



October/November 2020

The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

Kathryn's Comments

During the time we are without a priest, this slot — which was formerly 'Marilyn's Musings' — will be filled by articles from people around the Benefice and I have the honour to be the first of them.

We all miss Marilyn very much and her retirement is yet another change at a time when there seems to be nothing but change! Especially since lockdown started to ease with all the constantly changing rules and recommendations, I have often thought back to my time in Nigeria where the 'mammy wagons' [lorries which carry both goods and passengers] all have slogans of which my all-time favourite is 'Constant change is here to stay'! This seems to sum up a time when you have just got your brain around the latest rules and they then change!

In this context I am encouraged when I remember that 'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning' [Lamentations 3 verses 22 & 23]. I am also encouraged by that wonderful hymn by Richard Bewes based on Psalm 46 which starts: 'God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble, and we therefore will not fear, though the earth should change!' and which affirms at the end of each verse: 'God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!' Why not listen to it on You Tube and let it encourage you?

This has been a very different summer without any of the usual fetes, regattas, festivals and other seasonal events which we usually enjoy and which raise funds for so many good causes. For those of us who have been able to attend church services, these have been very different with social distancing, wearing masks, no hymn singing and no fellowship over tea or coffee after the service. However it has been encouraging to worship together and to have some limited fellowship as we chat outside with our masks off, but socially distanced of course!

As we go into the Autumn life is still full of uncertainties but if we take the advice of Marie Louise Haskins in her poem 'The Gate of the Year' and put our "hand into the hand of God", we will indeed find that it will be "better than light and safer than a known way."

May God bless us all,

Kathryn



RNLI Rescue off Porthpean Beach — see page 19

From the Editor

What a lovely extended summer we have had — yes we have missed our usual summer activities and that is a shame as they are what make Polruan great. But positively, we have had many new visitors who were completely unaware of the charms of our wonderful village and will hopefully take that charm away with them and revisit. Certainly the staycation has been a boon to our local businesses who certainly needed a boost after the very slow start to the season and hopefully this will carry them through into the New Year.

Thank you to the whole community for continuing to support this publication by advertising, writing and sharing your views — it truly is a wonderful way to reach out to our wider community and keep everyone connected.

Keep positive and stay safe

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

Please be aware that due to changing guidelines from the Government, these services may be subject to change. Please note, the times for Private Prayer are approximate.

OCTOBER

Thursday 1st

St. Saviour 10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th

Trinity 17

St. Saviour 11.00 Benefice Holy Communion

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Tallanus 10.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Wyllow 10.00-12.30 Private Prayer

St. Marnarch Closed

St. John 18.00 (tbc) Evening Prayer

Wednesday 7th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Saturday 10th

St. Tallanus 12.00 Wedding

Sunday 11th

Trinity 18

St. Nun 11.00 United Village Service

St. Wyllow 11.00 Morning Prayer

St. Tallanus 10.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Marnarch 17.00 Evening Worship

St. Ildierna 18.30 Evening Prayer

St. Saviour Closed

Wednesday 14th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Sunday 18th

Luke the Evangelist

St. Wyllow 11.00 Morning Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Tallanus 11.00 Public Worship with Communion by extension

St. Nun Closed

St. Marnarch Closed

St. Saviour Closed

Wednesday 21st

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Sunday 25th

Bible Sunday

St. Saviour 11.00 Morning Prayer

St. Tallanus 10.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Wyllow 10.00-12.30 Private Prayer

St. Marnarch Closed

St. Nun Closed

St. Ildierna 18.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st

St. Tallanus 11.00

All Saints

Benefice Holy Communion

St. Wyllow 10.00-12.30 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Marnarch Closed

St. Saviour Closed

St. Nun Closed

Wednesday 4th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Thursday 5th

St. Saviour 10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th

Remembrance Sunday

St. Wyllow 10.50 Act of remembrance and Service

St. Nun 10.50 Act of remembrance and Service

St. Marnarch 10.50 At. St. Nun

St. John 12.45 Act of Remembrance Evening Prayer and Act of Remembrance

Wednesday 11th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Sunday 15th

Second Before Advent

St. Tallanus 11.00 Public Worship with Communion by Extension.

St. Wyllow 11.00 Morning Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Nun Closed

St. Marnarch Closed

St. Saviour Closed

Wednesday 18th

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

Sunday 22nd

Christ the King

St. Marnarch 09.30 Family Service (tbc)

St. Saviour 11.00 Morning Prayer

St. Wyllow 10.00-12.30 Private Prayer

St. Tallanus 10.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Nun 17.00 Songs of Praise (tbc)

St. Ildierna 18.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25th

St. Ildierna 09.00-17.00 Private Prayer

St. Wyllow 12.30-16.00 Private Prayer

Sunday 29th Advent Sunday

St. Marnarch 11.00 Benefice Service (tbc)

From the Registers

Funerals/Thanksgiving services

30th July – Church Service for Jill Grant at St Wyllow followed by a service at the Crematorium

7th August – Graveside burial for Eunice Pearce at St Wyllow

10th September – Graveside burial of Marjorie Hannah Barrie at St Wyllow

Funerals at Glynn Valley Crematorium

14th September – Crematorium service for James Seymour Hicks.

Internment of cremated remains

14th August – Joint internment of Ashes for Alan Clayton Johns & Noelle Winifred Johns at St Manarch

3rd September - Internment of Ashes for Betty Mary Stacey at St Nun

20th July – Internment of Ashes for Peter Booth at St Nun

11th August – Internment of Ashes for Janet Tyrell at St Wyllow

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

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Talland

Churchwardens Sheridan Hughes 01503 264948
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Treasurer Joe Sharples 01503 273466
Secretary Jenny Hall 01503 598267

Remembrance Sunday in Lanteglos Parish

from Kathryn Hill

For several years now we have met in St Willow Church, sung a hymn and then processed to the War Memorial but with Covid-19 that is not possible this year. Please can we ask that you go straight to the War Memorial and observe social distancing once there.

As usual there will be a parallel Act of Remembrance in the church for those unable to meet at the War Memorial.

After the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, those who wish to are welcome to return to the church to join those already there for a Service of Remembrance.

Later, there will also be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Bodinnick at 12.45pm.



Communion by extension

from ArchDeacon Audrey

[By Ed. This is republished this month to help set the context for these changes]

The Covid-19 pandemic has deprived us of receiving Holy Communion in a way few of us would have imagined just five months ago. For years we have been used to that simple act of eating 'bread' and drinking wine, receiving from our Lord the sustenance he knows we need. For years we have met together with our fellow disciples, and shared this sacramental meal. For years we have come before God with empty hands, and had them filled with God's grace. Except this year, for months we have not. This year we have had to 'fast' from the Eucharist. My guess is that this has made us each think about why Holy Communion is important to us, what we believe about it, what we gain from it.

I am writing this article just as the government have said that we may again meet for worship in our churches. Being able to share communion with one another will soon (hopefully) become a normal thing for us again. Except, following Revd Marilyn's retirement things are also going to be different. Bishop Philip has agreed that Trelawny benefice should, during the time you are without a parish priest, be a place in which a pilot for "Communion by Extension" is practiced. He specifically decided that your benefice should be the location for this diocesan pilot, because it was clear that it will be a challenge to find priestly ministry to cover your services during the 'transition' between Marilyn and your new priest.

Communion by Extension (CbE) has been permitted in the Church of England since 2001, but it has not yet been used within our diocese – until now. Put very simply, CbE allows a lay person to take the consecrated

elements (bread and wine) from one service at which a priest has presided, and to bring those elements to another service at which a priest is not present. The lay minister will lead the service of Communion by Extension, at which everyone present will be able to share the previously-consecrated sacrament. In this way, the celebration of Communion is 'extended' from one congregation to another.

I am delighted that each of your PCCs has agreed to this pilot taking place in your benefice. Six lay ministers (readers and Local Worship Leaders) from your parishes are undergoing training for this ministry. The lay ministers will be authorised by the Bishop to lead this act of worship. The intention is that each month there should be within your parishes: one benefice service of Holy Communion, one mid-week service of Holy Communion, and in each church (barring St John and St Nun) one service of Communion by Extension. Lay ministers of CbE will sometimes minister in their own churches, and sometimes will be visiting other churches. There is no obligation on any member of a congregation to receive Communion in this way, if they feel that this is not right for them. However, Communion by Extension can enable members of your churches to receive the sacrament up to three (or even four) times a month if they so wish. The Bishop and I seek to enable you, through this pilot, to meet around God's table, to feed on God, to be spiritually sustained and strengthened during your time without your own parish priest. Your learning and reflections could then enable this ministry to be made available in other places of need across the diocese, and we are grateful for your willingness to engage in this pilot.

