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The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

Marilyn's Musings

Easter Sunday this year is on 12 April and I hope you will be able to join us somewhere around the Benefice to celebrate this Good News, not 'fake news' as evidenced by so many eye witnesses at the time.

Each of the Gospels records the events of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ slightly differently and from a different viewpoint.

Mark is the shortest and earliest Gospel and moves very quickly from one event to another. As a close companion of Peter he is a credible witness to the events of Jesus' life and the foundation on which Matthew and Luke based their writings. Mathew's Gospel comes from a Jewish perspective, demonstrating Jesus' Jewish lineage and his significance for the people of Israel; Luke, a doctor, writes from a Gentile perspective and records Jesus' healings; John, one of the closest disciples, adds layers of deeper meaning to events and what Jesus said.

Each writer was inspired to create their individual account through what he had either seen or had reported to him. Some people ask why they differ in some aspects, but I suggest that we should consider the Gospels like magazine or newspaper articles which differ in certain respects based on the perception of the writer, and at times, editorial bias.

The most important thing to remember is that they all realised the need to record the 'Greatest Story Ever Told' for their respective audiences, so that two thousand years later we can continue to tell the story afresh to our generation.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter made possible through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

Yours in Christ

Marilyn

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Ten years of 'Open the Book at Polruan School' — see page 22

From the Editor

What worrying and uncertain times we are living through. Please keep safe; maintaining good hygiene and a safe social distance, whilst staying in contact with vulnerable family, friends and neighbours — at a distance(!) — to ensure they have all they need. Please note the help that is on offer via The Polruan Isolation Group (page 14) and Des and Val Libby (page 8). But also read helpful words from Bishop Phillip (page 2) and Chris Hope-Wynn (page 8) as there is hope and there will be an end. And have a look at page 17 and Tony Cottrell's poem for a smile and reflections on another period of national stress.

The cut off date for copy for this edition was on 14 March, two to three days before the current official Government medical and social guidance was issued. A liberal splash of common sense will be required when deciding whether to attend planned social events listed in the Parish News; many of which may have been postponed or cancelled in accordance with the guidelines issued. Please visit websites and notice boards to establish whether this is the case and, should events continue to run, please do not attend if you are feeling unwell, to protect yourself and those around you. Some organisations have sent in new articles with revised details of what they are planning during this unprecedented event and, where this is the case, I have included these.

Things are changing so fast and since writing the above, advice has changed yet again and all social venues are now closed, so the likelihood of anything in the Parish diary running in the foreseeable future is unlikely.

All the very best, let's hope that this crisis will pass more quickly than is currently expected — keep safe and stay well.

Ne ven keris seaguns yeth

Suzanne

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Church Diary – in the Benefice of Trelawny

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

On this page you would normally expect to see our Parish Church Diary. However, The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have today called for Church of England churches to put public worship on hold, and become a “different sort of church” in the coming months to face the challenge of coronavirus.

All updates will be published on the dedicated Church of England web page. Plans for live-streaming of some services and some diocese-wide initiatives are being worked upon.

Clearly this is an extraordinary challenge for us all, and Bishop Philip has written the following pastoral statement to all those who live within the diocese:

“My friends, I’m sharing this message today not just with the clergy and people of the Diocese of Truro, but with everyone here in Cornwall at what is a very challenging time for us all.

You’ll be aware of how much has changed in just a few short days. By now you will probably have heard too the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to suspend public worship for a season. That will come as a shock and challenge to many of you, but in the circumstances, and following the best medical advice, I’m sure it’s right.

But I want to say very clearly to you that does

not mean the Church is shutting up shop! Far from it. Now is the time for the Church of God to rise to this great challenge of our times. I cannot help but feel that this crisis challenges us deeply to be just the kind of Church our God is calling us to be.

And I believe too that this crisis challenges Cornwall to be its very best: to express in heart and soul the spirit of One and All.

So to us all in Cornwall I would say – let us be the very best we can be. This is the opportunity we all have to shine, to be our better selves. It’s a great challenge: but let’s rise to it.

And if you are feeling isolated and fearful, remember you are not alone. There are many people standing by you, even if you can’t see them – and our God has not changed: he remains good and faithful and we can trust him and rely upon him. He won’t let us down.

And if you’re working in the public services, our NHS, the emergency services and the caring professions, planning and working to respond in the best way possible to the many challenges we face and who may be very stretched in the days to come: do know that we are cheering you on. We’re deeply thankful for you and are praying for you – and for your families too.

For the Church – whilst our pattern of worship will change significantly I think our church buildings need to be more open, not less, providing space for people to come and pray and be and socially interact (at an appropriate distance of course). We should use digital media creatively wherever we can and we are working on identifying a few churches in the diocese where live streaming of worship might be possible.

And we need to be the feet on the ground in our communities – identifying those who are lonely and isolated, fearful and grieving and doing all we can, within the constraints that are placed up on us, and without exposing people to unnecessary risk, to show in word and in deed the love of Christ.

Likewise there will be others who will find these times very challenging economically: again we need to do all we can to meet their needs. Let’s keep the foodbanks well stocked up.

So for us as a church this will not be business as usual. But it will NOT be no business, it will be ‘business unusual’. We’ll still be about the business of the Kingdom of God, but in new, different, committed, creative and deeply caring ways.

The big question this crisis asks of us as a Church is this: will we meet its challenge to love and serve and give as Jesus did, for we are nothing less than his Body here on earth? I pray we will and will not be found wanting at this great hour of need.

And to all of us I would say, across Cornwall, in this crisis, let’s be people of prayer. This crisis is

bigger than any of us. But God is greater. So we need not be fearful – in the end we can be people of hope, as we become people of prayer: because there is a good future for us, beyond this, a good future that God holds out for us all.

And as this virus is no respecter of borders, I’m going to close with a prayer written by our neighbour, Bishop Robert, Bishop of Exeter. If you’d like to, do pray with me now:

‘Keep us good Lord under the shadow of your mercy, in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen’

And may God bless us all”.

Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro – 17 March 2020.

From the Registers

Baptism

22nd March; Harrison John Oram, St. Nun, Pelynt

Weddings

20th March; Kirk Robert Bignell to Jodeligh Marie Dear, St. Nun, Pelynt

28th March; John Mullally to Marie Batten, St. Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

Funerals/Thanksgiving services

28th January; Emily Jean Oliver, St. Marnarch, Lanreath

1st February; Glenys May Salt, St. Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

8th February; Marcus Ernest Curtis, St. Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

11th February; Eileen Rose Lowery, St. Nun, Pelynt

21st February; Lesley Boyden, St. Marnarch, Lanreath

4th March; David John Horwood, St. Marnarch, Lanreath

16th March; Lillian Ivy Price – Peggy, St. Nun, Pelynt

20th March; Leslie Charles Tippet, St. Ildierna, Lansallos

Funerals at Glyn Valley

5th February; Francis Benjamin Symons of Lanreath

Interment of cremated remains

26th March; Eileen Rose Lowery, St. Nun, Pelynt

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Parish Diary

Please check prior to attending – many events listed below may have been postponed or cancelled

April

Wednesday, 1st, 5th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Stretch and Tone, 10-11am at Lanreath Village Hall (see page 20) **

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

Saturday, 4th Cut off day to enter VE Day Hamper draw

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

Saturday, 4th Higher Windmill Allotments Open Day, 2pm (see page 23)

Monday, 6th Little Harbour Hospice Open Day (see page 6)

Monday, 6th Circular Walk, Sibleyback Lake, at 10am, meet at Lanreath Village Hall (see page 5)

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

Tuesday, 7th Children's Hospice Book Sales, 9.30am on The Corner (see page 6)

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

Wednesday, 8th, Talk - Hedgehog Rescue by Prickles and Paws, 7.45pm at Squires Field Community Centre (see page 27)

Thursday, 9th WI Meeting, 7pm at the WI Hall (see page 10)

Tuesday, 14th, ticket for VE Day tea party available at the Winkle Picker

Wednesday, 15th Community Morning with the Baby and Toddler Group, 10-11am at the Fire Station (see page 3)

Wednesday, 15th return decorated bunting flags for VE Day celebration (see page 16)

Friday, 17th, Miniature garden trays for VE Day available from the Winkle Picker (see page 16)

Friday, 17th Bake Off recipe and powdered egg for VE Day available from Crumpets Two (see page 16)

Saturday, 18th Quiz Night at The Luggier Inn, 9pm in aid of VE Day (see page 16)

Monday, 20th Walk at Hossenford Woods, at 10am, meet Lanreath Car Park (see page 15)

Friday, 24th, Talk - An Atlantic Adventure onboard Seallon, 7.30pm by Tor Helen and family (see page 21)

**please check dates prior to attending, this may not be running due to the Easter Holidays

May

Saturday, 2nd, Whitecross Market, 10am-1pm

(see page 12)

Monday, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Pilates, 6-7pm at Whitecross Village Hall

Tuesday, 5th, Children's Hospice Book Sales, 9.30am on The Corner (see page 6)

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Sunday, 10th Christian Aid Week, (see page 5)

Thursday, 14th WI Meeting, 7pm at the WI Hall (see page 10)

Saturday, 23rd May Quiz Night at The Luggier, 9pm in aid of Polruan Village Hall (see page 4)

Monday, 25th Choosing of Carnival Royalty (see page 10)

Saturday, 30th May, "South West Awake Prayer", 2-2.30pm, on Coast Path

June

Saturday, 6th June Whitecross Market, 10am-1pm (see page 12)

Sunday, 21st 'The Rainbow Run' at RAF St. Mawgan, (see page 6)

Don't forget to look out for application forms to enter Polruan in Bloom (see page 20) and the Scarecrow competition (see page 10)



Christian Aid Week from Kathryn Hill

Christian Aid Week starts on Sunday, 10 May which is, of course, the VE 75 weekend. There will be collecting boxes in St John, St Saviour and St Willow Churches and I plan to hold an Afternoon Tea in St Saviour Church on the afternoon of Sunday, 17 May from 2.30 p.m.

