



# The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

## Rectory Ramblings

from Rev'd Richard

### Generosity

Mother Teresa once gave an interview to Hello! Magazine. She was asked the question. "Is it only the affluent who give"? She replied "No, even the poorest of the poor give". The other day, a very poor beggar came up to me and said, "Everyone gives to you and I also want to give 20 paise" (which is about 2p). I thought to myself "what should I do? If I take it he won't have anything to eat, but if I don't take it, it would hurt him so much. So I took it and he was so happy because he had given to Mother Teresa of Calcutta to help the poor . . . Giving cleans the heart and helps you get closer to God. But you also get so much back in return."

Generosity is not just a nice character trait that people have. It is right at the heart of what our faith is about. C S Lewis defined Christianity as 'a kind of giving.' God has poured out his generosity to you in Jesus (John3 v16 God so loved the world that He gave his only son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have eternal life). You are called to respond in faith and generosity to others. The key to the fullness of the blessing is generosity 'the righteous give generously' Psalm 37 v21



Photograph by Ben Palmer



from Kathryn Hill

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday, 11 to Saturday, 17 May.

Lanteglos Parish has always supported Christian Aid Week generously and, in the past, we did house-to-house collections. Age, infirmity and a lack of volunteers has made that impossible for some years, but we still support the cause by having collecting tins in the three churches and in several businesses and by holding a fund-raising event.

This year it will be a Table-Top Sale come Afternoon Tea in Polruan Village Hall on Sunday, 18 May from 2.30 to approximately 4.30pm. There will be no charge for tables but a raffle prize or a cash donation would be appreciated. We would also like items for the 'Christian Aid Stall' - books, bric-a-brac, toys, plants and so on will all be very welcome.

Offers of help, raffle prizes, items to sell on the Christian Aid Stall, cakes and savouries for the refreshments plus bookings for a table and any enquiries to me please.

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## From the Editor

It's behind you . . . oh yes it is . . . that is, at least for another year! The Polruan Pantomime has been and gone but we await its return with baited breath. All those present on the final night had a really fun packed and enjoyable evening — what a fantastic way to spend a cold February evening. It never ceases to amaze the talent we have in such a small village and hope those involved in the production of this show enjoyed putting it on as much as those in the audience enjoyed watching it. Thank you.

It does feel very like Spring is on the way — it's been lovely to have such a settled spell of fine, sunny weather, albeit cold, and it is strange to have to water the pots in March! The clear skies at night have produced some amazing sun rises and sets.

The Parish Diary is enormous this time around, so hopefully there will be something for everyone to take part in over the coming months whether that be art, craft, flower arranging, social events, clubs, rambles, talks, festivals, concerts the choice is endless and don't miss the opportunity to join/lead a new singing group. With Easter approaching and a raft of bank holidays to look forward to — what's not to like. Have a lovely April and May.

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**

What different styles of service will you find in the seven churches of Trelawny Benefice?

Everyone is welcome, and all our services and teaching are based on the Bible. There's usually tea, coffee and biscuits afterwards, with time to chat.

Please come along and discover what kind of service you like best.

**Lansallos (St Ildierna)**: all services follow the ancient and beautiful words of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, apart from a monthly contemporary service.

**Lanreath (St Marnarch)**: evangelical services, with some led by the Lanreath Music Group (musical instruments and choir).

**Pelynt (St Nun)**: traditional village church Holy Communion or Service of the Word, in contemporary language, together with a monthly contemporary service, sometimes outdoors.

**Talland (St Tallanus)**: traditional village church Holy Communion or Holy Communion-by-extension services, in contemporary language.

Lanteglos-by-Fowey parish: has three churches:

**Parish Church of St Wyllow**: traditional services with organist and Lanteglos Choir. Holy Communion in contemporary language, and occasional Evensong with the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

**Polruan (St Saviour)**: friendly Café Church once a month, with round tables, prayers, singing, Bible readings and a chance to talk.

**Bodinnick (St John)**: community services every other month, based around major Christian festivals and usually with wine and nibbles.

**Outdoor services**: held in the open air on village greens, farms and quaysides — they are family friendly and great fun. 'Church on the Quay' in Polruan runs on six weekends in late July and August. Other services dotted around the Benefice include Plough Sunday, Rogation, Harvest, Tractors, Pets, Equestrian and Lambing.

## April 2025

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

St Marnarch 09:30 Holy Communion  
St Wyllow 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Nun 11:00 at Methodist Church  
St Ildierna 18:30 Holy Communion

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

St Tallanus 09:45 Palm Praise at Polperro Methodists  
St Nun 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Wyllow 11:00 Palm Praise  
St Marnarch 16:00 Palm Praise  
St Saviour 16:00 Messy Church  
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

St Nun 10:00 Meditation  
St Nun 11:00 Family Meditation & Easter Egg Hunt  
St Wyllow 14:15 Meditation

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

St Marnarch 09:30 Holy Communion with Easter Egg hunt  
St Wyllow 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Nun 11:00 at Methodist Church  
St Tallanus 11:00 Holy Communion  
St John 17:00 Easter Praise  
St Ildierna 18:30 Holy Communion

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Low Sunday

St Saviour 11:00 Café Church  
St Nun 11:00 United Village Service  
St Marnarch 09:30 Service of the Word  
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

## May 2025

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

St Marnarch 09:30 Holy Communion  
Lanreath 10:15 Act of VE Day  
War Memorial Remembrance  
St Wyllow 11:00 Holy Communion with Act of VE Day Remembrance  
St Nun 11:00 at Methodist Church  
St Marnarch 17:00 Benefice Songs of Praise to celebrate VE Day  
St Ildierna 18:30 Holy Communion with Act of VE Day Thanksgiving

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Pelynt War Memorial 10:30 Act of VE Day Remembrance

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Third of Easter

St Marnarch 09:30 Service of the Word  
St Tallanus 09:45 Holy Communion at Polperro Methodists  
St Wyllow 11:00 Morning Prayer  
St Nun 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Saviour 16:00 Sing a New Song  
St Ildierna 18:30 Evening Prayer

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Fourth of Easter

St Wyllow 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Nun 11:00 United Service at Methodist  
St Marnarch 16:00 Benefice Rogation Service

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Fifth of Easter

St Marnarch 09:30 Holy Communion  
St Nun 11:00 United Village Service  
St Saviour 11:00 Café Church  
St Tallanus 11:00 Holy Communion  
St Ildierna 18:30 Holy Communion

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day

St Nun 10:00 Benefice Holy Communion

## From the Registers

### Funeral service and burial

8 February – Shirley Kathleen Trevis Priest of Polruan at St Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

### Services at Bodmin Crematorium and Memorial Services

16 January – 'Paddy' Ann Dixon

24 January – Pauleen Ann Wakeham of Pelynt service at Bodmin Crematorium, followed by a Memorial Service at St Nun, Pelynt

30 January - Donald Charles MacPherson of London (formerly of Polruan)

4 February – Frederick 'Graham' Whiteley of Pelynt service at Bodmin Crematorium, followed by a Memorial service at St Nun, Pelynt.

19 February – Ronald Geoffrey Walters of Polruan Memorial service at St Saviour, Polruan, followed by a service at Bodmin Crematorium

28 February – David Dourass of Polperro

### Memorial Service and Interment of Ashes

3 February – Donald Charles MacPherson at St Wyllow, Lanteglos-by-Fowey

### Interment of Ashes

17 January – Doris Mabel 'Billie' Hayes of Lanreath at St Marnarch, Lanreath

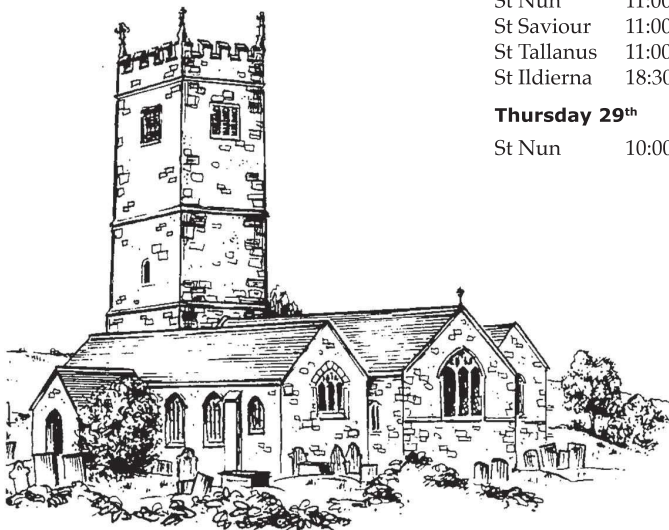
6 February – Frederick 'Graham' Whiteley at St Nun, Pelynt



## VE 80 in Lanteglos

### from Kathryn Hill

On Sunday, 4 May the St Wyllow Holy Communion service at 11am, will have a VE 80 theme and then, at 12 noon, we will process out to the War Memorial for a short act of commemoration.





## Parish Diary

All dates and times are correct at the time of going to press — please check notices for changes

### April

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Looe and District Flower Club, Pelynt Village Hall at 2pm (see page 17)

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Art Group at Polruan WI Hall between 2 and 4pm (see page 8)

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Whitecross Local Produce Market at Whitecross Village Hall, between 10am and 12.30pm (see page 18)

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Crafty Roosters at Polruan WI between 10am and 12noon (see page 17)

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> Coffee, Cake and Catchup coffee morning at Polruan Village Hall between 10 and 12 noon (see page 13)

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Refurbishment of St Saviour playground (see page 22)

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> WI meeting at Polruan WI Hall, Merryn Threadgold playing "The Cornish Memory Game at 7pm (see page 7)

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> Crafty Roosters at Polruan WI between 2 and 4pm (see page 17)

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Town Trust 'meet and greet', The Reading Room, Polruan between 10am and 12noon (see page 22, 28)

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Rockpool Ramble, meet at Readymoney Beach, 10am until 12 noon (see page 24)

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> A Talk by Chris Braddish 'Crossing the River — The History of the Fowey Ferries' Whitecross Village Hall at 2pm (see page 25)

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Polruan Market on the Old Coal Wharf between 10am and 3 pm (see page 20)

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sing a New Song at St Saviour, Polruan 4pm (see page 5)

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> A Talk by Stephanie Knights of the Eden Project 'Creating Space for Nature with Wildflowers' Whitecross Village Hall, 7.30pm (see page 13)

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> NCI Coffee morning at the Royal Fowey Yacht Club (see page 20)

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> WI Easter Tea Party, at the WI Hall between 2 and 4pm (see page 9)

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Coffee Cake and Catchup Lunch from 11am at Polruan Village Hall (see page 13)

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> Lerryn Film Club present 'Ladies in Black', Lerryn Memorial Hall at 7pm (last screening of the season) (see page 11)

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Kidz Klub at Polruan Village Hall, 6-7.30pm (see page 6)

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Spider Survey and Riverside Walk, meet at Shirehall Moor, Lostwithiel, 11am until 2pm (see page 24)

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Polruan Film Club Present 'Pride' at Polruan Village Hall (see page 16)

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> Café Church at St Saviour, Polruan, 11am (see page 7)

### May

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> Entry forms available from the Winkle Picker for the Regatta Beach Themed Garden Sculpture Competition (see page 10)

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Whitecross Local Produce Market at Whitecross Village Hall, between 10am and 12.30pm (see page 18)

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Polruan Market on the Old Coal Wharf between 10am and 3 pm (see page 20)

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May Day Cream Tea, Polruan Village Hall at 2.30pm (see page 9)

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Hospice Book Sale on the Corner / Reading Room (see page 17)

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Looe and District Flower Club, Pelynt Village Hall at 2pm (see page 17)

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Art Group at Polruan WI Hall between 2 and 4pm (see page 8)

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> Hall Walk and Botanical Themed Ramble, meet at Polruan Quay at 11am (see page 24)

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Art Trail and Secret Gardens at St John's, Bodinnick (see page 4)

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> Sing a New Song at St Saviour, Polruan 4pm (see page 5)

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> Crafty Roosters at Polruan WI between 10am and 12noon (see page 17)

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> Coffee, Cake and Catchup coffee morning at Polruan Village Hall between 10 and 12 noon (see page 13)

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> WI AGM at Polruan WI Hall, 7pm (see page 7)

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Kidz Klub at Polruan Village Hall, 6-7.30pm (see page 6)

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale at Whitecross Village Hall between 10am and 12noon (see page 13, 21)

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> Open Gardens at the Old Vicarage, Talland (see page 20)

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Cornwall Open Studios 11am to 5pm daily (see page 21)

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Café Church at St Saviour, Polruan, 11am (see page 7)

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> Choosing of the Regatta Royalty 2025/26, The Old Coal Wharf (see page 10)

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Cake and Catchup Lunch from 11am at Polruan Village Hall (see page 13)

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Crafty Roosters at Polruan WI between 2 and 4pm (see page 17)

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> — 1<sup>st</sup> June Cornwall Open Studios 11am to 5pm daily (see page 21)

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> Polruan Film Club Present 'Fall Guy' at Polruan Village Hall (see page 16)

**EASTER GARDEN COMPETITION**  
**OPEN TO ALL!**



**We are relaunching the Easter Garden Competition**  
**All ages and organisations are invited to enter**  
**Gardens can be made in advance or on the day**  
**Judging, by members of the Allotment Society, will be in St Saviour church on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30 pm, as part of the 'Experience Easter Event'**

**Gardens can be made in a baking tray or similar**

- The container can be any shape - square, oblong, round, oval, etc,
- You can make it in advance and bring it with you;  
**OR you can make it at 'Experience Easter'**
- On the day we will provide baking trays, compost, moss, stones, flowers, etc, but please bring your own as well!
- Gardens should depict the Easter Story
- Entries can be from individuals or groups of any size.
- There will be prizes for the following categories:

CLASS 1 - AGED 8 AND UNDER  
CLASS 2 - AGED 9 - 15  
CLASS 3 - ADULTS & GROUPS - AGED 16+  
CLASS 4 - MIXED AGES [eg families]



**Experience Easter**  
**St Saviour's Church**  
**13th April 3-5 pm**

**Easter Story Trail**  **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Tea** **Easter Craft**

**Easter Garden Competition**





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**An advert, notice or news item can reach thousands of local residents and seasonal visitors as well as inform and support the local community**

**News from Lansallos from John Feeseay, Lansallos PCC**

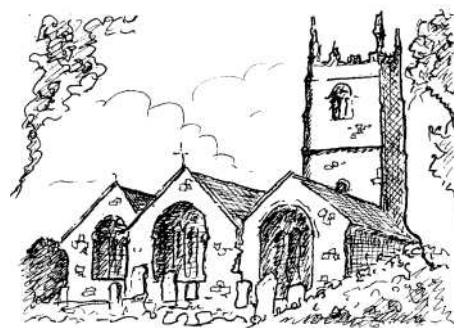
Our Rector is Staying!

