# Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter



## November 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 (<u>liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com</u> or 667375)

Date		Morning Afternoon / Evening		
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>			
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Bonfire Party. 6.00 pm onwards. See advert	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	School Term starts 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	5 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection		
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Thu	7 <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	8 <sup>th</sup>	· · ·		
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> Tolland Remembrance Service 10:50 am LSL Remembrance Service at 10:55 am CF Remembrance Service at 10:55 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm	
Mon	11 <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	12 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	V.H. Committee Meeting 7.00 pm	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>		· · ·	
Thu	14 <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	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm	
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>			
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm	
Mon	18 <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	19 <sup>th</sup>	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection		
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>			
Thu	21 <sup>st</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	22 <sup>nd</sup>			
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>			
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm	
Mon	25 <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	26 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.30 – 11.45	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm	
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>			
Thu	28 <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	29 <sup>th</sup>			
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>			

## Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st October 2019 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charlie Cox, Mary Harding, Don Hobson and Mark Peters.

Also in attendance: SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew, Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk & Simon Broad.

#### The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of Sarah Cartwright

19/65 Apologies were received from Cllrs Maeve Vickery, Andrew Venner and Tony Weir.

#### 19/66 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared an interest in the Planning item 69.1 & Finance items 70.2

19/67 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

#### 19/68 Matters Arising

19/41 Cllr Weir reported that the ditches along the Chapel Leigh to Cob Castle lane needed clearing, and should be done so regularly to avoid flooding and road subsidence. Cllr Marshall to report. Cllr Marshall has reported this for a third time with no further response.

#### 19/69 Planning

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

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

22/19/0018 - Erection of two storey extension to side elevation at Westowe Orchard, Westowe Hill, Lydeard St Lawrence.

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

69.2 The below planning applications have been passed to the Planning Committee and comments made during the consultation period which has now ended.

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

#### 69.3 Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:

22/19/0010- Erection of a building for agricultural storage use with demolition of part of a building on the land adjoining Friendship Hall, CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

22/19/0011 - Erection of single storey side extension at Little Downs Cattery, Lydeard St Lawrence CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

22/19/0012- Erection of two storey extensions and a detached garage/workshop and office at Deans Cross Cottage, CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

#### 19/70 Financial

70.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council
70.2 Cllrs agreed to pay Liz McConnell for Website address £19.18 Proposed Cllr Harding, Seconded Cllr Cox

#### 19/71 Lydeard St Lawrence Sports and Social Club - Pavilion Revamp

A new group has recently formed, called Lydeard St Lawrence Sports and Social Club (but they are open to renaming themselves!). Part of the group's ambition is to hold more social and sports events in the village and make better use of the facilities in the playing field and Pavilion. Currently the Pavilion is in need of refurbishment to be more attractive for users. The group have gained three quotations for the refurbishment works on the Pavilion but are currently working on a business plan. The Group are asking the Parish Council to assist them financially with the project. Cllrs agreed to supporting the project but asked the Club to see what Grants were available to them first.

#### 19/72 Tolland Church Grass Cutting

In recent years the churchyard has been mowed by volunteers, this has now become too much and Tolland PCC are asking for a Grant from the Parish Council to help cover the cost of mowing the church yard. Two quotes have been received for a year's mowing, for £425 & £450 with the PCC already receiving a Grant of £220 a year from SW&T Council. Cllrs discuss this matter and several proposals were made. Cllr Marshall proposed that the Parish Council Grant Tolland PCC £250 for the mowing of Tolland Churchyard for one year. This would be initially for one year and then reviewed. This was seconded by Cllr Peters and agreed by all. The payment will be added to the next Agenda.

#### 19/73 Updates



#### ((19/60.1)(19/15)) Tolland Village Name Signs

The two signs have now been installed with great improvement to the Village. Cllr Harding had received comments that the West end sign was very high, it was suggested that it could be lowered. Cllr Harding thanked the Parish Council on behalf of Tolland for the signs.



#### 19/74 **2020 Meeting Dates**

Cllrs agreed to the following dates for the 2020 meetings, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, **Apr 20<sup>th</sup>** AGM & APM, Jun 8<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. 2021 Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

#### 19/75 Correspondence and items for information

The following items were noted by the Council

- Crime Report
- Recycling Newsletter
- Temporary road closures Temporary road closure- B3188 Ford Road, Wiveliscombe
- o Somerset Rivers Authority Annual Report 2018-19
- Love Musgrove Appeal and newsletter
- Police Crime Commissioners newsletter

