

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Village Newsletter

September 2020

Deadline for items – 25th of each month – to Liz (liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com or 667375)

Date		Activity
Tue	1 st	LSL Church Annual Mtg 7.00 pm in church
Wed	2 nd	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Thu	3 rd	SCHOOL Term starts
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon.
Fri	4 th	
Sat	5 th	
Sun	6 th	LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am
Mon	7 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	8 th	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	9 th	
Thu	10 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon.
Fri	11 th	
Sat	12 th	
Sun	13 th	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon.
		Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Mon	14 th	Parish Council Meeting, Zoom. 7.30 pm

Date		Activity
Tue	15 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.40 – 12.00
Wed	16 th	
Thu	17 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon.
Fri	18 th	
Sat	19 th	
Sun	20 th	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am
Mon	21 st	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	22 nd	Garden (Green), Household (Black) and Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	23 rd	
Thu	24 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon.
Fri	25 th	
Sat	26 th	
Sun	27 th	LSL Church Open for Private Prayer 11:15 am – 12:15 noon. CF Evensong 6pm
Mon	28 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm
Tue	29 th	Kerbside Recycling Collection
Wed	30 th	

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning Applications

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

Listed below are those currently under consideration by the council:

1. Planning Application [22/20/0008](#)

Erection of a timber framed 3 bay open garage/shed for housing of agricultural vehicles at Muddyford Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence

CHURCH NEWS

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE

Annual Church Meeting

The Lydeard St. Lawrence Annual Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September at 7.00 pm in the church. Social distancing will be observed when in the church. This meeting is open to everyone, so why not come along and find out what is going on. Hopefully the new rector Mark Hurley will be there, and he is keen to meet as many people as possible.

Church Opening

The church is open for private prayer and contemplation on Thursdays from 11.15 am until 12.15 pm and on Sundays at the same time unless there is a service. The church is open for everyone on these days and you are most welcome to use its space to gain some peace and quiet. If you would like to light a candle in memory of someone or some situation, please do but bring your own means of lighting a candle as - under our insurance regulations - we cannot leave matches etc. unattended. Please also extinguish your candle before leaving the building, but be assured that your candle will be re-lit when there is a service in the church.

Churchyard Tidy

The LSL church autumn tidy will take place on Saturday 3rd October from 10.00 onwards. Please do come along armed with tools to help out. Social distancing will be observed but there will be refreshments to help the cleaning process.

Plants On The Wall

Throughout the year Helen Foster has a goodly selection of plants for sale on her wall opposite the church. So far she has raised £110 for the church which is excellent. If you have been lucky enough to buy one of Helens plants and no longer need the pot, please could you return it so it can be reused. Middle sized pots especially welcome. If you have any plants that are surplus to your own horticultural requirements, please do let Helen have them to sell on the wall as the church has not had many fund-raising opportunities this year.

Sarah Cartwright

Sarah's ashes will be interred in the LSL churchyard at 12.30 pm on Saturday 10th October. While this is predominantly a family occasion, there will be some local residents who knew Sarah who may wish to attend.

TOLLAND

Tolland church is open during daylight hours for reflection, contemplation and private prayer. There is hand sanitiser for people to use and the Tolland church team are regularly wiping down surfaces.

VILLAGE NEWS

LSL WI

The **Lydeard St Lawrence WI** group has decided, after much consideration, that they will not be holding regular meetings until 2021. For those who are able and want to, there will be informal monthly group gatherings in members homes.

Next year the LSL WI is celebrating its centenary. If anyone is interested in joining the WI or has any WI related questions, contact either Jo Stewart jo46sefa@hotmail.com or Andrea Lindley on 01823 433315.

Tolland Planning Application Update

Dear All,

We are very happy to let you know that the Planning for Little Parks Farm has been refused. You can see the detailed report for yourselves [here](#).

Thank you all so much for your support with all your letters and online objections. This could not have been achieved without you. We are under no illusion that this is the end of this, but thought it was important to let you know the outcome.

Kindest regards, Clare and Mary

Eggs, Meat and Hardwood Logs for Sale

Pitpear Farm in Pyleigh, (TA4 3RA), are currently selling fresh eggs which can be found in the box with the blue lid by the stables. There is a price list and honesty box inside.

Also available is meat reared on the farm and seasoned hardwood logs. If you are interested in either of these, call Rich on 07985 980919.

DELIVERY DRIVER JOB AT THE SCHOOL

School Lunch Delivery Driver – Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School

Due to the additional pressures placed on our school during this period, Lydeard St Lawrence Primary school is looking for a local person to pick up and deliver our daily lunches from The Castle School in Taunton.

