



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

The **PARISH NEWS**

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

Marilyn's Musings

What an eventful summer it has been since I last wrote, as you will see from the record of occasional offices carried out across the cluster, a rollercoaster of life events – baptisms, weddings and funerals – times of great joy and times of deep sadness.

So why do people look to the Church at these specific times, when perhaps they do not at any other time?

My prayer is that deep down people look to the Church, for that is where they are assured of support and where true HOPE is to be found. The true hope found in God made manifest in the life, death and resurrection of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

We are fast approaching Advent – the time when we prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus, in whom so many put their trust whether they openly acknowledge it or not.

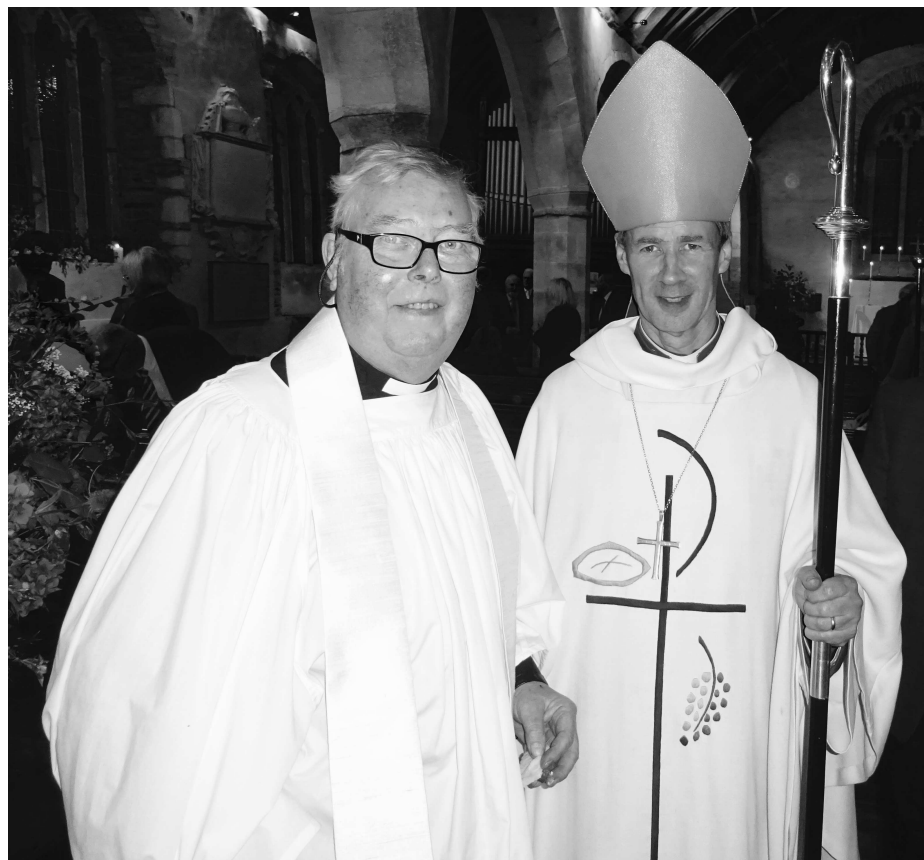
As I reflect on the Christmas story, I am reminded that not everyone was full of joy at Jesus' birth. Remember, King Herod had innocent babies killed for fear that this 'new king' would threaten his power and status. This in turn prompted Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt soon after Jesus' birth in order to protect their child; they in effect became refugees for the sake of their child – and US.

Nothing much changes does it? There are thousands of refugees looking for sanctuary today, factions who wage war against Christianity and those who are happy to celebrate 'The Season', as long as there is no Christ involved!

As we journey through Advent, my prayer is that we will not be so caught up in all the commercialism, that we miss the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the true light of the world that not even death could extinguish – where true HOPE is to be found.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas Season.

Marilyn



*Peter Skellern following his ordination as priest by Bishop Tim on Sunday 16th October
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From the Editor

The ordination of Peter Skellern (see above and inside) was a wonderful occasion, but more than that it was an illustration of how people can put themselves out for others. Bishop Tim had to put himself out big time to get it all done - even as far as the Archbishop of Canterbury. Peter has put himself out as an example to others of mind over matter and giving back to the world - even in the face of huge odds.

Christmas is coming folks. Let's all try to put ourselves out and do something for others. Invite a lonely person to a Christmas drink or even a meal; if you are going Christmas shopping take someone else along who hasn't any way of getting to the shops; help someone whose fingers don't work to wrap their presents or write their cards for them. It will mean so much - and I promise you it will feel pretty good to you too. So let's all go the extra mile and put ourselves out - Happy Christmas.

Sue

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*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year*

CHURCH DIARY

*St. Wyllow Lanteglos, St. Saviour Polruan, St. Ildierna Lansallos
St. Tallanus Talland, St. John Bodinnick, St. Marnarch Lanreath, St. Nun Pelynt*

NOVEMBER

Thursday 3 All Souls
10.00 Gribben Holy Communion

SUNDAY 6 3RD BEFORE ADVENT

09.00 St. Ildierna Morning Prayer
09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion
11.00 St. Tallanus Morning Prayer
11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist
17.00 St. Nun Songs of Praise
Wednesday 9
09.30 St. Nun Holy Communion
Thursday 10
10.00 Gribben Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 13 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.45 St. Nun Remembrance Service
10.40 St. Wyllow Act of Remembrance
11.00 St. Wyllow Remembrance Service
11.00 Polperro Methodist
Act of Remembrance
12.15 St. Marnarch Act of Remembrance
12.45 St. John Act of Remembrance
18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer & Act
of Remembrance
Thursday 17
10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20 CHRIST THE KING

09.00 St. Ildierna Holy Communion
11.00 St. Tallanus Parish Eucharist &
Baptism
11.00 St. Wyllow Morning Prayer
17.00 St. Marnarch Holy Communion

Thursday 24

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer
Saturday 26 St. Saviour Christmas Fayre

SUNDAY 27 ADVENT SUNDAY

09.30 St. Marnarch Family Service
11.00 St. Nun Holy Communion
18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer
18.30 St. Wyllow Advent Service with
Lanteglos Choir

DECEMBER

Thursday 1

10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion

SUNDAY 4 ADVENT 2

09.00 St. Ildierna Morning Prayer
09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion
11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist
11.00 St. Tallanus Morning Prayer
15.00 St. Saviour Christingle
17.00 St. Nun Songs of Praise
18.00 St. John Carol Service
Thursday 8
10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer
17.30 St. Saviour Polruan School
Carol Service
Saturday 10
19.30 St. Marnarch Choir Concert with
Readings

SUNDAY 11 ADVENT 3

09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion
11.00 St. Tallanus Morning Prayer
11.00 St. Wyllow Holy Communion
16.00 St. Nun Christingle
18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer

Monday 12

14.00 & 18.00 St. Nun
Pelynt School Nativity Play

Tuesday 13

18.00 St. Marnarch Roving Nativity
& Carols on the Green (TBC)

Wednesday 14

09.30 St. Nun Holy Communion
Thursday 15
10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion
14.00 & 14.45 Polperro School Christingle
Saturday 17 St. Tallanus
Carols by Candlelight
with Looe valley singers

SUNDAY 18 ADVENT 4

11.00 St. Tallanus Parish Eucharist
15.30 Pelynt Methodist Carol Service
17.00 St. Marnarch Evening Worship
18.30 St. Saviour Carol Service
18.30 St. Ildierna Carol Service
with Levo Kesson

Thursday 22

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

SATURDAY 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

15.00 St. Saviour Nativity
16.00 St. Marnarch Christingle
23.00 St. Wyllow Midnight Mass
23.15 St. Nun Christmas Eucharist

SUNDAY 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

09.30 St. Saviour Family Service
09.30 St. Marnarch Family Communion
10.00 Pelynt Methodist Morning Service
11.00 St. Tallanus Holy Communion

Thursday 29

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

Churches Together Cornerstone HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED

Cornerstone the Churches together Charity Shop in West Looe, would still appreciate some additional help. **If anyone feels able to help (3 hours at a time) please call Jenny Hall on 01503 598267** she would be delighted to add your name to the list of monthly volunteers or on the floating list which means help when you are able. **Also if you have any unwanted gifts or nice quality items, you no longer require, we would also be delighted to receive them.**

As it is a very small shop we are unable to take large items and clothing. It still has a full range of Christian cards. Fairtrade goods as well as books and bric a brac, and we are now able to take working electrical appliances, which we have electrically checked.

Additionally we are able to serve Fairtrade Tea and Coffee along with a nice slice of cake! The shop, which is on the corner of Quay Road in West Looe, is run by a group of Trustees under the chair of Revd. Marilyn Elliott and volunteers.

Talland Church Christmas Tree Festival 16th December - 3rd January

Talland is preparing for its annual Christmas Tree Festival, showcasing a magnificent selection of trees, some very imaginative! All trees are beautifully decorated and lit and bring a truly festive spirit to our beautiful church. All trees are sponsored by local businesses and organisations within our community.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be blessed and officially opened by Rev. Marilyn at the Talland Carols by Candlelight service on Saturday December 17th at 4pm.

Refreshments and a Christmas Gift Fair will be in church following the service. Homemade produce, cards, gifts, Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake and a Tombola. All proceeds to Talland Church. We look forward to welcoming you to our Festival.

We welcome sponsorship from all local businesses and organisations. If you would like to sponsor a tree or advertise, please contact Barbara Sharples on 01503 273466



MESSY CHURCH

Due to the renovations in St Saviour our Harvest Messy Church was held earlier than usual on Sunday 18th September. We enjoyed various harvest-themed crafts then we had a short service during which several of our young people read a Bible passage and some harvest poems. This was, as always, followed by a bring-and-share tea which was delicious! Many thanks to Foye for playing the piano, Barbara & Joan for keeping us well supplied with tea, coffee and squash throughout the afternoon and to all the wonderful 'clearer-uppers' who made short work of putting St Saviour back to rights. The next Messy Church will be Create-a-Christingle at 3 p.m. on Sunday 4th December in St Saviour Church and, as always, all are welcome



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From the Registers

Baptisms:

17 th August	
Jessica Louise White	St. Marnarch's
Leah Jean White	St. Marnarch's
21 st August	
Thomas William Byles-Smith	Talland
28 th August	
Emma Jayne White-Coysh	St. Marnarch's
Amelia Rose White-Coysh	St. Marnarch's
11 th September	
Willow Rose Dellar	St. Wyllow
18 th September	
Mawgan McKenzie Tolputt	St. Nun
2 nd October	
Brooklyn Berry Facey	St. Marnarch's
23 rd October	
Jowan Mark Quickfall	St. Nun's

Weddings:

13 th August	
Martin Charles Edward McIntosh Nelson	
to Kelly-Marie Taper	St. Nun's
27 th August	
Matthew William Raymond Brenson to	
Claire Elizabeth Reynolds	St. Marnarch's
10 th September	
Shane Thomas Mackness to	
Melissa Swiggs	St. Wyllow
17 th September	
Graham O'Neil to Lauren Kay	St. Wyllow
24 th September	
Bernie Schaeffer to Cecilia Shakerley	
	St. Wyllow

1st October	
Robert William Savins to	
Anne Todd-Burley	St. Nun's
15 th October	
James Henry Micklem to	
Carlene Dena Williams	St. Wyllow

Marriage Blessing:

27 th August	
Paul and Jayne Clark	Talland
11 th September	
Colin and Michelle Jago	St. Nun
26 th September	
Gary and Gillian Hawkins	St. Marnarch's
23 rd September	
Charlie and Carole Edgeler	Talland

Funerals:

22 nd August	
Peggy Lilian Hoffman (Graveside Funeral)	
Polperro Cemetery	
8 th September	
Kay Patricia McGinley	St. Saviours
	Burial St. Wyllow

30 th September	
Michael John Yeo	St. Marnarch's
5 th October	
Tina Phillips	St. Ildierna

Services at the Crematorium:

25 th August	
Mabel Ellen Hooper	
formerly of Talland parish	
13 th September	
Audrey Marie Sutton of Pelynt	
20 th September	
William (Bill) Joseph Berry of Lanreath	

Burial of Ashes:

27 th August	
Vivian Turner	St. Wyllow
30 th August	
Samuel Peter Slade	St. Wyllow
3 rd September	
Patricia Diane Freeman	Talland

HARVEST

As mentioned in the last edition Lanteglos PCC continue to experiment with how we celebrate Harvest. This year we had a Harvest Eucharist at St Saviour in the morning of October 2nd and then a Harvest service at St John in the evening followed by Harvest Evensong and Harvest Supper at St Wyllow the following Sunday.

