#### **Rectory Ramblings**

#### from Rev'd Richard

If you could meet any person from the past and ask just one question, who would you meet and what would you ask? When he was asked this Professor CEM Joad, then Professor of Philosophy at London University and a well known agnostic answered:

"I would meet Jesus Christ and ask him the most important question in the world – did or did you not rise from the dead? Either Jesus is alive now and we can know him or he is not and we cannot. What is the evidence that Jesus is alive?"

The Absence of Jesus from the Tomb: When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary found the tombstone rolled away. Women were not allowed to be witnesses in court in those days. If this had been invented by the early Christians they would have never chosen women to be the first witnesses so the fact that Matthew's Gospel records the womens' role gives the account an authentic ring.

The Presence of Jesus with the Disciples: These women actually saw Jesus. They met him and he spoke to them. They clasped his feet and worshipped him. More than 500 people saw him on 11 different occasions over a period of 6 weeks.

The Growth of the Christian Church: These women were utterly changed. They must have been devastated by the death of Jesus but were filled with joy when they saw him on the first Easter Sunday and rushed off to spread the good news. Nothing other than the physical resurrection of Jesus can explain the utter transformation of Mary Magdalene ,the other Mary and then of the disciples which resulted in the explosive growth of the church.

The experience of Christians down the Ages: These two women were the first to experience an encounter with the risen Jesus Christ. Since that day countless millions of Christians have had the same experience. C S Lewis wrote: 'A Christian believes in Jesus not because he finds him by laboratory methods but by actual contact with him. A Christian is something like the electric eel which knows more about electricity than all the electrical engineers put together.'

It was on the basis of all this evidence that Professor Joad came to faith in Jesus Christ in the last years of his life. He outlined his new found faith in his book Recovery of Belief. The implications of the resurrection are far reaching. Dwell on these extraordinary facts:

You can be sure about the Past: God raised Jesus from the dead. You can be sure that the cross was effective and forgiveness is possible.

You can be sure about the Future: You can be sure that if you have put your faith in Christ, one day you too will rise from the dead just as he did. Death is a defeated tyrant. There is nothing that can ultimately harm us.

You can be sure about the present: You can be sure that Jesus is alive today. He is near you right now. You can hear this same person speak to you (primarily through the bible) and you can speak to him (as you pray). Happy Easter, from your pastor and friend.



"Sisters" from the Polruan Theatre Club production of Jack and the Beanstalk. Sue Sainsbury (L) Andrew 'AK' Kelly (R)

#### From the Editor

I am really looking forward to the year now we are entering Spring and our village is again packed with activities and events. Look through the Parish Diary on page 3 for a summary of all the events and activities, and page 2 for a list of all the church services. Easter, the Regatta and Coronation are all big events in the calendar and I hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy all the hard work that has gone into organising them. But there are many local events and activities so check these out too, from bowling to ABBA.

We also have in our pages lots of news from the last two months and interesting reads: from a review of the Panto, news from around the Parishes, to schools and voluntary organisations. Gill Palmer has a salutatory tale for all the dog owners who live in or visit rural areas such as ours (page 19). It is a harrowing story for any animal lover but does not end so badly and a responsible dog owner helped by taking ownership and raising the alarm.

Sometimes reading the news can be depressing, I hope a good read of The Parish News will help reset you when you hear of so many people getting involved and providing support, wisdom, guidance, pleasure and information.

#### Suzanne

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#### **Church Diary** in the Benefice of Trelawny

St. Wyllow Lanteglos; St. Saviour Polruan; St. Ildierna Lansallos; St. Tallanus Talland;

St. John Bodinnick; St. Marnarch Lanreath; St. Nun Pelynt

April 2023		
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Palm Sunday
Polruan Coal Wharf	10:45	Blessing of the Palms
St Saviour	11:00	Holy Communion
St Tallanus	11:00	Holy Communion
St Marnarch	16:00	Palm Sunday Songs of Praise
St Nun	17:00	Palm Sunday Songs of Praise
St Ildierna	18:30	Holy Communion
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1	Maundy Thursday
St Nun	10.00	Holy Communion
Polruan Coal Wharf		Messy Church (tbc)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good	Friday
St Nun	10:00	Meditation
St Nun	11:00	Family Service and Easter Egg hunt
St Wyllow	14:15	Liturgy of Good Friday and Choir

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Sunday
St Nun	09:30	Holy Communion
St Marnarch		Holy Communion
St Wyllow	11:00	Holy Communion
St Tallanus	11:00	Holy Communion
St John	17:00	Easter Praise
St Ildierna	18:30	Holy Communion
Considered 6th		Lave Consider.

Sunday 16th		Low Sunday
St Marnarch	09:30	Holy Communion
St Wyllow	11:00	Holy Communion
St Tallanus	11:00	Holy Communion
St Nun	11:00	at Methodist Chapel
St Ildierna	18:30	Evening Prayer
Sunday 23rd		Second of Easter

St Saviour	09:30	Holy Communion
St Marnarch	09:30	Service of the Word
St Nun	11:00	Holy Communion
St Ildierna	18:30	Holy Communion

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>		Third of Easter	
St Tallanus	10:00	At Polperro Methodist	
		Church	
St Ildierna	10:00	At Polperro Methodist	
		Church	
St Saviour	11:00	Café Church	
St Nun	11:00	Holy Communion	
St Marnarch	17:00	Songs of Praise	

#### May 2023

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>		Fifth of Easter
St Marnarch	11:00	Coronation Service
St Tallanus	11:00	Coronation Service
St Wyllow	11:00	Coronation Service
St Ildierna	16:00	Coronation Service
St Nun	17:00	Coronation Service
St John	18:30	Coronation Service

	ot joint	10.50	Coronation service	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>			Sixth of Easter	
	St Nun	09:30	United Village Service	
	St Marnarch	09:30	Service of the Word	
	St Tallanus	11:00	Holy Communion	
	St Wyllow	11:00	Morning Prayer	
	St Saviour	16:00	Sing a New Song (tbc)	
	St Ildierna	18:30	Evening Prayer	

Sunday 21st		<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>
St Nun	11:00	at Methodist Chapel
St Wyllow	11:00	Holy Communion
St Tallanus	11:00	Holy Communion
St Ildierna	15:30	Family Rogation Service
St Marnarch	17:00	Rogation Service

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>			Pentecost	
	St Marnarch	09:30	Holy Communion	
	St Nun	11:00	Holy Communion	
	St Saviour	11:00	Café Church	
	St Ildierna	18:30	Evening Prayer	

#### **From the Registers**

#### **Funerals**

 $5^{th}$  January; Mary Venning of Pelynt, service at **Bodmin Crematorium** 

12th January; Carol Ann Appleby of Pelynt, funeral service at St Nun, Pelynt followed by **Bodmin Crematorium** 

13th January; Lois Elizabeth (Liz) Smith of St Cleer (formerly of Polruan), funeral service and burial at St Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

17th January; Anne Allan of Polruan, service at Bodmin Crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving service at St Saviour, Polruan

27th January; Carol Gibbs of Pelynt, service at Bodmin Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving service at St Nun, Pelynt

30th January; Roger Billing of Aylesbury (formerly of Polruan), funeral and burial at St Wyllow, Lanteglos by Fowey

30th January; Peter Prior of Pelynt, funeral and burial at St Nun, Pelynt

31st January; Ronald Keast of Pont, service at **Bodmin Crematorium** 

3<sup>rd</sup> February; *Pauline (Paula) Humphries* formerly of Polperro, funeral service at St Tallanus, Talland

 $6^{th}\ {\rm February}; \textbf{\textit{Beryl Bessie Philp of Pelynt}},$ funeral service at Pelynt Methodist followed by burial at Pelynt cemetery

8th February; Bridget Mary Clark of Lanreath, funeral service and burial at St Marnarch, Lanreath interred together with her late husband's ashes Ronald George Clark

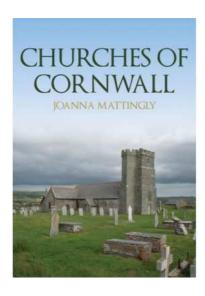
13th February, Margaret Jean Taylor of Polruan, service at Bodmin Crematorium followed by Thanksgiving service at St Saviour, Polruan.

#### **Interment of Ashes**

28th January; Mary Venning of Pelynt, Interment of ashes at Pelynt.







## Lansallos is in this book!

In this book author Joanna Mattingly explores a fascinating selection of churches from right across Cornwall in both urban and rural locations. Those featured include all Cornish dendro-dated\* churches and examples from each of the ten deaneries. From St Allen and St Austell to Tintagel and Truro, the author chronicles many engaging and insightful aspects of the county's ecclesiastical, architectural and social history. Illustrated throughout, Churches of Cornwall will be of immense interest to local historians, residents and visitors to the county.

[\*By Ed. Dendro-dating uses the tree-rings in timber used to construct buildings to date their construction.]

