



December 2020 / January 2021

The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

Sue's Cerebrations

The memory of Remembrance. Outside this year – the inside of the Church being off limits. Many have compared the 2020 Covid Pandemic to the war years, striving together to overcome an enemy. Most were bravely determined, obeying the rules, encouraging others and protecting children and the elderly. But some, a very few, thought that Britain should let Hitler take over. What difference would it make? It would all be the same in five years time. Meanwhile the armed forces, mostly young men, fought on. And in the end there was a victory and a return to normal. And so it is with the pandemic but this time the soldiers are the Doctors and Nurses and the ones losing their lives are mostly the elderly. Back in the war years they could share a cup of tea and tell stories round the kitchen table, they had companionship, often sleeping rough, lined up like sardines in tube stations or bomb shelters. We have the heartbreak of separation from loved ones, even though we have food on the table.

So where are we now? (Writing in early November in lockdown 2, I have no idea). Will we have Christmas? What will January look like? Will we ever be able to travel to see family in other parts of the country or the world? Will we have to wear face coverings for ever?

Optimistically this will all be behind us. We will be cautiously living normal lives, seeing friends and family, having fun, whilst being aware that viruses never truly go away. But surely the most important thing is what we have learnt through all this. As in the war years we have learnt to be helpful, we have curbed our tongues, been kind, paid attention to our gardens, looked at old photographs and letters and thought about climate change (and here I urge you to read David Attenborough's 'A Life on our planet') because we have had time and because the things which were important 'in real life' suddenly were not there any more and we couldn't hide. But Jesus said 'Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid'. We can try to manage that and when life returns to normal we can also try to maintain the quiet contemplation of time spent enjoying simple things and we can take the extra time to love.

I hope you can have a Happy Christmas.

Sue Shakerley



From the Editor

This has been a defining and difficult year for us all, but there is much to look forward to and I try to look to these for more positive inspirations. There is much wider hope for a return to a better 'new normal' with vaccines and treatments that will help us through future years.

In the following pages there is much good spirit and confirmation of the kind and thoughtful people and organisations we live with. From the community 'Lighting Up' to acts of good will and support, acts of remembrance for sacrifices in other dire times, plans for postponed events to take place such as the Fowey Literary Festival and VE Day +1 amongst them. There are some laughs (see Tony Cottrell page 20) and interesting articles (e.g. Mavis Cocks, page 26), new businesses advertising, together with all the spiritual services of the season.

I have again been so pleased with the number and quality of contributions we have had for this edition and as ever I am thankful to all the contributors, advertisers and the production team, the distributors and to all our readers.

I wish everyone the very best Christmas they can celebrate and look forward to a healthy and happy New Year.

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.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2nd

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 6th — First of Advent

St Wyllow 11:00 Benefice Holy Communion
St Nun N/A Closed
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Marnarch N/A Closed
St Saviour N/A Closed
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Wednesday 9th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 13th — Second of Advent

St Wyllow 11:00 Morning Prayer
St Nun 11:00 United Village Service
St Saviour 15:30 Messy Church
Christingle

St Marnarch 11:00 (tbc) Morning Prayer
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 16th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 20th — Third of Advent

St Marnarch 11:00 (tbc) Morning Prayer
St Nun N/A Closed
St Saviour N/A Closed
St Wyllow 11:00 Morning Prayer
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
Pelynt 15:30 (tbc) Carol Service
Methodist
St Ildierna 18:30 (tbc) Carol Service

Wednesday 23rd

St Wyllow 11:00 Renewal of Vows
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Thurs 24th — Christmas Eve

St Saviour 14:30 Nativity Service
St Marnarch 16:00 (tbc) Christingle
St Wyllow 18:30 Christmas Eve

Communion

Fri 25th — Christmas Day

St Saviour 09:30 Family Service
St Marnarch 11:00 (tbc) Family Service
St Tallanus 11:00 Family Communion

Sunday 27th — First of Christmas

St Ildierna 18:30 (tbc) Evening Prayer
St Marnarch 09:30 (tbc) Family Service
St Saviour N/A Closed
St Nun N/A Closed
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer

Wednesday 30th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

JANUARY 2021

Sunday 3rd — Epiphany

St Marnarch 11:00 Benefice Holy Communion
St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun N/A Closed
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Saviour N/A Closed
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Wednesday 6th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 10th — Baptism of Christ

St Nun 11:00 United Village Service
St Wyllow 11:00 Morning Prayer and Covenant
St Saviour 15:30 Sing a New Song/
Messy Church
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Marnarch 17:00 Evening Worship
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 17th — Epiphany 2

St Tallanus 11:00 Public Worship with Communion By Extension
St Wyllow 11:00 Public Worship with Communion By Extension
St Nun N/A Closed

St Marnarch N/A Closed
St Saviour N/A Closed

Wednesday 20th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 24th — Epiphany 3

St Marnarch 09:30 Family Service
St Saviour 11:00 Morning Prayer
St Nun N/A Closed
St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Tallanus 1000-1700 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th

St Wyllow 1000-1600 Private Prayer
St Nun 1000-1200 Private Prayer
St Ildierna 0900-1700 Private Prayer
Approx

Sunday 31st — Epiphany 4

St Tallanus 11:00 Benefice Service



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Christmas Eve Nativity

St Saviour Church
2.30pm

Well Christmas is definitely not cancelled so we are still planning, hopefully, towards a Covid-safe Christmas Eve Nativity Service – albeit a little different this year!

We are looking forward to retelling the Christmas Story in an atmospheric candlelit celebration, with Christmas music and an interactive telling of the Nativity Story. As we will not be able to stage our Nativity play in the usual way, we are asking you to come dressed in a Nativity costume of your choice, if you would like to do so.

It will almost certainly be a socially distanced affair so you will need to pre-book seats as there will be limited numbers, and we need to group families/bubbles together in a Covid-friendly fashion.

Deadline for booking is Monday, 21 December with:

Angie Mallard (01726 870747) or Kathryn Hill (870953)

Any changes due to updated Covid regulations will be published as soon as possible.



From the Registers

Weddings

26th September; Lindsay Crotty to Victoria Lambert, St Marnarch, Lanreath

10th October; Peter Freeman to Amanda Smith, St Tallanus, Talland

Funerals/Thanksgiving services

30th September; Sylvia Bunney, St Marnarch, Lanreath

2nd October; Cynthia Mardon-Taylor, St Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

5th October; Cyril Yeo; St Marnarch, Lanreath

21st October; Anne Lamb, St Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

27th October; Church service for Michael Langdon at St Ildierna, Lansallos, followed by a service at the Crematorium

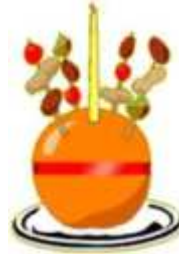
Funerals at Glynn Valley

6th October; Anne Coysh of Lanreath

Internment of cremated remains

30th October; Joint internment, Ronald Jenkins and Jacqueline Jenkins, St Ildierna, Lansallos

Messy Christingle



Despite the obvious pandemic restrictions this year we are determined that Christmas will happen as much as possible – even if in a slightly different way!

We are still planning towards holding a socially distanced Messy Christingle Service on Friday, 13 December at 3.30pm, providing regulations allow it. This will require you to pre-book a family table for a maximum of six people (including at least one adult), as numbers will be limited.

However, in case we still cannot meet in church during December, we are also planning to prepare some 'Create-a-Christingle' at home packs which will include everything you need to make your own Christingles as a family, along with some other crafts. Even if we go ahead with the service on Friday, 13 December, there may well be those who cannot attend due to the number restrictions, so these packs will enable you to participate at home at the same time.

We are suggesting that the candles are all lit and then blown out at a pre-determined time, and then the candles can be displayed on windowsills until Christmas for children to 'spot' around the village.

Please let Kathryn Hill (01726 870953) or Angie Mallard (07967 131525) know as soon as possible if you would like to be included in either or both scenarios. Tables for the Messy Church Christingle and orders for 'Create-a-Christingle-at-home' packs must be booked by Monday, 7 December at the latest so we can sort out crafts and then leave a Covid-safe time delay. We look forward to hearing from you.



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JOSHUA

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; Do not be discouraged; For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

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**no later than
Thursday 14 January 2021**

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

**News from Lansallos
from John Feeseey, Lansallos PCC**

One of the main features of Christmas at Lansallos Church has always been the traditional service of Carols and Lessons, which usually draws the biggest congregation of the year (this year, sadly, is likely to be very different because of Coronavirus – we'll have to wait and see). But did you know that some of the lovely verses that we all sing may originally have had hidden meanings with political, satirical or propaganda purposes when they were written?

Research by Ian Bradley, emeritus professor of spiritual history at St Andrews university, has revealed that at least one favourite carol was probably published in support of the Jacobite cause, another to keep elements of the Roman Catholic faith alive after it had been suppressed after the Reformation, while more have been adapted in more modern times to parody political events.

