

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

September 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
Sat	1 st		
Sun	2 nd	BL Patronal Festival Benefice Eucharist. Holy Communion, Common Worship. 10.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	3 rd	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	4 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	5 th	School Term starts Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	6 th	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	7 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	8 th	Village Horticultural Show in LSL VH Entrants setting up 8:30am – 10:00 am Judging 10:15	Village Horticultural Show in LSL VH Open at 14:00 for review and teas Prizes and auction at 14:30 pm
Sun	9 th	LSL Benefice Eucharist to celebrate Revd. Maureen and David's Golden Wedding Anniversary. See notice. 10.30 am.	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	10 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Poppies In The Post Office	Parish Council Meeting, LSL Village Hall. 7.30 pm Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	11 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	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	12 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	13 th	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	14 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	15 th	Church Tidy 10:00 – 13:00 - refreshments	
Sun	16 th	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	17 th	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	18 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	19 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	20 th	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	21 st	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	22 nd		
Sun	23 rd	CF Morning Prayer at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	24 th	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	25 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	26 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.30 am – 10.30 am	
Thu	27 th	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	28 th	The Dance Club Workout LSL Village Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	
Sat	29 th		
Sun	30 th	CF Benefice Eucharist at 10.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm

CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES

ST LAWRENCE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The flag was flying on the feast day for St Lawrence - Friday 10th August - right through until the evening of Sunday 12th, as part of our celebration in honour of the saint whose name the church and the village bear. The Church Fete on Saturday flourished, despite the rain and people being away on holiday. The rain actually almost did us a favour, because it made people dive for shelter and they spent their money while sheltering! Those who went indoors for tea and cake were also treated to a viewing of our Architect's plans for the future use of the church - toilet and servery, removal of some pews, heating etc. and questionnaires were provided for people's comments or suggestions. Many thanks to those who spent time to look at the plans and filled in the questionnaire. If anyone would like to see the plans and provide their comments, they are on display in the church as well as being available at various events during the Autumn.

Our Benefice Eucharist on Sunday 12th was enjoyable and uplifting, with all five parishes in the Benefice being represented. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards: mostly cakes left over from the Fete as well as the usual biscuits, tea and coffee.

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FETE

This year's church fete was a hugely successful and fun afternoon. Despite ominous clouds and the occasional downpour, people enjoyed browsing the produce stall, picking through the second-hand books, winning on the bottle stall, looking at the second-hand clothing and having several goes on the human fruit machine. Splat the rat, breaking the crockery and the bowling all appealed to the more adventurous. And of course, the Dog Show was once again hugely successful. A huge collection of hounds of all shapes and sizes entered the ring and there were some very deserved winners. Yummy cream teas were available all afternoon as well as ice creams and a good time was had by all. The fete raised over £1,130 for the church which is a record in recent years.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped out in any way, either before, on the day or afterwards. Thanks also to the school for letting us use the field.

MESSY CHURCH for REMEMBRANCE

As this year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Messy Church Planning Group are organising a Messy Church with a Remembrance theme for **Saturday 3rd November at 3pm until 4.30pm**. There will be interesting things to do including making poppies, creating wreaths, decorating pebbles and digestives and finding out more about the countries involved in the first world war and facts about people from this village who were involved in the First World War. We will also locate the commonwealth graves in the churchyard. Refreshments will be available, as always. Please - put this date in your diary and come along. Email reminders will be sent out to all those who have attended previous Messy Church, but everyone is welcome.

INVITATION

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On Friday 7th September, Revd. Maureen and David celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. A Benefice Eucharist is being organised for Sunday 9th September at 10.30am. A warm welcome is extended to everyone from Maureen, David and their family to join in their celebration with Prosecco and Canapes after the service.

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Ringling for Peace

Armistice 100



Did you know that 1400 bell ringers lost their lives in
The Great War of 1914 – 1918?

To commemorate this, we are looking to recruit and teach new bell ringers to
take part in the Armistice Day ringing here in
Lydeard St Lawrence on 11th November 2018.

If you are interested in learning how to ring, or just want to find out a bit more
about ringing, or just want to visit the tower to see what goes on up there,
please contact

Paul Yeomans on 01984 667364 or at paul@rpyeomans.co.uk

YOUR CHURCHWARDEN NEEDS YOU

Display of records of men killed in the First World War

My appeal for information from descendants of those killed from Lydeard St Lawrence back in February yielded no results but, from another source, I have been lent some items relating to James Apse commemorated by a plaque in the chancel. Newspapers of the time, available on line, have also been useful.

So, a second appeal, just in case anyone missed the last one! I shall be glad to receive any information or items that might be displayed relating to the men killed.

