

# The Granite Towers

A Community Magazine for  
Lanlivery and Luxulyan



April & May 2024

## EDITORIAL



G'day

Having spent quite a bit of time in the Middle East, I know that the majority of folk there want to get on peacefully with their lives and earn a living, just like everywhere else in the world. Unfortunately, some have inherited their lands with a chequered history, particularly where westerners attempted to

intervene over the last hundred or so years - Balfour declaration, Sykes-Picot Agreement, Palestine Mandate, Suez crisis, Iraq invasions all spring to mind. Add to this the heady mix of the asymmetric distribution of wealth and religious differences, means that a few who bear ill will to others whether driven by so-called governments, de facto dictators, or third-party sponsored factions, prefer war to peace. It was Bertrand Russell who said, "War does not determine who is right, only who is left". One might add that those who are left may not always have a bright future.

Whenever I travel these days to a metropolis, I sense I might as well be on another planet, as the constant traffic and bustle of people is overpowering and in such contrast to Cornwall. How do people survive like that? I wonder, clearly amnesiac about my own past, having lived or worked in many such places across the globe. Whilst in London last month, I tried to cross the road near Blackfriars Bridge. Whiz! What on earth....? Yet another adult on a scooter zips by, nearly taking me out and cyclists seemingly hunting in packs appear to be oblivious to the traffic lights in their lane. I reflect that cyclists in the Netherlands are much more disciplined and predictable, but I suppose it's in their blood. But I know that city life can be even more challenging, as I recall experiences in some cities with the spectacle - dare I say entertaining or at least novel for me at the time - of tuk-tuks, elephants and oxen vying for road space amidst the general chaos!

***The views of the editor are always personal and not necessarily those of the Granite Towers and committee.***

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### FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY

Sat 27th April 2024, 10:30am

#### Newquay's Blue Reef Aquarium.

Marvel at over 40 naturally themed displays and underwater walkthrough tunnel of the world's sea and oceans. Reduced entrance fee of £7.50 for FOLV members. Meet: Blue Reef Aquarium Towan Promenade, Newquay TR7 1DU

Wed 15th May 2024, 7pm

#### Mapping the Luxulyan Valley's heritage.

A presentation by David Skelhorn on the recording of the Valley's heritage and industrial past. Meet: Luxulyan Village Hall PL30 5QA.

**Tracy Elliott**  
**tracyclimber@hotmail.com**

Well, back home, no such pandemonium and at last I can take the dogs out for early morning walkies in daylight – no longer with torches and flashing collars. Now I can stroll down the lane flanked by primroses and celandines and look into the fields below, inhabited by sheep and cows. This immediately brings to mind the first few lines of a W H Davies poem I learnt as a child:

*"What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.*

*No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows...."*

Whilst doing just this, Jack, the young greyhound nuzzles up through the fence to a Belted Galloway, the latter snorting as if in disgust, but the two parting on friendly terms. Three deer suddenly jump out onto the lane in front of us confusing the young dog (which is on a leash) – ears pricking up, "Should I watch or chase". Further down the lane, the fields are still getting flooded, attracting small flocks of ducks, a pair of Canadas, and the inevitable gulls. However, even with "woody" drumming in the copse and the geese honking, I still need more stimulation to blow away this grey weather; duller than usual if the solar panel are anything to go by – with output well down over a "normal" winter period.

Never mind, in a month's time the cuckoo should have arrived back at Lowertown Moor and then it's a case of counting how many days in May he will be audible; most with a bit of luck – assuming no gales to blow the sound away. So, the clocks will have leapt forward, and another season will have truly arrived, which hopefully will be less inclement.

Let us enjoy spring – we all need it!

**Robin**

### LANLIVERY OVER 60s

The Over 60s Lunch Club meets at 12 noon, on the second Thursday of each month.

We eat our meal at The Crown in Lanlivery.

There is a fun quiz and a raffle, (£1 per person).

We are always well looked after by Tim and his lovely staff.

Do come and join us. Give Mark a ring on 07717 298 884 to book your place. Looking forward to seeing you.

All the best, Mark and Peggy.



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## News from Luxulyan School

### **Will Coleman visit**

We were very lucky to have a visit from Will Coleman (creator of the Go Cornish charter). Will has written a set of books called 'Tales from Porth' and we use these as part of our Cornish language learning. Each story tells the tale of a single main character and is written mostly in English. Each character has a 'catchphrase' in Cornish which is repeated several times. This then leads to the children learning how to answer a focus question such as "how are you?" or "what can you do?"

Will visited each class and read the story of 'Kanker' (crab). Ash and Beech practised their counting to five whilst Sycamore and Oak practised answering the question "what have you got?"

### **St. Piran's Day parade**

Sycamore Class have had an amazing time celebrating St. Piran's Day at Bodmin. We waved our banner and St. Piran flags proudly during the parade through the centre of Bodmin. We listened to the Mayor of Bodmin talk about the importance of celebrating being Cornish and joined in with a traditional dance with all the other schools. We then ventured to St. Petroc's church at the heart of Bodmin to listen to poems and songs performed by other schools. We then performed our version of Cornwall my Home with a chorus sung in Cornish.