O Come All Ye Faithful was written in its Latin form, *Adeste Fideles*, by John Frances Wade who was a fervent supporter of the 1745 Jacobite cause and "the faithful" referred to supporters of Bonnie Prince Charles. The carol was initially sung only in Roman Catholic places of worship and early manuscripts were decorated with Scottish thistles and the Stuart cypher, while the "king of the angels" was widely taken to mean Charles Stuart as the true king of Britain.

The Twelve Days of Christmas may contain a similarly coded message to teach elements of the Catholic faith when it was suppressed after the Reformation. For instance, "five gold rings", which is emphasised with a slowing of the melody, is believed by some to represent the five wounds of Christ and also the five



obligatory Roman Catholic sacraments.

The author of *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, James Montgomery, was twice imprisoned for his support of the French Revolution and riots in Britain with similar aims. The original carol's last verse, which described Justice repealing the sentences of those convicted of rioting and Mercy releasing prisoners, was considered too subversive and doesn't appear in our hymn books.

The tradition of adapting carols to political events also has a long pedigree in Britain. During the abdication crisis of 1937 a version of another favourite carol began "Hark! The herald angels sing, Mrs Simpson's pinched our king!"

We're hoping to have our traditional Service of Lessons and Carols at St Ildierna at 6.30pm on Sunday, 20 December – but with carols being said, not sung, and without mince pies and mulled wine – but it all depends on events post-lockdown, so do keep an eye out for updates.

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**Lanteglos
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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

At the time of writing, St Marnarch Church is closed once again but we are hoping, following Advent Sunday at the end of November, and the Benefice Service at Lanteglos on 6 December, that we will be able to resume services on Sunday, 13 December. This will be a Morning Service at 11am led by Helen White accompanied by some of her choir. We all wear masks or face shields, but it doesn't deter us from accompanying them to well loved hymns. The following Sunday we will be leading another Morning Service at 11am, and hopefully a Family Service on Christmas Day at a similar time. All these services will be advertised on the Church notice board opposite the Village Shop and Post Office.

The Shop and Post Office continues to thrive and remains open until 1.30pm daily. The shop is now taking Christmas orders for Joe O'Keeffe butchery in Pelynt, this list will be open until 4 December, so don't delay with your orders. There is also a selection of Christmas cards, wrapping paper, crackers and some gift ideas. Kindling, firelighters and logs are available, and cuddly toys which may be heated in a microwave and used instead of a hot water bottle. Barnecutts deliver bread on Tuesday and Friday mornings with a delivery from Blakes Bakery on Thursdays. All in all, a super convenience store run by volunteers.

Lanreath Community Spirit have announced they will be holding a competition for the best external Christmas Decorations, to be judged by three local folk, with a handsome prize for

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seeing you

Planned meetings

*We are currently preparing a
programme of events which will
be publicised once restrictions
are lifted*



the winner. This super idea will enhance Lanreath and certainly cheer residents and visitors alike. They are also repeating the Secret Santa project. It's £1 to enter your name and in return draw a name from the hat. This person will be the recipient of your gift which must not value more than £5. Return your gift to the shop where all the presents will be collected and distributed shortly before Christmas.

Back in March a twice daily bus service was introduced to Lanreath leaving the Punch Bowl Inn at 9.15am and 1.30pm for Liskeard and thrice daily for Looe at 7.55am, 1.15pm and 5.25pm. Marion Facey, editor of Lanreath Lifestyle, decided to board the no 77 bus outside the Punch Bowl Inn to discover the route to Liskeard. This is an account of her travels.

"The bus arrived on time, was very clean and comfortable with mood lighting, and, as usual, I was the only passenger! The driver told me that I was his first passenger of the day and this was the afternoon service! We drove along the B3359 until Conon Tip where shortly after, we turned left and travelled up to the A390 to West Taphouse. We continued along the A390 through East Taphouse and thence to Dobwalls where we turned left at the roundabout and drove down the A38 to Trago Mills. From Trago Mills we continued down the A38 to The Halfway House where we turned right and headed for the beautiful village of St Neot. It was a delightful drive across Bodmin Moor. The next stop was Carnglaze Caverns after which we turned right and headed back up the hill to Doubleblois and thence down the by-pass to Liskeard arriving at 2.20. I alighted on The Parade, the bus then travelled onto the hospital and Morrisons".

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Sunday	Sorry, Closed

**Polruan Kidz Klub and
 Polruan Youth Club**
 from Angie Mallard – Chair of Youth Committee



It really does seem a very a long time now since we saw everyone! I hope you and your families have been keeping safe and well, and finding fun things to do during these difficult and changing times.

Really hoping that 2021 will bring some good changes and we can finally meet again!

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and great New Year!

**Distribution of the
 Parish News**
 from Suzanne Goddard, Editor



I am delighted to announce that Linda and Mark of Meadow Close have come forward to take over the distribution of the Parish News and I warmly welcome them to our team. They will ensure that the Parish News is distributed to our army of local volunteers who ensure the Magazine reaches everyone in good time; and this seems like a timely occasion to thank them all for relentlessly pounding the streets to that end.

Thank you one and all

Thinking of leaving a legacy to your favourite charity?

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.

A legacy of £100 becomes £125, one of £1,000 becomes £1,250. So please, if you do want to include a bequest in your Will for your favourite Charity, ask them for a Gift Aid Form, complete it and leave it with your Will.

**News From Polruan Village Hall
 from PVH Management Committee**



Following our report in the last edition, we are pleased to announce the Hall is now up and running and Covid-19 secure. It will be available for booking once Lockdown 2 ends, when we will continue to comply with the latest guidance and best practices and very much look forward to welcoming back all who wish to use the Hall.

The School had been due to resume use of the Hall for PE lessons during the week England went into lockdown, so sadly this has had to be postponed to a later date, but we are very hopeful they will get some usage before Christmas and moving forward into the New Year.

Thanks to support from the Cornwall Rural Community Fund we have been able to upgrade our air extraction systems in the Ladies and Gentleman's toilets to meet Covid related requirements and have general plans to upgrade the kitchen, put in place a new sound system and generally spruce up the Hall for our users.

We very much hope you have a good Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Hall very soon. In the meantime stay healthy and safe.

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To all our readers, contributors, advertisers, distributors and printers

Little Harbour

Children's Hospice South-West from Lynn Bartlett

Thanks to Sue and Ellie Sainsbury, we have been able to display the Little Harbour Christmas cards in the window of Jam First. Unfortunately, whilst we are in the second lockdown, no one is able to go into Jam First to purchase these direct, but they are available to order from me, using the red number on the packs of cards. Please contact me by phone (01726 870536) or by email lbart49738@aol.com. Delivery is prompt and adheres to the guidelines.

It was good to see Little Harbour featured on Children-in-Need. Betsy showed how important it is for 'well' siblings to have support. Children-in-Need fund Suzanne to provide that support to Betsy and her sister. Some of you will have recognised Suzanne from Fowey.

Thank you for your continued support it has been particularly important this year.



Little Harbour Children's Hospice

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Polruan Woman's Hour

from Kathryn Hill

Our Woman's Hour meeting is an informal religious service including hymns and a prayer so we were able to start meeting in October. Obviously we couldn't sing hymns but we listened to some on CD and read selected verses of others and, at one meeting, Angie kindly came and sang for us as a soloist, which is permitted. We all felt very happy to be meeting again even though we missed both singing together and sharing a cuppa at the end!

If 'Lockdown' does end on 2 December, Woman's Hour will meet in St Saviour Church at 2.30pm on 8 December, with Chris Cox as our speaker. We will have our "Members" meeting on 15 December, when members are asked to bring something to read on the theme of Christmas. Usually at our Christmas meeting we enjoy a mince pie with our cuppa but sadly neither will be able to be served this year!

All being well Woman's Hour will also meet on 5, 12, 19 and 26 January 2021.

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.



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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no later than Saturday 14 January 2021

*** Thank you ***

Our Christmas Tree

by the late Mavis Cocks

Today, from early December onwards we see beautifully decorated Christmas trees in the windows of houses, in the stores and clubs and even on tops of houses. When I was young and also my children, our eagerly awaited tree was put up on Christmas Eve and was looked at and admired for the twelve days of Christmas, being taken down on the 6th January (in the New Year), which we knew as 'old Christmas Eve'.

My father and later my husband would pull up the river just before Christmas Eve and get a nicely shaped holly bush – berries on it were a bonus – and also some extra branches to put behind the pictures. Our tree was always hung near the ceiling in a corner of the room. This was usually the kitchen as that was the warmest and most used room. What excitement it was dressing the tree!

Handing up the fairy or angel to go on the very top. Carefully handling the little delicate shiny balls which would break if knocked or dropped. (I still have a few of these precious little balls).

There were little Father Christmas figures and bells and animals all made from chocolate. We children always had our eyes on them for when the tree was taken down. There would be little silver strands of tinsel ever so many decorations that children loved to make. An orange of two and apples, which took quite a bit of juggling to get them to stay on the tree and pretty little tin clip on candle sticks complete with tiny candles. These candles were only lit when a grown up was there and only for a short time to see them glowing because of the fire risk.

