#### Curates' Corner

My feet have barely touched the ground and already I find that I have managed to get myself involved in a couple of things; pancakes and prayer. These are however very good things with which to be involved.

Epiphany is now behind us and the church year now moves through a short period of Ordinary Time (or Shrovetide as we used to call it) before Lent begins. It is traditional to celebrate the end of this period by enjoying a hearty meal of pancakes before embarking on a period of 40 days and 40 nights of deep reflection and religious obligation.

As some of you may be aware, Kathryn will not be organising the Pancake lunch this year, although she has graciously agreed to help me find my feet as it were. So I will need all the help I can get if this event is to go ahead as I have absolutely no idea what I am supposed to be doing. If you can help in anyway then please let me know.

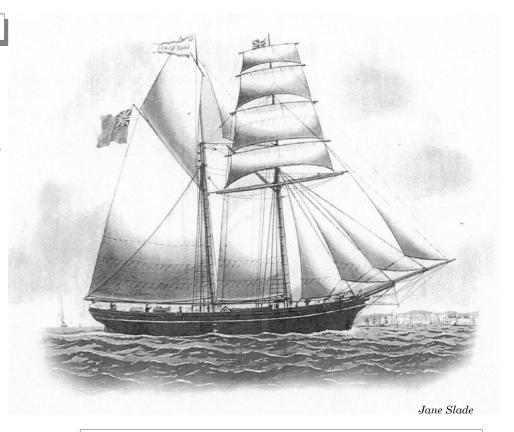
Moving on now to prayer; there is no need for me to stress just how central this is to the life of this and any community, but I would like to take a moment to tell you about a worldwide initiative called Thy Kingdom Come. It is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. The idea is for a wave of prayer, which will start in May and run for 10 days between the Christian festivals of Ascension (25th May) and Pentecost 4th June)

It's not complicated – people are simply asked to pray in whatever way they want and with whoever they want for others to come to know Jesus Christ, here in the local community and in the world as a whole. You are not expected to pray for the whole period; in Truro diocese many parishes are coordinating within their Deaneries to pick just one of the days within the period so as be able to cover the whole 10 days as a Deanery. This would mean that all we need to do is organise for 48 people to give up half an hour consecutively on the same day (or 24 to give up an hour) and the job's done.

Finally, as I begin to find my way around benefice in the coming weeks and months, I look forward to meeting each of you; but if you see me first, please come and say hello, then point me in the right direction as I will probably be lost.

Love and blessings,

Gary



#### From the Editor

The promise of spring is all around us with days beginning to lengthen and bulbs beginning to bloom. Whatever the many troubles in our world, the birds do still sing.

As we go to press, we have just had the saddest news about our dear friend Peter Skellern. In this Parish we have been so very blest with the gifts of his music, his humour, his kindness. He lives on here in our hearts.

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#### March 2017

Wednesday 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 09.30 St. Nun Holy Communion & imposition of ashes

Thursday 2

10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion & imposition of ashes

Friday 3

 $13.45\,\,\mathrm{St.}$  Saviour Women's World Day of Prayer

SUNDAY 5 LENT 1

09.30 St. Ildierna Holy Communion 09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion 11.00 St. Saviour Parish Eucharist

11.00 St. Tallan Holy Communion

 $17.00\,$  St. Nun Songs of Praise

Wednesday 8

09.30 St. Nun Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 9

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 12 LENT 2

11.00 St. Tallanus Morning Prayer

11.00 St. Nun United Village Service

11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist

17.00 St. Marnarch Evening Worship

18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer

Thursday 16

10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19 LENT 3

09.30 St. Ildierna Holy Communion

09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion

11.00 St. Wyllow Morning Prayer

11.00 St. Tallanus Parish Eucharist

Thursday 23

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

14.00 St. Saviour Polruan School Mothering Service

SUNDAY 26th MOTHERING SUNDAY

 $(~{\rm BST~starts})$ 

 $09.30~\mathrm{St.}$  Marnarch Family Service

11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist

11.00 St. Nun Holy Communion

18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer

Thursday 30

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

**APRIL 2017** 

SUNDAY 2 LENT 5

09.30 St. Ildierna Holy Communion

09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion

 $11.00\,$  St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist

 $11.00~{
m St.}$  Tallanus Holy Communion

17.00 St. Nun Songs of Praise

18.00 St. John Evening Prayer

Thursday 6

10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion

SUNDAY 9 PALM SUNDAY

10.40 Coal Wharf Blessing of Palms

11.00 St. Saviour Parish Eucharist

11.00 St. Tallanus Morning Prayer

11.00 St. Nun United Village Service 17.00 St. Marnarch Evening Worship

18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12

09.30 St. Nun Holy Communion

Thursday 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.00 St. Saviour Morning Prayer 19.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion & Vigil

Friday 14 GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 St. Ildierna Meditation

 $10.00~\mathrm{St.}$  John Meditation

10.00 St. Nun Morning Worship

12.00 St. Saviour Stations of the Cross

14.15 St. Wyllow Liturgy of Good Friday with Choir

SUNDAY 16 EASTER SUNDAY

09.30 St. Marnarch Holy Communion

09.30 St. Ildierna Holy Communion

11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist & Baptism with Choir

11.00 St. Tallanus Parish Eucharist

11.00 St. Nun Holy Communion

Monday 17

15.00 St. Saviour Messy Church

Thursday 20 St. Saviour Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 23 EASTER 2

09.30 St. Marnarch Family Service

11.00 St. Wyllow Parish Eucharist

11.00 St. Nun Holy Communion

18.30 St. Ildierna Evening Prayer

Thursday 27

10.00 St. Saviour Holy Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 30 EASTER 3

11.00 St. Ildierna Benefice Eucharist

#### From the Registers

#### Baptisms:

22<sup>nd</sup> January

Joshua William Gorwyn Lee Pelynt

Funerals:

14th January Elspeth Georgina Spittiswood Milburn Lanreath 25th January Stanley Fisher Pelynt 9th February Stuart Alexander Haywood

Talland

Service of Thanksgiving:

27th January Enid May Dimmock Pelynt

Services at Glyn Valley Crematorium: 24th January Marjorie Susan Joan Blake

of Pelynt 27th January Enid May Dimmock Pelynt 14th February May Ivey of Polperro

**Burial of Ashes:** 

 $16^{th}$  December Elizabeth Margaret Hilton Lanteglos-by-Fowey

Robert Hilton Lanteglos-by-Fowey 29th December Susan Curtis

Lanteglos-by-Fowey

#### Kathryn's 'sabbatical' by Kathryn Hill

I wrote an article for the last Parish News saying I would no longer be running the Lanteglos Church Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch and appealing for people to take on organising one or more of these events. Unfortunately due to some miscommunication it wasn't included and Shrove Tuesday was fast approaching! Fortunately Rev'd Gary agreed to take on the running of the Pancake Lunch which will have happened by the time you read this. However this still leaves the Lanteglos Church Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre looking for organisers!

I have passed on my notes for the Pancake Lunch to Rev'd Gary and I have notes about the other two events which I can pass on to any volunteers. I am willing to help at these events, I just need a break from being where 'the buck stops'!

#### 'INTERNATIONAL' CREAM TEA

Kathryn and Sasha would like to thank all who helped us run the 'International' Cream Tea on the afternoon of Sunday 12th February. We also thank those who donated items for the stall and for the raffle and who made cakes.

We had a nice mixture of locals and visitors attending and having paid for the hire of the hall and for the cream we had a profit of £211 which is £105.50 each Internal Refugees in Nigeria and to Sasha's involvement with Camps International, Peru. There were 'donations pots' for each good cause and the donations in those bring the total raised during the afternoon to £222 which we are very pleased with.

We hope to run another joint fundraiser in the autumn.

Kathryn Hill & Sasha Alexander





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#### Gary's Good News

Hello everyone,

I was really excited to receive such a warm welcome at St Nun's on Sunday, and it was just amazing to see so many people in church. Thank you so much everyone for giving me the opportunity to work alongside you in the benefice, and I really look forward to meeting and working with each of you as we seek to discover God's kingdom together.

For those of you who were unable to be there, I will say a little bit about myself here by way of an introduction. I am a fairly new priest and, like Rev'd Marilyn, I was trained on the South West Ministry Training Course. I was ordained Deacon at Truro Cathedral in July 2015 and priested the following July, also at Truro Cathedral. Since which time I have been ministering to the good people of St Germans Group Parish, along with my training priest, and Rural Dean, Father Michael Goodland.

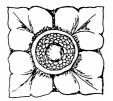
I am married to Jane and we have a grown up son, Roger, who has recently left home to live in Liskeard, and a rather large German Shepherd Dog called Sherman.

Before being called into ministry Jane and I owned and ran a pub in Leeds, but my background is in tax, having previously worked for the Inland Revenue. I am therefore one of the few ministers who has been both a publican and tax collector.

When not spreading the gospel, I enjoy eating (especially pancakes - more of that later), walking Sherman, steam trains and playing chess.

May God bless and keep you,

Gary



#### GODPARENTS SUNDAY

After last year's successful launch of 'Godparents Sunday' Lanteglos Parish will be celebrating this again this year on Sunday 7th May – more details in the May/ June Parish News.

Kathryn Hill for PCC



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#### PARISH DIARY

#### March 2017

Thursday 2 Ash Wednesday Service at St. Saviour  $10 \mathrm{am}$ 

Friday 3 Women's World Day of Prayer St. Saviour 1.45

Saturday 4 Whitecross Village Hall Produce Market 10-2. See article for buses, etc.