Christian Aid are involved in both on-going development work and in disaster relief. They help those in need regardless of their religion or ethnicity, the only criterion is need. Do come and enjoy the Afternoon Tea and please give generously to this worthwhile cause. Offers of help, refreshments or Raffle Prizes will be welcome.

Please note, regrettably the Afternoon Tea has been postponed (date to be confirmed)

Baby & Toddler GROUP

Community Mornings with Polruan Baby and Toddler Group from Zoe and Katie

We are opening our sessions to members of the community.
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Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 15th April
Wednesday 15th July

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Lansallos Parish News
from John Feesey, Lansallos PCC

Have you thought of leaving a legacy to your church? It is a completely painless way to give, as the money does not leave your account until after you have passed away! Lansallos Church has been the fortunate recipient of four such bequests in the last seven years totalling over £17,000, mostly for conservation and repair of the church fabric or for churchyard maintenance. This has made a major contribution to the high cost of maintaining our beautiful 14th century building and its surrounds.

Church of England parishes received legacies from over 5,000 thoughtful people in 2018-19, amounting to around £50 million. Does this sound like very generous giving to you? Well, compare it to the RSPCA and the RSPB which between them benefited from bequests totalling £107 million in the same period - over twice as much - while the Donkey Sanctuary, Cats Protection League and Dogs Trust shared £90 million. Considering that the Church of England legacies were shared between 12,500 parishes, some of which have two or three churches to support, it does not sound quite so generous does it?

If you would like to leave a bequest in your will to Lansallos - or any other church - it could not be simpler. Simply tell the solicitor or person writing your will that you would like to include a legacy to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of your desired parish. Note that it is best to state this as a percentage of your estate rather than a certain amount in pounds sterling, because inflation can quickly erode the value of money and what may seem a generous bequest when a will is written can become much less in real terms over the years.

News From Polruan Village Hall
from Chris Cox for PVH Management Committee

We are continuing with the process of upgrading the Village Hall (please see separate article) and have two Quiz Nights approaching in aid of the Hall. The first is at The Russell Inn on Saturday, 4th April from around 9pm and the second is at The Lugger on Saturday, 23rd May from around 9pm. Please come along for a fun packed evening in support of our community Hall.

Our bookings appear to be up a little, so the future is looking brighter.

'End of Term' - the new play written by Tony Cottrell - was performed by the Polruan Theatre Company on 20th to 22nd February at the Hall and this was well attended. I believe other productions are in the pipeline too - so something to look forward to (see page 5)!

Kidz Klub and Youth Club continue to use the Hall regularly throughout the year and Holiday Club is booked in for 3 days in July. They have a fund raising event "Rumble in the Jungle" scheduled to take place at the Hall on 25th April at 10.30. Do come along and support them. (Please see further details on page 20).

We also have two weddings booked for May and July.

Please remember that the Hall is for everyone, the hiring rates are reasonable and it is a great venue for all occasions, particularly as we proceed with our upgrades. We also have music and alcohol licences, so please visit our website at www.polruan.org for further details and information about how to book.

Please note that the Quiz scheduled for 4 April at The Russell Inn has been cancelled.



On a different note, Lansallos PCC has decided to apply for a faculty (that is, permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)) to install wall mounted infra-red (IR) heaters in the Lady Chapel at a cost of around £3,600. The existing storage heaters have proved to be very expensive to run and are ineffective, even when switched on 36 hours in advance, with most of the heat convecting into the high ceiling of the Chapel. IR heaters will only need to be switched on for the duration of a service, making them much cheaper to run and more environmentally friendly, and they warm the congregation directly instead of the air. It is hoped that a DAC decision will be made in time to install these heaters by next autumn. Incidentally, this is just the sort of project that a legacy left in your will could support!

Future Events: Advance warning for your diaries: the Lansallos Fete will be held at 2.30pm on Saturday, 25th July, in the Old Rectory garden (weather permitting). Sadly, the next event will be The Reverend Marilyn's farewell Benefice service at Pelynt Church at 11.00am on Sunday, 26th July, followed by a Benefice lunch in Lanreath village hall.

Beneth Dew Enough Why
(God be with you)



News From Lanreath from Jenny Bartram

There is much happening in and around Lanreath over the next couple of months so be sure to come along and enjoy the action!

Lanreath Community Spirit are busy organising the VE Day activities which will take place on Friday, 8 May. The procession of the May Day King and Queen will commence at the Village Hall at midday and proceed down to the Millennium Green where the children will be dancing around the Maypole. Should the weather be unkind, these activities will take place in the church. Also in the church there will be Flower Arranging, Photography and Pasty competitions. Entry forms will be available at the Village Shop. To commemorate VE Day a street party is being organised, if warm and fine it will be outside, but otherwise in the Village Hall. The committee are asking that if you are planning on joining the party, and everyone is welcome, please bring a plate of food to share. Bring also your voice, as there will be singing to war time songs. Song sheets will be provided!

There are many other activities ongoing in Lanreath. The WI have an interesting timetable including a National Hedgehog Survey, Garden Workshop, Craft Workshop with a summer theme and a Day of Art and Music emphasising all things Cornish. They meet every fourth Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Village Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Walking Group have a circular walk around Sibleyback Lake on Monday, 6 April,



with a new walk through Hesperford Woods on Monday, 20 April. They meet at 10.00am at the Village Hall Car Park.

A refresher defibrillator course was held in February and there are responders based in and around the village.

The Bingo Sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm remain very popular with tea and coffee served during the interval. All the money raised is used for the benefit of the community.

The Shop and Post Office now have their own Facebook page which is updated weekly. The shop has recently been refurbished and now also sells a selection of greetings cards. After a disappointing period last year, the turnover has recently improved. It is to be hoped that this trend will continue.

Please note that the VE Day celebrations may be cancelled

Lanteglos Community Bus

It is very much regretted that our regular services to St. Austell, Trago and Truro are suspended until further notice.

This follows government advice in response to the Covid-19 crisis, particularly as it relates to the use of public transport and the vulnerability of both passengers and drivers due to age and underlying medical conditions. We are extremely sorry for the inevitable inconvenience that this will cause and will monitor the situation closely to bring updates.

Pelynt and District Thursday Club

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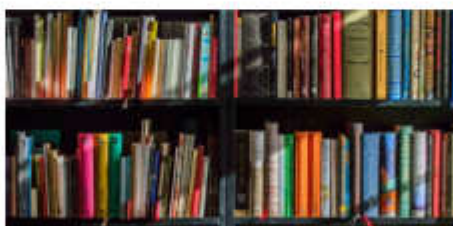
Little Harbour

Children's Hospice South-West, Little Harbour

from Lynn Bartlett

Our next book sales will be on 7 April and 5 May from 9.30am.

Over the winter we have taken the books that are either duplicates or we have had in stock for several months to Little Harbour to be distributed to their shops.



The books on the Blamey shelves in the Reading Room have been refreshed; please go and browse. Jigsaws have proved popular and we still have a few on the shelves too.

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 6 April. A tour by groups or individuals can be booked by telephoning 01726 871800.



Little Harbour Children's Hospice

With little Government funding, fund raising becomes essential. This year's fun event 'The Rainbow Run' takes place at RAF St. Mawgan on 21 June. A new event 'Colour Craze' will take place in Plymouth on 19 July. Details of both these events can be found at www.chow.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact Lynn Bartlett (01726 870536), should you require further information.

News From Nigeria from Kathryn Hill

Many thanks to all who helped at or supported the 'Nigeria' Coffee Morning, we raised £192.00. My jam, marmalade and chutney on sale in St Saviour and St Wyllow Churches, plus bacon and egg pies (which I am making to order) have raised a further £105.29, bringing the total to £297.29. I made this up to £300 and have sent it off. Half will be used towards school fees for the blind students at the boy's secondary School, Gindiri (where I used to teach) and the other half towards school fees for the IDP (Internally Displaced People) children. This money will make a big difference to the lives of these young people, so please accept their thanks.

Recently there was a very moving article in 'The Church of England Newspaper' - An Interview with Rebecca, the mother of Leah Sharibu, who has now been held captive by Boko Haram for two years. Rebecca was visiting the UK on the second anniversary of Leah's capture on 19 February 2018 and took part in a vigil outside the Nigerian High Commission. She attended a worship service with the Archbishop of Canterbury who said that he was honoured to share the Eucharist with Rebecca whom he described as 'a woman of profound courage and faith'. Rebecca not only prays for Leah every day but she also prays for her captors 'that they will release her and that they will be able to receive Christ'; even though she said that she finds this very hard to do.

There were 109 girls originally captured, five sadly died in captivity but the others were all released quite quickly because they were Muslims. If Leah, the only Christian in the group, had been willing to convert to Islam, she too would have been freed but, so strong is her faith in, and her love for Jesus, that she refused and remains as a slave in Boko Haram hands. There has been little news but there is evidence that she is still alive. Leah's parents and Nigerian Christian leaders are all asking the international community to 'speak out for Leah, as well as the plight of all those who have been kidnapped'. I have copies of the article if anyone would like to read it in full.