David Young, Rectory, dryoung47@googlemail.com 01984 667472

CROQUET AND CREAM TEAS

What luck we had with a beautiful day for our annual Croquet & Cream Tea last Saturday. In spite of drought and heat playing havoc with the lawn, everyone enjoyed the challenge of the bumps, and other sat in the sun to watch. The reigning champions, The Harrisons were defeated in a thrilling final, with young Rory Campbell (12) on his birthday and playing with his father, delivered a magnificent shot to oust the opposition.

A large amount of delicious cakes & scones were consumed, and thanks to all our helpers and super cake bakers.

Around 40 people attended, and a generous £220 raised for the church.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PLANS ON DISPLAY

Action Required By You

You will be aware by now that there are exciting plans underway to redevelop part of the interior of the church to make it more suitable to meet the needs of the whole community in the 21st century. In brief, the plans include bringing a water supply into the church, providing a loo, refreshment area, more flexible seating, improvements to accessibility and better heating provision.

The church architect has drawn up 5 different plans and it is now up to all of us to choose the most appropriate plan. To see the plans, either pop into the church where the plans are all on display on your right as you go in, the church is open during daylight hours, or you can have a look at the plans and some computer-generated images online. <http://lydeard-st-l.co.uk/church.html> Scroll down to the Church Development Project and take the link to see the options. On the right-hand side there is also a link to a list of new facilities that could be provided.

There is also a short [survey](#) which we would like you to fill in about the church once you have reviewed the plans. It will only take a few minutes and will help to ensure that we are on the right track with providing the requirements of the community.

This is important. The church is here for everyone, not just those who attend services, and we would like everyone to know what is going on and to have their say. The church is a village asset and will be here long after we have all gone. It is up to us to ensure that we make the church as fit for purpose as we can for future generations.

If you would like any help or more information please contact any of the Development Project Team, Paul Yeomans, Don Hobson and David Young.

Harvest Supper



We are holding a **Harvest Supper** on
Saturday 13th October at 7pm in the LSL Village Hall.

Tickets are £15 for adults and £10 for children and are available from
Helen Foster at the Manor House opposite the church.

01984 667207

We have a raft of excellent cooks in the village
so this should be a sumptuous affair.

All proceeds to the church.

Lydeard St Lawrence Church and Churchyard Clear Up Saturday 15th September

The annual autumn Lydeard St Lawrence Church and Churchyard Clear up will be from **10.00 am to 1.00 pm**. Please come along for a fun morning working in the churchyard and church to prepare for the Winter months and especially this year, for our Remembrance Commemorations. No one has to stay for the whole time - just half an hour or an hour, if you can manage that. Drinks will be available all day and bacon butties and hot dogs available as a welcome reward for all the hard work at the end of the morning. Last time we had 21 volunteers plus a couple of dogs - let's see if we can muster even more people this time round!

VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

POPPIES IN THE POST OFFICE

As part of our endeavour to produce 2018 poppies to decorate the church as part of the Remembrance Day commemorations this year, Pauline and Liz will be in the Post Office to hand out advice, patterns and encouragement to people who want to, or are already, making poppies. Knitted, crocheted, material and felt poppies are all great so do try and come along and join us.



We will be there on the following Mondays

Monday 10th September

Monday 1st October

Monday November 5



If you have some poppies you would like to hand over to Liz, bring them along on one of these dates.

Village Hall Squeaky Clean Again

Saturday 18th August saw a merry band of more than a dozen people from the village rolling up their sleeves and giving the Village Hall a deep clean from top to bottom. The windows were done inside and out, the kitchen was scrubbed to within an inch of its life, including the ovens and fridges, and all three loos were thoroughly cleaned. The cobwebs were removed from the rafters, all surfaces were wiped down and the floors were sparkling. Punctuated by teas, coffees, biscuits and general good humour, the cleaning band transformed the Village Hall in the space of a morning. Well done to everyone who turned out to help. The Village Hall looks fantastic. Thank you.

Speeding In Tolland

Excessive speeding has been raised as an issue in Tolland.

Tolland is a charming village with beautiful but small lanes running through it. Although the national speed limit applies throughout the village, it is highly inappropriate for anyone to drive at this speed.

Pedestrians and animals on the roads frequently have nowhere to go to get out of the way of passing vehicles and this becomes far more dangerous if road users are unable to stop in time.

If you have any complaints of dangerous driving, please report them to our local PCSO Louise Fyne on 07889 659476 or by email at Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Save Those Bottle Tops



Sasha Beer is collecting plastic bottle tops for the Conquest Riding Centre, a charity that helps people with disabilities to have riding lessons.

All plastic tops are acceptable, milk bottle tops, shampoo bottle tops, take away coffee cup tops, etc., etc., it just has to be made of plastic.

