

The **PARISH NEWS**

for Lanteglos, Lanreath, Lansallos, Pelynt and Talland



From the Editorial Team

Well, it has certainly been a strong learning curve for the whole team in producing the Parish News. We should start out by referencing the pantomime review in the Spring edition and apologising to Elaine Hayne for getting her surname wrong, and to Tony Cottrell whose pantomime was his 50th world premiere, but only 16 of these have been in Polruan.

On the topic of the pantomime, we omitted to mention some very important people. Firstly, Lorraine Fosdyke who is an essential part of the pantomime with her wonderful music – it would not be a pantomime without her input. Also, we must thank Wendy Tomlin and all the backstage helpers who contributed to make the pantomime the fabulous entertainment it was.

Our apologies are also extended to those whose adverts, we distorted, cropped or missed out entirely.

Despite all, everyone has been very kind and understanding. We have received some lovely emails and comments about the Parish News, which really encouraged us with this issue and of course with future issues (see page 2).

Isn't it wonderful to see the sun again after such a wet winter! Hopefully the fine weather will continue (with just a little overnight rain) to give us the incentive to get our gardens looking gorgeous just in time for the NGS Open Gardens on 27th and 28th June (see page 7).

Most of us enjoy the quiet of the winter months but it is great to see the number of visitors increasing and adding a buzz to our corner of the world. So much to look forward to, whether it is sailing, walking, having fun on the beach, attending summer events, or just finding a sheltered corner to sit and read a good book. As always one of the key highlights being the Polruan Regatta with the crowning of the Carnival Royalty on Monday 31st August. There will be lots of fun and games (see page 3). Our thanks to the committee for all their organisation.

Time also to get your thinking caps on for the "scarecrow" competition with this year's theme being "World Cup". Ironically rather than a scarecrow, this should be a garden sculpture made of recycled items.

It is really good news that the Winkle Picker in Polruan is continuing under new management with the Post Office

remaining open every weekday until 16.00. We wish all businesses in the Parish a busy and prosperous summer!

Many thanks to everyone who came along for a fun evening of Skittles at Polruan Village Hall on Saturday 9th May. This event along with the raffle was well supported and raised the amazing amount of £488.74 to support the Parish News.



The competition winners were very happy to receive a box of chocolates.

Also, thank you to C. Toms and Son Ltd for their generous donation for the continuation of the Parish News.

Finally, if you are planning any charity or community events for the Autumn why not let us know so that we can include them in our next issue.



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Letters to the Editorial Team

From Nev & Tina Piper

Thank you Richard and Harriet for your service to this community over these last five years. These years are already known by many as "The Covid Years" and must have been difficult for anyone trying to conduct a pastoral ministry. Understandably, you now need that rest. Thank you Richard and Harriet, we hope you see these years as five years well spent. God bless you both and remember that God is always there calling us all to minister for Him. Enjoy your rest, enjoy your retirement. Thank you.

From Emma de Riso

As a person who provides a dog walking service, I am very aware of the need to keep my dog and the dogs entrusted to me, under control and on a leash at all times.

Taking a dog for a walk is one of the simplest and most enjoyable activities we can do and is beneficial to the health of both the dog walker and the dog. However, it must be done in a manner that respects all others, whether with or without a dog, enjoying a stroll around the village or enjoying the countryside.

So please be mindful of others and keep your dog under control at all times and on a leash where necessary; not everyone may feel as safe and comfortable with your dog as you may be.

The control of dogs is enforceable under law but the best way forward must be to respect each other.

Comment from the Editorial Team

We were also delighted to receive the following three letters

From Jeremy Smither

Thank you for your letter and sending a copy of the 'new Parish News' - which is excellent. Well done to the new team who have picked up the baton. The publication has always been so useful and important to the village.

From Margaret Tomlinson

I was delighted to receive a copy of the new Parish News. I like to keep in touch with the "goings on" in your area, as my husband and I used to visit four times a year and stayed at the N.T. property Triggabrowne until he died 20 years ago. I wish the team every success in your new venture.

From Skye Reid-Smith

Congratulations to you all on the new "Parish News"! Well done! I look forward to the next issue.

The Editorial Team welcome your letters and contributions, however in fairness to others, reserves the right to abbreviate owing to limited space available. We regret that we cannot accept anonymous contributions. Please give your name and email or postal address: this will not be published in full unless you specifically request it.

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Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports *From the committee*

The choosing of the Carnival Royalty for 2026-2027 will have taken place by the time this edition is published. The children will be crowned, as always, on August Bank Holiday Monday, our regatta day.

A trip to Big Dunks Laser Tag for the older children will also have taken place in May.

The annual Beach Gala is booked to take place on Sunday August 2nd. Timings and entry forms will be available, nearer the event, from the Winkle Picker and Polruan Store.

Plans for our Regatta weekend at the end of August 29th – 31st, are well advanced. Our favourite entertainers, Barnard and Jones, make a welcome return visit. Lostwithiel Town Band will be with us along with favourites such as the ball roll, beach volley ball, treasure hunt, sandcastle and sand sculpture competitions, sailing races etc.

The number of entrants in our carnival has been static for a couple of years; however the standard of entry has been first class. Please consider entering this year, get together with family or friends for a group entry, we would love to see an increased carnival entry.

Programmes, giving full details and timings, will be available from the middle of August as will Ball Roll numbers and Raffle tickets.

Our pop up 'shop' on the corner of East Street will be there as usual. Watch for posters to advise dates and times.

We were very sad to learn of the loss of a lovely lady, Eileen Enoch, who was a committee member for 17 years and an enthusiastic supporter over the years. We send condolences to Bill, Jacquie and Tracey.

We thank the generosity of our Patrons and others for donations, which enable us to carry out our activities and plan our regatta without the concern of funding.

Offers of help for regatta weekend are always welcome. Please contact Mark Pope on 07884001123 or Joanna Sandy on 870671. Thank you.

The Flower Pickers *From Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports Committee*

The Flower Picking Crew may come as a bit of a surprise to those newly living in the village. Traditionally, a crew tour the village on the Sunday evening, (August 30th this year), before Regatta

day, to pick hydrangeas ready to decorate the royal float on Monday morning. They're very sociable and enjoy the odd beverage and barbecue as they go round!

They do have their favourite gardens! If you would like to contribute to the collection of hydrangeas or would rather they didn't collect, please speak to Mark Pope (Tel: 07884001123)



Street Bunting *From Polruan Regatta and Children's Sports committee*

As in past years, we are required to seek permission from Cornwall Council Transportation Service, to put up our bunting across the highway.

Streetworks have informed us that we need to inform property owners that they may have our summer bunting attached to their property.

This is done by people who have experience of doing this for many years with due respect for property. The bunting goes up towards the end of July and is taken down in early September. Until the bunting is being put up we cannot actually be specific as to which property will be used.

We are aware that many properties have changed owners over the past few years. Therefore, we realise that it is only courteous to make you aware of our tradition of decorating Fore Street, a length of East and West Streets with bunting, secured in zig zag fashion, across the road.

We quite understand if you do not wish the bunting to be attached to your property and would be grateful if you would let us know before the beginning of July if this is the case.

Thank you for your understanding.



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Garden Sculpture Competition 2006 'World Cup' themed *From Polruan Regatta & Sports Committee*

Last year's first ever Garden Sculpture competition produced brilliant entries and they were much admired by residents and visitors alike. So, we have decided to give it another go this year and the theme is "World Cup" (any sport!). As usual there will be two classes of entry - Private Households and Organisations/Businesses/Groups.