### **Key Stage 1 cross country**

A group of eight children from Beech Class recently took part in a cross-country festival at Poltair School and raced against other local primary schools. The course was long and muddy but luckily the sun was shining. All the children ran the full course and were fantastic at cheering each other on. There were lots of tired legs on the walk back up the hill to meet the parents! Well done Key Stage 1.

### **GLEBE Land**

Beech, Sycamore and Oak Class have all engaged with the church to help to renovate a large community space known as the GLEBE land. They have been busy planting trees for an orchard, building bug hotels, making hedges, and clearing grounds. As the seasons change, we will use the space for outdoor learning opportunities.

*Compiled by Rachel Allison  
Ash Class Teacher, Luxulyan Primary School*

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**See page 10 for all deadline dates.**

## **BOOKING FOR LUXULYAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE**

The Institute is now open, in line with Covid restrictions.

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# WHAT'S ON DURING LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

5.30 pm Well dressing at Churchtown, St Brevita's Well.

6.00 pm Feast Evensong -Wine and cheese after the service. All are welcome.

## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

6.30 pm Rounders Village playing field (contact/enquires Mark Richards 01208 872392)

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

6.30 pm Football Village Playing Field (contact/enquiries Paul Perkins 01208 872812)

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

6.30 pm Duck Race meeting Polcan bridge. There is some parking at Polcan, Peter Chew has offered the use of his field. To enter Buy a duck for a £1.00 by contacting Secretary Cath Haley on 01208 872815 or a committee member. This event is followed by:

7.30pm to 9.00pm Games evening at The Crown Inn.

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Quiz night in The Crown – start at 7.30pm. No more than 6 in a team. £2.00 per person and a Raffle.

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Amazingly we have entertainment by

**Johnny Cowling at Lanlivery Church**

**7.30. Entry £12. By ticket only. Ring Cath Haley 01208 872815**

**There will not be any refreshments so BYOB and nibbles please**

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

In church there will be the Produce show, refreshments (any donations of sweet or savoury for the refreshments gratefully received) There will be cocktail pasties. Some gluten free items and raffle, with drinks and snacks in the field.

**Produce Show - Staging will be from 9am to 10.30 am.** (Please remove your entries by 5pm).

**2.00 pm** Service in the Church. (No children's fancy dress) then the Flora Dance with the band from the Church to the Playing Field for the **Childrens Sports**. The presentations of prizes will be 4.30 pm

**Saturday evening Rebecca Chew  
will be singing in the Crown to complete the week**

## No Scarecrows this year.

The Feast committee look forward to seeing you during the week and hope that all participants enjoy the events we have planned. We are always open to new ideas and help in arranging for another year, so don't be shy.

## SPRINGTIME IN THE GARDEN

April in the garden in the early morning light,  
 Primula and crocus still in bloom  
 While roses are still shy, their buds still closed.  
 Tender shoots show on the lavatera, resting  
 On the wooden shed. A robin flies from fence to bird table,  
 Feasting on the seed spread upon it,  
 And a pigeon swoops and nods its head furiously,  
 Pecking at the seed, like a toy dog in a car window.  
 Then a magpie, searching for any remnants of nut or seed,  
 Its blue/black feathers glistening in the sunrise.  
 A sparrow chirps in the birdbath, then takes flight  
 As a stalking cat leaps from the adjacent fence,  
 All tiger stripes and amber eyes.  
 He turns and seeks surprise at a lower level;  
 In the pond the water shimmers,  
 Its silver surface broken by flashes of yellow and orange.  
 The cat approaches stealthily, watches through  
 The criss-cross pattern of the protective net,  
 Then, defeated, slinks away, the fish unmolested.  
 All is still now, and beyond the garden a field lays,  
 Green and flat and ringed with trees,  
 Oak and ash and horse chestnut, with their promise  
 Of leafy splendour hinting of warm days to come.  
 Walkers traverse this open space,  
 Some ambling sleepily beside their dogs,  
 Others jogging and welcoming the day.  
 Overhead the sun streams between the clouds  
 Bathing the scene in its golden rays.  
 A scene of peace, serenity, sanctuary,  
 Before the chaos of the day begins.

*Christine McHaines*



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**FEAST SCHEDULE FOR May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024****Produce Section****Section A**

1. 4 Brown Eggs (one will be cracked)
2. 4 White Eggs.
3. Cress grown in an egg cup, to be sown ten days before Show.
4. Tray of seedlings
5. Largest stick of Rhubarb
6. A Happy house plant

**Section B. Cookery****Children**

2 x Decorated biscuits. Decoration only to be judged

**Adults**

1. Individual dessert in a wine glass
2. Jar of Jam
3. 4 Plain Scones
4. A cocktail pastry (meat)
5. Chocolate Brownie – **RECIPE BELOW**

575g or 1lb 4 oz Plain Chocolate	225g or 8oz Butter
3 eggs	2 teaspoon strong black coffee
225g or 8ozs Caster Sugar	75g or 3ozs Self Raising Flour
1/4 Teaspoon Salt	1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence

**METHOD**

Melt Chocolate with butter. Mix coffee, eggs and sugar together until smooth. Gradually beat in melted chocolate mixture.

