December 2019/January 2020

The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

Marilyn's Musings

What an eventful year it has been, a rollercoaster of life events – baptisms, weddings and funerals – times of great joy and times of deep sadness.

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

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

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

To use Archbishop Justin's words: Christmas is, for many, a busy time of year filled with the joys of carol singing, presents and celebrations with family and friends. For others, Christmas can be a lonely time shaped by sadness and memories.

Christmas can also be a time to pause and reflect, in fact, that's one of the ways we can unwrap the true gifts of Christmas – a moment of peace in the busyness, a breakthrough of hope in our sadness or a rediscovery of love in a relationship that has been stressed.

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

I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas Season.

Yours in Christ.

Marilyn.

Lesley Boyden was licenced as a Reader for our Benefice on Saturday, 12 October in Truro Cathedral by Rt. Revd. Philip Mountstephen, Bishop of Truro

From the Editor

It is our first Anniversary — one year of editing the Parish News and what fun it has been! Thank you to everyone for continuing to send in articles, letters and notices to help make this an informative and enjoyabkle read: and thank you to all our readers and all their feedback — here's to the next year!

Once again we have a huge amount of material - the Parish News has grown by over 25% in content since we started - all down to your contributions. In this issue we cover all our regulars plus news of a new Reader (Lesley Boyden above), of celebrations of Beryl Williams' 80th, a bumper letter page, tributes and many more notices of activities and events and informative articles.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Nadelik lowenna lowan blethen noweth

Suzanne

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Church Diary
Advent and Christmas in the Benefice of Trelawny

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

December 2019

SUNDAY 1st — **ADVENT**

11.00 St. Wyllow — Advent Hymns, Anthems & Readings
17.00 St. Nun — Songs of Praise

Thursday 5th

10.00 St. Saviour — Holy Communion

SUNDAY 8th — **SECOND OF ADVENT**

9.30 St. Ildierna — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Tallanus — Holy Communion
St. Wyllow — Morning Prayer
15.30 St. Saviour — Messy Christingle with Youth Choir
16.00 St. Nun — Christingle
17.00 St. Marnarch — Evening Service

Monday 9th

18.00 The Jubilee — Carols in pub

Wednesday 11th

9.30 St. Nun — Holy Communion
13.30 Polruan School — Christmas Fayre with Youth Choir

Thursday 12th

10.00 St. Saviour — Morning Prayer

Saturday 14th

18.00 Polruan village hall — 'Christmas unwrapped' with Polruan Youth Choir
19.30 St. Marnarch — Community Choir Christmas Concert

SUNDAY 15th — **THIRD OF ADVENT**

9.30 St. Marnarch — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Wyllow — Holy Communion
15.30 Pelynt Chapel — United Carol Service
16.00 St. Tallanus — Carol Service with Lanreath choir
18.30 St. Ildierna — Carol Service with Liskeard Ladies

Monday 16th

14.00 St. Nun — School Nativity Play
18.00 St. Nun — School Nativity Play

Thursday 19th

10.00 St. Saviour — Holy Communion
17.30 St. Saviour — School Nativity Play

Saturday 21st

18.00 St. John — Carol Service with Youth Choir

SUNDAY 22nd — **FOURTH OF ADVENT**

9.30 St. Marnarch — Family 'Choose a Carol' service
9.30 St. Ildierna, — BCP Morning prayer
11.00 St. Nun — Holy Communion
18.30 St. Saviour — Carol Service inc. Church &Youth Choirs

Tuesday 24th — **CHRISTMAS EVE**

3.30 St. Saviour — 'Christmas unwrapped' with Polruan Youth Choir
4.00 St. Marnarch — Christingle
9.00 St. Wyllow — First Communion of Christmas
11.15 St. Nun — Christmas Communion

Wednesday 25th — **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30 St. Marnarch — Christmas Family Communion
9.30 St. Saviour, — Christmas Family Service
11.00 St. Tallanus — Christmas Family Communion

Thursday 26th — **ST STEPHEN's**

10.00 St. Saviour — Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 29th — **FIRST OF CHRISTMAS**

11.00 St. Ildierna — Benefice Lessons and Carols

No service in any other church today

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

January 2020

Thursday 2nd

10.00 St. Saviour — Holy Communion

SUNDAY 5th — **EPIPHANY**

11.00 St. Marnarch — Benefice Holy Communion
17.00 St. Nun — Songs of Praise

Wednesday 8th

9.30 St. Nun — Holy Communion

Thursday 9th

10.00 St. Saviour — Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 12th — **BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

09.30 St. Ildierna — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Nun — United Village Service
11.00 St. Tallanus — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Wyllow — Morning Prayer and Covenant
15.30 St. Saviour — Sing a New Song / Messy Church
17.00 St. Marnarch — Evening Worship

Thursday 16th

10.00 St. Saviour — Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19th — **EPIPHANY 2**

9.30 St. Marnarch — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Tallanus — Morning Prayer
11.00 St. Wyllow — Parish Eucharist
18.30 St. Ildierna — Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd

10.00 St. Saviour — Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 26th — **EPIPHANY 3**

9.30 St. Marnarch — Family Service
09.30 St. Saviour — Holy Communion
11.00 St. Nun — Holy Communion
18.30 St. Ildierna — Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th

10.00 St. Saviour — Morning Prayer

The Churches of Lanteglos by Fowey

Lansallos, Lanreath, Pelynt and Talland

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Talland

Churchwardens	Sheridan Hughes	01503 264948
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Secretary	Jenny Hall	01503 598267

Parish Diary

December

Saturday, 1st *Christmas tree erection*, Coal Wharf

Saturday, 1st *Whitecross Market* 10am-1pm (see page 12)

Monday, 2nd *The Lion's Father Christmas and his Grotto*, Polruan and Lerryn (see page 18)

Monday, 2nd, 9th, 16th *Pilates* at Whitecross Village Hall 6-7pm

Tuesday, 3rd *Woman's Hour 80th Birthday Celebration*, 2.30pm St Saviour (see page 6)

Tuesday, 3rd, 10th, 17th, *FLexercise* at Lostwithiel Church Rooms, 10-11am; 11.15-12.15pm (contact Katy 01208 815725)

Tuesday, 3rd, 10th, 17th *Choir* at St. Saviour, 6pm

Wednesday, 4th, 11th, 18th *Stretch and Tone* at Lanreath Village Hall, 10-11am (see page 18)

Thursday, 5th *Poetry Group*, 2.30pm (contact Pat Garton 01726 870217)

Friday, 6th *The Lion's Father Christmas and his Grotto*, Polkerris and Golant (see page 18)

Saturday, 7th *Lanreath Amenities Group Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch* (see page 5)

Saturday, 7th and 8th *Food and Drink Fair*, The Red Store, Lerryn 11am-2pm (see page 23)

Sunday, 8th *Create a Christingle*; St Saviour, 3.30pm (see page 6)

Monday, 9th *Age Concern Christmas Party* at Whitecross bus at 11.30am (see page 10)

Wednesday, 11th *Polruan Academy Christmas Fayre*, 1.30pm at the school

Wednesday, 11th *Octaves*, WI Village Hall, 12.30pm (01726 870439)

Wednesday 11th *Lanreath Amenities Group Bingo*, 6.30pm (see page 5)

Thursday, 12th, *Christmas Coffee Morning* at Bar View, Lanreath 10.30 am (see page 5)

Thursday, 12th *WI Meeting*, 7pm (see page 14)

Thursday, 12th *The Lion's Father Christmas and his Grotto*, Upper Fowey (see page 18)

Friday, 13th *The Lion's Father Christmas and his Grotto*, Lower Fowey (see page 18)

Saturday, 14th *'Christmas Unwrapped' Nativity*, Polruan Village Hall 6pm (see page 10, 28)

Saturday, 14th *Lanreath Community Ensemble and Christmas Concert* 7pm (see page 5)

Saturday, 14th *Regatta and Children's Sports Christmas Party* (0-7 year olds) (see page 10)

Saturday, 14th Talk: *'Cornish Country Houses'* Paul Holden; 2.30pm, Fowey Parish Rooms (see page 25)

Saturday, 14th *Lanreath Community Concert*; St Marnarch Church, 7pm (see page 5)

Saturday, 14th *Pelynt Male Choir*; St Veep Church, 7.30pm (see page 23)

Saturday, 14th *Last Post for the Parish Post* (see page 14)

Sunday, 15th *Candlelit Carol Service*; Liskeard Lady Singers and Lansalloc Bell Ringers, 6.30pm (see page 4)

Friday, 20th *December Kidz/Youth Club Christmas Disco/Party* (see page 7)

Friday, 20th *William Hudd, Guitar Concert*; 12am -1pm, Fowey Parish Church (see page 22)

Tuesday, 24th *Christingle* at St Marnarch, 4pm (see page 5)

January

Saturday, 4th *Whitecross Market* 10am-1pm (see page 12)

Monday,6th *Deadline for Tenders for Weed Spraying* (see page 17)