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News from Lansallos from John Feeseey, Lansallos PCC

We heard the sad news in late August that a good friend of the Church of St Ildierna, The Reverend Thomas Silkstone, had passed away at his home in Oxford.

Thomas and his late wife, Sheila, began their association with our church in the early fifties when they started camping with their family every year at Trevarder and Highertown Farms and attending services at St Ildierna. Liking the village so much, they bought a plot of land opposite the church and had a small holiday home built. As a teacher Thomas was able to spend the long summer and Easter holidays at Lansallos and, as an ordained Anglican priest, he soon offered to help the Rector by taking regular services at St Ildierna during these holidays as well as playing the organ when needed — an offer that was gratefully accepted!

After their retirement, Thomas and Sheila spent around six months every year at Lansallos, from Easter until October, and played a full part in the life of the church especially during the rather frequent interregna. Thomas will be remembered especially for his thoughtful sermons, which he claimed he formulated in his mind whilst gardening or fishing and never needed to put pen to paper. He based one particularly fascinating series of talks on the Lord's Prayer, analysing with great wit a different verse each week. Sheila, too, was deeply involved in many church activities, including researching the church history, writing the information leaflet, cleaning the church and flower arranging. She also organised a wonderful series of musical concerts and plays to help raise funds for conservation. After he passed



away, Thomas was brought back to his beloved Cornwall for cremation so his ashes could join Sheila who is buried in the churchyard. They are both remembered with affection and are greatly missed.

Much of the history of the Church of St Ildierna and, the of two Norman and Celtic churches which preceded it on the same site, has been lost in the sands of time. We are, however, fortunate to have a record of the Rectors of the Parish from the year 1283AD to the present – no less than 49 of them! And thanks to some diligent work by local calligrapher Mrs Denyse Harvey this list of Rectors has now been beautifully recorded on parchment and handsomely framed. It will be blessed at a service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm on Sunday, 11 October, after which it will be permanently displayed in the church.

Other dates for your diaries are:

- Annual Parochial Church Meeting, after 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Sunday, 11 October
- Act of Remembrance during 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Sunday, 8 November.

**Lowena dhywgh!
(Have a good day)**

Not Just a Dream

by Mavis Cocks

Thrift growing on craggy cliffs
and scree.

Sea foam carried on the
breeze to settle on

roofs windows and doors.

Gulls wheeling and calling and following
boats carrying fish,
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and tails.

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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.

News From Lanreath from Jenny Bartram

It has been a good summer in Lanreath, the shop and Post Office have recorded excellent sales and Pam now has a splendid new plant stand outside the shop. She held a competition for its name, the winner was Sheila Lemon's suggestion of "Floral 'N' Hardy with the runner up, The Garden Pantry, suggested by Debbie Meatyard.

Helen and John White have been entertaining us to some fantastic musical concerts on The Millennium Green on Saturday afternoons throughout June, July and August. We have listened to a wide variety of music ranging from classical, to jazz, choral, songs from around the world, to celebrating Independence Day and V J Day. It was such fun. Every Sunday we have been singing hymns from the Tabernacle and enjoying two biblical readings, in lieu of being able to use St Marnarch Church for our services.

The remedial work in church has been successfully completed thanks to Kevyn Libby, and funded by a generous gift from Christine Horwood and family in memory of David, and donations from the Furzedown and Bocaddon Turbine Community Funds. Our sincere thanks to them all. We are hoping to hold services on the second and fourth Sundays during October, but please check for information on the external notice board.

We gathered at Lanreath football field in early August to say a fond farewell to Reverend Marilyn and Dave. It was a sunny, but windy day, and folk from all five parishes in the Benefice were there with their picnics (socially



distanced of course) to wish them well and to present thank you gifts. There was musical entertainment too, all in all, a memorable occasion.

The Gardening Group have been working diligently around the village, hedge cutting along the wall to the church, weeding along the front wall, and planting more bulbs and colourful pansies. A big thank you from the PCC. Work continues in the Community Garden where the group are in the process of installing a barbecue area, the tomatoes and courgettes are ripening and, as autumn approaches, they are holding a scarecrow competition, hopefully with entrants who can join Fred and Freda Scarecrow, already installed there. The Group are always happy to welcome additional helpers, contact Marion on 01503 22049.

There is now a regular Transport for Cornwall bus service running through Lanreath departing from the Punch Bowl Inn for Looe at 07.55, 13.15 and 17.25, and for Liskeard at 09.15, 13.30 and 15.45. Please remember that face masks must be worn on all public transport.

Sadly, due to the Corona Virus pandemic, the Amenity Group are unable to host the annual Firework Display at the Village Hall this year but they look forward to organising the event in 2021.

The Topsy Cow at the village hall have enjoyed a successful summer with the Monday evening quiz well attended, and musical entertainment scheduled over the autumn.

Sandra has resumed Ladybird sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Village Hall, but will be closely monitoring government guidelines over the new few weeks.



Pelynt and District Thursday Club

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month at 2.30pm
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Sunday	Sorry, Closed

Polruan Kidz Klub and Polruan Youth Club

from Angie Mallard – Chair of Youth Committee



As I mentioned in the last edition, it seems such a long time since we have seen everyone and the future remains unclear for these clubs.

As you know we sadly had to cancel our annual Holiday Club, to keep everyone safe and have no further plans for the Autumn.

We are currently in the process of checking the guidelines to assess the viability of re-opening the clubs and advise that you keep a look out for posters or check the community facebook page for further information.

Please contact me if you have any queries (07697 131525) and in the meantime keep safe and stay well.

Distribution of the Parish News

from Suzanne Goddard, Editor



As I mentioned in our last issue, we are looking for somebody to take over distribution of the Parish News.

Should you be interested in taking on this role or for further information about what the role entails, please contact me at suzanne.goddard@me.com or telephone 01726 870818.

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Many of us leave a small bequest to our favourite Charities in our wills. Significantly most Testators do not think to ask the individual Charity (or Charities) for a Gift Aid Form. If the Testator is a taxpayer, then a Will with an accompanying completed and signed Gift Aid Form, will allow the Charity to claim an additional 25% tax back from HMRC. And positively, the bequest will be discounted from any Inheritance Tax calculations.

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News From Polruan Village Hall

from PVH Management Committee



Our thanks to CRCC and Cornwall Council for facilitating a Government Leisure Services Grant to financially support us through these difficult times. This has allowed us to proceed with formulating and progressing our medium and long term planning for re-opening and operating the Hall. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this, we will be up and running again. Albeit, up and running under Government rules and regulations relevant to Community Buildings such as ours.

We are continuing to liaise closely with our major User Groups providing them with regular progress reports and would thank them for their active support with our Hall re-opening processes.

Unfortunately, following the 'English' Government's update regarding Covid activity control dated 14 September, we were unable to hold our AGM at the Hall. However, we were successfully able to complete this meeting electronically, which was open to the Public, and a follow-on Committee Meeting.

With Christmas just a couple of months ahead, we are looking forward to the possibility of our User groups organising and hosting celebratory functions, welcoming our local community back together in the Hall.

We look forward to seeing you back to the Hall very soon. In the meantime, please keep safe.

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Little Harbour

Children's Hospice South-West from Lynn Bartlett

Along with many other planned coffee mornings our annual event, including Christmas card sales, scheduled to take place on Thursday 10 October, is cancelled.

We will however have Christmas cards for sale, these will be available from me. As this goes to press, I am putting in place a system to ensure current guidelines are met in line with the Fundraising Regulator's guidance. It is hoped that Sue and Ellie Sainsbury will be able to have the Christmas cards available in Jam First. Please watch for information posters or contact me on 01726 870536 or email lbart49738@aol.com.

Sadly our monthly book sales are cancelled until March 2021. The Reading Room remains locked so the Blamey book shelves are also inaccessible at present. We are unable to accept kind offers of books to restock. As and when guidelines allow this may change.

Thank you for your continued support.