But it was more than enough to see them there, lit or not.

All the twelve days our tree was greatly admired and was proudly shown to friends and relations. There would be sighs when the tree was taken down and all the little decorations lovingly packed up to come out again another year. Not the chocolate ones, of course, they would be shared out among the children.

Every year our Christmas Tree was special.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Happy Christmas



"We wish family and friends Christmas Greetings. We hope that things will improve in 2021. Take care and stay safe."

from Sam & Jan Guy

"We wish all our friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2021. A donation to the Air Ambulance instead of cards will benefit us all."

from John and Pam Plummer

"Because we are still in lockdown and shopping is difficult for us, Chris and I have decided not to send any Christmas cards this year. Lynn Bartlett has been asking if anyone could help Little Harbour Children's Hospice to raise funds in this difficult year. We are going to send a donation to this very worthy cause.

We would like to wish all our friends and family a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year."

from Chris and Gill Palmer



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It goes without saying that Polruan's Community spirit has continued through an incredibly busy and challenging August to October and now into a second lock down. We continue to look out for each other and those most in need. Although the lockdown measures are not quite as stringent this time, great care is needed to keep us safe. The support is still very much there and will continue well into the foreseeable future.

Recently it's been good to hear the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall has sent cards, on behalf of The Queen, thanking people in our community for their contribution during the first lockdown.

There is always someone to help and care. Please ask, especially if you are struggling now the days are shorter, and you are lonely or anxious. No one in our Parish should go hungry or be worrying about paying for heating or essentials. Help is available.

Continuing thanks and recognition go to:

- Polruan isolation Support and the Polly Pals
- Fowey River Practice Surgery; their doctors and nurses and Tash at Polruan surgery
- Our carers supporting those in their own homes and those who work in our local residential homes
- Polruan reserve firefighters and co-responders
- Cornwall Ambulance Trust and emergency service personnel
- Polruan Coastguards for patrols and rescues
- Shelagh, Katie and Colin at Polruan Post office and the Winkle Picker
- Dom, Kelly and all other postal workers
- Those who have kept us fed and have gone the extra mile to organise deliveries:
 - Kiki and team at Polruan Stores
 - Pam and Beth at Crumpets Too
 - Sue, Ellie and team at Jam First
 - Rob and team at The Russell Inn
 - Rachel and Chris at The Lugger Inn.
 - Delivery drivers
- Bin, Green waste and Recycling collectors and our lovely road sweep gentleman
- The Bodinnick and Polruan ferrymen
- Cottage cleaners who have had an extra difficult job to ensure visitors had a stress free holiday
- Gardeners
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- Teachers and school support staff
- Polruan Baby and Toddler Group
- Polruan W.I.
- Polruan Town Trust
- Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports
- Lanteglos PCC
- Cornwall Council
- Essential Services workers

Charity head shave

from Eddie Teuton

The Teuton family would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated to our recent head shave charity event. At present the total raised is an amazing £2,600 for the Mermaid and Headland Units at Treiske.

Eddie and Jackie will not be sending Christmas cards this year, instead we will be donating to Cancer Research.

We wish all our family and friends a merry and safe Christmas.

A big thank you

from Kath Welsh and Carol Evans

To: Val, Des, Jeff and Lou
Joe and Sheila
Ryan and Sarah and
Gary and Linda

We don't know what we'd have done without you. Thank you for looking after us for all these months.

Thank you

from Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports and Polruan Isolation Support

Thank you so much to the kind hearted, generous people who enabled us to work together, to ensure that children in the Parish didn't go hungry during half term. We received, groceries and monetary donations and personal time to ensure all lunches were prepared and delivered according to food hygiene and Covid-19 guidelines. The families were very grateful for this support at a difficult time for so many.

Thank you

from The Hicks family

The Hicks family wish to thank you all for your kind messages at the sad time of Bolger's passing.

It's been a comfort to know he was so well thought of and your kind words have truly helped us at such a difficult time.

We appreciate too the donations made in his memory to Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports.

Thank you

from Colin and Jayne Payne

Colin and Jayne Payne would like to thank everyone for their love and support after the sudden death of Colin's mother (Ben). She used to enjoy her visits to Polruan during Regatta and Christmas and family events until health problems prevented her from travelling.

Thank you

from Rev'd Marilyn



David and I express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who sent farewell wishes and gifts and/or contributed to our 'greenhouse' fund on my recent retirement. We were very humbled to receive sufficient to not only buy the greenhouse of our choice, but also have it installed. From the picture you will see it has already been put to good use. So thank you one and all. Blessings.

Letter from Nigeria

from Kathleen and Daniel

I think reports have been reaching you of protests in Nigeria. I would like you to know that we are OK and hope you will join us in praying that our Government will do the right thing. The protests, started by a youth movement (half the population of Nigeria is under 19) began peacefully and were in response to police brutality, in particular directed at SARS (Special Anti-Robbery Squad) which was formed in the 1980s to deal with violent crime. Unfortunately, this squad has become exactly the type of criminal syndicate it was set up to stop. Its officers are not held to account and the Government have failed to address the problem. The Government's handling of the recent unrest, leading to deaths and curfews, has further angered the youth movement already fed up with inequality, corruption and the politician's mishandling of Covid-19. What will happen in the future only God knows.

Last week Daniel had a colonoscopy and thankfully all appears to be ok. Then, following a strange reaction to drugs recently, the doctor recommended I had a CT scan but that too proved to be ok. God has been so gracious to us and we know He will keep us until the job He gives us to do is finished.

Kumi has settled well with my brother and sister in law, but Wrexham is under lockdown so he can't visit Grace. We ask that you continue to pray for Grace and family. Jason seems a bit better and so we thank you for praying for him.

The rains seem to have stopped and everyone is busy harvesting the corn on the cob, beans and sweet potatoes.

Thanks for your prayers and concern. We pray for you too and of course we know that the Lord is praying for us all. It is so encouraging to know this and it joins us all together as a big family.

[By Ed. This letter has been edited for space reasons — please contact me for the original if required]

Update on Reverend Louise

from Richard Hews

Our dear friend and former Vicar, Louise Courtney, was stricken with the Coronavirus in October and admitted with a fever to Bergerac Hospital in South West France. Following transfer to an ICU at Libourne near Bordeaux, Louise has been intubated for several weeks but remains stable and comfortable, in spite of fighting an infection which her medical team are currently trying to cure.

Each day her friend, the Reverend Liz Morris, Deputy Chaplain to the Chaplaincy of Aquitaine, has kindly sent progress reports and these updates have been a source of great comfort to Louise's many friends in the Benefice.

Reverend Liz writes:

"We continue to pray for Louise and all the medical team.

Lord Jesus, when you walked with us on this earth you spread your healing power.

We place in your loving care Louise and all who are affected by Coronavirus.

Keep us strong in faith, hope and love.

Bring relief to the sick,

console the bereaved,

protect those who care for them.

We lift our prayer to you Lord and trust in your infinite mercy,

as we wait for the daybreak. Amen."

May Louise continue to make progress and, with the help of all our thoughts and prayers, be in much better health by the time our next Parish News is published.

What a lovely surprise!

Out of the blue, a very generous lady has sent a cheque to show her family's appreciation for over 45 years of happy holidays in Polruan.

Angie Harrold and her husband had become friends with many Polruan residents, often being invited to family celebrations. Sadly, now they both have health issues their travelling has been curtailed.

Angie has asked that the money be spent to provide treats for residents young and old. The cheque has been banked by the Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports. As the Regatta committee are providing Christmas gifts for the children, plans are being made to provide the older members of Polruan with a Christmas treat. Remaining funds will be held until the new year.

Thank you for your kindness Angie, we are pleased that Polruan has given you so many happy memories.



Letter from Australia

from Mary Taylor, New South Wales

I hope everyone in England is well.

The last couple of months have been quite hard for us as a family. On 11 September, our grandson, Gerard, lost his wife, Jodie, to cancer. She tried everything to fight it but it got her in the end and she left her husband of 18 years and their four children, Samatha, 17, Sophie, 15, Brook, 13 and Charlie-Anna, 10. It was Sophie's birthday on the day after her mother died. They live in Queensland and no one is allowed to go there, so we are unable to get to them to help and Gerard is having to do everything on his own. I went to Jodie's memorial service, it was relayed from Brisbane. It was very sad, all you could see was the coffin, with 5 chairs in front for the family and a lot of white tissues. Jim wasn't able to make it.

I have now had the operations on my legs to remove the cancerous growths, I am in plaster for 3 weeks and the nurse comes every second day to check and change the dressings. Jim too has had similar operations on his legs. Cancer is not treating this family well.

Jim and I can do even less now. The boys and Liz are doing ok. They still do our shopping every Friday which is a real help and check in by phone.