#### **Parish Diary**

All dates and times are correct at the time of going to press — please check notices for changes

#### April

Saturday, 1st Whitecross Market 10am — 1pm (see page 18)

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Life Jacket Check at Fowey Lifeboat Station (see page 26)

Sunday,  $2^{nd}$  Lansallos APCM, in the Lady Chapel, 7.30pm (see page 4)

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Little Harbour Book Sale, in the morning on The Corner or in the Reading Room (see page 9)

Tuesday,  $4^{th}$  Flower Club at Pelynt Village Hall, 2pm (see page 16)

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Art Group at the WI Hall, Polruan, 2-4pm (see page 16)

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt, Coal Wharf, 4pm (see page 25)

Saturday, 8th Talk: The Remarkable Pinwell Sisters by Helen Wilson, Polruan Village Hall, 2pm (see page 22)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 30th Polruan Craft Market, 10am-3pm (see page 17)

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> Pop Up Antiques Market, Polruan Reading Room, 11-4pm (see page 10)

Thursday,  $13^{th}$  WI, WI Hall, 7pm (see page 4)

Monday,  $17^{th}$  Town Trust AGM (see page 21)

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> Talk: History of South Bosent, Whitecross Village Hall (see page 24)

Friday, 21st Johnny Cowling at Whitecross Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 25)

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> Kidz Klub at Polruan Village Hall, 6.00-7.30pm (see page 8)

#### May

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May Day Cream Tea at Polruan Village Hall, 2.30pm (see page 7)

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Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> Take a Chance on Us - ABBA Tribute Band, Old Coal Wharf, Polruan, 8pm (see page 13)

Saturday,  $6^{\text{th}}$  Lanreath Coronation day (see page 5)

Saturday, 7th The Coronation Big Lunch, Whitecross Village Hall, 12.30pm (see page 13)

Thursday,  $11^{\rm th}$  WI, WI Hall, 7pm (see page 4)

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May Art at St. John's, Bodinnick (see page 5)

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week (see page 7)

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May Outing to Japanese Garden, St Mawgan (see page 24)

Saturday,  $20^{\text{th}}$  Annual Plant Sale and Cream Tea, Whitecross Village Hall, 2.30-4.30pm (see page 24)

Sunday,  $21^{st}$  Polruan Craft Market (see page 17)

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> Choosing of Polruan Royalty (see page 12)





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An advert, notice or news item can reach thousands of local residents and seasonal visitors as well as inform and support the local community

#### **News from Lansallos**

#### from John Feesey, Lansallos PCC

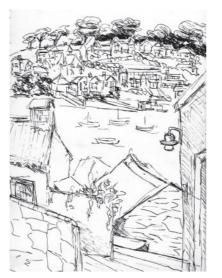
#### Save The Parish

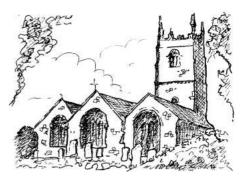
Have readers heard of the Save The Parish (STP) campaign? If not, do go on line (www.savetheparish.com) and have a look at its manifesto which aims to stop the decline of the rural parish over many years. It was less than 22 years ago that Lansallos was in a group of just two parishes (with Talland). Now, we're part of the Benefice of Trelawny with five parishes and seven churches - but still only one priest, who does a magnificent job, but is over-worked and under-resourced. All our parishes are struggling to pay their dues to the diocese, plus maintaining, heating and lighting our beautiful and ancient, but expensive, places of worship - as well as paying all the other bills.

The parish is at the heart of the Church of England. It informs every aspect of our mission and our vision of ourselves. Parishes are prized well beyond those of us who attend church every Sunday and are passionately spoken of by our bishops and archbishops. Yet parishes have been starved of priests and money; in Cornwall half the parish clergy in some areas are being cut by a church hierarchy appointed from elsewhere and with little apparent understanding of local culture. We have 42 duplicative diocesan bureaucracies in England alone. STP's volunteer accountants and auditors have discovered that in 2020, out of an investment income of about £500 million, only £45 million (9 percent) was spent on parish ministry. Allocating resources to the "front line" is clearly not a priority. Our archbishops plan to spend £1.2 billion in 2023-25. How much of that will we see in our countryside parishes like Lansallos? Yet in 2020 rural churches with 24 percent of the English population contributed 44 percent of parish giving! The STP believes that the appropriation of

The STP believes that the appropriation of parochial assets and endowments by Diocesan Funds and the Church Commissioners from 1976 onwards has not been matched by wise stewardship, and nor have the commitments to fund stipends and pensions out of those assets been fulfilled. The STP is campaigning, to give just a few examples, for:

- Parishes to receive 100% of the fees for non-church cemetery and crematorium fees which presently go to dioceses.
- A ban on dioceses linking payment of parish dues in individual benefices to the provision of clergy. The parishes least





likely to be able to afford to pay are the poorest; they should not be the first target for rationalisation.

 A church/state commission to be established to look at how we can fund, in the longer term, the maintenance and repair of our churches, the architectural treasures of the nation which have been entrusted to the church.

Why not support this campaign? Save our parishes and our parish churches!!

#### **Contactless Giving**

Lansallos has been fortunate enough to be allocated by the Diocese a contactless giving device at the highly subsidised cost of £60 (normally at least £320 retail price). The device is called a "CollecTin More" and it enables offerings, donations and payments to be made, if desired, by credit or debit card, just as in a shop, pub or restaurant. The experience of churches which have already installed such a device is that income increases substantially, especially from visitors from up country who in many cases no longer carry cash. We expect the CollecTin More device to be in use at St Ildierna by next June.

#### **Future Events**

Do make a note in your diary for the Lansallos Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will take place in the Lady Chapel at 7.30pm on 2nd April, after the Palm Sunday service which starts at 6.30pm. It's your chance to hear what plans there are for the year to come, as well as to have your say should you so wish.

And here's advance notice of our Annual Lansallos Fête at 2.30pm on Saturday, 29th July in the Old Rectory Garden, next to the church. It's the best in the west, so don't miss it!

Sawya an Eglosyow! (Save our Parishes!)

The WI meet on every second Thursday of the month

(except August)

Meetings are fun — why not give us a try

For further information, please contact

Chris Cox 07788 235323

We look forward to seeing you soon

## News from Lanreath from Jenny Bartram

The village is beginning to bloom again with the coming of Spring. The churchyard is bright with daffodils and the Japonica bush is in full flower. Primroses cover the banks around the village green and the plants outside the church gates are beginning to blossom. Indeed much of Lanreath is colourful and tidy, thanks to the gardening group, and a pleasure to behold.

The church recently hosted a Plough Service with two very welcome Shire horses and a tractor and plough waiting outside the main church gates to the pleasure and interest of the large congregation. During the service the young folk were kept occupied and happy, making craft items with the help of Harriet and some of the mums. The fellowship continued following the service with pasties and cider around a fire pit and a bouncy castle on the Millennium Green.

A number of services are held in the afternoon on the Green during the warmer months for example, pet, tractor, scarecrow and Songs of Praise, and are always popular. Please check the church notice boards for dates and times.

Lanreath Community Spirit are gearing up to celebrate the Coronation in a big way on 6 May. The Coronation will be shown on a big screen in the Village Hall and also in the adjoining Tipsy Cow. The parade will, as in previous years, travel from the Hall to the Green where it is hoped to have Maypole dancing. The usual competitions will be held - Photography with the theme "Your Cornish Crown" (adult and children's entries). The Flower Competition, which this year will be held in memory of Bridget Clark, who passed away recently, with a shield in her name being presented to the winner on an annual basis. The annual pasty competition will be held with an additional section this year -Coronation Chicken pasty - in honour of the occasion. A food truck, also serving Greek food, has been organised; tea, coffee and cake will be available at the Hall with a Candy Floss machine for the kids. There will be Face Painting and a children's test your strength machine, as well as a Throne where you will able to be photographed dressed up as a King.



The team have obviously been really very busy putting these entertainments together, and welcome you all to come and enjoy.

Lanreath Parish Council are presenting Coronation mugs to the children of the Parish. Please contact Sandra Pipe 01503 220860 if you are concerned that your child's (children's) name is not on the list.

#### St. John's, Bodinnick

### from the Friends of St. John's, Bodinnick

In common with so many other churches across the country, our church St John's, Bodinnick, is under threat of closure. Additional income is badly needed as without it there can be no guarantee that the Church will survive.

We have established a group, the Friends of St. Johns, to help co-ordinate fund raising opportunities. An art exhibition and table top sale featured in last year's events and raised over £800. We are hoping to arrange further events in the months ahead and are already making plans to take part in Fowey's literature Festival to be held in May.

We are seeking support to raise further funds. The very best way to achieve this is for people to become part of a giving scheme and provide regular monthly payments. Should you wish to help in this way, and you use on-line banking, please contact us at the following email address for further information: <a href="mailto:friend.stjohns@outlook.com">friend.stjohns@outlook.com</a>. Of course, if you prefer to make, say, a one off payment, or payments, with a frequency other than monthly, we would still be delighted to hear from you.

#### Overview

Our vicar, The Rev'd Richard Allen, has been tasked by the Diocese of Truro to raise revenue from the Parish for the ongoing funding of his services as stipendiary priest for the seven churches that form the Trelawny Benefice. St John's. Bodinnick is one of the seven.

The challenge for us in the village and surrounding area, is to secure the long-term future of St. Johns, we can do this by supporting the Rev'd Richard and the Parochial Church Council and generate the critical levels of income that are now required. To co-ordinate fund raising, The Friends of St.



John, has been established and a committee formed. An application for Charitable status, approved by HMRC, is being sought which will help us to claim Gift Aid.

If you would like to become involved in the work of the Friends and help us in our vital efforts to keep St. Johns open, we would be delighted to hear from you.

#### History

In the mid-1940's the Vicar of St Wyllow, the Parish Church of Lanteglos, found that people would welcome Evening Prayer at Bodinnick, so the proprietor of the Old Ferry Inn offered the use of a room in a house belonging to the Inn. As a result of these prayer meetings, the proprietor gifted the Inn's stable to the parish which was greeted with much enthusiasm by the village and was considered to be a symbolic offering. Arthur 'Budda' Bate and his three brothers Jim, Bernard and Russell, did much of the work on the stone structure to create the building as it is presently to be seen. In 1949 the church was dedicated and the altar consecrated by Bishop Jack Holden, Assistant Bishop of Truro.

The church was named St. John the Baptist because centuries ago there was in the village a chapel of ease of St. John. Since those early beginnings, the church has continued to provide a regular set of services throughout the year, the character of which has reflected

the unpretentious nature of those who have continued to support it.

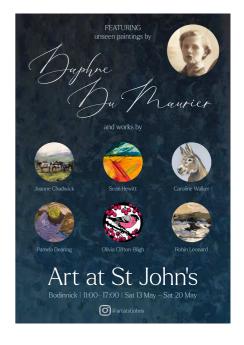
Art at St. John's is pleased to announce its inclusion as a venue on the Fowey Art Trail 2023, and will exhibit a collection of paintings by Daphne du Maurier, so far unseen by the public, together with local painters, sculptors and ceramicists.

The exhibition at St. John's Bodinnick will be open daily from

11am to 5pm during the Festival Week, 13th to 20th May - see the Art Trail poster below.