There has been much relief and joy amongst the congregation at Lansallos, and in the Benefice, since hearing the news that the Reverend Richard and Harriet will not after all be leaving us at Easter but plan to remain with Trelawny for another year. Our prayers have been answered!

**Funding Our Grade One Listed Churches**

We're fortunate in Trelawny Benefice that all our beautiful, Grade I listed parish churches, including St Ildierna, are in a relatively reasonable state of repair. In fact half of all Grade I listed buildings in the country are Anglican places of worship with their wonderful craftsmanship, sculptures and artefacts. This privilege comes at a price though: many of them have a backlog of essential repairs, the cost of which has doubled in the last decade, and which amounts to £1billion in total. With congregations getting older and smaller in number raising this money becomes increasingly difficult. It's for this reason that church treasurers like me dread hearing the result of every quinquennial inspection!

The good news is that the Listed Places of Worship (LPW) grant scheme, which allows VAT to be reclaimed on certain eligible repairs to historic churches, has been extended by parliament. The bad news is that it's for only one year and there's been a 21% reduction in the total amount of money available for VAT relief — and once it's gone, it's gone. So what can be done to prevent more of our fabulous heritage crumbling into disrepair in the future (already there are almost 1,000 churches on Historic England's at risk register)? We have a chilling example of what can happen in the worst case in St Pinnock in our own Deanery, the church having been closed some years ago and converted into a domestic dwelling.



One answer could be for the Church of England to dip into its investment funds, worth a reputed £8.7 billion, and which might be a better use than the plan to put £100 million into reparations for its alleged involvement in the slave trade but which the church was actually instrumental in helping to abolish in British territories as long ago as 1833 — nearly 200 years ago! Another would be to follow the German, French or Italian models where the state either owns and maintains churches or funds their upkeep through taxes. Neither of these ideas seem likely to be adopted any time soon and, unfortunately, at the moment of writing we have a vacuum at the head of our church where the leadership should be. As the ecclesiastical joke goes "would the last archbishop to leave please blow the candles out?"

**Church Pathways**

The pathway from the gate to the church hall, via the entrance porch, has now had asphalt laid by contractor J T Pearce at a cost of £7,080. It is hoped that some or all of the VAT paid can be reclaimed through the LPW Scheme. No more muddy shoes or paddling through puddles!

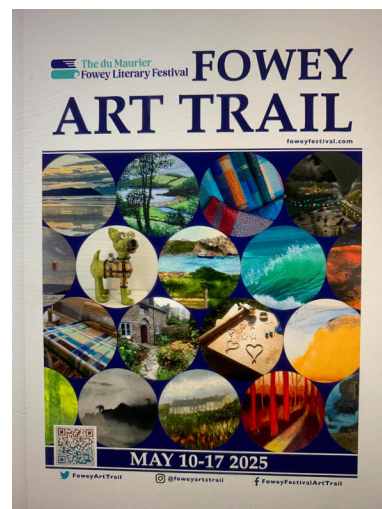
*Yma gwenton omma - Pask Lowen!  
 (Spring is here - happy Easter!)*

**St John's Bodinnick from the Friends of St John's**

**Art Trail and Secret Gardens Dates for your diary!**

Art at St John's will hold an exhibition of original artwork, prints, cards, pottery and jewellery by local artists during this year's Fowey Festival Art Trail from 10-17 May.

The church garden will also be open on the Secrets Gardens trail on Friday and Saturday between 11am and 4pm.







# World Day of Prayer

from Kathryn Hill, Polruan WDP Organiser

World Day of Prayer (formerly Woman's World Day of Prayer) is a woman-led worldwide prayer initiative traditionally held on the first Friday of March. It was originally for women only, but for some years men have also been invited, hence the change of name. Services are held all round the world and at different times of day and it has been estimated that from the beginning of the earliest service in the countries who first wake up to the first Friday in March to the end of the last service in the countries where it dawns last, there is a wave of prayer around the world lasting about 36 hours! We may have been a small group of 17 in Lanteglos Parish, but we were part of an amazing world-wide wave of prayer which always thrills me.

Each year a group of Christian women from as many denominations as possible in the chosen country write the service. This year it came from the Cook Islands (which most of us had not heard of!) and I am delighted to learn that next year it will come from Nigeria!

Unfortunately I had a senior moment and forgot to announce this in the last edition of the Parish News but by dint of posters, social media, notices in church and word of mouth, and despite several folk who usually attend being away or having appointments, 17 of us gathered in St Saviour on the afternoon of 7 March for the prayer service, after which we enjoyed some delicious refreshments, mainly involving banana and/or coconut which are two of the important crops of the Cook Islands.

I am grateful to the ladies, and the one brave gentleman, who did the various readings;

to Woman's Hour members who helped organise the service; to Chris who served the refreshments, provided some of the items to decorate the table and made us bookmarks to act as a memento; to Phyllis who brought a lovely basket of camellias and heather, enough for us all to take a posy home; and to all who attended and took part.

Elsewhere in the Benefice Sheila Morrell Davies reported that:

*"Ladies from the churches in Pelynt, Lanreath and the Methodist joined our friends from Sclerder Abbey, who organised this year's event, for the World Day of Prayer. We were met at the door with a large display of flowers that helped to set the scene as we followed the service*



*composed by ladies from the Cook Islands. A packed church joined in enthusiastically with the singing and listened intently to the stories of ladies from the islands. Following the service we were treated to delightful refreshments that were enjoyed by everyone."*



## Open the Book

from Kathryn Hill

'Open the Book' is a programme to take Bible stories into primary schools on a regular basis and in an enjoyable and interactive way. This year 'Open the Book' is celebrating 25 years of doing this. The Polruan Team started when Rev'd Louise was here. After a training session we started in mid-March with the story of Palm Sunday and then, over the next three weeks told the stories 'An Important Meal' (the Last Supper), 'A Dreadful Day' (the Crucifixion) and 'A Happy Day' (the Resurrection). After the Easter holidays we went right back to the beginning with the story of creation and we continued 'opening the book' in Polruan School most term-time weeks until COVID, celebrating 10 years of doing this just before lockdown!

We resumed post COVID and, 15 years on, we and the children continue to thoroughly enjoy Wednesday afternoons. A number of people

have been part of the team over the years, but Angie and I are the only two founder members of the Polruan Team who are still involved! If you would like to know more, or if you might like to join our team, please contact me (01726 870953, [kathrynehill39@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynehill39@gmail.com)).

We are proud of our 15 years, but we are 'Johnny-come-latelies' compared to the Pelynt team!

Sheila Morrell Davies writes:

*"With regards to OTB:- A group of between 6 and 9 people have been taking OTB into Pelynt School for twenty years. We were encouraged to start when Rev Linda Smith was our Rector and were so well received by the school that we have continued ever since. The children enjoy the stories and we enjoy dressing up and sharing so many wonderful stories from the Bible with them."*



## Come along and join us for 'Sing-A-New-Song'

Enjoy a sing-along of songs and hymns old and new  
All singing abilities are welcome!

WITH A CUPPA  
CAKES AND BISCUITS

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at  
St Saviour Church 4pm

Contact: Angie Mallard 07967 131525

St. Austell Choral Society  
G.F.Handel

# Messiah

(parts 2 and 3)



Elinor Chapman (soprano) Holly-Anna Hawkes (alto)  
Mark Hounslow (tenor) Julian Rippon (bass)  
Anthony Trodd (organ) Paul Drayton (conductor)

St. John's Methodist Church,  
Bodmin Road, St Austell, PL25 5AE  
Saturday 17th May 2025 at 7.30 pm  
Admission £12 (students free)  
Refreshments included (donations welcome)  
Tickets at the door or in advance from:  
[www.staustellchoralsociety.co.uk](http://www.staustellchoralsociety.co.uk)



## Ash Wednesday



10am Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
A Service of Holy Communion  
at Pelynt Parish Church

Please bring your new or vintage tractor  
Don't worry if you don't have a tractor as there will be the opportunity for everyone to explore the tractors after the short service



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**Kidz Klub**  
 from Kathryn Hill for Kidz Klub leaders

Just a small number attended our February meeting but, as you can see from the photos, we all had fun!

Night Hikes, with the help of the National Trust, used to be a regular part of our programme pre-COVID and in March we organised our first one for a long time. We knew that some children couldn't come because of a clashing event but enough parents had indicated that their children would be attending to make it a valid exercise, but sadly only two children came. However, we carried on and the children and adults had a good time ending up with hot chocolate and biscuits plus marshmallows to roast in the school field.

The low numbers at these two meetings make us wonder if the time has come to close Kidz Klub, after all nothing lasts for ever!



**Crossword**

**ACROSS:**

- 7 Kidnap (6)
- 8 Eye catching (6)
- 9 Reject (4)
- 10 Confiscates (8)
- 11 Intervened (8)
- 13 Sum (5)
- 15 Incorrect (5)
- 16 Dutch city (7)
- 18 Governed (8)
- 19 Open (4)
- 21 Ornamental stones (6)
- 22 Opened (6)

**DOWN:**

- 1 Musical instrument (4)
- 2 Beneath (11,2)
- 3 Dressed (7)
- 4 Jumps (5)
- 5 Method (of working) (5,8)
- 6 Garden ornament (8)
- 12 Payment (8)
- 14 Arena (7)
- 17 Conceal (5)
- 20 Skin complaint (4)

**APRIL • MAY 25**

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Crossword compiled by John Thomlinson.



## News from Polruan Village Hall

### from PVH Management Committee

Our new Chair, Fernley Hext and Secretary, Louise Kidd, are settling into their roles since taking up their responsibilities in January. The Village Hall continues to be a valued resource within the community and is now used more than ever. There is a wide range of activities taking place every week in the Hall and it has been good to see new things developing in the last year. The Hall is also booked by groups of walkers and individuals on the coast path looking to use it as a refreshment stop or, by prior arrangement, as a place to stay overnight. It has also been booked for family gatherings, parties, anniversaries, training events and so on.

In February, Polruan Theatre Club staged their annual Pantomime in the Village Hall, which is always a crowd puller. The well-known story of "Puss in Boots" was presented - complete with pyrotechnics!

As with any ageing building there are always jobs to be done and our current programme of improvements includes a new Notice Board, improving the Entrance Hall and external lighting. We are also awaiting quotations to upgrade and improve the heating system.

If you are interested in what is going on each week or in using the Hall, please contact our Booking Secretary, Kathryn Hill on 01726870953 or via email [kathrynehill39@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynehill39@gmail.com)

See our website for details of what the Hall can offer [polruan.org](http://polruan.org)

### Events for your diary

Monday, 5 May - May Day Cream Tea – with a VE 80 theme

Sunday, 17 August – Village Hall BBQ on the Coal Wharf

Sunday, 26 October – Autumn Afternoon Tea



### Hall Hire

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## Polruan WI

### from Karen Windsor, President

In January, to ease us nicely into the new year, we had a member's meeting rather than a speaker. We invited our Treasurer to give us a closer look into the group's finances and likely costs for the coming year. Our Secretary then provided us with information on various grants that the Polruan WI have applied for. These presentations allowed both ladies to briefly summarise the very important roles that they perform for the WI. This will hopefully help in the coming elections for the WI committee.

In February we welcomed back Dr Mike Haywood who gave an interesting talk on the 'mirror' and how it has changed our perception forever!

Also in February our Events team held a fund raising evening at the Village Hall where over 40 people came to play Skittles! It was a really fun evening and we raised £250 towards the upkeep of our WI hall — thank you one and all.

We continue to add speakers to our programme - please keep your eye out for our posters and social media posts. There is something for everyone and guests, including gentlemen, are very very welcome. Please

don't hesitate to contact me should you need further information (07800 954770).