Monday, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th *Pilates* at Whitecross Village Hall 6-7pm

Tuesday, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th *FLexercise* at Lostwithiel Church Rooms 10-11am; 11.15-12.15pm (contact Katy 01208 815725)

Wednesday, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, *Stretch and Tone* at Lanreath Village Hall 10-11am (see page 18)

Thursday, 2nd *Poetry Group* 2.30pm (contact Pat Garton 01726 870217)

Wednesday, 8th *Octaves*, WI Village Hall 12.30pm (01726 870439)

Saturday, 11th Talk: *'The Spider in the Web – Elizabeth Andrew Warren 1786-1864'* Guy English; 2.30pm, *Whitecross Village Hall* (see page 25)

Wednesday, 26th *Talk: Cornwall's Butterflies*; Trenython Manor Hotel, 7.30pm (see page 26)

Friday, 31st *Youth Club Outing* (see page 7)

February

Saturday, 1st *Whitecross Market* 10am-1pm (see page 12)

Saturday, 1st *Birthday Celebration for John Stratford* at Polruan WI, 2pm (see page 8)

Children's Hospice book sales resume in March

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News From Nigeria
from Daniel and Kathleen

My how time flies. We were just getting back to our normal routine after Eli's death when we had more bad news. Saleh, who was a relative of Daniel's and one of the Internally Displaced Persons, was coming back from the farm on a motor cycle, when a car going the other way lost control and killed him outright. The case was taken to the Police, and Daniel had to attend 4 times with some of the other IDP's. He sadly left a wife and 3 young children aged 7, 3½ and 1½ . He was one of the best workers in the Block Industry

The rains have stopped and everyone is busy harvesting.

I still have health problems. The Typhoid is still present but I am awaiting the results of a culture. The urine infection still hasn't gone completely and the results of the biopsy of my ear should be out by Wednesday. I don't feel all that ill and carry on working, but try to rest a little bit more.

Grace and family hope to come for Christmas and for Daniel's 80th birthday on 16 December. Yusuf is already in the country on a project and will join us for the Christmas period. Sometimes they will be with Mark and the children and other times with us. We look forward to seeing them although it will be a sad time too.

Soon we will send a Prayer Letter so I won't write any more.

Thanks for your love and prayers and concern. We are so pleased we have so many prayer partners. God is good to us.

God bless and encourage you

From The Registers

Baptism

20th October; Callum James William Mcginley, St. Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

Weddings

19th October; Oliver Austin Scott to Mercedes Bernadette Jennings, St. Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

Renewal of Wedding Vows

9th November; Robin and Sue Sainsbury, St. Saviour, Polruan

Funeral at Glyn Valley

8th October; Ron Clarke of Lanreath

Memorial Service

26th October; Alastair Clive Moir, St. John, Bodinnick

Burial of Cremated Remains

4th November; Robert (Bob) Dennis Copping, St. Nun, Pelynt

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Lansallos Parish News

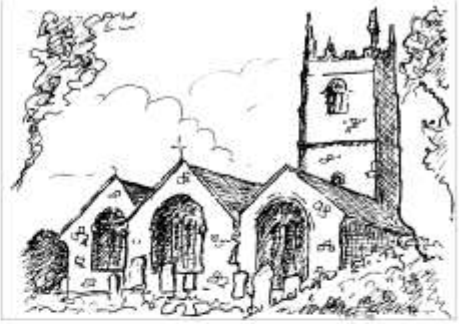
from John Feesey, Lansallos PCC

Church towers are often the tallest buildings in the area and are therefore very vulnerable to lightning strikes. Despite being protected by a lightning conductor the tower of St Ildierna was struck in 1923 and needed substantial repairs, the church being rededicated by the Bishop of Truro in November 1925. One of the dislodged pinnacles was re-used as a base for a new pulpit.

In 1975 the tower was again struck by lightning (who said lightning never strikes twice?). The north-west pinnacle exploded and the electrical switch panel was ripped off the wall. The bells were silent for a year until repairs were completed. Each pinnacle is now fitted with a lightning rod, very popular with the rooks for their balancing acts. The conductors are carefully inspected each year and are regularly renewed to ensure that the church is fully protected

The world's worst recorded lightning disaster occurred in 1769 when a thunderbolt struck the Church of St Nazaire in Brescia, northern Italy, detonating 90 tonnes of gunpowder which had been stored (for safekeeping!). The subsequent gigantic explosion destroyed the church and much of the town, killing some 3,000 people.

Benjamin Franklin had invented lightning rods 19 years earlier specifically to protect churches – but religious leaders believed that thunder and lightning were signs of divine anger and thought it sinful to install protection, calling the lightning conductors "heretical rods". Instead, attempts were made to fend off thunderstorms by ringing the church bells. Sadly, over the years this cost the lives of hundreds of bellringers when lightning struck church towers and spires, as well as causing much damage. It took the disaster of 1769 to cause a change of mind by church leadership.



On the subject of church bells, since the Whitechapel Bell Foundry closed in 2017, the 160-year old John Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough (Britain's last) has launched a last-ditch campaign to stay in business. It's had an offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £3.7 million to repair its crumbling grade II* buildings but has to raise £1 million of matching funds. This is the foundry that made St Paul's bells and those of many other cathedrals and churches around the world. If you'd like to help make sure Britain can continue to deploy its matchless expertise in this ancient craft, go to loughboroughbellfoundry.org to make a donation.

Nadelik lowen!
(Happy Christmas!)

Don't miss our

Candlelit Carol Service
with
Liskeard Lady Singers
and Lansallos Bellringers
at St. Ildierna Church Llansallos

Sunday 15th December
6.30pm

followed by
(free) mince pies
mulled wine or soft drinks

News From Polruan Village Hall

from Chris Cox for PVH Management Committee

We're now well into Autumn, with winter just around the corner – and Christmas a few weeks away.

Some minor repairs are going to be done at the Hall over the next few weeks, including lighting.

We have had our AGM and the Committee have more or less remained the same. We are happy to welcome Stephen Willsher as our new Chair and thank him for agreeing to take on this role. Martin Akerman continues as our Treasurer, Suzanne Goddard as our Secretary and Kathryn Hill as the Bookings Clerk and Vice Chair.

Bookings for the hire of the Hall are a little lower at the moment, due to the time of year, although we have just had a party booking and a charity afternoon tea. Our regular users include the Theatre Club, Kidz Klub and Youth Club and the school. The Village Hall is a great place for parties and other events, with music and alcohol licences already in place. Please visit our website at www.polruan.org for further details.

We are planning to hold some fund raising events in the New Year, including a quiz, so please keep a look out for posters advertising these events or visit our website.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Hall – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

News From Lanreath
from Jenny Bartram

The Amenity Group put on a fantastic fireworks display on 1 November supported by Lanreath Spirit who provided food, and Bar View was kept busy quenching thirsty throats! There are a number of entertainments planned at Bar View in the next few weeks, for more information check either at the Village Hall, in the shop, or online on their Facebook Bar View page.

On Thursday, 12 December, the date of the General Election, there will be a Christmas Coffee Morning from 10.30am – make your vote at the hall and then gravitate to Bar One for some festive spirit!

The Gardening Group has been busy planting bulbs around the village particularly by the main entrance gates to the church which will enhance the area and make a colourful display in the spring.

The Church Christmas Fayre scheduled for 7 December was rescheduled for 16 November, but it is hoped that, thanks to the kind assistance of Suzanne Goddard and Sue Shakerley, a number of posters displayed around Lanteglos alerted those who hopefully came and supported the event.

Siobhan has organised a Tea Dance to include refreshments, on Saturday 23 November at the village hall from 2.00pm – 4.00pm cost £5.00 per person. There will be live music performed by "Playing Around" and the funds raised will go toward the Village Hall extension.

Lanreath Amenities Group will be holding their Christmas Bingo on Wednesday, 11 December – doors open at 6.30pm eyes down at 7.30pm. They will also be hosting the Annual Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens of the parish on Saturday, 7 December. This is a really enjoyable occasion. Those who partake of the excellent meal are truly

appreciative of those who organise, prepare, serve and entertain us. Thank you.

The very popular Christingle service will be held on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. It is a lovely service and a great pleasure to welcome so many parishioners and children to the church.

Over the past few years a small group have been learning to ring the church bells under the guidance of Michael Watts, the Tower Captain. The group meet on Monday evenings at 7.00pm for an hour and are looking for additional ringers to enlarge the team. If you feel you would like to try, and it is great fun and very rewarding, please come along.

The Walking Group have two fixtures for December – weather permitting!. On Monday 2 December there will be a circular road walk from Downderry, and on 16 December, a Pelynt circular walk followed by a festive stop at The Jubilee Inn. All the walks commence at 10.00am from the village hall. Contact Sally 01503 220799 or Di 01503 220577 – all are welcome including four legged friends.