Please come and bring your friends, we'll look forward to seeing you!

website: <a href="www.artstjohns.com">www.artstjohns.com</a> - and Instagram: art\_at\_stjohns



#### **News from Polruan Village Hall**

#### from PVH Management Committee

The Hall has been used for a wide variety of events over the past few months. The Panto was a huge success running over 4 nights — oh yes it was! The new Short Bowls Club ran a successful Taster session in March and Yoga resumed in February after a short break. Kidz Klub had a fun



filled pancake themed meeting in February and are due to meet again at the end of March. Our resident Film Club is going from Strength to strength offering a varied selection of films. We look forward to welcoming the Parish Council back to the Hall for 6 months in April and have a variety of parties and weddings booked in for the Spring and Summer. Please see reports on the activities elsewhere in this publication. Take up of private hires is also on the increase — where better to celebrate a birthday or just have fun with the family.

We are very much hoping to hold our Annual May Day Cream Tea on 1 May and our Annual BBQ in August, so please look out for posters and further information nearer the time.

Whether joining in with regular clubs and activities or organising social events, weddings or meetings, the Hall provides a lovely location for all activities, licensed for the sale of alcohol and entertainment. Why don't you visit our website polruan.org or contact Kathryn who will be happy to help you with your enquiries. We very much look forward to seeing and welcoming you to the Hall in the coming months.



View from the verandah at Polruan Village Hall

## the WI INSPIRING WOMEN

#### **Polruan WI**

#### from Chris Cox, Vice President

Well, I'm getting back into the swing of it—the meeting in February was fast and furious at the beginning with raffle tickets being purchased, names written down for entries in the competition and people being signed in for the meeting. The competition this time around was to design a Valentines card with hearts or in the shape of a heart. We had nine entries with Kym coming first followed closely by Lorraine and then Annie.

Our talk for the February meeting was Crime and Cardiac Surgery given by Chris Hope-Wynne. It was a very interesting talk, although the heart stuff was a bit gory and with pictures! We were told the Surgery Mantra Get in, Get on, Get out! Chris had also trained as a barrister, showing us his Court wig — apparently costing up to £500 at the time and made from horse hair. He managed to get his at a more reasonable cost! He told us lots of funny stories about being a barrister.

In March we had our AGM. The Committee is staying the same for the time being but Beth has said it will be her last as President. We will be sorry to loose her when the time comes. We talked about our Birthday lunch and set a date, entering a team for the upcoming quiz and possibly making the raffles bi-monthly and giving the money to charity. Colin Payne and Steve Stroud were our Guest Speakers giving us a hands on talk about DEFIB resuscitation, showing how everything works, how to resuscitate and use the equipment. Following the demonstrations it was time for the ladies to have a go, all went well — we had a really interesting, fun evening and the time passed quickly — before we knew it, it was time for tea, and home!

Ladies of Polruan and Area we would love to see you and meet you so why not come along and see what we're about. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, except for August. For further information contact Chris (01726 870194) who will happy to help or pass you onto someone who can.

See you soon!

#### Polruan Village Hall Hire

Should you wish to book the Hall for an activity, please contact our bookings clerk:

Kathryn Hill 01726 870953, kathrynehill39@gmail.com, who will be happy to help with any queries.

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To book please contact Sue Rowe 07813 125989 01726 870505 sjsherwood2@gmail.com.

#### **Plough Sunday** at Lanreath

#### from Rev'd Richard

Lanreath held its annual Plough Sunday event on 26 February. Its was a real community affair. We were blessed to have two beautiful shires adorned in ribbons to meet and greet us and share with us on the village green afterwards. Over 50 of us gathered for the service in church and then the blessing of the plough in the village square. 'The Rev' spoke on the importance of caring for the soil and not over farming but applying the principles of rotation with rest and not over fertilising. Afterwards everyone gathered on the village green to share a glass of cider and a pasty and for the children, a bounce on the giant bouncy castle.



#### **Pelynt Tractor Service** from Rev'd Richard



Our Annual Pelynt Plough Sunday Service took place at West Wayland Farm on Sunday, 5 February. It was a real community affair and we were lucky enough to be joined in the barn by the Pelynt Male Choir and two very large red tractors . 'The Rev' reminded everyone of the importance of looking after the soil which God has gifted us and that good farmers always attempt to leave their land in a better state than when they inherited it. We are all custodians of God's creation. After the service we all tucked into a good glass of Cornish









## **WEEK**

#### Christian Aid Week — 14 to 20 May 2023

from Kathryn Hill

This year Christian Aid Week is from 14 to 20 May and as usual, there will be collection boxes in the churches and some businesses in Lanteglos Parish. I also hope to run a Table-Top Sale on the afternoon of Sunday, 21 May in Polruan Village Hall. No charge for having a table - just a prize for the Raffle please. Refreshments and Raffle in aid of Christian

If you would like a table please contact me (01766 870953; kathrynehill39@gmail.com). I would also love offers of help. Thank you.

#### **World Day of Prayer**

from Kathryn Hill for Polruan WDP Committee



World Day of Prayer (formerly Woman's World day of Prayer) is held annually on the first Friday in March. Each year the service is prepared by the Christian women of a different country, this year it was Taiwan and was titled "I have heard about your faith". Although we were a small group that gathered in St Saviour Church it was encouraging to remember that we were part of a huge worldwide "wave" of prayer encircling the earth for at least 38 hours. It started at dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga in the Pacific Ocean and ended at dusk in American Samoa.

The Bible reading was from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which was written as a source of encouragement at a time of great adversity and persecution. We were reminded that Christians in many parts of the world face adverse circumstances, suffering from hardship and persecution and of the importance of praying for them.

After the service we enjoyed chatting over tea or coffee and cakes and biscuits - an enjoyable and inspiring afternoon.

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## CrossWord APRIL-MAY

#### **ACROSS:**

- 7 Draw back (6)
- Shrewd (6)
- 9 Medication (4)
- 10 Left in the lurch (8)
- Kidnaps (8) 11
- **13** Concur (5)
- 15 Poke fun at (5)
- **16** Implore (7)
- Worthless (8) 18
- **19** Deserve (4)
- 21 Tribal (6)
- 22 Pandemonium (6)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Terror (4)
- Patient (4,9)
- Weather conditions (7)
- 4 Religious man (5)
- 5 Quarrelling (2,11)

8

- **6** And so on (2,6)
- 12 Talk spitefully (8)
- **20** Shout (4)

**17** Tree type (5)

- 14 City in Uganda (7)





#### **Little Harbour**

#### from Lynn Bartlett

If you are visiting the Post Office in the Reading Room perhaps you'd like to browse the Blamey shelves for a book or two. We continue to have a limited number of jigsaws available too, in exchange for a small donation. After three recent substantial book donations we have a good selection of Daphne du Maurier, Winston Graham, (Poldark) and Rosamund Pilcher books.

We were pleased to hold our first book sale of 2023 on Tuesday, 7 March. It was quiet but we were happy to see some new faces who were pleased to buy some local books. Our next sales will be in the mornings on Tuesday, 4 April and 2 May, either on the Corner or in the Reading Room. Our prices remain the same: Hardbacks £2, Paperbacks £1 and Children's books 50p.

We can now accept books but please do not leave them in the Reading Room, contact me on 01726 870536.

We were disappointed to find in February that our honesty box had been broken into and the contents taken. Fortunately as it's



emptied regularly there would have been no great amount in there. The power of social media certainly came into its own, as after this incident was reported on Facebook, several very generous and kind people sent donations totalling well over £100. Like us they were disappointed and upset that this petty crime was happening in our village. This serious incident was reported to our PCSO, Stephen Cocks.

Entries for the Annual Rainbow Run are now available with an early bird entry fee. This is a 5k family friendly, fun run, jog or walk where, at seven points on route, you will showered with powder paint of different colours. It takes place at RAF St. Mawgan on Saturday, 17 June. For further details go to chsw.org.uk.

Mark McCartney is continuing his training for the Ride For Precious Lives, read his update elsewhere in this edition.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Coming Late March 23!!! New Bakery and Café Opening. Menus available soon!

> Thank You and Best of Luck to the Ladies of Crumpets Too for the future XXX

Kat and the Team Look
Forward to seeing you all soon!





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Trago and Bodmin	12 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	£3.00 £4.00
Truro	26 <sup>th</sup>	$24^{th}$	£4.50

All services are now on Wednesdays except for Whitecross Farmers' Market (the first Saturday of every month). The services start from Furze Park at 0925 (1015 for Whitecross), then as requested at Well, Greenbank and Ferris Way. Pick-ups can also be made anywhere on our route through Frogmore, Whitecross and Bodinnick.

£1 reduction for concessions to all fares. To book, please call in at The Russell or

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#### Ride for Precious Lives Children's Hospice South West 2023

from Mark McCartney

Thanks for all the support and donations towards the fundraising efforts for Little Harbour - Children's Hospice South West.

You might know that I am now training for the ride which is from St Austell to Bristol from 7 to 9 July. We will be starting at Little Harbour in Porthpean, passing Little Bridge House in North Devon, and then completing the epic 225 mile journey at Charlton Farm Hospice, Bristol. The ride is fully booked now, but all encouragement and support is much appreciated, thank you. If you wish to donate to the charity, here is a link here to my fundraising page

Mark McCartney is fundraising for Children's Hospice South West (justgiving. com) where you can see what is going on and comment on the event.

Training is going OK for me so far, but I am still way off the daily mileage target — however if you see me out and about in the lanes then feel free to give me some verbal



encouragement, or a gentle 5 beeps on your car horn - it really helps to keep me going! Thanks again to all who have supported this great charity and to Lynn Bartlett for the encouragement and all the work you do for the hospice.



#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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## Closing date for the Jun / Jul 23 issue is

#### **Sunday 14 May 2023**

Please send all copy and letters to Suzanne Goddard at Springhill Chapel Lane Polruan PL23 1PG suzanne.goddard@me.com 01726 870818

Or use the letterbox in the porch of St Saviour's Church Polruan no later than

Sunday 14 May 2023

\*\*\* Thank you \*\*\*

#### **Antique Market**

#### from Jill Thomson

On Easter Monday, 10 April, there will be a "pop up" Antique and Collectors' Market in Polruan Reading Room, from 11am until 4pm.