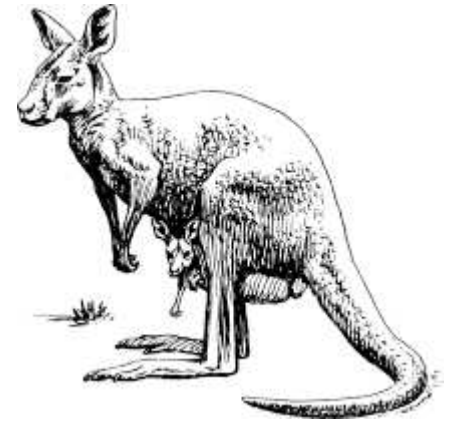
The weather is getting warmer here now – it's up to about 20 degrees and we had some showers over night which should keep the farmers happy.

It's our 65th wedding anniversary tomorrow, we're not doing a lot but managed to see most of the family at some point. Numbers were restricted but we managed ok.

I'm trying to get some spring cleaning done but it's taking a while what with looking after Jim and not being able to about myself too well.

There's a lot of very old programmes on the TV at the moment – things like Dad's Army. Still it's something to look at.

Sending all the best to our friends and relations in England and hoping you have a Happy Christmas.



Cannis – 1 July 2007 to 17 October 2020

from Nella and Peter Lake

Cannis first came to Polruan in the Autumn of 2007 and quickly became known by the dog walking fraternity of the village.

Cannis was a big broad headed good looking black Labrador but with a very gentle nature. He loved small children and they adored him. He never fought with other dogs even when they were aggressive to him and he never barked!

Cannis loved his walks in Polruan, particularly on the cliffs and on The Hall Walk and swimming at Carne Beach. Once on The Hall Walk he presented us with one of Robert's hens. Fortunately, he dropped it on command and the hen ran off unharmed. Another time, he went missing and was subsequently found swimming by himself on Carne Beach.

Although Cannis was too big to come sailing with us on Zircon (he would never have fitted in the cockpit), he loved getting into Dunlin, our motor boat, and we would take him for walks at Golant or in the fields above Penmarlem where we stopped at the café and

he was given a bowl of ice cubes, which he loved, and some treats.

Cannis was a natural but rather over enthusiastic gun dog. When taken shooting, at the first whistle at the start of a drive, he would immediately sit at heel, tail wagging and on the alert for the first pheasant to drop.

He would then rush in to pick it up and, as other pheasants dropped he would try to pick them up as well. On one occasion when shooting at Carneggan, Cannis went missing at lunch time and was found in the game larder with all the pheasants, fortunately out of his reach.

The day before he died we took him for his favourite walk along the cliffs in fabulous weather and

he was on great form, so it was a shock that he decided he had enough of life on the Saturday. Cannis adored and was adored by our whole family and will leave a large hole in our lives but at least he chose to end his life in the place he loved best, Polruan.



Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

from the committee

As Christmas and New Year approaches we all hope that Covid-19 will allow us to spend time with family and friends.

Thank you once again to Steve Edmonds, who along with committee member Des, helps organise the purchase and transportation of the Coal Wharf Christmas tree. Thank you too to the men from the boatyard who will be hauling it into place before it's illuminated on 6 December.

We have purchased baubles for the children to decorate, they will then be hung on the Coal Wharf tree to make it extra special this year. The baubles and decoration will be available to be collected from the Winkle Picker from 5 December. Simply decorate and return to the Winkle Picker, committee members will add them to the tree.

We are so sad that the usual Christmas events are unable to take place.

However, Father Christmas has not let us down and all children known to us in the Parish, will receive a Christmas present. He has given us Covid-safe delivery guidelines to enable us to help out with deliveries.

Details of our Light Up Polruan competition are elsewhere in this edition and look out for posters.

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

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

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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Flu vaccinations — letter from Fowey River Surgery

Please see Cllr Dr Pat Moore's report on page 16

The letter reproduced below was received by Cllr Moore in response to her request. Please see Page 16 for more context.



Drs Waldron, Cockshott, Marrett & Mrs Dooley
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Dear Gillian,

Thank you for your letter dated 29th October and received on 2nd November 2020 regarding Flu Vaccination clinics being held at Polruan.

In regards to the patients who do not have access to the internet, there is a telephone number that they could call to book their appointment at the call centre, or they could telephone the surgery who would have been able to book the appointment for them.

For any patients that were unable to attend the Eden Project when they have contacted the surgery they have been put onto a waiting list so that once the flu clinics have been completed at our Covid Safe site at Eden we would know the amount of patients that were unable to attend and make appropriate arrangements for a Covid Safe Flu clinic in Polruan. Those that did attend Eden have given us excellent feedback on the service.

The housebound patients have indeed been accommodated and the majority if not all have now been vaccinated.

As you rightly say it is very important for patients that are eligible for a flu vaccination to receive one, which we are accommodating, as and when the vaccines arrive.

I would like to assure you that patients in Polruan will be receiving their flu vaccinations in the next few weeks, as further flu deliveries arrive from the government.

I have included a link regarding flu clinics from the government which is very helpful:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-why-you-are-being-asked-to-wait/flu-vaccine-supplies-and-why-you-need-to-wait-for-your-vaccine>

As a surgery that has been working with the people of Polruan for 50 years we are aware of the difficulties that residents have regarding the geography of their location, we will do everything that we can to deliver a service to all residents that will be effective and safe for all.

Unfortunately we do not have anyone available to attend you meeting on the 24th.

Yours sincerely

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News from Nigeria

from Kathryn Hill

Sadly terrorists are still active in Nigeria. In early October some people were killed by Fulani Herdsmen at a place 15 mins from Vom which is where Kathleen and Daniel are living. Later in October Rev'd Polycarp Zongo was kidnapped by ISWAP (Islamic State West Africa Province which is a breakaway group from Boko Haram) and despite rumours of his release he is still in captivity. As a result of all three of these terrorist groups actions the roads are very unsafe these days and even a bridal party on the way to a wedding was recently kidnapped and held.

As well as the problems caused by the terrorists the rainy season has seen unusually heavy rains leading to floods, there has been rioting in major cities including Jos (see Kathleen's letter) and Covid-19 is still very active.

Recently I have attended two Zoom 'Former Missionaries Fellowship' meetings which have been very interesting and informative although generally the information has, sadly, not been cheerful! Some quotes that I noted down: "Nigeria is irredeemably corrupt"; "Nigeria's biggest problem is socio-political injustice"; "The political leaders keep the masses in poverty while they get rich"; "It is impossible to



Map courtesy of Wikipedia

hold peaceful protests in Nigeria because protests get hijacked by both criminals and politicians".
[By Ed. See 'Letter from Nigeria' on page 10]

On a happier note, an organisation called 'Grace and Light' is being effective in helping the victims of gender based violence and is working hard to try to reduce this problem.



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Remembrance Sunday at St Wyllow 8 November 2020

from Pat Moore

The weather was kind to us on this morning and the Remembrance Service was well attended and socially distanced. We were there to come together as a community to remember and honour those Lanteglos men who gave their lives for us. The bell was tolled by John Adams and the Last Post played by Philip Carrigan. We were silent for two minutes, as everyone else would have been at the same time at ceremonies throughout the country. The Silence was closed by the playing of the Reveille and we were led in prayer by Alan Shakerley. The names of those men on the Memorial were read from the Roll of Honour by Graham Tyson and Norman Mallard. Richard Hews spoke the familiar words of The Exhortation,



*"They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them."
We echoed the words, "We will remember them".*

Liz Luck laid a wreath on behalf of the Parochial Church Council and I laid one on behalf of the Parish Council. A posy of poppies was laid on the grave of the Unknown Man by Marlie and a prayer said for him. Richard spoke the moving words of the Kohima Epitaph and Alan spoke the closing prayer. It was a simple and uplifting ceremony, and we were able for a little while to remember the nobility of those men who had made the greatest sacrifice for us.

*"When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today"*

In these strange times it was reassuring to be with other members of our community united in a simple act of remembrance, appreciated by us all.



The Hall Walk War Memorial Remembrance Service

from Chris Hope-Wynne

On a muddy, yet dry day, a larger than normal gathering assembled at The Hall Walk War Memorial (socially distanced) to remember those who gave their ultimate sacrifice during warfare . . . they died that we might live. Prayers were offered by our one of our Church leaders, Richard Hews, and The Blessing was given by The Rev Prof Ivan Cosby. It was very moving for us all, particularly during this difficult time. Richard gave prayers and thoughts to All those whose lives have been affected by both wars and to those challenged by demanding vicissitudes during uncertain times.



We should take courage in the recent media release of vaccine hopefulness and trust the scientists, whose moral fortitude appears more credible than others doing their incompetent best?



Picture courtesy of the Royal British Legion

Remembering

from Kathryn Hill

I have been doing a lot of remembering recently. I clearly remember the first time I was aware of Remembrance Sunday – I was a new Brownie in the Fowey Brownie Pack and got my uniform just in time for the Remembrance Sunday Parade! I can remember how proud I felt to be marching with my fellow Brownies and all the other organisations that were on parade that day. When I was older and a Guide it was in the Polruan Company and we, of course, paraded at our war memorial in Lanteglos Churchyard. There were Sea Scouts as well and both companies laid a wreath at the war memorial and Guides and Scouts took turns to place the Poppy Posy on the Unknown Man's Grave. I still remember the pride I felt on the occasions when I was chosen to lay the Guides' Wreath or the Poppy Posy or to be in the 'Colour Party' for the event carrying or escorting our flag.