The Community Shop has had a dip in takings over this past year and wishes to encourage us all to help sustain the enterprise by spending a small amount more each week. They are running a Christmas raffle with a super big hamper of shop produce as the prize. Tickets £1 are available in the shop.

Lanreath Community Spirit are again running a Secret Santa, forms will be available in the shop from 1 December, the budget for your gift amounting to no more than £5.00. Closing date is 20 December and the Community Spirit Elves will be delivering your secret gift soon after.

We wish all our readers a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Lanteglos Community Bus Timetable

	Dec	Jan
St Austell	3rd 17th	7th 21st
Trago	11th	8th
Truro	27th	22nd

Change possible subject to passenger demand and driver availability

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

To book, please call in at The Russell or telephone 870707 (please do not phone before 9 am)

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Lanreath Community Choir
Candlelit Christmas Concert

St Marnarch Church

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Monday - 9.00am to 4.30pm
Tuesday - 9.00am to 4.30pm
Wednesday - 9.00am to 4.30pm
Thursday- 9.00am to 4.30pm
Friday - 9.00am to 4.30pm
Saturday - 9.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday - Sorry, Closed

Polruan Woman's Hour

from Kathryn Hill

Unfortunately we had to postpone our 80th Birthday celebration. This will now take place on Tuesday, 3 December at 2.30pm in St Saviour Church. Our meeting on that day will largely consist of a celebratory tea party to which we invite anyone who would like to join us. We look forward to seeing you then.

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Children's Hospice South-West, Little Harbour

from Lynn Bartlett and 'bella Tyson

Our annual book sales have ended for 2019 and we will not be holding another until the beginning of March 2020. We will continue to rotate the selection of books in the Reading Room. Everyone is welcome to go in there and browse.

We are often asked what happens to books which are either duplicates or don't sell for many months, the answer is we have a 'cull' and take them to be distributed to the Children's Hospice charity shops.

Our October Coffee Morning at Polruan WI Hall enabled us to send £150 to Little Harbour for the Mum's Group. These are ladies who are caring for their life limited children or have been bereaved and funding allows for them to have 'treats' such as a pamper day or cycling in Cardinham Woods. We also raised £166 through sales of our Christmas cards.

Thank you to all those who helped, attended and generously supported the coffee morning. Thank you also to Sue Sainsbury for allowing us to place the Christmas cards in Crumpets, sales are going well as we go to press.

As always we wish to thank you all for your continued support – it is very much appreciated by us and all who benefit from the support Little Harbour provides.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and look forwarded to seeing you again in the New Year.

'Create-a-Christingle' Event

Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm at St Saviour's Church

Make your own Christingle & other seasonal Crafts, Christmas music & songs, Candlelit Christingle Celebration, Festive Tea

This is a family-friendly event, everyone is welcome

There will be a collection for The Children's Society

STARGAZERS

Is there anyone in the village with a telescope who would be prepared to come to Kidz Klub one Friday evening with it so we can do some stargazing?
If yes, please contact
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Tammy 07708 023 772.

AGE CONCERN

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Polruan Kidz Klub and Polruan Youth Club

from Angie Mallard – Chair of Youth Committee

Kidz Klub

As a result of our review meeting on Friday, 20 September we are very excited and grateful to Tammy, Suzanne, Amy, Jayne, Lorraine and Joanna who have volunteered to help with Kidz Klub sessions on a one-off or rota system. This means we have been able to go ahead with a fortnightly programme this term. So far there have been two energetic games and activity evenings and a movie night at the fire station which were well attended. We are looking forward to our Christmas Craft and Cooking session on Friday, 22 November, and joint Kidz Klub and Youth Club Christmas Disco/party on Friday, 20 December.

Youth Club

The monthly Youth Club outing to Ozzell Bowl in St Austell was great fun and well attended. Unfortunately the cinema trip on

Friday, 1 November had to be cancelled due to the cinema changing the Friday night films for Halloween. We are now planning a cinema trip for Friday, 29 November. The term will end with the joint Kidz Klub and Youth Club Christmas Disco/Party on Friday, 20 December.

Future Dates

Youth Club: Year 6 to Year 10

20 December: Christmas disco/party,

31 January: Outing

28 February: Chill in the Village Hall and see where we go from there.

Kidz Klub: Reception to Year 5

20 December: Joint Kidz Klub & Youth Club Christmas Disco/party.

Dates for New Year will be confirmed and advertised at beginning of January.

Please contact Angie, Kathryn or Bonnie if you wish to discuss any aspects of the above or have any further suggestions or ideas.

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no later than Monday 14 January 2020

***** Thank you *****

Foodbank Fundraiser

from Angie Mallard

On Saturday, 14 December we are doing a special fundraising Youth Choir presentation at Polruan Village Hall to help families over Christmas. Please see separate advert for details or contact Angie on 07967131525.

Many thanks to those who faithfully contribute to the Food Bank basket, which is located in St. Saviour Church porch. The food is taken each Monday to the Trussell Foodbank centre in Liskeard, where it is gratefully received and distributed to families as necessary.

Please contact the Trussell Foodbank if you would benefit from the Food Bank services or know of someone else who might need to on 07512 011452.

A Huge Thank You

From Des and Val Libby

A huge thank you to all our customers for the wonderful card's and gifts following our decision to retire from delivering around the Parish. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

A Special thank you to Tony Cottrell for organising a collection and presenting me with an engraved miniature milk churn, very apt, and which now sits proudly on the dining room table.

We have been looking at travel brochures and will put your donations towards a few more air miles.

Miss you all Des and Val

From a Parishioner

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A Birthday Invitation

from John Stratford

Having reached my 90th (almost!) I would like to invite all to join me in the WI Hall for a drink and a bite on Saturday, 1 February 2020 at 2pm.

Should I not make it, no doubt word will get around! But if I should I would be pleased to see you. If anyone misses this date – there will be a repeat in 10 years time!!

Keep the date.

from Chris Hope-Wynne

There's a man amongst us who gives much pleasure whilst adding much depth and devotion to our lives . . . He's guided this community in special ways . . . He's honoured other's input here and continues to guide us on perhaps an unrecognised front with his special and cheerful expertise yet remains an unsung hero who has influenced numbers of us with his gentle and very kindly didactic benevolence. Accompanied by tunefulness he executes his Passion for his Profession with such open and decided dedication. Thank You Dear Man for ALL you do and achieve to ensure that this Special Community continues to flourish . . . Phil Carrigan our Musical Mentor and Gentleman Amongst Us who for years is our Church Organist and Polperro Wrecker Timekeeper Extraordinaire! THANK YOU for Choral Correctness and for being You.

Secondary 1st

from Jonathan, Lynn and Tony Bartlett

We are so grateful to those who donated, helped and attended the coffee morning held on Saturday, 28 September for the above charity. Jo would have been so moved by the generosity shown as a tribute to her, as were we. The charity has gratefully received £525 to assist them in supporting vital research into the prevention, diagnosis and causes of secondary (metastatic) breast cancer. Currently there is no cure.

Thank you.

Thank You

from Kathryn Hill

Many thanks to all who supported my 'Afternoon Tea' which raised money for the school fees for the blind students at the Boys Secondary School, Gindiri, Nigeria where I used to teach. Including donations ahead of time and after the event we raised £212.81. I also have £65.88 in hand from sale of jam, marmalade and chutney in St Saviour and St Wyllow churches to add to the amount. A Special thanks to my helpers in setting up, running the event and clearing up afterwards, I couldn't have done it without you.

Jam, marmalade and chutney will continue to be on sale in St Saviour porch and at the back of St Wyllow for the blind student's school fees and for school fees for the children of the IDP's [Internally Displaced Persons] who have taken refuge in Plateau State, Nigeria. Now that 'Loaves & Fishes' has ended I am happy to make bacon and egg pies to order for this. I also plan to have either a Coffee Morning or an Afternoon Tea, probably in February or March for the blind students and IDP's - details of that in the next issue.

Loaves and Fishes
from Kathryn Hill

Lanteglos Parish 'Loaves and Fishes' initiative finished at Harvest and we are pleased to report that £530 has been raised. Those of us who took part would like to thank all who supported us and helped us raise this encouraging amount.

Thank You
from Laura Allen

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Alastair Allen and Richard Sainsbury who, along with 5 others, did a 21 mile row on the River Thames for The Care of Police Survivors Charity. £205 was raised locally, together with £175 from a quiz held at the Russell Inn by Rob and Sue.

In total the sponsored row raised £1,630 for this charity. What a great effort – thank you.

Thank you
From Sue and Rob Sainsbury

We would like to thank everyone for their very generous gifts and cards for our recent Silver Wedding Anniversary. We had a fantastic and memorable day at our Marriage Renewal and the party which followed.

No Milk Today?
from Liz Luck

Like many others, I was very upset to hear that Des was stopping his round, and particularly knowing the reasons why. I miss the beep of the horn early on Saturday mornings, bringing local veg, eggs, croissants and news. I miss the sense of things being as they should be, when fresh milk is delivered around a parish in returnable glass bottles. I miss the cheerful presence of Des and Val and all their goodies at Whitecross Market. I deplore the increase in supermarket delivery vans and holiday makers not buying locally.