### Dates for your diary:

*Wednesday, 9 April* Merryn Threadgold who will be playing with us the 'Cornish Memory Game'. A fun exercise that is jam packed with Cornish history!

*Wednesday, 14 May, is our AGM.*

### Attention Please

The WI are intending to hold a 'Polruan has Talent' show at the Village Hall on Saturday, 1 November. This is intended to be an evening of entertainment and not to be taken too seriously! The WI, for example, will hopefully be entering their Synchronised Swimming Team!

We will publish more details nearer the time but would like an indication of whether anyone would be willing to take part in this. There are a lot of talented people in the village, would you be prepared to come and help us put on a show?

Talents could be anything from actors to yodellers with everything in between . . . musicians, magicians . . . the options are endless!

If you would like to be involved in this fun evening, or even want more details, please contact Doe Jackson on 07538 103378.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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\*\*\* Thank you \*\*\*

## Art Group

from Louise Kidd

The Art Group continues to flourish. New members have been welcomed recently. We are introducing monthly topics for those who want them - so that Louise can help with more focused tuition. We have been looking at drawing and mark making in March and in April we will be learning more about colour and colour mixing.

There is no need to be afraid or shy and you don't need to be able to draw. Learning new skills is fun and rewarding. Louise has been teaching adults for the last thirty years and understands that it can feel daunting at first.

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month between 2 and 4pm in the WI Hall, Polruan. Pop in and check us out

## We have been looking for you!

from Sue Jones

*Do you wish to be part of Polruan's own  
Community singing group?*

No auditions or music reading abilities needed, just a keen interest in becoming a member of a social group who enjoy singing.

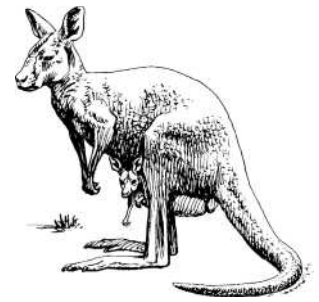
Male and female voices (18 and over) welcome! It would be great to see younger residents of the village join us, the group is open to everyone.

To register your interest, please text your name and the best time for you to rehearse (during the day or in the evening) — and keep your eyes open for further updates on Polruan Support Group or Polruan pages on facebook.

We are also looking for anyone with experience of leading a singing group who would be prepared to give up a couple of hours a week to get this off the ground.

I look forward to getting lots of positive response to move on to next phase of putting this in place.

Please contact me on 07767145616.



## Letter from Australia

from Mary Taylor, New South Wales

Sorry to have missed getting my letter in the last edition but there's been a lot going on around here lately. John, Trish and I went to Liz and Kim's for Christmas, it was really good and we had a lovely hot lunch. Plum went to his daughter's home in Waggo with Michael. We saw the grankids over Christmas and they are all growing up lovely — they all call me old gat — I don't mind. We had hot cross buns on display in Woolworths on Boxing Day if you can believe it! It always happens every year.

Liz and Kim have moved back in here as the place they did up for a farmer has rented out now; that's the second time that's happened to them, and it's a shame as Liz had a nice veg garden going. Now this place is full to the rafters and I think we're going to have to have a sale to get rid of some of these things. My golly things pile up don't they — what with this and that and with what the kids give you, momentos and the like, silly to keep it all in a way but difficult to part with. Liz is trying to make room in the back room to fit a double bed, as the bed in the caravan is too small, especially in this heat, and Kim keeps whacking her when he turns over.

Jim's sister in Redcar passed away in October and I sent flowers to the family. Just after that, his sister who lives in Geraldton WA, lost her husband, so off went more flowers . . .

We had nice weather for Australia Day in January but it has now gone very hot with temperatures up in the 30s/40s every day and high humidity which makes it worse. At night it's well over 20. I saw on TV that England is not having very good weather at all and hope this gets better. It's really too hot to do anything, I'm lucky as I get home care 5 days a week and they cook for me on those days and clean once a week — the air con has been working overtime. I've been trying to knit but my fingers were too sweaty, so will wait until it gets cooler.

I turned 87 on 25 February and was taken out to the club for lunch. Unfortunately Plum couldn't come as he had a bad cough but we had a good time and somehow I managed to catch the cough and had a very rough few days when all I did was cough and drink, but I am OK now.

Plum has arthritis in his shoulder which he says is very painful. John's OK but Trish has Covid which will not seem to go away.

Some good news now — Plum is going to be a Grandpop again with the baby due in September. Kate his daughter, and her husband have one boy, Mason, who is 5 I'll close now as I find it hard to write for very long periods at a time.

All the best to everyone in Polruan and Pelynt.





## Letters from Nigeria

from Kathleen and Daniel

[By Ed. two letters; written January and March]

How time has flown since Christmas and as always we were very busy during the festive period having lunch altogether in Church and then returning home when between 30 to 40 children came for their little bags of biscuits and sweets and also a little tract about the meaning of Christmas. The older ones came as well and had a soft drink and biscuits. It's now time to take down the Christmas decorations and cards and get back into normal routine if possible. Thank you so much for your cards and gifts and for your emails and newsletters which we enjoyed reading.

Since then we seem to have had visitors non stop and it's been good to see some folks that we haven't seen for many months.

Our big news is that Manasa has been transferred from RCC Gwoza to a place very near Vom and he is going to live at Vom. The children will be going to schools nearby. He will be a great help to me as he will look after the school fees of the 20 students in higher education, and I will look after the Primary and Secondary School pupils. He will carry on as the Accountant in the new area. At the moment Manasa is taking my Bible Class to help the students learn the laptop as they need to use this for their final exams. Some take the exams in a few weeks time and others next year. It's wonderful that we have Manasa as I couldn't teach them! The Lord knew the need and brought Manasa to us.

Grace and family are constantly busy. Grace had a bad bout of the flu, but seems to be a lot better now.

Mark and family returned from the UK and had enjoyed their time with Kumi and Bethany.

Ella is back in Hillcrest but we hope she will be able to come to us for a few days during the half term break.

We had our first rain last week so it will soon be time for planting. Pray for good rain and a good harvest.

Last Saturday over 40 former Nigerian Missionaries met in our house to remember David Carling. It was obviously a sad occasion and yet we rejoiced that he had helped so many people. The testimonies were touching. Rev'd John Audu, the General Secretary of COCIN at the time the Carlings were in Nigeria, spoke and so did Rev'd Daniel Bitrus, another former Secretary.

Sadly, we buried one of Daniel's close relatives recently — he had been involved in an accident in Maiduguri, killing six people. He leaves behind three sons. Pray he will be able to continue to find his fees.

There are still many attacks in Borno State and other areas in the North West. At the moment, however, the Plateau seems to be fairly calm but we need to pray that after Ramadan (Moslem fasting) things will not change. Thank you for your prayers and concern.

The children and teenagers say thank you for sponsoring them at school. They are doing well.

Most of all we thank you for praying for us and our extended family.

We pray for God's blessings on you in this year 2025.

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**Polruan Regatta and  
Children's Sports**

**from the Committee**

We were pleased to welcome two members of the public to our AGM. We recalled the events of the previous year which were a great success. Our wish for the future is to continue providing support and fun for children and their families and hope that all children will sign up to our proposed future activities.

The President, Vice Presidents and current committee members all stand as of last year as do the rest of the current committee. Joanna Sandy continues as Secretary and Malcolm Dodd as Treasurer. Lynn Bartlett stepped down as Chairman after 28 years in post, in thanking the Committee for all their support, particularly since the loss of Tony, she said it had been an honour, privilege and fun to be Chair and she was looking forward to having a supporting role on the Committee. Lynn was thanked by Mark for all her hard work over the years. Mark Pope was elected as Chairman and our organisation will be in his very capable, enthusiastic hands, ensuring the future.

We added no new committee members and sadly, owing to family and work commitments Dawn Williams stepped down

after 14 years, we thank her for all her input over that time.

VE Day 80 will be celebrated on 8 May. Although we have no specific plans for a celebration we will be marking the occasion by putting the nations bunting up round the Old Coal Wharf.

On the morning of Monday, 26 May we will be choosing our Royalty for 2025-2026. We will be inviting a visitor to the village to choose a Queen, King and two attendants this year. Higher Beings make a welcome return with their circus skills to try. Hopefully held, if the weather is kind, on the Old Coal Wharf. There will be a barbecue to enjoy too. Watch out for posters nearer the time.

Plans have been made for two free events later in the summer. In July we will be offering the Seafari rib boat experience to all children from reception age to Year 11. In the early stages of planning is a visit to an age appropriate attraction such as Adrenaline Quarry or Trethorne in September. More details will follow nearer the time, we are sure the children will enjoy these experiences.

As always we welcome everyone to come and join in and thank you for your continued support.

Contact details for Mark — [mark@polruan-regatta.co.uk](mailto:mark@polruan-regatta.co.uk)

**Horse Racing for  
Polruan Regatta - 1926!**

**from Polruan Regatta and Children's  
Sports Committee**

In the course of some research, the following newspaper article was discovered in The Guardian (the name of the Cornish Guardian at that time) dated Friday, 25 June 1926

*"Polruan Regatta Arrangements*

*A committee meeting was held on Friday evening last in the Constitutional Club\*, to consider the arrangements for the forthcoming Regatta.*

*It was found impossible to have the usual horse racing due to lack of funds. Having been decided at a public meeting that the races should be held, it was found necessary to call a public meeting in order to rescind that decision.*

*The public meeting was called for Saturday evening and the sparse attendance of the public testified to their indifference. The committee was keenly disappointed. However, the committee's decision not to hold the horse races was upheld and those present proceeded to formulate a programme for athletic sports as well as varied events.*

*Particulars will be advertised at the earliest possible moment. The programme of sailing and boat races will be carried out as usual."*

There won't be horse racing in 2025 but ninety-nine years on we have a committee and as usual there will be sports, other events and sailing.

[\*Polruan Village Hall was the Constitutional Club at that time.]

**Beach Themed Garden  
Sculpture Competition**

**from the Committee**

The Committee have decided to ring the changes this year by holding a 'Beach Themed Garden Sculpture' Competition using recycled items and any odds and ends you may have around your home or property, instead of the usual Scarecrow Competition. The creation must be made from scratch and be a maximum height of 2 metres (there is no minimum height). The width can be entirely up to you but please ensure all parts are securely anchored and clearly visible. As ever, we want you to have fun but please treat the subject with respect. Inappropriate entries will be excluded.

Entry forms will be available from the Winkle Picker from Thursday, 1 May 2025 and entries for the competition need to be received at the Winkle Picker by Friday, 18 July 2025. The 'Sculptures' need to be in place by 10am on Friday, 25th July 2025. Please do not remove until after 15th August, however, it would be great if they could stay in place longer for all to enjoy.







## News from Polruan Academy

from Jane Wills, Head of School

With warmer days and lighter mornings, energy levels are rising, and the quiet determination of the winter months is replaced with enthusiasm and zest. The daffodils in our flower troughs are blooming and the buds on the apple trees are showing; Spring is here at last.

Our youngest children have been studying which animals are born in spring to learn about the lives of our wild and domestic farm animals. They will celebrate 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar Day' by dressing up and joining in with lots of exciting activities based on the well-loved book by Eric Carle. They will visit Nancarrow Farm to meet the spring-born animals and find out more about which crops are grown to feed both animals and people.

Tregeagle are investigating what it is like to live in the desert. Finding out about the biome weather and climate and what it takes to survive in this inhospitable environment with temperatures ranging from the high 40s to below zero in hot deserts. We are going to focus specifically on the Mojave Desert and investigate land use, human settlements and the generation of renewable energy. As there are no deserts nearby for a field trip, we are adopting an alternative solution by visiting the North coast sand dunes to study the characteristics of sand, vegetation and land use.

We had a visit from Ofsted in January and we are pleased to share that our school is rated GOOD. It's not just our values of excellence, inclusion, respect and resilience that make Polruan a special place to work and learn. Polruan Primary is a family. Our dedicated and highly skilled staff work tirelessly to provide the children with the best possible start to their lifelong learning journey and it is well deserved to finally have the recognition of this. We are particularly pleased with the section in the report reserved for parental

voice, which showed these as overwhelmingly positive and supportive of the school. We know how important it is to work together to bring about change and ensure sustainability and without our supportive parent base, this would be significantly harder to achieve – THANK YOU!

The school continues to benefit from interactions and activities with the wider community. This past term, we had a lovely St Piran's Day service at St Saviour's with Reverend Richard telling the story of St Piran, the children singing Cornish inspired songs (and Mamma Mia!) and playing ukulele. We finished off with Cornish saffron buns provided by Richard – yum! In addition, we will have a Mother's Day service in St Saviour's at the end of March where our lovely Open the Book Team come in to school prior to the service to support the children making floral posies which are then presented to their Mother at the service. We finish Spring term with an Easter service at St Saviour's, again supported by the Open the Book team holding an Easter craft session after the service.

We have entered the Fowey Festival competition as usual, this year producing poetry and pieces of art to celebrate the theme 'Making Waves'. The children thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to immerse themselves in creative pursuits and generally produce some interesting and entertaining pieces.

Our School Council, which consists of children from across the school, has been busy fulfilling the requests from the children for new and different play equipment for playtimes. As a result, we now have stables full of hobby horses. The children made these personalised hobby horse/creatures using resources provided by parents/carers. There are some spectacular species, and these are certain to bring a fun element to break-times.