Monday 6 Polruan Regatta & Children's Sports AGM 7pm Reading Room

Tuesday 7 Little Harbour Book Sales Reading Room

Saturday 11 Talland Church Bingo Supper at St. Martins Church Hall, Looe 6pm

Friday March 17th at 7pm. Whitecross Village Hall presents NINEBARROW

Sunday 26 Big Mother's Day Community Breakfast Lanreath Village Hall 9 - 12am

#### APRIL 2017

Sat 1

Whitecross Village Hall Produce Market 10-2. See article for buses, etc.

Tuesday 4 Little Harbour Book Sales Reading Room

Saturday 8 Polruan WI Coffee Morning 10.30am WI Hall

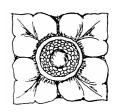
Monday 10 Town Trust AGM 7pm WI Hall

Saturday 15 Talland Church Community Beach Clean (see article)

Sunday 16 Talland Church Gift Day (See article)

Monday 17 Easter Messy Church/Easter Egg Hunt. St. Saviour church 3pm

Thursday 27 Parochial Church Council APCM 6.55 St. Saviour



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Join us for a fun evening of Bingo. Many prizes to be won. If you are 6 or 60 join us for chicken curry or casserole plus dessert. Licensed bar. Suggested donations of £6. All funds for Talland Church.

TALLAND CHURCH COMMUNITY BEACH CLEAN. Saturday 15th April. Times dependant on the tide. Watch out for more information.

Join us for a family, fun day on Talland Beach. We all meet at Talland Beach café, We join forces with Keep Britain Tidy who supply all our equipment. It's a fun day, you just never know what treasures you are likely to find amongst the seaweed and plastic! The children really enjoy it. Share refreshments afterwards at the café.

#### TALLAND CHURCH GIFT DAY.

Sunday 16th April 11am
Talland Church is holding a Gift Day to
raise much needed funds. Letters and Gift
Aid envelopes will be mailed to all parishioners inviting them to join us at the
Easter Sunday service and encouraging a
donation to help keep our beautiful Grade
1 listed church open for future generations

#### TALLAND CHURCH WEBSITE

We are delighted to launch our new look website. Our improved website gives us an even better opportunity to promote our church and better communicate with our community. We look forward to using our website, FaceBook and Twitter accounts to reach more of our community, especially younger members via social media. Meanwhile please refer to our website for the latest information on all our events. A huge thank you to Viv Tregellas for the many hours she has devoted to creating and updating such a brilliant website. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL TALLAND CHURCH EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.tallandchurch.co.uk

#### 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,

#### wanted 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.

#### Lansallos Parish News by John Feesey, Honorary Treasurer

St Ildierna is one of the few churches in our area of Cornwall to regularly use the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) for nearly all of its services, other than weddings and funerals. While the traditional language used may not suit every worshipper, the BCP does have a strong following especially among those who grew up when it was widely used across the Anglican Communion (yes, there's still a few of us left!) and with people who appreciate the dignified and memorable beauty of the prayers and rites used, as well as the sense of historical continuity they provide. Here's a little of the fascinating history behind it.

The BCP was originally published in 1549 in the reign of Edward VI, following Henry VIII's break with Rome. Edited by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, it was the first time complete forms of service for worship had been published in English, as opposed to Latin, and in one standardised volume. Previously, services were variously to be found in the Missal, Breviary, Manual and Pontifical and the forms differed across the country. The Communion service in the BCP maintained the outwardly familiar form of the Latin rite of Mass but with an instruction that Communion was to be given to the people in bread and wine, in contrast to the Roman rite which made no provision for the congregation to receive both. Cranmer also included in the BCP a direction that Communion was not to be received by the priest alone, which was a radical change from before when the primary focus was taken to be attendance at the consecration and adoration of the elevated host. Cranmer also encouraged the practice of weekly congregational Communion: in late medieval England congregations received Mass only at Easter.

Roman Catholic worship was briefly restored in 1553 under Mary I, but after she died in 1558, Elizabeth I reintroduced the BCP with only minor changes. Following the tumultuous events leading to and including the English Civil War, another major revision of the BCP was published in 1662. Although it's since been displaced by the alternative provision of *Common Worship* in many churches, the BCP remains the official prayer book of the Church of England, and is still used for worship in over 50 countries and more than 150 different languages.

Although the BCP may seem to some to be rather archaic, it's been one of the guiding influences on our language. Many phrases from it have come into everyday use: "till death us do part", "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest", and "peace in our time" are just a few examples, while the BCP form of the Lord's Prayer is still commonly used across the English speaking world. Much more information can be found on the Prayer Book Society website for anyone interested.

A date for your diaries: the Lansallos Fete will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday, 29th July!

Pask Lowen! - Easter Greetings!

#### Polruan In Bloom

from Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports.

It may seem a little early but we wish to give advance notice to all gardeners. It's time to plan your planting ready for the annual Polruan In Bloom competition. We would like to see a bumper entry again this year.

There are two perpetual trophies to win and will be awarded on Regatta Day: The Mulready Trophy:- Display of window boxes, containers and pots.

The Millennium Trophy:- Front gardens and borders.

Entry forms will be available from The Winklepicker from June 6th Judging will take place week beginning 2nd July 2017.



#### Little Harbour.

We've had a very successful 2016 with our book sales with the year's total reaching a magnificent £300. The books on the Blamey shelves in the Reading Room have been changed during the past months; please go and browse. We would be grateful if people would not leave books for us in the Reading Room but contact me instead so they can be stored and not cause inconvenience to Reading Room members. Thank you.

Our next sales will be on March  $7^{\rm th}$ , April  $4^{\rm th}$  and May 2nd from 9.30.a.m. Open Days at Little Harbour continue to be well attended, with many people visiting to see where their fundraising and donations are used. Open Days are on a Monday the next being March 20th and April 24th. Unless there is an emergency admission there are no families staying at Little Harbour on these days when maintenance and staff training happens. A tour by groups or individuals can be booked by telephoning 01726 871800.

Thank you for your continued support. Lynn Bartlett 870536.

#### **Lanteglos Community Bus**

#### **Timetable**

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Truro	22	26

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#### St Saviour Church 125 Festival

The penultimate event of the 125 Festival was our 'Nativity Festival'. We invited local organisations, businesses, families and individuals to make a Nativity scene and there was a very encouraging response. There were prizes for the best Nativity Scenes; this should have been judged by Donna Birrell of Radio Cornwall but when she was unable to come Rev'd John Halkes kindly 'stepped into the breach' and judged them for us. He was impressed by both the number of exhibits and the variety and high standard of these

There were refreshments and a Raffle on December 17th, the only day the festival was 'manned', but the Nativity Scenes and the memorabilia remained until after the 'End-of-Festival' Eucharist on Jan 8th with a pleasing amount of memorabilia sold and encouraging comments from visitors on the 'comments sheets' provided. The final event was the 'End of Festival' Eucharist on Sunday 8th January at 11 a.m. with Bishop Chris. This was followed by a bring-and-share lunch which was most enjoyable. This attracted far fewer than attended the opening service but this was largely due to ill health and to the clash with the Regatta Committee Pantomime trip. However an encouraging number of organisations sent representatives and there has been much positive feedback about the service and about the entire 125 Festival. We were also very pleased to welcome Donna Birrell to this service at which she read one of the lessons

In terms of community involvement with the Festival events the 125 Festival has been a huge success. It was also a financial success with a total profit of £966.25 over the year. You may like to know that the tablecloth raised £139.95 of this — many thanks to Ruth Frizzell for suggesting, organising and embroidering this which we will enjoy using at Parish events for many years to come.

The mugs, bags and tea-towels sold well but we still have some left which are on sale at reduced prices in St Saviour and St Wyllow.

The 125 Festival Committee have been very encouraged by the support the 125 Festival has received from organisations, businesses and individuals in the local community – thank you all, we could not have done it without you!

125 Festival' Committee



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#### POLRUAN YOUTH CLUB

(For Secondary School and College age)

About a dozen youngsters and a similar number of interested adults came to the Launch meeting of the new Youth Club. We had a very useful meeting finding out what the young people want from their Youth Club both in terms of activities at the meetings and trips they would like us to

The first actual Youth Club meeting on February 3rd attracted 15 young people who enjoyed a variety of games and other activities including spending their money at the Tuck Shop! The Youth Club meets in Polruan Village Hall on alternate Fridays in term time from 7-9 p.m. The remaining dates for this term are March 10th and 24th. Weather permitting the meeting on 10th March will be a Night Hike with 24th March as the 'reserve date' for this. The term will end with a disco on 24th March although if the 10th is wet we will have a disco then and hope to go on the Night Hike on the 24th.

We are delighted to have already received a grant of £100 from Polruan Town Trust to buy stock for the Tuck Shop, several donations towards the equipment and materials we need for setting up the Youth Club and to have been promised a donation for this by our Cornwall Councillor, Edwina Hannaford, from her Community Chest - thank you all for your generosity which is much appreciated.

Youth Club Leaders

#### AGE CONCERN

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#### POLRUAN KIDZ KLUB

As mentioned in the last edition of the Parish News, apart from our Teenaged Young Leaders, Kidz Klub is now just for children of Primary School age with children in Reception to School Year 2 meeting from 5.30 - 6.40 p.m. and children in School Years 3 - 6 meeting from 6.45-8p.m. The remaining dates for this term are March 3rd, 17th & 31st. If weather permits the meeting on March 17th will be a Night Hike and both groups will meet at 6.30 p.m. and finish at 8 p.m.

As usual on a Night Hike, children in Reception and School Year 1 will need their own accompanying adult or older teenaged sibling [aged 16+].

The last meeting of term will then be a Disco at which there will be a Tuck Shop. If the weather on March 17th is not suitable for a Night Hike then we will have the Disco that night and hope the weather allows us to do the Night Hike on the 31st! Kidz Klub Leaders

#### POLRUAN VILLAGE HALL

We had an excellent Quiz and Raffle in the Lugger on the evening of Saturday 11th February and raised £187. It was a lovely evening, with a full house and great entertainment from Question Master Ray and special thanks to our hosts, Elaine and Pete.