Des and Val are irreplaceable, but we could still have a delivery of local milk in glass bottles. If you're interested in joining a milk round direct from a Cornish farm, please contact me with your email address (or phone number if you don't do email). They will also supply their own butter and cream, plus local eggs (and more to come). I'm just gathering numbers at the moment – if we can get enough to sign up, they will start in the new year. I look forward to hearing from you.

Songs Of Praise 2019
from Angie Mallard

Many thanks to all those who came and joined us at 'Songs of Praise on the Coal Wharf' on the Sunday evening of the August Bank Holiday weekend. We were very blessed to have such glorious weather and enjoyed an inspirational and joyful time of singing and worship in an amazing location.

[By Ed. Apologies - this was omitted in the last issue]

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Anne Allan regrets she is unable to write cards any more but wishes everyone all the blessings of Christmas and in the New Year, good health and happiness.

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Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

The festive season grows closer and everything is ready for our traditional activities.

We are grateful to Steve Edmonds, who along with Committee Member Des, helps to organise the purchase and transportation of the Coal Wharf Christmas tree. Thank you also to the men from the boatyard who haul it into place before it's illuminated on 1 December.

The children's party (age birth to Year 2) will be held at the WI Hall on Saturday, 14 December. Billy Wizz will be entertaining us and Father Christmas has accepted his invitation to attend.

The New Year will see 50 children and supervising adults travelling to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth for the pantomime, Cinderella.

More details of our activities can be found at our web site www.polruan-regatta.co.uk

The committee wish everyone a Happy Christmas and send good wishes for the New Year.

Polruan Youth Choir

We are thrilled that so many children and youth have joined choir this term. They have been working very hard with much enthusiasm to prepare a great programme of carols and songs for the Christmas period.

The dates when the choir will be performing are below:

Sunday, 8 December at 3.30pm - Messy Church, including Christingle making in St Saviour Church.

Wednesday, 11 December at 1.30pm - School Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 14 December at 6pm - 'Christmas Unwrapped' Nativity - fundraising Christmas performance with all proceeds to be donated to Liskeard Foodbank (see separate advert)

Saturday, 21 December at 6pm – Carol Service, St. John's Church, Bodinnick

Sunday, 22 December at 6.30pm – Carol Service, St. Saviour, Polruan

Tuesday, 24 December at 3.30pm – 'Christmas Unwrapped' Nativity, St. Saviour, Polruan

Please contact Jayne Payne (870715) or Angie Mallard (870747) for further details

Letter from Australia
from Mary Taylor, New South Wales

Got to get this off soon or it won't reach you in time. I only got the last edition of the magazine 2 days ago – the post is not too good lately and stamp prices are going up once again. I have a computer, but am not very good on it and haven't used it for over 6 months.

Well once again Christmas will soon be here – don't the years seem to fly by – must be as we are getting older. By golly it's getting hot here already, the temperature is in the mid 30s. We have had one Christmas card from England already - at the beginning of last month from one of our nieces in Whitby.

When Jim read that Bernard Roosevier Rosveare had died, he said I used to pick potatoes for him and deliver veg around Polruan.

Jim and I are not too bad but still have some old age problems.

Plum is off to see his eldest daughter and family for the weekend to make arrangements to stay in a caravan park (run by John's brother-in-law) in December when his grandson, Tye, gets christened, a lot of people hate naming ceremonies now.

Liz is ok but Kim slipped off a ride-on-mower he was cleaning and broke a rib.

Gerard, Jodie and family came down for a school reunion and are coming again at Christmas all being well.

John and family are well, he's great as he does most of our shopping now, which is much quicker than us getting around.

I have got a few Christmas presents organised, I will give vouchers mainly so they can buy what they would like and do the rest from the magazines. Liz helps me with this – as everything gets here quicker when she does it! One week after Christmas, hot cross buns will be in Woolworths Supermarket, quite silly really – don't you think!

Jim is on Facebook again this year as Liz took a photo of him next to his roses – she does that every year.

I would like to wish you and all the readers of the magazine a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mary

A Sad Day for Polruan
from Kath Welsh

We were all sorry to hear the news that we would be loosing our local milkman, what a sad day. We wish Des and Val all the very best for their retirement. They will be very much missed. Good luck Des and Val.

Age Concern
Christmas Party - Monday, 9th December

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D Wilton (01726 870746) or

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A bus will run on that day. Transport will be arranged for anyone unable to get on the bus.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Bingo at the Russell
From Kath Welsh

We had a lovely time at the Bingo and a big thank you to Rob at the Russell for putting this on and for providing great prizes for the Raffle.

The next Bingo night is on Tuesday, 10th December – eyes down at 8pm! Come along and give it a try – it really is a Good night out. See you there.

Age Concern
from Kath Welsh

Another year gone by so fast. What a lovely day we had at Tavistock everyone seemed to enjoy the trip. The weather was good and the bus was full. A big thank you to everyone who gave raffle prizes and made a donation for the bus driver.

Beryl and Bill Matthews celebrating 'The Birthday Queen's' 80th Birthday - see Page 18

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from Liz Luck

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- Ian and Anne McCarthy will be selling their beautiful new book Bluebottle's Wild Journey Home – a traditional fairytale for children, set in today's world and inspired by their wildlife adventures.
- Emma's stall of goodies from Bellamama deli in Lostwithiel will include individual Cornish cheeses, Italian nougat and panettone, and gift packs of local honey and beeswax candles.
- Hand-mixed spices in lovely little tins, created by Fork 'n' Compass of Golant, make an unusual gift for curry lovers.
- Lowarth Locow of Fowey will be bringing their hand-tied Christmas wreaths, table decorations and succulent pots. All foliage from sustainable sources.
- Indy and Pippin from Bodinnick will be making and selling friendship bracelets.
- And Di and Hannah will have Christmas cakes, mince pies, Dundee buns and homemade fudge to tempt you.

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And when it's all over? Pop in on 4 January to stock up on delicious, healthy local food to cheer up your January, have a pasty and a coffee and catch up with friends.

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The heroic Pasty Team at the Dec 2018 market

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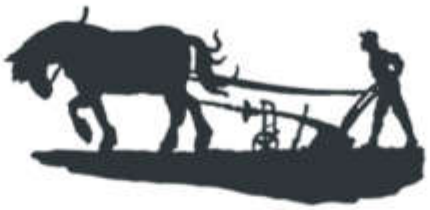
News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer



It's going to rain again, I can't remember when October and November were so wet.

Thank goodness Cornwall is so hilly or we would all have been flooded like the poor people of Derbyshire.

Simon and Ben managed to get the Winter corn drilled before the ground got too wet to drive on and as I write this I can see green shoots popping up all over the fields. It's always a relief to see next years crops growing, so much money has been spent on ploughing, drilling and the seeds themselves. We are so dependent on the weather.

The cattle were brought into the sheds a little earlier than usual. They were eating and sleeping in the mud. When they came into the yard, the weather although wet was rather warm and muggy. We were afraid they may get pneumonia. Simon and Ben decided to clip the hair along the length of their spine to help keep their body temperature down. The sheep shearing equipment was set up and as each animal came into the cattle crush Ben sheared their backs.You would think it would be quite a dangerous job but no. It must feel quite nice because they all stood still and seemed to enjoy the experience.They were so happy to be in the sheds. They just lay in the deep straw chewing their cuds.

Cattle chew their cuds because grass, hay and silage, (their main food) is so difficult to digest. They have four compartments to their stomachs. They swallow their food and later when it has been in the first stomach, they bring it back into their mouth and chew it again. Then it passes through the four stomachs to be digested properly. It is really lovely to just stand, watch and listen as they do this. It's very relaxing.

Unfortunately a few weeks later a couple of calves began to cough. We thought it was the start of pneumonia. I phoned the vet at once. He said was I sure I wanted him to come to the farm because it was a Sunday morning and just arriving at the farm would cost £50 before the animal was examined and treated.

The treatment for Pneumonia is pretty standard so I asked him if I could collect the injection and we would treat the calves ourselves. I had to go to Bodmin because Lostwithiel vets don't keep large animal medicine on the premises any more. How silly is that?

We booked the vet for a visit on a weekday to come and check the cattle. He took some blood samples and poo samples and we heard this week that there were no seriously bad things lurking in them.

The TB test is the next big hurdle. That is due again at the end of the month.

The sheep and cows have been scanned to see how many babies we can expect in the new year. The sheep scanner has a small TV monitor and when the scanner is passed under the ewes belly it shows how many lambs are in her womb. They are then marked for one two or three. Thank goodness there are no quads in the first flock. The cows scanner is quite different. The scanning man wears a headset something like a virtual reality thing. Then a probe is put into the cow and he can see if she is pregnant and he is so experienced he can say how many months she is. Goodness knows who invented this technology - they must be so brilliant.