Chris

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## News from Nigeria

from Kathryn Hill

At the March Former Missionaries Fellowship Zoom meeting, Kefas told us that the exchange rate which was 2,500Naira to the £1 had improved and was now at N1,900 to the £1 plus the price of petrol had gone down with a resultant improvement in the economy. He also said that although there are still problems, things are somewhat more peaceful.

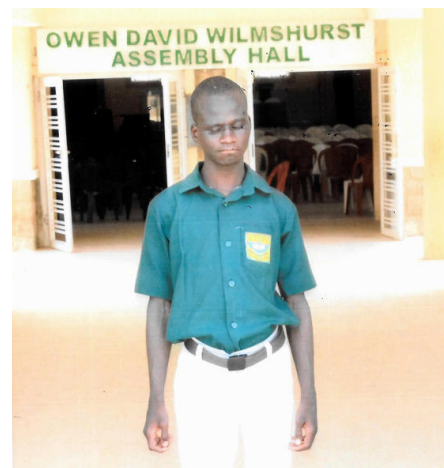
As you know I have been making and selling marmalade to help support two blind students, Nenchin and Saminu, at Gindiri Boys Secondary School (BSS) where I used to teach. Nenchin will be sitting his Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (the equivalent of AS Level and Bachelor Degree courses in Nigeria are 4 years, although some subjects, including Law, are longer).

Nenchin would like to go to the University of Jos to study Law. Kathleen writes that he is bright and expected to get good results in both his SSCE and JAMB (Joint Admissions Matriculation Board) which is needed to access any university course in Nigeria. Nenchin, who was born blind, is an orphan. He has a brother who partially supports him and will continue to do so but he can't manage fees and living expenses and equipment. Kathleen says that about £300 should cover his fees although this will vary with the exchange rate. At School he has the use of a Perkins braille plus braille paper, a tape recorder and tapes, and so on,

but he will need his own to go to University. The machines are available in Nigeria and Kathleen says a new braille costs about £700 but that second hand ones are available for about £300, while tape recorders are readily available and would cost about £28 – all prices vary with the exchange rate of course!

In her original email about Nenchin finishing school at the end of next term she asked about the possibility of getting more funding both for the equipment and for the tuition fees as, if there is any chance of going to university, he needs to apply in April. I said to let him apply and I would try to get more funding although I could make no promises. Some of my 'marmalade money' can be used but there is still Saminu to support at BSS plus there are the extra expenses. It is unlikely that the text books he needs will be available in braille so he may need to pay the Gindiri Material Centre for the Handicapped (GMCH, where I also used to work) to braille them for him or get someone to read them onto tape. I have also had an email from a GMCH Coordinator saying that they are in problems both with finance and supplies as the Christoffe Blinden Mission who used to help with both money and supplies, is no longer helping them, so I don't know how much help they will be able to give Nenchin. However, a BSS Resource Teacher and GMCH Coordinator are willing to help with the practicalities of equipment and so on if the funding is available.

I'm hoping to find some folk who are willing to donate regularly and/or give a one-off donation for equipment to enable this talented



youngster to realise his dream of becoming a lawyer. I also plan a fund raiser, but that will probably be in June as there is a lot happening in April and May! If you want to know more feel free to contact me (39 Fore Street, 01726 870953, [kathrynehill39@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynehill39@gmail.com))



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## Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

The last of the old season's produce has been harvested . . . parsnips, sprouts and purple sprouting broccoli, so we are all looking forward to the new year. Recent temperatures have been low, particularly at night. This encourages us to defer most seed sowing on our plots to allow soil temperatures to rise. The more adventurous among us have planted the first potatoes, others are sowing some of their vegetable and flower seeds in trays at home in the expectation that this will allow them to give the plants an early start when they are planted out.

During the Spring the plots have been prepared for the new season. While some allotment holders are digging over their plots and incorporating manure and compost from their bins, others are trialing a 'no dig' system using bought in green compost. Fruit bushes have also been pruned to maximise the harvest.

We recently had a routine periodic Members' meeting to review the Society's progress, agree grass cutting rotas, set this year's vegetable growing competitions and prepare for the site maintenance working party that will have been held by the time these words are published.

There is nothing that beats the satisfaction of growing your own flowers, fruit and vegetables, so why not join us? A small number of vacant part plots are available. If you are interested in getting started, don't hesitate to contact our Chairman Graham Palmer or Secretary Lis Taylor or perhaps visit the site during our open day which will be advertised in the summer.

## Whitecross and District Garden Club

### Whitecross Village Hall PL23 1NF

Thursday, 17 April at 7.30pm

(Please note change of speaker)

Stephanie Knights - Eden Project

### Creating Space for Nature with Wild flowers

Stephanie Knights is the National Wild flower Centre Projects Manager at the Eden Project where she makes use of her background in environmental awareness, wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

*Tea/Coffee biscuits and friendly chat follow the meeting*

*Membership £10 visitors £3 (refunded if you join)*

*Need a lift - please contact Angela Flynn  
07711821429*

### Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, 17 May from 10am to 12pm

Visits for 2025 (dates to be confirmed)

Tamar Valley Daffodils - 10 April

Hartland Abbey, Docton Mill Gardens - 8 May

RHS Rosemoor - 19th June

Ring 07711821429 if you wish to come along

## Polruan Open Gardens 2025

from Sue Rowe



Polruan Open Gardens will be held on the afternoons of 14 and 15 June. We will be doing this through the National Garden Scheme Charity and will be covered under their public liability insurance. This was always a worry previously. The intention is to sell tickets at the Polruan Village Hall and possibly on The Quay for £6.00 to obtain a map to see all the gardens. There will also be afternoon teas run at the Village Hall on both afternoons with the proceeds going to whoever runs the teas for a charity of their choice. We have about 8 gardens interested already and if you would like to be included or wish to know a bit more, please do get in touch either by email [sjsherwood2@gmail.com](mailto:sjsherwood2@gmail.com) or phone 01726 870505.

Let's showcase what a wonderful village we have in Polruan!

Look out for further details and maps in the next edition.

 Follow us on Facebook for updates.

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Please ensure that any rubbish for collection is put out early Monday morning and not before



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

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

Please do not feed the gulls



## Coffee, Cake & Catch-up Lunches too

Held at Polruan Village Hall

Join us for our community coffee mornings and lunches on.....

**Coffee Mornings: Tuesday 8th April & Tuesday 13th May from 10-12 noon**  
Lots of home made cakes and plentiful hot drinks with great company thrown in for free!

**Lunches: Served Tuesday 22nd April and Tuesday 27th May. From 11am. Lunch is served around 12 noon. We close at 1pm after finishing up the delicious cake offerings our volunteer bakers, Jam First Buffet and Bakes and Kitty's Koffiji have supplied.**

**Community Bus outings: The weather is improving and so we will start our bus trips in April. Come along to CCC and find out more or keep an eye on our Facebook page for up to date details.**

**Don't forget if you need transport (within Polruan), please phone Sue on 07811 756615 or email us at [polruanccc@gmail.com](mailto:polruanccc@gmail.com). No charges but donations always appreciated.**





POLRUAN  
THEATRE  
CLUB

**From the Committee**

As many of you will have noticed the PTC staged the annual Polruan Pantomime during the February half term. This year it was a twist on the classic Puss in Boots written and produced by Tony Cottrell.

Many people were able to attend one of the four performances and the feed back we received on the night and afterwards has been nothing but praise and, from those not used to our efforts, surprise that a small village is able to stage such a professional performance.

This year we had a number of new challenges. Firstly some of the cast played two roles, something they took in their stride. Secondly the director asked for a set based on a book of changing scenes along with some explosive special effects. The cast and stage crew pulled out all the stops and I hope you agree, delivered another memorable Polruan Pantomime

Please join in with the committee in saying WELL DONE and THANK YOU to everybody and we look forward to seeing you all next year.







## Polruan Pantomime from Kevin Francis

Tony Cottrell's new production of Puss in Boots kept the audience purring along happily for the whole show.

In a full house on Saturday evening, people had clearly come out to enjoy themselves. This created an enthusiastic atmosphere which brought out the best in the whole cast. In proper Pantomime tradition there was a good rapport between the cast and the audience with most actors pausing to allow for laughs when they occurred or smoothing over the rare glitch with aplomb.

A cleverly designed and artistically painted set was fully appreciated by the audience with murmurs of delight at each scene change. The perspective for the palace in particular was very impressive.

Lighting and sound were creative and the pyrotechnics effective and accurately timed.

Makeup was by a welcome new talented artist, Peyton Fullwood.

The traditional plot, as explained by Tony in the programme, was supported by a witty script incorporating some well-chosen songs, with sympathetic accompaniment by Lorraine Forsdick.

### The Characters

#### The Wizard Egotrix.

This was the first major part for Phil Carrigan and he carried it off convincingly. He also lent his considerable musical experience and support to all the singers.

#### Dick / Igor

Jamie Wilcock was as enthusiastic as ever, delivering not one but two parts in the show. There was a good contrast between the two characters and his songs came over with gusto and lively actions.

#### Tom

In 2023 Thomas Bawden was spotted as "someone to watch as a rising star". He has definitely gone on to grow in confidence and ability every year delivering a mature performance opposite Princess Prunella. He showed considerable maturity in presenting the bouquets after the curtain.

#### Cheryl, the lawyer / Araminta, the maid

This was the first appearance of Hannah Dellor in a Polruan Pantomime and the first of two parts in the same show. She has lively facial expressions and acquitted herself admirably in both parts, a welcome addition to the cast.

#### The Cat

Mark Pope played the cat with feline flair. A good voice and actions. A clever talking cat

and we could clearly see the cream on his whiskers.

#### Dame Hilda Boot

As a dame, Andrew Kelly is slowly morphing into Les Dawson! (S)he delivered a difficult song with commendable clarity.

#### Princess Prunella

Shannon Williams was a charming princess. Her excitement and enthusiasm to see Tom in the buff (off-stage!) was very convincing and amusing.

#### The King

A strong performance by Henry Rowe who delivered the not quite so Regal King, jilted by his Queen and dominated by his charming daughter, with aplomb

#### The Ogre, Grimgore

Johnathan Rashleigh played the Ogre with his customary panache. He was rather a nice Ogre really and it was difficult to see him as "worse than all the baddest things you can think of".

Thanks must go to the backstage and front of house teams who ensured that everything ran smoothly.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable evening and it is to be hoped that Tony will be inspired again next year as will the cast and crew.







## Polruan Pups

from Emma De Riso

Polruan Pups have been getting very busy since February and with bookings up over the summer months and into next year this seems set to continue. We now cover Polruan to St Austell, Par and St Blazey and as far as Liskeard, Looe and Polperro.

Please feel free to pass details of our Dog Walking and Pet Sitting services, noting we are fully insured and DBS checked — no request is too small.

We are on Facebook, so feel free to Follow us on Polruan Pups Pet Sitting to keep up to date with our doggy adventures! Call Emma on 07442037662; [polruanpupsittingsitting@gmail.com](mailto:polruanpupsittingsitting@gmail.com).

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## After Winter's Grime Spring Cleaning Time

by Mavis Cocks

The words 'Spring Cleaning' mean very little to people today with all the latest electrical gadgets and aids, but they had a far different meaning to people who spent their lives with no such aids. After a winter of coal warmed houses with its soot and also oil lamps that slowly helped to discolour ceilings and walls, it was a relief to say its time to Spring-clean.

Most houses had wallpaper on the walls and it was a pleasure to put up a fresh new paper even though the rolls had to be hand trimmed and usually put up with home made paste. Most people used their so handy kitchen tables to paste the paper and then carefully put it on the walls.

Just think how lovely it was to see a clear burning fire after the sooty chimney had been swept. Then up came the floor coverings to be taken out in the air and thoroughly cleaned. Heavy winter curtains were replaced with lighter ones. From the bedrooms the feather filled eiderdowns, bolsters and pillows brought down and shaken in the sun and air and fresh feathers added if needed.

As well as paint I remember we used lime wash or white wash as we called it. All outside walls, sheds, closets had a fresh coat or two of white wash and I don't think anything looked as fresh and lovely as walls done with whitewash. Cheap too. A few pence would buy enough lime to be mixed with water to use on quite an area.

So to my generation Spring cleaning applied not only to houses and the surroundings but also to a actual lifting of the spirits and a very real relief from a hard winter with its resulting dirt and discomfort.

However – I'm sure we really do miss the actual cosiness of our lovely coal fires and the welcoming warmth they gave to the whole house!.

First published here February 2008

### Films are screened at Polruan Village Hall

Polruan residents, local residents and visitors are all welcome!