Here you will find small antiques, interesting collectables and a selection of Cornish and out of print books.

There's something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.



#### A plea to dog owners

Some say we are a nation of canine lovers
Our Pugapoos and many others
But we can get sick from our fur babies
"No", you cry, "Brits don't get rabies!"
But within each doggy's faecal log
Comes a germ and wormy bog
Of parasites, a trace of which
Touched to the face can make you sick
But worst of all, and keep in mind,
It can cause disease and make kids blind!

Poo ruins walks in boot and shoe So follow those kindly citizens who Pick up after their dogs when they leave presents

Of sloppy piles or golden crescents
And place them in a nearby bin (hanging on trees is a cardinal sin!)
Thank you, dog lovers, for every time
You clean up our streets and paths sublime!

## Can you Help? from Phil Eketone

I am trying to locate the descendants of my Great Grandfather's family.

My Great, Great Grandfather, Philip Ham married Elizabeth Stephens in Davidstow, Cornwall on 29 December 1857 and had a son, Joseph Adam Stephen Ham. WikiTree lists his date of birth as 1860 in Lanteglos, Cornwall.

I am now in my 60's and have always wondered if the Ham or Stephens families know about the connections they have here in New Zealand. My wife and I are planning a UK trip around August this year and I have always wanted to visit Cornwall and at least visit Davidstow, the place where my Great, Great Grandparents were married.

Are you able to assist with any family information? If so, I shall be very pleased to make contact with you via The Editor of the Parish News. In anticipation — thank you.

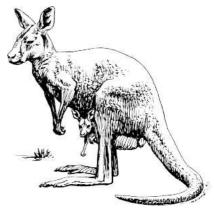
#### **Crumpets Too**

#### from Beth Rigg

Pam, Hattie and Beth are retiring and would like to thank all our customers for their loyalty and support over the past 10 years.

We have managed to pass our oven gloves on and hope you will support the new owners.

We wish them good luck in their future venture.



## Letter from Australia from Mary Taylor, New South Wales

Another year started — they seem pass by so to quickly now. John and Trish took me to Plum's second daughter's wedding recently, it was lovely down by the river (which was flooded only a week or so before and you could clearly see how far the floods had come up) but everything turned out nice in the end. On the way to the wedding it poured down but luckily the sun came out later so all was well

The weather here is not very settled; one day cool, the next hot. There has also been a lot of flooding. John's yard was flooded and a lot of things in his shed ruined.

For Christmas, John, Trish and Plum went to Liz and Kim's for lunch, their eldest son, Andrew and his partner and two children were there, it was a very nice lunch and a lot of presents were exchanged. Plum's family came to my house at 5pm when more presents were exchanged — a very busy day.

I went to John and Trish's granddaughter's first birthday party at the park. She's called Stella and is a lovely little girl, we had a great day — although the wind was a bit cool.

Gerard, Liz and Kim's second son and his children are coming down from Brisbane this week so we'll get to see them all.

John and I went to a friend's 99th Birthday party recently, the dear old lady was very frail looking indeed and her daughter said that while they were on holiday they had got a call from the care home to say their mother had had a fall, so they came home. It was upsetting to see her looking so frail – she's always been a tough old thing.

I finally had the cataract in my left eye removed on 19 January, so that's a relief.

I know I say this every year, but the hot cross buns are in Woollies already, although by the time you get this, it will probably be closer to Easter. I am still getting some Christmas mail – it really isn't very reliable at the moment.

Bye for now and keep safe, warm and well.

## Another triumph from the Polruan Theatre Club Jack and the Beanstalk

On Thursday, 16 February I went to see a sellout performance of Jack and the Beanstalk, the latest panto offering from the Polruan Theatre Club.

The conventional storyline of Jack and the Giant's castle at the top of the beanstalk was not for the director, Tony Cottrell. Oh no – the beanstalk leads not to a castle but to the 'Cloud' an analogy of the conceptual place where all our data (and arguably our lives) are stored and controlled in the modern age. This place was aptly called Cloud Cuckoo Land, where lived a mad professor, a librarian, a cook and, as it transpired, a vertically challenged (and quite adorable) Giant played by Ronnie Wilcock.

This was a feast of one-liners, local references and political satire, at times almost too many to fully appreciate as they came thick and fast. I wish I had booked to see it twice! The songs were a mix of original compositions and reworded favourites, such as the Lionel Bart classic 'Food, Horrible Food'. Tessa Skola definitely is worthy of mention, playing the Mayor's wife and delivering an exhausting stream of malapropisms without fault, very impressive! I particularly liked her reference to the villagers of Slapton Tickle aspiring to become wealthy members of the 'effluent' society

Henry Rowe was wonderful as Baron Stoneybroke, the villainous property developer whose accent went from very posh to East End in a heartbeat with perfect comic timing. Jonathan Rashleigh was alarmingly disturbing as The Wizard Prang (congratulations to Bella Alexander for the makeup) and Sue Sainsbury as Gertie Herring was incredibly funny, a true professional. Every single person involved is worthy of mention as they played their roles with good humour and joy, which makes the Polruan Theatre Club an absolute pleasure to watch. Thomas Bawden, as Jack, is definitely someone to watch as a rising star.

And finally, Sue Rowe's beanstalk was amazing, as was the scenery and the set construction (Ray Rigg and team, Andrea Francis and Beth Rigg). And finally, the clever twist on the family cow, being played by a guinea pig masquerading as a gerbil. You can't make this stuff up (well Tony Cottrell can)!



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A very big thank you to Beth, Pam and team at 'Crumpets Too' who have been the foodbank collection point in the village for the past few years. We wish you all the best in the future as you retire from business next week.

As from the beginning of April the shop will open as 'Kitty's Koffiji', and will continue to be the collection point as before.

During the transition and temporary closure please leave food donations in St Saviour's porch.

(Please contact Norman & Angie on 01726 870747 regarding any cash donations)

Many thanks to those who continue to contribute so generously during this time of great need for so many families.

Please contact the Foodbank if you would benefit from the food bank services or know of someone else who might need to:

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#### **Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports**

from the committee

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Our AGM was held at the beginning of March. The President, Vice Presidents and Committee members still stand as of last year. We welcomed Grant as a new member to add to Mark, Emma and Kelly who we had co-opted during the year. We thanked Clare and Christine for their hard work and commitment to the organisation over the years, as they stood down.

We have planned our annual trip to an adventure park to take place in the Autumn.

Our Beach Gala will be on Sunday, 23 July and we have planned a full August Bank Holiday Regatta weekend.

Details of our 2023 Polruan in Bloom competition can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The Scarecrow competition will be held, as in the past, at the end of July and the theme this year will be the Stone Age, to be interpreted as you wish!

On the morning of Monday, 29 May we will be choosing our royalty for 2023/24 and this will be followed by Garden games on the Old Coal Wharf and a barbecue.

Our next event will take place as part of the King's Coronation celebrations, when we'll welcome 'Take A Chance On Us', ABBA tribute band. So get your '70's gear on and come and sing and dance the night away.

#### **Polruan In Bloom**

### from Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

There are plenty of signs that Spring is just around the corner and thoughts turn to preparing gardens ready for Summer colour. So do consider entering Polruan In Bloom this year, a competition for fun with the added bonus of trophies!

Last year we were pleased to have an entry from a child, hopefully more children will enter again this time around. Perhaps they'd like to grow sunflowers, sweet peas or even runner beans in pots? The possibilities are endless.

There are three categories:

- The Mulready Trophy for attractively planted window boxes/hanging baskets/ planted original containers.
- The Millennium Trophy for attractively planted and designed smaller front gardens or borders.
- The Lanteglos Age Concern Cup for attractively planted and designed larger gardens.

Entry forms will be available from the Winkle Picker at the beginning of June. Judging will take place in late June/early July.

#### Coronation of His Majesty King Charles



from Polruan Regatta

A Royal Coronation after 71 years is a momentous event in our history. On 6 May we will witness the coronation of King Charles III and The Queen Consort, Camilla, with all British Coronation traditions but a slimmed down event in comparison to the 1953 coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Last year we witnessed the traditional and exceptional ceremonies and occasions that Britain is so outstanding at organising and presenting. First, the happy celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, then with great sadness and pride, her state funeral.

We felt that the Coronation shouldn't go unmarked and so the bunting will go up around the Coal Wharf and the ABBA tribute band *Take A Chance On Us* will play from 8pm on Saturday, 6 May.

Many areas around the village got together for the Big Jubilee Lunch and we met neighbours and friends with shared lunches. Now we are asked to get together again for a Big Coronation Lunch on Sunday, 7 May.

On Monday, 8 May we're encouraged to take part in the Big Help Out, when we are asked to consider volunteering. The long-term aim is to get more people volunteering who traditionally don't consider it.

We hope you enjoy the weekend.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Polruan residents, Local residents and visitors are all welcome!

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by phone on 01726 870505 or through the website: www.polruanfilmclub.co.uk or email: bookings@polruanfilmclub.co.uk

**BOOKINGS:** 

Your first film is included in your membership fee. Then you just need a ticket for each screening you want to attend We have some great films coming up. Unfortunately we've been unable to confirm availability with CFylm as we go to press

but our website and Facebook Group will give details once the films are booked in.

Here are the films we hope to show in the next few months.

THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN (15) OSCAR NOMINATED FILM Two lifelong friends find themselves at an impasse when one abruptly ends their relationship with alarming consequences for them both.

MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS (PG) A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own.

A GOOD YEAR (12A) starring Russell Crowe. A British Investment broker inherits his uncle's chateau and vineyard in Provence, where he spent much of his childhood. He discovers a new laid back lifestyle as he tries to renovate the estate to be sold.

EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE (15) WON 7 OSCARS A middle aged Chinese immigrant is swept up into an insane adventure in which she alone can save existence by exploring other universes and connecting with the lives she could have led.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - If your membership has expired you will need a new £6 membership which will include tickets for the first film you view in this new membership period. Membership can be purchased online or at the desk when you attend a film.