Little Harbour Children's Hospice

Secret Gardens and Open Studio, Polruan

from Tammy Skinner

Whilst organising the Polruan in Bloom this year, several people have mentioned that it is a shame back gardens can't be entered, as there are some lovely ones in the village that are never seen. I was wondering if there would be any interest in having a 'Secret Gardens of Polruan' event, with possibly an open studio for any artists in the village?

It would be held next year assuming life

returns to anything approaching normal. The thought is to run it separately from Polruan in Bloom as a charity fundraiser for two local charities, the Cornwall Air Ambulance and the Cornwall Council Emergency Fund. If anyone is interested in participating in this please contact me at tambob2110@gmail.com or [07708 023 772](tel:07708023772).

Scarecrow competition photos



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*** Thank you ***

Thank you

from Rev'd Marilyn

My thanks to everyone who has sent retirement cards and gifts or contributed to my combined leaving presents and/or attended my 'farewell' picnic at Lanreath football field on Sunday, 2 August, 2020. It was lovely to see so many from across the Benefice – socially distanced – of course!

Good weather, good entertainment and good company made for a memorable occasion.

I am very humbled by everyone's generosity and will remember my time in Trelawny Benefice with great fondness.

Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart.

A Special Thank You

from Jimmy and Laura

A special thank you to Des and Val for all you have done for us during these difficult times. We don't know what we would do without your continued support.

From Chris Hope-Wynne

At the very beginning of this Global Pandemic a young and dedicated Wuhan doctor reported to the authorities that some of his patients were dying of flu. The authorities actively chose both to denigrate him and to suppress his warnings about this outbreak. The young doctor contracted flu from those he was morally and duty bound to help as best he could and subsequently perished for his altruistic services to humanity. Is there not an earlier example of a man who died for others that we might be forgiven for our sins?

This young doctor should be the example to the Chinese Authorities that humane decent reasonableness is a better guide to human conscience than obfuscation and reckless disregard for The Truth.

That a young human died in China for telling it as he witnessed the beginning of all this debacle should be remembered. He may become The Saviour of China's future?



Foodbank

from Angie Mallard

Another big 'Thank You' for the generous donations received for the Liskeard and Looe Foodbank over the summer.

Also thanks go to Crumpets Too for looking after the collection basket and selling vegetables; all proceeds have been donated to the Foodbank.

With Covid-19 restrictions in place, the church will not be having their usual harvest celebrations nor collections or donations this month; so please bear this in mind and give directly to the Foodbank instead.

Please contact the Foodbank if you would benefit from their services or know someone else who might.

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Community Cars

Seeking expressions of interest

Polruan has been very busy again this year. But, as always, this highlights the significant parking difficulties within the village, so some of us have looked at the benefits of a "community car scheme". These schemes provide one or more community cars, available to members of the scheme for a small annual membership fee and modest hire costs. Members can book a car by the hour/day via an App, with a smart card to access a car. The car(s) have designated parking spaces within the village.

For many of us such a scheme would negate the need to own a car and the costs of ownership with the added benefit of designated parking.

In order to see if such a scheme would be viable within our village we need an indication of local interest. Please could you contact the editor of the Parish News on 01726 870818 or via email at Suzanne.goddard@me.com, should you be interested.

[Note by Editor: see also the Town Trust's report on page 20 on Go Cars]

Age Concern

from Kath Walsh

I am very sad to say that given the current situation, all Age Concern activities are cancelled until the New Year when things will be reviewed. This will sadly include our annual coach trip and Christmas Party — always enjoyable events which we will look forward to in 2021.

Letter from Australia

from Mary Taylor, New South Wales

[By Ed. This letter was written in April but only found it's way to us in August. We have not received a letter from Mary for September, so have decided to print in any event and it precedes her letter in the last issue]

We are housebound at the moment, so I thought I'd write. This virus is a terrible thing, we see on the television that a lot of British people are dying. We rang Jim's sister in Redcar to check to see how she is. She's 91, she has to stay at home but is okay thankfully. We also rang my sister in Cornwall, and was pleased to hear she's okay too. My niece from Liskeard phoned us to check on us, she has just turned 70, so has to stay at home too but said there had been no deaths around there, although she jokingly said 'it wouldn't dare come over the bridge'!

Jim and I are not getting around much anyway. I spend a lot of time doing word puzzles, reading and knitting – although I'm running out of wool now. Plum and John do our shopping and one or the other will come in to do our lunch every day which is a real help and Liz rings in every day to check we're okay. We had to cancel some doctor and specialist appointments as they are only doing things over the phone at the moment but whatever happens, we will need to get our flu jabs soon.

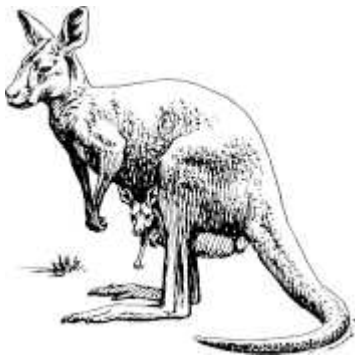
I do hope everyone in Polruan and Pelynt are keeping safe and well.

This Easter will be very different as you're not allowed to travel. Plum's second daughter had a little boy on 24 February, and named him Mason. Her sister was due to travel to see her nephew but that will now have to wait now until things settle down a little.

We have finally had some rain which will hopefully keep the farmers happy, but we need a lot more.

Anzac day is on 25 April but the march and service are cancelled until later in the year unfortunately - this virus is upsetting everything.

I do hope all is well with everyone and that things get better soon. All the best to everyone.



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Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

from the Committee

What a weekend of entertainment with near perfect weather we could have enjoyed for our Regatta weekend! However, for the first time since 1944 there was no regatta. It certainly seemed very strange.

The committee safely met at an outdoor venue at the beginning of August. We agreed that our children deserved a treat and so all children were given an Argos gift card to select something they'd like. We've had several messages, photos and emails of thanks. It was thanks to the careful management of our finances and the generosity of our Patrons that we were able to do that.

It seems a while ago, but we would like to say a big thank you to all those who entered our scarecrow competition; James Bond appeared in all sorts of guises, often precariously placed on and around buildings. The Queen and Miss Money Penny appeared too. They mostly managed to survive the unsettled weather although Blofeld became sustenance to slugs and snails! [By Ed. photos are on page 7]

Disappointingly, because of the current Covid-19 situation our upcoming events have been cancelled as follows: -

The craft/coffee morning – due to have taken place on 8 November.

The children's party – due to have taken place on 12 December.

The pantomime; The Theatre Royal have postponed this until 2021/2022. Our tickets were booked for 3 January and have been rolled over to 2 January 2022.

Having had a word with Father Christmas, Christmas is definitely not cancelled and we will be arranging a festive treat.

The Coal Wharf Christmas tree will be put in place and illuminated on Sunday, December. There will also be a tree for the grounds of St. Saviour.

We'd like to encourage everyone to decorate their windows with lights and festive scenes if possible, especially in Fore Street, to brighten the Christmas and New Year season.

Parish Organisations please note we have optimistically set our dates for 2021 as follows:

Annual General Meeting	1 March
Carnival Queen Choosing	24 May
Beach Gala and Disco	July (TBA)
Regatta Weekend	28 -30 August
Craft Coffee Morning	14 November
Children's Christmas Party	11 December

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News from the WI

from Chris Cox, Vice President

Well how lovely that we managed to have a meeting after so long. It was really nice to see everyone again, all together after so many months, although it's going to be short lived unfortunately since the government announced that no more than 6 people can gather together.

Our good news is that we won the business/group section of this year's Scarecrow Competition, which we were all really pleased and proud about, especially considering the difficulties we had in managing to make it, whilst keeping to socially distanced rules.

We had a short, socially distanced meeting to discuss re-opening in a Covid-19 secure way when able to do so, and also to check on our funds because like all other organisations, our fund raising has been non-existent. Thankfully we are okay at the moment. It was decided that with the funds we have, we could afford to get the flat roof at the back of the building properly repaired and water tight. Once the business end of our meeting was over, we just caught up and wondered when things will get back to normal and we may be able to meet again.

So, as I write this, Harvest Festival is unfortunately on hold, and so too our Christmas celebrations – I think it's a case of watch this space and look out for posters and information outside the Hall and in the next edition of the Parish News.

Keep well and be happy. Best wishes to you all.



Lock down Own Up

I feel I have to own up:

In the past, I've berated in verse
Those who order their foodstuff on line,
Delivered by van and what's worse,
It looked much more tasty than mine . . .