Those of you who have been in the hall recently will have noticed how much warmer it is, the heating system really does do a great job. We are still awaiting feed-back on our latest grant application but if we are fortunate enough to get a grant to complete the double glazing it will be even warmer!

Bookings are 'up' with the new Youth Club meeting on alternate Friday evenings to Kidz Klub and the school having a regular session too. Both the visiting Art Group and the Vintage Fair have made new bookings for later in the year.

 $Kathryn\ for\ PVH\ Committee$ 



#### LANREATH NEWS

Lanreath Village Shop and Post Office was officially opened in February 2007 by Tim Smit, co-founder of the Eden Project. The shop has gone from strength to strength providing an essential service for both the village and the surrounding district. With the exception of the postmistress and two part time managers, it remains a volunteer supported enterprise. The shop is looking for additional counter volunteers so if you have some spare time and are interested, please speak to Sheila, Mike or Siobhan in the shop. The Little Lanreath Baking Book, compiled by the managers with a variety of recipes donated by customers, is now on sale in the shop, the proceeds going toward maintenance costs. With fund raising in mind, the shop is hosting The Big Mother's Day Community Breakfast on Sunday 26 March at the Village Hall from 9.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome, I think last time a Big Breakfast was hosted, 100 breakfasts were served!

Lanreath Community Spirit will be hosting the May Day celebrations on Sunday 30 April with a full programme including the procession of the May King and Queen and attendants from the hall to the Millennium Green for dancing round the Maypole. The popular attractions of Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and Hog Roast have been confirmed along with stalls and a raffle and music through the afternoon,. The Rally Club will have live music from 7.30 – 9.00pm

The Walking Group meet alternate Monday afternoons at 1.00pm in the Village Hall car park. A new walk, Lerryn to Ethy Woods has been organised for Monday 6 March with a Lostwithiel walk planned for 20 March. If you would like more details, please contact Sally on 01503 220799 or Di on 01503 220577.

Following their local successes, Lanreath Community Choir is planning their first international trip with a visit to northern Spain on 15 October travelling on the Brittany Ferries 'Port Aven'. The trip includes a visit to Bilbao where the choir has been invited to sing at the Guggenheim Art Museum, as well as a day in the mountains of Picos de Europa. If you would like more details, please contact Marion on 01503 220349.

The W.I. held their very popular annual quiz at the beginning of February with 80 competitors joining in the fun.

On 20 January the Village Hall was filled with members of the parish gathering to wish an unsuspecting Ina Silvester a Happy 85th Birthday. Tables groaned with delectable food provided by the community and this was followed by entertainment from the Line Dancers and John White and Siobhan Rawlins. Ina was presented with gift vouchers and a bouquet. To say she was overwhelmed is an understatement!

At church we look forward to welcoming Gary, our new assistant curate, his wife Jane and their son Roger. His appointment will be an invaluable asset to Reverend Marilyn easing her not inconsiderable workload, and to our five parishes as a whole. On Sunday 12 March Helen and Siobhan, our Local Worship Leaders, will be leading our Evening Service at 5.00pm. This is a service with a difference including live music from the Ensemble, it is fun and informal.

Lanreath Neighbourhood Development Plan will be out for public consultation for six weeks from the beginning of March. It will be available on line http:// www.lanreath.com/community/ neighbourhood-plan or hard copies will be available in the shop.

 $Jenny\ Bartram$ 

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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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.

#### More news from Mary Taylor in Australia

Well Christmas is over for another year. It was quite warm here. 35 degrees but we still had our hot lunch. Jim and I had it all ready by 10.30am and had to keep it hot until lunch at 12.15. There were 7 of us for lunch and everyone enjoyed it.

Liz and Kim were in Darwin having Christmas with their two sons and their families. One son is in the army there and the other one went for a holiday. That's the first holiday the family has had in 16 years. Liz said it was very hot and humid. Hanging out washing in the rain just to cool down. It's very hot here at the moment, temperatures in the high 30s, even got to 41 for three days. Summers seem to be getting hotter now.

We keep in touch with people Jim worked for in Cornwall. The Algers (?) of Coombe Farm, which has been sold now and made into several lets. We visited there when we went home for a holiday in 2008. It was a big surprise to see it but they all looked nice.

Plum rang last week and said, 'look out of your lounge room window'. What did we see but black smoke billowing up. The fire was about 1 kilometre away and it was going for about 2 hours before it was safe. It was stubble burning and the Fire Service was there all night to make sure it didn't flare up again.

So sorry to hear about Isabel Pickering. I did enjoy reading her articles and had two of her books sent to us about Polruan. More next time if wanted.

Mary is always happy to hear from people:-Mary Taylor 3 Warren Street Cootamundra New South Wales 2590 Australia

#### Peter Wilson 1932-2017

A funeral Service was held at The Glynn Valley Crematorium on Monday 13th February for Peter Wilson.

As many of our readers will know Peter ran the (much missed) garage in Polruan for many years and his son John gave a fascinating tribute to the years before Peter and Kathy came to Polruan. Of particular interest were the stories of Peter's childhood in India and of all the exciting adventures of his early years.

The occasion was well attended by his large family and by many friends from Polruan. Kath would like to thank everyone for all their help, their kind thoughts and cards and for coming to the funeral.

#### Thank you

Sam & Jan Guy would like to wish everyone a belated Happy and Healthy New Year. We apologise for not sending Christmas Greetings but time overtook us.

Many Thanks to everybody who supported this years Parish Post especially Colin and Shelagh at the Winkle Picker and all the delivery team. A fantastic amount of £200 was raised in support of the Motor Neurone Disease Association

#### From Yvonne Vincent, Greenbank

Rather a belated thank you for all the cards and good wishes I received after my operation, it means a lot.
Thankfully I was given the all clear.

#### From Laura Allen, Cliff Rise

I would like to thank everyone who sent me get well cards and presents after my long stay in Derriford Hospital. I am home now and making steady progress.



## CLOSING DATE MAY-JUNE ISSUE

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#### Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

from the committee.

Our AGM always nudges us into more planning for our summer activities. It will be held on Monday March 6th at 7.p.m. in the community room at the Fire and Rescue Station. We always welcome anyone in the parish who would like to come and hear about our organisation and maybe have suggestions for us to consider. There will be no pressure to join the committee but if you have some time to commit to our activities you would be very welcome. Student members aged 16 and above are especially welcome and there's no upper age limit!

Elsewhere are details of the Polruan In Bloom annual competition and we hope for a bumper entry this coming summer. At our January meeting, after reviewing our Christmas activities, we turned our thoughts to the coming months. The first, planning an outing at the end of April for the children of the Parish. In previous years we have taken the younger children to a different theme park that the younger ones. With a lot less children in the younger age group it is now not viable to do this and so all children, aged reception to Year 11, will have the opportunity to go to Camel Creek Adventure park (the updated Crealy Cornwall). Permission forms will be distributed at the beginning of April.

After much discussion we agreed that the theme for this year's scarecrow competition and traders carnival theme will be musicals. We hope for many more scarecrows this year. Perhaps you could consider joining with neighbours or another family to make a scarecrow. The display and judging date will allow time for children to construct entries during the first week of the school holidays. Entry forms will be available from the beginning of June. As previously there will be two classes of entry: private households and organisations/businesses/ groups. Scarecrows must be in place by Friday 28th July.

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#### **RNLI News**

While we were all celebrating Christmas and the New Year (or recovering from those celebrations!) our lifeboat crews remained on alert keeping safe all at sea. Even on Christmas Eve they were needed – both Fowey volunteer crews were called out that afternoon to a six-metre rib with steering failure off Polperro.

Arriving on the scene at 3.10pm, the all-weather Trent class lifeboat *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* took the rib alongside and the person on the casualty boat was taken on board. The rest of the family, ashore in Polperro, were also take on board and returned to Fowey.

Through an uncomfortable south westerly swell with force 4 winds, the inshore lifeboat crewmembers on D-Class *Olive Two* were tasked to bring the rib back to Fowey. Jamie Gitsham travelled on board the casualty. Jan Philp on the helm, together with Sean Kelly towed the rib back to Penmarlam, where the family were based, and assisted in bringing the rib ashore.

On 4th January, the volunteer crewmembers of the Trent class all-weather lifeboat, *Maurice and Joyce Hardy*, were tasked to rescue the 10-metre fishing vessel *Likely Lad*, which had lost engine power with two persons on board.

The lifeboat took just less than an hour to reach the casualty, which was 12 miles south west of Eddystone lighthouse and 20 miles south east of Fowey harbour.

The casualty was taken under tow and then began a  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hour tow back to Fowey. After three hours, the fishing vessel crew



managed to re-start its engine and were able to drop the tow and return to their home port of Mevagissey.

Closer to home, on the morning of 11th January, an elderly local resident with breathing difficulties urgently needed to get to hospital. However, the ambulance could not reach him at his home on Polruan waterfront. Paramedics arrived by car to attend to the man, but they were unable to take him to the top of the hill where the ambulance was waiting. The RNLI D-class Olive Two was called as the most sensible solution. The man was lowered into the lifeboat on an ambulance chair, and Jan Philp, Jamie Gitsham and Allen Harris took him to Bodinnick ferry slip to meet the ambulance. He was then taken straight to Treliske Hospital.

More recently, on 12th February, while out on a training exercise, the all-weather Trent class lifeboat *Maurice and Joyce Hardy* was diverted to rescue *Pentangle*, a 20ft fishing boat with two people on board, which had broken down two miles off Cannis Rock.

The volunteer crewmembers were with the casualty within 15 minutes of being called and were able to tow the casualty back into Fowey harbour, stopping at Berrill's Yard pontoon for the St Austell Coastguard to speak to the casualty crew. Pentangle and her crew were then towed back to Penmarlam, their home base, while the lifeboat returned to station.