The Easter I turned 11 we had our first family holiday and went to London and I can still remember how awed I was to visit the tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey.

Our family didn't lose anyone in either World War but my Grandfather, Captain John Hill, was a Merchant Navy Captain in the First World War and my Uncle, David Fyfe captained merchant ships in the Second World War and both had lucky escapes from peril at sea during wartime.

In the early part of the First World War the German submarines would surface and fire a

shot across the bows of an enemy ship giving the crew a chance to abandon ship and only sinking it once the crew were safely away; however the German High Command gave notice that from 1 March 1916 they would attack without warning. Because of this Grandpa's ship, the SS Turbo, had been fitted with a single 12-pounder gun in Port Said in January 1916 and while on passage from there to London they were attacked at dawn on 1 March but fortunately the torpedo missed. Grandpa manoeuvred the ship so it was stern to the submarine to present a smaller target and ordered that fire be returned. Grandpa's Log Book notes are extremely brief:

*"05.45am. Attacked by enemy Submarine.
06.30am. Resumed Course."*

Grandpa was sent a certificate from the Admiralty, mentioned in the London Gazette and awarded an inscribed gold watch by his company in recognition of saving ship, cargo and crew.

Uncle David's ship spent most of the war in convoys on the North Atlantic where there was an enormous loss of shipping. On one occasion his ship sprung a leak so they had to drop out of the convoy. Fortunately they were able to repair the leak and, in Uncle David's own words,

"we ran hell-for-leather for Liverpool" - where they arrived before the convoy!

Each year at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday I do think of all those who died in war but I also give thanks that Grandpa and Uncle David survived when they were in grave peril on the wartime sea.

Anne Lamb

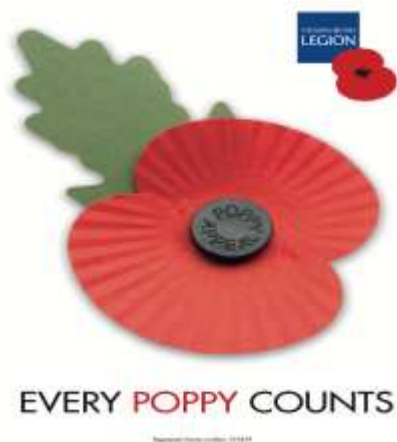
(1926–2020)

from Stephen Lamb

Anne Lamb, who died on the 7 October, loved Polruan dearly. She and her husband, Kenneth, bought 4 Fore Street in 1961, through the good offices of local Estate Agent Nick Grose, and it has remained in their family ever since. Anne loved being on the water, and soon purchased the original Redwing, which she sailed (and raced) for many years in and outside the harbour. She also loved swimming, and in the school holidays there were many trips with her three children to the likes of Lantivet, Polridmouth, and further afield to Mawgan Porth on the north coast in search of surf. She was an enthusiastic patron of the Polruan Regatta and Carnival, and always attended coffee mornings, the RNLI hog roast and many other village events when she was in residence. For many years Anne supported the Parish Church of St. Wyllow, Lanteglos, where she now rests with her husband. Sarah, Stephen and Caroline would like to thank everyone who assisted with her funeral, especially John Halkes, who took the service beautifully, Peter Ripley for his considerate support, and also the wider village for the many kindnesses extended to them over this sad time.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Covid-19 and national lockdown means donating online is now crucial to support The Royal British Legion's 2020 Poppy Appeal.

With thousands of poppy collectors unable to sell poppies locally and many fundraising events cancelled, the Royal British Legion are

relying on the British public to give as generously as possible this year.

Money kindly donated during the Poppy Appeal supports veterans, Forces personnel and their families who have served and sacrificed throughout the generations,

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Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council Chairman's report December 2020

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

Covid-19

The strange times continue and, having eased out of lockdown, we went into it again at the beginning of the month, which means once again we should not be seeing anyone other than our own bubbles in our own homes. This has been hard for some of us, when we consider what is happening elsewhere in England. Wales has come out of its 'fire-breaker' and it will be interesting to see what the results of this are. We have to remember to stay responsible and alert; not so easy to do now that the weather is behaving in its usual seasonal way. In Cornwall we always did act in a responsible manner which shows in the official figures. There are still a lot of visitors here and the coastal path and villages are busy. Children are back at school but boats are now coming out of the water. I understand that the harbour is closed to all except commercial shipping.

I mentioned in the last edition how grateful we all were to the Polly Pals and others 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. This has also been acknowledged by Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho KCB, CB, Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, with further thanks to you from all of us. There are many vulnerable people in the Parish and this kind of support has been invaluable to them

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 is to continue to hold Meetings virtually, unless we cannot conduct Council business in any other way.

Council Contracts

The contracts for Maintaining the Public Rights of Way and Cleaning of the Public Toilets have now been awarded respectively to AI Services and Mrs Kathy Kelly. We are pleased to welcome them to these essential parts of maintaining the parish.

Polruan Civil Parking Enforcement Review

I have met on line with Ms Zoe Hall and Mr Andrew Hawke to review the civil parking enforcement provision in Polruan during 2020. The following points were covered

1. Cornwall Council (CC) provide a Core Enforcement service and local Councils can

request additional visits through a Service Level Agreement. Unfortunately this summer CC couldn't provide a Service Level Agreement due to the late request however we did enhance the Core service by increasing patrol times and provided some extra visits when we were able to operationally. In July/August the SLA was not able to put in place the twice weekly visits but Mr Andrew Hawke, CC Senior Civil Enforcement Officer did spend a lot of time in Polruan. Parking Enforcement Officers from Liskeard also visited over the summer period.

2. There were problems, particularly issues to do with the bus turning in East Street/Fore Street. Andrew has engaged with bus users and drivers. To the community the bus is a lifeline. He is trying to keep that area clear.
3. He has engaged with bus drivers, delivery drivers and a taxi. Advice has been given to drivers. There has been some congestion but with advice, that has been cleared in a few minutes. The café and pub were very helpful to a lady who had been stung by a wasp.
4. Traffic tends to come down in waves and he would be keen to know if we manage to arrange a meeting with the bus company. There were issues with one that was not on the timetable.
5. East Street continues to be a problem and illegal parking has been enforced again. One evening there was a street party going on, blocking access, but the driver, when asked, moved his car.
6. The Clearway into Polruan is not always adhered to and Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued.
7. Andrew has come on patrols twice a week during the Summer period and has visited Fore Street 51 times, East Street 31 times, the Quay 28 times. Has also been quite often to Townsend. There has been good community support. He has issued PCNs to builders' vehicles on yellow lines at Townsend and no-one is parking there now.
8. He will continue to make two visits per week but vary the times between 6.30am and 9pm. He will increase if possible. All this makes a good impact in the village.
9. Ms Zoe Hall, CC Community & Civil Parking Enforcement Manager appreciates the difficulties of coming out of lockdown. Ms Tracey French, CC had provided the technical support and provided the statistics. The Parish Council welcomes progress made and agreed we would like very much to go on working together. Residents are appreciative of efforts being made.

Fowey River Practice (see page 12)

We have been in contact with the Practice, concerning provision of flu vaccinations and a letter from them is re-printed on Page 12.

Repairs to the drains in Fore Street, Polruan

We are advised by Mr Dave Owens that SW Water has carried out repairs to replace the damaged drain in Fore Street, upstream from the manhole at Chapel Lane and relined the rest of the pipe from the end of their excavation to the downstream manhole at the bottom of the hill. The repairs to the SW Water network are now complete and also the temporary works area in the Vevery Car Park has been reinstated by Glanvilles. The final element of this work is the resurfacing which has also been completed.

Chapel Lane Flat (see also page 17)

This has unexpectedly been made available to let again and Councillors are keen that it is let to a local resident. Please see the separate notice elsewhere in the magazine and on notices posted around the Parish. To be able to apply it is essential you are registered with Cornwall HomeChoice.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan:

We have yet to hear from Cornwall Council's Neighbourhood Planning Team that the

Designated Portfolio Holder has signed off our plan but once it has, it will all be published on

CC's website and on our Neighbourhood Plan website:

<http://www.lanteglosbyfoweyplan.org.uk> which has been substantially revised and holds all

up-to-date information about the NDP.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Sadly from time to time we hear of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Parish and while we are saddened by this I have to say that the strong advice is that if you are affected you should contact the local Police. The Parish Council has no powers to intervene or intercede. We have put a link on our website but these are the details: "If you, or anyone you know, has been the victim of Anti-Social Behaviour then the Government Advice may prove useful: If you, or anyone you know, has been the victim of Anti-social Behaviour, then this government advice may prove useful: HM Government. Tackling Anti-social Behaviour leaflet"

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

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Parish Council Meetings

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

Planning Applications

PA20/06621, Hoe Cottage, Battery Lane, Polruan – demolition of dwelling, construction of replacement dwelling and garage and associated works and refurbishment of existing outbuilding. Members supported this application.

