



The PARISH NEWS

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt & Talland

St John's Bodinnick

Benefactors and Characters

A recollection by Prof. David King

Broadly speaking, our grandfather Alfred King holidayed in Fowey occasionally in the 1930s. He was essentially a workaholic (and alas, in later years, an alcoholic) who worked his way up from a young boy working at a large chemical company in Birmingham called Albright and Wilson to become managing director; he was then very philanthropic with his handsome salary. He had a very nicely finished 24-foot motor boat called Jonik built in Fowey - she is now in the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth. I think that his wife Florence and my father John often came without him. They stayed in the Old Ferry Inn and would have known several people there, including the then young Donald Couch, who worked on the Bodinnick Ferry, and his wife Violet, who later became organist at St John's - there is a plaque to her there.

My father married during the war, and he and my mother holidayed in Fowey or Bodinnick every year from 1946 to 1994, except 1947. In 1946 they stayed in the Old Ferry Inn where, alas, they were unceremoniously thrown out for complaining about the food! They had very simple culinary tastes, and I think the chief issue was the quantity of caterpillars appearing in the salad! So, on their next visit in 1948, they stayed over in Fowey. They must then, I think, have heard about the project for St John's. Whether the proprietor of the Old Ferry Inn who so kindly donated the stable for this project was the same proprietor who two years earlier evicted my parents I do not know.

However, on this 1948 visit they were accompanied by my grandmother, Florence, and she must have reported the church project to my grandfather. My father always told me that it was my grandfather who donated the font, and my brother says he was told that it was our grandmother who donated the bell. My brother thinks they also made a donation, possibly towards the roof.

Incidentally, in 1956, aged 11, I spent a lot of the summer holiday helping - or possibly hindering - the ferry crew under Donald Couch, and they kindly gave me a 3 shilling pay packet for services rendered. In later years, after I took up the organ, I sometimes went to the church with Violet Couch. They were a lovely couple, and of course their only son Leslie is still living in Fowey.

David King, Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire, September 2021

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Christ the King surrounded by six Angels from St Saviour Polruan attributed to Kempe

From the Editor

What a fantastic edition this is with so much content; interesting articles and contributions. There is some exciting historical detective work in News from Lansallos (no spoilers here!) so don't miss the new evidence of our historical context.

It's wonderful to see so many events planned as we wake up from this very difficult COVID nightmare, and whilst we must continue to be careful, let's hope these events can proceed for all to enjoy. In addition to Christmas celebrations such as the Nativity, Carol services and lighting up, The Polruan Film Club launched on 27 November and are screening their second film on 18 December and our much-missed Pantomime is back in February — "Oh yes it is"! (see back page)

If you enjoyed reading about the equestrian services in the last edition, don't miss the tractor services (page 5). These original services were very well attended and really resonate with our Community, as mentioned by the Rev'd Richard in his report on the future strategy for the Benefice (page 12).

Roving Reporters Hannah, Letty and Poppy have kept us up-to-date with school activities sending in some fantastic poems and photographs - we hope such literary skills become a regular feature in the Parish News in the future.

However you choose to spend the festive season, we hope you have a very enjoyable time.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Suzanne

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Church Diary in the Benefice of Trelawny

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

New Guidance for attending Church in the Trelawney Benefice

The Rev'd Richard Allen and the PCC have agreed that, whilst not a legal requirement, for the safety of our community as a whole, anyone attending services in the Trelawny Benefice must continue to wear a face covering and adhere to distanced seating inside Church.

Communion will be taken in one kind only. Congregational singing will now be allowed behind a mask.

December 2021

Wednesday 1st First of Advent
Polruan 14:00 Christingle
School

Sunday 5th Second of Advent
St Marnarch 09:30 Advent Carols (time tbc)
St Tallanus 11:00 Public Worship with Communion by Extension
St Wyllow 11:00 Holy Communion
St Nun 16:00 Advent Carols
St Ildierna 18:30 Holy Communion

Sunday 12th Third of Advent
St Marnarch 09:30 Service of the Word
St Wyllow 11:00 Morning Prayer
St Tallanus 11:00 Holy Communion
St Nun 16:00 Christingle
St Ildierna 17:00 Christingle

Sunday 19th Fourth of Advent
St Marnarch 09:30 Holy Communion
St Nun 11:00 Methodist Chapel
St Tallanus 11:00 Carol Service
St Wyllow 17:00 Carol Service
St Ildierna 18:30 Carol Service

Monday 20th
St Nun 18:00 Carols on the Green

Tuesday 21st
St Saviour 18:00 Carols on the Coal Wharf

Wednesday 22nd
St Marnarch 18:00 Carols on the Green

Thursday 23rd
St John 19:00 Carols on Bodinnick Ferry

Friday 24th Christmas Eve
St Saviour 15:00 Nativity Service
St Marnarch 16:30 Christingle
St Nun 20:00 Christmas Eucharist
St Wyllow 23:00 Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th Christmas Day
St Saviour 09:30 Family Service
St Marnarch 09:30 Family Communion
St Tallanus 11:00 Family Communion

Sunday 26th First of Christmas
No services in the Benefice

January 2022

Sunday 2nd
St Marnarch 09:30
St Wyllow 11:00

Sunday 9th
St Ildierna 09:30
St Tallanus 11:00
St Wyllow 11:00
St Nun 16:00
St Marnarch 17:00

Sunday 16th
St Marnarch 09:30
St Tallanus 11:00
St Wyllow 11:00
St Nun 11:00
St Saviour 16:00

Sunday 23rd
St Marnarch 09:30
St Saviour 09:30
St Nun 11:00
St Marnarch 15:30

St Ildierna 18:30

Sunday 30th
St Marnarch 09:30
St Tallanus 11:00
St Nun 15:30
St Wyllow 17:00
St Ildierna 18:30

Christmas 2
Holy Communion and Covenant Service
Holy Communion and Covenant Service

Baptism of Christ
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Epiphany Carols
Epiphany Carols

Epiphany 2
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
At Methodist Chapel
Sing a New Song/
Epiphany Carols
Holy Communion

Epiphany 3
Morning Service
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Lambing Service (time tbc)
Evening Prayer

Epiphany 4
Candlemas Service
Candlemas Service
Blessing of the Plough
Candlemas Service
Holy Communion



From the Registers

Weddings

13th November; Ian Middleton to Lynnette Burgoyne, St Marnarch, Lanreath

13th November; Matthew Callaway to Chantel Glanville, St Tallanus, Talland

27th November; Daniel Tapper to Lauren Butts, St Wyllow, Lanteglos by Fowey

Baptisms

13th November; Hazel Rose Parry at St Ildierna, Lansallos

14th November; Edith Stanbury at St Ildierna, Lansallos

Funerals

2nd November; at Bodmin Crematorium for Olive Elizabeth Anne Hart of Pelynt

3rd November; at Bodmin Crematorium for Joan Keeling of Polruan

22nd November; at Bodmin Crematorium of Dian Bowden of Looe

Funerals and burial services

11th November; Church Service and Burial at St Nun, Pelynt for John Louis Leon Caers of Looe.



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Rev's Ramblings

Why celebrate Christmas?

There is something almost magical about Christmas: Children dream of Father Christmas and his fantasy sleigh. We picture Christmas trees, snowy scenes, filled up stockings, piles of presents and smiling families around the fire.

The reality is often not as perfect as we imagine. Some people go over the top at Christmas. The overcrowding on the streets and in the shops can lead to so called Santa Claustrophobia and over indulging takes its toll on family life. One nine year old boy wrote

'I know Christmas should be a religious time but to me Christmas is a time for the necessities of life such as food, presents and booze!'

For some there is a danger of over spending – buying presents that others do not need with money they have not got. One little girl wrote to her granny

'Thank you very much for the gloves you sent me for Christmas. They were something I wanted but not very much!'

Others can become over demanding. One doting father asked his small daughter well in advance what she would like for Christmas. Shyly she announced she would like a baby brother. To everyone's surprise and delight her mother returned from hospital on Christmas Eve with a baby boy in arms. When the father repeated the question the next year, there was a hesitation.

'If it wouldn't be too uncomfortable for Mummy, I would like a pony!'

While some go over the top, others go under. For many Christmas is one of the worst times of the year. Suicide rates go up, marriages fall apart, psychiatrist's patients suffer regression and family feuds begin. One MORI poll suggested there are three million family rows each Christmas. A newspaper article headed 'Enough to drive you crackers!' spoke of people cracking up as a result of the pressure to be perfect. Anthony Storr in an article on depression at Christmas entitled 'Cheer up its soon over', had this final piece of advice,

'Remember that Christmas, although recurrent doesn't last forever'.

With all the magic, the stress and the hype of Christmas are we missing the point? What is at the heart of Christmas? In the words of C S Lewis at Christmas we remember the central event in the history of the earth - the very thing the whole story has been about.

Why bother with Jesus? When Jesus was born a group of highly intelligent philosophers thought he was worth bothering with. They stopped everything to take him three symbolic presents.

The first was gold – a present fit for a king. The child in the manger was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. God himself had come to live as part of our world. The point of Christmas is Jesus Christ. At Christmas we celebrate the birthday of the most important person who ever lived. He is the centre piece of our civilisation.

Why do we need him? The second gift the wise men brought was frankincense, which was used in the temple as a symbol of prayer and pointed to a relationship with God. You and I were created to live in a relationship with God. Until we find that relationship there will always be something missing in our lives. As a result we are often aware of the gap. One rock singer described it saying 'I've got emptiness inside'. Jesus is the bread of life who makes it possible for us to be restored to a relationship with God.

Why did he come? How would he achieve this restoration of our relationship with God? The third present gives the answer. Myrrh was used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Jesus is the only man who has ever chosen to be born in order that he might die. Mark 10 v45: He gave his life as a ransom for many.

The supreme reason for giving Christmas presents is to remind us of his gift to us the most valuable and expensive gift ever given. His death on the cross so that we could be forgiven and spend eternity with him.

Parish Diary

Please note, all of the below may be subject to alteration/cancellation, please check beforehand.

