

# Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

## May 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>		
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	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 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>	BANK HOLIDAY	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
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>	Patronal Festival Benefice Eucharist West Bagborough at 10.30am.	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 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>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.30 – 11.45	
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Thu	16 <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	17 <sup>th</sup>		
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	Abseiling Fun Day in the Church 9.00 am onwards	Abseiling Fun Day in the Church 9.00 am onwards
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Annual Village Meeting, LSL VH 7.00 pm Parish Council AGM, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & 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	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	Benefice Service for Rogation @ Shopnoller Farm 10.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm CF Benefice Evensong 6.00 pm
Mon	27 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY Half Term Week	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	28 <sup>th</sup>		Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
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 Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Ascension Day Benefice Sung Eucharist @ St. Mary, BL. 7.30 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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 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.

Also, in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew and 1 member of the public.

19/21 **Apologies** from Cllr Andrew Venner.

19/22 **Declarations of interest** – None received.

19/23 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

### 19/24 **Matters Arising**

#### *19/15 Tolland Village Signs*

*Cllrs agreed that the signs should be replaced and funded from the Community Benefit Fund. Cllrs agreed to the initial admin fee cost of £100, which was proposed by Cllr Hobson and Seconded by Cllr Hele. Cllr Marshall would commission the work.*

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted SCC to commission the work and was currently awaiting a response.

#### *19/18 Dog Foul Bins*

*Cllrs agreed to look into the cost of a public refuse bin to be placed on the roadside of the Playing Field fence that could be emptied similar to the bin located near the Village Hall by TDBC.*

Cllr Marshall reported that he had contacted TDBC to request a price and was currently awaiting a response.

### 19/24 **Planning**

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

22/19/0004/LB Conversion of outbuilding to studio and 2 No. open fronted parking bays at Chapel Leigh Farmhouse, Chapel Leigh Lane, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of part works already undertaken)

41/19/0001 Erection of a two-storey extension to the rear and porch to the side of East Town Farm, East Town Lane, Tolland, Lydeard St Lawrence

The above planning applications have been referred to the Planning Committee who had no objections.

#### **24.2 Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:**

22/19/0001 - Conversion of utility/store into entrance hall with roof plus erection of front porch and dormer window at Little Westowe Farmhouse, Lydeard St Lawrence **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

22/19/0002 Conversion of outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation at Thorne House, Raleigh's Cross Road, Lydeard St Lawrence, **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

### 19/25 **Financial**

25.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

25.2 The Parish Council reviewed the Clerk's Salary and agreed to increase it with immediate effect to £1708 per year. Proposed Cllr Harding, Seconded Cllr Hobson

25.3 Cllrs agreed to add £500 to the Play Area Fund. Proposed Cllr Telling, Seconded Cllr Cox

### 19/26 **First Aid Training**

Cllr Marshall reported he had interest from 7 residents, 3 of whom are Councillors. It was thought that further interest would be needed before the Council could go ahead with running a First Aid course, suggestions of placing a notice on the Notice boards and publicising to parents at the School were agreed by Cllrs

### 19/27 **Nominations for Chair awards**

No suggestions were made.

19/28 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council

Crime Report

Recycling Newsletter

Temporary road closures –

A38, Combe Florey and West Bagborough

A39 Cannington Road, Holford, Nether Stowey

Fitzhead Road, Halse

Heathstock Hill, Wiveliscombe.

Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWTC) press release email

19/29 **Any other Business**

29.1 It was reported that a meeting had been held and ideas to improve the Cricket Pavilion have been received.

29.2 A Fingerpost Restoration Training Workshop has been arranged for 24th May 2019. Volunteers can attend the training through the Parish Council. Currently we have two on the waiting list and one can attend this workshop. It was suggested that a notice should be placed in the newsletter asking for volunteers.

29.3 Cllr Marshall thanked all of the Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and dedication through this term of the Parish Council. Cllrs, Hele, White and Cox are to step down at the end of this term and Cllr Marshall thanked them for their time as Cllrs.

The next meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May and will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council after the Village Annual Meeting 2019.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 7.55pm

**Village Annual Parish Meeting for Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland  
7:00pm, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**AGENDA**

1 **Apologies**

2 **Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting.**

3 **Reports from local groups and organisations**

- LSL and Tolland Parish Council – Chairman’s report
- Lydeard Lifts
- LSL Women’s Institute
- LSL Village Hall Committee
- Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School PTFA
- Lydeard St Lawrence Church and Church Development Project update
- Tolland Church Report
- Other reports

4 **Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project**

Could you lend a hand to help restore Somerset’s iconic fingerposts?

5 **Any other business - First Aid Course**

Following a short break, there will be a meeting of the Parish Council.

**The Village Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by the  
Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Parish Council AGM**

At this meeting the Parish Council will look into filling the Parish Council Vacancies.

## **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!**

The current Parish Council comes to the end of its term of office on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Unfortunately, only seven people were nominated for the new Council, so we had an uncontested Election. This means that there are two vacancies on the Parish Council, and ideally we need to co-opt someone to fill these posts.