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Before you can view our films you will need to join the club as a member. You will then have 12 months of access to our films and any throughout Cornwall shown by C Fylm community film clubs



#### BOOKINGS:

by phone on 01726 870505  
or through the  
website: [www.polruanfilmclub.co.uk](http://www.polruanfilmclub.co.uk)  
or email: [boxoffice@polruanfilmclub.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@polruanfilmclub.co.uk)

**Your first film is included in your membership fee. After that you just need a ticket for each screening you want to attend. Occasionally due to non-availability we may have to substitute a film at the last minute.**

**APRIL 26th our film will be PRIDE** - It's the summer of 1984 Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) is on strike. At the Gay Pride March in London, a group of gay and lesbian activists decides to raise money to support the families of the striking miners. But there is a problem. The Union seems embarrassed to receive their support. But the activists are not deterred. They decide to ignore the Union and go direct to the miners. They identify a mining village in deepest Wales and set off in a minibus to make their donation in person. And so begins the extra-ordinary story of two seemingly alien communities who form a surprising and ultimately triumphant partnership. **Rated:15**



**MAY 31st our film is THE FALL GUY** - With action, comedy, romance, and a pair of marvelously matched stars (Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt), **The Fall Guy might be the rare mainstream movie with something to entertain everyone.** Crazy, silly, stupid fun with a kick of romance, The Fall Guy is a classic action popcorn movie that doubles as an elegy to stunt performers. After leaving the business one year earlier, battle-scarred stuntman Colt Seavers springs back into action when the star of a big studio movie suddenly disappears. As the mystery surrounding the missing actor deepens, Colt soon finds himself ensnared in a sinister plot that pushes him to the edge of a fall more dangerous than any stunt.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** If your membership has expired you can renew this online choosing that option from the drop-down box. This will include the ticket for your first film in this new membership year.

**TICKETS: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING ENTRANCE TO FIRST FILM : Adults £6 - Youth (12-15) £3**

**SUBSEQUENT FILM TICKET PRICES: ADULTS: £4 YOUTH (12-15): £2**

**There is no membership fee for children under 12 but a £1 ticket charge per suitable film**



## Little Harbour

from Lynn Bartlett

Bella and I recently attended the annual Cornwall Children's Hospice South-West conference. Always an informative day with input from the Director of Fundraising, Head of Fundraising, Head of Care and a Mum who has experienced the care at Little Harbour.

Eddie Farwell, who with his late wife Jill, founded CHSW in the 1990's, had previously announced his retirement as CEO, a remarkable man of vision who has ensured that no child with a life limiting condition should have to travel more than 90 minutes to get the special care a children's hospice gives. Taking over the position as CEO as of 17 March, is Phil Morris, who brings with him a wealth of charity leadership experience.

You may have read in the press that the government have promised £100m support funding for hospices. Of the first £25m released, Children's Hospice South-West received £275,000. A welcome amount, however, with the rise in living wage, increased employers share of NI and the lowering of the threshold, the extra costs for this year will be £600,000. That said CHSW maintain a strong financial reserve.

Our first book sale of 2025 will be held on Tuesday, 6 May either on the Corner or in the Reading Room. Our prices remain the same: Hardbacks £2, Paperbacks £1 and Children's books 50p. We continue to have a limited number of jigsaws available too, in exchange for a small donation. I will be able to accept books at the May sale but please do not leave them in the Reading Room, instead contact me on 07977440132.

Entries for the eleventh Annual Rainbow Run are now available. This is a 5k family friendly, fun run, jog or walk where, at 7 points on route, you will be showered with powder paint of different colours. It takes place at RAF St. Mawgan, Newquay on the 21st June. For further details and to sign up go to [chsw.org.uk](http://chsw.org.uk). Don't forget to register early for up to 30% discount.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Crafty Roosters

from Tammy Skinner



Interested in learning a new skill? Perhaps you just want to make time to work on a project, then come along and join

us at Crafty Roosters. All abilities welcome and help willingly given to those wanting to knit, crochet or sew. People have been working on a variety of projects needle felting, macrame, card making, diamond art, block printing, along with our regular knitters, crocheters and sewers. Come and join us and have a go!

We will meet on the following dates and times at the WI on Fore Street, Polruan and each session costs £2. Hope to see you there!

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 10am and midday
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 2 and 4pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 10am and midday
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May: 2 and 4pm



## Looe and District Flower Club

from Christine Smith  
Chairman, Looe Flower Club

The Looe and District Flower Club meet at Pelynt Village Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm. All are welcome to come along.



Tuesday, 1 April

A talk by the Browns about the plants they grow.

Tuesday, 6 May

Flower Demonstration by Shelia Hadlow Mount entitled The Beauty of our Art.

Tuesday, 3 June

A flower demonstration by Linda McGannity

The flowers are raffled at the end of the meeting and refreshments provided

Visitors welcome — £5



## Lanreath Ladybirds Parent Baby/Toddler group 0 to 4 years

Tuesday and Thursday  
09.15 until 11.30am  
during term time

Lanreath Village Hall

Get to know local parents and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. We have plenty of toys, books and craft activities for little ones and a quiet section for babies.

We have been established for over 20 years and the group has helped new parents and their children through the difficult early months and years.

Cost: £3 per child and £1.50 for siblings (including a snack);  
£1 without a snack

For more information, please join our Facebook page:  
Lanreath Ladybirds Playgroup or contact Sandra on 01503 220860

## Defibrillators in the Parish



**Whitecross:** Whitecross Village Hall

**Polruan:** Polruan Village Hall,  
School Lane  
Vevery car park  
The Quay, Polruan  
Fire Station, Greenbank

**Bodinnick:** The Old Ferry Inn

The defibrillators are very simple to use, with voice instructions given whenever it is activated.



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for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

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## Lanteglos Community Bus Timetable

	Apr	May	Fare
Whitecross Market	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donation
Par Market and St Austell	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	£3.00
Trago and Bodmin	9 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	£3.00
	9 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	£4.00
Truro	23 <sup>rd</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	£4.50

All services are on Wednesdays except for Whitecross Farmers' Market (the first Saturday of every month).

The services start from Furze Park at 0925 (1015 for Whitecross), then as requested at Well, Greenbank and Ferris Way.

Pick-ups can also be made anywhere on our route through Frogmore, Whitecross and Bodinnick.

£1 reduction for concessions to all fares.

To book, please telephone  
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**Service subject to driver availability and, of course, Government Guidelines**



**First Saturday of every month, 10am–12.30pm,  
(closes at 1pm from May market onwards)  
at Whitecross Village Hall**

**Saturdays: 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June**

## Baking news

Emily and her family from Tywardreath Bakery are our new bakers at the market. Part of the Real Bread Campaign, this little bakery makes all kinds of fabulous loaves – have a look at their website: [tywardreathbakery.co.uk](http://tywardreathbakery.co.uk)

And quiche fans will be happy to hear that Diane is now making quiches, along with her ever-popular sweet cakes and bakes.

## And in other news...

- Lawrence and Rosea from the Padstow Cheese Company (creators of the famous ‘ele’ fresh cheese, amongst others) will be back with us. They’ve opened up a traditional cheesemongers in Wadebridge, and will bring some of their shop’s artisan cheeses to sell at the market.
- Along with his eggs and olive oil, Dave is now selling Delea kimchi and seasonal sauerkrauts made by Caitlin in Liskeard. Good for your tummy and all other vital organs.
- Outside in the Jubilee Shelter (where you can meet friends over a coffee from Brew with a View) you’ll find all our toughest stallholders...

Come and chat to Georgie and Cameron from **Ripe Cider** about their full juice, wild-fermented ciders, made using the same principles as natural sulphite-free wines.

And in April, Richard and Aileen from **Clarence’s regenerative farm** will have beef from their herd of Lowline cattle (Andy’s not coming with his Dexter beef this month), plus **sheepskins** from their Greyface Dartmoor sheep.

**What else is usually on sale at Whitecross?** Cakes, bakes, breads and quiches, goat meat, mutton, hogget, brisket burgers, potatoes, Dexter beef, Ukranian delights, bacon, sausages, ham, preserves, seasonal veg, organic beers and spirits, honeys, flowers, soaps, skincare and candles, cards, pottery, wood turning, bonsai, willow basketry, local charcoal and much more...

## Don’t forget

- **Adam’s pasties** from Liddicoat’s butchers in Lostwithiel are cooked in the village hall kitchen. To avoid missing out, you can order them in advance by texting Kim on 07402 234386.
- **Please note** the **price of pasties** will go up to £4 at the May market – still a bargain compared to other (inferior) pasties around...
- Bring some **cash**, as not all the stallholders take cards.
- **Community buses** can ferry you to the market from Fowey and Polruan.

Follow the market on Facebook and Instagram (whitecross local market) – thanks to Charlotte for doing all our social media.

Contact us by email: [whitecrosslocalmarket@gmail.com](mailto:whitecrosslocalmarket@gmail.com) or tel. Liz on 07900 668604.

## Whitecross Market needs YOU!

If you love the market and want to help keep it running, could you spare the odd hour or two to volunteer: making teas and coffees in Brew with a View, or cooking pasties in the kitchen? Please have a chat with one of the team if you think you can help – thank you.



*Georgie selling her ciders in the Jubilee Shelter*



*Basketry and woodturning by Emma and Antony from Cornwall Woodland Crafts*



*A few of the lovely loaves from Tywardreath Bakery*



## News from Frogmore Farm from Gill Palmer

Well March came in like a lamb, when you get your Parish News we will know if it went out like a lion — that was the old saying.



Most of our Spring babies have now been born. The ewes lambed in February except one old lady who was expecting a single and kept us waiting until 7 March. We found her sitting proudly in the field with a beautiful baby alongside her. The fields are now full of naughty lambs, racing and leaping around having great fun. The weather has been ideal for them so far. Frosty mornings and cold days don't worry them at all. It's the gales and rain they hate. The Suffolk ewes (with the black faces) gave birth to the cutest little black lambs. Their body wool will get lighter as they get older, but their faces will stay black.

As I write this there are eighteen cows left to calve. Some are first time mums so may keep us waiting for another month or so. The cattle are still in the sheds at the moment. The calves wait for their mothers to line up to eat before they begin to race around madly, their tails curled in the air. It's such a time waster watching them every day.

Ben looks on the yard cameras every night to check the animals, he had a lovely surprise one night to see a tawny owl sitting on a beam watching for a mouse. It makes us wonder what else comes through the yards at night!



Simon, Matthew and Ben have been helping Southern Buildings to build a new shed for the bull beef. Rearing bull beef animals is a new venture for Frogmore. Twenty five bull calves were chosen from last years' babies, they were not castrated. A special diet was recommended for them. They have access to feed twenty four hours a day. To be sure the diet is correct for them they are weighed every couple of weeks. On average they gain approximately 1.6 kilos a day. They are looking really well. Being bulls they can get a bit awkward at times so hence the new cattle shed. The bulls can be shut in the



bedded area while the feed passage can be cleaned. Two ponds have been dug to collect the rainwater from the roof. When the water filters from one pond to the other it's cleaned



before it joins a small stream. The bulls must be sold before they mature at sixteen months old to get the best price for them.

The fields are full of mole hills at the moment. I'm going to collect some piles of soil from these for my flowerpots. It's ideal as it's so fine because the moles drag it up from deep underground and it has lots of goodness in it. Springtime is tilling time. The oats are drilled and rolled in and hopefully in the next week or so the ploughing can be finished and the barley planted, then we have the long wait for the harvest.

For the first time since we have been at Carne a nuthatch has been coming to the bird feeder. It is quite greedy, visiting every few minutes and taking a peanut away. It always hangs upside down as it helps itself to a nut. I have been reading about them and it seems that they hide food under the bark of a tree. We have also seen a newly fledged robin. It still had its fluffy baby feathers. We only saw one and hope it has survived the gales and rain.

Ben tagged and registered the birth of nine calves this morning. This brings the cattle total on Frogmore to two hundred and one. The first time we have passed two hundred. We don't feel guilty about global warming however. After looking at a live aeroplane App of Heathrow airport at 7.10pm to see how many planes were in the sky at that moment, we were amazed. We did more research and found that 1,300 take off or land each day at Heathrow. In 2024 eighty three point nine million passengers passed through the airport. Two hundred thousand vehicles use the M25 each day. Then consider how many trains travel into London each day. On average one million, one hundred and thirty seven thousand, eight hundred passengers arrive into the city each day by rail. Bearing in mind these figures are for one city only — think of the whole country. I don't think our cows have anything to worry about.

Should you have any questions about the farm, please email [frogmorefarm1@gmail.com](mailto:frogmorefarm1@gmail.com)

### The Adventures of a Miniature Schnauzer

Written & Narrated

by Phil Carrigan



#### Titles

Hermie on the Farm.  
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Hermie at the Beach.  
Hermie Frees the Dolphin.

Available from:  
Amazon and Phil Carrigan Books



A very big thank you to Kat and the team at 'Kitty's Koffiji who have taken over the Foodbank collection point in the village.

Please contact Norman and Angie on 01726 870747 regarding any cash donations

Many thanks to those who continue to contribute so generously during this time of great need for many families.

Please contact the Foodbank if you would benefit from their services or know of someone else who might need to:

[liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk](http://liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk)

[liskeard.foodbank@gmail.com](mailto:liskeard.foodbank@gmail.com)

Tel: 07512 011452



NEW

## RURAL POP UP PROJECT

Presenting our newest initiative to support rural communities during challenging times. Here's a glimpse of how we can help:

- Distributing essential food supplies
  - Providing support on pension credits and benefits
  - Addressing energy-related concerns
- Keep an eye on our social media channels for updates on our upcoming visits to your area!

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1183375).