December

Saturday, 4th Whitecross Market 10am to 1pm (see page 18)

Sunday, 5th Lighting up Christmas Tree on the Coal Wharf (see page 9)

Sunday, 5th don't forget to pick up your Christmas bauble to decorate (see page 9)

Monday, 6th December, Fowey Festival short story competition opens for entries

Friday, 10th Entries close for 'Light up Polruan' (see page 12)

Saturday, 11th Christmas Candlelit Service, Lanreath 7.30pm (see page 5)

Saturday, 11th Children's party (see page 9)

Sunday, 12th Christingle Service, Lansallos 5pm (see page 4)

Saturday, 18th The Film Club present 'Nativity' (see page 28)

Sunday, 19th Carol Service at Lansallos 6.30pm (see page 4)

Tuesday, 21st Carols on the Coal Wharf 6pm (see page 2)

Wednesday, 22nd Voting closes for 'Light up Polruan' (see page 12)

Friday, 24th Christingle at Lanreath 4.30pm (see page 5)

Thursday, 30th December Fowey River Lions Grand Christmas Concert 7.30pm (see page 10)

January

Don't forget No Whitecross this month (see page 18)

February

Saturday, 5th Whitecross Market 10am to 1pm (see page 18)

24th, 25th, 26th The Polruan Theatre Club present 'The Sleeping Beauty' (see page 28)

Mid-week Service

from Kathryn Hill

We used to have a mid-week service on a Thursday morning at St Saviour. This was usually a service of Holy Communion led by the Vicar, but occasionally a service of Morning Prayer led by me. The service also included a time of prayer when those attending were encouraged to pray silently, or out loud, about things that concerned them. As numbers declined, due to some either moving away or being unable to attend for health reasons, we first moved to monthly services and then stopped altogether.

Since regular Sunday services have resumed, post-COVID, a few people have asked if these services might resume. So I had a word with Rev'd Richard and it was decided if there are a few people who would like to meet in this way monthly, he would be happy to lead a monthly service in St Saviour on a Thursday morning. Please let me or Rev'd Richard know if you would like to be involved. Thank you

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Christingle 2021 in Lanteglos Parish

from Kathryn Hill



Last year we managed to run a COVID-compliant Christingle Service in St Saviour with a "Christingle-in-a-bag" option for those unable to join us. This year we are taking Christingle to Polruan Academy and to Polruan Toddler Group. For others who would like to enjoy Christingle we are again offering "Christingle-in-a-bag". If you would like to join in, please contact Kathryn (01726 870853) or Angie (01726 870747) and we will deliver.



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News from Lansallos

from John Feesey, Lansallos PCC

Lansallos Church has just celebrated the 700th anniversary of its dedication in AD1321 to St Ildierna. But who was our patron saint? Known records indicate that he, or she, was either a Norman Bishop who was buried somewhere in the chancel, or a Holy Virgin. It's a question that's puzzled historians over the centuries. But thanks to some detective work by Churchwarden Josie Slade we may have got a step closer to finding out!

As all English places of worship would have been part of the Church of Rome at the time of the dedication, Josie decided to write to the Vatican with a request for any information that might be available. And, rather to her surprise, she received a speedy response! It's a fascinating reply that Josie thought might interest a wider audience so the letter (approximately translated from Italian via Google) is reproduced here:

*"Most Illustrious Lady
 His Excellency Rev. Mons. Prefetto sent to this Secretariat your letter of 28 September with which he asked for information on Santa Ildierna, to whom your church is dedicated.
 In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that from the work Bibliotheca Sanctorum vol. VII, page 772, it emerges that Santa Ildierna must be identified with Bishop Hyldren. I refer you for consultation to the entry for reference bibliography.
 Please accept my cordial greeting,
 Doctor Marco Grilli
 Secretary to the Vatican Prefecture"*

Josie has yet to track down the nearest copy of Bibliotheca Sanctorum (Library of the Saints), a document in Latin a copy of which is thought to reside in Exeter University. If it confirms that the dedication is to Bishop Hyldren then the mystery may be solved. As a Norman, his name would have been



pronounced in French "Ildren", which is not too far removed from the current "Ildierna" version, so it seems very likely to be the answer. Well done Josie! And all credit to the Vatican for taking the trouble to reply so promptly and helpfully.

Christmas at Lansallos

There will be a Christingle Service at 5pm on Sunday, 12 December, to which everyone who was baptised at St Ildierna is especially invited, together with their friends and relatives. Do come and receive your Christingle orange!

The Carol Service will be held on the following Sunday, 19 December, at 6.30pm. This will be a traditional, candle-lit service of Lessons and Carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine or tea and coffee. There will be no other services at Lansallos until the New Year.

*Nadelik Lowen ha Pub
 Bolonjedh Da rag 2022!*

*(Happy Christmas
 and best wishes for 2022)*

Welcome

All churches of Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish will be open for you to visit and enjoy:

St Wyllow,
 our Parish Church

St Saviour,
 a Victorian Church in Polruan

St John,
 a converted stable in Bodinnick

We respectfully ask for your consideration for the people who regularly use these buildings.

Please use the sanitiser supplied when entering and leaving and also limit your contact with any hard surfaces when moving around.

We hope your time with us is one of refreshment

Lanteglos-by-Fowey PCC

Pelynt and District

Thursday Club

Meetings are held in Pelynt Village Hall on the last Thursday of each month at 2.30pm
 Admission £2, including raffle ticket and refreshments
 All welcome- we look forward to seeing you

Planned meetings

We are currently preparing a programme of events

News from Lanreath

from Jenny Bartram

Life is returning to normal in the village judging by the activities taking place at the Village Hall, the Topsy Cow, Lanreath Community Spirit, the Village Shop and Post Office and St Marnarch Church. Soon, Derek and his helpers will be illuminating the centre of the village with Christmas decorations, always a very welcome sight.

The Post Office and Shop are having a raffle with a Christmas hamper as the prize. Next time you are in the shop make sure to purchase a ticket, as all the money raised is going toward the upkeep of the shop.

The opening times over the Christmas Season are:

Christmas Eve: 7.45am to 12 noon

26, 27 and 28 December closed

Re-opening on 29, 30 and 31 December from 7.45am until 1.30pm

1, 2 and 3 January 2022 closed

Re-opening on 4 January 2022 with the normal opening times

The Topsy Cow has a number of festive evenings taking place (COVID restrictions permitting, please check beforehand)

Saturday, 5 December: Winter Festival Night with live music and themed Christmas food and drink. The Christmas lights will also be turned on!

Friday, 17 December: Christmas Party Night with Karaoke and a disco. Christmas attire encouraged – don't be shy!

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: open from midday until 2.00pm

New Year's Eve: "Black Tie Event"

Lanreath Community Spirit will be hosting a Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Sunday, 5 December at 12 noon. There will be stalls, live music, Santa's Grotto, face painting, refreshments and much more. Come along and join in the fun.

They are also organising their annual Secret Santa competition. To enter, purchase a £1 ticket at the Village Shop before 14 December; the maximum to be spent on a gift is £5.00, which must be returned to the shop before 20 December. The tickets will be drawn and the presents delivered on 22 and 23 December.

The Village Hall offer a variety of activities:

Ladybirds for pre-school toddlers is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings: 9.30-11.30am

You may also like to check out Bingo, Boxercise, Line Dancing, Badminton, Short Mat Bowls, Mum and Baby, Exercises for Mums to be, Pickleball and the Art Group.

For information about all these events contact Fee Slade on 01503 220993.

The hall is available for hire with the use of a modern kitchen.

Lanreath Amenity Group are entertaining the senior citizens in the parish to an evening of Christmas cheer which includes a dinner, live entertainment and raffle on Saturday, 4 December.



St Marnarch's Church will be decorated with Christmas trees in each window on Saturday 27 November at the start of Advent and these will remain lit until the New Year. Please feel free to come into church to view.

The popular Christmas Candlelit Concert orchestrated by Helen White, her choir and ensemble, will be held on Saturday, 11 December at 7.30pm in the church. Tickets will be available from Helen and the Village Shop.

The Christingle Service will be held on Christmas Eve in church at 4.30pm.

Our Christmas Day Service is Family Communion at 9.30am geared towards our younger folk. There will be no service on 26 December. Please do come and join us at any of the aforementioned services and events.

With best wishes to all for a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Lanreath Tractor Service

from Richard Allen, Rector

Over 50 people gathered on the village green in Lanreath on a beautiful sunny, autumnal afternoon to celebrate the work of the tractor and its role in agriculture. A number of local farmers who farm in the Parish were able to be in attendance, along with their families. It was a great opportunity just to meet up and share after a busy harvest season. The children especially enjoyed exploring the tractors following the short service. It was great too to have Ruby from the National Trust who works as a ranger on the coast path and during the service she shared about her work and how she learnt to drive the tractor. The Rector preached on sharing using the analogy of the feeding of 5000 and recognised that while it is difficult for many Cornish farmers the plight of so many overseas is so much more difficult. The congregation thought about the situation in Afghanistan and the plight of East African farmers who again this year have had to contend with huge plagues of locusts.



Blessing of the Tractor Service, Pelynt

from Richard Allen, Rector

Pelynt Parish Church held a blessing of the Tractors Service to give thanks for these fantastic machines which enable us to farm productively. 6 Tractors and 60 people attended the event at Pelynt Village Hall. A number of tractors were brought along by the young farmers of the area. They thoroughly enjoyed showing off the tractors to the local community especially a large group of children and Trelawny Rev, The Rev Richard Allen, pictured in his favourite tractor a John Deere. During the service The Rev spoke on the feeding of 5000 and the importance of sharing. Certainly compared to those in the developing world we have so much. He also explained how Jesus has shared his life with us so that we might share eternity with him.





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Friday	9.00am to 4.00pm
Saturday	9.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday	Sorry, Closed

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NEW YEAR PARTY



Friday, 21 January 2022

6pm for Reception - Year 6
8pm For Year 7 - 10

Look out for more details after Christmas!

Angie Mallard
Chairman Polruan Youth Committee
(07967 131525)



News from the WI

from Chris Cox
Vice President, Polruan WI

We decided that we would cancel the main meeting in September as there were COVID cases in the village, and we do have some older, more vulnerable members.

October's meeting was well attended, and our guest speaker was Sandy Simmons of SE Cornwall National Trust. He gave us a lovely talk, with lots of slides, about the work the Trust do in preserving not just the flora and fauna of our beautiful part of Cornwall, but also the preservation and repair of the buildings in their hands ranging from farms and land to houses and their grounds and even a fisherman's hut in Polperro. Without volunteers and donations, they wouldn't be able to do continue the work they do. Thank you to all at the National Trust for helping to preserve our heritage and for coming along to talk to us.

Our next meeting is to celebrate Harvest Festival. We are very lucky to have Gill Palmer from Frogmore Farm as our guest speaker and I will tell you all about this event in the next edition.

December's meeting is wine tasting night, which is open to all and we very much look forward to welcoming you to that event.

We do hope everyone has a good and healthy Christmas this year, and a better new year than the previous ones of late!

Don't forget to check our noticeboard in case there are changes to our events and diary.

