

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

May 2020

Another fairly slender newsletter this month as we continue to live in lockdown. We have two bank holidays in May. The first is on Friday 8th May, a move from the more traditional first Monday so that we could all celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day. I understand that loads of activities had been planned both locally and nationally. Perhaps they will be revisited next year.

Our village support groups are still providing a vital service collecting prescriptions and shopping for those in need, But all please do keep an eye on your neighbours. Even if it's only a friendly wave from a distance, it can still bring a smile to someone's face.

Our thanks to all those from the villages who are working at the moment, we all really appreciate your efforts and how lovely to see so many rainbows appearing in the village.

Keep safe everyone and continue to enjoy the weather.

Liz

Rubbish and Recycling Dates

Please note that garden waste collections, green bin, have been suspended until further notice and that all the county tips are now closed.

Tue 5 th May	Black bin and Recycling
Tue 12 th May	Recycling
Tue 19 th May	Black bin and Recycling
Wed 27th May	Recycling

COVID-19

Coronavirus Community Support Networks

If you need any help with anything be it shopping, prescriptions or any other requirement, you can contact either

LSL: Kate Campbell on 01984 667509 or katebest@btinternet.com

Tolland: Prescriptions Caroline Longstreet on 01984 667460 or caro.longstreet@gmail.com

Tolland: Everything Else Neil Longstreet on 01984 667460 or neil.longstreet@gmail.com

COVID-19 Scams

From Avon and Somerset Police

22nd April 2020

Trading Standards have told us that a number of residents have been called on their landline from a fake 01225 number, claiming to be from the Government. The automated voice said that the Government is instructing them to wear a facemask and to press a number on the keypad to make a purchase. Fortunately, the residents have recognized this as a scam.

Although these calls were made to residents in the Bath area at present, it is likely that this will become far more widespread and will no doubt include our area. Please remain alert to any potential scam calls.

16th April 2020

We have been alerted by a Neighbourhood Watch scheme of a scam email that claims to be from Tesco saying that “You Are Our Winner”. It doesn’t say what you have won but asks you to click on a link to confirm your identity. Please don’t click on these links as you may download a virus onto your computer. At the very least it will try and get your personal details. The email comes from a company in Kentucky in the United States.

As with any email you get unexpectedly from someone you don’t know, delete this message without clicking on any of the links

PARISH COUNCIL Planning Applications

The Parish Council is still receiving, considering and commenting on local planning applications.

Listed below are those currently under consideration:

1. Planning Application [22/20/0002/CQ](#)
Planning Application [22/20/0003/CQ](#)
Planning Application [22/20/0004/CQ](#)
Planning Application [22/20/0005/CQ](#)

Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated building operations at Barn’s A,B, C & D, Pyleigh House Farm, Pyleigh, Lydeard St Lawrence

2. Planning Application [22/20/0006/LB](#)

Various internal and external alterations at Hoccombe Mill, Hoccombe Road, Lydeard St Lawrence (retention of works already undertaken).
Currently being consulted on.

3. Planning Application [11/20/0003](#)

Erection of 1 No. temporary rural workers dwelling for residential use for forestry workers at Hollycombe, Combe Florey
Currently being consulted on.

VILLAGE AND CHURCH NEWS

The benefice is producing a weekly notice sheet, newsletter, reflective offering, jokes and articles publication aimed at everyone. If anyone would like a copy each week, or would like to contribute a poem or a joke or anything really to bring a smile to other people’s faces such as what they are up to to pass the time each day, menus for meals, etc., they can be sent to intouch@bishopslydeardbenefice.org

Village Conundrum

I’ve had an enquiry from a villager asking who owns the overgrown allotments in, or near to, Crosscroft. The enquirer is interested in restoring to a useful purpose. It seems ‘the church’ owned them years ago. If anyone has any knowledge about this could they contact me at dryoung47@googlemail.com or ‘phone 01984 667472.

Hope to hear from someone!

David R Young, Churchwarden

Raising Money for the NHS



Henry and Pip at Lydeard Down Cottage would like to thank everybody who picked up tomato, cucumber and chilli plants from outside the house on Lydeard Down Hill and gave a donation to the NHS.

An amazing £116.73 was raised in total, and this has been donated to the NHS Charities Together Campaign supporting NHS Staff and volunteers caring for COVID-19 patients.

Henry and Pip hope the plants will provide some great healthy produce through the summer. Many thanks to you all.