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SUBSEQUENT FILM TICKET PRICES: ADULTS: £4 YOUTH (12-15): £2

There is no membership fee for children under 12 but a £1 ticket charge per suitable film





Many of you will have bought the booklet 'Fowey Remembers, 50th Anniversary of D-Day 1994' produced by an editorial Committee, chaired by the late Rusty Eplett in 1994. In the booklet people contributed their memories of being in Fowey and Polruan whilst troops prepared for and left for the D-Day invasion. There were many craft in the harbour and contributors recall the strange silence after the craft and their crews left. There are photographs showing the boom in the harbour, US Navy Quonset huts at Windmill and various US Navy landing craft. A fascinating read if you can trace a copy.

6 June 2024 will be D-Day 80 and this remarkable day in history will be commemorated nationally. It is hoped that communities will participate in the lighting of a beacon in remembrance of the hundred and fifty thousand that landed on the five beaches in Normandy, the beacon symbolising the 'light of peace' that came out of the darkness of war.

We are also being encouraged to eat fish, chips and mushy peas on that day. Fish and chips are the undisputed national dish of Great Britain, becoming a cultural and culinary symbol of our country and they were not rationed during the years of World War II, by Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. The eating of them will also act as a unique and amazing tribute to the many thousands who farmed the fields and fished our vast oceans during the difficult times of war. The overall aim is to have over one hundred and fifty thousand portions of fish and chips eaten on 6 June 2024, with each portion representing one of the 150,000 individuals that landed on the beaches in Normandy on that day.

It is important that we remember and mark this day of national importance and hopefully some plans can be made in good time later this year.



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#### **Live Auction** at New Inn, Tywardreath: Thursday, 6 July from 7.30pm for **Marie Curie**

Come and join us to help raise funds for Marie Curie. There will be live music, a buffet and a live auction, together with lots of great prizes to bid for whilst helping to support the Marie Curie charity. Save the date and we will be publishing more details in the next issue. Our grateful thanks go to the New Inn for supporting us.

Fowey River Lions were proud to collect, in Fowey, for Marie Curie over a very wet weekend in March. Thank you to all who supported us in this worthwhile cause. A special thanks go to the Cornish Bakery,

## Fowey River Lions



Fowey Boat Hire, Brown Sugar and Kittows Butcher for their support and donations.

Ukraine appeal - we are pleased to tell you that Lions clubs throughout the United Kingdom raised £11k for the appeal for Ukraine.

Join Fowey River Lions – We are a local community organisation raising funds and helping our community. We started in 1977 with a large group of like minded people helping to raise funds for local, national and international causes. Over the years we have donated to major charities such as Cancer

Care, Motor Neurone Disease, RNLI, local charities such as Children's Hospice SW and helped local people in need as well as encouraging and supporting young people in their development with smaller grants. It is not all hard work; in fact it can be great fun and gives a great feeling of satisfaction. We meet once a month and discuss what we are going to do and once a month we have a social event. We welcome anyone in the area to come and meet us and see what we do. We meet on the first Monday of the month, upstairs, at the Ship Inn in Par at 8pm. We would love to see you.

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#### **Bright days Ahead** by Mavis Cocks

Reflect on new lambs in the fields, baby birds in the nests, lovely flowers all around us showing the country side at its best. Green mantles on bare trees, young fish swimming in the seas. Blue sky above us, white clouds wafted by a breeze. Somber days now behind us telling us loud and clear throw off your despondency a new Spring is almost here.

@ Mavis Cocks First published here February 2006

#### Kidz Klub

#### from Rev'd Richard

Everyone having fun in the Village Hall. Kathryn Hill organised pancake making with the children and some traditional pancake

The children enjoyed expending some energy on the Jungle Gym and making Mothering Sunday cards.

Look out for dates of the next meetings and come along and give it a try!



## Whitecross Village Hall Committee Tuesday, 2nd May

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at 7.30 pm

at Whitecross Village Hall

#### **ALL WELCOME**

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#### **Letter from Nigeria**

#### from Daniel and Kathleen

It is wonderful to know you pray for us and Nigeria and so we thank you.

Thank you so much for remembering us at Christmas — we enjoyed receiving your cards and good wishes and also for the book "Through Gates of Splendour" which we have shared and is much appreciated. I enjoy playing the Hymn on my laptop at least once a week.

We are so busy with people coming to stay but are thankful to God for being able to cope.

Next Saturday is the Election of the President, followed by others on 11 March (not the 4th

as I originally thought). Tensions mount as people struggle to access money, causing long queues at the banks, the cost of living, particularly petrol, is rising and riots are an everyday occurrence. Businesses and banks are being forced to close and the terrorists who don't want the elections are causing havoc. We are just hopeful all will be sorted after the elections. How we value your prayers.

God willing, we would like to visit the UK in June for a few months and are trying to sort out an itinerary of meetings. It is for a shorter time than before but we will try to visit as many as possible and let you know in due course. We do hope to attend the Carey Family Conference with Grace and the grandchildren, so look forward to meeting those who regularly attend then. God bless and keep you.

We look each day to the Lord and know he is in control. We rest in him our shield and our defender.

May God help and encourage each one of you as we see on our BBC news the chaos in the UK with so many strikes .

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We are trialling weekly sessions on Wednesdays

Dates for April/May are as follows (some sessions we are unable to open for)

#### April

5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> closed 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00pm 26th 9:30-11:30am

#### May

3<sup>rd</sup> 1-3pm 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30-11:30am 31<sup>st</sup> closed

All welcome



#### Polruan Bowling Club holds inaugural taster session

from Henry Rowe

After a two week delay, Polruan Bowling Club held its inaugural Taster Session in the Village Hall on 18th March 2023. The response from the village was extremely encouraging with over 30 attendees entering into the bowling with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Given that very few, if any, of us had tried short mat

bowls before. the level of skill was absolutely amazing and everybody soon picked up both the pace and accuracy required to deliver a bowl relatively



The Management Committee are extremely pleased with the outcome with 27 people signing up for membership and a few more hopefully making their minds in the next few days. Membership has been fixed at £6.00 for the calendar year which entitles the member to attend Club Sessions as well as hire the equipment for their own private sessions There is plenty of scope for additional members to join. If an individual wants to have a try out before making the decision to join, then please contact us at the details

below and we will endeavour to arrange a trial session for you at the beginning or end of a Club Session.

In addition, a survey was undertaken at the event on preferences for the weekday, timing and frequency for the Club Sessions. Options included Mondays or Thursdays, afternoon

or evening, on a weekly or fortnightly basis. We are currently processing the results of the survey and hope to advise on the format for the proposed Club Sessions in the next

week or so. Details will be provided via emails directly to members as well as on the Polruan Bowling Club Facebook page and the Polruan Support Group page.

Finally, our thanks go to Lanreath Bowls Club for their support and advice on setting up this activity in Polruan.

#### Contacts:

Email: polruanbowlingclub@gmail.com or hirdowe@gmail.com



#### Looe and **District** Flower Club

Welcome to your local flower club! It's wonderful at last to have spring blooms as a focus for our floral art. We are pleased to

welcome Angela Roose, our demonstrator, on Tuesday, 4 April; her theme is "Colour Burst". Our club enjoyed the Societies Day held in Looe recently and enjoyed meeting with other flower arrangers and horticulturists. Come and join us Tuesday, 4 April to see Angela in action from 2pm in Pelynt Village Hall.

Looe and District Flower Club is affiliated with the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies - NAFAS

Find us on Facebook or contact Kathy Iles 07747896050 email kathyiles4@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about



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#### **News from Polruan Academy**

from Jane Wills, Headteacher

With warmer days and lighter mornings, energy levels are rising, and the quiet determination of the winter months is replaced with enthusiasm and zest. The daffodils in our flower troughs are blooming and the buds on the apple trees are showing.

Our youngest children have been studying how birds and people are different and sometimes the same looking at appearance, diet and behaviours. They have created some beautiful pieces of art as you can see from the images of the Kingfishers, been flying their home-made kites in the field made bird feeders and filled these with their own freshly prepared bird treats. They are now experts on birds and have turned their attention to finding out which animals are born in Spring. During this enquiry, they will join the Farming Live Show run by the NFU digitally alongside many other primary school children from across the country to learn



about the lives of our domestic farm animals. In addition to this, the children will visit Frogmore farm to see the animals live.

Our older children in Tregeagle class, have been studying the Maya and learning how this ancient civilisation were expert mathematicians who invented the idea of using zero in their number system, keen astronomers and accomplished builders making use of their mathematical skills to build impressive pyramid temples. Midway through the enquiry, we were joined by Shaun Hewett, local art teacher, who worked with the children to create Maya celebration pencil sketched portraits and acrylic painted ones too. The results were absolutely incredible and the children have decided to enter their

best pieces in the Fowey Festival competition so please look out for these.

It has been a tough winter and schools have not been immune to the rising cost of living and diminishing budgets affecting us all. Fortunately, we have yet again felt the warmth and generosity of our local community. We'd like to say a big thank you to The Regatta Committee who have supported our families with a substantial donation towards the increased cost of swimming lessons. To Joanna and Mike Sandy who have been busy tidying our allotment getting it ready for spring and to the Palmers at Frogmore Farm who have generously donated a large load of bark chippings to reduce the amount of weeding needed. And finally to our lovely volunteers who come in to school every week to read with children and tell Bible stories.

If you are keen to find out more about our learning activities, our school website has weekly news updates.

#### **Appeal for information**

After Easter, our older children will be studying WW2 and part of this will involve local history. If you have any stories, information or resources you think would be useful for the children to study, please contact the school 01726 870402 or <a href="mailto:secretary@polranprimary.co.uk">secretary@polranprimary.co.uk</a>



#### Polruan Craft Market



Come and support your local crafters down at the Old Coal Wharf on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April and 21<sup>st</sup> May From 10am until 3pm



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Please be understanding and kind and where possible maintain social distance and wear masks if requested.

If you do need any help "Polly Pals" are still here to support you with your everyday needs such as shopping, picking up medicines, prescriptions, etc.