PA20/07081, 11 Ocean View, Polruan – change of use of existing holiday unit to residential dwelling house. Members had no objection.

PA20/06577, 3 Barrs Close, Old Road, Bodinnick – proposed extensions and alterations. The precedent had been set for properties in the area. Members had no objection.

PA20/07933, Sladen House, 78a Fore Street, Polruan – construction of rear first floor flat roof extension with lanterns with associated internal remodelling. Members supported this application.

PA20/08741, Dolphins, 4a Hockens Lane, Polruan – work to trees in a Conservation Area, namely trim approx 10 metre Copper Beech by approx 3 metres. This application is for works to trees in a Conservation Area, it will be decided under delegated authority and Members, therefore, made no comment.

PA20/08602, 42 Greenbank, Polruan – domestic alterations to form rear dormer and off-street parking and dropped kerbs, with associated works. Members supported this application.

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council

PA20/04254, The Barn, Trethake Mill, Highway – proposed installation of air source heat pump.

PA20/04255, The Barn, Trethake Mill, Highway – listed building consent for the proposed installation of air source heat pump.

PA20/04868, 16 West Street Polruan – installation of dormer window on west elevation. This is the second application for a dormer on this property.

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.

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 a erection of a garage/workshop/boat store. Closed, advice given by CC.

PA20/04509, South Lombard, Lanteglos, Fowey – conversion of garden storage barn into client accommodation.

PA20/02628, Wycherley, 16 Meadow View, Polruan – proposed new dwelling.

East Cornwall residents urged to stick to Covid-19 rules amid rise in cases

People in East Cornwall are being urged to follow the government's 'hands, face and space' public health guidance to keep Covid-19 at bay as cases continue to rise in the area.

Cornwall Council's public health team is asking residents in East Cornwall to stick to the rules and be especially mindful of how easily the virus can spread.

Data analysis by Cornwall Council's public health specialists shows cases in the east of the county are higher on average than in other areas.

People can check out where the hotspots are on the government's interactive map here <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

Cllr Sally Hawken, Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Children, Wellbeing and Public Health, who represents Liskeard East, said

"We're seeing cases continue to rise in East Cornwall and it's vital that we put the brakes on this. These are cases that are being transmitted within groups of families and friends, allowing the virus to easily move from household to household. In the past the virus has been linked to workplace outbreaks which are easier for us to contain, but this change in the pattern of spread shows us that we all really need to be careful. Even though we're currently in lockdown, people need to remember the basic guidance – wash your hands regularly, use a face covering when social distancing is not possible and try to keep your distance from those not in your household. Following these simple steps could make a significant difference in reducing the transmission of Covid-19 and help protect you and your friends, colleagues and family from the virus."

Rachel Wigglesworth, Director of Public Health for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, said

"While cases remain relatively low in Cornwall compared to the rest of the country and the announcement of a possible vaccine is great news, we can't afford to be complacent. Cases continue to climb across Cornwall - especially in East Cornwall along the border - where we urge people more than ever to follow the rules and be mindful of how easily the virus can be spread."

If you have any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Or a loss of taste or smell

You must self-isolate and your household must continue to self-isolate while waiting for a test. You also must continue to isolate until you get your test results.

Anyone who tests positive must self-isolate, along with all members of their household, whether they have symptoms or not.

For more information on the rules and guidance visit www.gov.uk or www.cornwall.gov.uk

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It's a great place to buy those personal Christmas presents and treats that you won't find anywhere else.

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. If you want to avoid queuing, we suggest you come along a bit later. You might have to wait for a bit when the market opens at 10am, but there's rarely any queue after 11.30. We hope to be selling tea, coffee and hot chocolate outside again, to help keep you warm while you're waiting.

And of course the best way to keep warm throughout the winter is to eat a delicious Liddicoats pasty every month, straight from the village hall oven. They're still at their special pandemic price of £3 – please 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 very soon.

Liz and the Whitecross village hall committee

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News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer

I don't know what the official gift for a thirty first wedding anniversary is but I'm sure it isn't three turkeys! Lorna was very surprised by Simon's gift of Fred, Wilma and Betty. Three very large white birds. We have had the odd turkey in the past given to us by friends who are moving house etc. Each one developed a personality and became very friendly. I hope the new arrivals settle in well and enjoy their new life.

A turkey is a big bird but not as big as the one that arrived in the field when Ben was drilling corn. He was working in a field in Trenewan when a white stork flew into the field and started following the drill. Ben had never seen one before, he took a photo of it and sent it to his friends. Lots of amusing comments came back on his phone including warnings about what storks are supposed to deliver! Ben then came home and began to drill a field near Lanteglos church. Suddenly the stork flew in to join him again. We think the whine the drill makes attracted it. Some storks have been introduced to England in Sussex and a few were released to fly to Africa for the Winter. The strong winds we had in October must have blown he bird off course. It was last seen following a tractor in St Veep parish!



The cattle have all been housed for the Winter, the fields were so wet and muddy. Their backs were shaved along the spine to prevent them getting too hot. Hot muggy weather can cause them to get pneumonia which would quickly spread through the herd. Although it sounds dangerous to shave their backs they rather like it and stand quite still. They are, of course, in the cattle crush so they cannot escape. The Spring born calves were almost as big as their mothers so we weaned them into a separate house. The cows didn't seem to mind too much but the calves were very noisy for a couple of days.

Frank, the South Devon bull is going to be sold. His daughters are ready to breed now and we don't want any mishaps. We will all be sad to see him go, he has been so quiet and he has given us lots of beautiful offspring. I hope he will be happy with his new wives. We will still have

Fergus and hope to replace Frank in the spring. The cows were scanned to see how many were pregnant and approximately when their calves are due and thankfully all but one was expecting a baby in the Spring.

When I was checking a water tank last month I saw what I thought were some very tiny fish swimming around. They were a brownish silver colour and about half an inch long. We had no idea how they could have got there. We took a fishing net and a jam jar and tried to catch some. It only took a minute to catch about twelve. Looking at them through a magnifying glass we were delighted to see they were very tiny newts. We could just see the beginning of little legs. They were so sweet. We have put them into a pond now and hope they grow big and strong.

The ewes have been scanned to see how many lambs they are carrying. A red mark on the back is for one, a blue mark for two and I don't know what mark the sixteen ewes carrying three lambs is. It looks like January and February are going to be very busy. Sophie (Ben's fiancée) is our trainee shepherd this year. She is taking over from me as I am almost retired. I will probably still potter around the lambing shed doing odd jobs but I am leaving all the hard work to Lorna, Ben and Sophie. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and healthy new year.



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Following the success of local author Tim Bagshaw's *This Sacred Land: The Return of the Prince*, the first in the *Chronicle of the Dewnan* series, his highly anticipated sequel, *This Sacred Land: Fight for Freedom* is welcome news for fans of

historical fiction, fantasy and retold folklore.

In this unique series, Bagshaw brilliantly recreates the ancient lands of the Dewnan and their Veneti kin along the rugged Cornish and Breton coastline. Vulnerable and threatened by a Roman onslaught led by supreme leader Julius Caesar, the Dewnan's hopes of survival lie in the hands of mythical hero, King Arthur ('Artur'). What ensues is a powerful and imaginative take on the King Arthur myth depicting a brutal power struggle and an intriguing story of treachery, trickery, battles and betrayal.

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Tim Stapleton's absorbing reflections on 60 years of 'Sailing from Polruan', is now available at The Winkle Picker.



VE Day 75 +1 celebrations Monday 3 May 2021 from the steering group

Sadly there is still much uncertainty regarding the spread of the Covid -19 virus and what measures the Government may need to put in place to ensure our wellbeing.

The steering group for the above celebrations have not met since the end of February but hope to be able to do so in the new year.

Having put so much work and time into planning for the day we felt that we could not just abandon such an important milestone in our history. We are therefore hoping to be able to go ahead on Monday, 3 May next year.

Please be assured that the money already fundraised and donated is secure.

This celebration of the end of the World War 2 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. Particularly important after our double lockdown.

We were able to put the bunting around the Quay to mark the occasion and plan to make bunting flags available again for decoration, guidelines permitting. Please look out for publicity regarding this event nearer the time.



Fowey River Lions



At this time of year, you should be listening out for the strains of Christmas music as Fowey River Lions transport Santa around the towns and villages of the Fowey river area. Sadly, due to Covid and government restrictions, Fowey River Lions are unable to bring Santa to visit you this year. Santa too needs to stay safe as well, as it has been a busy year for him and he needs to be fit to deliver all those presents!

Fowey River Lions have arranged these Santa Collections in towns and villages in the Fowey River area, going house to house and accepting donations for the last forty-two years. We find it very sad that this is the first time we have had to cancel the event.