We are hoping for a dry time to come. Perhaps we will have a nice bright dry Christmas and good weather for the lambing season that begins in January.

Des Libby

Des has asked us to let you know he is is no longer trading - hence no advertisement

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VE Day 75
from the Committee

A second meeting of the steering committee has been held and we were pleased to welcome some young people and some great new ideas.

The street party tea will begin at 3pm on Friday, 8 May with the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2. It is hoped that the Fowey Town Crier's duties will enable him to cry the toast. We have secured the group Swingology to play music from the 1940's during the tea.

Material has been sourced for bunting. Flags will be available in the New Year to enable everyone in the Parish to have the opportunity to decorate one before they're sewn together.

An Anderson Shelter is to be constructed and original contents are being sourced.

Woman's Hour are organising a Flower Festival to be held in St. Saviours Church.

Polruan WI will be organising a Bake Off using a cake recipe of the time.

We had other ideas ranging from Best Dressed Evacuee Child to a Dig For Victory miniature garden competition.

We also plan to have an evening disco with a decade range of music and will round the evening off with a grand firework display.

Our next meeting will be held in early January when further plans for fundraising events will be held.

We have set up a specific Face Book page named VE Day 75 Celebrations in Polruan . This page will be updated from time to time.

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News from the WI, Polruan
from Chris Cox, Vice President

Summer is a distant memory now, darkness falls early, and there is plenty of rain around too but the WI continues regardless of what the weather throws at us!

In my last write-up, I missed out the competition winners for September which are as follows: Ruth was first, Kathryn second and Lynn third. A belated well done to you all. We have awarded points for the October competition because the entries were all so very different it was too hard to judge.

At our Harvest festival meeting we held an auction and had great fun trying to out bid each other – we raised £39.40 for WI funds. Our guest speaker was Gill Palmer from Frogmore Farm – who we always enjoy welcoming to our meetings. She gave a lovely talk which included amusing anecdotes along with some of the harsh realities of life on the farm. Thank you Gill, we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our wine tasting event until next year, please keep an eye out for posters advertising this event at a later date.

I will report on our November meeting in the next issue. We are having a demonstration by Lorraine Dean – Shrink Plastic – which I'm sure will be great fun.

Our meeting in December is on the 12th when Kathryn will be showing us how to make boxes out of old cards and we will also enjoy a buffet and mulled wine.

Please come along and join us – you really would be very welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm and always have great fun – give it a try!

For further details please contact Chris Cox on 01726 870194

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Chairman's report December 2019

from Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE, Chairman; Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Council Meetings:

The Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except August and December). The April, May, June, July and September meetings will be held in Polruan WI Hall and October, November, January, February and March meetings in Whitecross Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting and any additional meetings will take place at the Polruan WI Hall. We are pleased to see members of the public at these meetings. All matters are discussed in full Council meetings where decisions are made by the whole Council. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, making any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public participation. The Neighbourhood Plan meetings are also held at Whitecross Village Hall, usually on the second Tuesday of each month. Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on our website, as well as on the notice boards.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan

The statutory 6 weeks of pre-submission public consultation, which in our case started early and extended into October, is now almost complete. We held exhibitions at Whitecross Village Hall, St Wyllow, St Saviour's, the Parish Summer Fete, St John's and the Polruan Reading Room. The Old Ferry Inn, Lugger Inn, Russell Inn and Crumpets hosted us. We approached our known local organisations and have sent details of our draft plan to what are known as the statutory consultees. By the closing date comments had been received from 19 of the 63 consultees. Whatever was said during this period of consultation is now being reviewed and much of it will reinforce what is already in the plan or prompt rewording or revision. 11 responses were received in the Community consultation, most concerned with planning and development issues, housing, traffic, landscape character and how these might be affected or supported by emerging policies.

The draft plan is now being amended to incorporate these comments, principally changes to Policy 1: Design and Character of Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Policy 2: Local Green Spaces, Policy 3: Important and Special Views, Policy 6: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity, Policy 7: Employment Development and Policy 10: Rural Exceptions for Local People. The final version that goes to Inspection will, after all, be a distillation of what you, the community have said to us. All of this will be uploaded onto our website. The consultation evening we held at the Russell Inn earlier in the year was successful and we are planning to run another evening on 3 December when we hope to reach out again to our younger residents. Details will be posted on our website, on the noticeboards and on social media. Watch this space!

Please have a look at our Neighbourhood Plan website: www.lanteglosbyfoweyplan.org.uk which has been substantially revised and holds all the up-to-date information about the NDP. We welcome comments and please tell us whether what we have developed reflects what you think should be there.

Highways

We have a notification of the following closure of West Street, Polruan:

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14
Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location:	West Street, Polruan
Timing:	2nd to 6th December 2019 (24 hours)
Contact:	Western Power Distribution, Tel: 0800 0963080

The above closure has been approved. Please click the following link to view a map and associated documents:
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Applicants are reminded that they have undertaken to notify all interested parties known to be directly affected by the closure including, if appropriate, bus companies and all frontages on the length of the road such as local residents and businesses as well as other traders who may have to make deliveries and/or collections in the area.

Applicants and contractors are reminded that they are responsible for the provision, erection, maintenance and removal of all necessary signing.

Streetworks
Transport and Infrastructure Service
Cornwall Council
Tel: 0300 1234 222

Public toilets:

I didn't think when I wrote in the last edition of the Parish Magazine that I would have more to say on this topic. But… During the summer months it was noticeable that toilet rolls were disappearing from the St Saviour's Public Conveniences at an unusual rate. The situation was monitored and the assumption made that the thefts would stop once visitors had gone home. Sadly, not so. Toilet rolls are being stolen regularly, meaning they then have to be replaced much more frequently, adding to the costs of keeping these facilities open. These facilities and their upkeep are paid for through the precept that all residents contribute to. I am sorry to have to say that the thief is one of us, a fellow resident and neighbour. I would ask that whoever it is pauses for thought about what this means to the rest of us. Over time the cost of replacing the disappearing toilet rolls is increasing and that additional cost will be borne by all of us. We have considered replacing the present holders with more secure ones which dispense one sheet at a time. These will inevitably cost more, both to buy and replenish and that will be reflected in Parish Council costs and the precept. Whoever you are, please do the right thing and stop thieving.

Chapel Lane Flats

We have heard from Laura Deverill of the Affordable Housing Team that she has looked into renovation of the 2 empty flats at Chapel Lane, Polruan and has been advised by Cornwall Housing that the refurbishment work has now been commissioned and they expect them to start on site. She has also advised us:

> "These flats at Polruan will be advertised on HomeChoice in the normal way as per the Council's HomeChoice policy.
>
> As there are more than 50 properties within the parish they will not be advertised with a preference to applicants to the parish.
>
> At Shortlisting the property will be offered to the person in the highest band. If there are 4 applicants say in band B it will go to the person with the connection to the parish or if there are no applicants with the parish connection it will go to the applicant who has been in the band the longest."

There are currently 18 households registered with Cornwall HomeChoice with a local connection to the Parish. The need is broken down in the table below.

Band	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	Total
A	2				2
B					0
C				2	2
D		1			1
E	8	5			13
Total	10	6	0	2	18

Laura Deverill further advised that anyone interested in these flats registers on Cornwall HomeChoice as soon as possible. The following link will take you to the Cornwall HomeChoice webpage where there is information on the policy and allocations process: www.cornwallhousing.org.uk/find-a-home/homechoice-housing-register/

The Local Housing Needs Survey that we commissioned in 2016 showed that 37 individuals had identified themselves as being in housing need. At the time it was recognised that a proportion of these were 'hidden' households who are not identified through the HomeChoice database. The

Parish Council would endorse Laura Deverill's advice about registering with HomeChoice as soon as possible.

We have taken up the statement that they will not be advertised with a preference to applicants to the parish with Cllr Edwina Hannaford who has said she will contest this robustly.

Please get in touch with us through the website or by email as shown below.

Community Speed Watch

We know from what you have told us that the speed of traffic in some areas of the Parish is of concern. Traffic calming measures have been installed at Highway and there is a possibility of installing another one. A proposal has been made by PCSO Cocks that we might consider setting up a Community Speed Watch for Polruan. This would involve some training and to allow volunteers to come forward we will make this an agenda item for the January meeting. If you are interested, please get in touch through the website or by email as shown below, to Mrs Thompson.

Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE

Chairman: Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

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Deadline for the submission of tenders is 6th January 2020.

Parish Council meetings

Meetings of the Parish Council are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Whitecross Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Planning Applications

PA19/05156, Land S of Barrs Close, Old Road, Bodinnick – works to trees in a Conservation Area, namely thin and top two sycamore trees which currently overhang the cars queuing for the Bodinnick Ferry (Tree is currently 9 metres wished to reduce by 4 metres). Members had no objection.

PA19/02263/PREAPP, Coombeland, Highway/Trethake – pre-application advice for Passivhaus, two storey extension at right angles to existing house. In the absence of detail Members were unable to comment.