As written in the last Parish News the PCC will further review how we celebrate Harvest Festival so your feedback will be welcomed by any member of Lanteglos PCC

Kathryn Hill for Lanteglos PCC

RENOVATIONS IN ST SAVIOUR CHURCH

Unfortunately the date for St Saviour renovations was not confirmed until the day after the last edition of the Parish News went to the printer so the change of venue for the midweek service and Woman's Hour and the change of date for the '125 Festival History Exhibition' could not be included in the last issue. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

St Saviour will remain closed for the first 2 weeks of November. The midweek service which is held on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. will therefore continue to be at Gribben, Cliff Rise on 3rd and 10th November but will be back in St Saviour on Thursday 17th. Woman's Hour, which meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 will be at 50 Greenbank on 1st November and at 'Tremar' 24 Ocean View on 8th November then back in St Saviour on 15th November. The new date for the History Exhibition is 17th to 19th November [for more details see the article about the '125 Festival'].

The 11 a.m. service on Sunday 6th November, which would normally be in St Saviour, will be at St Wyllow.

Kathryn Hill for Lanteglos PCC

The Churches of Lanteglos by Fowey, Lansallos, Lanreath, Pelynt & Talland

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Secretary	Jenny Hall 01503 598267

BENEFICE DIARY

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2
Octaves 12.30 870691

Thursday 3
Poetry Club 2.30 870172

Saturday 5
Kidz Klub Sale & Soup Lunch
1pm. Polruan Village Hall

Whitecross Market
10-2. Whitecross Village Hall

Saturday 12
Polruan Regatta Craft &
Coffee Morning 10.30

Tuesday 15
Women's Hour 2.30
St. Saviour

Wednesday 16 - Saturday 19
History Exhibition
10.30 - 4.30. St. Saviour

Wednesday 23
Under 4's toddler group
trip to Kids World, Par

Saturday 26
Church Xmas Fayre
10.30. St. Saviour

Fish & Chip Supper at Kelly's in
aid of Talland Church 6.30

DECEMBER

Saturday 3
Polruan Regatta & Childrens
Sports . Children's Party
Lunchtime

Whitecross Market 10-2
Whitecross Village Hall

Lanreath Christmas Fayre
11.30

Sunday 4
Christingle. 3pm
St. Saviour

Monday 5
Bus to Plymouth. D. Libby

Tuesday 6
Wreath making Workshop
2-5 Whitecross Village Hall

Thursday 8
Polruan Academy Christmas Fair
& Play at St. Saviour. Usual Stalls
refreshments & Carol Singing
3.30-6.30 All Welcome

Saturday 10
Lanreath Community Choir
Christmas Concert. 7.30
Tickets from Lanreath Shop.

Monday 12
Age Concern Christmas Party
Whitcross Village Hall

Saturday 17 - Jan 8
Nativity Festival
St. Saviour

Carols by Candlelight & blessing
of the Christmas trees.
Talland Church 4pm.



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	NOV	DEC
St Austell	1&15	6&20
Trago/Liskeard	9	14
Truro	23	28

Change possible subject to passenger demand
and driver availability

The bus leaves the main car park at 9.25 then as
requested at Furze Park, Well,
Greenbank and Ferris Way

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870007 (please do not phone before 9am)

News from Lanreath from Jenny Bartram

It has been both an exciting and sad summer in the village. Thanks to a grant from Viridor and Lanreath Parish Council, local builder and stonemason, N J Marshall, completed re-instating the wall around the Millennium green. The stones in the existing wall had started crumbling due to age and had become unstable. A wooden fence, for safety measures, was erected, a new path across the green was installed and the green re-turfed. An official opening, hosted by the Parish Council and the Amenity Group was held on a sunny Sunday in September attended by councillors and parishioners and opened by Derys Watson for Viridor and Richard Pugh, Chairman of the Parish Council. At the same time we toasted the arrival of the new Lanreath and Pelynt Community Bus which Derek was happy to demonstrate. It has passed its trial runs and is now available for bookings – contact Derek Stephenson on 01503 220560.

Sadly three gentlemen in the parish who supported a variety of organisations over the years have passed away. They will be remembered with gratitude for their input into the life of Lanreath and our condolences are extended to their wives and families.

The Village Shop held their first ever Big Breakfast in September at the Village Hall. To their amazement and joy it was a sell-out catering to 100 folk in the space of two hours. The net profit, in excess of £400, will assist the Lanreath Community Association to pay for the new fibreglass roof they have recently installed over the shop. The shop is looking for new volunteers to assist either in the shop or to check shelves and sell by dates of goods. If you are interested and able, please contact the shop managers, Sheila or Mick, or Bridget Clark for the clean team. Each month there are a range of special offers, pop into the shop to find out what's available.

Future events happening in the next couple of months sponsored by Lanreath Community Spirit are a Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November at the Village Hall and a Curry and Quiz Night at 8.30pm in the Rally Social Club. The Amenities Group are holding their regular monthly Bingo Sessions at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday, doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.30pm.

We will be decorating Christmas trees in each window of the Church on Saturday 26 November, please call in to enjoy both the trees and the tranquility of St Marnarch's. Our Christmas Fayre is scheduled for Saturday 3 December at 11.30am where there will be an assortment of stalls and when we will be serving pasties to appease the hungry stomach. Lanreath Community Choir and Ensemble Christmas Concert are performing in the evening of the following Saturday, 10 December. at 7.30pm. Please check the posters outside the shop and church for further details. Tickets will be available in the shop. The PCC have yet to confirm the dates and times of the Christmas services but again, posters notifying the events will be displayed outside the church.

Lansallos Parish News



by John Feesey, Honorary Treasurer

It's always a pleasure when holidaymakers choose to join us for services in our churches and particularly so when they are from another country. St Ildierna receives a number of such visitors every year, especially from Germany where Cornwall is quite famous thanks to authors such as Rosemunde Pilcher whose books have been made into German films and TV series. Poldark, too, has its fans on the continent, of course.

Two charming ladies from Hamburg attended services at Lansallos on two consecutive Sundays recently and we got to know them quite well. We were therefore saddened a few days after they had departed for home to find their camera left behind in the church. After a little detective work we tracked down their holiday cottage in Lansallos and made contact with the owner who supplied us with the holidaymakers' Hamburg address. After evensong the next Sunday we used their camera to take a picture of the congregation waving outside the church door and then next day posted the camera to Germany with a note of explanation.

After a couple of weeks we were delighted to receive a parcel from Hamburg with a lovely letter of thanks from our German friends for returning their camera – and a delicious box of speciality Hamburg chocolates!

Other equally welcome Australian visitors at an Evensong a few weeks ago were Morag Mann (nee Powne) and her husband Geoffrey. After a previous visit in 2012 they discovered that a wall memorial in the Lady Chapel to Morag's ancestor, Ralph Powne late of Tremeer Farm, had been badly damaged in the great church fire of 2005. They generously made a substantial donation towards its restoration. They were as delighted to see the memorial returned to its former glory as we were to greet the Manns back at St Ildierna.

The next Lansallos Church event for your diaries will be our **Carol Service to be held at 6.30pm on Sunday 18th**

December. This will be a traditional service of lessons and carols accompanied by the wonderful **Liskeard Lady Singers**, who have frequently given us the pleasure of hearing them at previous carol and harvest services. The service will be followed by free mince pies, mulled wine, tea, coffee and biscuits, so do come and join in singing some of your favourite carols in the delightful candle-lit ambience of this lovely 14th century church.

Nadelik Lowen ha Blydhen Nowydh Da! (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)

POLRUAN REGATTA AND CHILDREN'S SPORTS

We are very grateful to the traders of Polruan, Fowey and Bodinnick for so generously donating raffle prizes to our Regatta. Thank you very much.

The committee's thanks go to: all raffle prize donors, our many Patrons, Polruan Sea Angling Club, Lanteglos PCC, Kathryn Hill, Polruan CP School, Port of Fowey Racing Committee and all involved in supporting the sailing races on shore and at sea. Polruan Town Trust, all at Crumpets, all at Polruan Cottages, the flower pickers and donors, the dawn preparation crew, Colin and Shelagh at the Winklepicker, St. Pinnock Band, Le Navete Bete, entertainers, Karen Lane, National Trust, Tilly and Suze of Nite Flite Disco, C. Toms and Son, David and Ginny Nevill, Polruan WI, Fowey Royal Regatta Committee, Patrick Malahide, Polruan Fire and Rescue, St. Austell Brewery, Pete and Elaine, Jasmine, Amy, and Mia, Lily, Erin and Ellen and their Mums, Rebekah Pascoe, Tony Cottrell, John Thomlinson and Bill Enoch, Polruan-in-Bloom judges, Scarecrow competition judges, volunteer sales persons and community bus drivers. Every child and adult who joined in and made our Regatta weekend such a happy and memorable event!

A little piece of knowledge & regret ? from Mike Mitchell

We all know the expression "It's a feather in his or her cap" but what is the derivation? Well it is a shooting term. The woodcock is a beautiful game bird which makes a good meal for one, but is notoriously difficult to shoot as it has a very fast flight and dips and dives all at once. When it is shot it has a special feather in the crook of its wing and is called its "Pin Feather" the person who shoots the bird removes its pin feather and sticks it in his or her cap so that everyone sees that they are a good shot. I had such a feather in my cap and now bitterly regret having shot such a beautiful bird.

Mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.

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'ST SAVIOUR 125 FESTIVAL'

The wet and foggy night prevented some from attending the Sankey Evening but those of us who were there had a lovely evening superbly compared by Tamsin Harris to whom we are very grateful. We are also grateful to Foye who played the piano for us and to all who donated raffle prizes and food and all those who came along on such a wet and foggy evening! We raised £134.75 – thank-you all!

The next event is the History Exhibition which should have been in October but has had to be postponed to November 17th – 19th because of the renovations in St Saviour [see separate article]. We are still looking for items for the exhibition and for reminiscences of St Saviour in days of yore – contact any '125 Committee member'. The exhibition will be open from 10.30 to 4 p.m. each day and there will be refreshments, a raffle, the tablecloth to sign and memorabilia to buy – we have an 'Autumn Special Offer' on bags, tea-towels and mugs of any 3 for £10.

The winner of the quiz is Ginny Garrett, the prize will be presented at the History Exhibition.

After the success of holding the Lanteglos Church Fete in and around St Saviour, the committee have agreed to make the Lanteglos Church Christmas Fayre an extra '125 event' and this will be held in St Saviour Church on Saturday 26th November from 10.30 a.m. If you usually help with this event please let us know if you are able to help with your usual stall, new volunteers are also welcome!