If you want to get in touch about anything to do with the WI, please phone me (Chris 01726 870194), and if I can't help, I will put you in touch with someone who can.

Happy New Year to all

News from Polruan Village Hall

from PVH Management Committee

The Refurbishment Programme, both inside and outside the Hall continues apace. In between the recent rain storms the new fascia boards were being fitted and the associated guttering is also being replaced. On completion the new roofing canopy outside the Foyer Entrance will be fitted and the defibrillator can then be fitted, registered with the Cornwall Ambulance Service and made operational.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, our AGM went ahead and was well supported, as always, by the enthusiastic attendees! With no other nominations, the existing Committee will continue to serve for a further year.

We have now re-opened the Hall to the public, subject to certain necessary ongoing COVID restrictions. The Polruan Theatre Club, Film Club and The Kids and Youth Clubs are all actively planning their Programmes of activities for the coming months and the Academy continues to use the facilities on wet or cold Thursdays.

Our newly installed broadband WiFi system and film presentation capability is now up and running, further supporting the opportunities for local individuals and User Groups to enhance their offerings both for the Village and our Visitors.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Hall and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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Services of Remembrance

Pelynt

from Richard Allen, Rector



and within a fortnight of being in France the sad news came back that he had been killed in action. My grandmother, Phyllis, talked of the pain suffered by that young family and recounted having to go with her mother every Saturday evening to register at the local police station for basic benefit. As it was in those days. The story has a sweeter ending. My great grandmother, after the war, met Richard Hanks whom I'm named after and who became an adored and wonderfully loved stepfather.

My granddad Tom, a professional footballer with Bristol City was in the squad for the 1909 Cup Final played then at Stamford Bridge, only to lose 1-0 to Man Utd. He had to give up his playing days apart from a few war cup appearances to go to the trenches. He found himself badly gassed, but thankfully he came home. He signed for Bristol Rovers in 1909 but his lungs were too badly damaged for any success. Imagine the millions he could have made a 100 years on as a premiership player!



We all have special family memories and this is a time upon which we can reflect upon them

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

We will remember them.

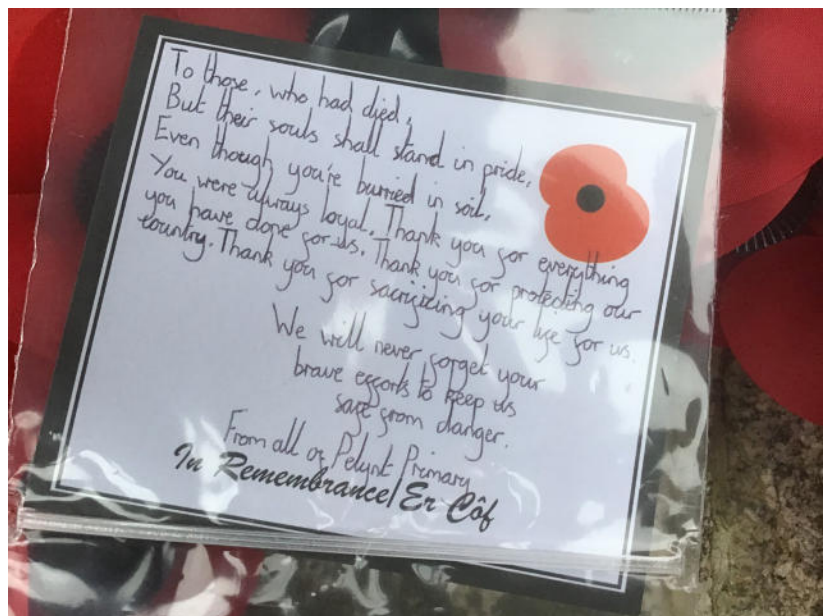
Pelynt Primary School joined forces with the Parish Church to hold an outdoor service on Remembrance Day with over 40 people gathering at the War Memorial.

The school children laid a special wreath with a poignant message,

"To those who had died, But their souls shall stand in pride, Even though you're buried in soil, You were always loyal. Thank you for everything you have done for us. Thank you for protecting our country. Thank you for sacrificing your life for us. We will never forget your brave efforts to keep us safe from danger."

After listening to the traditional Last Post and Reveille, The Rev reminded everyone of the sacrifices of war recounting stories of his own family.

His great grandfather had known the futility of warfare and had refused to sign up to go to the trenches of World War One. He had three young daughters aged 8, 6 and 4. Phyllis, Edith and Marge whom he loved dearly. White feathers were posted through his letter box as a sign of cowardice. So he signed up



Lanteglos

from Chris Hope-Wynne

The War Memorial, St Wyllow

Lay Worship Leaders, a Church Warden, Military Veterans and Local Church Council members gathered around the War Memorial at St Wyllow Church to conduct an Act of Remembrance to commemorate the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of The Parish who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial stone and the names on the memorial movingly read out.

Prayers of Remembrance were shared with the Congregation in attendance. The service was led by Graham Tyson, a retired Naval Officer and now a Worship Leader. Our Organist and Choirmaster played 'The Last Post' on his Trumpet which added gravitas to the atmosphere.

Many Thanks to all who attended and to the Team who put together Acts of Remembrance which ran with Military precision as ever.



The War Memorial, Boddinick



Members of the Shakerley Family and Lay Worship Leader Richard Hews gathered at The War Memorial, Boddinick to join in an Act of Remembrance to Commemorate the Soldiers Sailors and Airmen of Bodinnick who also made The Supreme Sacrifice.

Prayers for Peace were read by Richard Hews and a Wreath was laid by Gavin Shakerley.



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*** Thank you ***

Thank you

from Kathryn Hill

An enormous thank you to all the people who have helped me in so many ways while my broken arm has been healing. It is now much improved and I can do most things for myself. Hopefully, by the time you read this I will also be able to drive again – fingers crossed! It is wonderful to live in such a caring and helpful community – you are very much appreciated.

Thank you

from Carol Ann Evans

Thank you to all who have been so kind to me this past few months – it has been very much appreciated.

Thank you one and all

A Big Thank You

from the Community

To Lynn and Gary Napier for all they do to maintain the communal flower beds about the village. They have looked particularly lovely this year and really enhance the appearance of our village.



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Seasons Greetings for a Merry Christmas



from Chris and Gill Palmer

The Little Harbour children's hospice is a wonderful place looking after children who are very ill.

Chris and I are so thankful that we have a wonderful, healthy great grandson, Angus. We have decided not to send Christmas cards again this year. We will make a donation to the hospice instead.

We wish our friends and family a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

from Carol Ann Evans
39 Greenbank

I will not be sending out cards this year but wish friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

from Mr E Swiggs and family
3 Whitecross

We are not sending Christmas cards this year but wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We hope that 2022 turns out to be better for everyone.

from Sam and Jane Guy

We would like to wish friends and family a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

from Patricia Cummings
46 Greenbank

I will not be able to send Christmas cards this year but wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

from John and Pam Plummer

We would like to wish all our friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and peaceful 2022. The Air Ambulance will be the beneficiary this year.



Christmas Parish Post

by Des Libby

In aid of Motor Neuron Disease
Association

Anywhere in the Parish for 30p per Card

Last Post 14 December 2022, Post at:

The Winkle Picker, Polruan

Morley Tubb, Castle Way, Highway

(Thanks to Colin and Shelagh;
Morley and Launa)

Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports

from the committee

As Christmas and New Year approaches we have optimistically planned for our traditional children's party and pantomime trip, bearing in mind the Government's advice on holding such events in relation to COVID-19.

Thank you once again to Steve Edmonds and Ben Palmer, who, along with committee member Des, help to organise the purchase and transportation of the Coal Wharf Christmas tree. Thank you too, to the men from the boatyard who will be hauling it into place before it's illuminated on 5 December. This year the lights will be new and an increased number, thanks to a grant from the Barrie Bequest.

We were much saddened to hear of the death of Barbara Blamey, who with her late husband Bill, was a committee member and hard working supporter until ill health led to her moving to live near her daughter. We send condolences to daughter Heather in Canada and Sue in Northampton and their families.

For 8 years, Tilly and Suze of Nite Flite disco, have come to entertain us for our Beach Gala and Regatta. We were shocked to hear that Tilly had died suddenly, at the end of October, aged 56. Tilly was a great entertainer, getting everyone up and dancing, gently teasing and creating lots of laughter and fun on the Coal Wharf. He couldn't quite believe that people would dance on in the pouring rain, encouraging him to keep the music going as they did one year. We have sent our sympathies to Suze and their family.

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

The children's party (age birth to Year 2) will be held on 11 December. Billy Wizz will be

entertaining us and Father Christmas has accepted the invitation to attend.

The New Year will see 50 children and supervising adults travelling to the Theatre Royal, Plymouth for the pantomime, Aladdin. Invites will have been issued to those children the committee already know of in the Parish, please enquire if your children have recently moved here, by contacting Lynn Bartlett (01726 870536)

Last year's successful Light Up Polruan competition has encouraged us to hold this again. Details are elsewhere in this edition and look out for posters.

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

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



The steering group organising the celebration programme for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, met at the beginning of October. They began by looking at past Jubilee documents and photographs, these will form part of a memorabilia display to mark the celebration in June.

We would like to invite you to share your memories of Jubilees past or of our Queen's Coronation in 1952. These could be written or pictorial memories and help can be given to anyone wishing to take part if needed. With permission, copies of any photographs supplied will be made and put on display in St Saviour for all to see and share.

Our plans so far include:

Thursday, 2nd June: Company B, a jump and jive band, will play in the evening. A beacon will be lit as part of the national chain of beacons at 21.15. The beacon will be lit in the field above Penleath Point, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Shakerley. The field will not be open to the public. Andy Simmons, National Trust Warden, will be in charge of building and lighting the beacon. He will be

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

2 June to 4 June 2022

from the steering group

putting out requests for wood nearer the time. Old pallets would be welcome.

Friday, 3rd June: The Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports Committee will be holding the annual choosing of their Carnival Royalty in the morning. There will be entertainment provided by Higher Beings, providing stilt walking and circus skills.

In the afternoon there will be a street party accompanied by Swingology, a swing band.

There will be a disco and a firework display in the evening.

Saturday, 4th: There will be a special Platinum Farmers Market at Whitecross Village Hall in the morning.

The Polruan Film Club will present a matinee film in the afternoons the Village Hall.

The Countrymen, a Cornish Rock Folk Harmony band, will play in the evening.

Sunday, 5th: It is anticipated that there will be a prescribed, national church service to give thanks for the reign of our Queen.

It may be a good opportunity for neighbours to get together, in their areas, for a street lunch party.