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#### Pelynt and Polruan Academy News

#### From Polruan Academy

Everyone at Polruan academy, in both Canute and Tregeagle class, kicked off 2017 with a big writing focus. Both classes have been writing their own versions of Cinderella. We have all been making puppets and performing puppet shows in preparation for our writing. The puppet shows really brought the pupils' stories alive and got them excited about their writing.

Tregeagle class have been studying the Victorians this term focusing on how children lived their lives during these times. We have been doing all sorts of work around this including portraits of ourselves as Victorian children and making our own documentaries using iMovie on the iPads which we enjoyed a lot. Canute class have been discovering all about life around Polruan.

In the final week of the half term, both classes worked on how to stay safe on the internet as it was Internet Safety Day. We use technology a lot at school so it is important that we know how to use the internet safely.

We also had a visit from the Cornwall Air Ambulance team. The team explained all about the work they do and all about the helicopter. We learned how important the air ambulance is to a rural community like Polruan.

It has been a short but busy and enjoyable term. We are looking forward to spring arriving and better weather!

## From the head boy and head girl at Pelynt Academy - Jack and Erynn

We have started 2017 with some exciting learning at Pelynt Academy. The teachers dressed up and performed the story of The Three Little Pigs. The whole school then wrote their own stories based on The Three Little Pigs and put them on display to show how our writing progresses from Reception to Year 6. When you are older you are more experienced with writing – it improves throughout the years.

In Class 1 the Reception children have been learning about Pelynt. They have visited the butcher at O'Keeffe's and they made burgers, brought them back to school and cooked them for lunch. They also visited the Post Office where they bought their own stamps to put on their letters to post home. Their letters were from made-up seagulls to their parents telling them about the bird's eye view of Pelynt. They also visited the café for a drink and snack and went to the Maddever's farm to learn about the deer, sheep and cows. When they visited the church they managed to ring the bells and Pelynt wondered what was going on! In maths they have been using money to buy their stamps, their drink at the café and their snack each day.

Class 2 have been working on which strategies help them to read, like sounding out words and using the pictures to help you. They have been using money too and have also been learning about odd and even numbers and recognising greater and less than. Their topic has been 'Home Sweet Home' and they have been drawing maps from their own houses to school. They also had a village walk to learn more about the village and help with their maps. They have all made some amazing models too.

In Class 3 they have been learning about eating healthily. They have been learning about different food groups and created their own dishes such as meat balls and spaghetti bolognese. They made different types of bread in a bread-making workshop. Some people put raisins into their bread and others put herbs. In maths they have been learning about length, mass and time and have been usin RUCSAC (Read, Understand, Choose, Solva Answer and Cheek). They have been

Rucsac (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer and Check). They have been using verbs in instruction writing and have been focussing on using punctuation correctly.

Class 4's topic has been 'Beside the Sea' and we have been making sea creature lanterns which we will carry in a parade for St Piran's Day next half term. We have made up our own sea creatures and have been writing about them in nonchronological reports. Ours were a Narcarpus and a JB crab shark! In maths we have been learning about BODMAS (Brackets, Other, Division, Multiplication, Addition and Subtraction). It has helped us to work out difficult and frustrating questions! We went to Looe Community Academy to watch Toad of Toad Hall; it was very funny and inspiring. We are now looking forward to going to Plymouth University on a visit next half term. We are going to do a robot workshop and see some of the best electronics in Devon.

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#### Peter Skellern

14th March 1947 - 17th February 2017

Peter Skellern was born in Bury, Lancashire. He attended Derby High School, Greater Manchester, and studied piano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

He later joined pop groups called Harlem and March Ha He played the organ at St Michael's Church in Bolton during his early years.

Peter first hit song was "You're a Lady" in 1972. The record featured choir-rockers the Congregation, who had recorded the hit "Softly Whispering I Love You" and reached number three on the UK Singles Chart and number 50 in the United States Billboard Hot 100. In France, that same year, the song was covered by folk singer Hugues Aufray under the title "Vous ma lady", followed later in the year by Brigitte Bardot with Laurent Vergez in a duet version released on 3 January 1973. Success for Peter followed three years later with "Hold On to Love" which reached number 14 on the UK chart.

He also sang the theme song to the TV series *Billy Liar*. For three years in the 1970s he worked on BBC Radio 4's *Stop the Week*. A non-charting song, "Too Much I'm in Love", received radio play.

In 1978 Peter had a minor hit with the 1930s song "Love is the Sweetest Thing" (which featured backing by the Grimethorpe Colliery Band), winning the Music Trades Association award for best middle of the road song.

In 1981 he wrote, composed and performed in a series of musical playlets for the BBC called *Happy Endings*. Two years later he hosted the *Private Lives* television chat show. He wrote the lyrics for the song "One More Kiss, Dear" from the 1982 film *Blade Runner*.

In 1984, Peter performed the theme song for the London Weekend Television programme *Me and My Girl*. In the same year, he formed a group called Oasis with cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and Mary Hopkin. The group released a self-titled album in 1984 which earned a silver record. The group performed live on television, but a planned concert tour was cancelled when Mary Hopkin became ill.

In 1987, Peter wrote and performed the theme music and song for the Yorkshire Television series Flying Lady. Peter provided the voice of Carter Brandon in the BBC Radio adaptations of Peter Tinniswood's Uncle Mort's North Country. The show was produced by Pete Atkin. Peter has collaborated with Richard Stilgoe in cabaret and in musical comedy with comic songs such as "Joyce the Librarian". They have released three live albums; A Quiet Night Out, By the Wey and Who Plays Wins.

Many in the parish will remember when they performed together at the Hall for Cornwall. More recently Peter has been writing choral music, including "Waiting for the Word" (which was written for the BBC's Songs of Praise programme of 19 August 2001), Six Simple Carols and The Nativity Cantata written for a Hemel Hempstead choir, the Aeolian Singers. The work was first performed by them in 2004 and has since been recorded.

Peter was choirmaster and organist at St Wyllow and wrote the Gloria, Benedictus and other many pieces which will remain in the repertoire for many years.

In 2016 it was revealed that Peter had developed an inoperable brain tumour and fulfilled a lifelong calling to be ordained in the Church of England. Under a special faculty from the Archbishop of Canterbury he was ordained both deacon and priest on 16 October 2016 by the Bishop of Truro.

Peter was married to Diana and had two children Kate and Tim and five grandchildren.



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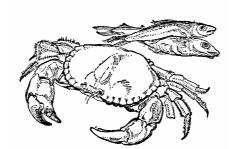
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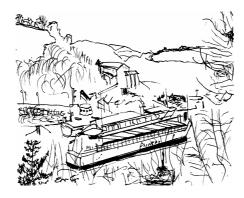
We have all heard, and possibly used the expression "He's swinging the lead again" meaning that he, or she, has not turned up for work or is not doing something properly. Once again this has a nautical derivation. When I first went to sea we had no electronic aids to navigation, no radar, no echo sounder, no GPS, no electronic charts to aid navigation, we relied on a sextant, a chronometer (an accurate clock) and a set of tables.

This was fine until clouds covered the sun during the day or the stars morning and evening. Then we had to rely on dead reckoning or as we used to say "by guess and by God". However one so called aid to navigation was the hand lead line which was a length of line marked at intervals with a 7lb lead at the end. The leadsman stood on a hinged platform on the ship's side held in position by chains and known as The Chains.

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In the attached photo yours truly was showing a junior how it should be done. Incidentally, the lead weight had a hollow bottom which was filled with tallow and when recovered it would show what sort of bottom was there, maybe sand, maybe shells etc. and the navigator would consult the chart to match the finding with what was shown on the chart. Dead Reckoning indeed!!



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#### Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council Report 2013 - 2017

The Council: As the final year of the Council's tenure draws to an end I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all of our Councillors and Clerks both past and present for their input and hard work in ensuring the work of the Parish Council has been carried out to the upmost of our abilities.

For myself having never been a councillor before or Chairman of the council it has been a steep learning curve both in bureaucracy and diplomacy, an education to say the least.

Finally I would wish to thank all of the residents of the parish for their support in advice and assistance given which greatly aids the smooth running of the business of our Parish Council.

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Roger Talling
Julian Shakerley
Andrew Kelly
Clerk to the Council Gillian Thompson

We were saddened by the loss of Cllr Isabel Pickering at the end of 2016; she had been a staunch member of the Council for many years and will be much missed. We extend our thanks to Liz Joliff, Helen Doe, Bernie Wilde and Kevin Francis who have left the Council.

Council Meetings: The Council has met each month both in Polruan and at Whitecross and at the December 2016 we resolved that all future meetings would be held at Whitecross Village Hall on the last Tuesday of each month, with the exception of August, and any additional meetings which will be held in the Polruan WI Hall. We are pleased to see so many members of the public at these meetings. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, and make any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public participation

**Council Committees**: When we came into office in 2013 we recognised that we had a growing number of matters to consider and organised two committees to advise the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Planning Committee. This enabled a group of Councillors to focus, and get training, on particular topics, many of which can at times be quite complex. In 2014 we decided that this was tending to duplicate work and we resolved to dismiss both committees. All matters are now discussed in full Council meetings where decisions are made by the whole Council.

War Memorial: A Working party was set up under the Chairmanship of Gavin Shakerley and a Condition Survey was commissioned. The memorial, which lists the names of the men of Lanteglos by Fowey who died in the two world wars, was funded by public subscription and belongs to the whole parish. We wish to involve as many organisations and individuals as possible in raising funds to refurbish the memorial and to seek ways to commemorate the sacrifices made by the men and the families of this parish. A survey of residents was carried out results of which showed that people were aware of it and believed that it should remain in the churchyard and be improved in situ. Discussions on refurbishment of the memorial are still taking place. A final meeting to decide the repairs took place on February 17th 2017.