Anyone living in or visiting our Parish is welcome to enter.

Pick up and deliver your completed entry to **The Winkle Picker, The Quay Polruan** (thanks to Katie for her help with this). Entries to be received by 12 noon on Friday 17th July 2026. This will allow for a sculpture route map to be produced. However, we will be allowing for late entries.

Your sculpture must be made from scratch.

Your sculpture should be a maximum height of 2m, there's no minimum height.

We would like you to use re-cycled items and any odds and ends you may have around to make your sculpture.

Please ensure your sculpture is securely anchored and clearly visible.

Have fun but treat the subject with respect. Inappropriate entries will be excluded.

Sculptures must be in place by 10.00 a.m. on Friday 24th July 2026 in order to be judged over the weekend. The judge's decision is final.

Please do not remove until after 14th August, however it would be great if they could stay in place longer.

The winners will be informed as soon as practical after judging. Trophies will be presented to the winners on August Bank Holiday Monday.



Save Our Surgery Update

From SOS Campaign Working Group

A huge thank you to everyone who has participated in the public meetings, completed questionnaires and contacted Fowey River Practice (FRP) and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) directly. We feel that your views, together with the work of Save Our Surgery Working Group, is getting our community's voice heard and hopefully making a difference.

We held another public meeting on the 12th May with a total of 75+ in attendance, including the chairs of both the Polruan Town Trust and Parish Council as well as our local councillor Jim Candy.

The consultation period finished on the 17th April and as of the 12th May, FRP had not yet submitted an application to close Polruan surgery to the ICB. We have been advised by FRP that the working group will be kept informed of any decision concerning the submission of an application, with further consultation.

Councillor Jim Candy has been active at Cornwall Council level, along with our local MP, Anna Gelderd, who has been meeting with FRP and the ICB on our behalf.

Lord Berkeley has also raised a question with the Health Minister in the Lords and Polruan resident Lord Wills has been very active on the behalf of SoS.

There are a number of options the working group had put forward to the FRP, including:

1. The existing surgery. Remodelling with a new entrance, disabled toilet and larger consulting room etc.
2. Polruan Fire Station. The existing Community Room does not appear to be an option (there is too much needed to make it a medical environment), however talks continue with the Fire service, Cornwall. The Village Hall and the WI Hall also seem unsuitable.
3. A Portakabin healthcare unit. This would cost about £50K per annum, but we would not own it.
4. A self-build unit in Veverly would cost about £70k.
5. A secondhand mobile healthcare unit. This could cost as low as £20/25k, depending on age and condition.

Our preference currently would be option 5, which we would want to fundraise for, and then the village would own the unit. This would give us flexibility to rent to other health providers, e.g. physiotherapists, podiatrists, etc.

What is very important, particularly at this time, is that people attend their appointments or cancel them as soon as possible if they cannot attend. There are still appointments in Polruan being missed. This does not help us during this period of discussion and blocks appointments for others in the community.



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Kidz Klub

From Kathryn Hill

Our "Easter Extravaganza" in March was great fun with bunny and chick shaped biscuits to decorate, seeds to plant, seasonal crafts and an Easter Egg hunt as well as the usual fun and games.

In April we went on a Scavenger Hunt, toasted Marshmallows over a fire pit, did some craft and played a variety of games.



Unfortunately we have been unable to find a suitable Friday in May for Kidz Klub but we are hoping that our friends in the National Trust will help us have a "slip'n'slide" at the school field on June 19th or another Friday in June if the weather doesn't cooperate on the 19th – watch out for posters and messages on social media. That will be the last Kidz Klub meeting this term and we will resume in September.

Summer Crossword

ACROSS

- 7 Chorale (6)
- 8 Freedom (6)
- 9 Bona fide (4)
- 10 Witness (8)
- 11 Atrocious (8)
- 13 Bother (5)
- 15 Range (5)
- 16 Nearby (5,2)
- 18 Malice (8)
- 19 Sort (4)
- 21 Market (6)
- 22 Paradise (6)

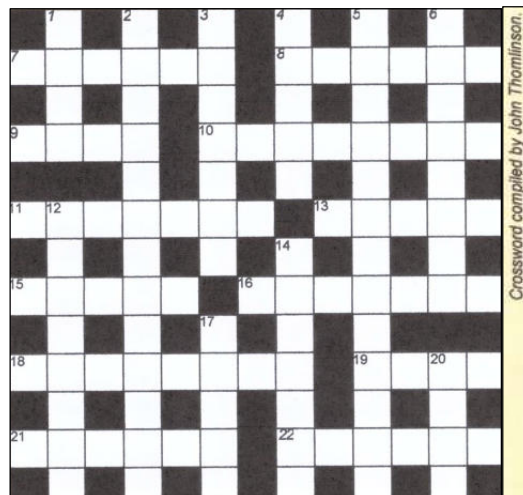
DOWN

- 1 Formerly (4)
- 2 Pensive (13)
- 3 Dishonest (7)
- 4 Frisky (5)
- 5 Decay (13)
- 6 Cellar (8)
- 12 Impertinence (8)
- 14 Frisky (7)

- 17 Get on (5)

- 20 Prudish (4)

Answers on page 13



Crossword compiled by John Thomlinson

Polruan Academy

From Jane Wills, Head of School

Springtime and the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature go hand in hand, bringing together schools and creatives from across the area for a wonderful celebration of talent, imagination and community spirit. We were delighted when Polruan Primary was chosen by the festival panel as a beneficiary of The Mid Cornwall Arts Society grant. This grant enables schools to welcome an artist into school to work alongside children for the day, and through it we have developed a fantastic working relationship with local artist Louise Kidd.

Louise has spent time in school leading inspiring printing projects and running a special session to inspire the children's artwork for this year's festival theme, "After midnight". As always, the children fully immersed themselves in the creative process, and we are thrilled to share that Antonia was awarded second place in the KS2 art category. Antonia proudly attended the award ceremony at the Fowey Harbour Hotel, where she collected her prize and shared her artwork with the audience. Many other pupils were also recognised with Highly Commended and Commended certificates, which is a real testament to the effort and creativity shown by everyone involved.

In the classroom this term, our youngest children are exploring plants and growing. They are working scientifically, carrying out experiments to discover what plants need to grow strong and healthy. This learning will then be extended to animals and marine life, culminating in an exciting visit to the marine aquarium in Plymouth to bring their studies to life.

Meanwhile, Tregegagle class are diving into the fascinating world of the Maya civilisation. They are learning about how the Maya lived in the rainforest and how they adapted and innovated to create a sustainable way of life in a challenging environment. Taking on the role of historians, the children are using inference, prior knowledge and curiosity to investigate historical sources and uncover more about Maya culture, beliefs and daily life.

Looking ahead to later in the summer term, the whole school will enjoy a fully funded trip to Pizza Express in Newquay to learn how to make pizza. This exciting experience has been made possible thanks to the generosity of a local benefactor, who kindly donated funds to support fun and educational trips for our children.

Finally, we are delighted to share that a wonderful group of parents have revived Friends of Polruan Academy (FOPA). Their aim is to raise funds to provide extra experiences for all our pupils, and we are really looking forward to working alongside them. Please keep an eye out for posters around the village advertising upcoming fundraising events.