They turned their backs on our local
Said they kept none of their favourite fare,
But all these reproofs were too vocal
Cos the shop, through the dark times, was there.

But when it came to the lock down
And I was stuck on my own,
Instead of going to some town
I too simply picked up the phone.

At first it was simply to buy fish
And then some ready-made pies.
It was as though my every wish
Would somehow materialise.

Soon I started to use my iPad
As some sort of Aladdin's lamp -
Impossible comforts I now had,
And what's more, with no need of a stamp.

All of these different consignments
Each in its styled cardboard pack
And if you weren't pleased with the contents,
You could, if you chose, send it back.

I have to admit, I don't spend less -
What with oysters and crab - all my wants
The scope of the market is endless
Right down to some new underpants.

I still shop at our store ev'ry morning
Cos I feel it is where I belong,
But I see there's a new era dawning
And must say that I got it wrong.

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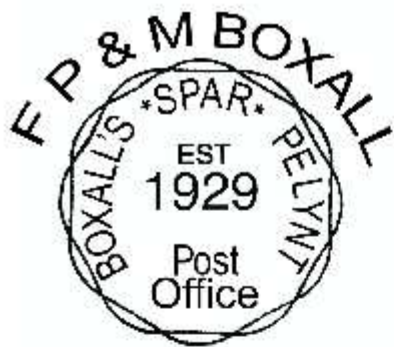
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Please wear a face covering in the hall (unless you have a reason not to), and follow the one-way system – come in through the front door and leave through the back door. There are hand sanitisers at both entrances, and the toilets are open for hand-washing.

We're restricting numbers in the hall to avoid overcrowding at stalls, so you may have to queue outside to get in. Please have a think about what's the right time for you to come to the market: the queue tends to be longest at the beginning (10am), there's rarely any queue after 11.15, and the hall gets very quiet between 12 noon and 1pm.

Last month, Helen from Coppergon Farm kindly lent us her little catering trailer so that we could start offering you hot drinks again – but outdoors only. At the time of writing, we don't know if this trailer will be available each month. But if it is, please come and say hello to Jane and buy a cup of tea or coffee to keep you warm in the queue. If the weather's dry, there'll be some outside seating too.

And don't forget you can buy luscious Liddicoots pasties hot from the oven (or uncooked from the freezer, if we have enough to spare). They're still at their special pandemic price of £3 per pasty – bring correct change if you can.

Keep an eye on Facebook for any updates, and information from stallholders who take advanced orders for you to collect on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Liz and the Whitecross village hall committee

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News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer

We cannot control the weather. I think everyone will agree we have had a very strange and difficult Summer. In the Springtime we were worried because it wouldn't stop raining, the Spring corn seed was sitting in the shed waiting for dry weather. It was very late being tilled. Then came the scorching sun, wonderful for the people who came to Cornwall for a holiday but not for the growing crops. The ground became very hard. The barley was struggling to grow. We were worried what sort of crop we were going to get. It's our animal feed for the Winter. The Winter wheat crop was fine, it was lovely to see trailers of golden grain going into the store. Then the rain came again. The weather forecast was watched very carefully every day. If there was hope of a few dry hours the combine was in the fields ready to go. It certainly was a stop start time. Thank goodness for the grain dryer. It sits quietly for eleven months of the year then roars non-stop for a month, hot and dusty. The grain must be dry to store, otherwise it would heat up and rot. The barley crop however was not as good as usual, the grain is a little smaller although it was much better than we thought it would be. The straw was shorter than usual too. We have enough for our animal beds when they move into the sheds for the Winter, but not much left over to sell.

This year we grew a field of peas mixed with broad beans, this makes a good feed full of protein for the cattle. This was harvested as silage. The silage machine cuts the crop, chops it up into short pieces and blows it out into a huge trailer driving alongside. As the trailer becomes full another drives alongside to take it's place; the machine never stops until the field is finished. There is always another farmer waiting to harvest his crop. The trailers are taken to the farmyard and tipped onto a concrete silage area. A tractor keeps rolling over it to compress the crop and exclude all the air from it. When the silage is all safely gathered in, it is covered with a huge sheet of tough polythene. This is held in place with old tyres to stop it blowing away. It takes six weeks or more for the silage to ferment before it's ready to eat. The cattle love it.

Sparrow hawks have been a real nuisance in our garden. They swoop down on the bird feeders and pick up little birds in their claws and fly off with them. I know they have to eat too and have chicks to feed but I don't want them eating our little blue tits. We have put the feeders in the rose bushes now, the little birds can queue for their peanuts in safety and hopefully eat the odd greenfly while they are waiting.

Squirrels have been a nuisance too. I have seen them come out of a hedgerow with a chick in it's mouth then scamper up a tree, poor little birds the parents work so hard from morning till night to feed them and when they are ready to fledge a squirrel eats them.

Most of the swallows have flown away now, it seems a bit early. They have been gathering on the wires outside the kitchen window in their hundreds. Suddenly all the chittering stops and they are gone. I have never seen them go it's so sudden. How a tiny bird which weighs almost nothing can fly six thousand miles is a mystery. I wonder if they have a second family in Africa?

It's the time of the year for the rams to be put in with the ewes again. They have been fitted with harnesses to attach a coloured crayon to their chest. The first one is yellow. This tells us which ewes will give birth first. After three weeks the crayon is changed to red, the marks on the ewes backs will show us which animals will be in the second flock. This tells us who needs to be brought into the lambing sheds first. They will be scanned at the end of November, that will give us a clue roughly how many lambs we may get and how much to feed the pregnant Mums. The first lambs should be born in early January. Fingers crossed.

I suppose badgers have young to feed too but I strongly object to a pet goose being killed. It came into the farmyard one night and with it's sharp claws and teeth it made a small hole in the wood of the goose house. One poor goose must have put her head out of the hole to see what was happening and unfortunately lost her head.

Something has been pruning my rose bushes for me. Quite neatly. I opened the curtains early one morning to see a deer browsing quite happily, it's a good job we don't like venison!





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An Appreciation of Marjorie Barrie (1924 – 2020)

From Tessa Skola

Marjorie Barrie was one of the most incredible, interesting and entertaining ladies that I had the good fortune to know. Of petite stature, that belied her strength, she was a tour-de-force, particularly when it came to her career as a journalist. Naturally inquisitive, interested and a great listener, she had all the qualities to collate information, write a story and get it out there. I moved to Polruan in 2001 and she was the first of my neighbours to knock on the door and ask "Who are you"?

Miss Hunkin, a retired school teacher who introduced us properly, likened Marjorie to 'a ferret' – once she gets her teeth into a story she'll not let go! Relentless, exasperating, irritating, Marjorie got her story, every time.

Marjorie was born near Chester in 1924. She made her career working for top publications including the Hindustan Times, the Daily Express where she met James Barrie, her future husband, and as features editor for The Telegraph. She also had years of experience on Fleet Street and later as a freelance reporter for The Cornish Guardian and press network. Interesting and acutely interested in people and projects, she brought news to the community and beyond, always fighting to get her stories into print.

Polruan was fortunate to have her; she loved the village and had a huge enthusiasm for village life and the organisations therein, including the Polruan Theatre Club and Village Hall, HM Coastguard, the Regatta and Town Trust.

She was so proud at 86, to be the 'oldest resident' to have served and sipped whiskey with Fowey Town Crier for five years, every August, as the Polruan Carnival paused en route for this 'traditional' pit stop outside her house 'Mizzen Top'.

An accomplished piano player, composer and artist she was also the driving force behind the fledgling careers of several writers, journalists and singers. Always interested and happy to offer encouragement and advice and to help

with publicity to get their stories told.

She lived her last 3 years at Restgarth Care Home, Polperro. Her room still festooned daily with her order of newspapers and notebooks.

She went to sleep on Tuesday, 18 August aged 95.

"I don't deal in maybes, I deal in certainties", she would snap-albeit with a twinkle in her eye!

Certainly, forever remembered. Thank you .
Dear Marjorie.

Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

from the committee

We have been saddened to hear of the death, in August, of two of our great supporters.

James 'Bolger' Hicks was Chairman of our committee in the 1970's, leading the organisation of our Regatta events and ensuring that the traditions continued. After he was no longer able to be a committee member, he was always interested in what we were up to, keen that the Parish children and families should come together to have fun. We send our condolences to Stephen (Stubbles), Joanne, Daniel and the wider family. Thank you for remembering our organisation by selecting us to benefit from donations given in Bolger's memory.