Maundy honours for Tolland

It was with both excitement and disappointment that Maureen Canney, churchwarden of Tolland, opened a large envelope stamped 'ER' delivered by the postman. It is not every day that you received a letter from the Elizabeth Regina, Her Majesty, along with two beautiful leather pouches, one white and one red, containing this year's newly minted Maundy money.

That was the excitement but, due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the Royal Maundy Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor had to be cancelled. 'I was so disappointed not to be able to attend the service, be part of that ancient tradition and receive the Maundy gift personally from the Queen. I'd loved to have had some photos of all the pageantry and everyone in their finery,' explained Maureen.

The Royal Maundy Ceremony dates back to at least 1210 when King John took part at Knaresborough Castle in Yorkshire. It relates to our Lord's last supper on the night he was betrayed when he washed and dried his disciples' feet. Later that evening he gave them a new commandment or *mandatum novum* to 'Love one another'. It is from the Latin *mandatum* that the word Maundy is derived.

The practice of the Monarch washing feet lapsed in the 18th century and was replaced with the giving of alms of cloth and food. This later became a monetary gift. It is the only occasion when the Queen goes to the recipients to present an honour rather than them coming to her. It is this act of humility that is at the heart of the service.

This year is Her Majesty's 94th year, so 94 men and women received the Royal Maundy gifts. There are two pouches. The white one contains 94p made of special silver Maundy coins in the denominations of 1p, 2p, 3p and 4p. The red one has two coins, the £5 coin commemorating 250 years since the birth of William Wordsworth and a 50p coin celebrating the 2020 Olympics!

Royal Maundy is now given in recognition of Christian service and Maureen's name was put forward by Bishop Ruth of Taunton after all she's done to keep church alive and active in the Tolland community. In 2018 the Bishop conducted a special service attended by descendants of the Wolcott family from Gaulden Manor who emigrated to America in 1630.

However Maureen is quick to point out. 'The Maundy Money isn't just mine, it represents the joining together of all the people of Tolland and their support for the church.'

News on the Vacancy

The move of Revd. Mark Hurley to the benefice is currently on hold. More news once restrictions are relaxed.

Village Hall AGM Minutes 2020

Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Management Committee

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 21 April 2020 by video conference, commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Don Hobson (Chair), Pauline Smith, Paul Yeomans, Steve Baines, Jo Stewart, Anna Broad.

Apologies: Mel Horner, Michaela Greener.

Minutes of the last AGM of 16 April 2019 were proposed by Pauline, seconded by Jo and signed by Don in the chair.

Matters arising: None

Chairperson's report:

The Chair thanked the members of the Committee for their work over the last year. He paid particular thanks to Mel Horner for his many years of service as a Village Hall Trustee and his tireless work for the community. Mel has now resigned from the Committee. His spare keys for the hall are now with Don, who will ensure that Anna receives one, as she is taking over Mel's role as Bookings Secretary. It was agreed that Mel should receive a leaving gift of £100 towards the cost of a bird table.

Presentation of accounts:

The accounts for 2019 submitted to the March Committee meeting have now been signed by the Chair. These accounts are attached.* A summarized budget for 2020 is also attached to these minutes.*

Election of Trustees and designation of roles:

The following list of Trustees and designations was proposed by Don, seconded by Anna and carried unanimously:

Chair: Don Hobson
Vice Chair: Paul Yeomans
Secretary: Jo Stewart
Treasurer: Steve Baines
Bookings: Anna Broad
Procurement: Pauline Smith
Community events: Michaela Greener

Signatures for the Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be gathered when coronavirus restrictions allow.

Hall hire charges

The following changes to hourly hire charges were agreed

Event	Current hourly rate (£)	Hourly rate from 01/06/20 (£)
Local organisations	5.50	5.60
Children's parties (before 6pm)	5.50	5.60
Children's parties (after 6pm)	8.0	8.20
Adult parties	8.0	8.20
For-profit organisations	9.0	9.20
Any non-standard bookings will be separately negotiated		

The following changes to quarterly hire charges were agreed

	Current quarterly rate (£)	Quarterly rate from 01/06/20 (£)
Large garage	85	87
Small garage	60	61.50
Parking	30	30.75

The following monthly rates of remuneration were agreed:

	Current monthly rate (£)	Monthly rate from 01/06/20 (£)
Cleaner	60	61.50
Gardener	60	61.50

Any other business:

It was agreed that, in view of the extraordinary circumstances of the AGM during the Coronavirus lock-down, the minutes should be made widely available on the Village Website and the Village Newsletter.