The Good Old Fashioned Lover Boys, a Queen tribute band, will close the four days of community celebrations.

The scarecrow competition was first held for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee so it was felt

only fitting that for 2022 it was part of the celebrations. The theme will be 'Royalty'.

Planning is being sought for a floral arch over the top of Quay Hill as in past jubilees.

A flower festival, together with the memorabilia exhibition will be held in St Saviour Church.

We will be organising some fundraising for in the New Year and donations towards the fireworks will be welcomed.

Watch out for social media and Parish News updates for further information.



One of the Silver Jubilee arches over Quay Hill in 1935 George V and Queen Mary.

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Fowey River Lions

Little Harbour

from Lynn Bartlett and 'bella Tyson

Our three, post lockdown book sales realised over £110. Hopefully the Reading Room will be open again soon to enable those who wish to do so, to collect books or maybe a jigsaw.


We hope to be able to take donations of books in again in the New Year.



Thanks to Sue and Ellie Sainsbury who are supporting us again with sales of Christmas cards. The packs, all £3.50 for 10 cards, will be available up until 15 December from Jam First or by contacting me on 01726 870536 or lbart49738@aol.com.

Thank you for your continued support it has been particularly important in this the 30th year of Children's Hospice South-West, when plans for special fund raising events have been scaled down.



Little Harbour 

Grand Christmas Concert

Featuring

Mount Charles Band

and

Champagne Cornwall Chorus

Thursday, 30 December 2021 at 7.30pm
(doors open at 7pm)

Fowey Parish Church

Entry by Donation at the Door

In aid of Fowey River Lions' local charities

Do come and join us for a fun filled and uplifting evening of music and song to stave off any post Christmas blues. Mount Charles Band was formed in 1779, they have been lucky enough to play all over the county and have had several sell out concerts at the Minack theatre. They will be performing a festive mix of old classics and some newer Christmas music. After the first interval, Champagne Cornwall Chorus will offer a selection from their varied repertoire of ballads, upbeat numbers, songs from both old and new musicals, plus barber shop standards, all sung in their own unique 4 part harmony A'Cappella style. This lively group of ladies love to sing and perform, telling the story of their songs. Following a second short interval Mount Charles Band will be back to entertain you and there will be some carols for you to join in with. Refreshments will be available during the intervals. The Fowey Community Bus will operate, in Fowey, before and after the event. You can book your place in advance by calling Colin Richards on 01726 833177.

Christmas Santa Collections

Fowey River Lions have run Christmas Santa collections for 40 years. It has been our pleasure to come out and meet the local community year after year. For a variety of reasons we are unable to continue with our Christmas collections and are looking at other

ways to raise funds. We want to thank you for your generous donations over all those years which has helped raise funds for us to host a senior citizens party.

In 2020, due to COVID-19, we were unable to do the Santa collections and hold a Christmas party. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor we have been able to deliver a Tea Treat to many over 70's who live on their own in the Fowey River Lions area. We have not caught up with all of you yet and will do as soon as we can.

Fowey River Lions area extends from Fowey and Polruan and all the villages either side of the river up to and including Lostwithiel. We also cover Par, as far as the railway line and Tywardreath. We are always grateful for the support we receive from our local area which helps to further our work. If you would like to make a donation our details are below. Thank you.

Account Fowey River Lions

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Account number 28977568

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

*With very best wishes to you all
for a Happy Christmas from Fowey
River Lions*

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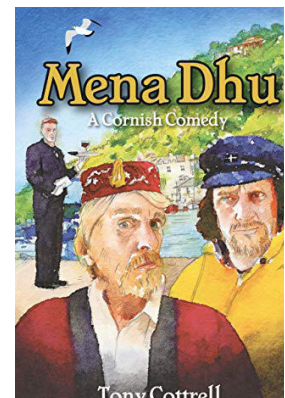
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News from Polruan Academy

from Hannah, Letty and Poppy, Year Six

We have had a very busy time in school. In Tregaele class, we have been working on answering the question "Could the Iron Man save the Planet again?" We read the book by Ted Hughes and used this as inspiration to write our own cliffhanger story based on the Iron Man. To make the front cover for our stories, we built an Iron Man prop from cardboard and clad him in tinfoil to make him look more realistic. We walked to the beach, placed the Iron Man on the sand looking out to sea and everyone took photos. We had lots of curious glances from people getting on and off the ferry.

We have also been writing conceit poems. These are poems where you trick the reader into thinking you are writing about one thing, but actually you are describing something different. For ours, we all wrote about the Iron Man, but pretended we were writing about various metal objects. We have included some of our poems here for you to read.

On Tuesday, 19 October, the whole school went down to St Saviour Church for the Harvest Festival. We sang Harvest songs, Tregaele class told a story about climate change affecting crops across the world and Canute class told the story of Little Hen. We also wrote our own prayers to share with the village.

We are really pleased that the "Open the Book Team" are back in school again telling and performing stories from the Bible every Wednesday. "I really enjoy being part of the performing" says Hannah. They celebrated their 10th anniversary just before the first lockdown, so some of us were not even born when they first started coming into school.

Polruan school has been given an allotment at the top of the village by the Windmill Allotment Society so we can grow vegetables and flowers. Some of us already know the site really well because we go with our families.

Now we are looking forward to going with our friends.

The new playground equipment, which we bought with the Barrie Bequest money, makes playtimes much better and we have been told that even more fun equipment is arriving soon.

We have lots of Christmas events planned and some are in the village. Please check our school website for more information.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

'Conceit' poems

Iron Man or a bike?

You are metallic. So reflective
you race through the forests without a breath.
You speed past in the blink of an eye, whizz
past faster than everyone else,
you clank through all sorts of weather, rain,
sun, wind, snow...

You are metallic. So reflective
everyone sees you even though you're so fast,
you could go anywhere.
The hot sunny desert, the spooky eerie forest,
tropical rainforests,
or even right in front of me... on this page
(Let's hope not! Oh no, did you hear a clank?)

You are metallic. So reflective
you blind everyone with your
inhumane speed
Why were you made?
And how do you work?

Clanking quickly by.
The Iron Man stops it in its tracks,
devouring it whole.

Iron Man or a bike?

You are metallic. So shiny
you can go as fast as a car.
You can go under water, speed through cities,
charge through lots of places.

You are metallic. So shiny
you are seen everywhere.
In England, America, Russia,
or right here... on the roof
(I hope not! That would be bad!)

You are metallic. So shiny
you blind everyone in the sun.
Why are you here?
Where did you come from?

The bike rolls by.
The Iron Man picks it up by its wheel and
drops it in his mouth.

Iron Man or bell?

You are metallic. So bright
you can chime, like Big Ben, through the
village.
You can reach, like a tower, into the sky,
you can send the sun to bed.

You are metallic. So bright
everyone can see you, you are tall.
On top of the school, on the church, in
London,
or right here... on my roof!
(I hope not! Too loud!)

You are metallic. So bright
you blind people.
Why are you so large?
How does the world look like up there?

The bell chimes by.
The Iron Man grabs it, unhooks it and drops it
in his rusty mouth – crunch!



New owners at the Old Ferry Inn



We were pleased to welcome Paul Worswick, and Mike and Jenny West to the parish as the new owners of The Old Ferry Inn in Bodinnick. They bring with them multi-award winning Head Chef Kai Taylor, whose ethos is to create dishes with local, fresh, seasonal produce that is sourced from within a 30 mile radius of the Inn.

After getting the keys in April they completed a rapid refurbishment to get the rooms up and open for May as well as to carry out some much overdue maintenance to the fabric of the building!

Summer has been super busy. Like all local hotels and restaurants, the Old Ferry Inn has been struggling for staff and had to restrict opening hours and numbers but they have a great team in place (still staffed by lots of local familiar faces) and are looking forward to welcoming you all; they are staying open throughout the Autumn and Winter months.

Sunday roasts began in October, served from 12 noon until 7pm and will continue throughout the winter. Featuring whole joints of slow roasted locally produced pork, beef, and lamb. Accompanied by Leigh's Yorkshire puddings, organic vegetables from Will at Polruan and amazing roast potatoes. There are some lovely roast vegetarian options and fish too.

Paul has been distilling, infusing and blending his own spirits for several years now and the copper still will soon be up and running in the new distillery allowing Paul to resume production of his widely acclaimed gins, vodka, rums and tequila. These products will also be available at the Whitecross market in November and December, where you can meet Paul and his beloved Newfoundland Archie. (See photograph on page 18)

Additional work is planned over the winter months to further improve the offerings and services at the Old Ferry Inn – do pop in for a drink or a meal, have a look round and see the changes happening!

Tel: 01726 870237

Email: info@oldferryinn.co.uk



On The Way - Diocese of Truro's Review of Ministry in Cornwall

from Richard Allen, Rector

By Ed: Please note some of these meetings will have been held prior to going to print

As you are probably aware, Trelawny Benefice as part of our deanery, will be partaking in the 'On the Way' process which is part of the Diocese of Truro's review of Ministry in Cornwall. We have to look at the financial viability of the Benefice with a long term strategy for mission and sustainability of buildings. I will be outlining this process in greater detail with all of our PCC's in the coming months.

The Benefice is being asked to hold a number of consultative meetings which are open to all. The 4 meetings are listed below with their specific purpose:

Meeting 1: St Saviour, Polruan; Monday, 22 November at 7pm

We will reflect on the current picture in Trelawny Benefice, future possibilities and have the opportunity to pray together. Our agenda will include sustainability and viability of church buildings.

(It is very important that you attend this meeting if you have an interest in St John, Bodinnick and St Saviour, Polruan, as we will need to consider the best way forward for both these churches).

Meeting 2: St Nun Pelynt; Monday, 29 November at 7pm

We will reflect on the current picture in Trelawny Benefice, future possibilities and have the opportunity to pray together. Our agenda will include missional possibilities and innovative methods of doing church.

Meeting 3: St Ildierna, Lansallos; Monday, 17 January at 7pm

Conversations will be had about models of mission, church and pioneering fresh expressions.

Meeting 4: St Marnarch, Lanreath; Monday, 24 January 7pm.

Conversations about finances and buildings, as well as models of leadership and ministry.

There is no easy time to hold these meetings and this time scale is being imposed upon us. It is important that as many people as possible try to support these meetings so that we understand the voice of the Benefice and, more importantly, hopefully the voice of God.