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World Day of Prayer from Kathryn Hill for the Committee

World Day of Prayer (formerly Woman's World Day of Prayer, WWDP) is a women led, global ecumenical movement which organises an international day of prayer on the first Friday of March each year. The service is prepared by the women of a different country each year; this year the women of Zimbabwe invited us to 'Rise, take up your mat and walk'.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries, it begins in Samoa and prayers in the languages of each country travel throughout the world before finishing in American Samoa more than 36 hours later!

There were only 16 of us in St Saviour at



1.45pm on Friday, 6 March but it was good to realise that not only was there another group meeting in Lanreath, but that all over the world, at different times during the day, women, men and children were meeting to pray the same prayers and sing the same hymns.

As always we concluded with refreshments including some cookies made from a Zimbabwean recipe by Chris Cox.

Polruan Kidz Klub and Polruan Youth Club

from Angie Mallard – Chair of Youth Committee



Sadly, the Kidz Klub and Youth Club have been cancelled until further notice.

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Village Hall Improvement Programme from the Committee

Over the past 5 years the Village Hall, with significant financial support from many Grant Providers, has carried out a planned 'Village Hall Improvement Programme'. Improvements have included the installation of two Solar Array PV Systems, one with Battery Storage and one with a FIT capability, internal insulation of the walls and roof, relaying of the driveway, replacement of external doors and windows with Georgian design double-glazed units, sanding and refurbishment of the main hall wooden floor, an Air Sourced Heating System and upgrading of our electrical systems.

Over the past 12 months, thanks to Grant Support from The Prince of Wales' Foundation, The Rank Foundation, The National Lottery Awards For All Fund and a bequest from our late Chairman, Professor Simon Clarke, we have replaced the chain link fencing on the recreation area stone wall, installed a storage racking system upstairs in the Mezzanine and enhanced the Fire and Emergency Exit provisions by replacing the Foyer Entrance Doors with a set of french doors that double as both Entrance and Emergency Exit Doors and upgraded the Emergency lighting. We have also upgraded our website: www.polruan.org

We have planned for and have sufficient funding left to progress the refurbishment of the back of stage washroom facility, the installation of a PA and Sound System and the internal redecoration of the Hall. It is our plan upgrade our kitchen facility too. As a point of principle, wherever possible, we source from local Contractors. Come along and take a look!

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Or use the letterbox in the porch of St Saviours Polruan

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

Coronavirus from Des and Val Libby

As the Coronavirus takes hold nobody knows what lays ahead or how it will affect us.

Des, Val and friends would like to offer the elderly and vulnerable in our area help with any shopping needs, the collection of prescriptions or any urgent needs in your home.

Contact us on 01726 870735

Remember for medical needs ring 111

Please Keep Safe

Coronavirus you've met your match!

from Chris Hope-Wynne

Cornwall being narrow is surrounded by sea and wind . . . natural defences against foreign bodies including that which emanates from Wuhan . . . Reasonable Risk Reduction amongst us seems appropriate . . . scientific evidence proves that thorough, sustained soapy washes are as capable as costly sanitizers. Abiding Love for each other without hugs, kisses, caresses and skin to skin contact (intimacy excluded!) can be shown by kindness in other ways . . . practical and emotional . . . a phone call, shopping, and loving reinforcement of feelings for others. This Community Is Blessed with an Ethos of Mutuality, Neighbourliness, Optimism, Public Quarter Responsibility, Solid, Timeless Unshakable Views Without Xenophobic Yattering Zest! Coronavirus you've met your match!

Lanteglos Community Bus

from John Pollard

It is very much regretted that our regular services to St Austell, Truro and Truro are suspended until further notice. This follows government advice in response to the Covid-19 crisis, particularly as it relates to the use of public transport and the vulnerability of both passengers and drivers due to age and underlying medical conditions. We are extremely sorry for the inevitable inconvenience that this will cause and will monitor the situation closely to bring updates.

Advance Notice from Tony Cottrell

There is a proposed pantomime for the winter

Would you like to be involved either on or behind stage?

Please let me know

For further information contact Tony Cottrell
(01726 870794)

Thank you from Barry Salt and family

We would like to say thank you to Peter & Margaret Ripley for their efficiency and kindness in the arrangements made for Glenys's funeral, to the Revd. Marilyn who presided over the service, and also to the pall bearers and organist, not forgetting Rob and Sue at the Russell Inn for the refreshments afterwards.

With thanks to everyone concerned for our wellbeing who sent cards, messages of sympathy and attended the funeral, not forgetting our extended families for their wonderful support.

It's so good to feel the love that Polruan exudes when you are feeling bereft.

We are pleased to inform you that £687.75 was raised by way of donations in lieu of flowers, and this has been forwarded to the British Heart Foundation, the charity very dear to Glenys, for which please accept our thanks.

Our farming community from Chris Hope-Wynne

To all our farming community in this beautiful part of Our Countryside, we, the consumers whose tables throughout the year are kept bountifully covered with the produce of your labours . . . Thank you for your ceaseless endurance (especially at this time of Bleak Mid Winter) when getting up from slumber in the dark and cold must be challenging to say the least . . . You Really Make A Difference to all our lives and keep our bellies full of energy (and yours too!). Thank You For Your Noble Work . . . The Cauliflowers from Frogmore Farm stall are the quintessence of this constant plentiful supply . . . How Lucky we are to have this resource. The National Trust hereabouts supplies fantastic meat at Whitcross Village Hall and so, many thanks to you all for supplying tasty Local food . . . Gill Palmer and her family at Frogmore Farm and Andy Simmonds for The National Trust deserve special thanks for their devotion to this Parish and Community . . . Exemplars of their Laudable way of Life. Bless all Farmers Hereabouts . . . It's tough physical labour in often unrepentant weather where time doesn't wait . . . often at human risk and uncertainty . . . spiritually draining and emotionally demanding . . . And Again Thank You All.

Spring has Sprung! from Chris Hope-Wynne

Spring has sprung . . . Daffodils, Primroses and Bluebells are out . . . the days are getting longer and despite all, The Human Spirit abounds . . . Life is for Living and The Loving Spirit endures ALL . . . Keep our feet on the floor and our heads won't be in the air . . . a timeless admonition for us all.

Thank you from John Stratford

I would like to thank all those who came to the WI Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, 1 February to help me celebrate my birthday. After some trepidation in the morning in case nobody turned up, I was delighted to see many turning up on time. It was great to meet you all and the atmosphere made it a most enjoyable afternoon. This, of course, was no doubt greatly helped by the delicious spread put on by Beth and Pam – no one went away hungry! (I think they've done it before).

Again, many thanks to you all – and here's to the next one!!!

Guided Walks of Fowey and Polruan 2020

**from Lynn Gould on behalf of
Cornish Riviera Guides**

Regretfully we have decided to postpone the start of these popular walks on Tuesdays in Fowey and Thursdays in Polruan for the moment until the end of May. At that time we will reassess and let you know what we are doing. We feel this is appropriate not only for the safety of our guides but to the general public as well.

We do have some good news in that Cornish Riviera Guides have just trained seven new guides to work with our existing team. These

new guides have spent the last year studying the area, walking the area and generally engrossing themselves in all things to do with guiding. They have passed their exams but sadly we have had to postpone our celebratory event which was going to be hosted by Fowey Hall Hotel. So a very warm welcome to Cecil, Chris, Kathryn, Marion, Simon, Sue and Suzanne. You will see them undertaking guided walks later in the season. At the same time we are in discussion with Looe Council and hope to extend these popular walks there as well. Please look out for details.

Our guides are either Blue Badge Guides or accredited guides and all are covered by public liability insurance. Any enquiries about guided walks in the area should be addressed to cornishriviera@gmail.com

We look forward to you joining us later in the season.

Polruan Kidz Klub, Polruan Youth Club and Polruan Youth Choir from Angie Mallard

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that all of the above have been cancelled until further notice.

Letter from Nigeria from Daniel and Kathleen

We are very busy with visitors at the moment for all sorts of reasons. A friend has been staying to see whether the hospital in Jos can do more to help his chronic back pain following an accident. One of the IDP's is to marry and his wife to be has been staying at our house with her best friend. A relative of Daniel's, Hawa, has come to live with us to continue her secondary education; she is a lovely girl, helping out before and after school. And of course Asabe continues to stay preparing evening meals. We have a few more guests tonight and then David and Steve Carling and the Rev'd Kefas will be coming. On Wednesday they hope to visit Vom Christian Hospital and Cocin Missionaries Officer on VCH.

Unfortunately, the north is in trouble again with Boko Haram attacking the area. Thank you for your prayers for us at Vom. Please continue as Plateau is still the place they want to take.

We praise God that He is in control and so we carry on with the work He has given us to do and keep praying particularly for the children, our grandchildren and the millions of children in Nigeria.

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Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports from the Committee

At our AGM at the beginning of March we welcomed two new committee members, Kat and student member, Rosie. We thank Joshua, who has stood down from the committee as work now takes him away from the parish.

After twenty three years of being Chair of the organisation, Lynn will share the post with Christine Bailey for the coming year before Christine takes over as chair at the AGM 2021.

At the committee meeting discussion took place about our annual spring trip to a theme park. Our planned date for the trip would have fallen just 12 days before the considerable commitment the committee have to the VE Day 75 celebrations. With that in mind and the current advice coming from National Health England regarding the spread of Coronavirus, we agreed to postpone the trip until the Autumn.

There will be several events for children and families to enter on 8 May at VE Day 75. We hope you will dress in 1940's style, the children as evacuees, join in the tea party, enter the sand sculpture competition, dig for victory miniature garden and spot the aircraft trail. Apart from the evening barbecue all events and activities will be free of charge. (For further details please see page 16).