**POLRUAN
KIDZ KLUB**

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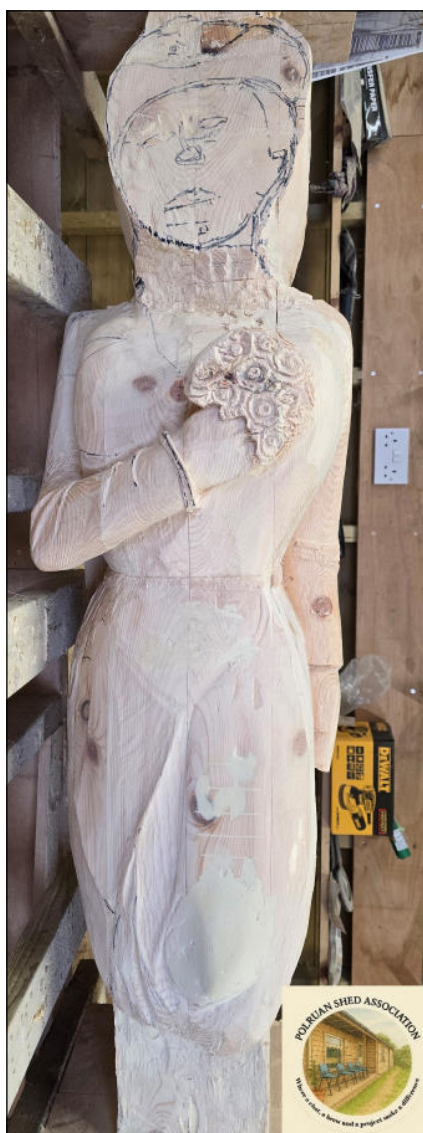
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Polruan Shed Association From Henry Rowe

In the Spring addition of the Parish news, I mentioned that, with the kind permission of Mr Kits Browning, we were trying to produce a replica of the Jane Slade figurehead from the 1870's schooner that carried her name. We have been asked if we were commissioned to do this. The answer is no and we are simply undertaking the project as a challenge and indeed it has turned out to be exactly that, with none of us having any previous experience of carving a wooden figure and definitely not one 1.4 m tall.



Progress has been slow but as shown in the photograph much of the body is nearing completion, although further trimming will be required in places to do her figure a little more justice. However, undertaking the body first has been useful as it has prepared us for the much more difficult task of carving her head which we will be starting soon.

With the support of a generous

donation, we are looking to add a good-sized wood lathe to our equipment list. This will allow members to undertake more individual projects rather than the "group" projects we have undertaken so far. So, be prepared, there could be quite a few, much needed, fruit/salad bowls and lamp stands being taken home by proud members!

If you would like more information about the Shed Association including membership, session times etc please contact Henry Rowe on hjdrowe@gmail.com or 07887 824837.

Higher Windmill Allotments From Brian Cook

Last time we complained about the wet Winter and Spring stopping us from getting onto the plots to get them prepared for the new season. Since then, it has been relatively dry so we have got started..... lots of digging, weeding and spreading manure and compost. All our gardeners have compost heaps that, when their contents are rotted for a season, produce "goodness" to add to the soil.

Having started late we have got on with preparation and sowing seeds. The low temperatures recently have slowed progress and germination has been slow. So far we notice potatoes on their furrows, runner beans peeping above soil level, some of the broad beans that were sowed last October are now flowering hoping that a wandering bee might pollinate them and some adventurous courgettes expecting to weather nighttime low temperatures. There are various brassicas, tomatoes and other vegetables as well as flowers in some plots.

Already strawberries are flowering with promise of a crop in June and small gooseberries and other berries are visible on bushes. A number of allotments have fruit trees which have blossomed but the flowers have to survive the recent cold winds to produce fruit this autumn.

As usual, we are looking forward to a productive season and have various competitions (largest pumpkin, etc) running. We have been joined in the last year by a number of new gardening members who have worked hard on their allotments. There are a couple of small allotments available. If you fancy joining us contact our Chairman Graham Palmer or our Secretary Lis Taylor.

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**Little Harbour
Children's Hospice South-West**
From Lynn Bartlett



Emma Sturdy, Zoe Dolphin and their children have again registered for the annual Rainbow Run taking place on 20th June at RAF St. Mawgan. Their sponsorship forms are available in the village shops. Please support them as they voluntarily run, jog or walk round the 5k course whilst being showered with multi coloured powder paint at various stages.

There are several new paperback books and jigsaws, available in the Reading Room. Please see posters for dates of book sales. Please contact Lynn (07977440132) if you have books to donate; we respectfully ask that they are not left in the Reading Room.

Thank you for your continued support.

NGS Open Gardens
From Sue Rowe



We will once again be opening gardens in Polruan for visitors to come and look round on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June from 13.00 to 17.00. Maps can be bought from the Village Hall or from the Quay. The price for a map will be £6.00 per person, with children free. All the money raised from garden visits will be going towards the National Garden Scheme. Last year they donated £3,875,596 to nursing and health charities.

The WI will also be serving cream teas in the village hall on the same afternoons.

This turned out to be a really successful weekend last year with visitors coming from all over Cornwall. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and look forward to seeing lots of visitors. Please do come and support us!



Looe & District Club
*From Christine Smith Chairman, Looe
Flower Club*

The Looe & District Flower Club meets at Pelynt Village Hall on 2nd June at 14.00.

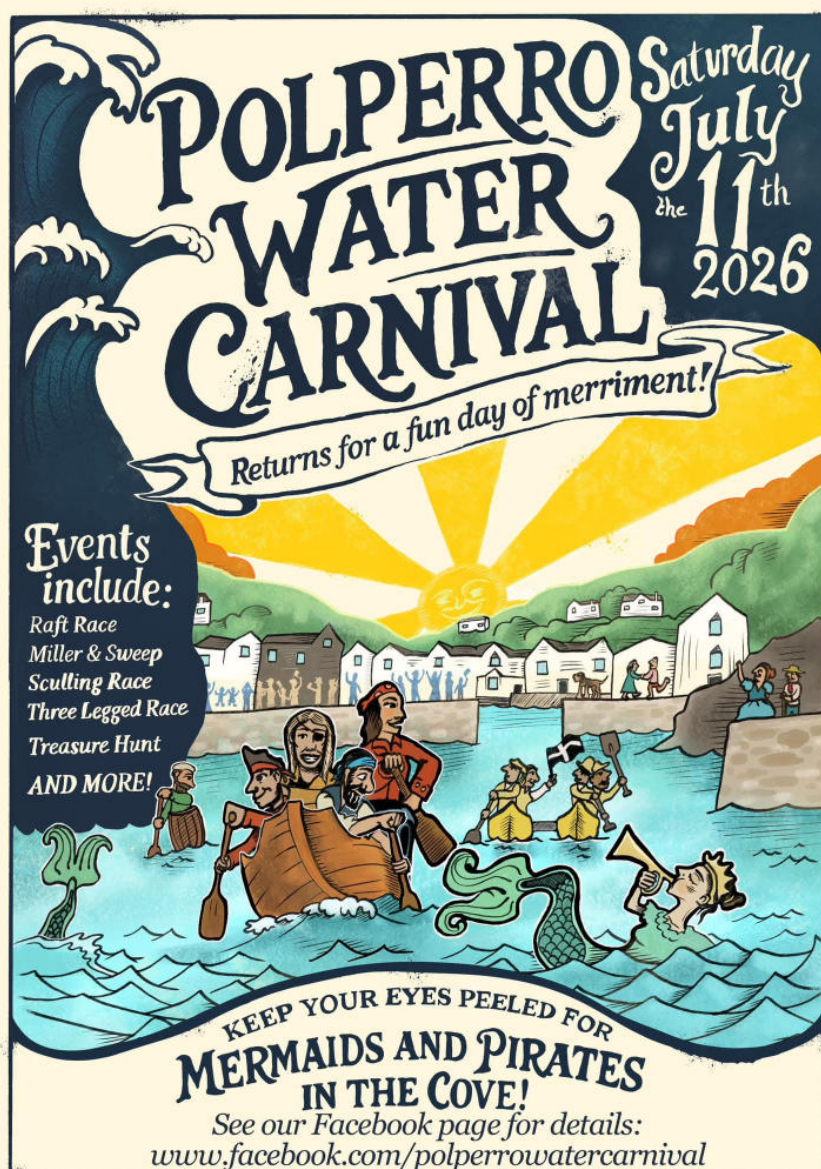
Danielle Stephenson is demonstrating "Surprise" with flowers.