PA19/02360/PREAPP, Highfields, Lanteglos – pre-application advice for new detached 4-bedroom dwelling to rear of Highfields. Members objected on the grounds this would be development in the open countryside and Members do not believe there is any benefit as at least four properties are for sale in Highway, one of which has remained unsold since it was built.

PA19/08299, 1 Brendon, St Saviours Hill, Polruan – convert the existing loft space with associated modest pitched roof dormer to the front elevation. Members had no objection.

PA19/08394, Fox Valley Cottages, Lanlawren Farm, Trenewan – conversion of existing farm buildings into six holiday units, with garaging and parking areas with variation of condition 3 of decision 5/74/0683/SA dated 10 January 1977. Members had no objection.

PA19/08395, Fox Valley Cottages, Lanlawren Farm, Trenewan – conversion of outbuildings to three holiday units with variation of condition 3 of decision 5/78/0823 dated 2 October 1978. Members had no objection.

PA19/08396, Fox Valley Cottages, Lanlawren Farm, Trenewan – conversion of and extension to existing building to provide two additional holiday cottages, laundry/sand pit room (including retention of one holiday unit) with variation of condition 4 of decision 5/88/01058/F dated 14 November 1988. Members had no objection.

PA19/08558, Highfield, Townsend, Polruan – demolition of the existing house and garage and construction of a new house. Extension of the vehicular driveway. An objection from a neighbour had been circulated. There are Cornish hedges around the plot, which is close to the SSSI. Members had no objection but wished to see a condition to preserve the Cornish Hedges and planting of appropriate screening. Cllr. Adams objected.

PA19/07510, Land W of Tregavithick Cottage, Trenewan – new livestock building, yard and access track. Mr Josep Sandercock, case officer advised this application is right on the boundary with Lansalloc. Members had no objection, but queried if the building is in the right location, given the nature of the landscape

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council

PA19/04943, Blue Cottage, Old Road, Bodinnick – Listed Building Consent for improvement of cottage; replacement of moisture damaged timber panels on the porch and the rear living room windows with like-for-like units.

PA19/04985, Bramblecombe, Penpoll – demolition of an existing timber summer house and replacement with a new summer

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Community Speed Watch

from Gillian Thompson

If you are interested in joining a Community Speed Watch for Polruan please contact the Parish Clerk at the address below:

Gillian Thompson (Mrs)
Parish Clerk
Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Clerk
12 Bonython Drive
Grampound
TR2 4RL

Fowey River Lions

from Tony Bartlett, Treasurer

Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need: On Sunday, 3 November an intrepid group of walkers set out from Lanhydrock in the pouring rain to raise money for this worthwhile charity. We enjoyed a great walk of about 3.5 miles, through the woods and along by the river. Pudsey came and joined us on the route but he was a bit worried about getting his fur wet, so kept asking for a lift! An enormous thank you particularly to all who turned out and at the end went home to dry out. Thank you too, to all who donated money to support us. The Ramble raised £600 for Children in Need. Particular mention should be made of 15 year old Callum who chatted and kept us going all the way around and raised £300 of the total himself and six year old Indigo who completed the walk. We would love you to join us next year so keep the date in your diary.

Father Christmas and his grotto

Look out for the posters and listen for the music on the night.

Monday, 2 December: Bodinnick and Polruan from 5.30pm at Bodinnick Heights and 6.15pm visiting Ferris Way, Kendall Park and Furze Park.

Friday, 6 December: Polkerris and Golant 6.00 – 6.30pm Polkerris and 7.30 – 8.00pm Golant.

Thursday, 12 December: Upper Fowey from 5.30pm starting in Lankelly Lane, and then visiting Du Maurier Drive, Hillhay Close, Pentreath, Tavern Barn, Park Road, Langurtho Road, Polvillion Road and Windmill.

Friday, 13 December: Lower Fowey from 5.30pm starting in Briarfield, and then visiting Green Lane, Vicarage Meadow, Place Road, Saffron Close, Hanson Drive, Tower Park, Esplanade, Daglands Road, Lostwithiel Street and then Fore Street through to Caffa Mill.

If you are interested in what we do perhaps you would like to join us for one of our events or come and meet us at one of our social evenings. We have a business meeting on the first Monday of every month at 8pm at the Ship Inn, Par and have a social evening once a month. We would be delighted to meet you, so do contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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The Russell Inn receives a Royal Visit

from William (Bill) John Matthews

It's not every day a Cornish pub gets a Royal visit. However on Saturday, 19th October when Beryl Matthews stepped into 'The Russell Inn', Polruan, to her surprise, she was immediately crowned 'The Birthday Queen' in celebration of her 80th Birthday.

Bill, Beryl and their five daughters – "what a fantastic night" said Bill

With tiara and sash in position, and a glass of bubbly in hand, 'Her Majesty' was greeted by 35 members of her family. They included her husband William John Matthews ('Bill' to those who know him), and their five daughters; Caroline Lingard, Julie Antha, Sonia Beard, Helen Matthews and Dawn Soares. Also present were husbands, partners, a nephew and his wife, a sister-in-law and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A special poem was composed and read to Beryl by her daughters, she learned she shared a birthday with Tina Turner, a litre of fuel cost 2d, Jamaica Inn was showing in the cinemas and King George VI was on the throne.

A BIG thank you to Sue and Robin Sainsbury and all their staff for making the evening such a wonderful success! They laid on the most amazing buffet including an assortment of salads, cold meats, dips, quiches and, of course, plenty of our old favourite, the mini Cornish pasties. Not to mention plenty of the fizzy pop to boot! ☺.

Robin went the extra mile as he was on hand all evening to help out with everything that was required and the bar staff certainly did the pub proud. The whole atmosphere of the pub that night was electric as a truly fabulous evening was had by all, not least by The Birthday Queen who, in celebrating her 80th year, certainly had a celebration she will never forget!

Beryl wishes to thank The Russell Inn and everyone who made the evening possible. She also wishes to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their wonderful gifts and cards.

'I'll be back for another Royal visit to The Russell Inn again" says Beryl. Yep, she's already planning her 90th! See you there Beryl!

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In the garden

Top Tips for winter

December is not only the month to deck the halls with boughs of holly—it's also the time to deck the garden out. Or at least, spend some time ensuring that it remains fully functioning and joyful during the colder weather. While you're roasting chestnuts on an open fire, jack frost is busy nipping at your plants. So here are my top gardening jobs for December, to make sure your garden stays as jolly as you are this month.

Prevent water from freezing

Water is a crucial part of plant life and at this time of year, although water is often in full supply, it can cause issues if it begins to freeze. So firstly, I would recommend that you take some time to insulate your outdoor taps. To do this, simply use a tap cosy, or similar, to provide protection from the elements and then fix in place—if nothing else, this can be done with garden twine.

Once your taps and plants are suitably wrapped up warmly, it's time to make sure ponds and bird baths are prevented from freezing too. Animals need our help to keep their sources of water accessible and there are some simple ways in which you can help prevents ponds and bird baths from freezing over. One idea is to float a suitably sized ball on the surface of the water—this should keep the water around the ball moving, meaning that it's less likely to freeze.

Tidy and prepare your soil

Now's the time to seize the day and clear up weedy beds ready for mulching. Once you have removed fallen leaves, these can be added to the compost heap. When preparing your beds for next spring, order bulky organic matter (e.g. well-rotted farmyard manure or mushroom compost) for use as a soil improver or mulch.

This will prevent plants such as Helleborus niger (Christmas rose) looking dishevelled, having been splashed with muddy raindrops. Bark chip mulch will also help to reduce this splashing effect, and cloches can always be used where practical.

Prune your fruit trees

Pruning should be carried out when the tree is dormant—usually between November and early March, between leaf fall and bud burst.

To prune your fruit trees, firstly, always use sharp secateurs, loppers and a pruning saw, as blunt tools can lead to strains.

Start by removing weak, dead, diseased, or damaged branches. Then, shorten the previous year's growth on each main branch by about one third to a bud facing in the right direction. Leave side-shoots from being pruned so they can develop fruit buds.

Plum and other stone fruit trees are generally pruned in the summer.

Winter pruning is mainly for apples, pears and quince and is completed in winter because it encourages vigorous growth the following spring.

A note on the weather: What you do in the garden this month will depend heavily on the weather. Avoid using the garden if it is frozen or waterlogged – you will do more damage than good. Keep off the lawn and flowerbeds in wet weather to avoid compacting the soil.

Grow windowsill crops

Add some colour to your winter cooking with zingy microgreens. They are seedlings of larger edible plants that pack a flavoursome punch and only take a few days to grow.

Expand on classic cress with herbs like basil, fennel and coriander. Or create a mini-allotment with rocket, radishes and delicious oriental leaves.

Choose a shallow plastic tray and fill with fine seed soil. Push it down to compact it and sow seeds as per packet instructions. Water in and harvest when they develop the first pair of true leaves. Stagger your sowing for a continuous crop.