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## The first Saturday\*\* of every month 10am-1pm, at Whitecross Village Hall

Dates for your diary: Saturday 1st April, 3rd June, 1st July 2023

\*\*PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO market in May, as it clashes with the King's Coronation.\*\*

#### Whitecross market news

- We have a new bee-keeper: Aniele keeps her hives near Liskeard, and is selling honey, cut honeycomb and beeswax candles. She also makes flavoured honeys, including turmeric, ginger, garlic (great for salad dressings), cacao and walnut, and peanut butter. You can taste before you buy!
- A big Whitecross 'Welcome Back' to our old friend Emma, with her bread, quiches, savouries
  and snacks from Bellamama Deli in Lostwithiel. Farewell to Pam and Beth from Crumpets Too
  bakery in Polruan, and thank you for all those years of beautiful bread. You'll be much missed,
  but we're blessed to have Emma back with us.
- From June we're hoping to have a range of salads, herbs, fruit and veg grown locally by a new sustainable market garden. More details in the next edition.

#### Stall holder Spotlight: Helen Jervis

Helen has lived at Coppergon Farm, in old mining country behind Tywardreath, for 30 years. Her smallholding is only 10 acres, but it sustains free-range pigs and 50–70 goats, plus the fruit and veg she grows for her much-praised preserves, jams and chutneys.

Helen's goats are Golden Guernseys (a rare breed), and Boers, which are bred for meat rather than milk. Their meat is sweet and tasty, delicious roasted as well as in curries.

Her pigs are handsome Cornish Blacks, again a rare breed and slow-growing, reared traditionally and allowed to behave naturally. Sadly, these days it's becoming hard to find pigs living a natural outdoor life in Cornwall, so we're really lucky to have Helen's pork joints, sausages, bacon and ham at the market.

#### Other local produce at Whitecross...

Kaye's fish and shellfish from Looe's day boats; Andy's Dexter beef from Pencarrow Head; cakes, bakes and treats made by Di and Hannah; Dave's delectable apple juice (return your bottles for £1 off); coffee hand-roasted in Liskeard by Peter and Mandy; goats milk, cheeses' kefir and yoghurts from Polmarkyn Dairy; seasonal veg and plants grown by the Tallings; spirits distilled at the Old Ferry Inn; Lorraine's handmade cards; aromatherapy skincare and soaps by Sapooni; seasonal bouquets of flowers grown in Lerryn by Alice; woodland crafts, weaving, charcoal and bonsai by Ant and Emma; woolly hats and beanies by Sas (cold months only); handmade ceramics by Val from Lostwithiel.

#### And don't forget:

- Hot Liddicoats pasties from Lostwithiel (steak, or new recipe cheese & onion) are cooked in the hall kitchen on market day by Kim and Joan. If you're going to be late in, and worried about pasties running out, you can text your pasty order to Kim on 07402 234386.
- Our Brew with a View hut is also run by loyal market volunteers. Here you can buy teas, coffees and ice creams by Gibsons of Looe.
- Community buses run to the market from Fowey and Polruan saving you money (and the bother of finding a parking space).
- Please bring cash, as not all stallholders take cards.
- You can also sign up for the Green Cow milk round at the market: proper local farm milk, double cream, clotted cream and butter, in returnable glass bottles.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram

Email: whitecrosslocalmarket@gmail.com

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A family of Cornish Black pigs



New kid on the block: one of Helen's goats, born on 15 March



A cloud of Aniele's bees



Aniele's honey label

#### **News from Frogmore Farm**

from Gill Palmer

[By Ed: Some readers may find the following article distressing. After much thought, I have included Gill's piece in full as I feel it is important that we fully appreciate the impact we have on the countryside and farming community whilst pursuing leisure activities.]

February has been a difficult month. Very busy with the births of so many lambs and calves. The Health and Safety Executive list Farming as the most dangerous occupation in the UK. I can now believe it after a mishap I had one morning. . .

Simon and Ben were very busy, they had four cows calving at the same time. The babies were getting confused as to which cow was their mother. The cows were getting very agitated, pushing and shoving each other whilst trying to find their own calf. Pens had to be built to separate each pair before the calves were injured. Lorna and Sophie had raced off in the buggy because a raven was pecking a ewe's eye, so Stanley and I were left to feed some ewes in the meadow and top up a lamb with milk. Stanley was in the push chair (thank goodness) and as we went into the field, a tame lamb raced over for his milk. The ewes came running for their breakfast and one accidentally ended up on the wrong side of the gate. She panicked because she was missing out on her food and pushed the gate so hard it flew shut banging my head and knocking me over. I sat there for a minute wondering if I had broken anything but everything seemed to be OK so I stood up and continued to feed the lamb. Stanley thought it was all very funny and was really laughing. Five minutes later I had an enormous lump on my head, it didn't hurt much so I continued pottering around. The next day when I woke up I had two enormous black eyes, a black nose and black cheeks, the lump had shrunk though! A lovely lady in the chemists at Looe sorted out some concealer and make up to cover it all up but I am still wearing sun glasses two weeks later. I was very lucky . . . it could have been so different.

The February difficulties continued . . . A man came running into the yard in a very distressed state. His dog, a quiet family pet, had jumped over a hedge and attacked a lamb. He said he couldn't stop it. We have to give him credit for telling us, so many people just jump in their cars and race away. He said to Ben the lamb had died and he was willing

to pay the price of a finished lamb. Which he did. Ben went into the field to pick the lamb up. As he lifted her, he felt a very feeble heart beat. He thought the lamb

was too injured to

live but he



didn't want her to be in pain so he gave her an injection of Metacam, which is a pain killer, and laid her on a warm bed. There seemed



little point calling a vet or racing to Bodmin because she wouldn't live long enough. She didn't die though. She lifted her head. Lorna examined her more closely and discovered that one ear was completely missing, she had serious bite marks under her front legs too. Lorna washed the wounds and gave her an injection of antibiotics. The next day, although she couldn't stand up she drank some milk. The pain relief was topped up again. More than a week of careful nursing passed by before to everyone's delight, the lamb was standing up. She was a bit wobbly for a few days, but is now in a pen with some tame lambs. She looks a bit odd with only one ear but she is lovely.



Now it's 1st March, the weather forecasters say the first day of Spring. It doesn't feel like it, it's far too cold. The little wrens are still crowding into the swallows nests in the porch. They chitter at each other as they vie for the warmest place. We just cannot use the front door, it's very difficult trying to catch twelve wrens flying around the house. They hide behind the curtains and under the tables.

The cock pheasants are beginning to fight in the fields so perhaps Spring is on the way after all!

Simon and Ben have been really busy taking advantage of the dry February weather. The ploughs have been busy in the fields followed as usual by hundreds of seagulls. The corn has been drilled and we are waiting to see the green shoots appear. Hoards of rooks have suddenly arrived in the fields. They know there is grain just under the surface. They are digging holes in the earth to find it. Hopefully they will eat any grubs they find too.

Sometimes I think the country is going mad. We are all asked to cut carbon emissions to save the planet yet in Cornish supermarkets the shelves are filled with Spanish cauliflowers. There are fields of beautiful cauliflowers in Cornwall. Why import any?





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Tim Stapleton's absorbing reflections on 60 years of 'Sailing from Polruan', is now available at The Winkle Picker.

#### Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council April 2023

from Gillian Thompson, Clerk to Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council

#### **Parish Council Report**

#### **Parish Council Meetings**

The Parish Council have now returned to face to face meetings. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Cllr John Adams advised that, with regret, he must step down as Chair of the Parish Council, due to health issues. He will remain as a councillor. Cllr Rooney will continue as Vice Chair and a new Chair will be appointed at the PC's Annual Meeting in May.

#### **Planning Applications**

*PA23/00033, Trepela Lanteglos* – proposed extension. Members had no objection.

*PA23/00754, 22 Meadow Close Polruan* – construction of garage. Members had no objection.

PA23/00122/PREAPP, Ferry Climb, Townsend – pre-application advice for replacement dwelling, garage and associated works. The agent was advised that Members believe the plans are in contravention of the neighbourhood development plan and that they need to be redrafted to conform.

### Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council

*PA22/10091, Barn at Lawhippett Farm Lanteglos Highway* – proposed conversion of traditional stone barn and rebuild of block-work agricultural building to form two dwellings

PA22/10092, Barn at Lawhippett Farm
Lanteglos Highway – Listed Building consent
for the proposed conversion of traditional
stone barn and rebuild of block-work
agricultural building to form two dwellings

PA22/11299, Rose Cottage 16 Old Road Bodinnick – works to trees within a conservation area: 1x large Ash tree — lop 15 to 20 feet. Decided not to make a TPO (TCA apps).

*PA22/11356, Churchtown Farm Polruan* – Listed Building Consent to repair cracking by tying the North, South and East elevations using steel PFC sections

PA22/11357, Churchtown Farm Polruan – Listed Building Consent to replace existing man-made tiles (asbestos containing) with Argentinian Riverstone slate to match original appearance. Strengthen existing roof structure and raise section of floor to improve access and egress into bathroom, whilst benefitting head height to ground floor WC

#### **Other Matters**

- East Hill the Parish Council has had repairs made to the handrail.
- Footpath No.25 (runs behind the Ferry Inn) the closure order had been extended to 19 July 2023 (24 hours). The need for the order had been challenged by the property owners.

- Betty Hewans Footpath a quote for a new handrail had been provided by the Countryside Access Team (CAT) (£5,620).
   Members felt this was too expensive and they will seek alternative suppliers and costs.
- CAT had acknowledged the footpath surface requires remedial treatment that is likely to be beyond the scope of their small revenue budget and it is, therefore, included in the bid for next year's (2023/24) Capital money.
- River Tamar Toll Charges Members considered and resolved to support the Tamar Toll Action Group in their bid to "demand for tolls to be abolished with the proviso that the workers directly employed in collecting tolls will not be disadvantaged".
- Traffic Mirror some residents had approached the Parish Council with concerns about the poor visibility at the junction with the main road. The views of Cornwall Highways are being sought regarding the fitting of a mirror to improve the view of traffic from Townsend.

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#### **Lanreath Parish Council**

**Summary of draft Minutes** 

#### Meeting of 17 January 2023

Attendance by 7 of 9 councillors. Chairman - Cllr Peter Seaman, Clerk - Mrs R. Warren, and one member of the public.