This will initially be a temporary role for the autumn term with the possibility, depending on circumstances, of the role being continued for the rest of the academic year. The role will be term time only for 1 hour per day. The salary will be £9.18 per hour with additional travel expenses. Applicants must be reliable and have their own transport for this role. Job sharing would be considered.

Lydeard St Lawrence Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a DBS and all relevant pre-employment checks.

Please contact **Mrs. Ellis** in the school office for further details: 01984 667287

CRICKET REPORT

Cannington v Lydeard St Lawrence - 8th August

The mighty LSL on the road at last. Well all the way to Milverton where Cannington are playing all of their home games this year. Won a toss and elected to bat. A young square led to some inconsistent bounce and at times we were a bit laboured, however, after early aggression from a returning Vellacott (26), Tomlinson settled down to play another patient anchor role.

A very keen and chirpy Cannington side clearly thought they could persuade or pressure us into a small total but our old heads (almost ancient some would say) were having none of it.

At 110 for 1 after 30 overs most were predicting 150 total. We have players who can accelerate when needed and once Bart Hannaford had gone for yet another 50 "old Tom" the grounds man and a very confident Dan Lambert smacked it around to post us a total of 190.

Cue the controversy. A massive snick behind, a non walk and a turn down from an umpire and it was like a world war 2 offensive for 4 overs. Then he decided he did hit the ball, walked off and went home 🤔😂. Cannington had a couple of very good youngsters and at stages it did look as if we could lose this one. Tom Lambert with a diving 2 handed scoop in the deep and a miraculous slip catch by "old Tom" ensured they finally fell 20 short.

Despite the controversy a great bunch of boys to play against and I fully expect to be right at the top of the league with them next season. Great effort all. We're on a roll and for once it's not Swiss or Chocolate. Yes Hannaford made a diving catch and also hurt his big toe, just so he feels loved and wanted. Are you ok Dan?

Smudge

Bishops Lydeard Community Library News

Library Update

We are currently working on plans to re-open our community library on Wednesday 2nd September.

To start with we will only be open on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** between **10:00am** and **1:00pm**.

The library will not be operating as it would normally but you will be able to return any loans you may have at home and you will be able to request items held at our library. We are also hoping to be able to make one of our public computers available for pre-booked 1 hour sessions. You can find some more general information about the re-opening of the libraries on the [Somerset Libraries](#) webpage.

If you have any questions about the re-opening of our library please email bldlib@somerset.gov.uk.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is running again as normal and the theme for this year is Silly Squad. To join the Silly Squad you will need to [register online](#) where you can create an account on the site, track your progress in the challenge and get book recommendations. They also have games, quizzes and competitions.



This year you can use electronic books as part of the challenge. There are lots to choose from on the Libraries West website so why not take a look [here](#). You will need a valid library membership card and a tablet or smartphone to download the free cloudLibrary app.

In addition, Oxford Owl are offering a free eBook library for children aged 3–11 years old. Why not have a look at what books are available [here](#)

Bishops Lydeard Community Library Facebook page

You may also be interested to know that Bishops Lydeard Community Library has a [Facebook page](#). Every week we are posting online Storytime videos, Lego challenges, craft activities and book reviews. We will also be posting updates on what is happening with your local library.

Keep reading and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Rebecca Hill, Library and Information Officer, Bishops Lydeard Community Library

Halse and District Community Benefit Society

Acquisition and Refurbishment of the New Inn

This communication is intended firstly to bring everyone up to speed with the progress since we launched the initiative in early June; and secondly to look ahead at the next stages as we start the refurbishment work and then open for business. The dates (TBC) are summarised at the end of the communication.

Background

As explained previously, Richard Elston, the current tenant, decided at the end of May to hand in his notice and leave the pub at the end of August. The absentee landlord had valued the pub at £350,000 in 2017, but has agreed to sell the pub to the Community for £200,000. In our business plan we have set aside £160,000 to renovate the pub. As we gather confirmed quotes, this seems to be a realistic estimate.

In June we conducted a local survey to determine what people wanted from the New Inn, as well as their reflections on the pub in the past. We were overwhelmed with the feedback. This has provided us with clear direction on what aspects we need to maintain, what we need to build on and what we need to change. For example, in the refurbishment it is clear we need to find ways to reduce the noise levels caused by the hard floors and stone walls. Also, the food offering should be based on affordable good pub grub, as well as having specials at the weekend. A better range of wines and good non-alcoholic options were also requested.

Fundraising

As explained at the investor's briefings, we are aiming to achieve shareholder investments of at least £300,000 and we now have pledges of around £290,000. Ideally, we want to increase funds from shares to at least £330,000. Currently we have about 90 people who have pledged to be shareholders, but ideally we would like to have at least 200 - 300 shareholders so as many members of the community as possible are part of the pub and the Community Benefit Society. Shares are sold in bundles of £100 (100 £1 shares) and each shareholder, regardless of investment size, has one vote at the AGM.