** I have put these documents on the Web page rather than including them here. Ed.*

Follow these links: [VH Accounts](#) [VH Budget](#)

New Village Agent Details

For Lydeard St Lawrence, our Village Agent is now **Chrissy Brewer**. Tolland are still with Cat Sweatman.

Chrissy is there to offer help on any manor of things including getting home help, help with benefits, concerns on evictions and access to all sorts of assistance for everyone.

Her email is christineb@somersetccc.org.uk and her phone number is 07535 276680

PCSO Beat Surgeries Update from Louise Fyne

As most of you know, Wellington PCSO's and PC's hold various Beat Surgeries and Coffee with Cops at different locations around the town and rural beat areas. *(LSL Currently hold them in the coffee shop monthly on a Thursday. Ed)*

Due to the current restrictions in place, these are not currently taking place. So because of this, we are going to do an Online Beat Surgery using the technology of Facebook Live.

On Friday 1st May at 10.00 am Steve Hill, Simon Bramley and Vicky Henderson will be live on Facebook from Steve Hill's profile. I am on a day off but if you send me the questions, I will compile an answer. They will read these out on my behalf.

It would really help us if you do have a question, that you message me the question beforehand so that we have some content to talk about with you, and also gives us the opportunity to find the right answer for you. It could be questions about Policing or the COVID-19 guidance, as long as it has some resemblance to us.

This will be the first time we have done this so please bear with us!!

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Sponsored Run For the NHS

4 x 4 x 48

Chris Young, David and Revd. Maureen's son, is doing a sponsored run this weekend to raise money for the NHS. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/young99>

This is his story.



I'm going to attempt the 4x4x48 challenge!

Basically, you have to run 4 miles, every 4 hours, for 48 hours!

So (if my calculations are correct) that means 48 miles in.....two days!

I'll be running at 8 pm, 12pm, 4am, 8am, 12midday, 4pm, twice.

Sounded quite easy when I read about it, starting to sound less easy the more I think about it, but too late now!

Please sponsor me!

The dough goes to the NHS, who undoubtedly need it right now more than ever, also please note I will be doing this solo (unless members of my family/household join me) and will be observing social distancing rules.

Although, let's face it, who's gonna wanna join me any way!? Plus, I imagine I'll be pretty smelly by the end of it, and grumpy!

Anyways thanks for reading, now give us your wonga!

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/young99>



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council

All our help and information is now **available in a single place** on the SCC website

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-latest-advice/>

This page is refreshed through the day so please check in regularly to keep across developments and news.

Somerset Coronavirus Appeal offers grants for groups helping people in need

The Somerset Coronavirus Appeal, launched by Somerset Community Foundation (SCF), is offering fast-tracked funding for all local charities, community organisations and volunteer groups helping those in most urgent need during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Grants up to £10,000 are available, and SCF pledges to award funding within three working days.

Justin Sargent, Chief Executive at SCF explains: “We’ve already made a large number of grants to groups we know, or have funded previously, to help those responding directly to the needs of their communities. We know many new groups are being created to respond to urgent needs, and others we may not have funded before will be doing vital work to keep people safe and well. We want to encourage those groups to apply to us so we can get funding where it’s needed most.

Any groups wishing to apply should visit the SCF website, where they can complete a short, simple application form for grants up to £10,000: www.somersetcf.org.uk/coronavirus

The funding has been made available thanks to generous contributions made to the Somerset Coronavirus Appeal by local individuals, charitable trusts and businesses, as well as funding from the national appeal, run by The National Emergencies Trust (NET). The Somerset Coronavirus Appeal, which was first launched on Thursday 19 March, now stands at £385,000 [amount correct as at 07/04/2020].

SCF is passionate about doing as much as possible to support our communities, and is encouraging local people, businesses, charitable trusts and organisations who feel able to donate to the Somerset Coronavirus Appeal by visiting the SCF website: www.somersetcf.org.uk/appeal

To support the national NET appeal, please visit: www.nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk/coronavirus
Community Foundations are local champions, connecting people and organisations that want to improve their communities. They invest in local people and organisations tackling some of the biggest issues facing communities today and supporting some of society’s most disadvantaged people. They provide help and advice to those who want to give at the heart of their communities, both now and in the long-term, by matching donors to important local causes.

CONTACTS

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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.bishopslydeardbenefice.org

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