We are anticipating proposing a sustainable model of ministry for the Benefice with a vision as to how we can potentially grow in the future. Proverbs 28 v18 Where there is no vision the people perish. Too many churches are characterised by dwindling congregations and a lack of finance. I genuinely believe that God has a plan and a purpose for Trelawny Benefice. He has plans to prosper us and give us a hope and a future Jeremiah 29 v11. Together we can explore the wonderful possibilities and new things that God can do. We must already be encouraged by our fresh expressions of church which we have seen in action all over Trelawny in the Summer and Autumn ranging from Tractor and Equestrian Services to Harvests of the Sea on the Old Coal Wharf.

Light up Polruan

from Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports Committee



Last year was such a huge success, we will be running our Light up Polruan competition again this Christmas for the best illuminated home or garden in the village. Once again, winners will be by popular vote, so . . . You are the Judges!

We hope as many of you as possible will participate in making Polruan a "merry and bright" place this Yuletide.

We are formalising entries this year so we can provide a map and people will be able to tour the village and choose their favourite display.

Entry forms will be available at the Winkle Picker from the Friday, 26 November and entries will close on Friday, 10 December. Maps with participating locations and voting forms will be available to collect from the Winkle Picker from Wednesday, 15 December. Voting will close on Wednesday, 22 December and the winner will be announced the following day on the Polruan Community Facebook sites.

Do join in, get those displays planned, and

"Let it glow, let it glow, let it glow"!



News from Nigeria

from Kathryn Hill

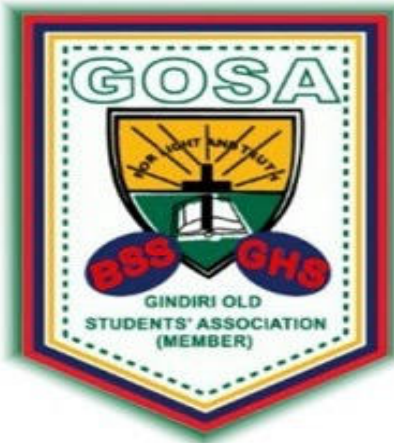
In October Kathleen wrote: "For 4 weeks I have been very ill with sepsis but through the quick action of Dr Dachung I am on the mend and do a few admin jobs daily then back to bed. God has been good to us, so many prayed and kept me alive."

In early November I spoke to her daughter, Grace, who said her mother is slowly regaining her strength but she is obviously not able to do as much as she usually does.

One of my former students, who now lives in London, is back from a recent visit to Nigeria and when I was on a zoom meeting with him and others in early November, he told us that while he was there things were relatively quiet and peaceful in Plateau State but that

there were still atrocities and kidnappings happening in other parts of the country.

For most of my time in Nigeria I taught at the Boys Secondary School in Gindiri. The school was founded in 1950, so 2020 was their 70th Anniversary and Gindiri Old Students Association [GOSA] planned big celebrations. Like so much else, these couldn't happen last year, but there was a big week of celebration during the first week in November. Although the Girls High School was not founded until 1958, as you can see from the badge, GOSA membership is open to past students of both schools.



There is a Christmas letter from Kathleen received just before we went to press. Please contact Kathryn for a copy.



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Nativity Service

In St Saviour Church

at 3pm

On Christmas Eve

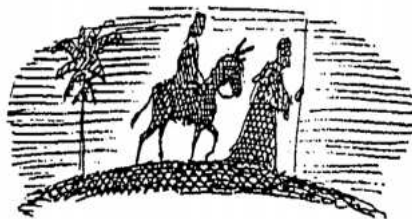
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Farewell to Barbara Blamey

from Sue Dewsnap

I am sad to announce the death of my mother, Barbara Blamey, at the age of 95, at her care home in Northampton.

Barbara and her husband Bill moved to Polruan from Surrey in 1976, although they had started their married life in Liskeard. The Blamey's moved into Holly House on Fore Street, and ran a successful Bed and Breakfast business. Barbara loved working in her garden and involved herself, as did Bill, in village committees and fund raising activities. These Polruan years were happy ones for them both.

Barbara had deep affection for the village, as have her family, who would like to thank the many people who sent messages of sympathy and also for the years of kindness and friendship given to both Barbara and Bill.

Farewell to Mary Rashleigh

[By Ed. At the funeral of her late mother, Angela delivered a beautiful eulogy charting her mother's life, prepared by her and her sister, Sarah. A full transcript is available from The Editor but below is the essence of a fitting tribute to a lady who lived life to the full and who touched so many lives.]



Where to begin? An extraordinary woman who has been part of our lives, both family and friends . . . so let's begin at the beginning.

Mary Pym was born in London on 16 September, the only child to Enid and Jack Pym, and through her life was known as Mary Duvollet, Mary Lynch and Mary Rashleigh . . .

And of course affectionately known as Mum, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, which then became GG Mary and later Gadget Granny, due to her passion for gadgets, both for herself and wicked presents for her grand and great grandchildren.

Mum's great loves were babies, elephants, family, theatre, music, art, animals, nature, gadgets, humour (she was known for writing hilarious ditties about people) and of course ballet — and not necessarily in that order!

Her early life was spent largely with her mother and grandmother, Grace, living in Beaufort Street, Chelsea. Her father having been posted to Africa as Chief of Police on the Gold Coast. From an early age Mum was

'ballet mad' — a passion which was to linger throughout her life and at the age of 7 she became the youngest pupil at Flora Fairbairn's — Mayfair School of Dancing, Singing and Acting. Here she was affectionately known as Pymlet by the other pupils.

Mum left school at 15 and joined The King's Players, a repertory theatre company, touring with productions across the UK with plays such as Charlie's Aunt, Three Wise Fools and Time and the Conways. Sarah recently found a letter from Mum to her mother and grandmother which said she was very excited to have been given the lead role of Alice, in a production of Alice in Wonderland. She added, of course, she absolutely knew she would get the part! Mum had also kept a newspaper clipping quoting "Miss Mary Pym, realising a lifelong ambition, will play Alice". It would seem they weren't the only people she told!

During the war Enid, Grace and Mum evacuated to Topsham to be close to her great grandmother Marty, where she continued her education at The Maynard School in Exeter. After the war the family returned to Chelsea, London and Mum, determined to be linked to the theatre, whilst resting, worked as an usherette, and had the good fortune to meet and talk to Laurence Olivier. She also worked as the Wardrobe Mistress for the ballet company called, The Cygnets, and this led to her opportunity to dance a part in the Dance of the Little Swans from Swan Lake which she recalled was a very fast and difficult piece.

Whilst in London Mum met Roger Duvollet who, much to her delight, introduced her to the Chelsea Arts Club and Cornwall! Apart from Mum having her first child — me — she spent many of these early years holidaying in Cornwall having great fun and often spun yarns of her great adventures.

After separating from Roger, Mum met Stephen Lynch while demonstrating Art Master in Selfridges — their mutual love of music and laughing lead to marriage and four children — Sean, Sarah, James and Katharine. Mum introduced Stephen to opera, which was to become a lifelong passion for him and he in turn introduced Mum to and taught her how to rock and roll!

Mum loved her life in Chelsea and holidayed in Polruan where we stayed with Dr Douglas Roberts, Sarah's godfather. When he became ill and found himself heading for a care home, we upped sticks and moved to Keelson, West Street to care for him and repay the kindness he had shown to us. Our Grandmother, Enid, led the charge, taking Sarah, Sean and James ahead to enrol in the primary school, swiftly joined by Mum, Stephen, Angela and the newest addition to the family, baby Katharine. So, the house started filling up with children — us and others — and also dogs, cats and injured birds brought to Mum for rescuing and nurturing back to health.

It was at this time that Mum started using her skills as a wardrobe mistress to create wonderful costumes for those wanting to take part in Polruan Carnival. Mum's skills and imagination knew no bounds and as she got known for these talents, we often had visitors to Polruan turn up on the doorstep saying they had been guided by locals to our house, asking if Mum had any ideas or costumes for their children so they could join in. Mum never disappointed anyone.

In the late 1960's we sold Keelson and moved up the hill to a bigger house — Movable.

This gave room to the expanding family and allowed Mum to indulge her love of people, parties and family gatherings. During this time Mum had met and married Jonathan and our little sister Theone was born. Mum's version of Air B&B continued at Movable and guests became part of the family, such as Angelica from Germany and Mac and Juliette Macdonald from Australia and many others from far and wide, some of whom would return year on year, captivated by the madness of Movable.

Never to rest on her laurels, Mum was constantly looking out for new ventures and invested in Fowey Flowers — an artificial flower renting business. She indulged her love of gadgets, with particular interest in sound recording and knitting machines — constantly churning out woollen jumpers with computer controlled stitches. She was always seeking to learn new skills and this led her to learning to play the guitar.

Polruan Theatre Club was one of mum's greatest passions in Cornwall. Here she could fulfil her love of theatre and music by acting, directing, producing and creating costume and scenery design. Over the years, Mum made many lifelong and wonderful friends.

As the children flew the nest, a smaller house was needed so Mum moved to 10a St Saviour's Hill with Theone, Katharine and her boyfriend Graham, plus dogs, notably Gracie, who became Mum's constant companion.

Mum was a Steward for the National Trust at Lanhydrock House for over 20 years making many friends and this is where many of her famous ditties were written — a melting pot of ideas! She also wrote for birthdays, weddings and the Theatre Club and for many years enjoyed singing in the choir.

At this time many grandchildren and then great grandchildren began to appear. I remember one wedding meal as Mum viewed the mass of family, partners, husbands, wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren saying — ye Gad — I'm responsible for all of you!

Mum was lucky to have very special neighbours and friends who supported her and provided friendship, laughter, dog walking and Sunday lunches, for which the family will be eternally grateful.

Three years ago, Mum suffered a stroke so debilitating she was unable to live on her own or with family and resided at Hillcrest Nursing Home, where as you can imagine, she kept the staff entertained with her quick wit and sense of fun. Her skills on the iPad and iPhone ensured she could still enjoy her love of music, films, photos and discussions with the family.

There are so many stories, events and fun times we shared with Mum, but before Hollywood comes knocking at the door to offer us to sell the rights of the Life and Loves of Pymlet . . . I will finish by saying

Mum was . . . Unconventional, Kind and loving, Inquisitive, Pragmatic, Generous, and often selfless, Entertaining, A good friend, Ready to listen and give sensible advice, Flirtatious, Creative, Calm in a crisis, Artistic, Musical, Ageless . . .

She was an optimist and maintained her sense of humour despite leading, at times, a very challenging life. As her children, we are privileged to have had such a unique and wonderful person to call Mum.