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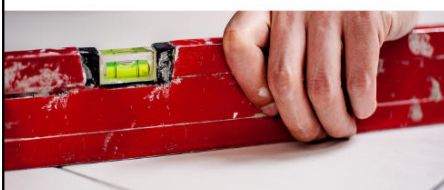
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A Royal Visit From Jacqui Lewis

C Toms and Son were pleased to welcome HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO to the boatyard as part of our celebration to mark the completion of our Boatyard Upgrade Project. During the visit he had a tour of our facilities where he spoke to staff before taking the controls to drive our new vessel trolley and unveiling a plaque to mark the completion of the works. Paul Toms said "It was a pleasure to be joined by HRH The Duke of Gloucester to mark this occasion. After 38 years working within the business it's great to see this Upgrade Project completed and the business taking its next step forward with both new and improved facilities and greater sustainability".

We were also joined by members of the local marine community, suppliers who worked on aspects of the upgrade work with us and a selection of customers all of whom were able to view the facilities and enjoy the celebration with us.

We would like to extend our gratitude to HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO for visiting our boatyard and Cornwall Council for giving us this opportunity.



Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council

Highlights March to May 2026

From Gini Ainley, Vice Chair

Cllr Candy organised a visit to Polruan in April by Peter La Broy, Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Housing. He and colleagues met with members of the PC and we were able to give him an understanding of the reality of living in Polruan and our local housing issues. We made it clear Polruan needs good social housing for locals. We also visited no 27 and 28 Greenbank both currently vacant. Unfortunately, it is clear there is major subsidence and the cost of fixing is higher than Cornwall Council's benchmark. The PC is now working with Cllr Candy to see what can be done to get Cornwall Council or other organisations to invest in these properties so they can be used for local people.

We also met with a Polruan Town Trust representative and looked at the Winkle Picker flat with a view to getting Cornwall Council to use money paid by developers for specific use in community housing to refurbish the Winkle Picker flat to provide accommodation for locals. It might sound logical but it's not standard so fraught with complications. We are cautiously optimistic

On April 14th we held our Annual Parish meeting as part of the Coffee Cake and Catch-up session. The format proved to be a great success with speakers from across the community presenting some very positive messages about what is going on within our Parish. We hope to repeat this again next year.

The PC has been in communication with Cornwall Council Planning Enforcement over the lack of resurfacing of the path leading from Policeman's Lane to the bottom of the village. This was agreed as part of the original Bones Meadow Planning Application. Interestingly a new planning application has been received to remove the condition requiring the path to be resurfaced! The PC has objected as have many other residents. This sort of situation seems to be happening frequently with applicants apparently circumventing the planning process on what are historically clear planning conditions.

The PC continues to contribute and support the great work of the Save our Surgery Team.

Regrettably Cllr Clare-Dunbavand has recently resigned from the PC: he has been a dedicated and valuable member of the team and will be sorely missed.

Polruan Theatre Club Pantomime

From Tony Cottrell

Plans are underway and scripts being written for the next Polruan Pantomime. Last year's "Saving Fairyland", to quote the Cornwall Drama Association was "a true village panto. The script was a triumph... funny, witty, full of modern references, that had great appeal and a lot of laughs". This year we are intending to produce "The Silly Isles, a piratical pantomime".

While we have a provisional cast, we would love to welcome more people aboard to help with front of house, box office, backstage and wardrobe; especially if you have any prowess in costume design and making. The show is intended for next February half-term (17th - 19th February) with rehearsals not starting until this November. For all those interested, please contact Mike Parlett (mike_parlett@btinternet.com) or Sue Rowe (sjsherwood2@gmail.com)

Lanteglos Community Bus

Timetable

<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
St Austell 3 rd	St Austell 1 st	Whitecross 1 st
Whitecross 6 th	Whitecross 4 th	St Austell 5 th
Trago/Bodmin 10 th	Trago/Bodmin 8 th	Trago/Bodmin 12 th
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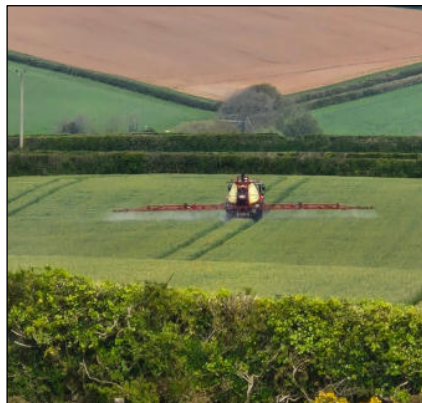
News from Frogmore Farm From Gill Palmer

The Spitfire is 90 years old. Reginald Joseph Mitchell was lying on the grass above Lantivet Beach watching the seagulls diving and swooping beneath him. He had the idea that a plane could do the same. The first Spitfire flew on the 5th of March 1936. 20,000 were built before 1948 when they were taken out of service.

Frogmore has another claim to fame. In the field above Palace Cove one of the last fights between the coastguards and the smugglers took place. Cannon balls were fired. I don't know who won but I found a cannon ball there a few years ago. It was about as big as a tennis ball.



A new bull has arrived on the farm, Napoleon, a very big animal. He has settled down very well, running with lots of cows. The little boys have decided to call him Ned.



The fields have been planted with the Spring barley and are now turning green.

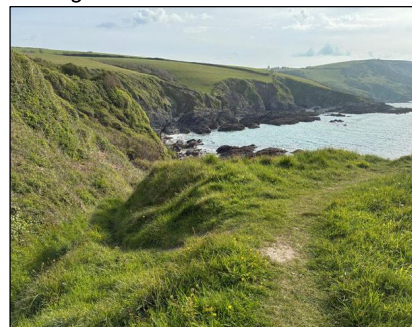
It will soon be time to silage the grass fields for next year's Winter feed. That's always an exciting day. The big silage machine rolls into the field and never stops. The tractors and trailers take the grass to the farm where it is tipped into what we call the silage pit. It is then rolled down very tightly to exclude any air bubbles. After a long day the fields are all cut and the grass stored. The pit is then covered with black sheeting and covered with old tyres to hold it firm until

it is needed in the Winter. That's a horrible dirty job but Lorna usually cooks a delicious tea and a couple of drinks for all the helpers. As the grass ferments it gets very hot, sometimes effluent is squeezed out. This runs into a specially constructed pit to prevent it harming wildlife.

The swallows have arrived back. Each day a few more arrive. Swooping a drink of water from the pond. It's quite strange but the very day they arrive the mayflies hatch to feed them.

As the weather warms up the ewes await the shearing day when their fleeces are removed.

Reggie our youngest great grandson is now trying his best to help out on the farm. At eighteen months old he is using his little tractor to collect grain to feed the cows. A young farmer in the making.



MEMBERSHIP:

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

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

Saturday 20th JUNE at 7pm we will be showing the re-make (2010) of the western **TRUE GRIT**. An all star cast includes Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Josh Brolin. (15)
A stubborn teenager enlists the help of a US Marshall to track down her father's murderer.