On Monday, 25 May, we will be holding the choosing of the Carnival Royalty event. Parents and Carers will be required to sign a permission slip for their child/children to enter; this has become necessary because children were entering without their parents'/carers' agreement. There will be a few games, a raffle and some entertainment with an ongoing barbecue for everyone to enjoy.

We are hoping for a much improved entry in the Scarecrow competition this year and will be offering a cash prize along with the perpetual trophies. Entry forms, with further details, will be available in June, and we would like the scarecrows to be in place by 10am on Friday, 24 July. This year's theme is 'Bond 007', there are many characters who would make good scarecrows. Happy planning!

Baby & Toddler GROUP

Please save the date

We shall be holding our Annual Fundraiser
On Sunday, 23 August – 2 until 4pm
More details to follow in subsequent publications and look out for posters

Letter from Australia from Mary Taylor

True to form, Woolies and other shops had hot cross buns in stores by 1 January!

The fires are nearly all out now – only one or two in remote areas. The weather here is very changeable – there have been floods in the fire hit areas which was admittedly needed, offering the firemen a well earned break. Millions of dollars have been collected to rebuild the areas worst hit, let's hope it goes where it is most needed into rebuilding communities and homes – not into paperwork. We haven't had the floods here but do desperately need the rain

Plum came this morning and told us we were to be great grandparents again this afternoon. His second daughter, Kate, and her partner were told to be at the Wagga Wagga Hospital where the baby is to be delivered by Caesarean section. Plum's eldest daughter, partner and two children are going to Queensland for a holiday on Wednesday, they

may come up to Coot at Easter – they live 4 hours away.

Liz and Kim had their 44th wedding anniversary on 21 February. John and his family are well.



Unfortunately, Jim is not too good, he can't get around as much as he used to and relies on his walker, also his memory is not as good as it used to be.

Autumn is upon us here and soon it will be Easter, nearly time to put the heating on!

I would very much like to hear from anyone in Polruan with news about what they're up to, I'd happily write back.

Happy Easter everyone and bye for now.

Mary

Mary Taylor, 3 Warren Street, Cootamundra, NSW 2590, Australia

Second Sunday in Lanteglos Parish

from Kathryn Hill

As mentioned in the last issue of the Parish News, on most Second Sundays we plan to hold either Messy Church or Sing a New Song in St Saviour Church at 3.30pm. However, the storm forecast on the second Sunday in February caused us to postpone the planned February Messy Church to Sunday, 1 March when we did meet and have a great time.

Sing A New Song was able to happen as scheduled, when again we passed a happy afternoon of song in pleasant company rounded off by cake and a 'cuppa'.

As the second Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, we had planned that the Easter Messy Church and Egg Hunt would be at 3.30pm on Easter Monday, as usual. However, this will now be dependent on the medical situation and Government advice. There will be posters and social media posts nearer the time.

The second Sunday in May is, of course, the weekend when we are celebrating VE Day 75 and there is a Flower Festival and Exhibition in the Church over the weekend. However, there will still be Sing A New Song at 3.30pm which will include hymns that were popular in the 1940s as well as our regular repertoire of hymns and songs old and new. So why not visit the Flower Festival and Exhibition on the afternoon of Sunday, 10 May and then stay on and join us for our special VE Day 75 Sing a New Song.

Regrettably, Messy Church and Sing a New Song has been cancelled until further notice.

News from the WI from Chris Cox, Vice President

Our meeting for March was a special one because it was our AGM. First we had a visit from a lovely dog, Ebony, and her owner Lesley Kay. Ebony is a flat coat retriever, and still a young dog, but her obedience training was amazing and has won her many rosettes. She gave her owner such adoring looks, whilst doing different 'fetch, sit and retrieve' tricks, with liberal treats for doing so well! It was wonderful to see such a clever and happy dog performing all these actions.

We had a few entries for our competition which was 'favourite photographs of our pets'. The outcome was points for all, as Lesley found it impossible to make up her mind! Well done to Lesley and thank you for bringing Ebony along to demonstrate how clever she is.

Time for tea, the raffle draw and a chat, then onto our AGM business. The committee stood down and were re-elected so this remains the same. We do have a new member, however. Sue agreed to stand and has taken on the role of producing our yearly programme. A fresh pair of eyes to look into what we can do. Thank you Sue.

After business closed we began to decorate pennants for the bunting to go around the village for the VE Day 75 celebrations. Everyone was busy with remnant markers decorating our triangular cloths, so much so, time flew by and it was time to clear up.

We're always hoping new members will come along to join us. We meet every second Thursday of the month at 7pm (except August). Just come along to see what we get up to – it's always great fun and we'd love to welcome you. Please phone Chris for further details (01726 870194)

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Coronavirus Update

At the time of writing, these – below – are our plans for Whitecross Market for the foreseeable future. But we all know that things are changing rapidly day to day, so keep an eye on the market's Facebook page, on the Whitecross Village Hall website, and on the noticeboard outside The Village Hall for more news.

Whitecross Market during the Coronavirus outbreak:

- We will run the market purely as a shopping place where you can buy food and drink and then leave.
- We won't have any tea tables out, and shoppers won't be able to sit down or linger in the hall.
- We aim to cook a few Liddicoats pasties for people to pop in and buy. When they run out, we may have some frozen ones left for late-comers to buy and cook at home.
- We'll have hand sanitisers at both entrances, and the toilets will be open for hand-washing.
- Stalls will be well spaced-out, so people can keep at a safe distance from each other.



Spice mixes created by Andy
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Our thinking is this:

- People who are well (and not at risk, or self-isolating), need to be able to buy good, healthy, wholesome food – not just for themselves, but also for anyone in isolation who they're shopping for.
- It's probably safer to shop at Whitecross Market than at a supermarket (where there's a much higher footfall and germ count, and where goods pass through countless hands before they get to yours).
- We believe that the market, and Whitecross village hall, are important community resources that could play a crucial role in providing local people with good local food to help them stay healthy.
- If the market is forced to close because of government advice, we will try to set up a system for you to order from market stallholders, and pick up from the village hall on a regular basis (probably fortnightly). We'll let you know through the Whitecross village hall website, our market Facebook, and by word of mouth.

So, at the moment we're committed to keeping the monthly market going. It should be open from 10 right through until 1 pm as normal, so if you're worried about coming when it's busy, why not arrive a bit earlier or later than usual?

The community buses won't be running, but ask around locally and there should be enough people planning to drive themselves who could buy supplies for you.

We can't be certain which of our regular stallholders will be there, but most have said they want to keep coming – only illness or new government advice will stop them.

So, no guarantees but in general you should be able to buy: dairy produce (cow's milk, butter, cream, cheeses; goat's milk, cheeses, yoghurt, kefir); potatoes, carrots and other veg in season; fresh fish and shellfish from the Looe day-boats; free-range poultry and meat, including Saddleback pork, bacon and sausages, lamb, beef and goat meat; spice mixes, chilli chocolate and chorizo made from Cornish Black pigs; beer, stout and mild; honey, eggs, pickles and preserves; fresh bread and rolls, puddings, pies, quiches and tarts; cakes and buns; plants and garden produce.



News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer

We have something really special living in our garden shed. It is the sweetest little hedgehog. We call it prickles because we don't know if it's male or female.

Ben saw Prickles hiding between the big round straw bales as he was taking them from the shed. He got out of the tractor and put it in what he thought would be a safe place. The next morning Prickles was back again in the same place. He didn't look big enough to survive the Winter. We looked on line and found out that a baby should weigh at least two pounds four ounces before it could hibernate safely for the Winter. Prickles only weighed just over one pound.

We brought it home and put it in our shed and made a nice bed for it with a woollen blanket and lots of straw. A dish of water and some cat food was placed alongside.

The next morning I looked to see if the food had gone. It hadn't, but the hedgehog had. We knew it must be in the shed somewhere but we couldn't find it. Chris started to take the grass boxes off the lawnmowers. The little thing was hiding in a grass box.

We made a proper pen for it and popped it in. I added a hens egg to his cat food. When I looked in an hour or so later the plate was clean. It is now putting on weight and when the warm dry weather arrives we will release it into the garden, hoping it will repay us by eating all the slugs and snails!

Pelynt Young Farmers raised the terrific total of £10,400 for charity last year. A wonderful effort for a very small club. They donated half to Cornwall's new Air Ambulance and the other half went to cancer care.

I was very disappointed to hear that their club name will not be on the new helicopter. They were promised that anyone who raised over £200 or so would have their name on it. Then when the money was presented they were told there was no room for their name!

There has been drama in the cow shed this year. Three calves had to be delivered because they were being born tail first. Luckily they were born healthy and were soon on their feet suckling from Mum. A first time Mum wasn't so lucky. She began calving in the early morning. A couple of hours later she had made no progress. Ben examined her and discovered there was two back hooves presented again. He put ropes on the legs and tried to pull the calf into the world, but it was stuck fast and wouldn't budge an inch. We phoned the vet and asked for an urgent visit and a possible caesarian section.

Two young vets arrived in double quick time and soon had the heifer prepared for surgery. She had an epidural and the operation site was shaved and deadened. It's usual for the operation to be done with the cow standing up. It only took a few minutes for her to be opened up - four layers to be cut through. It took a while for the vets to get the calf into a suitable position to be delivered. A big bull calf was hauled out, he was alive and fine. It took quite a long time to stitch the four layers up again and now our young cow has a huge scar on her side. However, unlike humans her operation didn't bother her one bit - she is happily back in the shed with the other mothers!