From 17th December – 8th January we will be holding our 'Nativity Festival' when we will be inviting local organisations, businesses, families and individuals to make a Nativity scene of maximum size 2 feet/61 cm in all dimensions. There will be prizes for the best nativity Scenes judged by Donna Birrell of Radio Cornwall. Nativity scenes to be in place by 10 a.m. on 17th December and they will then be judged late morning. There will be refreshments available all day and a Raffle, for which prizes are welcomed, will be drawn at about 3.45 p.m. This is the only day the festival will be 'manned' but the nativity scenes will remain until after the 'End-of-Festival' Eucharist on Jan 8th and the church will normally be open from approximately 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

More details of the End of Festival Eucharist will be in the next Parish News.

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Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports *from the committee*

Our Regatta weekend seems a distant memory but we've already made bookings for 2017!

We were so fortunate to be blessed with lovely weather after a rather indifferent summer weather wise. A great day was had by everyone and we record our thanks elsewhere to everyone involved in making it a success. (see pictures on p 25)

We were fortunate too with our Beach Gala, Barbecue and disco, thank you to the children who entered the games and everyone who supported.

Our next event is the craft and coffee morning on Saturday 12th November at Polruan Village Hall from 10.30 a.m. Come and enjoy the activities and take home your creations.

Other events have lead us to altering the date of the Christmas party to Saturday December 3rd. All children from birth up to and including school Year 2 are welcome. The pantomime trip for the Year 3 up to and including Year 11 children will be on Sunday January 8th. Invitations for both these events (there is no charge), will be issued in November and all we ask is that parents and carers return the replies promptly. This year we will be going to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth as the Hall For Cornwall pantomime run ends before New Year.

We are aware that new families have moved into the Parish and we do like to include everyone in our invitations. Please contact Lynn Bartlett on 870536 for more information on our organisation and what we do to enhance the lives of children and their families and no or minimal cost.

The Coal Wharf Christmas Tree will be put in place and then illuminated on Sunday December 3rd.

Please visit our website for news and regatta photos www.polruan-regatta.co.uk
The committee wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carol Service at St. John, Bodinnick.
Sunday December 4th. 6pm

This is a service which is always very well attended and the handful of people behind the scenes would be very grateful if anyone would be good enough to donate a bottle of red wine for the traditional mulled wine after the service - you don't have to make it - just donate a bottle. Phone Joan Bunt on 870968. Many thanks

Age Concern friends

Would like to thank everyone who attended the last coffee morning which raised £234 for Age Concern funds. Thanks also to the local people and businesses who gave donations.

A good day was had by all who went on the trip to Tavistock and the weather was wonderful. Thanks to all.

Polruan WI. Coming events

November 10th
'Sugar Flowers - tulips'
Demonstration by Ruth Frizell and Christine Anderson
Members to take part with the competition being 'Best effort on the night'

December 8th
'Christmas Decoration'
by Pam Brunsdon
Competition will again be 'Best effort on the night'

Christmas Buffet. TBC

Polruan School Christmas Fair & Christmas Play

Polruan Academy Christmas Fair and Play will take place in St Saviours Church on Thursday 8th December between 3.30pm 6.30pm.

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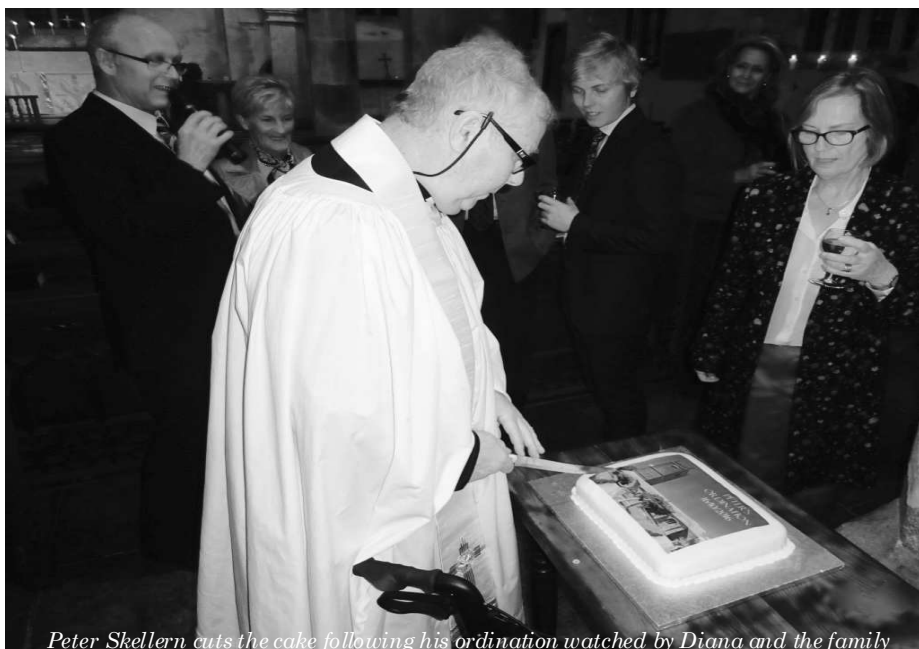
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Peter Skellern cuts the cake following his ordination watched by Diana and the family

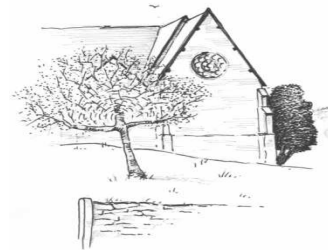
Most of you know Peter Skellern. He has lived in Lanteglos Parish for many years at various venues. Anyone who has had anything to do with the Church in Lanteglos Parish will know him well. And anyone who has sung with the Lanteglos Churches Choir over the years will know him extremely well. He started the Choir and wrote most of the music we sing. He is an inspiration to everyone.

But now that inspiration has become more widespread and also more poignant. As most of you know Peter is terminally ill. And although this has curbed his activities it has not diminished his determination to be ordained as a Priest.

Last Sunday October 16th, The Rt Rev Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro ordained Peter. First as a Deacon and then as a Priest. This in itself was a most unusual event. People don't usually do the double. The normal procedure is to be ordained as a deacon, do some practice with another priest and then after a year or so if you and your mentor are happy, you are ordained as a Priest. Peter's ordination was so special it required a faculty from The Archbishop of Canterbury.

The service was wonderful. It was a huge privilege to be there. The Church was packed with Peter's friends, family and yes even some famous people! The Bishop conducted the service with compassion but with gusto and with great sensitivity to Peter and his family. It was a most special and spiritual occasion and if you weren't there I would urge you to borrow a service sheet from someone who was.

Wine and finger food followed the service, which enhanced the occasion and gave everyone a chance to talk and renew friendship. We wish Peter all the best as he follows his calling.



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The Editor welcomes your letters and contributions however in fairness to others reserves the right to abbreviate owing to limited space available.

We regret that anonymous contributions are not acceptable. Please give your name & postal address: this will not be published in full unless you specifically request it.

*Two more letters from Mary Taylor
3 Warren Street, Cootamundra NSW 2590*

More memories from Polruan

I loved my school days. I only had a day off when I was sick, which wasn't very often as we were given a spoonful of malt going out of the door and it must have been good, because it kept us well. One time I only had 2 days off school in three years. We used to walk to school. Marina called for me first and then on the way we would meet up with a few other children. If it was raining we got wet, which was a lot of the time. The school master's wife had a pile of clothes which we would change into and she had our stuff drying all over the place. The school master and his wife lived on the premises and he was there all my schooling. His name was Mr. Luffman. At play in the mornings we had milk and at ten to twelve two seniors used to go to the canteen which was 500 yards away. We had a two course meal every day at low cost and if there were more than three in the family it was free.

A nurse came every so often to look at our hair, eyes and ears and feet. A full examination every year. The Dentist came too he was not a nice man at all.

I had a lot of friends at school and didn't want to leave, but the day after leaving I had a job to go to at The Ship Hotel in Looe as a waitress. But that's another story.

And Mary writes about her early life in Australia -

I loved my years in England. In Australia its kilometers between towns and villages, you don't pass any houses until you are very near the town. A nephew of ours visited us and said 'I've seen lots of sheep and rail lines but no farms' Jim said they are way back down the track.

Jim and three mates went on a fishing trip. It took them all day to get to the property, which is owned by a friends' daughter. If you went around the property on horseback it would take two days. Some stations are over a million acres. They didn't catch any fish but they drank a lot!

Schools are pretty much the same as at home. They have primary and then high

School. For 2 months we were only 300 yards from the school and I was asked if the 3 children were coming home for lunch or take it in. No hot meal in school like we had. It never occurred to me that I would have to pack lunches every day.

We bought our first house in Wallendbeen 2 months after getting here. There was no water, no flush toilet and only one outside in a little hut with a pan in it, which got emptied once a week. You had to go early on emptying days or else you might get caught in there! But we managed very well. More next time.

Neighbourhood Plan

from Cllr Pat Moore
Lanteglos-by-Fowey
Neighbourhood Steering Group

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group reports on page 12 of this issue giving your comments and suggestions for the future.

This has been a fascinating project to be involved with and we look forward to making contact with as many residents as we can.

The more engagement we have with members of the community the more able we will be to draft a Neighbourhood Plan that truly reflects your hopes, wants and needs for the future.

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Little Harbour
from Lynn Bartlett

Our recent coffee morning and sale of Christmas cards was a great occasion and £142.60 was raised, this will go to the Mum's group at Little Harbour to provide them with a 'treat day'. A further £145 worth of Christmas cards were sold on the same morning. Christmas cards are available from Lynn (870536) until the end of November.

November 1st will see the last of our book sales for 2016; we will resume in March. The book shelves in the Reading Room will be replenished regularly and will include a selection of children's Christmas books. We ask that donated books are not left in the Reading Room but that you 'phone Lynn to arrange collection.

We were grateful to Ian and John for hosting a cream tea afternoon in their lovely garden. We shared the proceeds with Joan, representing the Motor Neurone Disease Association, each charity receiving £147.50. Thank you Ian and John on behalf of both these essential charities.

It was good to be able to donate £1,000 to Little Harbour after our various donations, emptying collecting tins and our book sales.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Thank you

Ray Tomlin would like to thank everybody for their good wishes following his recent accident - the ribs are healing well! Special thanks to all who came to his rescue.

From the family of the late Kay McGinley

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and the many messages of sympathy following the sudden death of Kay and those who were able to attend the funeral service at St. Saviour. Callum is settling in well with Kevin & Angie and he intends to visit Polruan for the coffee mornings and when visiting Kays grave at Lanteglos churchyard.

From Carol Gripton

A massive thank you to all the people who sponsored me. I raised £170 towards St. Austell Cats protection. Bless you all.

Mrs. Joy Engeseth

Would like to thank everyone for their kind enquiries and cards when she was not well. Bless you all. Thanks

From Peter & Diana Skellern

Peter & Diana would like to thank everyone who contributed to Peter's ordination service on Sunday October 16th and who made the day not only possible but wonderful. The feelings of friendship and support for our family were overwhelming.

A special thanks to Marilyn and to all who provided the refreshments. A day we shall always remember.

Margaret Montgomery From Sarah Frith

I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all the people of Polruan who have helped my mother, Margaret Montgomery in ways large or small over the years. Sadly her dementia got much worse in summer 2016 and the decision was made to move her into full time care in Derbyshire to be near to me. I know some of her behaviour was difficult, as alongside memory loss, dementia can cause delusions, as well as extreme agitation and restlessness. So, whether she asked you the same question 12 times a day or you helped her find her way home - THANK YOU for helping her, I feel so grateful for the kindness and understanding she was shown.