Clerk read out a report from PCSO Cocks, and an email received from the Gardening Group seeking approval for a proposed seat and planting scheme for the verge by the Village Hall – to be considered fully at the next meeting.

A number of matters arising were considered including adoption of Rally Close, downsizing incentives, empty property at No 1 Pine Villas, on all of which Cty Cllr Martin being absent was unable to provide updates. Cllr Gundry had prepared and circulated a detailed report following receipt of an email from Mr Chris Goninan of St Just regarding concerns he raised about lack of access to digital technology, and his proposed "Equality for All" campaign.

Regarding the proposed devolution deal for Cornwall, Cty Cllr Martin had offered to present a Q & A session at the Village Hall, but the meeting felt that without a County Council officer present, there was a potential for unintentional bias.

Regarding Cornwall Council's Community Network Review, the meeting decided after discussion that it was less undesirable for Lanreath to be part of the Cornwall Gateway (CAP 3) area rather than the suggested St Austell (CAP 8) area, and that the Community Link Officer should be advised by the Clerk accordingly.

The meeting then considered correspondence from Cornwall Council and others. Thereafter the meeting went on to consider a proposal received from Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council for a road salting collective with them and St Veep. It was decided, after discussion that such a collective would be unworkable without Cornwall Council's co-operation, which they had indicated would not be permissible as it would be outside their Precautionary Salting Network. Agreed that due to local concerns there was a need for a second salt/grit bin in the village, Clerk tasked with procuring a filled bin to be sited near the top road out of the village, near the

The meeting closed after all matters under the agenda had been dealt with, and a number of Parish problems discussed.

#### Meeting of 21st February 2023

Attendance by 8 of 9 councillors. Chairman — Cllr Peter Seaman, Vice Chairman Cllr David Heard, Clerk Mrs R. Warren. Also in attendance Cty Cllr C. Martin, PCSO Cocks, and two members of the public.

PCSO Cocks reported problems with out of control dogs in the Parish, and an increase in the number of reports of aggressive attacks. He urged dog owners to be more responsible. He reminded the meeting that Devon and Cornwall Police seek volunteers for Speedwatch where members of the public assist with traffic speed monitoring.

A resident of Rally Close addressed the meeting, detailing the problems and concerns of the occupants regarding lack of progress with the adoption of the road. Mr Peter Hooper gave details to the meeting of information he was seeking regarding an easement that Cornwall Council required before the adoption could be completed.

Cty Cllr Martin provided a full report, and thereafter the meeting worked through the agenda dealing with various matters arising, correspondence, finances, children of 11 and under in the community to receive a Coronation commemoration gift each, and some Parish problems. During the course of the meeting councillors agreed that the Gardening Group should be permitted to site a bench and provide planting along part of the verge near the Village Hall. Before the meeting closed the date for the next was set for 21st March in Lanreath Village Hall at 7 30nm

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#### **Town Trust Report**

#### from Dave Guy, Chairman The Winkle Picker

The works to the building continue but unfortunately completion is delayed, probably until the end of April, but hopefully sooner. The main reason for the delay is additional structural work that was identified after the removal of the wall coverings and ceiling. The Trust and the contractors are doing everything to get the shop open as soon as possible and once the main structural work is completed there should be marked visual progress.

As previously reported, due to the works in the shop, the Post Office equipment had to be removed. Working with both Gary and Ellie I'm pleased to advise that the future of the Post Office has been secured and all going well should open in the Winkle Picker at the end of April. This will be an outreach service from the Menheniot Post Office run by Gary, with the Winkle Picker counter being run by Ellie, and her team. This will look the same as the previous service with opening hours still to be confirmed but, as a minimum, the same as before. A new Post Office approved counter has to be purchased which costs in the region of £1200 along with installation of electrical and phone points. As it is of benefit to the village to have a Post Office the Trust have agreed to fund these costs, including installation.

#### **Vevery Car Park**

The works at Vevery have been completed and the enlarged parking area is now in use. Due to an issue with the payment provider there has been a delay in the installation of the pay and display machine. As soon as this issue is resolved the machine will be installed and commissioned. The Trust will also be allocating a limited number of spaces for reserved parking which will be charged at a premium to those in St Saviours car park. These spaces will generate guaranteed income towards the cost of extending and running of Vevery.

#### St Saviours Car Park

The introduction of the card facility to the pay and display machine next to the office in St Saviours car park has been delayed for the same reason as the delay at Vevery.

Dan Hicks will continue as the concessionaire for another year.

#### **Reading Room**

The rewiring of the Reading Room including replacement of the heaters is complete. Restoration and re-framing of the pictures also continues.

All of the above comes at a cost to the Trust which is a self funding charity and does not receive any subsidies from government or similar bodies. We maintain a one hundred thousand pound reserve for any unforeseen and emergency works not covered by insurance, so the cost of any works carried out comes from our working capital.

We fully appreciate that we are in the grip of a cost of living crisis but like other charities we still need to generate income to enable our assets to be maintained for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village. If anyone would like to make a donation or bequest to assist with the upkeep of any of our assets this would be gratefully received.

#### **Contacting the Trust**

The Trust now has a website and dedicated emails as per the details below, as well as a new registered address. Please use these details going forward and check the website for details of the Trust.

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The Trust AGM will be held on Monday, 17 April at 7pm in the WI Hall, where there will also be light refreshments. Anyone who feels they can bring the appropriate skills and experience to the running of the Trust and are willing to give their time, should contact the Clerk for a nomination form. Further details of the role and responsibilities of a charity trustee are available on the Charity Commission website

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Saturday, 8 April 2023

#### **The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters**

A talk by Helen Wilson
2.00pm at Polruan Village Hall

Mary, Ethel and Violet Pinwill worked as woodcarvers from the late 19th century, through their own company, Rashleigh, Pinwill & Co. By the time Violet died in 1957, Pinwill woodcarvings featured in over 185 churches in Devon and Cornwall, including St Winnow and St Wyllow. Helen's book From 'Lady Woodcarvers' to Professionals: The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters was published in 2021



This is the last talk of our season. We have enjoyed welcoming you and look forward to seeing you again when talks resume in September 2023. Thank you for your support.

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## In Memory of Pat Cummings

from Tessa Skola

I first saw Pat on stage in the Polruan Theatre Club production of My Cousin Rachel. I was mesmerised.

Little did I know then that I would soon move to the village, join the Theatre Club and work with Pat.

As an ex-dancer and actress it was a golden opportunity to get involved for I learned more about my craft than I did at drama school!

Pat directed me in five plays, mainly comedy. The most memorable was the superb Lead Me Up Farndale Avenue Sil Vous Plait, where I was taught the skills of performing farce, comic timing, the sheer hard graft of it all plus multiple costume changes.

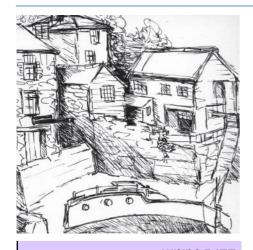
Pat did not direct with copious dialogue. She could convey direction, opinions and criticism with a simple sigh — famous for coming from the depths of the Hall during rehearsals.

One time, during an intensely emotional scene of tears and rage playing a deranged girl, I missed a vital passage of dialogue and Pat, sitting on a chair prompting from the wings let out . . . the sigh! Between carrying on, wanting to really cry and laugh at the same time, I struggled through.

I will forever be indebted

Pat will live on in my and our hearts and her spirit will forever tread the boards and be with us.

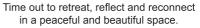
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#### **Box Office now OPEN at**

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The box office is now open for our 25th Festival. We are delighted to announce that Professor Kate Williams, British historian, author, and television presenter is our new Festival Patron. Kate will be talking about her latest TV series, Secrets of the Royal Palaces, recently aired on Channel 5. Also joining us to discuss their political careers, amongst other things, is former Secretary of State, Sir Vince Cable and former Minister of Employment, Ann Widdicombe; the BBC's News Home Editor, Mark Easton; LBC broadcaster and regular contributor to Newsnight, Channel 5's Jeremy Vine Show and Good Morning Britain, Iain Dale. In addition, there will be a range of best selling authors, including Raynor Winn, Linda Grant and Veronica Henry, to name a few. Dr Serena Trowbridge and Dr Ella Westland will be leading Du Maurier reading groups. A range of music is on offer, including renowned pianist and organist, Jonathan Delbridge; the Bookshop Band and we are delighted to welcome back to the Festival, the Fisherman's Friends. We are also looking forward to welcoming comedian Johnny Cowling to the Festival for an evening of comedy. In addition there are also workshops, guided walks, the Art Trail and Secret Gardens.

If you are not a Friend of the Festival now is the time to join to save on your tickets. For full details go to our website www.foweyfestival.com/friends. Not only will you receive the membership benefits, but you will also be helping to support the Festival, for which we are extremely grateful.

#### Pop - Up Box Office and Coffee Morning

Come and book your tickets for the Festival at our Pop Up Box office. We will be holding a coffee morning at the same time so you can chat to some of our team or take part in our raffle. We would love you to join us.

Saturday, 1 April 10-12am at Squires Field Community Centre, Langurtho Road, Fowey PL23 1EQ Saturday, 22 April 9.30-11.30am at Fowey Gallants Sailing Club, Amity Court, Fowey PL23 1DA

#### **Volunteer Festival Makers**

Would you like to become a Festival Makers and be part of a wonderful team of volunteers that helps the Festival to run smoothly? It is a great opportunity, so if you are interested, this is what we are looking for:

Stewards: volunteers to steward at the events throughout the duration of the Festival 12-20 May. Stewards generally work with two to three other volunteers in preparing the venues ahead of the event, admitting the audiences, serving refreshments and preparing the venue again for the next event.

Drivers: Many of our speakers and performers need to be collected from Par station and taken to their hotel or be transported between venues during the Festival period. Could you help by offering transport? Drivers need to be fully insured and their car in a roadworthy and reliable state. Cars ideally need to be four door.

Please contact us at info@foweyfestival.com to express your interest.