## Open Gardens at the Old Vicarage, Talland



**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> and**  
**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> June**

All proceeds to go  
to the National Garden Scheme  
Light Refreshments and plants  
to be sold in aid of this charity

Please do come along to support  
fundraising  
for this amazing charity

Search for “the-old-vicarage-pl13”  
on [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)



### WILL RECYCLE PLASTIC:

- bags
- carrier bags
- wrappers and ring joiners from drinks
- freezer bags
- paper towel wraps
- bubble wrap
- thin fruit and veg bags
- LDPE
- see their website

SUNDAY MARKETS  
10am - 3pm



Old Coal Wharf  
Polruan

**April - 13th, 20th**  
**May - 4th, 25th**  
**July - 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**  
**August - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**  
**September - 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**

## Polruan NCI from Ray Rigg

At the station AGM on 28 February Ray Rigg stood down as Station Manager and passed the baton to his successor Grant Sharpe, a retired Lieutenant Commander RN who lives in Polperro. Ray will continue to be a member and keep watches, he will also be the Deputy Station Manager and Technical Officer in the short term, supporting Grant in his transition into his new role.

Ray has been a member since 2001 and has been the Station Manager for a total of nine years. Grant joined the NCI in 2019 and has been one of the station training team and the Deputy Station Manager.

The station is eagerly awaiting the commencement of the sailing season and a substantial increase in activity; the winter months have been very quiet and the team have used the time for maintenance and improving their skills. The team is still quite small, 32 people, so watches will continue to be 0900-1300 and 1300-1700. We do have a few trainees but are always keen to hear from people who would be interested in joining the team, no previous marine experience is required. Do feel free to pop into the station and chat to the duty watch-keeper.

Some of you may have noticed that our windsock got shredded during the winter gales; we do have a new one in the cupboard and it should be fitted by time that you are reading the magazine. We also have been donated some white paint, so the station should be gleaming white before too long.



The station is as ever short of funds and so we will be holding a number of fundraising activities throughout the year. Our next event is a coffee morning at the RFYC, on Saturday, 19 April, please do come along if you can, it's a very nice venue and the cakes are brilliant. Later in the year, we hope to hold a quiz night and an event on the quay.

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the water in 2025, do have a great time and be assured that we will be looking out for you. You can see the current weather conditions on our website, [www.nci.org.uk/station/polruan](http://www.nci.org.uk/station/polruan) or by using the Davis Weather App on your phone. Most NCI stations have a Davis weather station and the information is uploaded to the website and the Davis Cloud in real time, thus giving good coverage along the coast.

You can also call us on Channel 65 VHF for current weather conditions or a radio check.



## 'Be Prepared' for the boating season

Follow these tips to help keep you safe on the water:

- Check the weather forecast before embarking on any sea related activities
- Check the tide-times of high and low water
- Plan your activity and keep within your ability and experience
- Ensure you have suitable safety equipment and / or personal protective equipment for your chosen activity (life jackets, flares, life-raft, wetsuit, sunglasses, first aid kit, VHF radio, navigational aids)
- Wear suitable clothing (have warm clothing and waterproofs to hand, the weather at sea can change quickly)
- Tell someone your destination (advise family or friends of what you plan to do, where you are departing from, travelling to, number of persons and expected time of arrival)
- Log a traffic report via RYA SafeTrx
- Check your equipment to ensure it is in good working order (service the engine, check the expiry date of your flares)
- Ensure all crew members and / or people in the group are aware of safety procedures and know what to do in an emergency



**from Janet Downs**

Two long weekends: 24 to 26 May and 30 May to 1 June

11am - 5pm daily

For over twenty years artists and craftspeople have been opening their studios and homes free of charge to visitors from all over Cornwall and much further afield. This year we have three local artists participating within the parish:

*Louise Kidd* Venue 199

Contemporary landscape painting  
The Swallows

Battery Lane, Polruan

PL23 1PW

[www.louisekidd.co.uk](http://www.louisekidd.co.uk)

Louise's studio will also be open during Fowey Festival week (9 – 17 May).

*Janet Downes* Venue 200

Contemporary Silver Jewellery  
The Mill House, Trethake

PL23 1NL

[www.janetdownes.com](http://www.janetdownes.com)

*Olivia Clifton Bligh* Venue 201

Printmaking and bronze sculptures

Also available: Linocut printmaking workshops (booking essential)

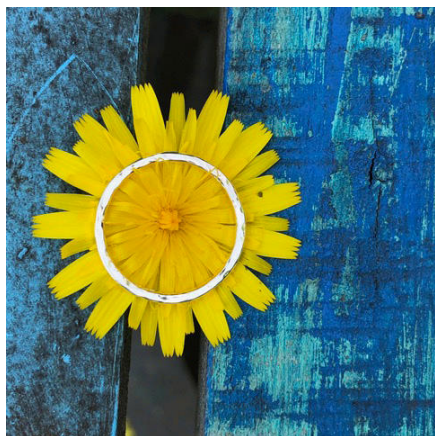
Trethake Mill

PL23 1NL

[www.oliviacliftonbligh.com](http://www.oliviacliftonbligh.com)

As a visitor you'll be able to experience the artists' studios, see their work, and talk to the creators themselves. Naturally the work will be for sale, but there's no obligation to buy.

For details of all the other artists taking part throughout Cornwall please see the Cornwall Open Studios website: [www.cornwallopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.cornwallopenstudios.co.uk)



**Bright days Ahead**

by *Mavis Cocks*

Reflect on —  
new lambs in the fields,  
baby birds in the nests,  
lovely flowers all around us  
showing the country side at its best.  
Green mantles on bare trees,  
young fish swimming in the seas.  
Blue sky above us,  
white clouds wafted by a breeze.  
Somber days now behind us  
telling us loud and clear  
throw off your despondency  
a new Spring is almost here.

© Mavis Cocks, LPN February 2006

**Crossing the River –  
The History of the Fowey Ferries**

A talk by Chris Braddish  
Whitecross Village Hall  
Saturday, 12 April at 2pm



Passage across the River Fowey has always been essential. In this talk the history of the Bodinnick and Polruan ferries will be explored. A tale of changing ownership, duels, diamonds and bankruptcies. Some notable incidents will be described.

Chris Bradish is a Fowey resident, a retired surgeon and a keen local historian.

This is our last talk of the season. Our new season begins in September. We look forward to welcoming you then

Bookings can be made at Ticket Tailor  
[buytickets.at/foweyharbourheritagesociety](http://buytickets.at/foweyharbourheritagesociety)  
[kathpearce@gmail.com](mailto:kathpearce@gmail.com)

[www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk](http://www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk)

Members free; Non-members £10;  
with complementary tea and coffee

FHHS Annual Membership £18 or  
£30 for two adults at the same address



**Can you spare  
a few hours?**

If so, perhaps you will consider taking over or sharing distribution of the Parish News? Linda and Mark have been doing this for a few years now for which we are very grateful. But with commitments to the Regatta Committee increasing, they would like to stand aside.

The role involves collecting the Parish News from the Printer (normally at either Caffa Mill or Four Turnings), towards the end of the month preceding publication, then delivering these to the outlying areas of the Parish and finally to those who distribute in Polruan.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Editor, Suzanne, for further details.

**Thank you**

**Whitecross and District Garden Club**

**Annual Plant Sale**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**10 – 12pm**

**WHITECROSS VILLAGE HALL**

**PL23 1NF**

**Meet up with friends –**

**buy your perennials, vegetables, annuals,  
house plants, garden bric-a-brac**

**Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake**

## Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

from Rob Rooney, Chair Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Elections on 1 May prompt a bit of reflection about the last four years as a Parish Councillor. I kind of fell into it in 2021, not expecting to be elected when I put my name forward to be a representative of Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council. But because there were only enough candidates to cover the 11 vacancies, I was co-opted onto the Council. I didn't know anybody on the Parish Council, apart from my neighbour Joan and didn't know what to expect.

I can report that it's been a positive, so much so that I intend seeking re-election for another four years! It can be time-consuming and some of the planning issues can be a headache. I can imagine that in other Parish Councils there may be personal rivalries and petty arguments but I can honestly say that in my four years on this Parish Council, my fellow Councillors have always worked conscientiously and in a collegiate way.

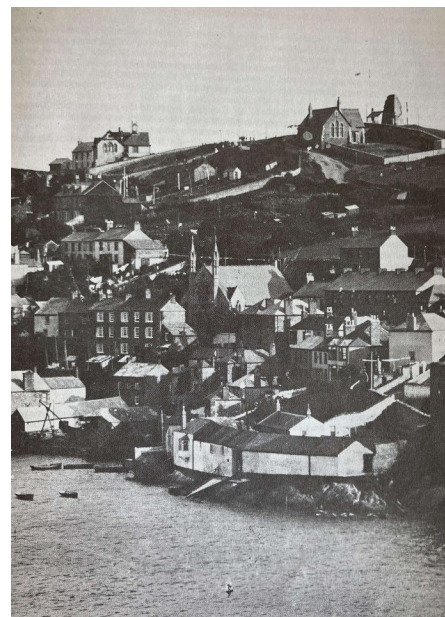
All of which is a roundabout way of saying we have a vacancy and if you put your name

forward you won't be entering a lion's den. You may be co-opted or, if there are more names than available seats, there will be an election on 1 May, along with the Cornwall Council election.

Our other big news is that we have a new Parish Council Clerk, Mrs Shanie Herbert. She lives at Pont and I'm sure she will be an asset to the Parish Council. Typically, outgoing Clerk, Mrs Gillian Thompson, conscientious to the last, has been helping Shanie bed in.

At the February Parish Council meeting I had the pleasure of thanking Gillian, on behalf of the council, for her service and wishing her a stress-free and peaceful retirement.

Over the river, there is a campaign to have Fowey Hospital reopened as a part of the NHS. I know this issues touches Lanteglos people and links into health service issues in Polruan.



## Lanteglos-by-Fowey Planning Applications

from Gillian Thompson, Clerk to Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

(for full details see Parish Council minutes)

**PA24/08055, Pink Cottage 18 Old Road Bodinnick** – construction of a second-floor extension to provide additional lounge space and bedroom. **OBJECTION:** The proposed development contravenes NDP Policy 1 Design and Character (specifically Policy 1.1.1.2,1.3) Policy 3 Important and special views in Bodinnick and from river Fowey; Policy (detriment of amenity of neighbouring properties) Contravenes CLP Policy 12 and 27. The addition of an extra storey on the newer part of an already extended building will not enhance the surrounding area and will be out of character in terms of mass and bulk and design; the modern extension will be clearly visible compared to the older adjoining cottage and surrounding properties and from the road and the river view. The garden of property behind Pink Cottage will lose amenity due to the additional height. The PC also is concerned that access to the property to enable building work will cause significant

issues blocking the road and block access for neighbours; and it is unclear where building materials could be stored.

**PA25/01100, Pengegon Essa** – Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Use to confirm commencement of works in relation to Decision Notice PA21/12235 dated 15th February 2022 for the erection of a replacement detached dwelling, detached carport and workshop and associated landscaping. **NO COMMENT.**

**PA25/01185, Pengegon Essa** – demolition of existing detached house and detached garage, and the erection of a replacement detached dwelling, detached carport and workshop and associated landscaping' without compliance of condition 2 of decision notice PA21/12235 dated 15.02.22 without compliance with condition 2 of decision notice PA24/07849 dated 09.12.2024. **NO COMMENT**

## Planning Applications approved by Cornwall County Council

**PA24/07849, Pengegon Essa Polruan** – demolition of existing detached house and detached garage, and the erection of a replacement detached dwelling, detached carport and workshop and associated landscaping' without compliance of Condition 2 of Decision Notice PA21/12235 dated 15 October 2022.

**PA24/06228, The Old Watch House West Street Polruan** – extension of existing balcony and alteration to water access steps.

**PA24/08832, 7 Battery Park Polruan** – proposed variation to Planning Approval PA23/08294 - relocation of windows and additional window on West elevations.

**PA24/098299, 9 Ocean View Polruan** – non-material amendment in relation to decision notice PA21/07433 to replace part high level render and glazing with zinc cladding.

**PA24/09117, 11 Meadow Close Polruan** – renovation of the exterior of the dwelling including new render and cladding, replacement of windows, terrace and raised balustrading, new sedum roof, air source heat pump and solar panels.

## News from Polruan Town Trust

from Beth Rigg, Chair

The Trust continues to liaise with Lanteglos Parish Council on the future refurbishment of the public toilets on The Quay.

Various options are being discussed and plans put forward.

The final plans are being drawn up for the

Winkle Picker flat and it is hoped to get costings in the near future.

The planned maintenance in the children's playground at St Saviours has been delayed and will now take place, hopefully, in the week commencing 9 April. As mentioned in the last magazine, this will take about a week and the playground will be closed for the duration.

The concession for the car parks at both St Saviours and Vevery has been awarded to Dan Hicks for the coming year. The grass cutting contract has been awarded to

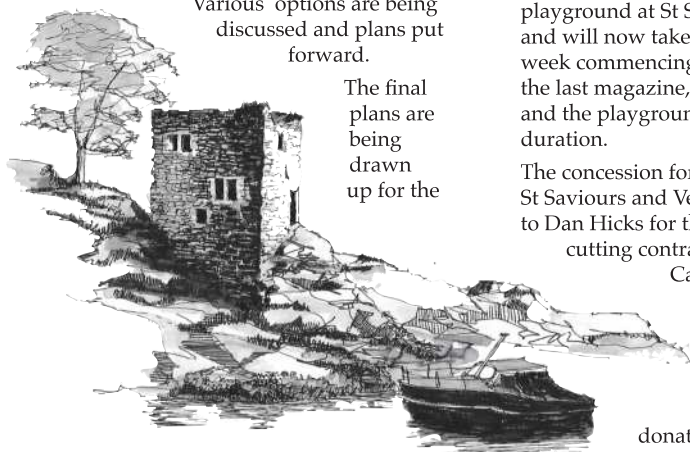
Callum Dack for St Saviours Hill and the Bound, along with the Vevery field and picnic area.