Although a Parish Council is the lowest tier of Local Government it fulfils an important function for the local community, but to do so effectively it really needs a full quota of members. Can I therefore ask you to seriously consider putting your name forward for co-option to the Council. The duties of a Parish Councillor are not onerous – the Council meets about eight or nine times a year – but it is a very valuable way of serving the community in which we all live.

If you are interested, please contact me by e-mail at [jejm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk) or phone me on 667 323.

Jonathan Marshall  
Chairman, Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Parish Council

## **CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES**

### **SERVICES AT COMBE FLOREY IN MAY**

It may be noticed that there are no morning services at Combe Florey during May. This is because services normally happen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at Combe Florey and, in May, the second Sunday is the Patronal Festival Benefice Eucharist for the church of St Pancras the Martyr, West Bagborough at 10.30am and the fourth Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday when we ask God to bless the land, the soil, the seed and the water for a good harvest and there will be another Benefice Service at Shopnoller Farm on 26<sup>th</sup> May for this purpose. The only service at Combe Florey in May is a Benefice Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone welcome, of course.

### **PROCESS TO FIND NEW RECTOR**

The Churchwardens of all five Parishes in the Benefice met with the Archdeacon of Taunton, Simon Hill, in early April and a further meeting is arranged for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May for all Parochial Church Council members from the Benefice Parishes - again with Simon Hill. At this meeting, it is anticipated that we shall be advised about how to put together Parish Profiles for each church, and then the post will be advertised. Each PCC will probably have to have a separate meeting - apart from the scheduled ones during the year - to work out the best description of each village, services, events, etc.

### **THANK YOU**

To all those parents who attended the School Easter Service in April, for their generosity in giving to the optional collection which was taken towards the cost of heating and lighting the church for the event. A considerable amount was collected, for which we are most grateful

### **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

We are delighted to announce that the church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Combe Florey now has a Churchwarden. Cindy Bottard, who was the PCC Secretary has agreed to take on the office of Churchwarden, and Irene Cleverly has taken over as Clerk to the PCC. We are very grateful to both Cindy and Irene for undertaking these duties, which will be a huge help to Revd. Maureen. The Churchwardens of all our five Benefice parishes will be sworn in at a service at the new St Luke's Centre in Cotford St Luke on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The Churchwardens for Lydeard St Lawrence remain the same for another year: Pat Coles, and David Young. Sadly, Barbara Vearncombe has retired as a member of the PCC after approximately 41 years' service. We shall miss Barbara's knowledge of the history of the village and its inhabitants and her wisdom and thank her for all that she has contributed. Gifts were presented to Barbara at the end of the service on Easter Day. **THANK YOU SO MUCH, BARBARA!**

## Abseiling Fun Day – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

After months of waiting The Lydeard St Lawrence Abseiling Fun Day is nearly upon us. The brave Abseilers will be launching themselves over the edge in pairs, one down each face of the tower, from 9.00 am onwards until the last brave souls at 4.30 pm.

Throughout the day we will be having stalls, refreshments and general merriment on offer in the church as we cheer the participants on and hopefully raise even more money for the church. But we need your help to do this.

We would like to have the following stalls:

- Cake stall
- Plant stall
- Second hand books
- The Human Fruit Machine with an ecclesiastical twist
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Treasure Hunt of some sort



If you can donate anything to any of the stalls, please let me know, Liz McConnell on 01984 667375 or [liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com) and I can make arrangements for collection or delivery.

We also need helpers both beforehand and on the day. We don't expect anyone to man a stall for the whole day, rather we would like to have a rota of people doing 2-hour shifts. If you can spare a couple of hours to help out on the day, perhaps just before or after someone you know does their abseil, that would be great.

I would also like to borrow some gazebos for the day to put up in the churchyard so we can sit and watch the tower top antics in comfort. If you can help with this too, please let me know.

If this is going to work we need to call on as many people as possible to do their bit so if you can make a cake or donate any surplus seedlings or have any second hand books, or can spare a couple of hours, please let me know.

And come along on the 18<sup>th</sup> May to watch. It's going to be a good day.

**There is still one abseiling slot left if you're tempted.**

## VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Seedlings and Plants Needed for the School Gardening Club

I have recently set up a Gardening Club at the school with the aim of giving the children an opportunity to grow their own fruit and vegetables, brighten up the school environment and help them to care for the wildlife that surrounds them.

If any gardeners in the village have a surplus of any fruit, vegetable, herbs or flowering plants over the coming months we would greatly appreciate any donations please.

Please bring any donations to the school and leave them outside the office.

Thank you  
Hayley Slade

## Finger Posts



### Could you lend a hand to help restore Somerset's iconic fingerposts?

More volunteers and community groups are being urged to get involved with a ground-breaking project to restore historic signposts in Somerset as part of 'The Somerset Fingerpost Restoration Project.'

If you would be interested in helping restore the fingerpost in our Parishes then volunteers are required to take part in a training workshop.