The next drama was the birth of twins, the first baby was born in the early morning, a little heifer calf. We remarked that it was quite small, later in the day the cow was still looking uncomfortable so Jess examined her and to her delight felt two little hooves.

She put the ropes on the legs and with Lorna's help and the calving aid, delivered another heifer calf. Twins born six hours apart. They looked so sweet lying together in the straw with their proud mother cleaning them.

The lambing season has been difficult. The sheep have found the wet weather hard to cope with. Nowhere dry for them to lie and rest and the gales just made it worse. Lambs love to run and jump in the sunshine but there has been little of that this year. Hopefully April will improve.

We are waiting for the ground to dry so the Spring corn can be planted. The seeds are waiting in the shed. I think it will be all systems go as soon as possible. It will be at least a month late.





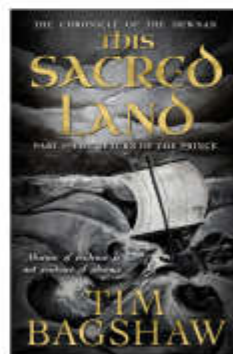
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Polruan Isolation Support



Polruan Isolation Support Group Group 'Polly Pals'

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Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Use the online coronavirus service

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

to find out what to do.

Only dial the 111 service if you cannot get help online

How long to stay at home

- You will need to stay at home for 7 days
- If you live with someone who has symptoms, you'll need to stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms
- If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.
- If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

DO

- wash your hands with soap and water often — do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- avoid close contact with people who have symptoms of Coronavirus
- only travel on public transport if you need to
- work from home, if you can
- avoid social activities, such as going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- avoid events with large groups of people
- use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services

DON'T

- touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- have visitors to your home, including friends and family



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

VE Day 75

from the Committee

At the time of going to press there is much uncertainty regarding the spread of the Coronavirus and the measures to be put in place by the Government to ensure our wellbeing. The steering group for the above celebrations are continuing with their plans but will bear in mind any advice given at their meeting at the end of March.

This celebration of the end of the World War 2 in Europe, is a chance for us to remember those who fought for our freedom and peace and to celebrate the heroes of World War 2. It is also an opportunity for us to come together as a community and to welcome visitors.

Bunting

Bunting is still available to collect for decorating in Polruan Stores, The Russell Inn, Jam First, The Winkle Picker, the porch of

St Saviour Church and at Whitecross Market. Please help yourself, decorate and return to where you collected it. Bunting will be erected around the Coal Wharf and The Quay.

Fund Raising

The Hamper Draw is ongoing with five hampers being displayed in the windows of Cross Cottage, Fore Street (by kind permission) until Saturday, 4 April. The draw will take place soon after this. To enter pay just £1 and write your name in a square. The board changes location and that information is also displayed with the hampers. Thank you to everyone who donated the contents.

A big thank you to Rob at The Russell Inn for hosting both a coffee morning, raising £406 and a Race Night, raising £551, towards this event. Thank you also, to all who supported these very successful events.

Further fund raising events are planned by The Village Hall Committee who will be hosting a Cream Tea on Sunday, 29 March

The Luggar Inn are hosting a Quiz Night on Saturday, 18 April (look out for posters). Again, please dig deep and show your support for these important fund raising events.

Grants and donations have been applied for from various organisations and businesses. We thank them for their generosity.

Events at St. Saviours

Womens' Hour have organised a Flower Festival (see page 20). Alongside the Flowers there will be a display of memorabilia and memories from the 1940s.

The church will be open as follows:

Friday, 8 May from 10am - 12 noon

Saturday, 9th, Sunday, 10th and Monday, 11th May from 10am-4pm

Please note that refreshments will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.



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The VE day commemoration is postponed but the provisional programme of events for when it goes ahead is below

Competitions (with small prizes)

2.00pm: Judging of The Best dressed evacuee child

2.15pm: Judging of The Dig For Victory miniature garden. Trays to make your garden will be available to collect from the Winkle Picker from 17 April. We can deliver trays to you if you find it difficult to get to the Winkle Picker.

2.15pm: Judging of The Bake Off. A World War 2 recipe and powdered egg will be available from Crumpets Too from 17 April.

2.15pm: Create Sand Sculptures of any World War 2 vehicle on Front Beach.

A trail of silhouette aeroplanes will be displayed around the lower part of the village on Friday, 8 May to spot and identify.

Street Tea Party

from 2.55pm: We would like to invite everyone to the tea party. We encourage you to dress in 1940s style. The tea will be free of charge but we would like you to collect a ticket, to assist with catering numbers; these will be available from the Winkle Picker from 14 April. Tickets will be for adults and children. We will be serving tea and coffee at the party, but please feel free to bring your own alcohol (or buy some from The Russell or The Luggar Inns) in readiness for:

at 3pm: The National Toast made by Tony Cox, retired Royal Navy Submariner.

from 3.15pm: The popular Swingology swing band will play. Please feel free to dance.

During their break Polruan Children's Choir will sing some war time songs.

Tony Cottrell will read his poem, specifically written for the occasion.

Evening

from 6pm: There will be a disco given by the ever popular Nite Flite Disco and a Barbecue (this will not be free of charge) organised by the Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports Committee.

at 6.55pm: There will be a short break while we join in the National Cry for Peace. As with the earlier toast this will be made by Tony Cox, retired Royal Naval Submariner.

from 9.45pm: A grand fireworks display, from a pontoon in the harbour to end the festivities

at 10pm: The disco will finish (approximately)

The community bus will run from the top of the hill, calling at Greenbank, to Corner.

This should be a lovely whole community occasion – so decorate your houses with bunting, dress for the occasion and come and join in – we look forward to seeing you there.

Fowey Festival has been postponed to 25 September to 3 October 2020

It is with a heavy heart that we have had to postpone this year's Festival, but with things as they stand, we had no choice. We are however, delighted to announce that we will be running it from Friday, 25 September to Saturday, 3 October and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the Autumn.

We are currently working closely with all the artists who were due to perform at the Festival in May and we are delighted that many have been able to reschedule their diaries to September. We hope to have the final schedule of events ready to launch by the end of March, at which point we will be publishing arrangements for all those existing ticket holders. Online booking will reopen at the end of March for the sale of tickets to the Festival in September.

Our Festival is a self-funding charity, staged and supported by volunteers and cancelling it would have put any future Fowey Festivals at risk. We are delighted that we have been able to secure the dates in late September and we thank you for your patience and continued support while we finalise the arrangements.

Fowey Festival is extremely grateful for the continued support of our 2020 principal sponsor, Fowey Harbour Hotel. Thanks too go to all our event sponsors, advertisers, volunteers, Friends of the Festival and those who continue to generously support us. In these difficult times any donations would be very gratefully received to help the sustainability of the Festival.

For information about the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature 2020, and to purchase tickets from the end of March, please visit www.foweyfestival.com. In addition to tickets being available via the Festival website, they will also be on sale at the Waterstones Festival bookshop, located at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club from 25 September to 3 October inclusive.

Please look after yourself during this difficult time and keep in touch. We love to hear from you

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If you would like to know more about any of these roles, or know anyone who you think might be interested, please speak to Colin Payne – 01726 870715, Richard

Hews – 01726 870659 or Rev'd Marilyn on 01503 221159.



*During the Second World War,
in 1941, 19th July,
the one enemy plane flew towards Polruan.*

When Hitler dropped bombs on Polruan
I knew we'd soon win the War.
Till then, he seemed to know what was doing;
But after, well, I wasn't so sure.

Poor Plymouth was often the victim,
The Nazis were after the docks
It seemed as though Hitler had picked 'em
For more than their fair share of knocks.

Well, I was a part of the Home Guard,
The old pig sty was where we was housed
Not even a part of the farmyard
But on clifftop in case we was roused.

'Til one day, from out of a clear sky,
A single plane flew over head;
"Watch out that that Focker do fly by"
At least, I think that's what he said.

We'd just the one bullet between us
Didn't want it going to waste
But on he came - he must have seen us
So we stood there, all fibres braced.

But the pilot, Well, 'e was a right fool
He let all his three bombs go fly -
One missed, while one hit the boys' school
And the third, demolished our sty

But luckily no one was in 'er
See, it was that time of day
And we'd all gone home to our dinner
And were all well out of the way.

Of course all the boys were delighted
"No more school" - they gave thanks for the
raids
But the powers that be weren't so short-
sighted
And they sent them to school with the maids

So the only hurt we tolerated.
Was to sheep who were quite terrified
They rushed around, all agitated
And sadly, one of them died.

It was then that I got to musing
Even Nazi planes cannot come cheap
What resources he must be using
And in exchange, just the one sheep.

I knew then that he'd not defeat us
Unless he was ever so deep
There was no way like that he would beat us
Not by starving us out, sheep by sheep.

By Tony Cottrell

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's report April 2020

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

Our Plan Proposal has been received by Cornwall Council and has successfully undergone a Legal Compliance Check. It now enters the statutory six-week community consultation, commencing on 5 March, when all residents and other interested stakeholders are consulted by Cornwall Council. Copies of the plan and associated documents are available to view at St John's Church, St Saviour, St Wyllow and the Polruan Reading Room. A newspaper advert giving notice of this appeared in the Cornish Guardian on

Wednesday, 4 March. Copies of this notice are displayed on the Parish noticeboards, the WI noticeboard, Church Noticeboards, the Old Ferry Inn, The Russell Inn, The Lugger Inn and Whitecross Village Hall. Details of how to make comments to Cornwall Council are given at each of these places. The Consultation will close on 16 April. Any comments received will be made available to the Parish Council for our responses and all comments will be passed on to the Inspector. All of these documents are available on our website

We have also heard from Gemma Hankins of Cornwall Council Climate Change DPD that as our plan is in the 6 week statutory consultation stage, it will be reviewed in the same way as any adopted Neighbourhood Plans for the purposes of the Climate Change DPD.