#### Fowey Art Trail: 13 - 20 May 2023

Fowey Art Trail, are excited to showcase our amazing talented local artists. 2023 brings new artists and venues, alongside the familiar. Those who walk the route will be treated to a journey of discovery, taking in 30 exhibitions in 17 locations around Fowey, Bodinnick and Polruan.

The Trail, run in conjunction with Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature, started in 2015 and has become an ever more popular annual event, with the magnificent estuary forming the perfect backdrop. A more diverse range of work than ever is on display this year, as some artists have experimented away from their usual art forms. Works on show include paintings, drawings, ceramics, sculpture, photography, jewellery, textiles, and paper-cut art. In some cases, the Trail takes visitors right into the artists' homes and studios, where they can meet the artists in person.

Students from The Fowey River Academy return again this year, exhibiting work inspired by marine scenes, seascapes and landscapes at the Mission to Seafarers.

A brochure mapping out the venues will be available in shops and venues to guide you around the trail providing a visual treat for the senses.

You can also follow us on our 'Fowey Art Trail' Facebook and Instagram pages to preview a selection of the artwork.

#### Fowey and Polruan Secret Gardens: 19 - 20 May 2023

We are delighted to announce that Secret Gardens are returning once more to the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature and will be welcoming visitors on Friday, 19 and Saturday, 20 May 2023. We are also thrilled to let you know that a number of Polruan gardens will be joining our trail!

Discover some of Fowey and Polruan's hidden gems, from gardens with spectacular views to secluded havens, walled gardens, hidden terraces and much more. Follow the trail to uncover a glorious mix of vibrant gardens with a diverse variety of planting. Some gardens provide refreshments.

Entry to the gardens is free, with donations to the Festival very welcome. See <a href="https://www.foweyfestival.com">www.foweyfestival.com</a> for details or pick up a map from shops and galleries around town, nearer the time.

For further details on all the above visit <a href="www.foweyfestival.com">www.foweyfestival.com</a>
You can keep in touch with us as follows: email: <a href="mailto:info@foweyfestival.com">info@foweyfestival.com</a>
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## Lanteglos Parish Council Important Notice

As local residents know, there is an ongoing problem caused by Seagulls tearing open plastic rubbish bags, strewing the unsanitary contents around and making a general mess of our village.

The Parish Council requests that home owners and holiday visitors ensure that any rubbish for collection be put out

early Monday morning and not before!

It is strongly recommended that householders put bin bags in a dustbin or gull-proof sack

Owners of holiday lets are asked to provide their tenants with dustbins

## Please do not feed the gulls

#### Subscriptions

Keep in touch with the village by having the Parish News sent to friends and relations and yourselves when away.

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#### **Higher Windmill Allotments**

from Brian Cook

As gardeners we are always wanting to have optimal weather . . . not too cold in winter, warm, not too dry summers and long growing seasons. Recently we have been suffering from what seems to have been a very long winter. We had a couple of extended wet periods and when it wasn't raining, the temperatures have been low . . . not great gardening weather!

Despite this we have been attempting to get our plots ready for the new season. We have been clearing the remainder of last year's produce. The sprouts, cabbages and purple sprouting broccoli have all gone now and we are left with a few parsnips to finish off. There has been plenty of weeding to do and we then have to spread compost from our bins and incorporate manure. We have to be careful to plan where we are going to sow for the new season as some vegetables don't benefit from having fresh manure in their ground. Our fruit bushes are also usually pruned during the winter.

Most seed sowing has to await warm spring weather, but a few vegetables are sown or planted before the winter and have stood through the short days and cold weather. Examples of these are broad beans and onion sets.

You may remember that some time ago the Society set aside a small area as a wildlife plot. This has now matured and we have had evidence of a number of visiting birds. We have a camera recording them — see <u>allotmentcamera.thewhittingtoncat.org</u>. If you look hard at the photos, you will spot a Jay, a couple of visiting Kestrels and a Fieldfare — beside the more routine pigeons and local cat.

There are a number of part allotments vacant at the moment. If you are interested in taking one on, contact Des Libby who will be pleased to refer you to one of the committee to show you around.

## WHITECROSS & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our speakers in April are two sisters who will be giving a talk on the *Recent History of South Bosent, Dobwalls — Turning a farm into a garden*.

This should be fascinating and we shall be following it up with a group visit to South Bosent in *June*. So do come along at 7.30pm on Thursday, 20 April to hear more and book a place for the visit.

We have our first garden outing on *Tuesday, 16 May* when we shall visit the Japanese Garden at St Mawgan in the morning followed by Trerice (NT) in the afternoon. Come along in April to book your place!

Saturday, 20 May Annual Plant Sale with Cream Teas 2.30pm - 4.30pm at Whitecross Village Hall

Lots of lovely plants for sale and an opportunity to meet with friends over a cuppa — Everyone welcome.

Contact Sue on 01208 871513

for further details.

## Worried about the rising cost of your food bill?



For £12 a year you could rent a quarter plot allotment and grow your own!

Suggestions for beginners are potatoes, onions, beans, courgettes, salad crops, strawberries and raspberries.

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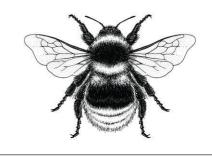
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Field trips – please bring appropriate footwear, clothing, waterproofs, a packed lunch or money for lunch.

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



## To Advertisers and Contributors

from the Editor

We are very grateful for all the fantastic contributions received at The Parish News. We are happy to change the content of any advertisement or notice for every edition but need to receive these amendments on or before the  $14^{\rm th}$  of the month preceding publication, otherwise the content will remain unchanged.



#### **Polruan Coastguard**

#### from Des Libby, Station Officer Not one, but two new Rope Rescue Technicians

Congratulations to Rachel and Annie who last Sunday, 12 March, were passed competent as Rope Rescue Technicians by the Area Commander during a training event at Talland Bay — a great achievement by them both having been in the service for only four years. Having worked their way up through the different levels from Aware, then Operational and now as Fully Qualified Technicians means they are now able to go over the edge and carry out casualty rescues in various scenarios. This gives the Incident Controllers more options when deploying the team at Rope Rescue incidents because they have more technicians available.

Thanks to the people who turned up at our recent recruitment day held at the station, they were able to talk to the team members and our Senior Coastal Operational Officer who also made an appearance and have a look at some of the equipment available to the team. Two people applied to join the team one being accepted and is now going through the enrolment procedure. We will introduce you to him in due course.

It's been a quiet time of late but the team were tasked to a very difficult rescue at a local beauty and fishing spot at the Block House by the entrance to the harbour. Working with our colleagues from Looe CRT and South West

Ambulance Services the casualty was gently manoeuvred through the small opening at the back of the Block House and carried up St Saviours Hill to the ambulance.

#### From the Station Record

21 January 2023, 12.39: Team tasked to casualty fallen on the rocks at Block House end of West Street, Polruan; using evacuation stretcher and supported by Looe CRT, casualty extracted to near by Ambulance.

Interested in becoming a Coastguard speak to Des, Jamie or any of the team

## Remember if you see anybody in difficulty along the coastline dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard









#### from Eric Lockeyear

In the first shout of 2023 on Friday, 3 February, the inshore lifeboat, Olive 3 was launched to rescue a dog that had fallen over a cliff between Portmellon and Chapel Point. The volunteer crew assisted St Austell and Mevagissey Coastguard teams, who were on the cliff top and could hear the dog but not see it. The Coastguard rope rescue team cut through the gorse to access the cliff edge and the rope rescue technician then descended to the dog. The crew were tasked to provide safety cover for the rope team and stood by until the dog was successfully recovered to the cliff top.

On the morning of Saturday, 4 March the Coastguard tasked the Fowey RNLI lifeboat station to assist a 16-foot fishing vessel in trouble in St Austell Bay due to an engine fire. In calm but cold conditions, the crew

of the All-weather lifeboat, Maurice and Joyce Hardy, sped to the vessel, which was anchored two nautical miles south of Gribbin Head. On arrival, the lifeboat crew found two crew onboard, who had managed to extinguish the fire. The lifeboat crew ascertained that the fire had been fully extinguished and that there were no casualties. They then set up a tow line and towed the boat to safety at Caffa Mill.

By the time you read this, the life jacket clinic on 1 April (as notified in the last Parish News), will probably already have taken place. With the new season already underway for some, while others are preparing to launch, it is vitally important that all safety and maintenance checks are carried out. If you missed the clinic, do please contact the Fowey Station for advice on where your life jackets can be checked and, if necessary, serviced.

As of the beginning of this year, HM Coastguard no longer accept out-of-date flares for disposal from recreational boat owners. It is the owner's responsibility to dispose of time-expired flares safely but it is illegal to dump them at RNLI lifeboat stations, Coastguard premises, at police and fire stations, at sea, or let flares off in anything other than an emergency. Ask your supplier if they will take your old flares when buying



RNLI fishing boat rescue

new. Otherwise, you can find your nearest flare disposal point on the environmental facilities map on the Green Blue website at <a href="mailto:thegreenblue.org.uk">thegreenblue.org.uk</a>. The nearest disposal point to Fowey is at Ocean Safety in Plymouth, <a href="https://www.oceansafety.com">www.oceansafety.com</a>.

Anyone finding old flares on the shore should not touch them but dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Fowey station will be starting open lifeboat days again soon. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to do something worthwhile and a bit different, you can help by showing visitors around the Allweather lifeboat, or registering visitors to the boathouse. We provide full training, so if you'd like to join our friendly team of volunteers, please email Di Morris at diane4rnli@btinternet.com.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.





#### **Polruan NCI**

#### from Brian Cook

NCI Polruan is actively seeking to recruit more volunteers to man the lookout in the village.

Coastwatch is a charity that mans more than 50 lookouts around the coasts of England and Wales. We maintain a visual and radio watch and are looking out for marine emergencies as well as keeping an eye on coastal walkers. If we spot an emergency our first point of contact is UK Coastguard which has the resources to deal with it . . . lifeboats, cliff rescue teams and helicopters.

We operate in four hour watches — we have two watches in the winter months and three in the longer daylight hours of summer. Comprehensive training is provided to trainees, who do not need maritime knowledge.

Perhaps you are interested in joining us. Visitors to the lookout are always welcome. Why not call in so that we can explain our activities.







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