My brain and heart divorced

by John Roede

submitted by Janet Downes

my brain and
heart divorced
a decade ago
over who was
to blame about
how big of a mess
I have become
eventually,
they couldn't be
in the same room
with each other
now my head and heart
share custody of me
I stay with my brain
during the week
and my heart
gets me on weekends
they never speak to one another
- instead, they give me
the same note to pass
to each other every week
and their notes they
send to one another always
says the same thing:
"This is all your fault"
on Sundays
my heart complains
about how my
head has let me down
in the past
and on Wednesday
my head lists all
of the times my
heart has screwed
things up for me
in the future
they blame each
other for the
state of my life
there's been a lot
of yelling - and crying
so,
lately, I've been
spending a lot of
time with my gut
who serves as my
unofficial therapist
most nights, I sneak out of the
window in my ribcage
and slide down my spine
and collapse on my
gut's plush leather chair
that's always open for me
~ and I just sit sit sit
until the sun comes up
last evening,
my gut asked me
if I was having a hard
time being caught
between my heart
and my head
I nodded

I said I didn't know
if I could live with
either of them anymore

"my heart is always sad about
something that happened yesterday
while my head is always worried
about something that may happen tomorrow,"
I lamented

my gut squeezed my hand

"I just can't live with
my mistakes of the past
or my anxiety about the future,"
I sighed

my gut smiled and said:

"in that case,
you should
go stay with your
lungs for a while,"

I was confused
- the look on my face gave it away

"if you are exhausted about
your heart's obsession with
the fixed past and your mind's focus
on the uncertain future

your lungs are the perfect place for you

there is no yesterday in your lungs
there is no tomorrow there either

there is only now
there is only inhale
there is only exhale
there is only this moment

there is only breath
and in that breath
you can rest while your
heart and head work
their relationship out."

this morning,
while my brain
was busy reading
tea leaves

and while my
heart was staring
at old photographs

I packed a little
bag and walked
to the door of
my lungs

before I could even knock
she opened the door
with a smile and as
a gust of air embraced me
she said

"what took you so long?"

john roedel (johnroedel.com)



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We would like to say a huge thanks to
our new friends in the local area and our
very first guests, we thoroughly enjoyed
our very first season at Penmarlam
Holiday Park!

There isn't a day goes by that we don't
feel lucky to be part of the community
and have the opportunity to share such
a beautiful part of the world with our
visitors – the feedback speaks for itself.

Lian, Rach, Susanne, Ang,
Kev, Chrissy and Kev.



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*We will not be giving out cards this year but will make donations to
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Polly Food Hampers to help toward your Christmas Celebrations!

Will you find Christmas a challenge this year?

Polly Christmas Hampers are free to anyone in Lanteglos Parish who will find Christmas a struggle, and will include some basic supplies as well as a few festive treats to make Christmas Day special. This past year of covid lockdowns has affected us all in some way so please do not hesitate to request a hamper if you feel it would be helpful for you or maybe someone you know. We are asking for requests by December 10th, and please tell us of any dietary limitations etc.

To protect your privacy and data only one person will be involved in taking orders and deliveries of hampers.

Please contact Angie Mallard on 07967131525/01726870747

LOCAL HAMPER DONATIONS

Donations required are as follows, drop-off point to be confirmed. Below is a list of items that we suggest for donating to this local cause. Any items you could donate from this list would be gratefully received.

Cereal	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Milk	Custard/Rice pudding
Coffee/Tea/Instant Hot Chocolate	Trifle Sponges/ Jelly
Peanut Butter/Marmite/Jam/	Stuffing/ Gravy Powder
Marmalade	Cranberry/Apple/Mint Sauce
Rice/Pasta	Savoury Snacks (crisps etc)
Pasta/Curry/Chinese sauces	Box of Biscuits/Crackers
Tinned Tuna/Salmon/Meat	Confectionary/Chocolate
Tinned Vegetables/Soups	Mince Pies
Instant Mash	Xmas Pudding/Sponge Pudding

POLRUAN REGATTA & CHILDREN'S SPORTS

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POLRUAN

Illuminate your house/window/garden/garage to brighten our village for the Christmas period

You are the Judges!!

Take a tour of the village after 10th December and choose your favourite - write the address on a piece of paper and post it in the ballot box in The Winkle Picker by 22nd December.

PLEASE RESPECT THE COVID-19 GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

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To request your free 'Gifts in Wills Guide,' go to RNLI.org/Wills or call us on 0300 300 0062, and quote 'Parish News'.



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CHRISTMAS REQUEST

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate much needed food and monetary donations at this incredibly challenging time.

Also a big thankyou to 'Crumpets Too' where all the donations are collected.

Looe and Liskeard Foodbank desperately need donations like never before. They are experiencing record demand for their services on the runup to Christmas, with food and fuel costs on the rise, and at a time which is always for families.

Please note: the Foodbank serves Polruan as well as Looe, Liskeard and the surrounding areas.

If you would like further details please visit the website:

<https://liskeardlooe.foodbank.org.uk>

or contact Angie/Norman Mallard on

01726 870747/07967131525





**The first Saturday of every month
10am-1pm, at Whitecross Village Hall**

But please note that there will be no January market next month

The first Saturday of January is falling on New Year's Day, and most of our stall holders wouldn't be able to come, so we decided to cancel.

The February market will be running as normal.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday, 4 December, Saturday, 5 February

Community buses bring people to the market from Fowey and Polruan, but the Lanteglos bus (from Polruan) needs more drivers – please volunteer to help keep it running! (See page 13)

Come and stock up for the festive period with delicious seasonal produce. Buy unusual presents for friends and family that you won't find anywhere else (who wouldn't want a couple of pasties for Christmas?)

Buy local to save the planet! And support your hard working local growers, bakers and makers at the same time.

What festive temptations will you find at the December market?

- Home-distilled gin and vodka in distinctive bottles from the Old Ferry Inn, with samples to taste.
- A huge variety of the best local meat, fish and vegetables, including Dexter beef roasting joints, legendary sausages, bacon and pork from rare-breed pigs, delicious goat meat for roasting or curries, and fresh fish and shellfish from the Looe day-boats.
- Wide choice of handmade cards, baubles and gifts made in Polruan.
- Fragrant bath-salts, soaps, candles, skincare and gift sets all handmade in Bodinnick using local ingredients.
- Speciality coffee beans and ground coffee, hand-roasted in small batches in Liskeard.
- PLUS: local honey, jams, preserves and chutneys, dairy produce straight from the farm, Christmas cakes, brownies, tiffin and tarts, bread, pies and quiches, Cornish cheeses, chocolates and biscuits, and not forgetting tubs of Gibsons Cornish ice cream from Looe.

Hot Liddicoats pasties (steak or cheese and onion) are on sale in the hall kitchen. And outside, you can buy teas, coffees, hot chocolates and ice creams from our Brew with a View hut, with plenty of room to sit safely with friends in fine weather.

And don't forget that your Cornwall councillor, Edwina Hannaford, will be at the market as always – pop in for a chat in the back room of the hall.

Looking forward to seeing you this winter at your friendly local market.

[Facebook.com/whitecrosslocalmarket](https://www.facebook.com/whitecrosslocalmarket)

Tel: Liz on 870542

Email: whitecrosslocalmarket@gmail.com

A date for your diary
Whitecross Village Hall are pleased to welcome
Johnny Cowling
On Friday, 1 April 2022 (tbc)



Whitecross jute bags NEW this year: support your local market by buying them for all your friends – just £4 each! Modelled here by Kim, Queen of Pasties



Famous pub dog Archie with a display of Old Ferry Inn spirits, accompanied by landlord Paul



Di and Hannah's Christmas jumpers are nearly as popular as their delicious cakes

News from Frogmore Farm

from Gill Palmer

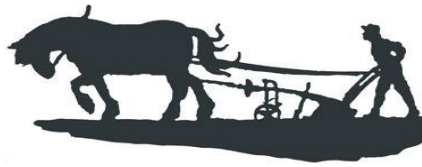
What a wet Autumn we have had. The mud began to make life very difficult when feeding the animals so it was decided to bring all the cattle into the sheds for the Winter.

What a noisy day that was! As each bunch was brought into the yard they went through the crush, the cows went one way and their calves the other way. Some calves were almost as big as their mothers so it was time to wean them. They were put in separate sheds, bedded up with a thick layer of straw. They began to roar to each other, you could hardly hear yourself speak. The noise carried on all night and the next day too. The separation sounds cruel but it's only like a student going to university!

On a dry day Ben sheared a few strips of hair off the backs of the cattle. This stops them sweating which will help to prevent pneumonia if the weather gets warm and muggy.

Shearing doesn't hurt the animals, they quite enjoy it and stand very still while it's being done. All that is except one little heifer calf, she refused to go into the crush at first. When she was at last contained safely she wouldn't keep still. Her passport was marked NOT FOR COW. She was cross.

Simon and Ben are now building two bull pens. Trying to keep two bulls apart so they can't see each other isn't easy. They roar and growl at each other. The bull breeder where we bought Hank (our young bull) said build two bull pens next to each other. They will roar and argue for a day then they will gradually get used to each other. These pens must be very strongly built. Two animals weighing over one ton each pushing the barriers calls for big steel and concrete



dividers, concreted deeply into the ground. I think I will be a bit nervous when the bulls go into their new pens.

The ewes have been separated from the rams who hopefully have done their job successfully. We will know in early December when someone comes to Frogmore to scan them. He will tell us how many lambs we will be expecting in the new year. The sheep have

been put through a foot bath every few days. This is to try and keep their feet in good condition. All this wet weather is not good for hoof health.

Simon and Ben managed get the ploughing and the tilling of the Winter corn done in a dry spell, just finishing as the rainy weather set in. It has all germinated and the fields have turned to green again. The farming year has started again. Well actually it never stops!

Frogmore have planned to plant

a hundred or so trees which will hopefully, in a small way, help the environment. A hedge has been built across the corner of a field adjoining a small wood. The hedge will protect the saplings from the wind and also the sheep and cattle.

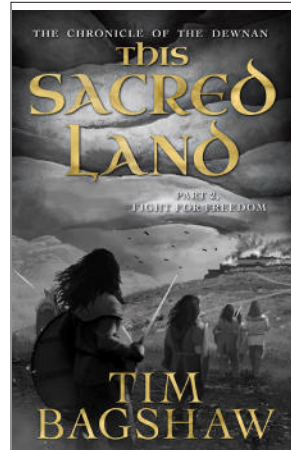
I think if we all buy British food, mostly in season we will all be helping to save the planet. Meat from New Zealand, Australia and South America travel half way around the world to get here. British food is produced on our doorsteps.



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Available on Amazon, Kindle, Apple Books and in all good book shops.