Margaret is currently on a Chesterfield hospital psychiatric ward undergoing tests and taking medication to help keep her calm. She is ready to be discharged now and is top of the waiting list on 2 lovely Care Homes, so I hope to be able to get her settled somewhere before too long. If anybody would like to know her address or just keep in touch about her, I would be very happy to hear from you on 01246 591028 or ravensnest@talktalk.net

From Chris Cox

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who managed to come to my 60th Birthday bash. And thank you everyone for all the good wishes, cards and gifts.

I felt overwhelmed with the love that everyone showed me, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

From Karen Wilkin Chy Vounder

I'd really like to convey an enormous Thank You to everyone for their patience with the scaffolding up at Chy Vounder in Chapel Lane, especially to those who live further up Chapel Lane and my immediate neighbours. Work continues at the cottage so, despite the lane itself now being free of scaffolding, the cottage is still somewhat encased at the time of writing. I really hope the remaining work won't take too much longer, both for the sake of my immediate neighbours and mine, as I'm so looking forward to being able to move back into Chy Vounder and my beloved Polruan! Thank you again everyone.

Christmas wishes

Robin Rollings

Will not be sending Christmas Cards this year but wishes all friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Anne Allan regrets she can no longer write cards but wishes everyone all the blessings of Christmas tide and in the New Year good health and happiness.

Joy Engeseth, Jean and

Benny Jensen would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mike Mitchell

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It was the arrival of the Kings
that caught us unawares.
We'd look in on the woman in the barn,
curiosity you could call it,
something to do on a cold winter's night.
We'd wish her well –
that was the best we could do, she was in pain,
and the next thing we knew
she was lying on the straw
-the little there was of it-
and there was a baby in her arms.

It was, as I say, the kings
that caught us unaware.
Women have babies every day,
not that we are there-
Let's call it a common occurrence though,
giving birth. But Kings
appearing in a stable with a
"Is this the place?" and kneeling.
Each with his gift held out towards the child

They didn't even notice us,
their robes trailed on the floor,
rich, lined robes that money couldn't buy.
What must this child be
to bring kings from distant lands
with costly incense and gold?
What could a tiny baby make of that?

And what were we to make of-
was it angels falling through the air,
entwined and falling as if from the rafters
to where the gaze of the kings met the child's
-assuming the child could see?
What would the mother do with the gift?
What would become of the child?
And we'll never admit there are angels
or that somewhere between
one man's eyes and another's
Is a holy place, a space where a king could be
at one with a naked child,
at one with an astonished soldier.



Anita & Maurice Hill with daughter Margot

Farewell for Jean Hill

On Saturday 7th August, after our very successful Lifeboat Day, the Coxswain and crew of the Fowey All-Weather Lifeboat *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* took Jean's son Maurice, daughter-in-law Anita and granddaughter Margot, together with our committee, out to sea to perform dear Jean's final wish — to have her ashes scattered at sea near Cannis Rock.

Following the scattering of the ashes, the lifeboat performed slow circles, while the family cast red gladioli, red being Jean's favourite colour, onto the water.

It was both a sad and at the same time happy occasion, as we said farewell to a wonderful lady who had done so much, over so many years, in support of the RNLI.

Sad that a very memorable and much loved member of this special community had passed but very happy because her final wishes had been honoured and we ALL felt that she would have loved to be with us in body as well as spirit!

Jean will certainly not be forgotten. We all have very special reminiscences of her and she touched the lives of many both near and far. May she now rest in peace.

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Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Plan - What you said to us

On Saturday, 6th August and Saturday, 3rd September an information stall was set up at Whitecross Village Hall Produce Market.

A third one was held on 1st October. We have put your unedited individual comments in the following categories. These are the broad themes which were identified by the Parish wide survey earlier this year.

Development:

Local people's home – low cost (could this be residential care?); Small rental units (commercial?); Develop in the field opposite Whitecross (think owned by Boconnoc); Develop Townsend (top of Polruan); Develop area by the old fire station; Small craft units to rent; Light industry and affordable homes; Pockets of 1 or 2 houses; When building is permitted to someone with 'local' connections, they should not be able to instantly sell; Homes were built in Kendal Park for locals only; To live in Polruan you need to work away – and those who work in Polruan have to live away – affecting school roll, shops, etc; Homes for young people; Affordable housing in Polruan; No more holiday homes; Not large development; Small family home accommodation to support families; Incubator units, i.e. small premises which could be made available to business start-ups; Look for creative skills funding; Encouragement of community involvement; Second home owners should pay business rates on council tax – A Must (this is not Parish Council or Cornwall Council decision)

Environment:

Keep it as it is!; Retain natural beauty; Safeguard wildlife; No more visible windmills; Infrastructure; Cheaper ferry fares; Reliable ferry service; Bus to meet ferries both sides; Bus service through Highway; Better maintained coastal path; More bins; Dog poo bin by Whitecross Village Hall; Free coastal parking (remove fees); Speed limit through Highway; Use of Sat Nav divert (Parish Council could put up divert signs like Polperro); Greater involvement in protection by the AONB (Remember Penmarlam); Protection of local heritage; Ferry slipway open to all including the water taxi;

Services & Facilities:

Broadband (we already have this – is this to do with speed and reliability?); Food recycling; More plastic recycling; Keep loos open (Parish Council has done this); DIY Shop; List of local businesses; More events like today's market; Protect the school; Support local facilities and small businesses; Local shop (there is one in Polruan and a high season one at Penmarlam, and now the successful monthly Local Produce Market held at Whitecross Village Hall); Infrastructure – road and rail; Village Hall on Kendal Park, Doctors' surgery to Kendal Park.

We are almost in a position to start drafting the plan but will need to wait for the results of a Housing Needs Survey we have commissioned from Cornwall Council and by the time you read this anyone with a Council Tax Account with CC will have a letter in the post inviting people to take part on-line. This goes live on 27th of October and finishes on 8th December. We recognise that not everyone has access to email or WiFi and will hold two sessions at Whitecross Village Hall on 29th of October and 19th November between 10.00 and 12.30. Coffee and tea will be available as will laptops and people to assist.

If you would like to take advantage of this please give me a ring on 01726 870340 or Cllr Adrian Fisher on 01726 870448 to say whether and when you would like to attend, so that we can arrange transport as necessary. All the responses will be anonymous and handled confidentially by CC. The report should be available by the end of December/beginning of the New Year.

We are already making investigations into other comments that have been made regarding access to the water and landing stage at Bodinnick and a more convenient bus service. These are not strictly to do with planning but do matter to residents.

You, the residents, are clear in your comments that you value where you live, and although there is the wish to "keep it as it is" recognise that some development will need to take place, specifically for local need, possibly in small units of 1,2,3 houses, or infill.

The circular argument is apparent; that we want the school to be kept but that to do this we need young families who will need somewhere to live and somewhere to earn a living. We can look at the idea of developing starter units for business start-ups but this at the moment is a bit vague, and we need to investigate further.

We are happy to bring the "street stall" to other places in the Parish; please get in contact with us if you would like us to attend at your next meeting and/or event.

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Cllr Pat Moore
Lanteglos-by-Fowey Neighbourhood Steering Group

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council Chairman's Report

It has been some time since we reported to residents but after the long Summer break we are pleased to report on events:

- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Teresa Libby and Mrs Valerie Libby as Parish Councillors who were co-opted unanimously at the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30th August. They will make strong members of the Council
- We are delighted to welcome Mr Roger Talling as Parish Councillor as a result of an uncontested by-election called by a local resident. Two nominations had been received by Cornwall Council but the other candidate had subsequently withdrawn his nomination. Cllr Talling was therefore elected to the Parish Council. He is already a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and again will make a strong member of the Council. With these three appointments your Parish Council is now up to full strength.
- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gillian Thompson who has been appointed our permanent Clerk to the Council. Mrs Thompson has served as our Locum Clerk previously and proved herself to be capable, knowledgeable and of outstanding competence. We look forward to a long and productive working relationship.
- Defibrillator: Some residents may have noticed that a defibrillator has been fixed to the wall of the Old Ferry Inn in Bodinnick. It is planned that a training session on using this will be arranged; more details to follow. Thanks to Pasqual and all concerned.
- The Council has purchased and replaced salt bins where necessary
- Arrangements are being made with Cornwall Council about upgrading signage in Polruan
- We are investigating the possibility of putting up advisory SatNav signs at particularly troublesome places in the Parish and are looking closely at what has been put in place in other parishes.
- As you have asked we have kept the toilets open and have made repairs and improvements where necessary.
- Ongoing work with benches is in hand.



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Mary Rashleigh & Margot Borash

Polruan Theatre Club News

On Sunday 11th September about 50 members and friends attended an anniversary dinner. Two founder members Margot Borash and Mary Rashleigh received small gifts to commemorate their involvement with the club over the past 35 years. Between them they have been in around 112 productions as well as directing, prompting, make-up and front of house.

We are delighted to have received three nominations from the Cornwall Drama Association for
'Fresh Winds from the Willows'
Best Actor - Mike Rendle for his portrayal of Badger
Best Actress - Tessa Skola for her portrayal of Mole
Also a nomination for Ensemble playing.

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Fowey Library & One Stop Shop November & December

Memory Café – Thursdays 3rd, 17th Nov & 1st, 15th Dec 2-4

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Fowey History Group – Friday 18th Nov & 16th Dec 2-4

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Lego Club – Tuesday afternoons 3.30-4.30 for 5-10 year olds during term time. Call in and add your name to our Waiting List.

The Summer Reading Challenge ended on Saturday 10th September. We got off to a great start with loads more than last year beginning the challenge and we've beaten our target for finishers too! Well done to all of you for reading 6 books over the Summer Holidays! Medals and certificates should have arrived at your schools by now. Celebrating Roald Dahl really seems to have caught children's interest this summer but don't stop reading just because the challenge has ended and don't stop coming to the library to choose lots of books!

FIND MY PAST DAY Online Study Support Officer, Peter Finlay will be at Fowey Library plus library staff to help you with Family History research using the Find My Past website on **Tuesday November 8th from 10-3**. Please call in, phone or email via the contact details below so we have some idea of how many to expect. Why not take this opportunity to find out about whom Great Granny married, Granddad's World War 1 Service, how many brothers and sisters Great, Great Grandmother really had or delve into that strange tale that's been passed down the generations about the cousin who emigrated to America suddenly! Feel free to come as a beginner to Family History or if you are a more seasoned Family History researcher with "brick walls" you need to solve and we will do all we can to help.

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE - If you know of anyone who can no longer get to the library, but would appreciate still being able to borrow books please get in touch. We have a number of Royal Voluntary Service volunteers who can choose items, deliver the books, stop for a chat and cuppa if clients would like then return the books to the library for them at their convenience – **ALL FREE OF CHARGE!**

Your next Mobile Library visits will be Tuesdays 29th Nov, 3rd Jan & 24th Jan at 12.05-12.25 at Lanteglos Highway Old Chapel and 13.35-14.15 at Polruan Fire Station. You can also use the Micro Library situated in the Ship Inn pub in Lerryn!

OUR FAVOURITE BOOKS FROM CHILDHOOD –

Alli has started a display on this theme so do delve back into your memories and let us know your favourite childhood reads so that we can add them to the display.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!
Vicky, Pauline, Helen, Ali and Tim.

Our normal opening hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30-5.
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Please note we shall be closed over the Christmas/ New Year period on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December and Monday 2nd January.

