenda

Cllr Marshall declared a financial Interest in item 6.3 on the Agenda

19/79 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

19/80 **Matters Arising**

Cllr Marshall has received a letter of thanks from Tolland PCC for the Remembrance Wreath the Parish Council presented at the Church Service.

19/81 **Planning**

81.1 *Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:*

22/19/0014 - Erection of a toilet/shower block at Hurley View, Raleighs Cross Road. Lydeard St Lawrence

22/19/0020 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Muddyford Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

Both planning applications have been referred to the planning committee who made no objections.

81.3 *Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:*

22/19/0015 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with installation of sewage treatment works at Broomcroft, Pyleigh Manor Farm Lane, **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

22/19/0017 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear and side of Honeydowns, Nethercott Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

19/82 **Financial**

82.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

82.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay Clerk's Salary and expenses of £431

Proposed by Cllr Hobson, Seconded by Cllr Vickery

82.3 Cllrs agreed to Pay Jonathan Marshall for 2x Remembrance Wreaths £34

Proposed by Cllr Telling, Seconded by Hobson

82.4 Cllrs agreed to that with the Christmas Tree Festival no longer happening not to make the donation, but would like to support future events at the Church.

82.5 Cllrs agreed to Pay Tolland PCC Grant for Grass Cutting of £250, as agreed at the October meeting.

19/83 **Budget and Precept**

83.1 The Clerk presented the Budget for 2020/21. The Parish Council continues to have a healthy balance with a healthy unrestricted fund. This year has also seen some payments from the Community Benefit Fund (CBF) for the Tolland name signs. All other spending was standard expenditure. CIL money has been received of £1210.59 with the CIL fund now at £17192. Cllrs were happy to approve the budget for 2020/21.

The Church Clock is a Parish Council responsibility and it is believed that a service may be due. The Clerk will speak to the Church PCC.

83.2 Currently this year the Precept is £19.286 per Band D equivalent, £4236.

Next year's tax base is 219.73, very similar to this year, so to keep the band D equivalent (unit) at £19.286 the same as this year the Council would ask for £4237.71

Cllrs agreed to setting the Precept to be the same as last year and ask for £4237.71.

Proposed Cllr Venner, Seconded Cllr Hobson

**19/84 Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures:

- RCNSE12265 - Temporary road closure - A39 Cannington Road, Cannington 13 Dec & 20th March 2020 both for 1 night (18.00 - 07.00hrs) -
- Pitsford Hill To Gandstone Cross, Brompton Ralph 17 Dec for 3 days
- Higher Lodge via Willett to Willett Lodge, Elworthy 9<sup>th</sup> Dec for 3 days

Update from Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Taunton and Somerset NHS Foundation Trust

**19/85 Letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership (WAP)**

Wivey Link have requested that the Parish Council make a donation to support them and their running costs. It was agreed not to make a donation to Wivey Link and keep the local support for Lydeard Lifts.

It was also questioned if the numbers WAP suggested were registered with them from Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland are up to date. Cllr Marshall will ask for more details.

**19/86 Any other Business**

Cllr Hobson reported that he felt the hedge cutting for this year had been very good and to a high standard and felt that the Parish Council should make a formal thank you to the Contractors. The Chairman replied that whilst the Parish Council had complained about poor work, good work had also been recognised and commended.

Cllr Venner requested that with a healthy bank balance that some of the money should be spent and requests for ideas be made.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their work and support since the elections and wished them and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

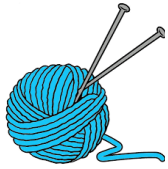
With no other business the meeting was closed at 7.55 pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## **CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES**

Ruth, Bishop of Taunton will be taking a benefice eucharist service at Combe Florey on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30 am.

# VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES



## CRAFT GROUP - NEW FOR 2020



The new Lydeard St. Lawrence Craft Group will be meet holding its inaugural meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Village Hall.

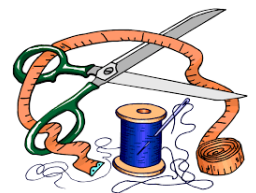
You are all invited to bring along whatever you are working on, hoping to start or can dig out from the back of the cupboard (those U.F.O.s).

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.

## Bell Tower Open Day

### Free Tours!

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



## December WI Meeting

The December WI was held at Jo Stewart's house. The meeting included the number of shoe boxes which were collected, sorted and delivered to the following organisation:

- YMCA Taunton 100
- YMCA Wells 120
- YMCA Bridgwater 84
- Christmas Sparkle 80
- ARC (formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless) and Open Door 126

The President thanked all those involved in organising this. A special thanks was given to Jo's husband, John, who helped collect and deliver the boxes.

We have a BYE in the skittles so are now into round 4.

After the meeting we had our Christmas meal which was supplied by the members. A special thanks was given to Jo for cooking the main course.

After our meal, we were tasked to making Christmas decorations. The President thanked everyone for their efforts and a vote of thanks was given to Jacky Madel who had made some decorations in advance as she was unable to attend the meeting.

As usual the Christmas meal was enjoyed by everyone and we are now looking forward to our Birthday party in February.



### Bag2School Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

The Lydeard St Lawrence school are taking part in the Bag2School project again this year. They will be collecting all and every unwanted type of textile including clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels to name but a few. If you have anything you could contribute to this, please bag it up in a black bag and leave it inside the front gate of the school for collection on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. The school can then recover 40p per kilo.

So go on, now's your chance to clear out some of those old clothes or to ditch some of your old towels and bedding and help the school at the same time.

To find out more see the [Bag2School web page](#).

### Christmas Sparkle Project Update

I would just like to say a big thank you to all who supported the Christmas Sparkle Project this year by leaving a gift at the back of the Church. All presents were wrapped and dispatched. Many thanks for your support.  
Jo Wainwright.

**Village Tree Planting Project  
Inaugural Meeting  
Thursday the 23rd of January at 7.30 pm in the School Hub.**

Lydeard St Lawrence school are looking at starting a tree planting project in the village. We are holding a meeting to discuss the possible options and would like to invite anyone who is interested in what we are planning to come along.

The meeting will be held on **Thursday the 23rd of January at 7.30pm in The Hub at the School** (previously the pre school building).

We are aiming to plant at least 100 trees in Lydeard St Lawrence with the children from the school, as a type of living legacy but I feel there is scope to make this a more ambitious project that involves the whole area.

Some potential ideas are:

- Planting a community woodland
- Planting a community orchard (Both of which are dependent on finding the right piece of land)
- Re-planting trees based on historical evidence
- Planting native standard trees in existing hedgerows. (One per child like a sponsored tree)
- Planting of new hedgerows
- Extending the existing woods or Copse
- Collecting local seed and growing on our own trees.

Please feel free to contact me on

Tel: 01984 667700

Email: [quantockandexmoor@gmail.com](mailto:quantockandexmoor@gmail.com)

We can also send out copies of the minutes for the meeting if people are unable to attend.

We look forward to seeing you then,

Andy Coleman

**School Admission Arrangements  
2021/22 Consultation  
Have Your Say**

School admissions arrangements for children who are due to start or transfer school for the 2021-22 school year, and those moving schools during the 2021-22 school year will be consulted on for a minimum period of 6 weeks ending 31 January 2020.

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 consultation (live from 9 December) please visit  
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-admissions-policy/>.

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