Marjorie Barrie moved to the village, with her late husband James, in 1982. Both had a background in publishing and journalism.

They involved themselves in village life. James was the Clerk to the Town Trust; Marjorie was involved with the Polruan Theatre Club. Marjorie was a wordsmith and her enthusiastic copy found its way to several local newspapers and publications, including the Parish News. She was a great supporter of our organisation and particularly enjoyed Regatta weekend. Marjorie would go down to the Coal Wharf to watch the entertainers and loved to watch the reactions on the children's faces. There was always a tot of whiskey awaiting Fowey Town Crier, Michael, as the procession arrived at the end of West Street. We send our sympathies to Marjorie's family and friends.



The Wave

from Anne Allan

Stretching as far as the eye can see
A blue ocean reflects the heavens
Still and calm it brings peace and tranquillity
The Wind of the Spirit moves over the deep
And waves begin to form
They stretch beyond the horizon
Across all the seas and the oceans covering the
world
Each wave made of millions of drops in
motion
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cover the world;
Driven by the spirit they become waves
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of conflict,
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*[By Ed. Anne came across this poem in some
literature received from Truro Mother's Union, of
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News from Nigeria

from Kathryn Hill

I have had several emails from Kathleen since July. The first was on 28 July, the day after her 80th Birthday; the celebrations had stretched over several days and Kathleen, her family and visitors had obviously had a great time! The main reason for that email was to ask for prayers for her eldest grandson Kumi. He had been accepted for a Diploma in Basic Engineering at a College in Wales. She asked that we might pray he would get his visa in time to travel, as it's all complicated by Covid-19 and flights to the UK.

Kathleen went on to say that Covid-19 is spreading rapidly in Nigeria with over 41,000 cases and 858 deaths. This is in part due to the fact people are in denial and refuse to wear face coverings or practise social distancing. Positive test results are also denied, causing the further spread of the virus. I later heard that the Vom test centre had not been given any government aid, so the the worry is that some may be carriers of the virus, despite not showing any symptoms. The have been given drugs to boost immunity, paid for by a former missionary.

Dr Dachung is struggling to pay salaries and some staff are leaving. It is not something Kathleen likes to do but she asked that if you are able, to please help the hospital by donating via her and Daniel. In an up date

she said that £11,000 had been received, enough to cover one full salary for all 170 staff. This will be a real encouragement to the staff. Thank you all so much. Anything left over will be spent on mattresses for the ward.

Kathleen and Daniel are keeping very much to themselves, and wear their face coverings outside. A number of people struggling to feed their families come to them for help and because of the kind gifts already received, they haven't had to turn anyone away. They thank you all so much for your kindness and know God will bless you as you serve Him in this way.

On 7 September I heard that Kumi had been granted his visa. She thanked you all for your prayers and by time you read this he will have completed his quarantine and started college

Unfortunately, Boko Haram are threatening attacks in Abuja, the capital. The ISWAP are in the south. Fulani are in the Plateau and are preparing for big attacks, including VOM. Pray that the Lord will frustrate all their plans.' On a more cheerful note, The Barnabas Fund have delivered much needed aid to Hura, a village attacked in April and a Muslim

Fulani man rescued two Nigerian Christian missionaries in the bush, delivering them safely to some Church Leaders. This modern day 'Good Samaritan' took great risks in doing this, please join me in praying he will not suffer for his good deed.



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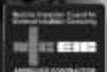
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Late Summer in the Garden

from Gillian Thompson

It is now September and the day is warm, but with a refreshing breeze, and I'm sitting in my garden and admiring the view. And there is much to admire. The latter part of August was cool and relatively damp, which has had the effect of prolonging the summer show. Whereas normally, by now, many of the plants would be suffering with the heat, this year they have had a reprieve.

From where I am seated, I can look down the length of a short, double border, flanking a grass path. The predominant flower colour is red, represented, in the main, by dahlias. A lot of gardeners are a bit sniffy about dahlias – rating them high maintenance and old-fashioned. But for sheer flower power at this time of the year (actually they have been in flower since late June/early July and will continue to give of their best until the first frosts) they are hard to beat.

With the exception of two Dahlia 'Bishop of Llandaff' plants, bought as tubers, all my dahlias have been grown from seed. Some of them are grown permanently in pots and when the frost has blackened their foliage, I cut them right back and store them, under cover, for the winter. Others, like the ones in the border, are either left where they are to take their chances of surviving until the spring or, if the plant has performed particularly well, it will be lifted and the tuber stored until late February and then potted up and started into growth, ready for another year.

Nothing but dahlias in a border would be very dull, of course, and other star players in my late summer borders are Helenium, Nicotiana, Amaranthus, Ricinus and Canna. All except the canna and helenium have been grown from seed, sown earlier in Spring.

The helenium (*Helenium autumnale*) is a lovely golden yellow, with a prominent central cone. It has grown to five feet and is kept upright with the aid of some judicious staking. In its turn it is helping to support some tall growing *Verbena bonariensis*, with its airy, mauve flowers just going over. They made a striking partnership.

Ricinus communis 'Impala' (the castor oil plant) is the source of the drug ricine and highly poisonous, but it is such a striking plant with its tall, self-supporting red stems and long-stalked, large divided leaves, tinged red. The seeds are large and easy to handle and it is fascinating to watch the strong seedling push the compost aside as they erupt into life. Quite often the seed case remains attached to the seedling, which grows very rapidly – I love to ease the case off and watch the leaves spring open. At this time of the year the leaves are joined by the insignificant flowers and round, spiky seedheads, each containing four seeds to be saved for next year.

I am very fond of *Amaranthus*, and usually grow several types. *Amaranthus caudatus*, commonly called love-lies-bleeding, is probably the best known. I grow the variety 'Viridis' for its long, green tassels, which are so useful (and long lasting) in a vase. This year I also grew *Amaranthus paniculatus* 'Bronze Marvel'. In this case the tassels are a deep red and held upright. The leaves are tinged bronze and this is certainly a plant which I will be growing again. One I certainly won't bother with next year, is *Amaranthus lividus* ssp. *lividus*. The flowers are a dull, inconspicuous brown colour. Halfway through the summer I'd had enough of it and ripped it out.

Nicotiana is represented in the border by several varieties. The tallest, and probably my favourite, is *Nicotiana glauca* (the tobacco plant). Its long, white, tubular flowers are beautifully scented on the evening air – definitely worth venturing outside, late at night, torch in hand to savour its scent.

Its close relative *Nicotiana glauca* 'Green Tears' was grown for the first time this year. My partner refers to it as the "cabbage plant", which I feel is rather unfair. Its true that the leaves do have a passing resemblance to a cabbage, when young, but it grows to a respectable 5-6 feet and bears very unusual, inch long, pale green, tubular flowers, nipped in at the end and edged in darker green. Peep inside and the stigma is tiny and quite fascinating. You certainly wouldn't describe it as spectacular, but it does bring a certain presence to the back of the border.

I also grow *Nicotiana x sanderae* 'Lime Green' for its lime green flowers (what other colour would they be?) and *Nicotiana langsdorffii*. The latter has an Award of Garden Merit (AGM) from the Royal Horticultural Society, so you know it is a good plant.

Nestling amongst a couple of rose-pink dahlias, are the last of the pale blue *Veronica* flowers. The tall flower heads making a pleasing contrast with the flat, open flowers of the dahlia. The *Veronica* tries hard to please, and succeeds with me. It gave a good show of itself earlier in the year and when the first flush was over, I painstakingly cut each flower stalk back to where I could see new side shoots emerging and the result was a second display of flowers, every bit as good as the first. Completing the pink-blue colour picture is *Lythrum salicaria* (purple loosestrife), it has the same flower shape as the *veronica* but in a blue-pink shade, marrying the dahlia and *veronica* combination together very satisfyingly.

All of this colour and foliage is contained in a relatively small area and I expect it to go on looking good at least until the end of September, with the dahlia going on even longer. By then I shall have retreated indoors and the garden and I will rest until its time to start again in the spring – and I can't wait!

First published in the Grampound Times



from Angela Palin

Earlier this year, before lockdown, Fowey Festival was able to run the annual competition Awards for Young Writers and Artists. Local and national writers and artists judged nearly 1000 entries from children and students living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly aged 5 to 16.