Follow Tim: www.twitter.com/@bagshaw_tim and www.facebook.com/dewnanchronicle



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

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council December 2021

from Gillian Thompson, Clerk; Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council

Parish Council report

Community Speed Watch

It is deemed inappropriate for residents to participate in Community Speed Watch events in their own parish and Members have entered into a reciprocal arrangement with Pelynt. Representatives from each parish will help to monitor speeding traffic in the neighbouring area.

Frogmore WCs

There has been a problem with supplies, nonetheless work is underway, including:

- New paths to the ladies and gents.
- New ceiling cladding / repainting the floor with non-slip paint.

Greenbank

Work on the new planting has been completed. Mr Gary and Mrs Lynn Napier had kindly offered to water and maintain the bed, for which Members are truly grateful.

Lanteglos by Fowey Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan will go to Referendum on Thursday, 14 November 2021. The results will be reported on both Cornwall Council and the Parish Council's website.

Whitecross Village Green

Members have agreed to tidy the area and lay planings. This will enable cars to park near to the wall shared with the Whitecross Village Hall and should make it easier for the farmer to access his field. New improved signage will also be provided.

Some ash trees on the green were found to be suffering from die-back and will be cut down and removed to ensure the disease does not spread.

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

www.lanteglosbyfowey.org.uk
clerk@lanteglosbyfowey.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings

from Gillian Thompson, Clerk

Virtual Meetings of the Parish Council are The Parish Council will be returning to face-to-face meetings with effect from September 2021. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend but are asked to contact the Clerk beforehand, as numbers will be limited due to continued pandemic concerns.

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Planning Applications

PA21/07600, Trewarder House road from Frogmore Farm to Junction SW of Tregavithick – erection of a new outbuilding. Members supported this application.

PA21/08621, 65 West Street Polruan – renovation and minor extension of lower ground floor of existing dwelling. Members had no objection.

PA21/07884, Henwood 12 Road from Castle Farm to Junction NE of Whitecross – application of natural Larch Cladding to weatherproof and improve thermal insulation and visual appearance. Members had no objection.

PA21/02351/PREAPP, The Coach House Pendower House Lanteglos – pre-application advice for demolition of existing sheds and construction of 1 bed holiday unit. Members made no comment but were advised to pay particular attention to the Neighbourhood Plan when considering any full planning application.

PA21/08507, Lawhippet Farm Lanteglos Highway – Listed Building Consent for replacement of windows and doors. Members supported this application.

PA21/09145, 5 Florizel Fore Street Polruan – retention and completion of installation of patio doors and glazed Juliet balcony on first floor, alteration to boundary walls and construction of patio and decked area in garden. Members supported this application.

PA21/09226, 47 Fore Street Polruan – proposed extension and re-modelling. Members supported this application.

PA21/09591, 3 Providence Place Tinkers Hill Polruan – proposed Landscaping to 3 Providence Place. Members had no objection.

PA21/09694, 15 Ocean View Polruan – construction of extension and alterations. Members had no objection in principle but point out there is no Design and Access Statement provided and query if this should be provided.

PA21/09765, Land SW of Hall Walk Cottage Old Road Bodinnick – T1 Multi-stemmed ash displaying symptoms of ash die back. Pollard all stems at approx 3m high from base. Members had no objection provided the Tree Officer has no objection.

Planning Applications Approved by Cornwall Council

PA21/04762, Chapel House Chapel Lane Polruan – replacement of existing conservatory with extension including WC, enlargement of existing window to the north elevation, removal of chimney stack, construction of greenhouse.

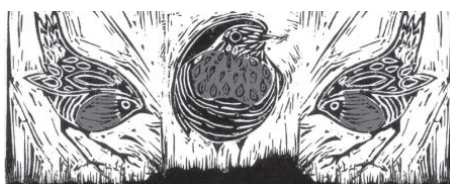
PA21/06096, Penmarlam Caravan and Camping Park – S73 application to vary condition 3 of planning decision 5/78/0832 dated 2/04/1979.

PA21/07112, 8 St Saviours Hill Polruan – rear extension and alteration of roof dormers.

PA21/02351/PREAPP, The Coach House Pendower House Lanteglos – pre-application advice for demolition of existing sheds and construction of 1 bed holiday unit.

PA21/05956, 52A Fore Street Polruan – householder application for proposed extension and alterations.

PA21/07600, Trewarder House road from Frogmore Farm to Junction SW of Tregavithick – erection of a new outbuilding.



Latest Corona-virus advice from Cornwall Council

Corona-virus remains a serious health risk.
You should stay cautious to help protect yourself and others.

- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Get tested and self-isolate if required
- If you haven't already, get vaccinated

Please send all corona-virus related enquiries or issues to Cornwall Council's dedicated email address
covid19@cornwall.gov.uk.

Higher Windmill Allotments

from Brian Cook

We are now at the stage in the year when we are beginning to clear our patches and are preparing for the new year. We still have the last produce to harvest. We have parsnips, leeks, chard, spinach, sprouts and perhaps cauliflowers and sprouting broccoli to come.

A lot of effort goes into preparing the patch. We have weeds to clear, manure to spread and the ground to dig over. We can't expect good results next year without this work

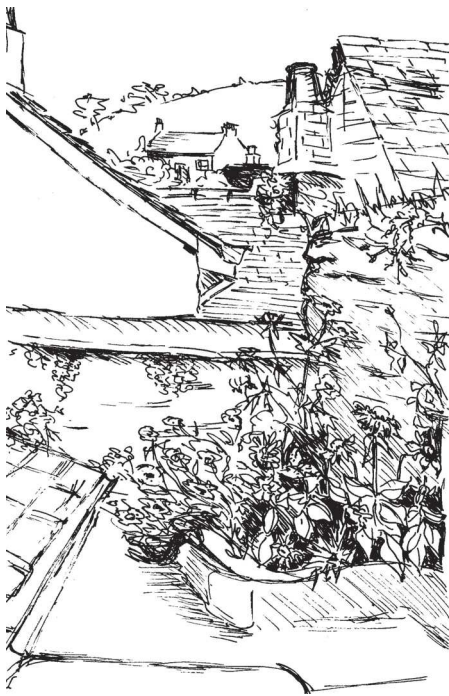
During the last month we have had our society AGM. It left the existing committee in place and confirmed the membership subscriptions for next year. Prizes were awarded for a number of vegetable competitions, notably Tammy had the biggest pumpkins and Des had the best sunflowers.

We have been busy with new projects recently. With generous funding from the Barrie bequest we have a new machinery store and a rotavator and mower. We also have a newly installed wildlife pond, but have had to increase security efforts to keep marauding deer out of the field . . . some wildlife isn't welcome!

There isn't a waiting list for a plot at present, so if you are considering joining us, speak to our chairman, Des Libby, about possibilities. He will be happy to show you around the field.



Tammy Skinner with her two winning pumpkins!



WHITECROSS & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

2021

We have taken the sad decision to not hold any meetings this year. We will be looking at a programme of events for when we can all circulate more freely, please keep an eye out and we will update everyone as soon as we can.

Stay well and safe

New members are always welcome

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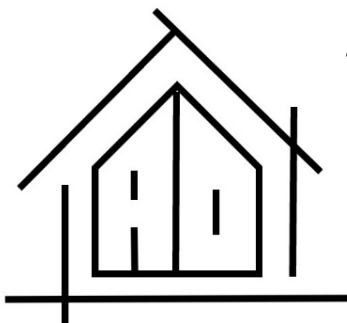
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As well as our programme of talks and events, we make grants to heritage projects and work with other organisations to promote the heritage of the area. We support regular guided walks of Fowey, Polruan and Looe between Easter and October

Membership costs £15 or £25 for two adults at the same address. An application form, and much else can be found at our website at www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk

- Face to face meetings: Members £5 each (non-members £8)
- Zoom meetings: £5 per screen for members (£8 non-members)

All meetings will follow the Government guidelines in force at the time so may be subject to change

For further information about the programme of Talks and the Society please visit our website at:

www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk.

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Forthcoming events:

7:00 pm Saturday 19th February via Zoom

'Nelson's Forgotten Surgeon' Dr George Magrath
Talk by Barbie Thompson

The Vikings in the South West

A talk by Derek Gore

7 pm Saturday, 11 December
via Zoom



An examination of the written and archaeological evidence of early Scandinavian activity in the region from ninth to the eleventh centuries, with particular reference to Cornwall.

Now retired, Derek was previously teaching in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Exeter



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Cornish Church Benchends

A talk by Dr Todd Gray, MBE

7.00 pm Saturday 22nd January
via Zoom



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Fowey Festival Online Auction

Our Online Festival Auction took place at the end of November. We would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who sponsored us by donating an auction item and to those who took part on the weekend. We are extremely grateful for your support and hope you enjoyed the experience.

Looking Forward to 2022

After the last two years, we are excited to be in the throes of planning the 2022 Festival. We hope that this gives you all something to look forward to, do look out for updates on our website and facebook page.



You can keep in touch with us as follows:

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from Eric Lockyear

As the autumn weather drew in, on-the-water and shoreline activity slowed. However, the rapid response of the local RNLI was still required.

Fowey volunteer RNLI crew launched the inshore D-Class lifeboat Olive Two on Friday, 8 September, to rescue a man and a woman who were stranded on rocks, after being cut off by the tide at Polmear Island in Carlyon Bay.

The pair had called 999 to alert the Coastguard, who requested the Fowey lifeboat to launch. The Fowey crew quickly arrived on scene and spotted two people sheltering on rocks. Although the casualties had managed to get up onto higher ground the tide was rising and, had they remained on the beach, the water would have been at chest height.

On arrival, the helm, Callum Pritchard, put crew member Graham Middlewood onto the rocks to assist the pair. Helped by the other crew member, Peter Perry, the casualties were fitted with inshore life-jackets and helped into the lifeboat. They were then taken to Charlestown Harbour where they were handed over to the St Austell Coastguard.

Helm Callum said: 'Tidal cut off is a major cause of RNLI call-outs. People are often unaware that they are in potential danger and are not prepared. The tide around Polmear Island in St. Austell Bay is a notorious spot for catching people unawares. Fortunately for these two, they had come prepared with a means of calling for help. They did the right thing and called 999 for the Coastguard. We always advise people to check the tide times and heights and to keep a lookout for incoming tides before walking near the water. People should always make sure they have enough time to return safely and if in any doubt, seek local advice.'

At 6pm on Thursday, 26 September, both Fowey lifeboats — the all-weather Trent class Maurice and Joyce Hardy and the in-shore lifeboat Olive Two — were launched to assist in a multi-agency search operation for a man who had not been seen since the previous morning. They searched a large area of the coastline from Gribben Head to Chapel Point, while a further search was carried out by the Coastguard along the shore from Charlestown to Pentair Point. This lengthy shout continued until well after dark, with the two boats returning to Fowey Harbour at 10.30pm, while the search continued on land.