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

I am writing this on the day 21 of the Chibok girls were released by Boko Haram after two and a half years captivity, maybe by the time it is published more may have been released, I certainly hope so. But, sadly not all the news from Nigeria this week is good. There have been suicide bomb attacks in Maiduguri [the capital of Borno State] and attacks on Shiites in several places.

The campaign of terror by Fulani herders in the central belt of Nigeria [including Plateau State where I lived] are rarely reported by the world's media but they sadly continue unabated; they have been deemed the fourth deadliest terror group in the world.

Kathleen Gula writes of rampant inflation and shortages of food and petrol which makes life very difficult for ordinary Nigerians and hamper efforts to help the many thousands who have fled Boko Haram and are seeking to make new lives for themselves in other parts of Nigeria. Kathleen does, however thank all those who are sponsoring Internal Refugee Children and enabling them to go to school.

I had hoped to run a 'Nigeria Coffee Morning' this autumn but by the time I was looking for a date all the dates I was free had already been booked. I now plan to do something early in the new year – details in the next issue.

Kathryn Hill

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Colin and Ana on board Ithaka



Letter from the skipper's sister on board Ithaka in Chile

I have joined Colin and Ana on board Ithaka as they make their way south from Puerto Montt in Chile. They are heading to Port Natales and then Puerto Williams before striking out to the Falklands and South Georgia sometime after Christmas. In the time I have on board we hope to reach Port Aysen by way of the many channels and islands. As always in a sailing boat our progress depends heavily on the weather. Put simply we are heading south and generally speaking that is where the wind is coming from - not ideal for an easy passage. We must take what opportunities we have to sail and sometimes we will motor.

General impressions so far:

As we travel south the Andes are a constant presence to the east of us, snow capped and magnificent. The Islands south of Puerto Montt through which we are making our way are green and thickly forested with great blazes of yellow gorse in full bloom. It is early spring. The islands are sparsely populated and the houses tend to be brightly coloured and low. Wherever there are a few houses together there is a church facing the water. The cemeteries are small, crowded and low near the water, and bright with artificial flowers. It all looks quite Scandinavian. These people are living quite simply, often as fishermen. There are many salmon around the islands here. In the villages there seem always to be chickens, sheep, cattle, goats and a few pigs. Gardens are tiny but brilliantly colourful with spring flowers and usually an intensively cultivated and very productive vegetable patch. The veggies seem much further ahead than they would be in the early spring in the UK - surprising given how cold it is. The soil at the edge of these waters must be very fertile.

In the sheltered anchorages we've been in are many water birds. Some are clearly exotic relatives of those at home - gulls, oystercatchers, terns and egrets. But also black necked swans, ibis, noisy groups of chorlo chileno and imperial shags sporting little quiffs on the heads. Most exciting of all - there are Pelicans!

Extracts from my diary:

12 Oct - Isla Anihue It's 4 in the morning, the radio is crackling just the other side of the door of my cabin. I'm under a duvet and 2 blankets and wearing 2 layers of clothing. Warm enough. On the other side of the partition Colin has been up much of the night. High winds and we are swinging on the anchor, but it is holding. Tucked in up a creek for shelter from the gale. The rain is driving. This is spring in Chile. A boat is no place for wimps. Or people who want more than an inch or two of cold water to wash in.

15 Oct - Estero Huilad

A noisy night with the wind generator howling up and down somewhere not far above the foot of my bunk. A knock on the cabin door from Colin. "we're on our way!" It's 0630 and still dark. Oh heck, he's got his oilskin legs on already and I'm still curled up in my pyjamas. No time for tea this morning. We have to up anchor and get out of this sheltered inlet before the swirling Spring tide turns against us. A quick scramble into clothes as Ana ups the anchor and we're on our way. As we motor out into the channel I struggle into 4 layers of warm clothing, woolly hat, sea boots and ocean strength oilskins on the top.

With difficulty I put in my contact lenses - seeing clearly may be important!

Up in the cockpit the sky is lightening in the east and we're out into the channel between the island of Chiloe and mainland Chile. Gloriously the sun rises behind the impossibly pointy peak of snow covered Volcano Corcovado. Huge seabirds wheel over the grey waves. We think they're albatrosses. I hang on tightly and go below to make the morning tea. Breakfast will have to wait until we get to Quellon just down the coast. The southerly wind is no gentle thing at this end of the earth - it brings a fierce bite with it.

Five hours later we drop anchor just to the west of the busy fishing port of Quellon. It is dry and sunny. A hearty brunch and then we paddle the dinghy ashore and head into town on the bus. At every stage of our journey we have to report to the Armada or Chilean Naval Authority. They are very strong on bureaucracy and it seems to take ages. We also have to radio them when we leave port and let them know our plans. On the plus side the Armada send us a weather forecast by email and if we were to fail to turn up at the next port at least someone would know we were missing. However, weather forecasts on this bit of coast are notoriously unreliable and contradictory and in any case everything can change very quickly. In the end everything is down to the skipper's judgement.

This is our last opportunity to stock up on fresh food for a couple of weeks and the last chance of any wifi. I am keen to download Google Translate to my phone as in a couple of weeks I shall be making the journey back north alone on buses with scarcely any Spanish to help me. Hopefully I shall catch my flight back to the warm autumn in Cornwall, leaving Colin and Ana to continue their voyage further south.

With best wishes
Janet Downes



Fowey Christmas Market

Friday 9 - Sunday 11 December

Town Quay * Leisure Centre

Albert Quay * Webb St * Town Hall

Town Quay & Webb St markets open from Friday 5.30pm

Santa's arrival by boat Friday night

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The first three months of our Produce market have been so successful that we've decided to run the market year-round – always on the first Saturday of the month. So the next three dates for your diary are Saturday November 5th, Saturday December 3rd and Saturday January 7th. Doors are open 10am till 2pm from now on, not 3pm as stated on the posters and cards – please change it if you see one! The community bus runs to the market from Polruan at 11am (calling at Well and Greenbank

What's new for the November market?

Our county councillor Edwina Hannaford will be holding a surgery at every Whitecross market from now on, in the morning, so do come and ask her questions, seek advice or bring issues to her attention. You will have access to a private room. The Crumpets too table will be taking orders for Christmas cakes, for collection at the December market.

Don't forget to pop your head into the village hall kitchen, where you can buy lovely hot Liddicoats pasties (steak or cheese & onion) straight from the oven. And our exclusive Whitecross market shopping bags are just £2!

We now have a waiting list for stallholders – so this means you may find new and different stalls at each market, depending on who is available that month – so make sure you pop in to see what's changed.

And don't miss these festive specials at the December market:

Christmas-themed earrings by Flo.
Lorraine's Christmas gift tags and other handmade seasonal items
Mulled cider, eau de vie, pommeau and hampers from Fowey Valley Cider
Hot-smoked salmon from Starfish of Looe
Katie's natural Christmas decorations, homemade pot pourri with essential oils, mini-gift baskets and kits for making twiggly willow stars, wreaths, mobiles and garlands – and she'll be taking bookings for her wreath-making workshop on December 6th.

Not too late to order Christmas cakes from Crumpets Too
New stall selling gluten-free cakes and goodies.

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My expedition to Ecuador with Camps International *from Stella Mitchell*

It has taken two years to fundraise my trip to Ecuador. My main source of income has been a plant stall on my garden gate selling Echiums, Palm trees and bunches of flowers.

I have also completed a 12 hour row around the river with the gig club and worked in the bakery. I would like to thank anyone who has contributed towards my fund. All of this fundraising has enabled me to have a trip of a lifetime.

I have spent a week on the Galapagos Islands learning about the wildlife and the individuality of the archipelago. And the remaining three weeks were spent in small communities within Ecuador, they were: Chura, Cayamara and Rio Blanco. These communities are located on the Esmeraldas River, up in the Andes 3,300km above sea level and in the Amazon basin.

The project work involved mixing a lot of cement to make the foundations for a school and a medical centre in Chura. The work at Cayamara involved building a road and constructing guinea pig hutches for the local people. The community of Rio Blanco saw us trekking through the rainforest to work on a school and to carry out reforestation projects in the Amazon.

It was a trip that I will never forget.



News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer

The loveliest part of the day for me is the early morning. Everything is quiet, no cars or tractors to spoil the peace. I wander around the farmyard looking at the cattle that may be housed. Sometimes you look into the cow shed and see a tiny new calf sitting alongside it's proud mother. That is so special. She will lovingly wash it's face and gently talk to it. If I stand and watch for a while mum will stand up, the calf will stand too on very wobbly legs and try to have a drink of milk.

Frank the Limousin bull has produced seven beautiful calves so far, one to go, fingers crossed that all will be well. All the mothers were first timers. You never know how they will react at giving birth. Sometimes they are really cross and will try to knock you over and sometimes they are fine. We work hard to tame them. Potatoes, apples and carrots work wonders. They ended up very tame eating out of our hands. Carrots are the favourite treat.

The Harvest was a little easier than usual. With the weather being drier the grain didn't need to be dried so much. Everything was safely in the store much earlier than usual.

I have been measuring the temperature of the grain. When it goes into the store it is as warm as the sun. Over the next few months it gradually cools down, if by any chance it begins to warm up we have to put



cooling fans in, it should reach it's safe temperature by January.

The rams have been doing their work and hopefully just after New Year the first lambs will appear.

This years lambs have all been sold , two loads went out of the gate a couple of weeks ago .It was such a relief to see them go. It has been a difficult year for fattening lambs. They got to thirty eight kilos but they stopped there.

We like them to be forty two or more. Someone wanted lambs to eat their spare grass so off they went. They will probably do very well moving away from the cliff top land onto inland pasture.

Simon and Ben have been very busy ploughing the fields for the Winter corn.

The ground is still nice and dry so now they are tilling the Winter wheat. Farming goes round and round, year in and year out the jobs are the same.

Lorna has bought thirty young hens, they should be laying in a couple of weeks so there should be more eggs for sale at the gate soon. They are quite shy at the moment because they have never been outside before. They are peeping out of the door plucking up courage to explore the big outdoors.

At last I have retired as the tenant of the farm. Simon has taken over as I did from my Dad twenty five years ago. I will still potter around helping to look after the animals especially at lambing time but the major decisions will be down to Simon and Lorna.

Technology, rules and regulations have overtaken me. It will be a big relief to spend more time in the garden and perhaps explore Cornwall a bit more.