The next stage is the Submission of a plan proposal to examination (Regulation 17) by an Inspector appointed by Cornwall Council. This report and plan proposal decisions will then be published, when further modifications

may be recommended. All of this will be published on Cornwall Council's website and on our Neighbourhood Plan website: <http://www.lanteglosbyfoweyplan.org.uk> which has been substantially revised and holds all the up-to-date information about the NDP.

Fowey River Doctors' Practice

As you will remember a public meeting was held at the WI Hall on Tuesday, 18 February. This was a constructive meeting attended by 70 residents with Dr Waldron in attendance. A letter, including all the comments made at the meeting, has been sent to Mrs Sheryll Murray, MP, requesting that a Parliamentary Question be asked. We are awaiting a response, and, as soon as it has been received, I shall report further on the matter.

Chapel Lane Flats

As I wrote in the last edition Cllr Hannaford requested an update on the developments at Chapel Lane, Polruan. We have good news! Both flats are now advertised on the Cornwall HomeChoice website as one-bedroom properties and we understand both are likely to be available at the beginning of April.

www.cornwallhousing.org.uk/find-a-home/homechoice-housing-register/

We will continue to keep a close watch on this and to reinforce the need for them to be let to local residents.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday, 14 April 2020, at the WI Hall, Polruan, at 6.30pm (*By Ed. cancelled until further notice*). Mrs Thompson will be issuing invitations. We hope to see you there.

Seagull Scheme

We have a collection of ersatz seagull eggs and are waiting to hear from Natural England about the licence permitting us to use these in nests on roofs in Polruan.

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

Cllr Dr Pat Moore OBE

Website: www.lanteglosbyfowey.org.uk

The Great British Spring Clean Important Guidance from Cornwall Council

The aim of the Great British Spring Clean is for communities to come together, clean up their local environment and have fun, which of course means staying safe at all times.

Given the UK Chief Medical Officers have now raised the coronavirus (COVID-19) risk to the UK from moderate to high, it's only sensible that volunteers engaging in the Great British Spring Clean take extra hygiene precautions to prevent the spread of this, or any other, preventable illnesses.

Please do not attend a clean-up if you feel unwell or are showing cold or flu like symptoms, stay home to protect yourself and others.

Keep Britain Tidy asks that you undertake your clean-up events in line with the advice being issued by Public Health England (PHE). In particular, participants are asked to use the following guidelines:

- Wear gloves during the clean-up at all times
- Wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds before and after your event
- Event organisers are advised to provide hand sanitiser for participants where possible or sign post to accessible hand washing facilities
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects, such as litter pickers, using your regular cleaning products
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people whenever possible

Being part of the Great British Spring Clean is a wonderful way to show you care about your local environment but to have fun, as well as to make a difference, it is important to stay safe and take these simple precautions to make your event a success.

We will continue to monitor Government announcements and update our advice as the situation evolves. News@KeepBritainTidy.org



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

PA19/10299, Greetwell, Old Road, Bodinnick – non-material amendment to switch the proposed external door from the side of the building to the south elevation (Application number PA18/06587 dated 12 October 2018 relates). See 04/2020c(v)/2019 below. Members had no objection.

PA19/11252, Springhill, Chapel Lane, Polruan – works to trees in a conservation area, namely fell Cherry tree (T1). Noted as this application is for works to trees in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under delegated authority. There is no need for Members to submit comments to the local planning authority.

PA20/00091, The Nook, 63 Fore Street, Polruan – demolition and removal of existing summerhouse, renewal of concrete base and construction of replacement summerhouse. Cllr Adams queried the size of the summerhouse. Mr Tomlin said the width was the same and the depth had increased by approximately 1m. Members had no objection but requested a condition that the summerhouse should not be used for sleeping accommodation.

PA20/00159, Headland, 3 Battery Lane, Polruan – non-material amendment for reduction in the size of the turntable and the creation of the ramp, reconfiguration of the courtyard steps and reduction in the main terrace size (Application number PA17/03611 dated 21 June 2017 relates). Members had no objection.

PA19/10868, Frogmore Farm, Lanteglos – temporary farm dwelling. Cllrs Adams, Bunt, T. Libby and Talling declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this application was discussed. Members commented as follows: Members supported the application in principle but do not feel this dwelling can be classified as a 'temporary dwelling'. As the new building is for a family member then it should be treated as an annexe to the main dwelling and conditioned for agricultural use relative to Frogmore Farm.

PA20/00551, The Covey 14 Old Road Bodinnick – submission of details to discharge condition 3 in respect of Decision Notice.

PA19/09837 dated 16 January 2020. The Council was united in opposing this application. Members were unanimous in opposing this application and adamant that a Traffic Management Plan be retained and strengthened where appropriate.

PA20/00707, Creekside House, Mixtow – proposed first floor extension and extended balcony. Cllr Carter left the meeting whilst

this was discussed. Members had no objection.

PA20/01208, Barmera, Chapel Lane, Polruan – lifting of Condition 2 (occupancy restriction) of Permission 83/00097/F dated 06/06/1983. (Conversion of garage, guest house and two existing dwelling units into 8 houses.) Members had no objection.

PA20/01594, Toms Yard, East Street, Polruan – Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Consultation for Toms Boatyard. Cllrs Adams and Kelly left the meeting whilst this was discussed. Members' sought assurance that:

- handling of pollutants will be in compliance with regulations;
- appropriate infill materials will be used;
- testing of water quality (Members would like this carried out by an independent professional, for a period prior to, during and after construction);
- as with similar other local construction projects, wherever possible, infill should be brought in via the river to reduce the quantity of heavy traffic through the village.

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council –

PA19/02870/PREAPP, Lower Vevry Meadow, Polruan – pre-application advice to site a storage container. Closed by CC and advice given.

PA19/05154, Bones Meadow, Greenbank, Polruan – retaining walls to public right of way and plots 1, 2 and 3 including planting at base of footpath wall to cover structure of wall together with maintenance strategy for the planting. Steps and path from the public right of way to access the rear of plots 2 and 3. Path from the public right of way to access the rear garden of plot 4 and path from Bones Meadow to Meadow Walk. The Clerk to clarify with the applicant when the work will be carried out.

PA19/08558, Highfield, Townsend, Polruan – demolition of the existing house and garage and construction of a new house. Extension of the vehicular driveway. In the recent high winds, debris had blown from the site to surrounding areas. The Clerk to report this as an untidy site.

PA19/09061, Creekside House, Mixtow – extension and parking bay.

PA19/10299, Greetwell, Old Road, Bodinnick – non-material amendment to switch the proposed external door from the side of the building to the south elevation (Application number PA18/06587 dated 12 October 2018 relates).

PA19/09383, 52a Fore Street, Polruan – extension and alterations.

PA19/09736, 2 Brendon, St Saviours Hill, Polruan – construct a two-storey extension with loft terrace to the rear elevation of the property.

PA19/09837, The Covey, 14 Old Road, Bodinnick – extension and alteration to dwelling to include remodelling of lower, upper and first floors, landscaping works, new swimming pool, extension and enlargement of garage with variation of condition 2 of decision PA18/09068 dated 7 December 2018.

PA19/11252, Springhill, Chapel Lane, Polruan – works to trees in a conservation area, namely fell Cherry tree (T1). CC decided not to make a TPO (TCA app).

PA19/02698, Toms Yard, East Street, Polruan – further infill of seawall to north boundary. Minute 116b910/2019 refers.

PA20/00159, Headland, 3 Battery Lane, Polruan – non-material amendment for reduction in the size of the turntable and the creation of the ramp, reconfiguration of the courtyard steps and reduction in the main terrace size (Application number PA17/03611 dated 21 June 2017 relates).

PA18/11145, Land S of Whitecross Cottages, Lanteglos – installation of sewage treatment plant and associated works.

Withdrawn Planning Applications

PA19/04947, 42 West Street, Polruan – installation of air source heat pump on south elevation

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VE Day Flower Festival from Kathryn Hill for Woman's Hour

*Regrettably, this has been postponed
(date to be confirmed)*

St Saviour Church will be hosting a Flower Festival from 8 to 11 May, alongside an exhibition of wartime memorabilia. (Please look out for details elsewhere in this publication). There have been an encouraging number of entries from local organisations but so far only two businesses have indicated that they would like to participate and we have had no response from families or individuals. Application forms are available from me at 39 Fore Street, Polruan or I can email one to you if that is easier. My email address is: kathrynehill39@gmail.com; (01726 870953). I look forward to hearing from you.

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Saturday, 9th, Sunday, 10th and Monday, 11th May from 10am-4pm.

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RUMBLE — IN THE — JUMBLE

At our Holiday Club
Fund-raising Event
in Polruan Village Hall
on a date to be set

Items for sale for the
raffle and help
welcome!

Contact Kathryn
(870953), Angie &
Norman (873747) or
Bonnie (870436)

Polruan's bloomin' again

from Polruan Regatta and Children's
Sports



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With hopefully the worst of the winter's weather behind us, it is time to make a tentative start on entries for our Polruan in Bloom competition. Entry forms will be available in the Winkle Picker from the beginning of June.

Spruce up those front gardens and borders to win the Millennium Trophy. Displays in window boxes, hanging baskets and original planters compete for the Mulready Trophy.