Feed the birds and the bees

Feed robins and other winter birds with fat cakes

Natural food sources for birds are in short supply in the depths of winter. So help your garden birds by regularly putting out food for them.

It is better to feed them little and often, and always put out some fresh water too, especially when the temperatures are freezing.

Garden birds, in particular, benefit from feeding year round, but winter is a time to provide high fat treats to help keep them warm. Some birds need to recuperate 30% of

their body weight in order to survive the cold nights.

So, if you can, keep feeding them regularly so that birds will not waste vital energy visiting your garden when there's no food.

You can buy feed or make your own homemade bird fat balls really easily!

Provide nectar and pollination sources for bees to make sure they don't starve in the winter months

Plant and force rhubarb

Choose a dry, warm day when the soil is not too waterlogged. When preparing your soil, don't worry about breaking down all the clods of soil.

Keeping them large will help air circulate and any later frosts will break them up. Doing this early will pay dividends when you come to start planting.

Late winter to early spring is the ideal time to plant rhubarb crowns. They need an open, sunny site that's not prone to frost – cold snaps can damage young stems. They also like well-draining soil.

Prepare the ground by digging in lots of well-

rotted manure. Dig a hole and spread out the roots, then plant so the crown is just visible on the soil surface and water in. You can also plant rhubarb in very large (50cm diameter) pots, with plenty of drainage.

If you already have rhubarb in your garden, why not try forcing it?

Clear the ground of weeds and cover the plant with a large pot or dustbin to block out all the light.

In cold areas, you may need to add insulation around the cover. It should be ready to harvest eight weeks later.

Taken from David Domoney's 'Simple monthly calendar'

Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

Another year on the allotments draws to a close. Yes, it's been productive, but now we have only winter vegetables to look forward to. Some of us still have parsnips, while others have broccoli, Swiss chard, spinach, sprouts, leeks and the last of the beetroot to lift. Beans, potatoes and onions all did well this year, but they are but memories. It's been a good fruit year, but the raspberries, strawberries, currants and rhubarb are all finished now. A few flowers are hanging on, waiting for the frost to fell them.

We are starting to prepare for next year. The plot needs digging over and compost and manure spread. We all have a compost heap on which we spread weeds and vegetable waste from home. After a year or two it provides good material for digging back into the soil.

We are already planning what to grow next year and taking account of our experience of what performed well this season. Some of us have already sowed early broad beans and onions which will hopefully stand through the winter and give early crops.

The allotment society had its AGM recently and Des Libby has been voted in as our new chairman. If you are interested in joining us, don't hesitate to ask Des about spare plots (or half plots). There are a few available.

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Winter

by Mavis Cocks

Winter – the season when
the earth takes its rest,

when trees stand bare
and no bird builds its nest,

when ice frozen streams no longer flow
and the ground
can don a white mantle of snow.

You listen in vain for a birds's call or song,
when days are short and the nights are long.

Hedgehogs curl up tight
for their long winter sleep,
Gale scattered leaves pile into heaps.

But each day that passes
tells us one sure thing,
that each day of winter
brings us nearer to spring.

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13 December 2019

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17 January 2020

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Entries should be no more than 1500 words and the entry fee is £5.

There were a pleasing number of local entries for the 2019 competition and, although the winners were not local, all the entries received were commendable and one of you just missed receiving a prize.

The competition rules and entry form can be downloaded from the Festival website, foweyfestival.com.

New Trustees

You may have seen us advertising for new trustees to fill the vacancies on our board. We are delighted to introduce you to three new trustees. Grant Feller, a journalist and writer, who works in marketing and communications will be dealing with our publicity and hoping to promote the Festival to a wider audience. Cathy Baillie, a part time marketing manager, will be looking after our Social Media accounts. She has a wide experience in dealing with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. If you want to keep up with all that is going on do like us through the links below. Amanda Hubbarde, a self-employed insurance consultant has joined us as our administrator, she has recently moved to Fowey and is enjoying a different pace to life. Her administration experience working in several large companies will be an asset to the Festival Trustees. A very warm welcome to all of you.

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"End of Term"

Tony Cottrell's new play

Polruan Village Hall
Thursday 20 February - Saturday 22 February

Tickets £7; concessions £3.50

contact Wendy (01726 870666)
(Not suitable for children under ten)

The long awaited world premier of Tony Cottrell's new play 'End of Term' is nearly upon us. Set in the Staff Room of Eton View, a small preparatory school in the Home Counties, it covers the final term of the school, which is being forced to close due to Market Forces and an unsympathetic Board of Governors. The staff, as in most if not all preparatory schools, are an eclectic and entertaining mix. Those familiar with Tony's work can and should expect to laugh but it cannot be called a comedy pure and simple because it deals with matters of Life and Death as well as a financially uncertain future.

Book now to avoid disappointment

We are sorry to report that sadly there will be no Pantomime.

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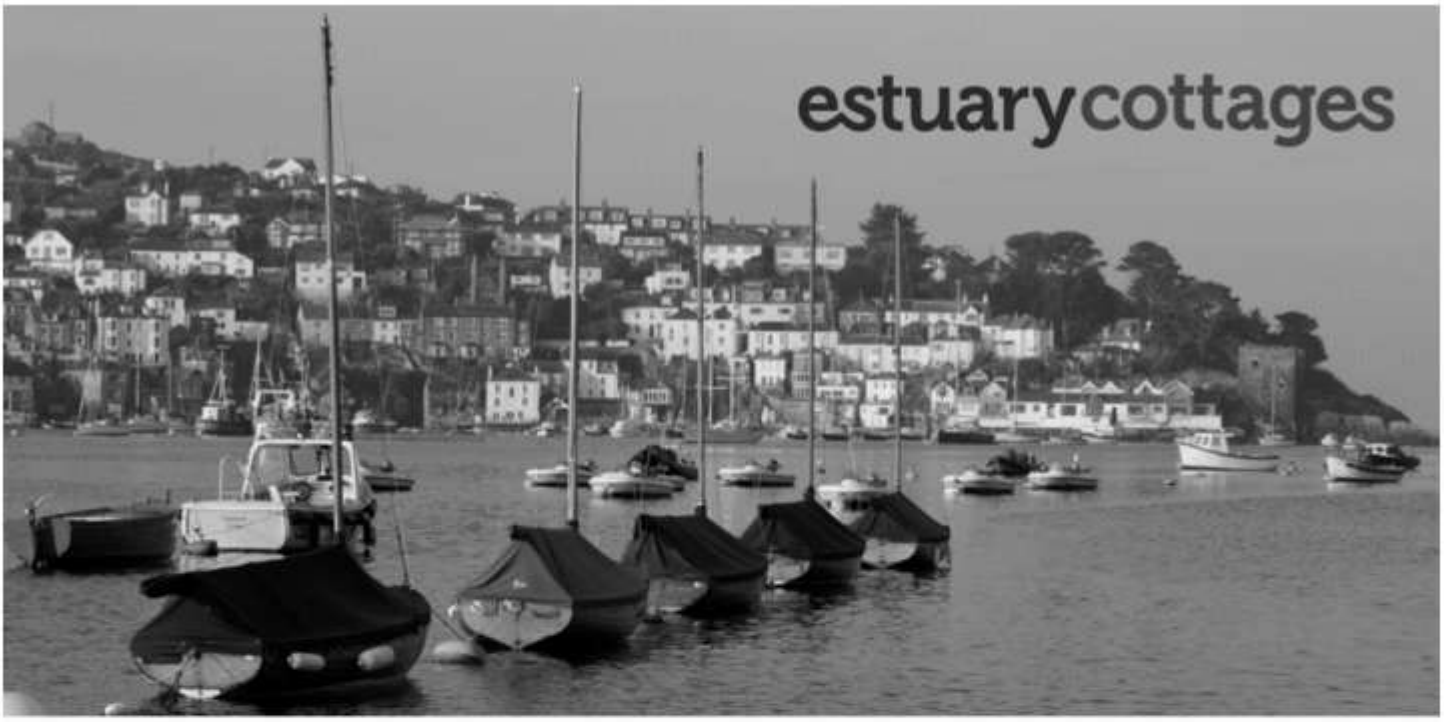

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The Blockhouse, Polruan

Town Trust News

from Robin Sainsbury
Chairman

Since our last meeting very little has changed, we are still awaiting a final draft of the contracts to resolve the transfer of The Quay, there is light at the end of the tunnel and hopefully it is now becoming brighter.

The repairs to the slip have not been completed as yet and we continue to chase the contractor, sadly the same is the case for the fencing around the extended area of the playground.

Wes Pascoe has taken on the role of Clerk on a temporary basis, should anyone be interested in the role or indeed becoming a trustee should Wes take on the role permanently, please contact me at the Russell Inn.

In the spring we will be replacing the lifejacket lockers on the quay. The old ones, supplied by the RNLI, had become damaged beyond repair so we have purchased our own and these will be sited on the railings at the top of the gangway to the pontoon.