The next workshop is being held in Somerton on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Once volunteers have undergone the training, work can begin on restoring the fingerposts.

If you are interested then please get in contact with the Parish Council Clerk at [lornathorne-lsltpc@hotmail.com](mailto:lornathorne-lsltpc@hotmail.com)  
Lorna Thorne, Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council, Parish Clerk

## First Aid Training

As you may recall, the Parish Council decided last year against buying a defibrillator. The reasons for this were doubts about how accessible a unit would be to most people in the parishes, and the lack of practical support from parishioners.

As an alternative it was suggested that First Aid training could be a way of helping people to be able to react effectively to medical emergencies. We have been in touch with a local company, based in Ford, who are able to provide such training. However, in order for this to be cost-effective the Parish Council would need to be assured that there is sufficient interest from parishioners.

Therefore, if you would be interested in taking part in First Aid training could you please let me know by sending a short e-mail to me at: [jejm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jejm@hotmail.co.uk)

***This would not commit you to anything*** – it is simply a way for us to gauge the level of interest.

Jonathan Marshall  
Chairman, Parish Council

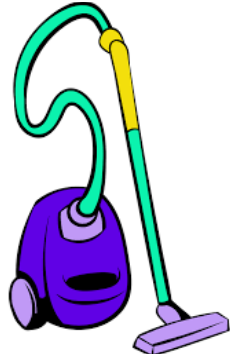
## Village Hall Committee

After many years on the Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee, both Barbara Vearncombe and Katharine Spry have stood down. At the annual meeting in April the chairman thanked both Barbara and Katharine for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm over the years and presented both ladies with gifts.

## WANTED



A Cleaner for Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall  
5 hours a month  
Timing, list of tasks and supervision arrangements to be mutually agreed.  
£60 a month  
Cleaning equipment and materials will be provided.  
Closing date for applications 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



For further information and application,  
please contact Pauline (01984 667737) or Steve (01984 667426)

## Tolland Summer Fair Donations Needed

The annual Tolland Summer Fair will be held in Tolland Church on Saturday 8th June from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

If you can provide anything by way of a donation to the plant stall, raffle, or if you can make a cake or have some produce, or any quality bric-a-brac please contact Sharon Birt.

Please come along to support this event, a wonderful morning of tea, cake and chat and help us to raise funds to keep our church running.

This year we have some quality local craft stalls to tempt you!

Please contact Sharon Birt on 01984 667608 for more info on donating. Thank you.

## Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket Club

The season gets under way on Saturday with a 2.00pm start at home to Morebath. This is followed by two away fixtures at East Huntspill and Timberscombe (if their ground is not waterlogged again). We are then at home on the 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sampford Arundel.

Home support is always welcome and watching a relaxing game of cricket with fantastic views is a very pleasant way of spending an afternoon.

## Social Club

A very good meeting was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to consider setting up a new Social Club at the pavilion to run events at the clubhouse and suggest improvements to the building and possible types of event that can benefit the village, including a licensed bar! A group of around 10 people subsequently met at the clubhouse the next weekend to think about improvements that could be undertaken. The group includes Guy and Laura Sturgess, Brendon Slade, Ben Mack, Andrew Venner, Mike Campbell, Simon Broad and Justin Hayward. Further discussions and quasi-legal matters need to be further discussed but a great start has been made to set up an exciting new venture for the village. If anyone else is interested in joining the group please contact Ben Mack 07970161498.

Phil Greenway, Chairman.





8th June 10 -12pm

TOLLAND CHURCH

CAKES, PLANTS, PRODUCE,  
QUALITY CRAFT STALLS, BRIC-A-BRAC,  
RAFFLE, TEA & (*MORE*) CAKE



## CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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<b>Tolland Church</b>	Maureen Canney	656236	
<b>Scarr Chapel</b>	Bill Caines	667416	<a href="mailto:jennyscarr73@hotmail.com">jennyscarr73@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Bell ringing</b>	Janet Bond	667372	<a href="mailto:janet.jimbond@gmail.com">janet.jimbond@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> Team</b>	Paul Smith	07901 847709	
<b>Junior Cricket</b>	Simon Broad	667739	<a href="mailto:simonbroad3@gmail.com">simonbroad3@gmail.com</a>
<b>Lydeard Lifts</b>	Liz McConnell	667375	<a href="mailto:liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com">liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Local Police</b>	PC Jo Jeffery PCSO Louise Fyne Non Emergency Number	07889 657943 07889 659476 101	<a href="mailto:Joanne.jeffery@avonandsomerset.police.uk">Joanne.jeffery@avonandsomerset.police.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk">Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk</a>
<b>Community Council Oil Orders</b>		01603 881888	<a href="mailto:somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk">somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk</a>

<b>Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk">www.lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk</a>
<b>LSL Village Web Page</b>	<a href="http://www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk">www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk</a>
<b>Benefice Churches</b>	<a href="http://www.bishopsllydeardbenefice.org">www.bishopsllydeardbenefice.org</a>

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