The judges were delighted with the high quality of poems, stories and artwork by children and found it a challenging yet enjoyable task to find winners and runners up for poetry, story writing and art in the three age categories. Many children and students in schools local to Fowey took part, along with schools and individuals as far away as St Just, Wadebridge and Bude.

Judges and trustees asked the public for assistance in selecting The Young Artist of the Year 2020. With generous sponsorship from Atishoo and Fowey River Gallery the 7 prizewinning beautifully framed pictures were displayed in Fowey River Gallery for three weeks in August. Three hundred and twenty five visitors to the gallery voted for their favourite and there was a clear winner of the award. A local literary expert has selected the Young Writer of the Year 2020. One local school has been highlighted as demonstrating an Outstanding Commitment to Art.

The Arts Society Bodmin, Great Art and Waterstones have provided generous sponsorship for prizes for all these winners and runners up and there will be an individual presentation made to all prize winners in early October. We would have very much liked to have made this presentation glittery, public and high profile as celebrating the participation and success of so many Cornish children and students is worth shouting about, but in these times sadly it is not possible.

Please look at the Fowey Festival website for the artwork, poetry and stories of our prize winners. Thanks should go to everyone involved in the success of this competition: Festival trustees, sponsors, judges, schools and individuals who have committed time and energy in taking part.

Angela Palin

Co-ordinator of Awards for Young Writers and Artists 2020



Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

We have previously reported on the great increase in activity on the allotments during lockdown. This has continued and all our allotment gardeners are now seen carrying produce away. It's that bountiful time of the year. This year besides the 'normal' vegetable crops, we have seen quite a few unusual varieties, as our members have experimented. Vegetable harvests have generally been very good and some of the excess has been sold in the village to benefit the Liskeard food bank. We have had a very good season for soft fruit.

This year some of our plots have looked particularly good because of the efforts that have gone into flower growing. They really brighten up the world!

At this time of the year we are beginning to look forward to next year. As produce is harvested, areas are released for soil preparation. We have to remove weeds and dig in manure. Some crops don't want fresh manure so we need to start planning how we intend laying out the plot for the new season. We all have compost heaps that are overflowing with rotting vegetation and this will eventually be spread around the plot.

There is a good community spirit in the allotment society and grass cutting has been shared out among members. The grass has never looked better trimmed. Friday evening has become a social event

If you would like to join us for the new season, it will soon be time to start preparing your ground. Have a word with Des Libby about having a plot . . . or part of one.





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Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's report October 2020

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

Covid-19

We are still in strange times, and although we have been in lockdown since 23 March, things are beginning to change. We are slowly adjusting to what is called the new normal. This means we can, as long as we are not shielding, begin to see friends and family, as long as we stay responsible and alert, and remember our social bubbles. The weather has mostly been kind. But we are now adjusting to living with the new "rule of six". There are still a lot of visitors here and the coastal path and villages are busy. Children are back at school and people are still on the water.

I mentioned in the last edition how grateful we all were to the Polly Pals who have been of immense strength in Polruan with all manner of things such as collecting shopping, collecting prescriptions and post, collecting newspapers and generally being true friends. Thank You from all of us. There are many vulnerable people in the Parish and this kind of support has been invaluable to them. Thank you also to those people living in the wider Parish who have provided assistance

Council Meetings

As you will be aware during the Lockdown we have not been able to meet in face-to-face meetings, but have held "virtual meetings". Details of all meetings, agendas and minutes can be found on our website, but not for the time being on all the notice boards. Members of the public will also be able to join a meeting on-line. Several people have already done so. For the foreseeable future the strong recommendation and advice are to continue to hold Meetings virtually.

Annual Council Meeting

This meeting was held virtually on 28 July at our Full Council Meeting. I was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor John Adams was nominated and elected as Vice-Chairman. Representatives to other organisations in the Parish were re-appointed en-bloc. At this point in time, we are on course for Elections to all Parish, Town and Cornwall Councils to take place in May 2021 and also for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall.

Council Contracts

The contracts for Maintaining the Public Rights of Way and Cleaning of the Public WCs have been advertised in the local press, on the notice boards and on our website for tender, and should come before the Council at our September meeting.

Fowey River Practice

We were aware that many of our residents in Polruan and the wider parish had been affected by new arrangements in Polruan

Surgery. For some of you this necessitated ferry and car journeys to fetch prescriptions and attend appointments. We raised these with the Practice and asked whether it was possible to return to regular GP/Nurse surgeries in Polruan. Dr Waldron has noted the difficulties of patients and did say that over 80% of patient contacts are by telephone or video. Very few patients are being seen face to face in any of the surgeries, and the number of people in any of the buildings at any one time has to be strictly limited.

This is to comply with strict Covid Guidelines and in Polruan they would only be allowed one, possibly two, patients in the waiting room there at any time. It would also impact significantly on the dispensing service that they have been able to continue to provide throughout the pandemic as they would not be able to dispense medicines. Dispensing is currently done via the consulting room window and no patients enter the building. It would therefore be difficult to operate the dispensary at the same time as reinstating surgeries. Visits are still being made to patients in Polruan two and sometimes three times a week.

Once current restrictions are reduced the situation will be re-considered, but until such a time they do not feel that it would be safe for patients or staff to change the current opening of Polruan. They say that the way they will work in the future will be completely different to the way they worked prior to the pandemic and this will affect their operations on all sites.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan

We have now received the Independent Examiner's Report of The Lanteglos by Fowey Neighbourhood Development Plan from Mrs Deborah McCann. She has recommended that modifications are made to Policies 1, 2 and 11, Design and Character of Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish, Local Green Spaces, and Parking Provision for New Housing and Other Developments. A copy of her Report is available on our website. The recommended modifications are being made to the plan by Paul Webber of Situ8, and once that is to hand it will be sent to the Neighbourhood Planning Group at Cornwall Council for sign-off by a dedicated Portfolio Holder. Once the decision is signed a copy of the Examination Report and final version of the NDP will be published by Cornwall Council on their website. The next stage is to go to Referendum but all of these have been postponed until at least May 2021. However, Government has indicated that NDPs that are published post Examination can now be given significant weight in decision making. All of this will be published on CC's website and on our Neighbourhood Plan website:

www.lanteglosbyfoweyplan.org.uk which has been substantially revised and holds all the up-to-date information about the NDP.

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Virtual Meetings of the Parish Council are being held via Zoom during the pandemic. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Planning Applications

PA20/04868, 16 West Street Polruan – installation of dormer window on west elevation. This is the second application for a dormer on this property. Members had no objection.

PA20/05619, Trevedda Farm, Pol-tec Lane, Lanteglos – Listed Building Consent for proposed alterations to farmhouse and change of use of outbuilding to self-contained letting annexe. Members felt this would be an improvement and had no objection.

PA20/05175, Trevedda Farm, Pol-tec Lane, Lanteglos – proposed alterations to farmhouse and change of use of outbuilding to self-contained letting annexe. Members had no objection.

PA20/01542/PREAPP, 3 Battery Park, Polruan – pre-application advice for a new entrance/conservatory to the rear, conversion of the loft/roof space and an erection of a garage/workshop/boat store. Members commented that in principle they do not object but the appearance needs to be sympathetic to its surroundings.

PA20/06408, The Covey, 14 Old Road, Bodinnick – proposal Works to trees in a conservation area, namely five semi-mature Grey Alder trees (T1 - 5) at heights 8 - 10 metres reduce by 40%. NOTE – this application was dealt with via email and a response submitted that Members strongly request the contractor, cutting back the trees on the land, does not park his vehicle in the area marked out for the Bodinnick Ferry queue.

PA20/06085, Land adjacent to 17 Kendall Park, Polruan – reserved matters application for the construction of 5 dwellings (Details following application number PA17/04632 dated 5 September 2017). Members had no objection.

PA20/06065, 3 Ocean View, Polruan – proposed replacement of roof including increased ridge height and new dormers forming first floor accommodation. Members had no objection.

PA20/07096, Bramblecombe, Penpoll – Non-Material Amendment to application no. PA19/04985 dated 22/08/19 for the slight rotation of the proposed building and relocation. Members had no objection.

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council

PA20/03333, 5 Florizel, Fore Street, Polruan – construction of an extension to include a terrace with privacy glass (demolition of existing extension).



from Eric Lockyear

The Covid 19 outbreak and its lockdown kept many of us off the water for the early part of the year. With its partial lifting, the lifeboat crews were called into busy action from the beginning of July. In the first week, they responded to five 'shouts.'