Saturday 25th JULY at 7pm we will be showing **GREEN FINGERS** starring Helen Mirren and Clive Owen. (15)
A comedy-drama based on a true story about Colin Briggs (Clive Owen), a convicted murderer near the end of his sentence at an open prison. He and a group of inmates find purpose and redemption through gardening, culminating in competition at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show.



Saturday 29th AUGUST at 7pm we will be showing **I SWEAR** a recent film about a pioneering activist with Tourette's syndrome. (15)



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

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ADULTS: (age 26 plus) £8 - **YOUTH:** (18 - 26 yrs) £4

Subsequent film ticket prices : Adults £4 and Youth £2. There is no charge for suitable films for children.



Our Series of Talks From Avril Sutton

From September to April each year the Society arranges a series of talks held in Fowey, Bodinnick and Polruan. These are open to all and Members who have free entry, (£10 for non members).

For further information, please see our website which will be updated as soon as our program for 2026-7 has been finalised:- <https://www.foweyharbourheritage.org.uk/mobile/talks.php>

Or email FHHSociety@gmail.com, contact Kath Pearce on 07977 572268



Fowey River Lions

Are you looking for support for your local group or charity? Or do you know someone who is in need of a contribution towards a worthwhile project or goal? Fowey River Lions are delighted to announce that applications are now being accepted for our 2026 Grant Process. One of our key objectives is to actively engage in community initiatives, including supporting local charities, helping those in need, and providing financial assistance. Following on from the success of last year's grants, we have a number of awards of up to £250 each to give away. These grants could be used for many kinds of projects, last year's awards went to fund equipment for the Polkerris and Lostwithiel Scouts, buy new music stands for the Lostwithiel Town Band, support two interactive literary workshops for local children via the Du Maurier Literary Festival, purchase musical equipment for Lostwithiel School and supply sports equipment for Squires Field Youth Club.

If you would like to apply for a grant, please contact us at foweyriverlions@gmail.com and we will send you an application form with terms and conditions. The closing date for applications is 30th June 2026. All applications received by this date will go through an evaluation process to determine who will receive a grant. We have a limited number to give out and the Lions are solely responsible for deciding who will be given an award.

The winners will be notified during July and will be invited to attend an award ceremony at our meeting in Par on Monday 7th September. Unless the winners specifically request that their grant remain confidential, news of the winning entries will be published on our social media feed and in this newsletter. Good luck with your entries!

The grant funds are drawn from the money we raise from the many events we organise during the year and we are very grateful for all our supporters who come along and make this possible.

If you would like to get involved with the Lions and you have an hour or so a week to spare, please drop us an email. We would love to hear from you and we can tell you a little bit more about what being a Lion means without any obligation to join. You can contact us at foweyriverlions@gmail.com or by phone on 0345 833 7484 or via our facebook page - [foweyriverlions](https://www.facebook.com/foweyriverlions).

Although Easter seems to be a long time ago now, we would like to offer our congratulations to all the winners of our annual Easter Egg draw, and to all the business owners who kindly helped us this year.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please log on to your Co-op account and select us as your community project for the year. It won't cost you a penny and will help us to fund our Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch in December. To find out more about our project visit the website on membership.coop.co.uk/causes/100031



Summer at Whitecross Market From Liz Luck

Whitecross Market is 10 years old in 2026! We might have a celebration later, but for now... just huge THANKS to those on the village hall committee who've kept the market going through fair winds and foul (usually the latter); and to all the stallholders (many of whom have been with us from the start); and to all of you who come shopping every month, and support your amazing local producers, farmers, makers and growers.

This summer, you'll find lots of plants on

sale, thanks to Brigit and Rob who grow a huge variety of plants and shrubs on the southern edge of the moor. Fish and shellfish from the sustainable Looe day-boats should be plentiful and varied, as will the chemical-free vegetables, salads, herbs and fruit from Earthbound Farm at St Veep and the permaculture garden at Sclerder Abbey.

Produce you'll usually find year-round:

Fish, bread (including sourdough and rye), flour and grains, rapeseed and olive oils, honeys, cakes, preserves, rare-breed pork, bacon, sausages, burgers, hogget, goat and Dexter beef, wild venison, sausage rolls, scotch eggs, quiches, apple juice, eggs, local cheeses and bruschetta, veg, salads, herbs, flowers, plants, soaps and skincare, pottery, cards, basketry, woodturning, charcoal, sauerkrauts and kimchi.

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Polruan Village Hall News From the Management Committee

The Village Hall continues to be well-used and supported and is a vital resource for the community. If you are new to Polruan and would like to know what activities take place each week in the Hall please contact our Bookings Secretary, Kathryn whose contact details are at the end of this update.

Since our last update two of our Committee Members have resigned due to work commitments or moving away from the village. So, we have two vacancies to fill and if you are interested in finding out more about being on the Committee please get in touch at the email address or phone number below.

As you may remember, over the last few years we have had difficulty finding someone to Chair the Village Hall Committee and to act as Secretary. The Chair role is currently covered on a rota basis by the three regular user groups (Film Club, Social Club and Theatre Club) and we are grateful to Louise Kidd for stepping in for the Secretary role. We are looking for a more stable solution and for someone to take over these roles from our AGM in October. If you think you may be able to help with either or would like to know more please

contact us at enquiries@polruan.org or by phone on 07557 144226.

Some dates for your diary:

As we mentioned in the last update, we have partnered with Polruan Sunnysiders WI to provide some activities for the community and to raise funds to maintain both the Village Hall and the WI Hall. Upcoming events to go in your diary now are:

Sunday 16th August – from 6.30pm – our reinstated and not to be missed Annual BBQ on the Coal Wharf.

Sunday 25th October – 2.30pm – Autumn Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall – another popular village tradition – come early to get a seat!

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, please consider if you could help by joining the Committee or filling the Chair or Secretary roles.

If you are interested in what is going on each week or in using the Hall yourself, contact our Booking Secretary, Kathryn Hill on 01726870953 or at kathrynehill39@gmail.com. See our website for details of what the Hall can offer <https://polruan.org> - you can also see a calendar of current availability.



Hall Hire

Should you wish to book the Hall for an activity, please contact our bookings clerk:

Kathryn Hill
01726 870953,

kathrynehill39@gmail.com,
who will be happy to help with any queries.

The Hall costs £15 per session (i.e. morning, afternoon, or evening) which includes the use of all facilities including free WiFi, the Audio Visual System, comprehensively fitted kitchen and heating and lighting.

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Polruan Sunnysiders WI From Karen Windsor



Welcome to the WI Summer report of the new look Parish News.

We do not have a lot to report on events and talks whilst we catch up with this new quarterly publication. As such, I thought I might give you a little information into what is happening with the WI hall.

We in Polruan are one of a very few WI's in the county that actually own the hall that we use. With costs rising all the time it is quite challenging to keep funds topped up for running costs and we rely on the generosity of our village to help us achieve this.

Last month, due to Lottery funding, solar panels and batteries were installed in the WI hall. This grant was secured by a very good friend of the WI, Martin Ackerman who has been procuring grants for the Polruan Village Hall (PVH) for a while now and is kindly helping us too. The panels were fitted by a small company operating in Devon and Cornwall called Keysolar. They were extremely professional, hardworking and efficient. We now look forward to reducing our electricity costs and hopefully even making a little

money selling electricity back to the grid. Weather permitting of course!