Congratulations to Jimmy Hoddinott, who has been named as the new 2nd coxswain at Fowey RNLI lifeboat station. Jimmy joined Fowey RNLI as a volunteer lifeboat crew member in November 1999. He has been a coxswain for the past nine years, progressing to deputy 2nd coxswain and now 2nd coxswain.

Jimmy is a marine engineer who lives in Fowey with his wife Claire. Jimmy says: 'I love being part of the Fowey crew, they are a great bunch of people. My main motivation

for volunteering though is to help keep people safe on the water.

Jonathan Pritchard, 1st Coxswain at Fowey RNLI said, 'Jimmy is a great member of the team and becoming 2nd coxswain is a result of the hard work and dedication that he's shown during his time in Fowey RNLI. Jimmy is part of a team of four coxswains who volunteer to ensure that the Fowey lifeboats can be called out to help save lives at sea 24/7. Congratulations to Jimmy from the rest of the crew.'

Jimmy's wife Claire says: 'Our family is incredibly proud of what Jimmy has achieved during his service; which is now approaching 22 years. I admire his dedication and have great respect for the work of the Fowey Lifeboat crew. The sound of the pager still makes me jump as he rushes off to respond to the shout, which can be at any time during the day or night, 365 days-a-year, in all weather conditions.'

As part of the backstage work essential to keep the lifeboats operational, major works are being carried out throughout November to upgrade the pontoon and berthing piles where the All-weather lifeboat is berthed. The existing piles were installed over 20 years ago and were suffering from corrosion and wear. For the duration of the works, the All-weather lifeboat Maurice and Joyce Hardy will be moored on the pilot boat berth, thanks to the kind permission of Fowey Harbour Commissioners.

This project is essential to ensuring our volunteers are safe and the RNLI lifeboat can continue to operate from the pontoon for the next 20 years and save lives.

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea.



Jimmy Hoddinott, Fowey RNLI's new 2nd Coxswain



Fowey RNLI lifeboats Maurice and Joyce Hardy and Olive Two on exercise with the HM Coastguard helicopter



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	8 th	12 th	£4.00
Truro	29 th	26 th	£4.50

Please note the change from Tuesday to Wednesday for the St Austell service. The bus leaves the main car park at 9.25 (10.15 for Whitcross) then as requested at Furze Park, Well, Greenbank and Ferris Way.
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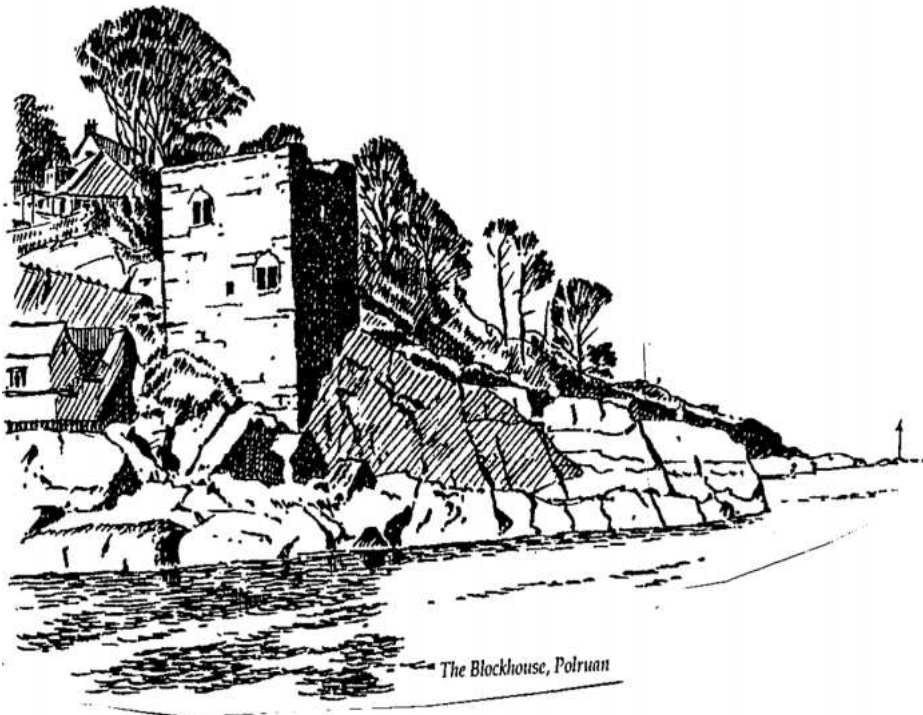
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Town Trust Report

from Robin Sainsbury, Chairman

Since our last report, due to various commitments of Trustees and ongoing COVID restrictions, not a great deal has changed.

The Quay still rumbles on although final agreements do appear to be getting much closer. The development of the Vevery Car Park and Reservoir is ongoing with the Trust now virtually ready to submit at least outline planning.

The tenders for St Saviour Car Park and the grass cutting will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, if you wish to be considered please contact Adrian Fisher,

The Trust has also taken the decision to move meetings to the First Tuesday of the month as it was proving increasingly difficult for the Chairman, in particular, to attend on a Friday.

The playground on the hill will be undergoing some repairs and updating as some of the old

equipment is very tired. There will also be some adult outdoor gym equipment installed shortly

The Barrie fund continues to be distributed to local organisations. It is likely that there will be a small residual amount so if you have a community project you need assistance with, please ask us.

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

Early Monday morning and not before!

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

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

Please do not feed the gulls

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National Coastwatch

EYES ALONG THE COAST

from Brian Cook

NCI is a national charity run by volunteers who man 55 lookout stations around the English and Welsh coasts. We are looking out for boating and coast walking incidents that, in Polruan we report to HM Coastguards in Falmouth.

As the days have shortened recently we have been running two daily watches from 9am until 4pm. There has recently been much less water activity than we had in the summer.

We are taking advantage of these quieter times to refurbish the lookout using Barrie Bequest funding. For much of November we have closed the lookout and have stripped it of old furniture and fittings. The very aged roof has been removed and reinstated with new felt, battens and slates, with some of the structural timbers replaced. We have also taken advantage of this roof access to incorporate insulation to modern standards. We believe that most of the old roof covering was original and had lasted about 150 years! We have redecorated and refitted new furniture as well as upgraded the radio and electronics systems and put in new floor coverings. We are very much looking forward to the arrival of our new radar system.

In November we had our first AGM for two years. After an interesting talk by a guest speaker, the existing committee was confirmed for the new year and the Station Manager gave his report. He said that this year we had been involved in six reportable incidents, most of them being in the busy August peak season. The refurbishment was also discussed at the meeting.

Since lockdown ended we have been training a number of new watch keepers who have joined the team. Recently they took their radio course which enables them to be certified.

We always welcome new trainees who need no previous maritime experience as full training is provided. If you are interested, initially call into the lookout and have a word with the duty watch keeper.

NCI Polruan continues to have its weather station information on line at polruan@nci.com



Friends of the Fowey Estuary

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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.

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Fowey Harbour News – Winter Newsletter

from Captain Paul Thomas, Harbour Master

for and on behalf of the Fowey Harbour Commissioners

Stay Safe - Register your SUPs and Kayaks

It has been another incredibly busy season on the water for our team with vessels of all shapes and sizes enjoying all that the Fowey Estuary has to offer. We have again noticed that there has been an obvious expansion in the numbers of Stand Up Paddleboards (SUPs) and kayaks, not just in the lower harbour, but all the way up river to Lostwithiel and Lerryn.

These craft are easily accessible and relatively inexpensive and, whilst they allow access to the water for a wide sector of people, this comes with some safety concerns for us as the Harbour Authority. Users of SUPs and kayaks can lack experience on the water, especially around weather and tides, which can catch them out. We have had a number of incidences where our Patrol Team have assisted SUPs in the busy lower harbour. Although thankfully there have not been any significant injuries, with the sheer number of these craft on the water, it seems that unless we take some steps to educate and control things it is only a matter of time before an incident does occur. The Harbour Commissioners feel it is time to take early action to engage with these harbour users and reach out to them to provide some safety advice and local knowledge.

From January 2022, FHC are launching a safety campaign directly aimed at SUPs and kayak users which will require all SUPs and kayaks to register with Fowey Harbour before use. They will be issued with an annual licence sticker and harbour dues collected. The owner's details will be captured to provide them with safety information, but also be able to identify their kit if it is found adrift or unattended.

We acknowledge that many SUP and kayak users enjoy exploring the peace and tranquillity of the upper estuary and these safety concerns are equally as prevalent here where the receding tide reveals mud-flats and the scale of the estuary means people can easily become isolated.

Keep a look out for our SUP & Kayak Code of Conduct and please get your kit registered with Fowey Harbour by contacting the Harbour Office.

01726 832471
reception@foweyharbour.co.uk

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift?

Why not get one of our Fowey Harbour Tide Calendars, filled with beautiful photos of the harbour with tide times included. Cost: £5.50, available from the Fowey Harbour Office or can be posted for £7.50

If you haven't got a copy of our book yet, it's a must! Discover all sorts of information about the River Fowey from source to sea. Cost: £9.95, available from the Fowey Harbour Office or can be posted



Polruan Coastguard from Des Libby, Station Officer

As we move into the winter months with less boating activity and less people on the coast, we can breathe a sigh of relief as the number of incidents has dropped considerably indeed none at all during October, even with the large number of visitors about during the half term. Perhaps the safety messages are getting through or have I spoken too quickly, we shall wait and see!

Training is ongoing as we meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of the month either on station or location to maintain and improve our skills. Back in September we could be seen making use of the Pontoon off of Polruan Quay, before it was removed for the winter, practising our water rescue and safety skills with our new water rescue dummy.

Now is the time to think about winter maintenance and all the jobs that need doing to all the different crafts and engines over the winter including the effects of the new E10 petrol if left in your tanks.

From the Station Log

10 September 2021: Assist Looe Coastguard Rescue Team (CRT) and Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) with Medivac from Fishing boat, Looe

harbour, team cleared Looe main beach to set up Helicopter Landing Site (HLS).

14 September 2021: Assist South West Ambulance Service (SWAS) with extraction of casualty at Polperro

25 September 2021: Team called to support Devon & Cornwall Police with person at Parsons Cove, Near Lansallos, using local knowledge team able to get Coastguard Response Vehicle (CRV) close to scene to ease extraction

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



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	Jam First Coffee shop	07875 293364
	The Russell Inn	01726 870707
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	Polruan Community Bus	01726 870707
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