With such a great crop of entries last year the judge's decisions were made difficult. We hope we can give them a bigger headache by getting even more residents involved this year, because as we all know, Polruan's a bloomin' lovely place to live!



STRETCH AND TONE



Every Wednesday

10.00am - 11.00am

LANREATH VILLAGE HALL

Fees are £5.00 per session payable in advance at the beginning of the month

Please bring a mat and wear loose clothing

Contact Jenny Bartram 01503 220490

We would like to invite people of Polruan to join us on our Village Hall Committee, or just help at our events. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Suzanne on (01726) 870818.



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Ten Years of Open the Book in Polruan School

from Kathryn Hill, Polruan Open the Book Team Coordinator

On 11 March 2010 a very nervous group of people arrived at Polruan School to do their very first 'Open the Book' (OtB) presentation, The Great Parade (the story of the first Palm Sunday). On 11 March 2020 we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a special OtB presentation of the same story, involving the whole school, and invited guests who included families, members of the community, representatives of Truro Diocese and our Cornwall Councillor.

OtB is a means of taking Bible stories into primary schools in a way that is interactive, inclusive and accessible to the children of our modern multi-cultural society. If an OtB team goes into their school on most weeks, as we do, the programme lasts for three years and we are now doing Year 1 stories for the fourth time!

After the OtB presentation we had a short programme which included singing favourite OtB songs; greetings from Archdeacon Audrey, Councillor Edwina Hannaford, Shelley Porter (who trained us right back at the beginning) and a written greeting from our MP Sheryll Murray; poems about OtB by Miss Foster and five children telling us either



why they like OtB or what their favourite OtB story and song is.

Below is one of Miss Foster's poems:

*The time has come to celebrate,
You come each week and it's always great.
You tell us all the Bible stories,
Sing hallelujah give God the glory.
You make us march, you make us fly,
You let the children have a try.
We all sing and learn together.
You always turn up, no matter what the weather.
So all the children and staff would like to say:
A big thank you to you all,
You make Wednesday an absolute ball.*

Some quotes from the children (with uncorrected spelling and grammar!):

"I like open the book because they tell us lovely story and butiful songs about love and faith"

"I like O.T.B. because they tell us storys I feel like god is watching over us."

"my best story is with gliath in it"

"My Favirot story is when Jesus gets put on the cross"

These, and the others for which there is not enough room, were all accompanied by delightful illustrations.

No celebration is complete without a celebration cake and ours was cut by Anne Allan who was one of our founder team members and Marlie representing the children. We all then enjoyed cake and drinks to round off a very happy afternoon.

We will again be celebrating 10 years of OtB in Polruan School at our Benefice Family Communion on Palm Sunday, 5 April in St Saviour at 11am. The children's writing and drawings about OtB will be on display at this service and there will again be a celebration cake.

Regrettably the Blessing on the Coal Wharf and the Service in St. Saviour has been cancelled.

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Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

It has not exactly been gardening weather this winter. Occasionally we meet other allotment gardeners collecting the few remnants of last year's crops... The odd parsnip, some leeks and perhaps some broccoli. But we must look forward... Already rhubarb is looking promising and a few vegetables that were sown before the winter are popping up.

At this time of year we are preparing the ground... digging over and incorporating manure. We also have to tidy up the patch... trimming edges, pruning fruit bushes and the like. We are all waiting for the soil to be sufficiently warm to sow seeds. Some of us have already sown vegetables in trays. We are all looking forward to another bountiful year!

The Allotment Society has had its AGM during the winter and appointed a new committee. We have had a tidying up day... A big bonfire of old timber, hedging and the like. Spare plots have been rotated ready for new members and grass has been cut on common areas. Generally the whole site looks smarter.

We have an open day to attract new members on Saturday, 4th April at 2pm. There are posters around the village. Why not come and have a look? Our chairman Des Libby is always happy to answer questions from prospective members



from J Bernard

This was a memorable and engaging play from local author and playwright Tony Cottrell. It is a credit to his writing, the cast and crew that such a good performance was delivered despite Tony's absence in hospital for a key period.

The play is set in Eton View, a wonderful characterisation of a preparatory school that sadly described what arguably still happens — and that was probably the point. The finely drawn characterisation, sharp and witty dialogue, cynical comment and articulation of an outdated privileged 'public' school

worked at several levels. Sometimes the reviewer gasped as the script voiced testing themes and I still don't know what Malsy did to have such scorn poured upon her!

As with all Tony's writing there was humour and insight from careful observation in the script and the staging was brilliant. The actors were a very fine cast drawn from the local community, who performed admirably and sucked you in to their characters. It is difficult to single out absolute star performances because, actually, they all had some wonderful lines and scenes and delivered them convincingly, maintaining the bitter-sweet balance of humour and cutting social commentary.

This was another fine piece that has added to my enjoyment of Tony's work and the Polruan Theatre Club's portfolio. They should all be very proud and the audiences echoed that.

WHITECROSS & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

16 April 2020

The Work of Plant Heritage
Caroline Stone

Caroline has National Collection status for Double Primroses & BBC's gardener's World filmed a Plant of the Month feature on Primroses in her garden with Carol Stein in 2017. She is also the journal editor for the Nerine and Amaryllis Society.

Saturday 16 May 2020
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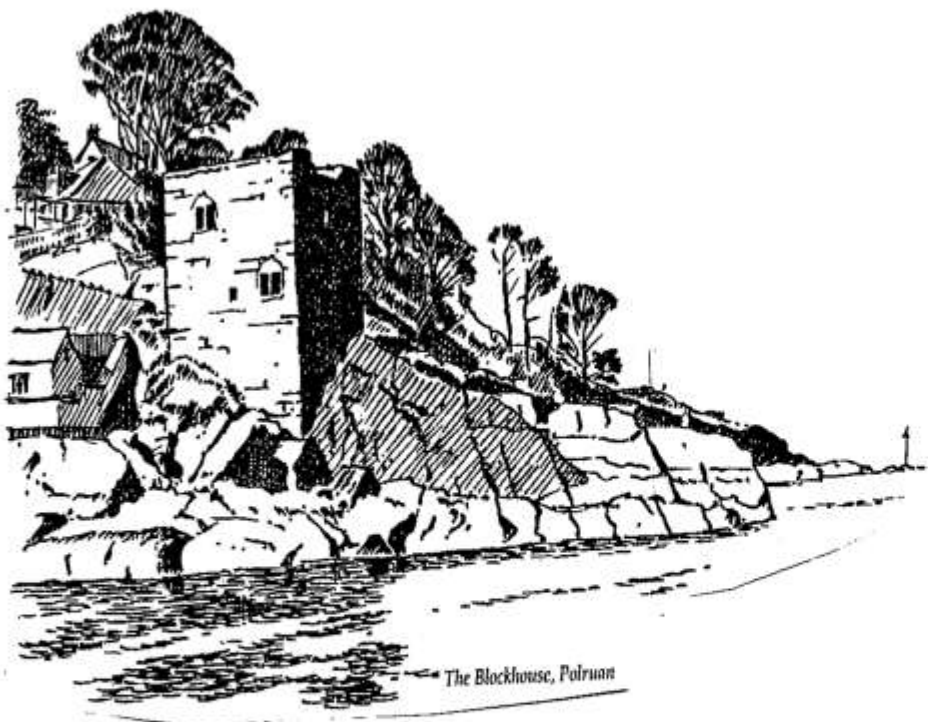
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Town Trust News

from Robin Sainsbury
Chairman

Unfortunately, little progress has been made of late, due in part to our lack of a Permanent Clerk. I am pleased to report that The Trust has now had an application for this position and it is hoped that the appointment will be confirmed at our next meeting.

We have now received a revised quote for the fencing at the playground and these works will hopefully be completed by Easter, Coronavirus permitting!

The repairs to the slip will be carried out as a matter of urgency, weather permitting!

We have set up a sub-committee to review our liabilities and insurance policies. When this is complete, we will be able to begin to look at new projects.

The Town Trust AGM is set for Monday, 6 April at 7pm in the WI. Members of the public are very welcome and we will endeavour to answer any questions asked. There will be 2 trustees up for re-election on the night and should anyone wish to stand, nominations from the floor will be accepted. In the event of more than two applicants, a vote will take place. Please note in order to vote you must be over 18 years of age and live in the village.

As ever, should anyone have any suggestions for the Trust, please contact any Trustee or bring these with you to the AGM.

(By Ed. We have been notified by the Town Trust that the AGM has been postponed — date to be confirmed)



LANTEGLOS PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As local residents know, there is a ongoing problem caused by seagulls ripping open plastic rubbish bags, strewn 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

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National Coastwatch

EYES ALONG THE COAST

NCI Polruan from Brian Cook

In the NCI we are now looking forward to the busy Summer season. During the Winter we run only two watches each day and they are usually relatively quiet. Just before Easter we increase manning to three, four-hour watches every day and they will become busier in line with the extra boating activity around the harbour.