On 7 July, the all-weather lifeboat assisted a sailor with a serious head wound when he was hit by the boom. The casualty was sailing with his son, who was unable to handle the boat and assist his father at the same time. The two were brought aboard the all-weather lifeboat while a lifeboat crewman took over the yacht to bring it into Fowey Harbour. All wore full PPE during the manoeuvre.

The all-weather lifeboat was launched again three days later to assist a 16ft motor boat which had lost steering with five people aboard, near Dodman Point. The boat was towed back to Fowey. This was the first shout when all three of Fowey's female crew members were selected together for a shout.

The all-weather lifeboat next responded to a mayday call from a small fishing boat which had lost power and was aground on Gwineas Rock, near Mevagissey. The casualty vessel was towed into Mevagissey Harbour by a private boat, while the lifeboat stood by.

The same day, the all-weather lifeboat was launched again to assist two boats with a total of five people aboard, one of which was towing the other. The towing vessel was in danger of overheating, so the lifeboat took over the tow, and the towing vessel stopped overheating when relieved.

In the same week, the all-weather lifeboat was launched yet again, to assist a 30ft yacht which had caught its propeller on a pot buoy near Polruan. Two crew members were put aboard, the propeller was freed and the yacht

was able to return to Fowey without coming under tow.

The next week, the inshore lifeboat was launched to assist three casualties cut off by the tide upriver of Fowey Harbour. Also tasked were Polruan Coastguard and the specialised mud rescue team from Falmouth Coastguard. The casualties had kayaked upriver and had been caught out by the speed of the falling tide. They were quickly brought on board the ILB and taken back to Fowey Lifeboat Station.

On 22 July, the inshore lifeboat crew responded to a request from HM Coastguard to assist a woman who had lost consciousness on Lantic Bay beach. With the assistance of the Polruan Coastguard team, the casualty was transferred by the inshore crew to the all-weather lifeboat, which took her to a waiting medical team.

The next week three people became stranded on a beach near Porthpean after their inflatable kayak deflated. The inshore lifeboat and St. Austell Coastguard responded. Due to the heavy swell, the lifeboat was used to shuttle them to St. Austell Coastguard on Porthpean beach, uninjured.

On August 21, two paddle-boarders were reported in distress between Gorran Haven and Mevagissey, as Storm Ellen had created strong winds and very large swell. The paddle-boarders were making little headway, and so the all-weather lifeboat was launched to assist them.

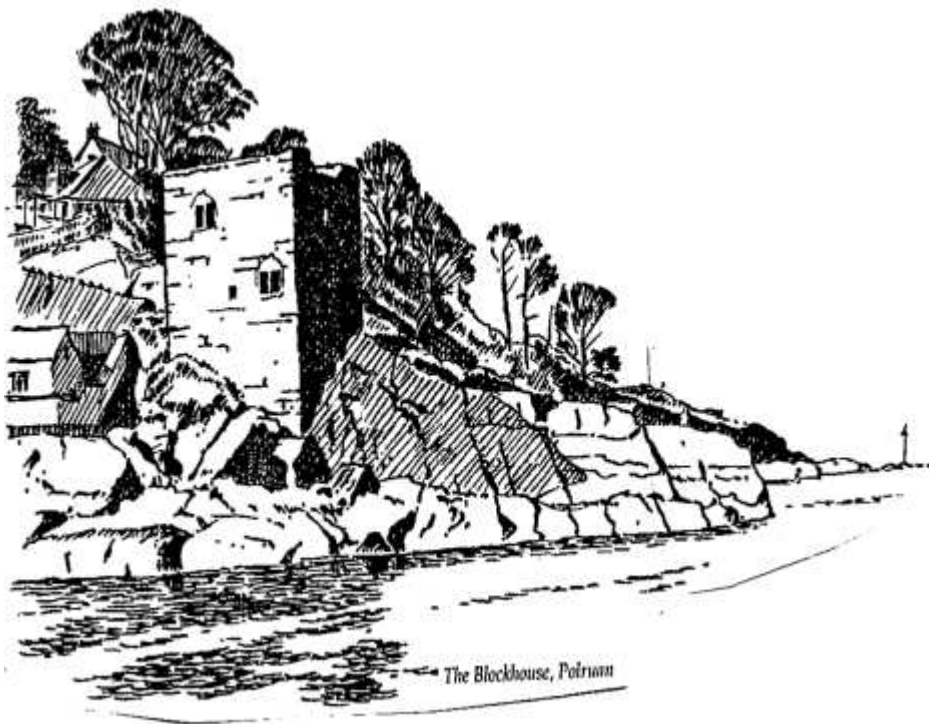
Both paddle-boarders were escorted to Fowey and safely made it ashore in Readymoney Beach in Fowey Harbour.

Over the August bank holiday weekend the inshore lifeboat crew responded to a call to assist a small fishing boat with engine failure in St Austell bay. The boat was located near Charlestown and escorted into Par harbour.

The RNLI is committed to maintaining a full service during the pandemic despite the continued risks of COVID-19. In any coastal emergency, dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Stay safe!





Town Trust News

from Robin Sainsbury
Chairman

Since the last issue of the Parish News, the Trust have started to meet again in the WI, where we can suitably distance. This has helped us to get back to business as nearly normal.

As I am sure many of you will have noticed, the fence surrounding the play area has now been installed and the play area open, we would ask that those using the facility respect the restrictions we have had to put in place to ensure that the play area can remain open for the enjoyment of all.

The extra cover on the wharf has now been in place for a while, although the decision has been made to temporarily remove it to discourage larger groups gathering with the new "rule of 6" restrictions now in force.

The plans for the repairs to the slipway have now been approved and passed to the contractor and the work will be carried out in a few weeks time.

Go Cars

A resident has put forward the idea of a short-term car rental business for the village / parish. This would involve cars being left at specific collection points and rented on an hourly basis, the obvious idea is to cut down on the number of vehicles in the village that are only used on rare occasions, it may also suit those who wish to travel down by train but not be then able to explore the local area without the use of a car. This could present an employment opportunity as the vehicles would need to be monitored and cleaned after use. At present this is just an idea put forward and the Trust would welcome any feedback on peoples' thoughts about this.

[By Ed. see also page 8]

Vevery car park

The Trust have been issued with a back dated bill for business rates for the car park, this will almost inevitably lead to charges having to be reluctantly imposed, how this will take place is yet to be decided.

As some may have seen on the Polruan Facebook page, the Trust have planted a wild flower area in the field below Vevery car park. We would ask that you please keep off the area sectioned off and also collect any dog waste from this area. It is hoped that these areas will be extended over the coming years to enhance our open spaces and promote areas for wildlife to thrive.

Trustee Vacancy

With the recent departure from the village of Wes Pascoe there is an immediate vacancy for a Trustee. Anyone interested should contact Adrian Fisher, our Clerk, to express an interest. (Polruantowntrust@icloud.com).

The Trust would like to pass on its thanks to Wes for all his hard work over the time he has been a Trustee.

LANTEGLOS PARISH COUNCIL

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a talk by Marcus Lewis

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Fowey, and by 1965 the fleet had reached 36 boats. This year is their 70th anniversary and Marcus will look at their history, design and construction.

Marcus is one of Fowey's boatbuilders, a keen sailor and local historian with a wealth of images

'Looe through the Ages'

by Marian Cole, Cecil Varcoe, Kathryn Bartlett and Simon Cole

28 November 2020 at 2.30pm

Whitecross Village Hall, Bodinnick



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of copper on Bodmin Moor. You will hear the story of the Looe - Liskeard Canal and Railway which transported the copper to ships in the port and learn about the contribution made by Joseph Thomas, one of Looe's most famous sons, to the town as it is today.