Toilets: We knew when we took office in 2013 that the opening and upkeep of these facilities was a priority for residents, and also for visitors. We set up a community project to reopen and refurbish the St Saviours Toilets. Agreement was reached both with the Polruan Town Trust and the National Trust on the drawing up of new leases. The Council has made consistent and strenuous efforts to ensure these facilities remain open. There is a cost element involved in this which is reflected in our precept. In this regard we wish to extend our thanks to the Town Trust for their generous offer of a grant towards the costs of taking over the running of Polruan Quay facilities in 2016. Over the past four years the Council has successfully maintained, cleaned and kept in good condition the three toilet blocks and our thanks go to our contractors, Fran and Michelle. Ongoing projects are the purchase of the St Saviours Toilet Block and refurbishment of Frogmore Toilet Block.

**Highways** (Drains, Footpaths and Potholes, etc.): Owing to funding arrangements, the maintenance and frequency of repair of potholes and drain cleaning, the Council faces an uphill battle with the Local Authority, to deal with what appear to be simple problems. The Council is exploring ways with other parishes to reinstate a lengthsman (roadman) scheme whose task would be to deal with these using such basic tools as a sickle, shovel and iron bar plus that extremely old fashioned term 'Elbow Grease'. We are wary of being saddled with bureaucracy and expensive hydraulic equipment.

**Traffic Enforcement**: At present the old signage is being replaced; unfortunately several property owners do not wish these signs attached to their buildings and alternative sites have to be found. Until the Restricted Parking Zone Signage is fully installed Parking Enforcement Officers will not carry out their allotted tasks. The Council therefore asks all residents of the parish for due care and consideration in their parking habits, combined with ensuring any employees/contractors who are being employed in work in the Parish to be of the same mind-set and that YOU could be in need of that Emergency Vehicle that has been obstructed attempting to reach the accident.

Code of Conduct Training: Councillors have attended the free training run by Cornwall Council Legal Services which is a requirement of holding office. Other Councillors have attended Planning Training and 'How to be a Better Councillor seminars.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan: In 2016 we set up a Steering Group for developing our Neighbourhood Plan in. The group has met regularly and as a result of carrying out an initial survey, a Housing Needs Survey conducted by Cornwall, setting up a 'street stall' at the Whitecross Produce Market, and attending meetings with local residents we know that people are keen to have their ideas heard. Many of these will be incorporated into a more detailed survey that we will commission from Cornwall Rural Communities Charity. We have copies of the Fowey Estuary Management Plan and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Policies for the South East Coast which includes Lanteglos. Both of these documents will have a bearing on any plan that is developed. It may also be necessary to commission a Landscape Characteristic Assessment. We can apply for grant funding up to £9000 to support development of the plan and have already been granted £2500. Once the plan is written it then has to be agreed through a local referendum. If the vote is in favour the Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' and cannot be ignored when planning applications are decided.

Governance: As part of our duties we have reviewed all paperwork and a majority of policies have been revised as necessary, accepted and signed off. Cllrs Wakeham and Adams have worked on revising and updating the Assets Register with the deletion of old benches and the addition of replacement photographs, toilets and noticeboards, etc. We have reviewed both our Banking and Insurance arrangements and in both instances have recommended changes to be made. We have a new Communications Policy. Our former Internal Auditor, Mr Brian White, retired and we thank him for his services to the Council. We welcomed Mr Ken Abraham but he has also now retired due to health problems and we have appointed Hudson Accounting Ltd in his place.

In October 2016 the Council introduced the Openness and Filming Guide as we felt the use of edited and unauthorised video recordings of our meetings was intimidating to members of the public who actively objected to being filmed and recorded and the results then being published on Social Media.

**Defibrillator**: Two defibrillators have been purchased for the Parish, the first on Polruan Quay purchased by the Town Trust and the other bought by the Council. For the sum of £1.00 the Council bought the redundant red telephone box at the bottom of Bodinnick Hill. At one time the Bodinnick defibrillator was intended to go there but is now on the wall of the Old Ferry Inn with the permission of the proprietor. The telephone box itself has now been converted into the Bod Box, a lending library, by an enthusiastic resident; this is proving popular and is stocked by donations from residents.

Partnership: We have endeavoured where ever possible to work closely with other organisations in the Parish and look forward to continuing to work with them for the good of the whole community. The Parish Council along with Cornwall Councillors is up for election in May. At present the Council is short of one Councillor and we need a strong Council to represent the Parish and all its interests.

Meanwhile thank you for your support and please continue to come to our meetings as we value your input and again, thank you everybody for all of your assistance during the past four years.

Cllr John Adams Chairman Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council Cllr Dr Pat Moore, Retired Chairman Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

#### Planning Applications -

i. PA16/10410, Kits House, Mixtow -

alterations to main house inc. 2 no. new

windows in rear elevation, block 2 no.

windows on east elevation and replacement of veranda slate roof with safety glass roof. Construction of outbuilding in car park to provide 3 bay boat store with lobby and stair to manager's apartment over -

ancillary to main residence. Members

**OBJECTED** on the grounds of over

development, poor access for vehicles, especially when towing boats, and loss of parking for a property of this size. Members would support improvements to the main house.

ii. PA17/00036, and PA17/00037.
Yeate Barn, New Road, Fowey –
replacement of windows and doors.

Members SUPPORTED this application.

- iii. <u>PA17/00146, The Secret House, 57 Fore Street, Polruan</u> remove a large multi-stem sycamore trees in a Conservation Area. Members had **NO OBJECTION**.
- iv. <u>PA17/00273</u>, <u>The Moorings</u>, <u>Old Road</u>, <u>Bodinnick</u> notification of proposed works to a tree in a conservation area. Members **SUPPORTED** this application.
- v. <u>PA17/00670</u>, <u>Pont Pill Quay</u>, <u>Lanteglos</u> application for LBC for proposed replacement to footbridge using English oak and traditional carpentry methods. Members **SUPPORTED** this application.

#### STOP PRESS Potential Sale of Cornwall Council Properties in Polruan

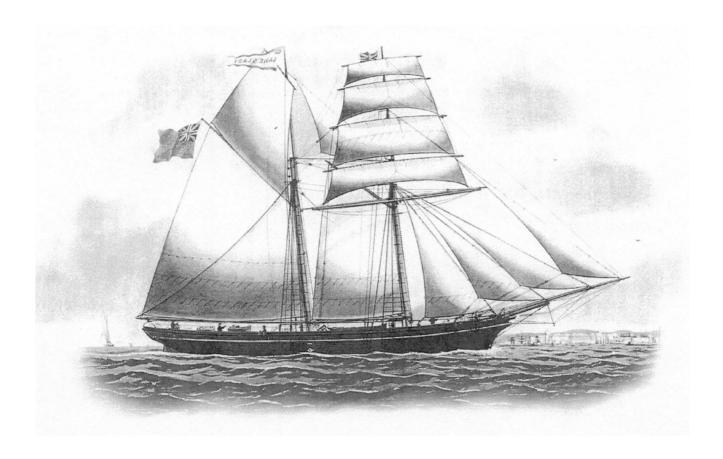
Some of us will be aware that over the years Cornwall Council has acquired several properties in the village which are let to tenants. It came to the notice of the Parish Council that several of these are to be disposed of.

We were not aware of this and are opposed to the disposal of any properties in the old heart of the village which will inevitably become second homes, when we know from the Housing Needs Survey which was recently undertaken that there are 24 residents who have identified themselves as being in housing need.

I have been in negotiation with Cllr Edwina Hannaford, our local member, Mrs Sheryll Murray, MP, and Mr Adrian Pengelly, Director of Assets, Cornwall Housing, with the request that any of these disposals or any future disposals are put into abeyance until such time as we have been able to discuss possible ways forward and our own Neighbourhood Plan is established. We cannot afford to lose affordable housing in the village nor do we wish to lose anything further from its heart.

Cllr Pat Moore Chairman Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

# ~JANE SLADE



#### The Jane Slade Project

The Russell Inn was crowded at lunchtime on Sunday 5th February for the launch of the Jane Slade Project. The project is being headed by Nikki Alford who owns and runs 'Bessie Ellen', one of Britain's last wooden coasting ketches, which has Fowey as her home port and Sean McLaughlin. The scope and aims of the project were very well shown in a presentation which we have reproduced below. We are hoping to include a regular piece in the Parish News with updates on the progress of this exciting venture.

#### The Original Jane Slade

The schooner Jane Slade was built here in Polruan and launched in 1870. She was named after the owner of the boat yard. Jane Slade ran the shipyard (the only woman doing this in Cornwall) was landlady of the Russell Inn and owned shares in a number of ships. In an era when women didn't have the vote and when the tough worlds of seafaring, boatbuilding and public houses were dominated by men the lady who did all of this must have been a force of nature!

The ship was designed for the fruit trade meaning she had to be fast - to get the best prices and arrive before the fruits were past best - no refrigeration in those days! Despite sailing the world, her home was always the Fowey River and the profits she generated came back to the local community.

In those days shipping was very much part of daily life for families of the Fowey Estuary and the surrounding area. Ships came from all over the world to load clay, tin, slate and other Cornish goods. They brought in timber for pit props, coal and fruit from faraway lands. The ports of Par, Charlestown and Fowey sent folk to sea as Captains and crew. On land there were shipping agents, cargo and insurance brokers. Many women, especially wives of Masters, looked after accounts and paperwork and some became major shareholders.

Community involvement extended beyond building and sailing the ships. It was not unusual to find parsons, farmers or grocers purchasing shares to build the ships seeking (hopefully) some dividends at the end of each year.