Please either take them to the Post Office on a Monday or Thursday morning or contact me (Liz, 01984 667375) and I can let Sasha know you have some bits.

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 8th September 2018

Lydeard St. Lawrence Village Hall

It's ***THIS TIME NEXT WEEK!!***.

Check out the classes and get your entries into Liz before 8pm on Friday evening, 7th September.

Exhibits to be set up in the village hall between 8:30 and 10:00 am on Saturday morning.

Judging starts at 10:15 am.

The hall will be open from 2:00 pm for everyone to come along and view the exhibits, have a cup of tea, watch (and partake?) in the prize giving and buy some of the produce in the auction.

Go on, you know you want to.

Click here for a list of this year's [Horticultural Show Classes](#)

And here is your [Entry Form](#)

If you need any more info, give Liz a ring on 01984 667375

DONKEY WALKS

I am looking for companions to enjoy mini donkey walks with me and my four legged companions.

My lovely girls enjoy grooming, and lots of fussing and cuddles followed by a walk around our beautiful bridleways.

Must be competent in handling animals, they are very straightforward and just a bit bigger in strength than a large dog.

Please contact me, Sharon Birt, on 01984 667608 if interested.



LYDEARD LIFTS NEEDS YOU

Ken Hardy, Chairman of the village Lydeard Lift scheme, has decided it is time to hang up his car keys and hand the steering wheel over to someone else. Ken has been involved in the scheme almost from the start and has been an active driver for many years. I'd like to thank Ken for all that he has given to the scheme over the years in time, advice and help. In the interim Don and I will continue to manage the scheme, organise lifts and drivers and collect and distribute money.

I also have two other drivers in the drivers pool who have reduced their availability, so I really do need some more volunteers. If you think you might be in a position to help, please let me (Liz) know. Lifts are typically to Taunton, Wivey, Williton or Wellington and are usually, but not always, return trips to doctors, dentists and hospital appointments. You will be reimbursed for your costs if you do a lift. Please, please, please do give this some thought and if you think you could help out at all, let me know. I and all the liftees would be more than grateful. Thanks.

Wolcott Visit to Tolland

Thirty eight American and Canadian descendants of Henry Wolcott who left Tolland for America in 1630 came to a special service in Tolland Church on Sunday 26th August. The service was taken by the Bishop of Taunton the Rt Rev Ruth Worsley, assisted by the Rev Margaret Armstrong. A poignant service for the Rev Margaret as she is moving to Durham next month, this being her last service in the Diocese. The Church was packed, standing room only, and one of the lessons was read by a member of the Wolcott family.

After the service everyone made their way to Brompton Ralph Village Hall for a hog roast lunch. It was a very happy occasion for all, in spite of the atrocious Bank Holiday weather. The day before (in sunny weather) the group had visited Watersmeet and Gaulden Manor in Tolland which is where it is believed the family came from.



Lydeard St Lawrence Cricket

At the end of July something strange happened and wet stuff began to emerge from the sky. This strange phenomenon during the summer of 2018 meant that at times results were in jeopardy and this happened on 28 July when the match away at Over Stowey was rained off after we had posted a total of 132 and had the opposition struggling at 19-1. 12 points added but no win.

The following week it was back to normal with a close but fair win over Stoodleigh at home. After scoring 215-7 with Mark Hannaford putting away 51, Stoodleigh kept chipping away at the score but always behind the curve and were eventually all out for 204.

The wet stuff returned the following week and again an abandoned match against Crowcombe after we put on 83-1. Another 9 points. This was followed on 18 August by a home match against North Curry. LSL making 138 with Clayton Vellacott leading the charge with 30. However, this total was never likely to cause the opposition too many problems and they exceeded this total with the loss of 4 wickets leaving us with 6 points.

This poor run of form also continued into the last week's game against Morebath when our rather miserly total of 120 was overtaken readily by the opposition for the loss of only 1 wicket. With only 3 points from this match the seasons tally so far is 254 and with one game to play on Saturday 1 September, against Taunton at home, we are almost certain to end up mid table and remain in Division 2 for next season.

Please turn up at the ground on Saturday and support the lads in their valiant attempts this season to put the village back on the map with a successful side.

Please note the **Bonfire Night** this year will be Saturday 3rd November. More details to follow but please **do not** bring material to the ground until we have prepared the bonfire base.

Phil Greenway
Chairman.



Not sure who to turn to? Village Agents are a charity that work with individuals and social groups to give confidential support and advice. We can enable people to be more independent in their home, manage personal finances, care for family members and advise on just about anything!