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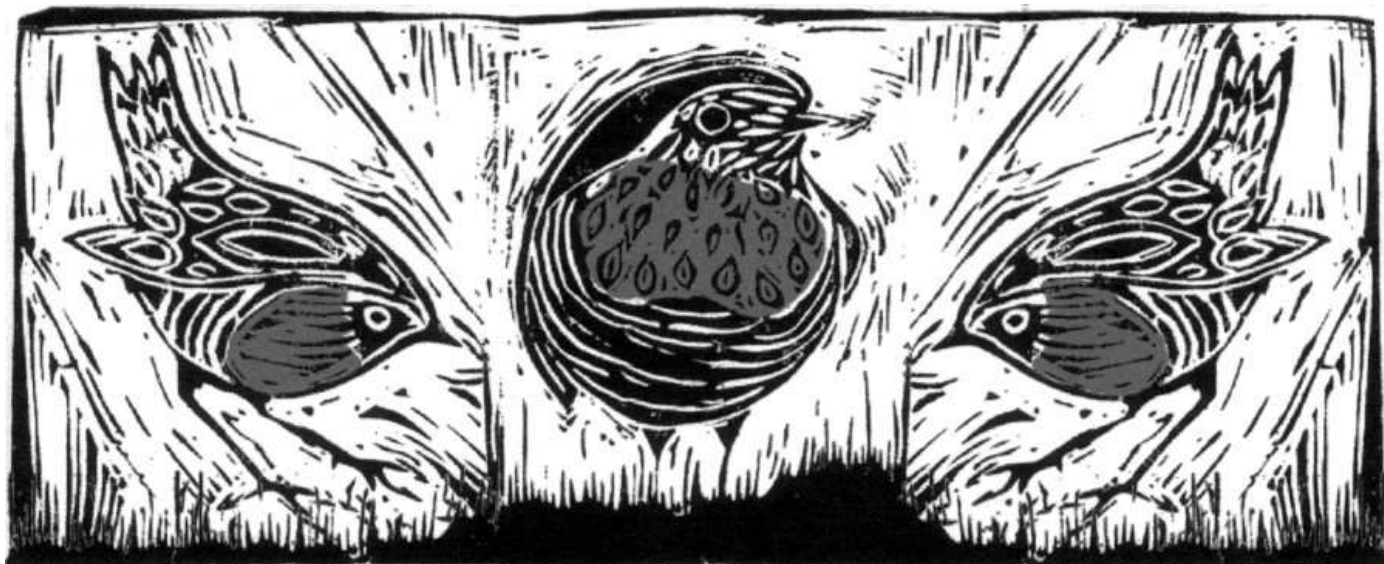

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Christmas Fare

Christmas Spiced Chocolate Cake

A Nigella recipe with a delicious topping

For the cake
150g chopped dark chocolate
150g soft butter
6 large eggs
250g granulated sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
100g ground almonds
1 tsp cinnamon
1 pinch ground cloves
zest of 1 clementine or Satsuma
4 tps instant espresso powder

For the topping
Juice of 1 clementine or Satsuma
15g butter
1 tbs caster sugar
½ tsp cinnamon
50g flaked almonds

Take everything you need out of the fridge to bring it to room temperature, most importantly the eggs. Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4/350°F. Butter and line the sides and bottom of a 9" springform tin.

Melt the chocolate and butter together in a bowl over simmering water and set aside to cool slightly.

Beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla together until thick, pale and moussy. They should have at least doubled in volume, even tripled. Gently fold in the ground almonds, cinnamon, cloves, clementine zest and espresso powder, taking care not to lose the air you have whisked in. Finally pour and scrape in the melted chocolate and butter, folding gently again.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 35-40 mins, by which time the top should be firm and the underneath still a bit gooey. Remove from the oven and place on a wire rack to cool completely.

Topping: Put the clementine juice, butter, sugar and cinnamon into a small, preferably non-stick frying pan and melt everything together. Let it sizzle for a minute or

so and begin to caramelize before adding the almonds. Stir everything together and occasionally tip the pan to keep it all moving. You want the liquid to disappear and the nuts to look shiny and be coated thinly in a fragrant orange scented toffee. Remove to a plate and cool.

Transfer the cake to a plate and scatter with the almonds. Remember this cake is intense and elegant within but has a rather ramshackle rustic appearance on the outside.

Serve with whipped cream, possibly with a little Cointreau or Grand Marnier added.

The cake without the topping can be made ahead and stored in an airtight container for up to 3 days, or frozen for up to a month.

Parmesan Shortbreads

Perfect with drinks and the dough can be made ahead and kept in the fridge for up to 3 days.

150g plain flour
75g grated parmesan
100g soft unsalted butter
1 large egg yolk

Mix all the ingredients together – using bowl and spoon, electric mixer or food processor as wished – until a golden dough begins to form a clump. Turn it onto a work surface and knead for about 30 seconds until smooth, then divide into two. Take the first half and roll into a cylinder, as uniform as possible, about 3cm in diameter. Make sure the ends are flat too. Roll in clingfilm and put in fridge. Repeat with the other half and allow to rest in fridge for 45 mins. Meanwhile heat oven to 180°C/gas 4/350°F.

Cut dough into slices about 1cm thick, arrange on baking sheet lined with baking parchment and bake for 15-20 mins until pale gold.

Leave to cool before eating.

Red Seasonal Salad

A new take on using up the cold turkey. Another from Nigella.

500g cold cooked turkey, shredded
2 red chillies
1 clove garlic
2 tbs caster sugar
3 tps rice wine vinegar
Juice of 1 lime
4 tbs thai fish sauce
3 tbs vegetable oil
1 red onion
black pepper
700g red cabbage
250g radishes
5 tbs chopped fresh coriander

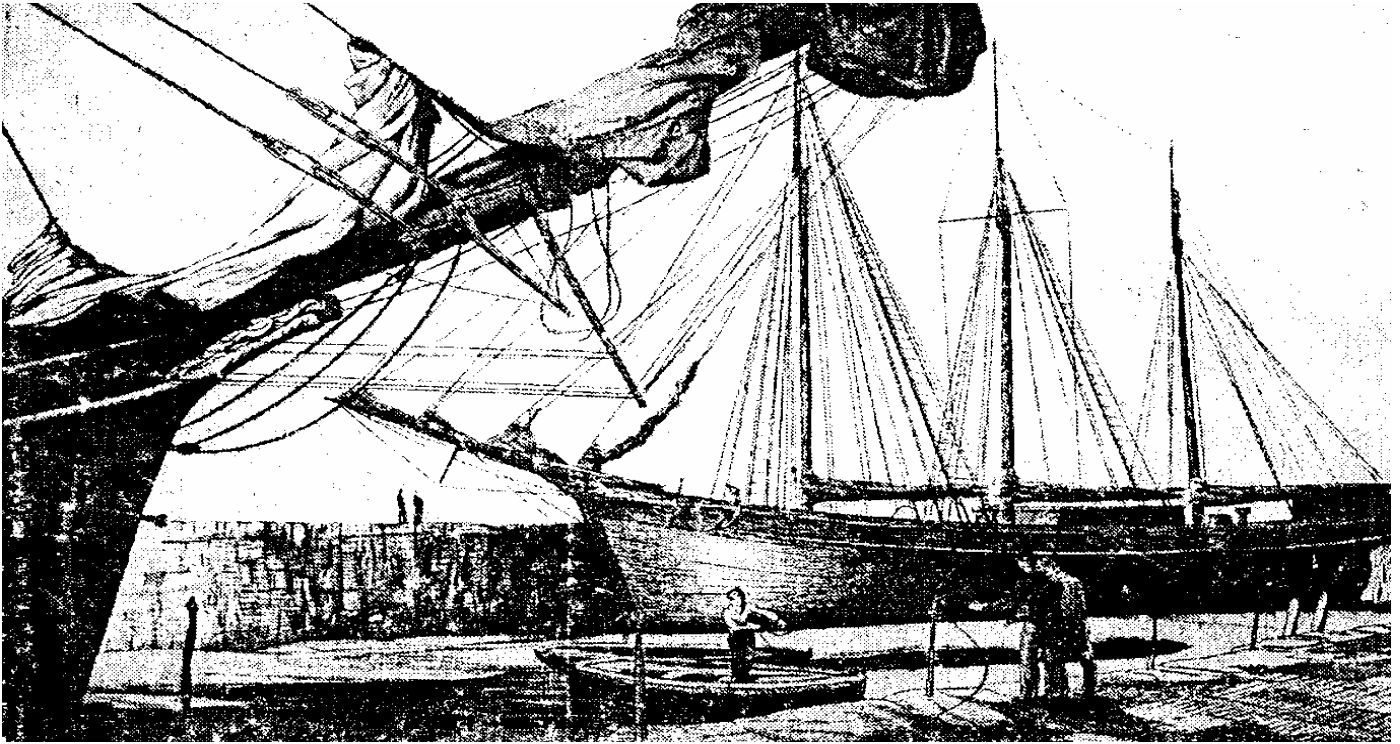
Finely chop the chillies with or without seeds depending on how hot you like it, and drop them in the largest bowl you have, then mince in the garlic. Add the sugar, vinegar, lime juice, fish sauce and vegetable oil.

Peel and finely slice the red onion into half moons and add to the mixture in the bowl, grind over some black pepper and leave to steep for 15 mins, making sure everything's immersed in the astringent liquid.

Add the shredded turkey and leave to marinate for a further 15 mins. Shred the red cabbage as finely as you can and add to the bowl. Cut the radishes into 8 segments rather as you would open an orange. (This way you get more crunch and more red in each slice than if you cut them in fine rounds.

Mix the cabbage and radishes into the bowl with the steeped turkey in its oniony dressing (which is why you needed the big bowl) and toss together very well.

Work through about half the fresh coriander and sprinkle the remaining half on top of the salad when you turn it out onto a plate or serving dish.



BY ISABEL PICKERING

1903 – Nov 26 – A destructive fire occurred at Tredudwell, LbyF, on Saturday when a valuable rick of straw (about 8 tons) the property of Mr Harris of Trethake was burnt to the ground. It was stated that a little child whilst playing with matches, accidentally set fire to the rick. The flames, fed by the high wind, burnt very fiercely, and it was with the utmost difficulty that other ricks in close vicinity were saved.

1906 Nov 1 – Mr Wm Climo senr has captured near the mouth of the harbour, 11 salmon at one haul, weighing 127 lbs. They were dispatched to London, and a good price was obtained.

1907 Nov 28 RCG – At Liskeard District Council on Sat. Messrs HB Edwards and Allen Lee, of Polruan, complained there was a great waste of water in Polruan caused through the inefficient way in which the service had been carried out. If no improvement was effected Polruan in a dry year would be short of water. The writers were willing to guarantee the expenses of investigation to the extent of £20. The Clerk stated that there were two £10 notes enclosed, one from each gentleman. They had also enclosed the following receipt; - "October 22nd, 1903, the sum of 9s, (nine shillings) for all the water we can give him up to 31st December, 1904. – Clerk, Moses Dunn, on behalf of the landowners." – The matter was referred back to the parish authority.

1910 Nov 17 – Farmer v Labourer – At Liskeard County Court on Monday William Hunkin, farm labourer of Lansallos sued Harold Henwood, of Carneggan, Lanteglos by Fowey, a farmer, for £5.19.8 made up in the following items; Turnips hoeing 5/, Mangolds £1, wood (125 fag-gots) 12/6, potatoes 10/, milk 1 1/2, wages 19/, wages in lieu of notice £2.12.0. Defendant had paid into the Court the amounts

claimed under the heads of turnips, milk and wages but disputed the rest. His Honour decided in the defendant's favour on the claims for mangold and wood and in the plaintiff's favour on the claim for potatoes. The main question was that of notice, and he held that if the defendant did give plaintiff notice on Aug. 30 he had waived that notice by keeping him beyond the expiration of the month and should have given fresh notice. Judgment for the plaintiff for £3.2.2 in addition to the amount paid into court.

1910 Dec 15 – Arthur Olver, of Lanteglos by Fowey, was charged by Charles Searle, of Polperro, with a common assault. The evidence shows that a dispute arose between Searle and R Olver, the defendant's brother, both fish haulers about the price of fish and that Arthur Olver interfered and struck Searle a severe blow on the nose which bled so profusely that medical aid had to be called in. Fined 10s and costs.

1910 Dec 29 – Strange gravity effect. Here is a simple experiment in gravity – but one which will astonish your friends. Hold two pennies together, horizontally, between the thumb and first two fingers of the right hand. Let your left hand prepare to raise a small donation by placing itself about 16 inches beneath the coppers. Then let the lower penny drop. In spite of all efforts you may make to prevent the thing happening, the penny is certain to turn over in falling; and if the expectant hand is placed about a yard beneath the bountiful right hand, the penny will even turn twice over in its fall.