We have also obtained further funding from the Lottery to have our front windows and entrance door replaced in the very near future. Martin very kindly continues to apply for grants to update and enhance our WI hall. We feel very lucky to have two venues in this small village that can host events, classes, parties and functions.

Talking of which - we have been invited to collaborate with the PVH in helping to put together larger events this year and we are happy to be involved with the PVH Bank Holiday BBQ on August 16th.

Notes for your diary for talks at the WI:

June 10th - the secret lives of bees with Brigit Strawbridge

July 8th - the Cornish Wildlife Trust with Guy Needham

If you would like to join our lovely group of ladies, please do get in touch. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding August) at 7pm. For our talks, all are welcome, including gentlemen. Look out for our posters, or for further information please contact me on 07800954770.



The WI Hall in Fore Street, Polruan is a light, airy space to use for meetings, clubs, etc. with a kitchen and toilets.

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Fowey RNLI

On Friday evening 10th April Falmouth Coastguard tasked Fowey RNLI to launch their Atlantic 85 lifeboat to assist a small yacht adrift in Fowey Harbour. The 30' sailing boat was reported by a member of the public initially alongside a waterfront cottage banging against a balcony and the sea wall and there was concern that there may be people onboard or in the water. The lifeboat launched at 22.15 and arrived on scene a few minutes later. The crew located the vessel which had drifted a short distance and was by then pinned against the south side of the walkway down to Albert Quay pontoon. A search was made of the surrounding area and no people were located. It was clear that the vessel had parted from its mooring in the harbour as a broken mooring line was hanging from the bow. The coastguard contacted Fowey Harbour to arrange the moving of the vessel to a safer location and stood the lifeboat down.

On Easter Friday 3rd April, Falmouth coastguard tasked our volunteers to launch. The coastguard reported that a 20' sailing vessel with 3 people on board was having engine trouble out in St Austell Bay. Fowey's crew launched their Atlantic 85 lifeboat at 19.11 and proceeded to the boat's location which was in the mussel farm in St Austell Bay. The vessel had no operating propulsion system. The lifeboat removed the casualty vessel from the mussel farm whilst Falmouth Coastguard contacted

the nearest safe haven for permission to bring the casualty to that location. Falmouth Coastguard confirmed that the vessel could be towed into Mevagissey and the tow commenced at 19.50, arriving in Mevagissey Harbour at 21.00. The casualty vessel was secured, and the three people onboard were transferred to shore. The lifeboat then returned to Fowey lifeboat station arriving at 22.00.



On Sunday 22nd March at 17.45, Falmouth coastguard requested that Fowey RNLI launch to locate and assist one person cut-off from the tide, in the location of Spit Beach to Carlyon Bay. Fowey's volunteer lifeboat crew launched their D Class lifeboat and made best safe speed to the given position. Helm Boris and crew Amelia and Oli located the casualty and safely recovered them onto the lifeboat. They then took them to family who were

waiting ashore. Whilst they were returning to Fowey lifeboat station, Falmouth coastguard requested that the crew keep a look out for a pair of jet skiers who had been reported overdue. The crew observed the two jet skiers entering Fowey Harbour and no further action was required.

We will be having an official naming ceremony for our Atlantic 85 lifeboat, 'Spirit of Daisy', on Saturday 25th July on Town Quay at 15.00. Invited guests including 'Spirit of Daisy's' donor and his family, will witness her being officially named and handed over to Fowey lifeboat station. She will be on display in the harbour and will be giving a demonstration after the ceremony, which everyone is very welcome to come and watch. Thank you to Theresa at The King of Prussia, who is donating the food for our guests to enjoy after the ceremony.

Our boathouse is now open to visitors for the season. Come and have a close look at Fowey's D Class and Atlantic 85 lifeboats. Find out what it's like to be a crew member and find out about the lifeboats' latest "shouts". Opening times: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 11.00 – 15.00.

Keep up to date with all our [shouts, news, events and activities on Facebook @FoweyLifeboat and @FoweyLifeboatCommittee](#)

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C Toms Boatyard

From Jacqui & Molly Lewis

By the time you read this, most of the leisure boats will have been launched and the river will be alive once again with colourful yachts and motorboats enjoying our beautiful inshore coastal waters.

At the end of April, we completed the grant-funded projects supported by the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme, marking the occasion with a celebration in May. While this chapter has now concluded, we are continuing to invest in the site through complementary improvements, including the installation of an additional water filtration system for the yacht storage area.

On the commercial side, we continue to welcome many of our regular customers, including the Waterdance fleet. You will no doubt recognise several of their vessels as they return to the boatyard each year. So far this year, we have supported general maintenance and paint programmes for Govenek of Ladram, Nichola of Ladram, and Winter of Ladram, among others, with further visits still to come. Did you know that Waterdance is based in Devon, and the name “Ladram” comes from Ladram Bay on the south coast of Devon, between Budleigh Salterton and Sidmouth.

We have also welcomed Interfish, based in Plymouth, with visits from Rachel Anne and Charlotte Clare, and look forward to the return of Admiral Grenville and Blake as the season progresses.

You may have also spotted our regular visitor, the brightly coloured Pride of Exmouth, with its distinctive red, blue and yellow paintwork, which is based on the River Exe.

In March, we saw the lift-out of St Piran and the launch of Normandy Trader. St Piran is the primary enforcement vessel operated by the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, while Normandy Trader is an ex-military landing craft designed to carry tanks and heavy loads. It is currently based in Jersey and operates commercially, transporting goods between the Channel Islands, the UK, and Europe.

All of the Polruan and Bodinnick ferries underwent their annual inspections in March and are now ready for service. We are also pleased to welcome two new members of staff to the team, who we're sure you'll see out and about.

We hope you all have an enjoyable summer and look forward to catching up again in the Autumn.



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Polruan Town Trust From Beth Rigg

This has been another busy few months for the Polruan Town Trust. We are thrilled to announce that, because of our recent request for new trustees in the Spring issue of the Parish News, we are appointing three volunteers to join the team from June.

You may have noticed the new coloured lights on the Quay and the Coal Wharf, which will provide a lovely welcome for visitors ready for the summer season.

We have finally managed to find someone to remove the broken roundabout from the playground and we are now trying to negotiate the best possible price for filling the hole so we can remove the bollards currently in place.

The problems with the Quay toilets are ongoing unfortunately, but we hope we may be able to bring you some good news about refurbishment in the Autumn.

As you probably all know, the Winkle Picker is under new tenancy and we wish Katie Beer all the best for the future of her business.

Should you require any further details of the trust's activities please contact the clerk – clerk@polruantowntrust.org

Fowey Harbour Commissioners From Paul Thomas



As we move into the much-awaited spring season, we'd like to share a short update on what's been happening around Polruan and the wider harbour.

The Polruan pontoon is now back in place for the season, providing access for harbour users and visiting vessels. Thank you for your patience during the installation period, particularly given the challenges that weather and exposure can present at this site. Just a reminder that harbour dues may apply to tenders using the pontoon, and that valid harbour stickers should be clearly displayed on vessels.

From an environmental perspective, the waters around Polruan include important habitats such as subtidal seagrass beds, which support a range of wildlife. Ongoing survey and monitoring work, undertaken by Cornwall Wildlife Trust and local universities, is helping to build our understanding of these areas and how best to protect them. This sits alongside seagrass restoration work taking place in the upper estuary at St Winnow.

With more vessels returning to the water, it's also a good time to highlight a few simple safety reminders. Lifejackets are strongly recommended, and the harbour speed limit is 6 knots. We'd also ask everyone to be mindful of wash, which can have a noticeable impact even at low speeds.