#### Daphne du Maurier and The Loving Spirit

In 1927 as a young woman visiting Fowey, Daphne met the schooner Jane Slade for the first time. Sadly, the original ship had finished her working life and lay decaying in the mud in Pont creek. Despite the look of the forlorn vessel, Daphne could see the history, romance and heritage that those timbers held, and was equally fascinated by the elegant figurehead depicting a woman.

Locals told her that this was Jane Slade a local Polruan business lady and this led the author to research the life of the schooner and of the Slade family. This history formed the basis for her first novel 'The Loving Spirit'. With a little artistic license The Loving Spirit was, in essence, the story of the Schooner Jane Slade and of the impact that these ships had on their owners, their crews and on the surrounding community.

We want to bring back some of this past. Not just for the sake of its interesting history but because there is real modern value in some of the things that the old Schooners represented.

The new ship will look very like the old one, around 100 feet long with a beam of around 23 feet. She will share the same pretty lines and of course she will also be driven by the wind. It is also important that she is fit for the challenges of today.

#### The New Jane Slade

#### She will be built of steel rather than wood.

This means that she will require less maintenance, be more versatile and importantly that she will be compliant with modern maritime and safety regulation.

#### She will be a sailing ship but with an engine for manoeuvring or where it is impractical to sail.

The fact that the engine will be very much secondary propulsion will mean that the new Jane is also kind to our planet. We will be working hard to make sure that the mechanical propulsion is as eco-friendly as possible when it is in use.

#### She will be adaptable.

We are already planning a number of different roles for the new ship so she needs to be flexible enough for those. Just as importantly we want her to be here long after we have gone so she needs to be able to live up to the challenges of the future as well.

#### The New Jane Slade - What will she do?

The new ship will carry cargo and passengers.

She will be the host of maritime training providing traditional sail training and modern certifications for those setting out on a career at sea.

She will also attend festivals and will be available for film work.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the BBC could follow Poldark with the Loving Spirit?

We are already talking to some local businesses about the potential for the new ship to be commissioned to carry their cargo around the UK coast or across to Europe.

The new Jane Slade will need to earn her living so it is important that she is flexible enough to adapt to the challenges of the next hundred years.

#### What does this mean for the local area?

We intend to set up a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** and register this as a charity. This is how the ship will be owned and operated.

Whist we wont be offering shares to the local community in the way it was done in the 1800s (too much financial services regulation for that to work nowadays!) we want local people to feel that they have a stake in the vessel.

The first challenge is to raise the money to build her. Once we have the company and charity in place we hope that the local community will join us in the hard work needed to do that.

We think it is important that the new ship is built as close to the site where the old one was. That makes it a job for **Polruan**, hopefully with as many local boatbuilders employed in working on her hull as possible.

Important as the hull is, there will be as much work to do on fitting her out once she is launched and that's a job for the boat builders, engineers, riggers and sailmakers of the area.

Once she is built she will be operated from here so lots more to do and we hope to see local people on board as crew and passengers.

She will also be part of the **local tourist attraction** providing a tangible link to the Du Maurier stories through the literary festival, being another attractive sight in the river and we hope she will also be a central part of the Regatta each year.





#### **Isabel Pickering**

From the family

Isabel's family would like to thank all of you for coming to share with us in honouring Isabel, laying her to rest and wishing her well on her next journey.

She is deeply loved by all of her family and friends, she has had a full and wonderful life, supporting and inspiring us all. Our lives are much richer for knowing her. She has been a loving and supportive wife, sister, mother, grandmother, mother in law, friend. She has contributed so much to her family and also to her community and the world making it a better place for all of us.

She has been a powerful role model in her courage, passion and open minded, non judgement and acceptance of others. She has left a wonderful legacy of her dedicated years as a historian recording local history in her books and research and has fought tirelessly to protect our beautiful world though her charity and political activism, not being afraid to challenge what needed challenging and support those who needed her help...

She was the most amazing, wonderful, adorable, huge hearted, loving, forgiving, compassionate, positive, strong, joyful woman, who cared deeply for us all right until the end of her life. She will be deep missed; we were blessed to have her in our lives.

#### Isabel Pickering: An Appreciation

From Helen Doe

Isabel is known to many for her eager pursuit of historical information about her adopted home of Lanteglos by Fowey. Her work over the years was quite rightly recognised by the Cornish Bards. It was a long overdue recognition.

I first met Isabel in my early teens and I have a clear recollection of her warmth and encouragement as I tentatively expressed an interest in local history. Over the years she continued that encouragement and she was a major influence when I was writing my first book, Jane Slade of Polruan. Her generosity in sharing her research helped me enormously and I count her among my key mentors, just as she acknowledged others who helped her such as Barbara Guernier and Ward Jackson. Later we became collaborators swapping information and books. Always modest, Isabel had no idea just how influential she was.

It is easy to forget in these days of instant access via online collections such as Ancestry and Findmypast, just what it was like previously. Nothing was online and all census material and much else was held in London. Getting information meant repeated trips to Truro to the Cornwall Record Office and up to London to the archives: Somerset House, Chancery Lane and Kew. Also in Truro is the Courtney Library where Isabel almost took up permanent residence and ruined at least one laptop in her transcription of the local newspapers for her invaluable book Some Goings On! Her late husband Bob was a great supporter, taking photographs of maps and key documents. Oral history is a demanding and time consuming task, but Isobel spent hours capturing and then transcribing the memories of many local residents adding colour and essential information to the records.

Her many publications over the years, her regular exhibitions, guided walks, contributions to the local newspapers and talks have all helped residents and visitors to appreciate the parish history. Many family researchers across the world contacted Isabel who was always welcoming and generous with her time and information. She was a key member of the Fowey History Group, the Cornwall Association of Local Historians and a founder member of the Fowey Harbour Heritage Society who made her a lifetime member. She continued to share and encourage throughout her life and many people were immensely grateful for her time.

Over 20 years ago, Isabel featured in a Westcountry TV programme about seafaring in Polruan and I was invited to watch the editing process. I can recall the producer commenting on Isobel's wonderful face and how it was perfect for the screen. We will miss her enthusiasm, dedication to her subject and that warm and lovely smile.

#### NEWS FROM NIGERIA

I recently received the following letter from Kathleen and Daniel:

We can't believe we have been at Vom for 2 months. We are nicely settled and have had visitors staying in the repaired guest room. We have been invited to join the staff of the Hospital once a month for united prayer. They have their departmental prayer meetings daily. Daniel is on the roster for 15 mins talk on the wards. We were asked to continue the weekly Bible Study Howard and Pip had in their house. We need wisdom to know how much we should do as we have lots of jobs with the Sponsorship Scheme, Block industry, TEE [Theological Education by Extension] books to edit and answering

e-mails and visitors. Please pray for Vom as there are many difficulties but the Doctor is a godly man, called of God to be here.

We are pleased to report that 3 of the houses are now being lived in and the 4th one will soon be ready. We still sell a few blocks but many say they want, but have no money. We hope we might build some more houses next month but we will see what God has planned for us.

News of the NE is a bit better and folks are moving back to some areas. We hear at Gwoza 500 meet on a Sunday and a Pulka, a few miles from Gwoza another 500 join the soldiers for a service. The Government have started to rebuild a few Churches, Police and Soldiers Barracks. We will see what these next few months hold. From time to time we still hear of suicidal bombers in various places.

One thing to praise God for is that 4 of the elderly people whom we thought were dead have been taken by the soldiers from Ngoshe Glavda, where we used to live, to Maiduguri. One of them is a close relative of Daniel's, a lady who was always ill. The Plateau is quiet but Kaduna State is not very good news. A bus load of very young children were taken from the Northern States to cause problems on the Plateau. One of the Soldiers or Police stopped the bus as it was entering Jos and as far as we know the children have been returned to their families.

So life goes on and we praise God. I had to have a biopsy on my ankle but Praise God it was not cancerous. It is almost healed. Thanks for your emails, Christmas Cards, books and magazines. But most of all for your prayers and love and support, God bless

Daniel and Kathleen

I have also been forwarded a link to an article in The Spectator about the situation in Northern Nigeria which makes rather grim reading. There are a number of stories of soldiers being near enough to see attacks by Fulani herdsmen and not doing anything to help those attacked. Furthermore they report arms being dropped into Fulani areas from military helicopters quickly followed by armed attack by the Fulani.

The link is: www.spectator.co.uk/2017/02/who-will-protect-nigerias-northern-christians/

Sadly Nigeria today is very different to the country I lived and worked in for some 20



#### 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.

She contributed to practically every issue of the Lanteglos Parish News for 14 years and this 104 page book collects together her articles forming a unique record of life in this parish.

The perfect gift for anyone who loves Polruan

The last few copies of Memories of Polruan are available-£5.00 incl p&p UK Also at The Winklepicker

(Cheques to be made payable to Lanteglos PCC)

From Lanteglos Parish News 1 St Saviours Hill, Polruan, Cornwall PL23 1PR





#### Frogmore Farm

Lots of lambs are running around in the fields now. They look quite fit as they race around playing and skipping. Blackie the pet sheep had two jet black lambs this year. Sometimes she has one black lamb and one perfectly white one. The quads were safely delivered. Jess and Lorna had to assist her because the second lamb was coming backwards. All the lambs were a good size. We mixed up some colostrum in a bottle and gave them all a feed to help them off to a good start. Mum was so good and patient feeding them herself for a few days. We gave her a daily dose of vitamins and minerals to keep her healthy. Then after two weeks Mum started behaving very oddly. She started biting the lamb's tails, The tail of an animal has quite a big blood vessel in it so this was causing heavy bleeding. We asked the vet what was causing this odd behaviour, she suggested giving her some vitamins, we were already. We put some sheep licks and a huge block of salt in her pen but the biting continued. Then we gave her an iodine and cobalt treatment. That seemed to stop it for a while.

At three weeks old we were giving bottles of milk to them several times a day. Now we have put Mum and two lambs into the field and the other two are tame lambs along with six others who for one reason or another were not getting enough milk from their Mothers. The second lambing flock have now been housed. They are due to start soon.