Sadly in the NCI we have recently lost one of our senior watch-keepers. Tony White was a retired Master Mariner and tanker captain who lived in Polperro and served for years on the Polruan NCI Committee as Operations

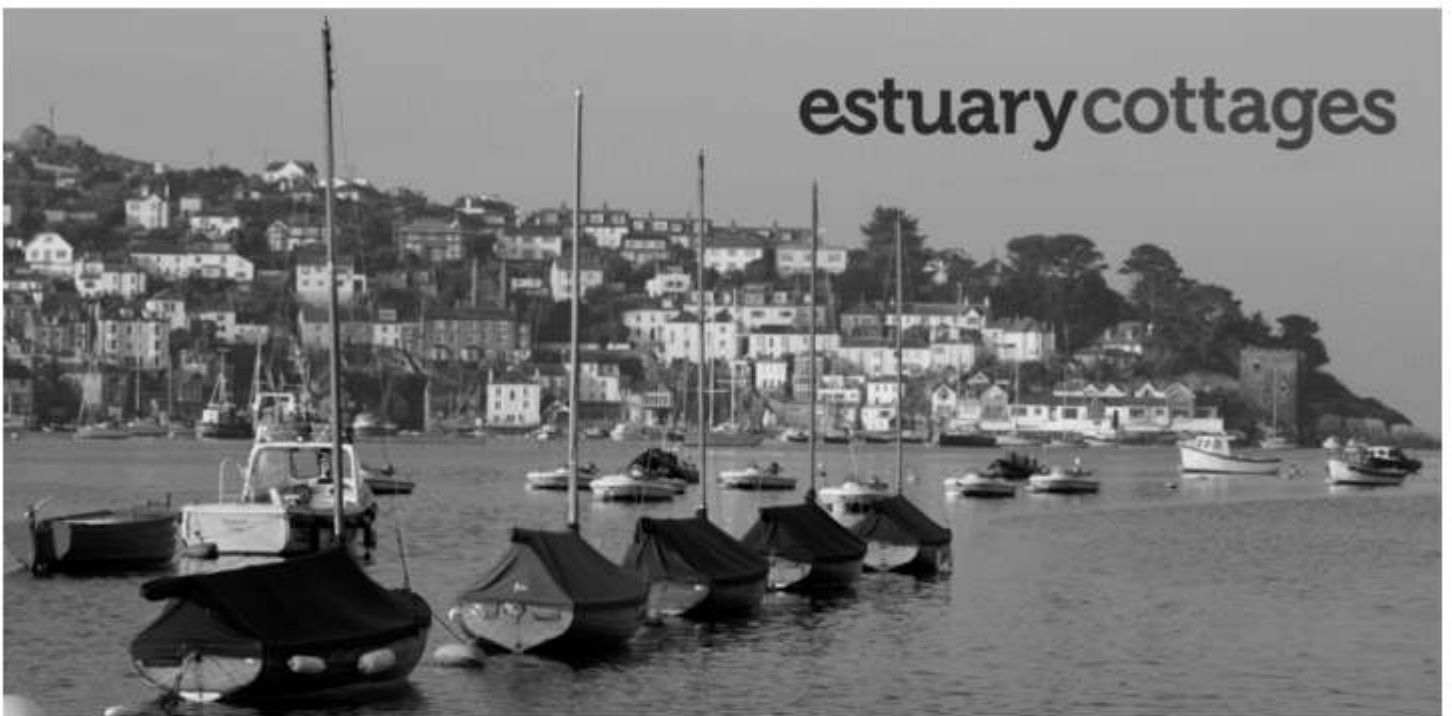
Manager. He was a mainstay of the team who worked hard to maintain our building and equipment and was an enthusiastic trainer of new members. We knew he had not been well recently, but it was still a shock when he passed away. He will be greatly missed.

We always welcome new volunteer members. New recruits are given a thorough training and do not have to be hardened sea dogs. If you are interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate to call in at the Lookout and talk to the duty watch-keeper about what we do and see if you would like to become involved.

Please note that the NCI stations will not be manned until further notice.



Tony White aboard the restored 'Ryder' lifeboat



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Fowey Harbour — Reporting marine strandings and restoring Seagrass meadows

from Claire Hoddinott, Environment Officer, Fowey Harbour Commissioners

As I write this, we are just recovering from the effects of Storm Clara and awaiting the arrival of Storm Dennis; it does seem relentless!

But it is not just us and our infrastructure that is affected by these winter storms, it is a tough time for marine wildlife and coastal habitats as they suffer the constant pounding of waves and high winds.

We have received several calls recently about stranded dolphin carcasses and so I thought it was time for a quick reminder of the numbers to call if you see a live marine animal in difficulty or a dead marine animal.

Of course, you can still contact us at the Harbour Office too!

Marine Animal Emergency Response Contacts:

- To report any wildlife disturbance or harassment please call the Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code Group 24-hour disturbance hotline 0345 201 2626
- A verbal report should be supported with video footage and/or photographic evidence if possible
- If you find dead marine animals, please call Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Strandings Hotline immediately on 0345 201 2626
- If you find a live, stranded animal in difficulty please call British Divers Marine

Life Rescue (BDMLR) immediately on 01825 765546

- Send your marine sightings and records to www.ORKS.org.uk

Restoring seagrass meadows to counter climate change

What's so special about seagrass?... the name "seagrass" can be misleading, as it's not really grass - its closest terrestrial relatives are lilies and orchids. Seagrass is named because of its long, narrow leaves, which bear a resemblance to some terrestrial grasses. The species we know locally are *Zostera* species and can also be known as 'eelgrass'.

Found in shallow seas and brackish waters throughout the world, seagrasses are the only marine flowering plants and are pollinated whilst submerged. It is dependent on high levels of light for photosynthesis to grow and can therefore only be found in shallow water to a depth of around 4 metres.

Like most plants, seagrasses have roots (or rhizomes in this case), that burrow into the sand or mud for nutrients and anchorage and they can spread by rhizome extension.

Seagrass meadows stabilise the seabed, clean surrounding seawater and absorb carbon, helping to prevent climate change. It has been estimated that seagrass around our shores can

absorb and store at least as much carbon per hectare as trees in UK woodland. These plants provide homes for many marine animals including rare seahorses, stalked jellyfish, and rare seaweeds. These habitats are also perfect for fish nurseries, including some commercially valuable fish species.

The LIFE Recreation ReMEDIES project, led by Natural England, will protect seagrass meadows in 5 key areas in southern England, including Plymouth, Falmouth and the Isles of Scilly. Seagrass meadows are a critically endangered EU red listed habitat which are easily damaged and slow to recover, they are threatened by anchoring, mooring and launching of recreational boats, as well as trampling from walkers and bait collectors. The project will trial environmentally friendly moorings, voluntary codes, targeted training and habitat restoration.

There is an area of seagrass within Fowey Harbour in Polruan Pool and although we are not directly involved in this project, we hope to get some updated data on the extent and health of the meadow here. We will also be interested in the outcomes of the trials of different environmentally friendly or advanced mooring systems.

Thank you

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*Regrettably, this event has been postponed
(date to be confirmed).*

**Butcher, Baker
and Candlestick Maker:
19th Century Local Shipowners
by Dr Helen Doe**

Fowey Town Hall

Saturday, 18th April 2020 at 3.00pm

Cornish wooden ships travelled the world in 19th century and share-ownership was widespread across the community. They shared in the benefits and the risks of commercial sail and waited patiently for their ships to come home. This talk will look at the local people in communities across Cornwall, but particularly those in Fowey and Polruan, who participated in the boom times for the wooden sailing vessel. Locally built, locally owned and with local crews these ships brought wealth which is reflected in buildings not just in Fowey but many more in Polruan. Was Polruan the 'money side' after all?

Helen, a well-known and distinguished historian, author, and lecturer has a particular love of maritime subjects and has published many books on the subject including the award winning Maritime History of Cornwall.

All are welcome to Helen's talk: Free to members. £6



to non-members - Includes a cream tea.

*Membership of Fowey Harbour Heritage Society costs just £10.00 for the year. Apart from the talks, and associated discount, there are visits to historical places, and a free copy of our publication, 'The Barquentine'. An application form, and much else, can be found at www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk.

**Fowey Harbour Heritage Society
AGM**

Fowey Town Hall

18th April 2020 at 2.30pm

Members please note that Helen's talk will be preceded by this year's AGM.

This event has also been postponed (date to be confirmed).

**Polruan Coastguard
from Des Libby, Station Officer**

I must have spoken to soon in the last edition about continuing call outs during the winter months, as we haven't had a call out since, that I'll teach me - never mind at least you're all keeping safe!

I'm glad to report all our new recruits have passed their basic competences, have been issued with their pagers and radios, added to the call out system and are raring to go. We have been keeping them busy with LK Patrols (Local Knowledge) getting to grips with the CRV (Coastguard Response Vehicle) and driving through all the narrow roads and awkward corners that we have in our area. Indeed we have been keeping count on the number of times they have stalled the CRV or marked the paintwork to see who has best bragging rights at the end of the day.

The team is due its RR (Rope Rescue) re-

qualification which comes around every three years to make sure the team is competent and safe when we are on the cliff face. You may have seen the team doing some extra training on Sunday mornings not only to sharpen our skills, but to introduce the new recruits to RR skills, techniques and becoming more familiar with the various equipment we carry and where it stowed.

As we write this the Covid-19 is taking hold and we are constantly getting updates from the management team about trying to limit the spread and keep the team live. Who knows how it will affect us all. Stay safe and well

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



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Forthcoming events

*** As I write this there is uncertainty about whether our advertised events will be able to go ahead as a result of Coronavirus restrictions - please check our Facebook page for updates or contact us on the telephone numbers listed ***

**The Rockpool Ramble At Night! on
Saturday 4th April
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Hedgehog rescue

A talk by Prickles and Paws

Wednesday 8th April, 7.45pm

Squires Field Community Centre

More info: Peter 01726 833141

(The charity has requested newspapers for use in the centre, please bring any spares along)

**An Atlantic adventure onboard
'Seallon'**

A talk by Tor Helen & Family

Friday 24th April, 7.30pm

Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

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