Having welcomed our first cruise ship, *NG Explorer*, at the end of April, we're well prepared for a busy cruise season ahead. It's already been great to see more activity returning to the river, particularly with the warmer weather. We're looking forward to the months ahead and hope to see many of you out enjoying the harbour.

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PA26/00201/PRE 7 Greenbank Polruan Fowey Cornwall PL23 1QP Do I need planning permission to remove a redundant chimney stack and tile over the gap. CLOSED advice given

PA26/00254/PRE Pendennick New Road Lanteglos Fowey Cornwall PL23 1LY Exception Notice to fell a pine. APPROVED

PA25/09690 23 Ocean View Polruan Fowey Cornwall PL23 1QJ Proposed front porch extension. Proposed enlarged raised balcony with new lower deck and steps. Proposed external improvements and internal alterations APPROVED

PA26/00778 Trewarthenick Old Road Bodinnick Fowey Cornwall PL23 1LX Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Alterations to off road parking arrangements. REFUSED

Diary Dates

All information is correct at the time of going to press — please check notices for changes

June	July	August
Tuesday 2nd 14.00 Looe & District Flower Club, Pelynt Village Hall	Saturday 4th 10.00 - 12.30 Whitecross Local Produce Market	Saturday 1st time tbc Polruan Beach Gala
Saturday 6th 10.00 - 12.30 Whitecross Local Produce Market	Sunday 5th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf	Saturday 1st 10.00 - 12.30 Whitecross Local Produce Market
Tuesday 9th 10.00 - 12.00 Crafty Roosters Polruan WI Hall	Wednesday 8th 19.00 Polruan Sunnysiders WI Meeting WI Hall	Sunday 2nd 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf
Tuesday 9th 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up coffee morning Polruan Village Hall	Saturday 11th Polperro Water Carnival	Sunday 9th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf
Wednesday 10th 19.00 Polruan Sunnysiders WI Meeting WI Hall, speaker Brigit Strawbridge, The Hidden Lives of Bees	Sunday 12th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf	Tuesday 11th 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up coffee morning Polruan Village Hall
Friday 19th 18.00 Kids Klub Slip'n'Slide School Field, Polruan	Tuesday 14th 10.00 - 12.00 Crafty Roosters Polruan WI Hall	Thursday 13th 18.00 Art at St John's Bodinnick AGM
Saturday 20th Polruan Film Club presents True Grit, doors open 18.30 Village Hall	Tuesday 14th 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up coffee morning Polruan Village Hall	Sunday 16th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf
Tuesday 23rd 11.00 - 13.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up lunch Polruan Village Hall	Sunday 19th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf	Sunday 16th August 18.30 Polruan Village Hall and Polruan Sunnysiders WI BBQ, Old Coal Wharf
Thursday 25th 10.00 - 12.00 Crafty Roosters Polruan WI Hall	Sunday 19th 14.30 - 17.00 Afternoon Tea and Table Top Sale, Polruan Village Hall	Saturday 22nd NCI Pig Roast Old Coal Wharf Polruan
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th Open Gardens 13.00 - 17.00 with tea served in Polruan Village Hall from 14.00	Saturday 25th Polruan Film Club present Green Fingers, doors open 18.30 Village Hall	Sunday 23rd 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf
Sunday 28th 11.00 Cafe Church, St Saviours Polruan	Sunday 26th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf	Tuesday 25th 11.00 - 13.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up lunch Polruan Village Hall
Tuesday 30th Fowey River Lions closing date for grant applications	Sunday 26th 11.00 Cafe Church, St Saviours Polruan	Saturday 29th Polruan Film Club presents I Swear, doors open 18.30 Village Hall
	Tuesday 28th 11.00 - 13.00 Coffee, Cake and Catch Up lunch Polruan Village Hall	Saturday 29th am (time tbc), Crabbing Competition Polruan Quay
	Thursday 30th 10.00 - 12.00 Crafty Roosters Polruan WI Hall	Sunday 30th 10.00 - 15.00 Polruan Craft & Gift Market Old Coal Wharf
		Sunday 30th 11.00 Cafe Church, St Saviours Polruan
		Sunday 30th 14.30 Regatta children's sports, Polruan Academy Field
		Monday 31st Polruan Regatta Day, with crowning of Polruan Royalty at 10.30



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Thanks you.

Lansallos News

From John Feesey



The Lansallos Fete

Sadly, the Lansallos Fete will be no more. With fewer available helpers, most of whom are elderly, the decision regrettably had to be made to cancel the event for this and future years. The Church Council will be considering other ways to raise the essential funds needed to pay the running costs of St Ildierna which in 2025 amounted to £16,611, including Mission & Ministry Fund (annual quota) payments to the Diocese of Truro, most of which go towards our incumbent's stipend. It will be appreciated that raising this amount is a hugely tall order for a congregation which averages fewer than 8 people per week (apart from a few special events).

Fund Raising

Various initiatives are already being taken to help acquire the necessary funds to finance this ancient church. These include (for requested donations):

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good quality pre-loved toys on a table at the side of the nave;
new linen drying-up towels and shopping bags featuring prints of carved wooden panels;
new postcards and packs of attractive correspondence cards.

Why not pop in and have a browse on your next visit to Lansallos Cove or the coastal footpath?

The Churchyard

Used and re-used for burials for well over a thousand years, it's impossible to dig a hole more than a few inches deep without turning up fragments (or bigger pieces) of bone, but please don't try – it's a criminal offence to dig without due authority. The churchyard also contains some very old

monuments, of which the most ancient is a large granite Celtic-style cross of unknown date. It's a wayside or boundary cross which originally lay flush with the ground on Highertown Farm in a field to the west of the church. It may have had the dual function of marking both the old church path, which led from Lanteglos and Polruan to Lansallos Church, and the parish boundary. In 1919, the Reverend J E Carthew had the cross removed to the churchyard for preservation. The style of the monument is most unusual, with the upper and horizontal arms being widely expanded at their ends and the upper arm being much larger than the horizontal arm. On both faces is displayed an incised Latin cross, while rather curiously a mortice has been cut into the top of the upper cross arm. There are also several Grade 2 listed slate monuments in a line on the left of the pathway leading to the church porch. These date from the late 18th century and are in remarkably good condition considering how relatively soft slate is. The most interesting is a 1776 memorial to John Perry, mariner, which states that he was killed by a cannon ball fired by a person unknown. He may have been a smuggler, with the cannon fired by a customs cutter giving chase, which would not have been something his grieving relatives would want recorded on his memorial!

The churchyard was extended in the 1970s with the purchase of part of the adjacent field, so there is now space for interments for several decades more. The church garden is down a slope on the left and in front of the church hall, where there is a seat and magnificent views towards The Lizard.

Duw a'n kerensa dell – God be with you

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Lunches too

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Our CCC sessions continue into their third year. Why not join us if you've not yet been? We guarantee a warm welcome!

COFFEE AND CAKE DATES:

On **Tuesday 9th June** we meet from **10am to 12 noon**. Future dates covered by this edition of the Parish Magazine are Tuesdays **14th July** and **11th August**.

LUNCHES: Our lunches will be served on **23rd June, 28th July and 25th August**. We are open from 11am and lunch is served around 12 noon. We close at 1pm

Don't forget if you need transport (within Polruan), please phone Sue on 07811756615 or email us at polruanccc@gmail.com. We don't charge for transport or refreshments but always appreciate donations

Ramblings from the Rectory

From Richard of Trelawny

I shall be signing off as Rector of Trelawny at the Trelawny Plate Service in Pelynt on 14th July after 5 and a half years.