The money raised, over the three weeks of collections, goes to Fowey River Lions local charities and part goes to a party for seniors living on their own. Sadly, this won't take place now but we will consider a celebration when times are more settled. Please watch this space and we will keep you informed.

If you would like to support Fowey River Lions charities, you may like to consider making a donation to Fowey River Lions Club:

Account: Fowey River Lions

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So far this year we have made donations to various charities including Fowey Community Bus.

A new venture for us, in 2020, is putting up the Fowey Christmas lights which will be in position by the time you read this. Fowey River Lions are pleased to support Fowey in undertaking this task.

Fowey River Lions wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to the New year when we hope to be able to get out into the community again.

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

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News from the WI



from Chris Cox, Vice President

I am sad to report that due to Covid-19 and lockdown 2 there are still no WI meetings at this time.

If there are any changes, we will up-date our notice board so please check or talk to one of our committee members (Beth, Chris, Andrea or Margaret).

We would like to wish everyone a very good Christmas and New Year and very much hope for better news in 2021.

Keep well and safe and be happy..



2020 Christmas

Will Father Christmas come this year
Or will he leave us waiting?
He's not allowed to come too near
If he's not been isolating.

Will Santa have to wear a mask
And can he join our bubble
Or will it be too much to ask
And really too much trouble?

And will he break the rule of six
If Grannie's here as well?
And will he be allowed to mix?
Well, only time will tell.

Just think, if he must wash his hands
Each time he leaves a gift
And ev'ry time poor Rudolf lands-
He could get really miffed.

He'll have to sign in ev'ry time,
They'll want to track and trace him
It could be a pantomime
If they try to chase him.

If they're not careful, he'll say: No
It really would be tragic
But 'Fear not - all systems, go!
Cos Santa Claus is magic'!

Tony Cottrell

Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

As everyone knows, gardening at this time of the year can be challenging! We have had the weather to remind us that we have to pay for all those lovely summer days.

Recently we have been harvesting the last summer vegetables and still have winter fare ahead of us . . . parsnips, sprouts, broccoli, kale cabbages and leeks. All the fruit has gone now. Probably the last fruit of the season were Autumn raspberries and blackberries.

The Allotment Society had its AGM in October. Due to Covid-19 rules we could not physically meet as we normally would. This time it was a Zoom meeting, not quite the same as a face to face event, but it allowed us the opportunity to discuss and agree current issues, so we are all set for the new season.

On our plots the emphasis now is on clearing ground as crops are harvested . . . lots of pesky weeds to dig out and compost. We dig in manure at this stage and also spread old composted material. The society always ensures that we have a manure heap that we can draw off. We have also to sort out and prune fruit bushes.

Some of us have been sowing the first vegetables for next year . . . early broad beans and onions. Everyone is selecting the remainder of the seeds for the new season. We keep a close eye on the successes and failures of our allotment neighbours . . . lessons to learn!

If you would like to join us on the allotments a word with Des Libby will get you on the short waiting list. You don't have to take a whole plot . . . some of our members have as little as a quarter plot. We look forward to welcoming you.



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Fowey Festival Online Auction

Opens: Friday, 20 November 6pm

Closes: Sunday, 6 December 6pm

Online Auction - This is your chance to have some fun and buy original Christmas presents from the comfort of your armchair. We have a fantastic selection of auction items that have been generously donated by local businesses, trustees and supporters, including first editions, original artwork, paintings, ceramics, jewellery, trips, luxury breaks, food experiences, walks and more. We look forward to some frenetic bidding, especially for some of the rare lots!

The Festival auction runs from 6pm on Friday, 20 November and ends on Sunday, 6 December at 6pm. You can view all the items and bid online at:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/foweyfestauction>

We'll be posting regular updates about the auction items and the great local businesses that have donated, on our social media, and we'd be grateful if you could share them with your friends and family.

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Thank you for your support and happy bidding!

Adult Short Story Competition

Launch Date 7 December

To provide what we hope is a welcome distraction from the uncertain times we all find ourselves in, and to get your creative juices flowing, we decided to launch the 2021 Fowey Festival Adult Story Competition, earlier than usual. With Daphne du Maurier's popular collection of short stories in mind, the title for the competition is "Breaking Point". It is widely publicised that when Daphne was writing the collection, titled The Breaking Point, she found solace and peace after a turbulent period. Whatever the title conjures up for you, be it a humorous tale or one of a serious nature, we would love to read your story.

Full details of how to enter the competition are available on the Fowey Festival website. Entries are to be no more than 1500 words. The entry fee is £10 which goes towards

supporting future of the Fowey Festival. The competition will open for entries on 7 December 2020 and close on 7 March 2021.

The winner will receive £100 and the runner up £75. The winning entries will be published on the Fowey Festival website. Previous winning entries can be viewed here: <https://www.foweyfestival.com/competitions-and-awards/>

It is hoped that next year we will be able to hold a competition awards ceremony. As with previous years, the awards will be presented by a guest judge, who will make the final selection from those entries shortlisted by the reading panel.

Awards for Young Writers and Artists 2021: Advance Notice

This year we are inviting children and young people to create their own original story, poem or picture and enter our competition to become the Fowey Festival Young Writer or Young Artist of the Year 2021.

The 2021 challenge is to produce an original picture, poem or short story on the theme of Stepping Through a Door. It can be just an ordinary door or one that leads to the future, the past or an imaginary world.

The competition is open to all children and young people living in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly aged 4 to 16 years on the final entry date of Tuesday, 16 March 2021.

Pictures, poems and stories can be entered independently or by schools.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, there is no entry fee.

Key dates:

Launch: 11 January 2021

Final entry: 16 March 2021

Awards: 15 May 2021 tbc

Full entry details be available on www.foweyfestival.com before the launch on 11th January 2021.

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Lifeboats

from Eric Lockyear

It has been a quiet autumn for Fowey Lifeboat Station. Pleasure craft activity was, of course, greatly reduced all summer by the Covid-19 pandemic. The delayed start of the season led to some boat owners leaving their craft ashore, while others lifted early, especially in the face of bad weather, with big seas and high winds through the autumn.

Early September was still mild, however, and the first week led to two 'shouts.' The first was in response to a 6am call from a small fishing boat with engine failure in St. Austell Bay. Fortunately, the conditions were calm and the craft was in no immediate danger. The inshore D-Class lifeboat responded, located the vessel near Charlestown and assisted it into Par Harbour.

Later the same week, the All-weather lifeboat responded to an emergency call regarding a RIB with engine failure off Gwineas Rock, south of Mevagissey. The casualty was located, with four people on board, none of whom was injured or unwell. The RIB was taken under tow to Pentewan, where it had been launched. The lifeboat approached as close as possible to the shore, then cast off the



RIB, which was paddled to the shore and recovered.

There were, fortunately, no further shouts to major incidents through September and October. Nevertheless, these past few months have been hard work for our volunteer lifeboat crews. All crew have continued to train under new Covid-19 protocols, and Fowey Lifeboat has remained on service at all times. Priority has been given to the development of trainee crew. This has been greatly assisted by a new casualty dummy, generously donated by St Austell Bay Boat Club, to train crew in the recovery of casualties from the water.

Looking ahead and with the blustery conditions continuing, walking along our cliff paths should be undertaken with care when near the cliff edge. And remember, always carry a means of calling for help and, when possible, inform someone of your plans before setting off.

Stay safe!

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Town Trust News

from Adrian Fisher, Clerk to the Trust

In the Chairman's absence, I have been asked to provide a quick update on behalf of the Trustees.

Meetings

Polruan WI Hall has been used for meetings over the past few months. As November brings us another "lock down", this meeting has not taken place. An online Zoom meeting towards the end of November will replace this as a quick means for Trustees to discuss ongoing issues. We should be in a position to meet again at the beginning of December.

Trustee Vacancy

There were four applications for the vacant position. Mr C Mylward was the successful applicant.

Vevery Car Park

As previously reported, the Trust had been issued with a back dated business rates demand. Trustees are still looking into how this will effect the future operation of this car park.

Following the essential repairs to Fore Street, the contractor for SW Water has left a mess in their makeshift site compound. We are in discussions to get this rectified.

Go-Cars

This was mentioned in the last issue. If residents are interested in this car sharing scheme, please contact the Trust. If there is local interest, then the viability of this scheme will be considered.

Website

The Trust is looking into setting up its own website. The Clerk has been in contact with

Western Web for a quote. They provide websites for other local organisations.

Slipway Joint

As previously reported, this is in hand and hopefully will be completed before the new year.

South West Water/The Quay Lease

This has been a very long process! There are still a few issues to resolve, but these are minor. It is hoped by the next issue of this publication, the Trust can finally report that everything has been resolved.

The Barrie Bequest

Polruan Town Trust is to administer a fund, to be known as 'The Barrie Bequest', in accordance with the wishes of the late Marjorie Barrie.

This fund is to be administered solely for the resident population of Polruan.

Any Charity or Body within Polruan will be eligible to apply to Polruan Town Trust for a grant from 'The Barrie Bequest'.