We are also working on grant funding opportunities like The Plunkett Foundation who offer grant funding of £52,500 and a £50,000 loan. Our application will be reviewed at the start of September. There are also local grant opportunities that we will be applying for which could amount to £40,000. As the project progresses we can approach specific organisations for grants and sponsorship funding, such as the National Lottery, local councils and some national businesses with local outlets. There are also some locally based private trusts who support community-based projects.

Buying the pub and paying for refurbishment

The purchase of the pub is in the hands of the solicitors and we should exchange by end August and complete by end September. However we will be allowed access to start the work from September 1st.

We have enough pledged funds to buy the pub, and complete the initial required elements of refurbishment. These are replacing the heating system, electrical work, replacing windows, re-roofing the oldest part of the roof whilst making good the rest, replacing water tanks, rebuilding one of the chimneys, lining the chimneys. Internally we will start with refurbishing four of the letting rooms and the manager's flat, fixing the kitchen and cellar as well as decorating the bar, addressing the sound issues and installing new log burners at either end of the pub.

Through September and the rest of the year we will continue selling shares and finalise grant fundraising. Before Christmas we will complete the fifth letting room and in January create a new independent holiday let, accessed independently from outside. The outside space will be redesigned, we will replace the skittle alley roof, refurbish the skittle alley and create a space for a cafe with easy outside access. Our broad approach to accessing grants should enable us to exceed our financial requirements, thereby riding out any Covid-19 issues. We also have pledges of extra funding from early stage investors if required.

Pub management

In July we started advertising for a Management couple and had over 70 applications. We were delighted by the quality of applicants. All three of the final interviewees could easily have run the pub well. The selection panel were unanimous in our conclusion to appoint Ellie Wakeman and Jake Wilde. A young couple, both of whom started working in pubs and restaurants in their early teenage years. Jake has a passion for food, having progressed through his apprenticeship he has been Head Chef at the Cotley Arms for two years. Jake has learnt his trade working in a number of well regarded pubs / restaurants, including The Barrel of Beer, The Lord Poulett Arms, The Blagdon Inn and The Candlelight Inn. Ellie has a range of experience both front of house and in managing letting rooms. She also ran her own cleaning business before becoming Manager at the George Inn.

Jake and Ellie have been together for five years and are engaged. We are delighted that they have accepted our offer.

Activity plan

Aug 29 th	Richard shuts the pub. Pub will shut for five weeks for refurbishment.
Sept 1 st	Exchange on the pub, start clear out work, Ellie starts.
Sept 7 th	Kitchen and cellar refurb. Plumbing in boiler room and bar area. Three further grant applications submitted with local funds.
Sept 14 th	Ground floor windows to kitchen & bar area. Wood burners installed all plumbing & electrics complete in bar area
Sept 21 st	Paint bar area. Jake starts.
Sept 28 th	Fit out bar area

By end Sept all plumbing and electrics done, pub purchase completed.

Oct 3 rd	Grand opening - PROVISIONAL DATE.
Oct 5 th	Road closed for roof scaffold (TBA with SCC)

By end Oct:	letting rooms 1,2,4&5 and Managers flat finished, roof and boiler flue done. Gas connected.
By end Nov:	5th letting room.
By end Jan:	Holiday Let
By Easter:	Garden layout sorted, extra parking created, skittle alley reroofed, internal skittle alley refurbishment and creation of cafe area.

The above dates give a flavour of the major things that are happening and when - behind the scenes there is a huge amount going on!

Community support and volunteers.

This project could not have got off the ground and progressed so quickly without the support of the community. Over 20 people are now working on different elements of the project. None of the volunteers or committee are paid or get expenses. This is a true community effort.

Many of you expressed an interest in volunteering behind the bar to help get the business get going on a sound financial footing. Of course, to customers a volunteer is the same as a member of staff and so training will be provided. This process will start in September and a further announcement will be made. If you would like to volunteer for the bar, or helping with clearing out the pub in early September or sorting out the garden next year, please email halsecommunitypub@gmail.com

To become a shareholder or just enquire for further information

Our ambition is to get to 300 shareholders. We are very grateful to the investors who have backed the project so far and allowed us to make the community pub a reality. Now we would like more people to join in. A pub is not just about drink and food, it is a place to meet new people, take friends and make friends. For a minimum of £100 you can have an equal voice in the development of not only the pub, but the Community Benefit Society itself.

If you would like to invest, or ask to talk to someone for further information please email halsecommunitypub@gmail.com

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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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