1911 Nov 2 – On Friday the schooner *Traveller*, bound from Par to Aberdeen with a cargo of china clay, put into the River Tyne through stress of weather. During a strong easterly gale the lower topsail was torn into shreds. The schooner *Lizzie Trenberth*, of Fowey, from Par to London with clay, was assisted into Wel-

lington Docks, Dover, on Saturday by the *Lady Vita* and boatmen, with damage to headgear, mainsail, rigging and portside though collision on Friday night between Dover and Folkestone, with the Norwegian barque *Sophie*.

1911 Nov 2 – The net fishermen last week had several hauls of winter salmon in Fowey estuary. Mr Chapman had 18 in three hauls and Moses Dunn captured 1 from one "shoot". Some of them weighed 19, 21, and 22 pounds each, and those dispatched on Thursday and Friday made 3s3d per pound in the London Market.

1911 Nov 2 – The 25th annual tea and public meeting of the Cornish Coast Mission were held on Wednesday week at the Institute Hall. Mr ST Tregaskis, Polruan, presided. The annual report stated that during the year the missionary had held 170 services and 756 conversational and prayer meetings ashore and afloat, made 1325 visits to ships' crews, homes and hospitals and supplied 32 bags and parcels of books to outward bound ships.

1912 Dec 5 – Loss of the Polruan schooner "Uzziah". The Consolidated Sean Fishery Company's trawler "Xania", on its arrival at Grimsby Thursday, reported she had on board 6 shipwrecked seamen picked up 203 miles East by North Spurn Point, part of the crew of the 3-masted schooner "Uzziah" of Polruan, which left Harbury for Plymouth Saturday week. When the vessel left the River Elbe, rough weather was experienced, and the vessel sprang a leak and on Monday "Xania" saw signals of distress. The Captain stood by the vessel for 30 hours and the schooner put out her small boat with a quantity of clothing and 2 hands. But one of the crew, Andrew Fife, of Berwick, was washed overboard and drowned. Another man also was washed overboard but was saved. The rest of the crew were removed with difficulty, and "Xania" proceeded to Grimsby leaving "Uzziah" which was sinking rapidly.

A memorable Christmas *by the late Mavis Cocks*

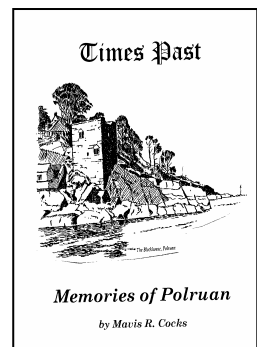
In the early part of World War II Ken and I lived on the quay with our little daughter Janice in a three-storeyed house and with certain winds there was quite a strong draught. It was Christmas Day and our Christmas dinner of a precious roast chicken and pudding etc almost ready. The tree was glistening prettily and Janice was in her play pen having a real good time with her new toys (mostly hand-knitted animals and a doll made out of a black stocking and so on). The pudding and the vegetables were bubbling away in their covered saucepans and I had just taken the dinner out of the coal heated oven when there was a sudden fierce gust of wind and down the chimney came a big fall of soot.

Some landed on our chicken and potatoes, some covered our table, some reached the tree, quite a bit made Janice resemble a black-bird and Ken and myself were almost blackened as well. I'm not given to crying but when I looked around I'm afraid that was just what I did. Ken got a bowl of warm water and cleaned up Janice and also my face, put clean clothes on Janice and got a clean blouse and coat for myself, got the pram from the out-house and strapped Janice in it and then said quietly "Go out with Janice for a walk. Don't go to the families and spoil their Christmas Day. Come back when you've had a good walk." So off I went with the pram and I reached Lanteglos Church and back quietly crying in and out and we never met a soul. All were in their homes of course.

When we got back home Ken had cleared away all traces of the soot, cleaned himself and had all fresh cloths etc on the table. The pudding and veg hadn't been hurt because of the saucepan lids. So Ken had washed the chicken and potatoes and made fresh gravy and even had some holly in a vase in the middle of the table. There was no TV or anything like that to cheer us up, but he sat us down and served up a piping hot Christmas dinner and pudding and I thought then I would remember it for the rest of my life and so I have.

Ken was called up a month after and Janice and myself moved up to my Mother's when he went overseas and stayed with her until he came home again which, God willing, he did. I wonder how many men would have cleaned up the chicken like he did and made good gravy to go with it!

He told me after the war that many a soldier overseas with him had to smile when he described to them what was a most memorable Christmas Day and how he turned what looked like a tragedy into a happy, heartfelt occasion.



Memories of Polruan *by Mavis R. Cocks*

Over the years the late Mavis Cocks provided us with a wonderful insight into life in this Parish before, during and after the second world war through her regular articles in the Lanteglos Parish News.

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Pelynt and Polruan Academy News

From the head boy and head girl at Pelynt Academy – Jack & Erynn.

We have had a busy first half term back at school this year. Over the summer we became an academy which is awesome. We never imagined our school would become an academy!

Also, we now have four classes. In Class 1 there are Reception children, in Class 2 years 1 and 2, in Class 3 years 3 and 4 and in Class 4 years 5 and 6.

In Class 4 our topic has been based on Roald Dahl's BFG and we have been learning about giants. We have been writing biographies, scary stories and how to trap our own creatures.

Miss Porter's mum came in and did a science investigation with us. It was a 'Who Done It' mystery and we had to work out who killed the goblin!

In maths Mr Gibbs has been working with some of the Year 6 children on fractions and long multiplication and division. In Class 3 they have been learning about Ancient Greece. They have been learning about Greek pottery and what the Greeks did first. They have also been writing Greek myths and learning about the different gods. In maths they have been learning to partition 3-digit numbers.

In Class 2 their topic has been 'Who I am and what I want to be'. They have been learning about different jobs and Mrs Fenton's husband came in to talk about his job with the BBC and he made a recording with the class acting as commentators! They have also been reading the Percy the Park Keeper books in English. In maths they have been practising their number bonds to 10 and 20.

Class 1 have also been learning about people who help us and they have had a trip to the fire station at Looe. They washed the fire fighter's cars with the hose from the fire engine and they sat in the fire engine! Class 1 have also had visits by a chef, who made bread with them and a nurse who told them all about her job. They also used a sewing machine and made lavender decorations with 'The Two Cornish Hens' who make things out of wool and material.

Next half term we are looking forward to our whole school trip to the pantomime to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at The Hall for Cornwall. We can't believe it's nearly Christmas and we will hang up decorations in the hall and have a Christmas dinner with crackers.

By Polruan Academy Junior Journal-ist club: Rosie, Kiro, Cody, Harlee, Marlie and Evie.

It has been a very busy but fun start to the year at Polruan academy. We have been busy getting out and about and exploring all the local environment has to offer.

Tregeagle class have started the year by having an 'Explorer day' on a beach. We spent the whole day on the beach with members of the army. In the morning we built dens. In the afternoon, we built a campfire and cooked our own bread. It was a really fun day.

In class Tregeagle have been enjoying the book 'The Tunnel'. It is about a brother and sister who find a tunnel and have really exciting adventures. We have really enjoyed listening to the story and writing our own versions of it.

Canute class have been focussing on their topic 'Who will I be?' they have been learning about all the different jobs that people do and thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. To support their learning in this topic they began the year by taking a walk around Polruan and visiting all the different places in which people work. They are all looking forward to their farm visit to see all of the different things a farmer can do.

Recently some pupils have taken part in a cross-country running club and race. There were lots of children taking part and it was a really fun day. All the children were very determined and didn't give up. They are all looking forward to the next race.

We are now all busy preparing for our harvest festival next week, this year it is being held at school due to the building works at St. Saviour's Church. Canute class have been very busy practicing their song "Let it grow" and are very excited to share it at the festival. They have also been busy making special harvest hats to wear and baskets to show during the festival.

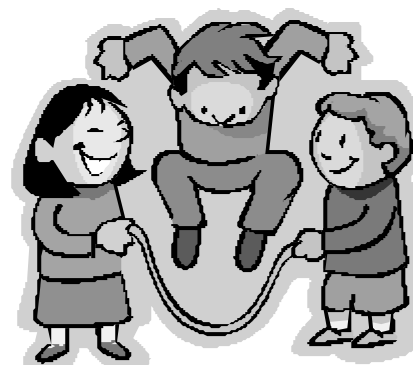
POLRUAN VILLAGE HALL

Now the Hall Improvement Programme has been completed we have repainted the outside walls and windows, replaced the external power points and replaced internal extractor fans, all of which has led to lots of positive comments. As mentioned in the last edition of the Parish News, we had hoped to hold a 'Reopening Celebration' in the autumn to celebrate the improvements but when we looked in the 'Parish Diary' in St Saviour porch there were no free dates so this will now be in the new year – details in the next Parish News.

Fundraising towards further improvements continues. Our very successful BBQ on the Old Coal Wharf in August raised the magnificent sum of £647. The Summer Paper Quiz in the Lugger raised £51 and the Quiz and Raffle in September, also in the Lugger, raised £128; we are very grateful to Pete and Elaine for hosting quizzes for us and to 'Quizmaster Ray' who does such a good job.

Polruan Village Hall A.G.M. was held on September 20th with three members of the public attending.

Kathryn Hill for PVH Committee



POLRUAN KIDZ KLUB

Kidz Klub meets on alternate Fridays in term time in Polruan Village Hall: 5.30 – 6.40 for children in School Years Reception to 4, 6.45 – 8 for those in School Years 5 – 9.

We were very fortunate with the weather for our Autumn Night Hike and had a great time. Many thanks to Andy Simmons for organising this for us as usual, and to Sophie for her delicious hot chocolate which we enjoyed with biscuits and toasted marshmallows. It was lovely, too, to have several parents accompanying our youngest members.

Remaining meetings for this term are 14th October, 4th & 18th November and 2nd December. The November 4th meeting will be a 'Christmas Crafts' evening when we will be making decorations to sell at our fund-raising event the next day, Saturday 5th November. This will be in Polruan Village Hall from 1 p.m. to approximately 3 p.m. and there will be soup and rolls and other refreshments plus a variety of stalls including cakes, clothes and bric-a-brac as well as the Christmas Decorations stall mentioned above and, of course, a raffle. All proceeds for Kidz Klub funds.

The final meeting of term on 2nd of December will be our Christmas party when the times are slightly different – from 5.30 – 6.30 there will be party games for the younger group, at 6.30 the older group are welcome to join us, so that between 6.30 – 7 we can all enjoy a party tea together; at 7 p.m. the younger children will leave and the older group will party until 8 p.m. Contributions to the party tea will be welcome.

At a meeting of leaders and young leaders in September we decided to make some changes in the new year when we will launch a new 'youth club' section for youngsters in Year 7 and above and meeting on alternate Fridays to the current Kidz Klub. The younger children will continue to meet in two groups: 5.30 – 6.40 for those in School Years Reception to Year 2 and 6.45 for those in School Years 3 – 6. The time for the new group is yet to be decided and will be in the next Parish News along with the dates.

We would love to welcome more adult helpers for all sections whether on a regular or occasional basis – contact Kathryn [870953] or Bonnie [870436] for more information.