A formal application process will be in place early in the New Year. However, if any local Charity or Body wish to discuss 'The Barrie Bequest' and how it may help their organisation, please contact the Clerk of the Trustees via the details listed below:

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LANTEGLOS PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Early Monday morning and NOT BEFORE!

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

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

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GULLS

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a talk by Lynn Goad

30 January 2021 at 2.30pm

Via Zoom for members only



Throughout the centuries Fowey has always attracted a wide range of visitors, some have stayed, some just passed through, but all have left their mark in some way. From artists to writers and poets something about Fowey has mostly charmed and delighted them but there are some that have been less than complimentary. Join Lynn in this exploration of Fowey through the eyes of some famous people and be introduced to some you may not know.

Well known as a popular speaker, Lynn is a trained Blue Badge guide, tourism expert and co-chair of the Fowey Festival

Dates for your diary

27 February 2021: What the Tudors did for Fowey

14 March 2021: Mevagissey – A Virtual Tour

We look forward to welcoming you to these talks. Please look out for publicity nearer the time



Regrettably, under current government guidelines, we are unable to hold meetings in person as planned. In these circumstances, members will be able to attend the talk 'virtually' via Zoom (free).

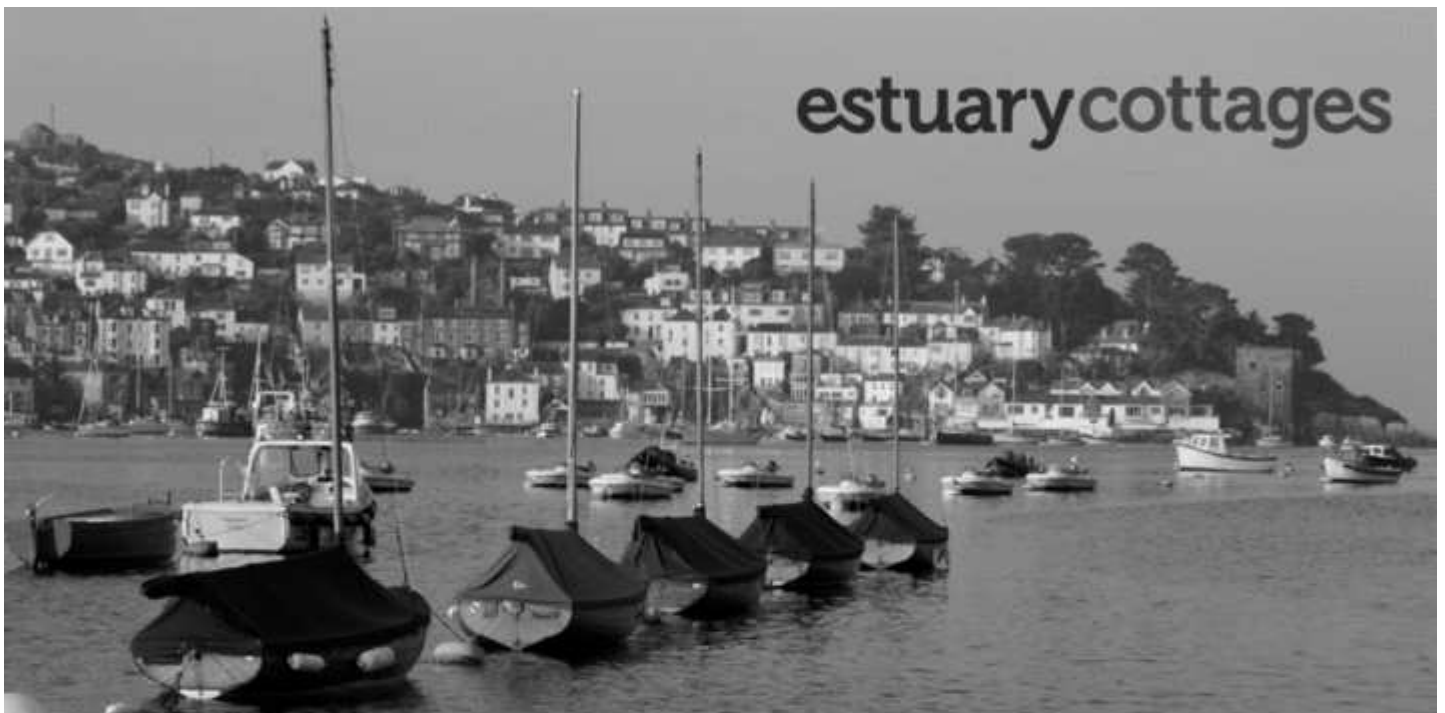
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A memorable Christmas

by the late Mavis Cocks

In the early part of World War 2 Ken and I lived on the quay with our little daughter Janice in a three-storied house and with certain winds there was quite a strong down-draught. It was Christmas Day and our Christmas dinner of a precious roast chicken and pudding etc almost ready. The tree was glistening prettily and Janice was in her play pen having a real good time with her new toys (mostly hand-knitted animals and a doll made out of a black stocking and so on). The pudding and the vegetables were bubbling away in their covered saucepans and I had just taken the dinner out of the coal heated oven when there was a sudden fierce gust of wind and down the chimney came a big fall of soot. Some landed on our chicken and potatoes, some covered our table, some reached the tree, quite a bit made Janice resemble a black-bird and Ken and myself were almost blackened as well. I'm not given to crying but when I looked around I'm afraid that was just what I did. Ken got a bowl of warm water and cleaned up Janice and also my face, put clean clothes on Janice and got a clean blouse and coat for myself, got the pram from the outhouse and strapped Janice in it and then said quietly "Go out with Janice for a walk. Don't go to the families and spoil their Christmas Day. Come back when you've had a good walk." So off I went with the pram and I reached Lanteglos Church and back quietly crying in and out and we never met a soul. All were in their homes of course.

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

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

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

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Forthcoming events

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Polruan Coastguard from Des Libby, Station Officer

As we start the second lockdown the village population has dropped down with the restricted travel policy brought back and the holiday cottages becoming empty again for a while. With fewer people about and the harbour looking empty hopefully the number of call outs with people getting into difficulty will drop off as well.

Training has started again which is good news for everybody even if we have to bring in special Covid-19 mitigation measures. It may be a new way of doing things with masks being worn, distances being kept, equipment being wiped down before and after use and much more but at least we can get our hands on the gear and get some practical sessions going again.

From the Station Log

8 September 2020, 1344: Team called to assist South West Ambulance Services (SWAS) with a casualty the on coast path near Great Lizen. FM team stabilised casualty with broken ankle and extracted by stretcher to waiting Ambulance



27 September 2020, 14.32: Team called to assist SWAS with casualty extraction near St Winnow Church, working with Fowey Inshore Lifeboat (ILB), casualty was transferred to the ILB and taken up river to slipway and waiting Ambulance

6 October 2020, 13.31: Team mobilised to assist Looe Coastguard Rescue Team (CRT) with casualty extraction near Hore Stone Point, Stood down on arrival

14 October 2020, 15.29: Crew tasked to back up Looe CRT

with two persons cut off by tide. Team assisted with full technical rescue bringing both casualties back to safety up the cliff.

25 October 2020, 16.02: Crew called to support Looe CRT with casualty extraction at Hannafore. Team assisted with difficult carry out along for shore to waiting Ambulance

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





Polruan NCI
from Brian Cook

We undertake a visual and aural watch from 55 stations around the coast. We are looking out for boating or walking incidents and report these to HM Coastguard at Falmouth. We may then work with Coastguard and Search and Rescue services such as the lifeboat or SAR helicopter if we are required to assist.

The summer was very busy in the Lookout . . . lots of boating and walking activity once the original lockdown ended. We have been single manning to ensure social distancing and haven't been welcoming casual visitors to the lookout.

During the first lockdown we closed and didn't man the lookout. But for the latest lockdown we are open as we are now deemed to be an essential service. Apparently the Coastguard missed our input first time round. We are currently manning two winter shifts each day covering the period between 9am and 4pm.

We are keen to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining our team, please don't hesitate to leave a message at the Lookout or email: polruan.membership@nci.org.uk.



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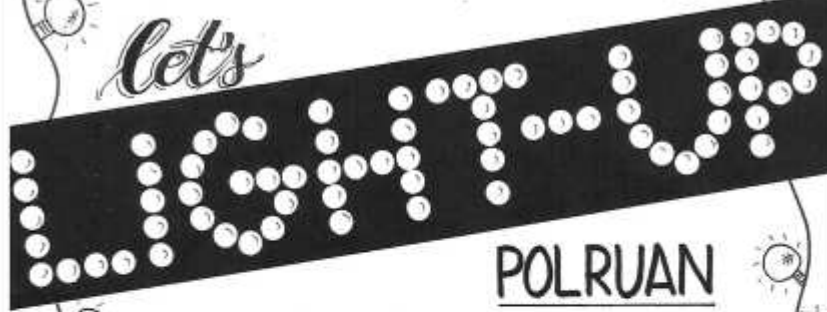
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