It is good to be able to reflect. This has certainly been the most challenging and difficult 5 years of my life. At times I have felt overwhelmed by the workload of a rural parish priest with regular 80 hour weeks. I take up to a 100 life events of weddings, baptisms, funerals and interments a year as well as the regular round of 3 or 4 services on a Sunday. Would I have come had I known what I was letting myself in for? The answer would certainly be NO! I didn't need to after a long and successful teaching and chaplaincy career. As a teacher pensioner I thought I'd like to put something back.

I feel as though I have walked in Jesus' steps as that's what he wanted me to do. We have made lots of lovely friends working amongst kind and caring people. I have thoroughly enjoyed the school's ministry in Pelynt, Polperro and Polruan. We have made lots of community links through the outdoor ministry on village greens, farmyards and the quay in Polruan. An off shoot of this is the regular National Online Services Sunday Services of The Church of England that I take which are watched by up to 150,000 people. As my son commented, you have the biggest church in The Church of England as you speak to more people than probably anyone else in The Church of England every year!!!!!!

There are new faces in many of our churches. A number of people have found faith or can testify to a rejuvenated faith. ITS ALL BEEN WORTHWHILE!

What's next? We have certainty believing that God is doing a new thing in our lives and will do the same in the benefice. I am going to have a good rest! We will be off to Switzerland for the rest of July and August and a bit of September to look after the English speaking churches in Interlaken and Grindelwald. We will be staying in our Swiss Hutte! I'm hoping to continue especially with envisioning others in outdoor ministry and taking the church into the community for a few days a week when the time is right. We will be living in our own house in St Newlyn East for the first time out of tithed accommodation since 1993. We have lived in all sorts of places. Hopefully we will be spending a lot more time too in Switzerland amongst

supporting our family and the ever growing number of grandchildren. I'll be watching lots of county cricket and some test matches. I have 5 boys whom I coached and mentored for a while whilst at Millfield who are playing professionally including Ben Duckett the England opener. I want to see them play before they retire! I'll be spending time on my bicycle riding the cycling paths of the southwest and am hopefully getting an electric bike too for the more challenging Swiss mountain trails.

After 42 years of continuous employment, 38 of those in full time Christian work I just want to tip my cap, raise my bat, and walk off into the pavilion at the end of my innings here. Thank you for being such a great crowd who have supported every shot I have played. Not all of them good ones but hopefully some good improvised ones too. I hope you have enjoyed my innings as I have certainly enjoyed batting on the Trelawny wicket despite the many googlies I have had to defend!!!!



Happy retirement
Richard

News from Nigeria

From Kathryn Hill

Just too late for the last issue of the Parish News, the Daily Mail published an article by David Patrikarakos titled "SLAUGHTER OF THE CHRISTIANS" which was the most balanced account I have read anywhere of the ongoing situation in Nigeria. Here is an extract of a response I wrote to the paper :

"I lived and worked in Plateau State from late 1977 to early 1998 and while there, there were occasional "tribal spats" and armed robberies, Plateau State generally lived up to its claim of being "The home of peace and tourism". While some of the occasional "tribal spats" were between mainly Muslim and mainly Christian tribes, on the whole Muslims and Christmas lived peaceably side by side and families where some members were Christians and some were Muslims were not uncommon. A far

cry from the situation today! I pray for peace in Nigeria and I feel very sad about the many who are suffering and dying."

To my delight, my letter was published. I have kept the original article if anyone would like to read it

From Kathleen and Daniel

We had some rain recently so folks are beginning to prepare their farms. We are busy preparing to come to the UK. How the time is passing and we still have quite a lot to do. There have been more attacks on Plateau and many other States. The worst one is in Ngoshe, Daniel's village in the Gwoza area. Some folks had moved back to Ngoshe, mainly Muslims. A few weeks ago Boko Haram came and many fled but 416 were kidnapped and taken to the hills. A few days ago the message came through that B.H. wanted 5 billion Naira to release the people and if they didn't get it within 72 hours the people would be killed. A few managed to escape. Most of the people kidnapped are women and children. We are not sure what is happening. The dilemma of the army, drop bombs onto the hills and you kill B.H, but you also kill those they have kidnapped. The army and police are catching quite a few of the terrorists but there are thousands of them.

We look forward to seeing quite a few of you but do pray for safe travelling and strength to cope.

Every blessing.

Daniel and Kathleen

P.S. from Kathryn – Kathleen and Daniel will be staying with me from 18th - 21st July. On Sunday 19th they will be speaking at the 11.00 service at Lanteglos Parish Church and then they will be at the afternoon Tea and Table Top sale in Polruan village hall that afternoon to raise money for their work in Nigeria.



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Church Diary for the Benefice of Trelawny

A variety of service styles can be found in the seven churches of Trelawny Benefice.

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

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

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

Lanreath (St Manarch): evangelical services, with some led by the Lanreath Music Group (musical instruments and

choir).

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

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

Lanteglos-by-Fowey parish has three churches:

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

Polruan (St Saviour): two informal

services a month - Café Church with round tables, prayers, singing, Bible readings and a chance to talk and the very informal Sing A New Song when we sing hymns and songs old and new, pray and chat.

Bodinnick (St John): community services mainly based around major Christian festivals and usually with wine and nibbles.

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

Trelawny Benefice Service Rota

			June	July	August
St Marnarch's	Holy Communion Service	9.30	7th	5th	2nd
St Wyllow	Holy Communion Service	11.00	7th	5th	2nd
St Nun	At Methodist Chapel	11.00	7th	5th	2nd
St Tallanus	Holy Communion Service	11.00	7th	5th	2nd
St Ildierna	Evening Prayer	18.30	7th	5th	2nd
St Tallanus	At Polperro Methodist Chapel	9.45	14th	9th	14th
St Nun	United Village Service	11.00	14th		14th
St Nun	Holy Communion Service	11.00		9th	
St Wyllow	Morning Prayer	11.00	14th		9th
St Marnarch's	Songs of Praise on the Green	15.30		12th	
St Saviour	Sing a New Song	16.00	14th		
St Wyllow	Evensong	17.00		12th	
St Ildierna	Evensong	18.30			9th
St Marnarch's	Lanreath Pets Service	17.00	14th		
St Ildierna	Holy Communion Service	18.30		12th	
St Ildierna	Holy Communion Service	18.30	14th		
St Nun	Trelawny Plate Service	11.00		14th	
St Marnarch's	Service of the Word	9.30	21st	19th	16th
St Nun	At Methodist Chapel	11.00	21st	19th	
St Nun	Holy Communion Service	11.00			16th
St Wyllow	Holy Communion Service	11.00	21st	19th	
St Saviour	Café Church	11.00			16th
St Ildierna	Lansallos Pets Service	18.30	21st		
St Ildierna	Evening Prayer	18.30		19th	
St Ildierna	Evensong	18.30			16th
St Marnarch's	Service of the Word	9.30	28th	26th	23rd
St Nun	Holy Communion Service	11.00	28th		23rd
St Nun	United Village Service	11.00		26th	
St Saviour	Café Church	11.00	28th	26th	
St Wyllow	Holy Communion Service	11.00			23rd
St Ildierna	Holy Communion Service	18.30	28th		
St Ildierna	Evening Prayer	18.30		26th	
St Ildierna	Evensong	18.30			23rd
St Nun	Pelynt Trelawny Lecture	17.00	30th		
	Trelawny Service & Concert with Pelynt Male Voice Choir	19.00	30th		
St Marnarch's	Service of the Word	9.30			30th
St Saviour	Regatta Café Church	9.30			30th

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