A memorial seat for Nigel Joliff has been donated by friends and family

and is now in place on the Hill over looking the harbour. The current Trustees, working on recommendations from previous Trustees, have decided that no further applications for memorial seats will be considered. The Trustees advise that there are three seats belonging to the Trust on which memorial plaques can be placed.

The Trustees are holding an open morning in the Reading Room on 12 April from 10am to 12noon (see page 28). Please come and chat to the current Trustees about our work and how we manage the Trusts assets on behalf of the village, maybe with a view to joining us.

Further information regarding the Trust can be obtained on our website, by contacting our Clerk ([clerk@polruantowntrust.org](mailto:clerk@polruantowntrust.org)) or any of the current Trustees.





# Lanreath Parish Council

## Summary of draft Minutes

### Meeting 21 January

Attendance by 7 Councillors.

Chairman - Cllr P Seaman, Vice-Chairman - Cllr D Heard, Clerk Mrs R Warren.

Two Parishioners raised concerns about what had been perceived as a Parish Council plan to impose parking restrictions in Lanreath. The Chairman confirmed that there was no plan; Councillors had been considering parking after a complaint about restricted access, and there could be no double yellow lines without full engagement and consultation with the Community, a source of funding identified, and the matter being debated in a full Parish Council meeting – which members of the public could attend.

PCSO Cocks and his colleague Tri-Services Safety Officer Kate Bourn attended in person. PCSO Cocks reported that there had been one criminal damage in December, and in January a theft of sheep. Officer Bourn explained her role working as Fire, Police, and Ambulance contact. Non-emergency reports can be made via telephone on 101, or online:

[www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/](http://www.safelincs.co.uk/hfsc/)

Cty Cllr Colin Martin attended and gave a full report of his recent activities, and confirmed that he would be moving out of the County and thus not standing for re-election in May.

Matters arising were considered, including EN23/00589 where a decision on the appeal validity was still awaited. A decision was yet to be made regarding the application for outline planning on the football pitch field in Lanreath. Councillors discussed parking restrictions in the village and decided that the matter would not be pursued further, but that the Clerk should keep a record of complaints regarding access problems for future consideration.

Correspondence was dealt with, whereafter Councillors considered a request from the Community Garden owner for assistance in a matter unrelated to permission for access improvement. A response was agreed. The meeting then considered, amongst other things: flooding on the B3359, Cornwall Scrapstore, Cybercrime awareness talks, Telecommunications Resilience Planning, and a request from another Parish Council for



agreement with their motion of no confidence in Cornwall Council Planning Department. The May elections were considered, and transition to a new Chairman thereafter. Reports on Bank provider, Parish Assets, Village Hall, the Community Area Partnership (SECCAP), Climate Change, and finances were considered.

There was a brief discussion regarding a Parish problem, and with all agenda items having been considered the meeting closed.

### Meeting 18 February

Attendance by 8 Councillors, and one Parishioner. Chairman – Cllr P Seaman, Vice-Chairman – Cllr D Heard, Clerk – Mrs R Warren.

After consideration of matters arising and correspondence, the meeting dealt with the appeal against enforcement notice on EN23/00589. A full response was agreed after the Chairman had taken the meeting through the relevant aspects of planning regulations. Thereafter the meeting went through reports regarding Cornwall Council Planning Training Event, Councillor and Clerk training, Assets, SECCAP, the Village Hall, Climate Change, and finances. A change of energy supplier was agreed.

After consideration of one Parish problem the meeting closed.

Lanreath Parish Council meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (except in August and December) at Lanreath Village Hall starting 7.30pm (except in November through to March when meetings start at 6.30pm).

Full details of dates of all meetings, agendas, and minutes can be found on [www.lanreathparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.lanreathparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Our Easter-tide

by Mavis Cocks

We all hoped for nice weather over the Easter. It was usually when the men began their gardening in earnest and lots of local customs were observed. Good

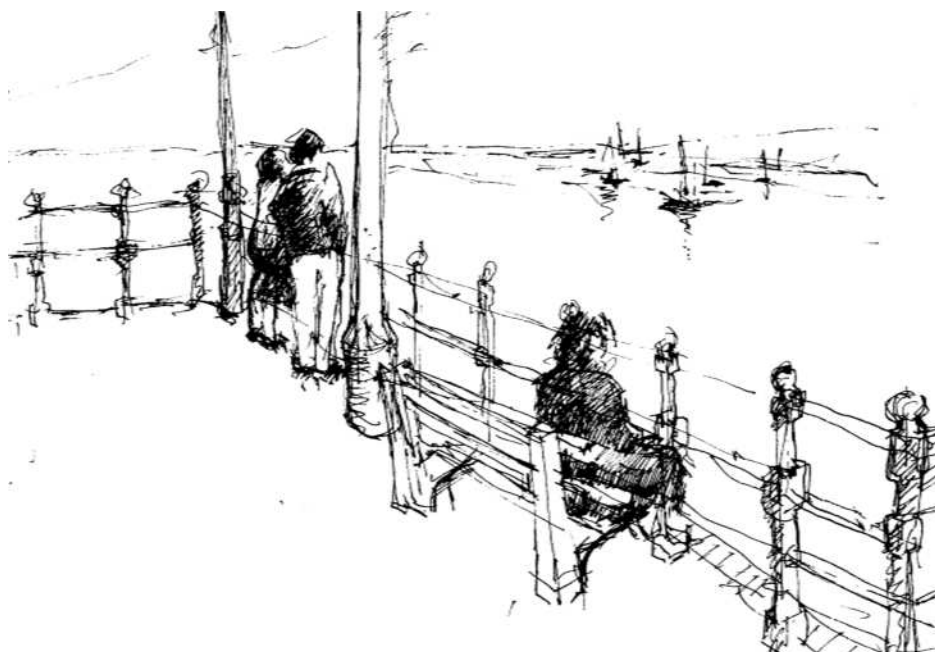
Friday was Winkling Day. My father, then Ken my husband and later also Godfrey my son, always went up to Cairn Beach and other such places to get the winkles. They were usually gathered using buckets. I wouldn't like to say how many buckets of winkles I've cooked in my time and the number of hours spent with a pin picking them out of the shells. There were always plenty of friends and relations waiting to buy some and this was one way children could earn pocket money.

Mr Parsons, the local baker, made the most lovely hot X buns and he allowed some of the older boys and girls to take orders from the villagers for these. I think he used to pay 3d for each dozen or so ordered and delivered early Good Friday morning while still hot and I can remember doing this and we got to know where windows or doors would be left open plus of course the money for the buns. Mr Parsons would give us a nice hot X bun for ourselves when we finished the deliveries and that bun tasted like Nectar.

Easter Sunday was for Church and Chapel and all three services were well attended. Almost all local people – we saw very few visitors at that time, but as always the singing was beautiful.

I can't remember having much in the way of bought Easter eggs but we did have faces drawn on our Easter Sunday boiled eggs and the shells dyed in different shades. We didn't buy Easter cards either. In fact, I don't think such cards for just Easter were in the shops at that time. We drew our Easter chicks and bunnies on bits of card and of course we were delighted to pick our first little posies of Spring flowers for our Mums.

Our Easter holiday from school was just the long week-end. That was from the Thursday at closing time till 9 o'clock the Tuesday morning. We felt then that Spring had really come and so Summer was not so very far away.



### To Advertisers and Contributors from the Editor

We are very grateful for all the fantastic contributions received at The Parish News.

We are happy to change the content of any advertisement or notice for every edition but need to receive these amendments on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, otherwise the content will remain unchanged.



**Friends of the  
Fowey Estuary**

Are you interested in your local environment? Want to get involved in surveys, conservation work or just find out what amazing wildlife can be found around us.

The Friends of the Fowey Estuary have a varied annual events programme from guided walks and talks, to practical conservation, there really is something for everyone.

Take a look at our website [www.friendsofthefowey.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthefowey.org.uk) or follow our Facebook Group.

Our events are Free to members and £2.50 for non-members, unless stated otherwise.

**Rockpool Ramble**  
**Saturday, 12 April**  
**10 until 12 noon**

Meet at Readymoney Beach, SX117512.  
Car Park PL23 1DG

Children must be accompanied.  
Please wear sensible footwear

**Spider Survey and Riverside Walk**  
*Led by Ty Berry*

**Saturday, 26 April**  
**11am until 2pm**

Meet: Shirehall Moor, Lostwithiel  
Limited parking at Coulson Park.  
Please wear sensible footwear

**Hall Walk and  
Botanical Themed Ramble**

*Led by Bethan Emmett (Joint event)*  
**Saturday, 10 May**  
**11:00 am**

Meet at Polruan Quay  
Parking Polruan Hill Car Park.  
Please wear sensible footwear –  
moderate grade walk

Bethan Emmett is a Lead Advisor for Natural England, working on the protection and enhancement of Designated Sites for nature conservation across Devon and Cornwall.

Events are open to all unless otherwise stated, and you are welcome to bring your friends and family along.

Field trips – please bring appropriate footwear, clothing, waterproofs, a packed lunch or money for lunch.

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.



# Fowey River Lions

Our meeting in February started with two presentations. First, Lion Malcolm Trethowan was presented with a Lions Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Duchess of Edinburgh, a Patron and supporter of Lions Clubs International, for his 50 years of service. St Austell Lion James Mathers (pictured on left of picture) a past Lions district governor, visited our Club and made the presentation assisted by Fowey President Steve Jones. We were then delighted to welcome Fowey couple Christine and Simon Marsh to join our club. President Steve presented them both with Membership packs and Lions badges. The club then went onto discuss future fundraising and community service projects.



50-year Presentation to Malcolm Trethowan



Chris and Simon Marsh new members

## Ukraine Appeal

We continue to collect goods for Ukraine and are particularly interested in unused personal hygiene products, unused medicines that are in date, new and packaged medical items such as plasters, bandages, first aid kits, antihistamines, anti-inflammatory drugs and pain killers. New sleeping bags, sleeping mats and survival blankets. *What we cannot take are second-hand clothes and sleeping bags.*

## Easter Egg Appeal

Our Easter Egg appeal is now in full swing, so look out for a pack in a pub or shop near you and help support our Lions local causes appeal.

### Join Fowey River Lions

If you would like to see what we do why not come along to one of our regular meetings. There is no obligation, but we would love to meet you. We meet the first Monday of the month, at The Ship Inn, Polruan, Par, 7pm for 7.30pm.

We started in 1977 with a large group of like-minded people helping their local community and helping to raise funds for local, national and international causes. Over the years we have donated to major charities such as Cancer Care, Motor Neurone Disease, RNLI, local charities such as Children's Hospice South West and helped local people in need as well as encouraging and supporting young people in their development with smaller grants. It is not all hard work; in fact, it can be great fun and gives a great feeling of satisfaction. We hold monthly business meetings and have a monthly social event. We welcome anyone in the area to come and meet us and see what we do. We would love to meet you.

President: Lion Steve Jones

Treasurer: Lion Ruth Rouse

Secretary Lion Lynn Goold

email: [foweyriverlions@gmail.com](mailto:foweyriverlions@gmail.com)

facebook: foweyriverlions

Tel: 0345 833 7484





## Online Festival Box Office Now OPEN

The box office is now open for our 27th Festival which runs from 9 – 17 May. Highlights this year include the opening night with highly acclaimed *Mad Dog Mcree*, a hugely popular live band with five albums under their belt. Sir Michael Morpurgo will discuss his life and works. Kate Williams tells all about the secret palaces. Sir Graham Brady discusses his new book *the Kingmaker*. Tessa Dunlop, historian writer and broadcaster talks about her latest book *Lest We Forget*. Iain Dale will explore the life of Margaret Thatcher from his soon to be published book, *Thatcher*. Award winning author, Joanne Harris will be in conversation about her new book, *Vianne*, the long-awaited prequel to *Chocolat*. John Suchet will guide us through his love of Beethoven and the impact his music has had on his own life. Alison Weir, bestselling historical novelist, will be in conversation about the mysteries of Tudor life in her latest book *Cardinal* and Alan Johnson, former MP, talks about his latest book, *Harold Wilson*. These are just some of the highlights. For music lovers we have a lot of treats in store. *Company B* a seven-piece band bringing the sound of the 1940's up to date. *Take a Chance on Us*, the highly acclaimed ABBA tribute band, and Steeleye Span's Peter Knight brings his *Gigspanner Trio* to the Festival. There are a host of other talks and events to enjoy throughout the nine days, including: film, du Maurier reading groups, workshops, guided walks, a quiz and, the ever-popular Festival Art Trail and Secret Gardens. For full details, and to book tickets, please head to:

[www.foweyfestival.com](http://www.foweyfestival.com)



## Friends Membership

If you are not a Friend of the Festival now is the time to join to get full benefit of the membership. For details visit the Festival website [www.foweyfestival.com/friends](http://www.foweyfestival.com/friends). Not only will you receive the membership benefits, but you will also be helping to support the Festival, for which we are extremely grateful.