You can find Gaby at the Talking Café at The Bear in Wiveliscombe on a Thursday Morning and the drop-in at Milverton's Creedwell Orchard Meeting Hall on Monday mornings, Lister House Surgery on Monday afternoons and all day Friday. Also Wiveliscombe House on Tuesday Mornings. You can also find me at local coffee mornings, groups and events Call and email me. gaby@somersetccc.org.uk 07746 340546



AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Message from Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson

Dear Parish Council,

I am the Policing Commander for Somerset West — covering your parish council area (one of 150 in the area). I wanted to let you know that from October, we will be delivering Neighbourhood Policing in a slightly different way.

Despite the pressures we face at a time of diminishing financial resources and increasingly complex criminality and operational demand, we're committed to protecting our frontline neighbourhood resources. We've reviewed our approach to neighbourhood policing to ensure your local officers remain at the heart of the community and continue to focus on protecting the most vulnerable from harm.

Currently in the three areas that make up Somerset West (West Somerset, Taunton Deane and Sedgemoor) I have a number of Beat Managers (Police Officers) and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). Currently, each ward or parish area is aligned to both a Beat Manager and a PCSO. Some areas have more than one PCSO and all of my team have more than one ward or parish of responsibility.

In order to enhance our delivery, we are going to pool our beat managers into three hubs (Bridgwater, Taunton and Williton). They will then work in greater numbers to target the areas of high demand (anti-social behaviour, criminality or prevention and safeguarding activity). Meanwhile, the PCSOs will continue in their current areas - reporting directly to a Sergeant and they will be your main point of contact. We are upskilling them with enhanced training and equipping them with bikes and technology so that they will be far more visible and accessible to you; managing their problem-solving plans and utilising a bigger pool of police officers to support them when it's needed. We will also review how we keep you up to date with activity in your area and how we can listen to your concerns and communicate our plans, focus areas and priorities accordingly.

To support the work we're doing we've enrolled the assistance of our Independent Advisory Group (IAG) who has kindly offered to review policing engagement in the community - particularly in the harder to reach communities. They may well visit your areas and, where they do they'll provide that independent view of what we need to do better or where we are getting it right. They have also commissioned a **short survey** which I have attached a link to below and we would really appreciate you taking the time to complete this. We want to understand how engaged we currently are in your area and using the survey, encourage you to let the IAG know how it improves (or not) over the coming year. By understanding the service you receive in your area, our teams can work at improving our response to meet the needs of our communities.

Finally, I encourage you to look at the webpages for your area to understand exactly who your team are, what is important in the policing of your area and how to contact us. Please follow the link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area>

Yours sincerely

Lisa Simpson

West Somerset LPA Commander

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLJ8VFK>



Poppies For Remembrance



As you will be aware, we are hoping to decorate the church for remembrance with a cascade of hand crafted poppies. A number of people in the village have already signed up to make some poppies and I am keeping a running total of the poppies made so far. Our target is to create 2018 poppies which we will then use to adorn the church for remembrance Sunday on the 11th November.

Below is a pictorial representation of how far towards our target number of poppies we are. Each box represents 20 poppies (well, 20.18 poppies to be exact) and the underlying picture will be revealed over the coming months as we knit and stitch our way to November.

Poppy Totals So Far

Target	Date	Number Made	% completed
2018	1 st August	150	7.4%
2018	1 st September	437	21%



You've no idea how much fun it is uncovering the squares each month ☺

CONTACTS

Event	Contact	Tel	Email
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Lydeard St Lawrence Church Wardens	David Young Pat Coles	667472 ExD	dryoung47@googlemail.com brian.coles.coles@btinternet.com
Tolland Church	Maureen Canney	656236	
Scarr Chapel	Bill Caines	667416	jennyscarr73@hotmail.com
Bell ringing	Janet Bond	667372	janet.jimbond@gmail.com
Cricket 1st Team	Paul Smith	07901 847709	
Junior Cricket	Simon Broad	667739	simonbroad3@gmail.com
Dance Club	Rah Cattell	07786 436616	rah@thecattells.co.uk
Lydeard Lifts	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
Over 60s lunch	Barbara Vearncombe	667356	bvearncombe@talktalk.net
Parish Council	Jonathan Marshall	667323	jejm@hotmail.co.uk
Pilates	Laura Sinclair	07714 276447	pilatesbylaurachlotte@gmail.com
Post Office	Watchet Post Office	631223	
Table tennis	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
Village Agent	Gaby Bellamy	07746 340546	gaby@Somersetccc.org.uk
Village Hall	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
Web Page	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
W.I.	Alice Beak	01823 433015	
Local Police	PC Jo Jeffery PCSO Louise Fyne Non Emergency Number	07889 657943 07889 659476 101	Joanne.jeffery@avonandsomerset.police.uk Louise.fyne@avonandsomerset.police.uk
Community Council Oil Orders		01603 881888	somersetbuying@af-affinity.co.uk

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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