The cows house has been filling up with little brown calves. They have mostly been born without assistance. My favourite cow who I call little brown girl had to be helped. Her calf was coming backwards and needed help urgently. Luckily help was on hand and her calf was born alive, within half an hour it was standing up and trying to have a drink.

One Saturday three calves were born, the strange thing was they were all black instead of brown. One Mum was a white cow, one grey and one black and white. Considering that the black cows had brown calves like their Dad Frank the Bull it seemed strange to have three little black ones.

I wondered if the cows had somehow strayed into our neighbours field to visit his Angus bull but Simon said "No not possible" We are waiting with great interest to see what colour will be born next.

We are hoping to go to Hallworthy market to buy some more cattle. Quite a lot have been sold for meat through the Winter and we have to keep the cattle numbers up. Last time we went to market we only managed to buy three young steers. Hopefully this week we will have more luck.

Simon and Ben are now waiting impatiently for the fields to be dry enough to plant the Spring barley and oats. The seed corn is waiting in the shed along with the fertiliser, now we need a bit of warm sunshine.

Gill Palmer



#### Fowey Library & One Stop Shop

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<u>Lego Club</u> – Tuesday afternoons 3.30-4.30 for 5-10 year olds during term time.

10-10.45.

Sign with Caroline Oldman on Thursdays

 $\frac{\text{Mobile Library}}{18^{\text{th}}} - \text{Tuesdays} \ 21^{\text{st}} \, \text{March} \ \& \ 18^{\text{th}} \, \text{April} \ \text{at} \ 12.05\text{-}12.25 \ \text{at} \ \text{Lanteglos} \\ \text{Highway} \, \text{Old} \, \text{Chapel} \ \text{and} \ 13.35\text{-}14.15 \ \text{at} \\ \text{Polruan Fire Station.} \ \text{You can also use} \\ \text{the Micro Library situated in the Ship Inn} \\ \text{pub in Lerryn!} \\$ 

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!

Those of you who have a Facebook account remember to check out Cornwall Libraries Facebook page for quotes, posters, information for library events and reading suggestions!

Our 4 week free Ipad/Tablet course starting on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> is already full but do let us know if you would like us to put your name down for a future course.

We are hoping to start Family History Research sessions at Fowey Library alternate weeks so do watch this space for further information. In the meantime anyone can use the Find My Past website in the library free of charge any time that the library is open.

We have supplies of recycling bags and boxes at Fowey OSS (all free) and seagull sacks (capacity for 3 black sacks) at a cost of £3.50 each.

We are sorry but we are unable to process initial subscriptions or renewals of Garden waste bins and permits at the One Stop Shop as these can now be done online or over the phone (see Council website for further details).

Vicky, Alli and Pauline

Our normal opening hours are: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30–5. We are closed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Tel: 03001234111 Email: fowey.library@cornwall.gov.uk

#### Dick Whittington and his Marvellous Cat



Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" applies to pantomimes as much as weddings and Tony Cottrell's 'Dick Whittington and his Marvellous Cat" lived up to this.

It might be unfair to describe Sue Sainsbury, Tessa Skola, Dan Hicks, Andrew Kelly and Kevin Francis as 'old' but they are certainly veterans whose expertise shone through comparative small roles and helped to make the production the polished gem that it was.

We were especially lucky that Barbi Cummings was sufficiently recovered from a long illness to be able to take the part of 'Mother' when Mary Rashleigh was indisposed. The 'new' applied to four little rats; while Rosie Bate and Lily Carmichael have appeared briefly in other shows, Thomas Bawden and Alice Durrand were completely new to the company and show future star quality.

New as well but, judging from the audience reaction. showing current star quality were Hans Wehmeyer and Johnny Barley who arguably stole the show as Tom and Harry, two 'nincompoops' who invented a mobile phone centuries before

the real thing and their rendition of 'Tongue-Tied' stopped the show. As the young lovers, Jamie Wilcock as Dick showed his considerable prowess as both singer and actor while Amy Bawden was a picture-book heroine and 'cabin boy. The other part of the title- the Marvellous Cat' was played by super-cool Oskar

Carmichael as Orlando, a vision in orange! Transported to Morocco, Jasper Carmichael, Phil Carrick and Charlie Courtney made up the court of the Sultan, Robert Slack to whom we must be particularly grateful as he often commuted from Bristol to come to rehearsal! Yet again, Lorraine Forsdick provided admirable accompaniment and an original song' I'm a rat' that Tessa relished.

Once again, Ray Rigg build an ingenious set, featuring a Cheshire Cat-like head, operated by Cameron Smith, Sam Tanner again lent his expertise to sound and lighting while Wendy Tomlin once more proved a tower of strength as wardrobe mistress, box officer manager and stage manager but now with Chris Bailey, a very welcome addition to the company. As for the 'borrowed' and 'blue', you can't really have a pantomime script without a touch of both!

While audiences were disappointing in number- what better entertainment than a live panto??!, the reaction was fantastic and those who did see it deemed it the 'best ever', so there may just be another....



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# OWEY ESTUARY





#### 'Be Prepared' for the boating season

The boating season is fast approaching, our moorings team have been busy completing mooring maintenance and getting the pontoons ready for Easter, the view of Albert Quay pontoon outside the harbour office window will be a welcome sign that the summer is on its way again.

After the cold and dark of winter, we are always keen to get our boats back on the water, but please take some time to prepare your boat and check your kit which has probably been safely stored away since the autumn.

Regular servicing of safety kit such as lifejackets and liferafts is essential. Take advantage of the annual free Lifejacket Clinic held at the Fowey Gallants Sailing Club on Saturday 11th March 0930-1300 and remember to check the expiry dates of flares and first aid kits.

Our team of engineers at Mixtow Marine are on hand to carry out maintenance to your boats and engines and you'll find all you need in our well-stocked chandlery.

Follow these tips to help keep you safe on the water: check the weather forecast before embarking on any sea related activities check the tide-times of high and low water plan your activity and keep within your ability and experience ensure you have suitable safety equipment and / or personal protective equipment for your chosen activity (life jackets, flares, liferaft, wetsuit, sunglasses, first aid kit, VHF radio, navigational aids) wear suitable clothing (have warm clothing and waterproofs to hand, the weather at sea can change quickly) tell someone of your destination (advise family or friends of what you plan to

do, where you are departing from, travelling to, number of persons and expected time of arrival)

□ log a traffic report with the local Coastguard check your equipment to ensure it is in good working order (service the engine, check the expiry date of your flares)

ensure all crew members and / or people in the group are aware of safety procedures and know what to do in an emergency

We look forward to seeing you out on the water and wish you an enjoyable and safe boating season

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#### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 28th March AGM & Talk - History of the Fowey Tugs and Harbour Vessels

By Capt. Mike Sutherland

Time: 7.30pm

Meet: Royal Fowey Yacht Club Cost: Free to members, £2.50 for non-

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#### Friday 24th March 2017 at Fowey Parish Hall, Brown's Hill PL23 1BT.

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FHHS will hold their AGM in May and Guided walks will begin again in after Easter.

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#### IN THE GARDEN

#### The month ahead

March is usually a peak month for gardening, full of promise and as yet few disappointments. On fine days, when the air is bracing and the ground reasonably dry underfoot, most forms of cultivation are possible and there is a variety of plants ready for sowing or planting.

However, one important rule should be observed: never work the soil when it is wet and sticky. If clods of earth stick to your feet as you walk over the ground you will do more harm than good. On fine days, when you can walk over the ground without your shoes becoming muddy, it is possible to kick or hoe the soil clods so that they break into fine fragments. Conditions are then right for cultivation, sowing and planting.

#### **General Tasks**

Whenever conditions are favourable get on with outdoor tasks, particularly anything of a constructional nature. Tidy tool sheds; replace or repair tools as necessary.

Wash out pots and seed trays in readiness for next month's sowing.

Order seeds and plants for spring delivery.

#### Trees and Shrubs

Prune shrubs which normally carry their flowers from midsummer onwards, on shoots made during the current year. Plant deciduous hedges when the weather is mild. Cut back and 'lay' overgrown hedges.

Firm back newly planted shrubs which have been lifted by frost.

#### Climbers

Cut last season's growths of *Clematis x jackmanii* back to 12-18 in. (30-45 cm) from the ground. On other clematis remove frosted, dead or broken shoots and shorten others to prevent overcrowding.

#### Spring planting

In the flower garden most perennials can be transplanted within the next few weeks, including trees, shrubs, conifers, herbaceous plants, and rock plants.

Unless the ground was manured in autumn, take out planting holes for shrubs and trees rather larger and deeper than seems necessary, then fork over the subsoil and work in plenty of well rotted organic material such as manure or garden compost or moist peat mixed with bonemeal.

Cover this with soil and set each tree or shrub in place - with the roots well spread out in the case of leafless, bare-rooted deciduous specimens, but retaining the ball of soil round the rootstocks of evergreens.

Fill the planting hole in with soil, firming it well with the feet; leave the soil mound slightly higher than the surrounding ground, because it always settles after a while. Standard trees should be staked at the time of planting.

#### Planting a tree:

mark out the site; take out a sufficiently large hole; spread out the roots; insert stake before planting; return soil and tread firmly, tying tree to stake.



#### Planting Hanging Baskets

Insert a plastic saucer at the base of a wiremesh or coir-lined basket to retain some of the moisture when you water, and add water retention gel to the compost; hanging baskets quickly dry out on a windy day.

Stand the basket on top of a bucket for stability, and half-fill it with the compost mix.

Starting at the bottom, carefully push small plants from the outside through the mesh or opening in the fibre.

Add more compost as you work your way up the sides, and top it off with the largest plants; be generous, cram in the plants, work the compost in between the rootballs, leaving a slight gap at the top.