#### 19/76 Any other Business

- SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew spoke to Cllrs. He explained the Somerset Waste Partnership 'Recycle More' plan. It is expected that from March 2020 householders will be able to recycle more in kerbside collections including plastic pots and tubs. It is thought it will take 18 months to come into effect in our area.
- The broadband initiative to connected everyone to fibre broadband has had a set back with Gigaclear not being able to fulfil its contract. Currently a new contactor is being sourced and an update will be given once they have been appointed.
- Cllr Harding reported that Tolland PCC are looking to refurbish the iron gates at the church and will be seeking financial support once they have costed the works.
- Cllr Harding also reported that there have been some sheep worrying incidents in some fields around Tolland. A note is to be placed in the newsletter to ask dog owners to be responsible around livestock.
- Cllr Hobson reported that he had had some complaints of a car parked on the main road with For Sale signs and that it should be asked to be removed. As the car is parked legally and is taxed, there is nothing that can be done.
- Cllr Cox reported that some manure had fallen off a vehicle travelling through the village which has left some large areas of mess. It was felt to be a hazard for walkers especially young children as well as being a visual mess in the village. Cllr Marshall will write to the vehicle owner and request they be considerate to villagers and clean up any mess left behind.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm The next meeting will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

# **CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES**

#### **Remembrance Services**

The following Remembrance Services are being held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November:

- Tolland Remembrance Service 10:50 am
- LSL Remembrance Service at 10:55 am led by the church wardens.
- CF Remembrance Service at 10:55 am

#### **Harvest Produce**

We had two harvest events in October. The annual auction of harvest produce raised over £270 which will go to Water Aid. The Harvest Supper this year raised over £240 for the church. The whole evening was great fun; excellent and bountiful food, scrummy puddings and a gentle quiz all went towards creating a very sociable evening. Huge thanks must go to Helen Foster, Pat Coles, Jan Stansmore, Barbara Vearncombe, Debbie and Sophie and everyone who attended.

#### **Christmas Tree Festival**

We will be decorating the church again this year with Christmas trees sponsored and decorated by local business, groups and individuals. If you would like a tree, orders MUST be with Liz McConnell by the 1<sup>st</sup> December. See advert further down.

#### **Church Font**

Did you know that our church font is upside-down. The story behind this is that a baby named John Venn was Baptised in in. He grew up to be a notorious Roundhead, and was one of those who signed the death warrant of King Charles I. The parishioners were so disgusted, that they up-ended the font so that their children should not be Baptised in it!

# VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

West Country Fabrics and Textiles Event Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall, TA4 3SE 9 am to 3 pm Admission is free Vintage and Antique Textile, Dress Fabrics and European Linens Toile Lace, Haberdashery and Upholstery Fabrics Presented by thewasherwoman.blogspot.co.uk Isobel Hague

#### **October WI Meeting**

At our October meeting, we went through the previous minutes, correspondence and the WI life magazine. We then welcomed one of our members, Jacky Madel to give a talk on her school days at St Hilda's. She started off by outlining the three principal people who were involved in setting up the school. They were two sisters and one brother, the brother was Captain Robert Burridge (1875-1957) who was Fleet Paymaster on Implacable during the Gallipoli landing in 1915. He was awarded the CB Military division - badge of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath - a British order of chivalry founded by George 1 on 18 May 1725. He was responsible for the running the finances of the school while being attached to the FO during WW11. He retired in 1946 and helped the sisters with the running of the school until he died. The pupils remember him as kind, courteous, quiet, consistent goodness, and unfailing spirit of service.

Miss Mary Burridge (1877-1957) was the Soul of the School, she was a Sunday school worker and teacher in Plymouth Westcliff and Switzerland before joining the school. She trained as a nurse and was Matron of the school. She received Royal Red Cross award which was established by Queen Victoria in 1883 and the first person to be awarded this was Florence Nightingale. The younger pupils remember her "settling down" poem which was read to them every night before bedtime.

Far, far away over a lemonade sea There grows in a garden an apple-tart tree If you wish for a tart or you wish for a sweet Why! Down one drops all ready to eat

Miss Lilian Burridge (1888-1973) was the School Principal and the pupils remember her as being kind and thinking the best of all her students. The school originated in Westcliff on Sea and then moved to Hill Park, Otterhampton and remained there until it closed in 1974.

Jacky organises all the reunions which has included picnics on the Quantocks, sports days Fete and Murder Mystery dinner and recreating lessons. She was able to write a book of all the happy memories the pupils told her, for example keeping their pets at the school (horses, rabbits, dogs, cats and donkeys). During the summer they went for picnics on the Quantocks, which they either cycled, walked or went by car. Some of the pupils remember cycling into Bridgwater to meet up with the local boys (which was definitely not allowed), but it added to the fun of seeing if they were caught.

Jacky brought pictures which were given to her by the older pupils of life at the school and she told us some really interesting things that the boarders used to get up to as dares. Things don't seem to have changed from then until now.

She was thanked for her interesting and detailed talk about her memories of a school which she really loved.

Gill Boyce

## Volunteers needed to join Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall Committee

Our Village Hall is the heart of Lydeard St Lawrence and is used for local activities and private hire. The running of the Hall is overseen by The Village Hall Committee and additional Members are urgently needed to help run this village resource.