Polruan Carnival Memories



*2015 Carnival Queen Lily crowns 2016 Carnival Queen Jasmine
Attendants Mia & Amy - pictures Tony Bartlett*



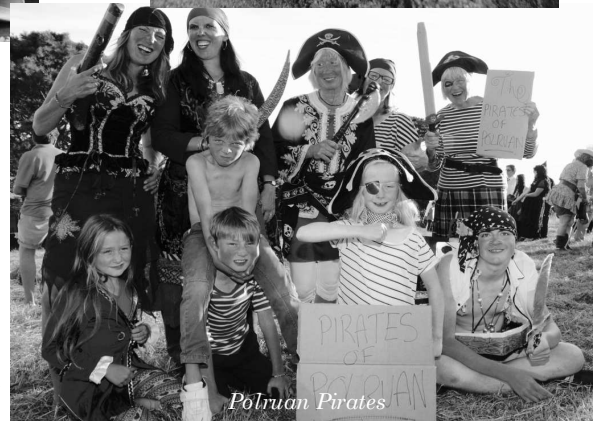
Digging for treasure

Our Regatta weekend seems a distant memory but we've already made bookings for 2017!

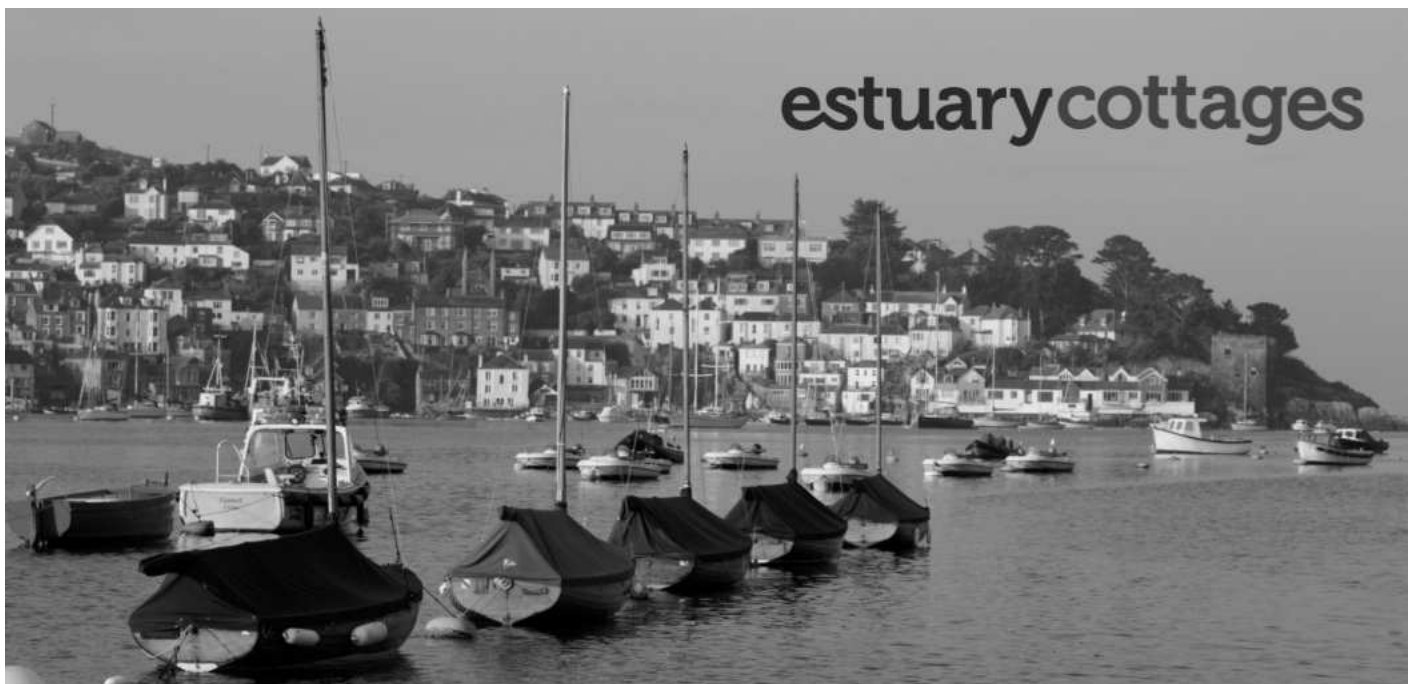
We were so fortunate to be blessed with lovely weather after a rather indifferent summer weather wise. A great day was had by everyone and we record our thanks elsewhere to everyone involved in making it a success.

We were fortunate too with our Beach Gala, Barbecue and disco, thank you to the children who entered the games and everyone who supported.

Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports committee



Polruan Pirates



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A Real Community Effort!

In late September, we took part in the annual Great British Beach Clean survey organised by the Marine Conservation Society. This is a national survey of beach litter, the results of which show likely sources of litter and from this campaigns can try to prevent it from being dropped by beach visitors, flushed down the loo or lost overboard from ships and ending up on our beaches.

Readymoney Cove and Whitehouse Beach were surveyed. As in previous years, only a very small amount of litter was collected. This is a testament to the efforts of the teams of volunteers who clean these beaches on a daily basis throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone involved in this regular cleaning and especially to Sue and Roger Simpson who coordinate the volunteers.

We are also grateful to them for cleaning the paddling pool at Whitehouse, this is a labour-intensive task and it is fantastic that people in our community are willing to do this for the benefit of locals and visitors during the summer season.

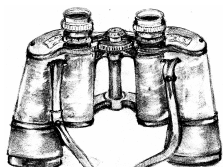
Fowey Harbour Commissioners continue to be 'Beach Champion' for the Bathing Water at Readymoney. During the bathing season (May to September) we monitor, on a daily basis, the predicted bathing water quality for the beach and display appropriate signage when bathing water quality may be affected by heavy rainfall or localised pollution incidents. During the 2016 season, we attended on 13 occasions, which was similar to 2015 when we attended 12 times.

Due to generous support from the local community, Fowey Harbour Commissioners were this year able to re-instate the swimming platform at Readymoney using a purpose-built solution. It has been incredibly well received by both local and visiting children.

Our Harbour thrives through the efforts of our community who through the giving of their time and effort or generous donations help to keep Fowey Harbour so special.

Claire Hoddinott
Environment Officer, Fowey Harbour
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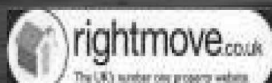
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IN THE GARDEN

The Month in the Garden

A walk round the garden on a bright December day, can be a pleasure since there are still plants to be enjoyed. Winter heathers are among the most rewarding, the splendid carpets of colour derived from various *Erica carnea* varieties bringing a note of cheer on the most dismal day. Then there are such trees as the ever-green *Arbutus unedo*, the so-called strawberry tree which bears bunches of pendent, lily-of-the-valley like flowers of pinkish-white, with round, edible fruits resembling strawberries (from earlier blossoms) at the same time. With its small, dark green serrated leaves, this is a tree with many attributes, growing in time up to 30 ft (9 m). The rosebud cherry, *Prunus subhirtella* 'Autumnalis', chooses to flower in mild winters and, although subdued by frosts, usually recovers to provide another burst of bloom. The semi-double, shell-pink flowers hang several together, in short clusters from the naked wood.

There are also plenty of berries, and at this season one can admire the bark of such trees as the green-and-white-striped, snake-barked maple, *Acer davidii*, or the patina of *Prunus serrula*, which gleams like mahogany in the wintry sunshine, the bark peeling off in circular strips to give the trunk a banded appearance. There is colour, too, in the young shoots of *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' which are red just now, or yellow in *C. stolonifera* 'Flaviramea'. Most people enjoy the corkscrew branches and twigs of the twisted hazel, *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta'.



WEATHER

"December takes away everything and returns nothing". Perhaps it is the short days and the cloudy skies of December which make it seem a dismal month, and the relative absence of colour in the garden cannot help. Fine, mild weather is, however, seldom welcomed at this time of the year. "A fair day in winter is the mother of a storm" is often true, and out-of-season conditions always seem to prompt a feeling that retribution is to follow. Such unusually fine days in winter are often known as a 'borrowed day' which has to be paid back later. .

Sometimes the repayment for the borrowing is on a long-term basis, hence 'Christmas on the balcony; Easter by the fire'. If the sun shines through the apple trees on Christmas Day, it is said that there will be an abundant crop the next year. If warmth at the end of the year is really followed by a cold late spring, with late apple blossoms escaping the frosts, this may well be true.

With the rebirth of the sun at Christmas, the New Year opens up the promise of a new gardening year.



Plants of the Month HOLLY

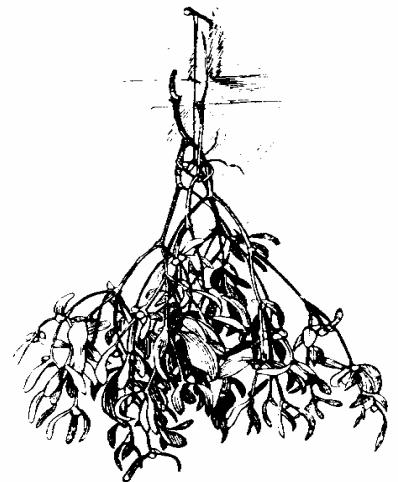
Decorating homes with evergreens at Christmas time is a practice dating back to pagan times. In Ancient Rome the custom was associated with the great festival of Saturnalia, which began on the 19th December and continued for seven days. During this period gifts were exchanged as well as sprigs of holly as symbols of friendship and goodwill. The evergreens were then hung up to provide a sanctuary for any spirits which came to watch the revels.

This custom was continued by early Christians, although they changed its meaning so that the evergreens became a symbol of immortality and rejoicing at the birth of Christ. The Druids regarded holly as a force for good and used it as a charm to banish evil spirits from dwellings.

Plants of the Month MISTLETOE

Long before the Romans invaded Britain, mistletoe held a prominent place in the rites and sacrifices of the Druids. Great medicinal virtues were attached to its leaves and berries. Among various virtues with which mistletoe has been credited was the old Swedish belief of its power to protect against fire if hung from the ceiling.

The practice of kissing under the mistletoe bough is peculiarly English, but may be derived from an old Scandinavian custom. Because of its sacred nature warring armies, meeting where mistletoe grew, would lay down their arms for a day; from this grew the practice of hanging a sprig of mistletoe over doorways as a token of welcome to visitors who were greeted with a kiss of welcome. But back in the present day, what every Englishman does not realize is that for every kiss, a berry should be removed if blessings are to be received by both kisser and kissed.



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NEWS FROM THE TOWN TRUST

Unfortunately as our October meeting had to be delayed by a week to meet the copy deadline for this issue this is being written before our October meeting.

Unfortunately there has been no progress so far with South West Water over the Veverly reservoir surrender of the Quay leases.

The replacement Hearse House roof and new ticket machines for the car park are still to be done. Some repair/replacement work to the quay CCTV cameras has been ordered.

The application for replacement windows and door in the Reading Room was not granted. Consideration for a new application of timber framed double-glazed windows is in hand.

As usual if you have any questions, comments or requests regarding Town Trust matters please approach the Clerk or any of the Trustees.

LANTEGLOS PARISH COUNCIL IMPORTANT NOTICE

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No mistake though, so down to the quay, out with the tables, up with gazebos and bunting, prepare the goods for sale, light the BBQ and soon we were ready. The committee and helpers worked together like a well-oiled machine and soon customers were being served, fed and shown around the Fowey Lifeboat, which Coxswain John Pritchard and his crew had brought across to the Polruan pontoon.

It really was a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone who helped and to all those who came and supported us. In total over £800 was raised for the RNLI.

Liz Jolliff



RNLI Polruan Branch

Pig Roast

This year's event was not as wet as last years! A great time was had by all on the Coal Wharf: the pig, generously donated by Allen Toms, was tasty, the singing by the Polperro Wreckers was sonorous, the atmosphere convivial and the amount raised for RNLI was £908.48. A sumptuous sum—

So THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

Thanks to all the generous and public-spirited helpers who cut the rolls, roasted pork, served the meat, splashed the sauces, fried the onions, sold tickets and helped set up and dismantled furniture ..

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