Water the basket gently but thoroughly The level of the compost should drop to leave it a 2cm-4cm (lin-2in) gap at the top.

Hang it in a frost-free greenhouse until May, when all danger of frost has passed.

Thereafter, dead-head the plants, water daily, and feed them with a liquid feed, such as tomato fertiliser.

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#### Weather for Gardeners

Stronger warmth from the sun, lengthening days and shortening nights mean that soil temperatures begin to increase appreciably during March. As a result plant roots react to the warmer conditions, and signs of spring can be seen in the garden.

An early spring may be a mixed blessing, especially if it is followed by a return of cold winds: March winds may help to dry out the soil, but they can be harmful to tender plants. Gardens which are well sheltered and have a southern aspect are those which show the earliest growth at this time of the year.

Gentleness is a feature not often experienced in a British April, which is far more likely to be a tomboy in behaviour, with rain and sunshine - both together!

From the gardener's point of view, the typical April showers are welcome because they provide the ideal treatment for young plants whose roots are still shallow and which need frequent refreshment with small amounts of rain.

Careful watering in late spring can work wonders in the garden: 'The top two inches of soil are most important, look after them'. And if April showers are not sufficient to keep the topsoil moist, follow the advice 'Although it rain, throw not away thy wateringpot'.

A garden will lose more than two gallons per square yard (almost ten litres per square metre) each week by evaporation and transpiration in April - and more in later months.

The main weather danger in April is a spell of cold weather such as the 'blackthorn winter', and few areas escape night frosts except those very close to the coast. Such frosts will always be more severe over dry ground, and again frequent watering is good gardening practice.

The consolation for inclement spring weather is that better days must follow:

`What April cannot do, May will do all day'.

Most of our summer visitors, the migratory birds, arrive this month, and 15th April is known as Swallows' Day for this reason. 'When martins appear, winter has broken'.

## WHITECROSS GARDENING CLUB

March 16<sup>th</sup>
"Garden medicine"
Nick Bacon

A welcome return to Nick who will tell us about the weird and wacky world of garden medicine. Prepare to be amused!

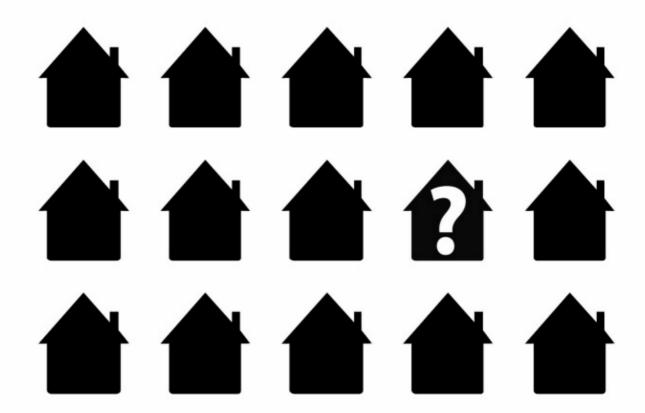
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#### NEWS FROM THE TOWN TRUST

In the December meeting the Trustees decided to leave Car Parking charges as they have been previously. There is a change in concessionaire of the St Saviours Hill Car Park from 1st March 2017 to Maurice Libby.

The re-roofing of the Hearse House has been completed and new lights are on order for the St Saviours Hill Car Park. The new ticket machines have arrived and will shortly be installed in the St Saviours Hill Car Park. This includes one [which will be sited adjoining the Office] which can take notes as well as coins.

We have been successful in finding a contractor who will re-line the Quay Car Park and this should be done shortly but this will necessitate a days closure of the Car Park which will be notified.

We have finally received a response from South West Water relevant the Quay and are now in further negotiations on this matter.

The AGM of the Town Trust will take place on 10th April 2017 at 7pm at the WI Hall, Fore Street, Polruan. There are two vacancies for Trustees. All residents [aged 18 and over] of the area of benefit are welcome to attend and are eligible to stand as a Trustee. As usual if you have any questions, comments or requests regarding Town Trust matters please approach the Clerk or any of the Trustees.



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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

## Early Monday morning and NOT BEFORE!

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Colin and Ana on Ithaka are now back in Stanley, Falklands after several weeks exploring the islands. They are preparing the boat for the next long ocean passage. Here are a couple of the YIT reports sent out during their time on the islands.

February 2, 2017

Location: 51 18.573s 060 14.532w

Anchored at The Neck, Saunders Island The wind finally abated, and the sun was out! We had a lovely sail to this anchorage, through the protected waters provided by many islets and escorted, as ever, by a group of Comersons Dolphins, known locally and rather sadly, I think, because they are so beautiful, as puffing pigs. What a sight met us as at The Neck! The anchorage is on the south side of a low lying isthmus with beautiful white sandy beaches to either side. It was like Bondi Beach on a hot, summer, local holiday. Thousands of penguins everywhere, stepping on each others toes, running after their mothers, preening, feeding the kids, scratching themselves, or just taking it easy. Gentoo, Magellanic, King and Rockhopper. On the grassy sloped rising up from the sea to the east, is a nesting site for Black Browed Albatross. The large, fluffy, grey chicks were sitting pretty on their cylindrical, one bird nests, and the parents were taking turns to soar the updraft on the long smooth hill, their 2.5 metre wings rigid in the evening breeze. All in the space of a mile, and the inhabitants not the least bit concerned about our presence. What a very special place. It makes us feel so very privileged.

#### Ithaka in the Falklands



February 11, 2017 Location: 51 34.644s 059 02.001w

Anchored off San Carlos Settlement, East Falkland San Carlos Waters is where, on 21st May 1982, 3000 British Infantry were landed to re-take the Falklands from Argentina. We sailed up the waters aware of the significance of this event to the Falklanders of today; past the North Cardinal mark marking the wreck of the British Frigste, HMS Antelope, sunk by an Argentine Skyhawk; past the old mutton warehouse at Ajax Bay, used by the British forces in 1982 as a field hospital which treated British and Argentine wounded, and finally to the anchorage in Bonner Bay. We rowed ashore and visited the British Cemetery. Here are 15 graves laid out neatly, surrounded by flowers. The cemetery is surrounded by a circular stone wall about 1.5 metres high, the same as corrals used for livestock, throughout the Falklands, A Union Jack flies above the corral

On the back wall are plaques listing those other men whose lives were lost in the campaign but whose graves remain the waters next to this place. Some 220 are listed

Back in the centre of the settlement a "Museum" sign hung on a simple steel portacabin. Half was dedicated to the wildlife and the farming life of the settlement and half to the conflict. We spent an hour browsing through the exhibits. A rapier sea to air missile. A cluster bomb, guns, rations, a tin hat, photos including one of Corporal Lawrence Watts, 42 Commando, Royal Marines, beside his foxhole at Port San Carlos shortly after the landings. His face smiled out at me stirring distant memory. We were Sea Scouts together in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. He looked the same, just a little older, moustached and the Sea Scout sailors cap had been replaced by a green beanie. He was killed 3 weeks later in the assault on the Argentine held position on Mount Harriet, a few days before the end of the conflict.

We met John and Sharon, in their smart green wooden house overlooking the bay. We accepted their offer of tea and stayed another two hours learning about their life in this remote settlement. As with all the islanders we have met, they are self sufficient, self motivated and enjoy their isolation. They are eternally grateful to Britain for their liberation following the Argentine invasion, which has allowed them to retain their country, their culture and their way of life.

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As your Cornwall Councillor, I am keen to hear your views on a range of topics so I can concentrate my efforts on the issues that are important to you.

I'm delighted to announce that the Whitecross Local Produce Market and Village Hall Committee have offered me the use of the back room in the village hall at Whitecross, Bodinnick for an additional councillor surgery.

This supplements my surgery in the Community Room at the Fire Station in Polruan on the last Friday of the month.

The surgery at Whitecross is also a chance to buy some delicious local produce and meet for a chat.



## Campaigning to keep Lanteglos roads maintained

Holding Cornwall Highways to account-for keeping the streets clean and tidy and the rural roads safe is a major part of my job. I have been lobbying hard to make sure the roads are maintained and drains kept clear. Although there is still more to do, I have been working with the Parish Council to ensure the drains at Pont and Essa are kept clear and in good working order and keeping the paths clear at Greenbank. You can report a pothole by emailing me or using the Cornwall Council website reporting form.

#### **Bones Meadow Path**

I have been working with the Parish Council and the developers to ensure the surface of the Bones Meadow Path has a safe clean surface, that the risk of flooding is minimised and that future maintenance programme is agreed.

After meeting on site the developer, he has been charged with providing detailed proposals for approval.

But I can confirm that the surface treatment will be tarmac and that drainage channels and a soakaway will be included.

#### **Battery Park access**

I have been working with residents to try and find a way to improve the state of the road surface into Battery Park, which is a private road. I am collating the list of householders and hope to hold a public meeting in the new year to find a way forward.

#### Help shape the future of Lanteglos Parish

Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council is formulating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish, which will give local people more say in how their community develops in future.

I'm pleased to be supporting the creation of this plan - it is a major undertaking, which will require active support from the Community as a whole. When it's written, the plan has to be agreed through a local referendum, in which everyone on the electoral roll gets a vote.

If the vote is in favour, the Neighbourhood Plan is `made' in law and cannot be ignored when planning applications are decided. The plan can control the way that land is used for housing, business, shops and leisure.

It could also protect green spaces and influence the design of buildings and estates, tackle difficult issues and support the things that make Lanteglos Parish such a great place to live, work and visit.

#### **Community Chest Grants**

I'm delighted to have supported the following local groups and organizations with grants from my community chest.

Polruan Coastwatch - awning blinds

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Polruan School} \text{ - storage equipment for} \\ \textbf{parent \& toddler group} \end{array}$ 

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