If you would like to help keep our Village Hall running or would like to find out more about becoming a Committee Member please contact Don Hobson (Chair) on 667375 or Steve Baines (Secretary) on 667426. Alternatively, just come along to the next Committee Meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 November at 7pm. The Committee meets around 4 to 5 times per year.

Without local support this valuable village asset could be at risk.



# LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2019

# **Everything You Need To Know**

We are holding a Christmas Tree Festival in the church this year to celebrate Christmas and raise funds for the ongoing Church Development project.

Trees of various sizes will be available and we invite any local groups, business or individuals to purchase and then decorate a tree. The decorations can be themed around the business or group and the trees will all be on display in the church over the Christmas period. In previous years we have had some fantastically innovative decorations on display.

Trees will be available in three different sizes:

## 4' to 5' at £15 5' to 6' at £20 6' to 7' at £25

Once decorated in your own particular style to highlight your theme, you may also display a card advertising your business by your tree. In addition, we will be providing a programme listing all the trees with a short paragraph about each tree and its sponsor.

You will need to provide your own tree stand and your own battery powered lights as the church does not have a sufficiency of electric plugs for tree lights.

Purchased trees will be available in the church for you to start decorating from 3pm onwards on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. All trees must be completely dressed and ready for the Opening Ceremony by 5pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. The church will be open during daylight hours between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December for people to go and decorate their trees.

# **Opening Ceremony Friday 20th December 2019 at 6.00 pm**

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm when there will be a chance for everyone to look at all the decorated trees, partake in some festive refreshment, vote on the best decorated tree and join in with some carol singing at 6:30pm.

Trees can remain in the church all over the Christmas period, but please could you remove your tree by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

If you would like to participate in this year's Festival, please ensure you get your completed <u>entry form</u> together with the appropriate payment to Liz McConnell at Honeydowns, Nethercott Lane, TA4 3SQ **BEFORE 1**<sup>st</sup> **December 2019.** 

If you have any questions or would like any more information, please contact either Revd. Maureen on 01984 667472 or Liz McConnell on 01984 667375

# Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

# Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2:30 pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall

Come and spend a fun afternoon getting into the Christmas Spirit by making your very own Christmas Wreath.

Completed wreaths will be about 15" once decorated and are perfect for a front door or table centre piece.

The wreaths will be made from a mixture of fresh foliage and dried materials such as seed heads, cones and dried flowers.

All materials will be provided together with teas and coffees.



Cost is £25 per person and places are limited.

*To book your place please contact Liz, McConnell <u>before</u> 1<sup>st</sup> December on 01984 667375 or <u>liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com</u>* 

One of the raffle prizes at this year's church summer fete was a voucher to attend this wreath making course. If you were the raffle winner of this prize, have the voucher and are intending to attend, please can you let me know. Thanks. Liz McConnell



#### **Building The Bonfire**

Work has started on building the bonfire. As in previous years you are very welcome to contribute to this magnificent edifice. BUT, please, only burnable materials such as hedge cuttings and garden waste. Absolutely no plastics, mattresses, tins of paint etc. And please can you pile it on the top of the existing bonfire, and not round the edge, we want it to be built upwards not outwards. To access the bonfire, you may drive onto the playing fields via the top gate, but please drive round the edge of the field and not across the centre. Thanks, it's going to be a good one, see you all there.



# **NEW FOR 2020**

Announcing the launch of a new craft group for adults in Lydeard St Lawrence to be held once a month 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. More details to follow next month.

**Possible Somerset Brexit Scam** 

There have been reports from people living in the Devon and Cornwall area about a Brexit Scam. Scammers have been contacting people and claiming that the supply of medicines will be affected by the UK leaving Europe and people will have to pay in advance to ensure their prescriptions won't be affected. The caller will then try to get their bank details. Although this hasn't happened in Avon and Somerset as yet, it may only be a matter of time before the scammers try our area.

Always be wary of any unexpected callers who ask for your personal or financial information, especially if they are claiming to be from a bank or the tax office. Scammers will always seize on confusion caused by a major event like Brexit to take money from people. If you have any doubts or concerns about a caller, hang up.

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# **Christmas Sparkle Project**

Christmas Sparkle was founded in 2015 with the aim of giving a Christmas gift to every child aged 0-18 living in difficult circumstances in the Taunton and Wellington community. Last year they distributed approximately 3,000 gifts to over 1,000 children and young people. This year they hope to support the community again.

They work with local charities (e.g. the Foodbank, local schools, Women's Refuge) who identify the gift recipients and provide the project with the gender and ages of the children they identify. No names are given, thereby avoiding issues with safeguarding and data protection. They donate only brand new, age appropriate gifts.

This year we will be placing a collection box in the Lydeard St. Lawrence church for donations of brandnew unwrapped gifts, throughout November.

To support the project or for more details please contact me, Jo Wainwright on 01823 433738 or email <u>christmassparkleproject@gmail.com</u> We have a gift suggestion list if needed.











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