The annual tender for the car park will be discussed at our December meeting, with invitations to tender being advertised immediately after the meeting, the return date will be 31 December 2019.

As ever, should anyone have any suggestions or requests for the Trust, please submit them to any of the Trustees for discussion at a future meeting.

Christmas Fayre

Polruan Academy

11 December
1.30pm

At the School

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LANTEGLOS PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Early Monday morning and NOT BEFORE!

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

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

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GULLS

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** Christmas Present Ideas **

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Fowey Harbour
HERITAGE SOCIETY

Cornish Country Houses

2.30 pm Saturday, 14 December, 2019
at Fowey Parish Rooms
Paul Holden

Paul's talk will take us through the history and development of the Cornish house from the medieval period to the modern day as well as the architects and patrons who designed and built them.

Paul Holden, FSA, is a freelance architectural historian, lecturer and writer. He was Chairman of the Cornish Buildings Group between 2010 and 2018 and editor of Celebrating Pevsner: the proceedings of the 2015 Cornish Buildings Group conference (2017). Other notable works include The Lanhydrock Atlas (2010) and The London Letters of Samuel Molyneux (2011). Paul is an editor for Architectural Historian, a member of the Faculty Advisory Group of Truro Cathedral, a Council member of the Cornish Buildings Group and reviewer for the Royal Society, the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain and the Society of Antiquaries of London.

The Spider in the web – Elizabeth Andrew Warren, 1786-1864

2.30 pm Saturday, 11 January, 2020
Whitecross Village Hall

Guy English:

Guy will share his research on Elizabeth Warren of Flushing, a once highly regarded 19th Century botanist and algologist, and the significance of Falmouth to the import of plants now in Cornish Gardens. Born in Truro she lived for most of her adult life in the village of Flushing, near Falmouth. At a time when British women had no access to higher education, Elizabeth concentrated her efforts along the southern shores of Cornwall collecting and preparing plant specimens, corresponding with other botanists, and working with various scientific societies. Elizabeth's work reflected the values of the Enlightenment, the Age of Reason, a state of mind that Western Civilization needs, arguably, to re-discover.

We look forward to welcoming you to these talks - all are welcome.

£6.00 on the door, Members half price. Light refreshments are provided.

Chairman's Heritage Awards Lunch

Held on 2 November 2019 at Royal Fowey Yacht Club

Strong winds, horizontal rain, not to mention England losing to South Africa earlier in the day, proved insufficient to dampen spirits of those who attended the Society's inaugural Heritage Awards Luncheon at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club. Dr Helen Doe opened the occasion by welcoming the Mayor of Fowey, Mrs Ruth Finlay, the Chairman of Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council, Dr Pat Moore, OBE, Nigel Hall and Paul Richards, members and guests.

Following a splendid and convivial lunch, Heritage Awards were presented to Nigel and Paul in recognition of their contribution to preserving the heritage of the Fowey Harbour area. Nigel's work is best evidenced by his book, Polkerris: A History of the Village and its Pilchard Fishery, published in 2018, and Paul's by the exhibitions in Fowey covering some of the major events in World Wars I and II.

The Society's town guides were thanked for their dedication over many years to taking hundreds of visitors on walks around Fowey and Polruan. Their research and walks have done much to encourage interest in the social, architectural and military history of this beautiful and interesting area. Heritage Awards were presented to the Society's 'retiring' guides: Angie Crown, Alex Lewis, who also stepped down from the Chair of FHHS in April this year, Hilda Marshall-Johnson, and Al Trenary. They have set the standard for those who are following.

The Chairman was pleased to announce a new and exciting heritage project for Fowey Harbour: Heritage Open Days. Established in 1994, Heritage Open Days is England's contribution to the European Heritage Days and has since grown into the country's largest heritage festival. It involves opening places for free to the public over a period of two weeks each September to celebrate their history, architecture and culture. There are very few places in Cornwall contributing to this at the moment, our nearest and notable exception, being Liskeard. Guests and Members were invited to put forward suggestions for properties that they thought should be

Fowey Harbour News - Great British Beach Clean

from Claire Hoddinott, Environment Officer, Fowey Harbour Commissioners

In late September we again took part in the Marine Conservation Society's 'Great British Beach Clean' which has been running for over 25 years. In this time, the project which surveys beach litter nationally, has made significant impacts in the campaign against beach litter, providing evidence which has influenced the plastic bag charge, banning microplastics in personal care products, better wet wipe labelling, and supporting a tax on single-use plastic items.

We surveyed Readymoney and Whitehouse beaches and only a few items of litter were found, some could be attributed to beach visitors including food wrappers and cigarette butts – please be responsible and use a bin! There was a strong onshore wind which had brought ashore small fragments of fishing net, a problem found all around our Cornish shores. There are volunteers from groups such as Fathoms Free and Clean Ocean Sailing who collect larger pieces of fishing net or 'ghost gear' from beaches around our coast, then working with companies like Odyssey Innovation Ltd, turn this material into useful products like kayaks made entirely from ocean plastic.

We were heartened that people on the beach approached us to ask about the survey and said they'd collected a handful of litter which they'd disposed of themselves. There does seem to be a change in mind set; people are willing to pick up litter but it would be even better if we could stop it being dropped, blown from bins or thrown from car windows onto our beautiful countryside and coastline. Please do your bit where you can!

The overall cleanliness of our local beaches is thanks to the efforts of the team of local volunteers who clean Readymoney and Whitehouse on a daily basis throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone involved and especially to Sue and Roger Simpson who coordinate the volunteers. We are also grateful to them and their team for cleaning the paddling pool at Whitehouse, this is a labour-intensive task and it is fantastic that people in our community are willing to do this for the benefit of locals and visitors during the summer season.

Local businesses are helping too by minimising packaging and offering re-useable solutions. Seasalt, the Cornish fashion company are going even further and giving their staff the opportunity to volunteer for local causes and the team in the Fowey branch chose to do a beach clean and survey at Polridmouth.

Marianne from the Fowey Seasalt Team said: 'Together with three of my Seasalt colleagues, I recently spent a few hours combing the beaches at Polridmouth for rubbish. Our haul was surprisingly small: it seems that most people do take their litter home which is very encouraging. Much of what we found was unrecognisable fragments of plastic, though our bag included a disposable BBQ, one trainer, four socks and many snack wrappers. Despite blowy, showery weather, we all found it very satisfying spending an afternoon in the fresh air doing something worthwhile. Thank you to Seasalt for making it possible through its new volunteering programme, and to Claire Hoddinott for organising us so efficiently.'

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Polruan Coastguard

from Des Libby, Station Officer

Winter is upon us but there is no let up in our Training program. We meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Station next to the car park at the top of the hill, to maintain and improve our skills. During the dark winter evenings the Casualty Care pack (First Aid in old money) comes out and we practice different scenarios, catastrophic bleeding, broken bones and suspected spinal injuries are only a few of the things we train for.

From the Station Log

2nd September 2019: Report of Rock Slide in Furze Park area, Team inspected the area to check proximity to foot path and any further cracking in the field above.

17th September 2019: Report of possible boat on fire. Team using powerful binoculars pinpointed the location and found incident to be a false alarm with good intent

26th September 2019: Team responded to a call from SW Ambulance Services to assist with a person who had fallen in Lerryn,

4th October 2019: Report of a dog over the cliff at Hannafore Looe. Team mobilized to support our colleagues at Looe, the dog was eventually recovered by Looe Fire and Rescue Team

9th October 2019: Team called to assist Police and Looe Coastguard Rescue Service with a missing person at Looe.

Remember – if you see any body in difficulty along the coast line dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard

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Forthcoming events

Talk – Cornwall's Butterflies

By Shaun Poland, Cornwall Butterfly Conservation

Wednesday 26 February
7.30pm

Meet at Trenython Manor Hotel

AGM and Talk – Cornish Choughs

By Roger Hooper

Tuesday 24 March

7.30pm

Meet at Royal Fowey Yacht Club

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Des

It is to be hoped that Desmond Norman Libby, better known as 'Des', and Val Libby are already taking it in turn to get the breakfast in bed, well after eight of a morning, every morning from now on, because at the end of October, Des gave up the milk round that he had been doing, not only around Polruan but also far out into the country, for the past thirty two years, rising at four in the morning to do so.

Not only will we no longer get milk but there is also no more fresh veg. or bread nor even the occasional croissant delivered to our door; but more important and far more intangible will be the loss of Des, Val, or on occasions, Kevin Parsons or whoever is actually coming to the door and consciously or not, just checking that all is well. A One Man Neighbourhood Watch. It will give them much more time to see the girls and the grandchildren, without feeling guilt and having to rush home for the next early morning round.

At the same time, Des retired from the Fire Brigade, an event celebrated at the Russell on several occasions, but fear not! He will still be cutting lawns and an essential cog in the smooth running of the Polruan Regatta Machine, judging the races and, most memorably, umpiring the beach volleyball, up that step ladder.

Thanks for everything, Des.

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