## Volunteer Festival Makers

If you would like to be part of the wonderful team of volunteers that helps the Festival to run smoothly, please do get in touch. We are currently looking for:

Stewards: Our volunteer stewards help at each of the events throughout the duration of the Festival between 9 and 17 May. Each steward generally works with two to three other volunteers at each event, preparing the venues ahead of the event, admitting the audiences, serving refreshments and preparing the venue again for the next event. Please contact us at [info@foweyfestival.com](mailto:info@foweyfestival.com) to express your interest.

## Fowey Art Trail 2025 Saturday 10 – 17 May

Fowey Art Trail are excited to showcase our amazing talented local artists. 2025 brings new artists alongside the familiar and this year two new venues join the trail. White Doll Arts in Passage Street and CREATE in Lostwithiel Street join Fowey's inspiring artists and craftspeople as they welcome visitors and residents into their homes and studios around the town.

You will find more wonderful artists exhibiting and selling their work at the Royal British Legion, Mission to Seafarers, and across the water in St. Johns' Church (accessed via the car ferry at Caffa Mill). Please join us for this once a year opportunity to visit our talented local artists. Those who walk the route will be treated to a journey of discovery, taking in 23 exhibitions in 13 locations around Fowey, Bodinnick and Polruan.

This year we see a welcome return of the Fowey Art Club, hosted by Gallants Sailing Club. Students from The Fowey River Academy join us again, exhibiting inspiring new work at the Mission to Seafarers.

A brochure mapping out the venues will be available in shops and venues to guide you around the trail providing a visual treat for the senses. Or follow us on 'Fowey Art Trail' Facebook and Instagram pages to preview a selection of the artwork.

Further details on: [www.foweyfestival.com](http://www.foweyfestival.com) Insta: @foweyartstrail F: Fowey Festival Art Trail

## Secret Gardens Friday 16 and Saturday 17 May 2025

This year sees the very welcome return of Thomas Martyn, performing four operatic interludes at Porphyry Hall Garden, Fowey. No tickets are necessary but access will be capacity controlled, on a first arrivals basis. Please see the Festival website for timing details.

If you are a cake maker, please get in touch. We get through a delicious amount of cake during our two garden show days. If you can spare the time to bake a cake or two, slices of which will be sold along with refreshments at Porphyry Hall Garden, the Festival would be most grateful. We are very happy to reimburse the ingredients cost. Please contact [Celia@allbut.eu](mailto:Celia@allbut.eu) if you can help (you do not need to sell the cake, just make it!)

Finally, if you or someone you know might consider opening your garden to the public please get in touch! Being part of Secret Gardens is a lot of fun. You will meet lots of interesting and friendly people from all walks of life. Sharing a much-loved garden with others is quite special, not only for the visitor but for the garden owner too. Please contact Celia, [Celia@allbut.eu](mailto:Celia@allbut.eu) or call 07887 703 757 to find out more.

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## Boatyard and Ferry News

from Jacqui Lewis

Down at the Boatyard we are beginning to feel the first glimpses of Spring approaching, evenings are drawing out and boat owners are busy preparing their vessels for the spring launches. The yard is preparing Kaley and Lady Di, our two larger ferries, ready for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) pass out, they will be back on the river soon, joining the many pleasure boats. You can feel the excitement in the air.

The slipway is booked for an array of fishing and commercial vessels which will be spruced up over the spring and summer months.

The shed roof is now complete, and all four berths are in occupancy.

You may have spotted our latest visitor 'Corsaire de Sercq' the Isle of Sark Ferry, she is having new engines as well as some routine maintenance.

On a different note, we had an unexpected visitor during February:

A phone call was received in the early hours of Sunday morning from the RNLI who had rescued a yacht in distress and it had to be craned out of the water at 4am as it was taking on water. Thankfully all was well, and the boat will be good to go after some repairs. [By Ed. More on page 22].

At Bodinnick, we are preparing to celebrate Philip Taylor's 50 Years of Service in May, what an achievement! Thank you, Philip, for your hard work and dedication to the team.

In February we supported a couple from Polruan to celebrate a special birthday lunch which was being held in Fowey, we added an extra ferry to the service to ensure that guests would not be left waiting in the cold. If you have any events coming up please let us know, we will be happy to help.



Lady Di, Kaley and Saxon Spirit

## Lifeboats from Eric Lockyear

In the first 'shout' of 2025, Fowey lifeboat volunteers were recovering the D-class lifeboat after their regular Sunday morning training session on 19 January, when a canoeist came alongside under the davit. The paddler requested help for a fellow canoeist who was stuck between the local tug and a tug barge opposite Jetties 5 and 6, west of Penmarlam. With a strong ebb tide running, this was potentially a very dangerous situation. The lifeboat was immediately relaunched and Falmouth Coastguard notified. The lifeboat crew arrived on scene to find the canoeist had managed to extricate herself from the situation and was safely on a nearby beach. The crew checked that all was well: the canoeist was part of a group from Golant and would be returning there. Safety advice was given.

Three days later, Fowey's lifeboat volunteers were tasked to launch the D-class inflatable lifeboat again after a member of the public reported seeing an apparently unmanned blue inflatable kayak near the cliffs in the Carlyon Bay area. An extensive shoreline and inshore search was conducted together with St Austell Coastguard, with no sign of the kayak. The incident was considered to be a false alarm with good intent. On return from their second shout of the week, the crew were lucky enough to be accompanied by dolphins.

In the early hours of Sunday, 16 February, Falmouth Coastguard received a Mayday call from a vessel reporting that it was four miles from St Austell and taking on water. The All-weather lifeboat, the Maurice and Joyce Hardy, was launched. Despite communication difficulties with the yacht, the crew ascertained that there was one

person on a 27-foot sailing yacht, about 1.5 miles southwest of Gribbin Head. The crew located the yacht and put two crew in dry suits on board to find there was about a foot of water above the cabin sole. A salvage pump was transferred to the yacht and the crew managed to stabilise the situation. They found that the leak had been caused by the head sail furling line becoming wrapped around the propeller and ripping the hull P-bracket. It was decided that the safest solution was to tow the vessel into Fowey leaving the crew and pump on board. The local Coastguard team met the boat and took the casualty off to get warm and to be checked over. The crew maintained the water level, while the Launch Authority

checked required replacement of a critical safety part, meaning that had they been used in an emergency, they may not have worked and could potentially have caused loss of life. No fewer than 11 life-jackets were condemned outright as being unfit for use.

A familiar sight in the harbour will soon be no more. The All-weather Trent-class lifeboat, the Maurice and Joyce Hardy, will be retired: after serving the community of Fowey so well for over 30 years, she has come to the end of her working life. In her place a new Atlantic 85 semi-rigid inflatable will be taken on station.

This will ensure the lifeboat station has the most appropriate vessel for the types of service it now provides.

In particular, much of the former commercial traffic has disappeared, to be replaced by leisure craft, as more and more small motorboats, sailing vessels, anglers, inflatables, kayakers and paddle-boarders take to our local waters.

For example, in the over 500 launches of the Maurice and Joyce Hardy while on station in Fowey, the average distance from station to incident was less than five nautical miles, while 99% were within 20 nautical miles of the station and in conditions suitable for the smaller craft.

Over the years of service by the local station, the type

and capabilities of the craft has advanced significantly, with modern craft equipped with the latest navigational, communications and lifesaving equipment. In contrast, the photo shows the launch of the one of the first lifeboats, the Arthur Hill, at the original Fowey lifeboat station at Polkerris, over 100 years ago. No engine nor navigational equipment is provided and the crew is wearing kapok life-jackets.

**The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.**



RNLI Arthur Hill on her launching carriage at Polkerris. Photo Nigel Hall

arranged for the boat to be lifted out by Toms Boatyard. This was a complicated shout, but a great team response from the lifeboat crew, the Coastguard, Toms Boatyard and Fowey Harbour Commissioners [By Ed. more on page 23].

Unfortunately, our publication deadline meant missing the life-jacket clinic scheduled to be held on Saturday, 29 March at the lifeboat station. Should you have missed it, it's not too late to carry out essential safety checks yourself. There are a number of guides on the internet. To show how important this is, at a recent clinic, nearly half the life-jackets



## Polruan Coastguard

from Des Libby, Coastguard Rescue Officer (CRO)

After completing our busiest year for some time in 2024, we move into 2025 and as I write this report not a single shout in 2025 so far — perhaps everyone is playing it safe and taking all the right precautions — I'm sure it won't last and the team will be called into action soon!

So in the meantime, on these cold, dark winter evenings our dedicated team continue their training on the second and fourth Thursday

of the month, with the CERCC (Coastguard Emergency Response Casualty Care) three yearly team re-qualification taking place in January. The team spent their training nights practising the skills needed to pass the re-qualification, which included some online work and a four-hour practical session with a FTO (full time officer) where various exercises were set up for them to undertake both as a team and individually. I'm glad to report the



team passed with flying colours and are now set to tackle the challenges they may face in the months ahead.

How a simple thing like walking the dog can turn into a frightening experience. I recently witnessed first-hand such a scenario when a family were walking their dog along a local estuary and the dog entered the water chasing a large stick. The dog, being a dog, wouldn't let go of the stick and got dragged further out by the current and it was rescued by the owner who also entered the water.

There are a few learning points here:

- Don't put yourself in danger to rescue a dog from the water or cliff top.
- Keep your dog on a lead especially near cliff edges and fast flowing water
- Call your dog from a place of safety
- Don't encourage your dog into flood water as it may contain contaminants harmful to your dog

**In an emergency call 999 and ask for the Coastguard**

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## The Polruan Town Trust seeks your help

from Vicky Halls, on behalf of all the Trustees of the Polruan Town Trust

Polruan is a wonderful village, I think those like me who are lucky enough to live here enjoy a community of kind and generous people. Do you have any time to spare to support the work of the Polruan Town Trust? What the Trust desperately needs is at least one more Trustee and a surge of goodwill from people to offer their voluntary services, for example, painting or minor repairs. Any expertise in building, law, accountancy and business would also be gratefully received. It might be helpful if I told you about the Trust and its role within the community.

It has now been nearly three years since I became a Trustee of the Polruan Town Trust. It has been a period of great challenge, upheaval and change. What my involvement has taught me more than anything is how little I knew about the role of the Trust before I applied to be a Trustee and, also, how this lack of understanding continues to exist throughout the village in general. What does the Trust do? Some think it is a version of the Parish Council, there to support residents. Others believe it is a wealthy and secretive form of exclusive club. It is neither, so in the spirit of complete transparency, here is what we do.

The Polruan Town Trust has existed for almost 100 years in its current form, since 1927, for the sole purpose of managing and maintaining



land and property within the 'ancient township of Polruan', applying the net income for the benefit of all the residents. The Trust was registered as a charity in 1964 and gains revenue to fund its work via leasing and renting various assets, and via donations and bequests. The Trust oversees the following properties/land:

- St Saviour's Hill, Car Park and Bound, including the garages, NCI look-out, Hearse House and the playground
- The Block House
- The Old Coal Wharf
- The Quay, including the Winkle Picker, toilets (maintained by the Parish Council), the Linney and a few frapes
- The Reading Room and Doctor's Surgery
- Vevery Car Park, disused Reservoir and adjoining land

As mentioned previously, the income for the Trust comes predominantly from rentals and leases of property and car parks. From that income the Trust is responsible for maintenance, repairs, insurances, legal fees and everything else involved in the governance of a charity. The Trust also needs to have a certain amount of funds set aside for those assets that are uninsurable, such as the Quay, to meet any immediate needs should an emergency arise. Over the last couple of years, we have had an unprecedented drain on our reserves to complete costly repairs on old buildings, leaving us currently unable to complete, for example, the necessary work on the flat above the Winkle Picker. Once the flat is completed, we intend for this to be offered as affordable housing for a local family. Other key projects pending are the Quay toilet refurbishment and a replacement roof on the Reading Room.

The Trust has a good working relationship with the Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council,



collaborating with them on projects such as the recent installation of a CCTV system, for additional security for the village, and the provision of toilet maintenance on the Quay.

The administration of the Trust becomes increasingly complicated, and we still have a great deal of work to do to create efficient operational procedures that enable a small group of five voluntary Trustees and our amazing Clerk, Zena, to do all the work necessary to keep the properties and land safe and presentable for all the residents and visitors to enjoy.

We now have only one Trustee remaining from the original team when I joined the Trust in 2022 and a new Clerk. The current Trustees Beth, Brian, Graham, Mel, Zena (our Clerk) and I meet monthly and correspond almost daily to do our very best to increase our reserves, explore grants and funding and maintain the properties to the very best of our abilities. For more details about the Trust, see our website, [www.polruantowntrust.org](http://www.polruantowntrust.org).

We invite anyone interested in knowing more about the Town Trust, or the projects we have for the next few years, to come along and meet the Trustees in the Reading Room on Saturday, 12 April between 10am and 12noon. Join us for tea, coffee and a chat as we are keen to get more people excited about the work of the Polruan Town Trust. We look forward to seeing you there.

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