Marian, Cecil, Kathryn and Simon are accredited town guides and members of the Cornish Riviera Guides

Dates for your diary

30 January 2021: Fascinating People and their Association with Fowey

27 February 2021: What the Tudors did for Fowey

14 March 2021: Mevagissey – A Virtual Tour

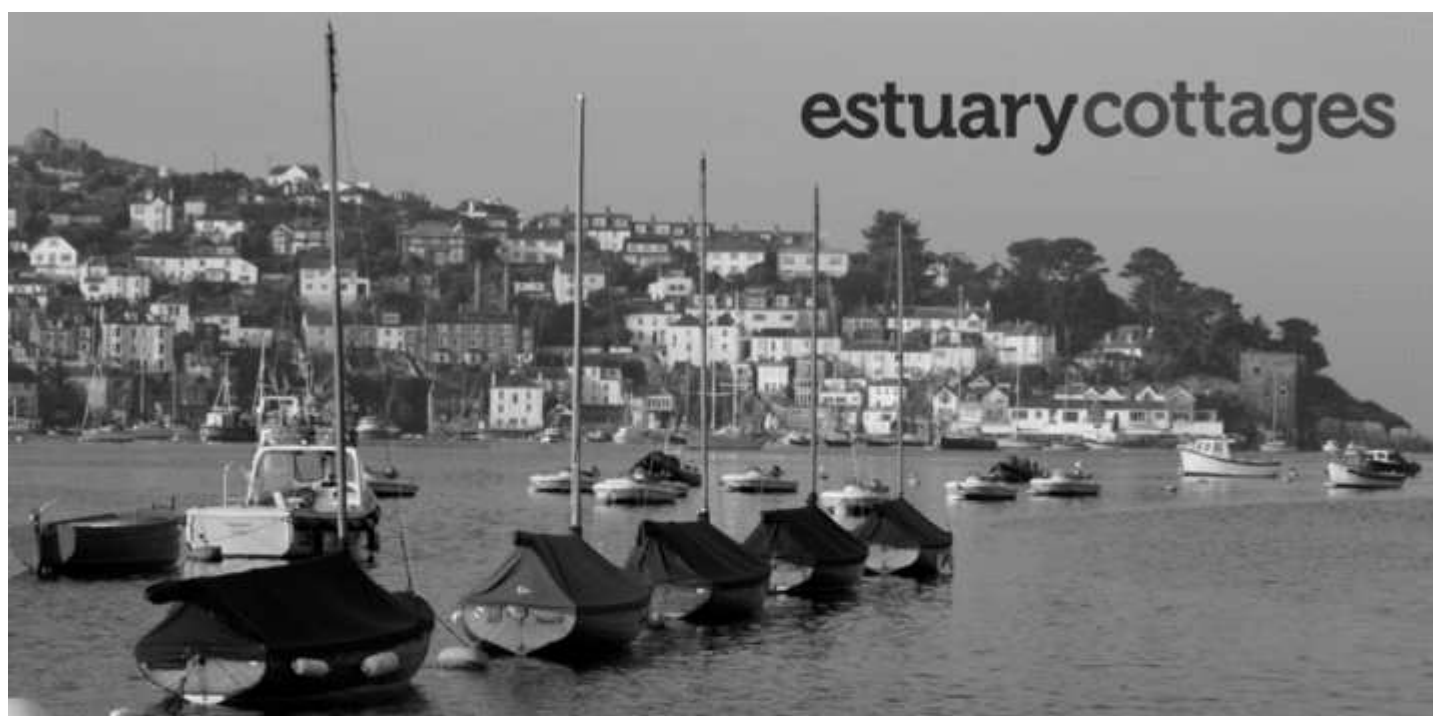
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A special mention and huge thanks go to our retiring trustees. Melissa Hartwell has been a Trustee of the Du Maurier Festival Society, which presents the Fowey Festival, for the last nine years and for much of that time has served as Joint Chair. Her enthusiasm and energy has been second to none, she has looked after our legal requirements and overseen initiatives like the Secret Gardens and the Art Trail, as well as doing much more besides. Paul Staniland joined the board at a similar time to Melissa, and has been our financial advisor throughout, as well as being joint chair. He has been a steady hand on our finances and a great team member, helping with anything that has been required, and with good humour. Both Melissa and Paul joined after the time we lost all our major Council funding and have helped develop the Festival into what it is today. We will miss them both but wish them well in their retirement.

At the same time, we offer a very warm welcome to Katie Bennett, who has joined us to take over as our financial advisor. Katie has a long background in finance, and we look forward to working with her.

Lynn Goold, previously joint chair, will continue as Chair of the Du Maurier Festival Society.

In the meantime, the 2021 Fowey Festival is proposed to take place between 7 to 15 May. We hope to have some small events over the winter and spring period, and we will be advertising these when government guidelines allow. Stay safe and in the meantime, keep up to date and see what we are doing! You can follow us and join in on:

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Forthcoming events

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Polruan Coastguard from Des Libby, Station Officer

Well that's the summer over or is it? As I sit here writing this the sun is pouring through the window; September is upon us and still so many visitors about enjoying our beautiful coast line, with anything that floats seemingly taking to the water and car parks overflowing. Its been an extremely busy summer for the team responding to numerous calls whilst still trying to do their normal day job not to mention family life! Thank goodness we have our four newbie's to spread the load and help out us old boys.

Please take care whilst going to the beaches or coast line.

- Know your limitations and don't take risks
- Have a means of communication and know where you are
- Check the tide time table and weather forecast
- Keep a close eye on children especially with inflatables
- Don't enter the water after drinking or a large meal



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

From the Station Log

15 July 2020, 15.18: Report of 3 persons stuck on mud between Golant and St Winnow, recovered by Fowey Inshore Lifeboat (ILB).

22 July 2020, 13.06: Report of person collapsed on the beach at Lantic Bay, working with Fowey ILB crew located casualty and provided First Aid; the team assisted extraction of casualty into the ILB and on to Fowey AWLB then back to waiting ambulance at Caffa Mill, Fowey

1 August 2020, 09.55: Crew tasked to back up Looe CRT with person collapsed on footpath

in Tolland Bay area. Cornwall Air Ambulance on the scene.

5 August 2020, 16.58: Crew tasked to back up Looe at Millendreath after report of person in difficulty in water, team stood down on route

9 August 2020, 07.49: Report of Kayak washed up near Polruan Quay, Crew sent to investigate carried out a shoreline search and tried to trace owners. Passed to Fowey Harbour Patrol

9 August 2020, 14.55: Report of person collapsed in the region of Lantic Bay; Crew quickly located casualty, administered Casualty Care and passed to SWAS

11 August 2020, 22.08: Report of overdue Laser Dingy, team stood down before leaving station

21 August 2020, 05.53: Report of upturned dinghy off Tom's Yard Polruan, Team carried out shoreline search and using local knowledge traced the owners to report all persons accounted for

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NCI Polruan from Brian Cook

Since we last reported, we have adjusted our watch coverage in a very busy period. We now operate two, four hour watches each day starting at 9am and finishing at 5pm. This pattern covers the period of maximum activity on the water and coastal path. We are still unfortunately unable to welcome casual visitors to the lookout . . . one day things will be back to normal!

If you have been used to checking out the weather numbers in Polruan by visiting the weather reports on our website, you will have noticed that recently there has been system change. We have upgraded our internet and weather station and now you need an app on your phone or iPad. It's entitled 'Davis WeatherLink'. Besides being able to look at NCI Polruan B — that's us — you can look at data from other local stations and also places all over the world.

As always we are looking for new NCI members. If you are interested in getting involved, have a word with a watch keeper. Full training is given, so you don't have to be a sea dog!



Polruan Town Trust

Trustee Vacancy

We have an immediate vacancy for a Trustee who must be a permanent resident of Polruan.

Polruan Town Trust is a registered charity and The Trustees manage the assets of the Trust for the benefit of the community.

The Trust's assets include the car parks, St Saviours Hill, the Veverly, the Blockhouse, the Quay and the Coal Wharf and St Saviour's church ruin.

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Please contact Adrian Fisher at polruantowntrust@icloud.com if you are interested.



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If you need to speak to someone during
your visit please call

Polruan Isolation Support 07709609538

Official advice on Covid-19 from Cornwall Council's website as at 18 September 2020

Thank you for following the latest government guideline – the new 'rule of six' – that came into effect on Monday. By doing so, you're really helping to keep Covid at bay here in Cornwall.

Want to know what else you can do to help?

- Keep regularly washing your hands and practising good hygiene
- Keep to the 2m social distancing wherever possible and 1m+ if not
- If you have symptoms, self-isolate immediately and **get tested**
- If you need a test **head here to get one booked**

Here in Cornwall we have been asking you to contact NHS 111 to be sign posted and sent to the most appropriate service, this will be rolled out across the UK later this year.

Please only call 999 or visit the Emergency Department/A&E for life threatening and emergency conditions.

If you need urgent – but not emergency – care then your first port of call should be to contact NHS 111 by telephone or online, the team will then advise where you should go and when.

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