Fold in flour, salt and essence. Pour into a tin and bake for 40 – 45 minutes at 190 degrees C/. Cool. Cut ONE x 3 inch square to enter the competition.

**Section C. Handicraft**

1. Homemade card (Any Occasion)
2. A photo of "Lanlivery"
3. A Homemade thumb stick
4. A Short Story. No more than 500 words, typed

**Section D. Floral**

1. Cuttings from 3 Flowering Shrubs
2. Flower arrangement in a boot
3. Gents buttonhole

**Pre-School. Key Stage 1**

1. Draw your own face on a paper plate
2. Model of your favourite animal using Play-Doh

**Key Stage 2**

1. Decorated Pebble
2. Using recycled items, make a model of a Robot



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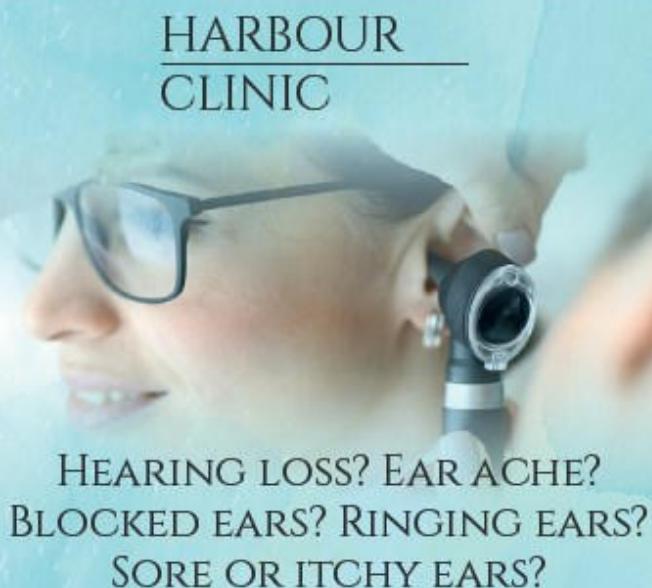
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**Kay Roberts-Lister**



## Luxulyan Parish Community Fund 2023 Report

In 2023, the Luxulyan Parish Community Fund supported 4 projects in Luxulyan, with grants totalling £7,041.55. This included supporting children with creative activities such as a whole school trip to the Christmas Pantomime and a lantern making workshop at Luxulyan Carnival.

Luxulyan Village Hall also benefitted from two new heat pump air conditioner units, allowing older people to attend events knowing they would be in a safe and warm space.

Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space also benefitted from new equipment, as illustrated in the case study opposite.

Local residents benefitted from improved access to arts and creativity, improved community facilities and improved access to nature. This supported increased community resilience, improved social networks, improved practical skills and improved mental health and wellbeing.

We are grateful to continue working in partnership with you to deliver this valuable fund for local communities in Luxulyan Parish.

### Case Study: Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space

The funding from the Luxulyan Parish Community Fund will allow Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space to utilise their site to raise their own funds. The money will buy hot water flasks, folding indoor seating, outdoor seating for the public at the top of a hill for rest, bird boxes to encourage local wildlife to nest, a wildlife camera to enable the capture of visiting wildlife, gardening forks for use by volunteers on site, a pedestrian gate (for free access) and vehicle gate (locked for protection of the site) and associated fencing.

Access to the natural world has a positive impact on mental health and the site being close to the village is very accessible. The site does not have water or electricity to it so the flasks will enable hot water for refreshments for fundraising and open days.

The local school are using the site for Forest School activities and the children have been involved in sowing wildflowers, planting bulbs, building bug houses and designing the logo for the project



**610**

people were supported



**41**

volunteers involved



**410**

children benefitted from new creative skills and activities



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## EMAIL FROM OXFORD



It's funny how jingles from old adverts stick with you for years, often long after the product has stopped being produced. The recent jingle that has been making an ear worm of itself is 'Just one cornetto, give it to me, delicious ice cream of Italy,' etc etc., however in Italian, the word cornetto actually translates to croissant. The jingle doesn't have quite the same ring to it when considering it is singing about a croissant. Creative licence for sure but very effective as it's stayed with me since visits to the cinema as a child and which until relatively recently hasn't been heard much of.

The reason for the surfacing of this ditty is a recent holiday/delayed honeymoon to Italy. A country I visited as a teenager for a short time and have intended to return to ever since. It didn't disappoint!

Not one to prebook much other than the essentials i.e., flights and the first few nights' accommodation, we flew into Florence, the capital city of the Tuscan region. As with the other places we visited, a city filled with culture and history from the past couple thousand years. You can't miss it, it's around every corner, and so mind bogglingly awesome, it's difficult not to get overwhelmed. Thankfully there are also a raft of coffee shops and cafes, many with an incredible selection of pastries or gelato (ice cream) that enable a regular pause.

We saw a copy of Michaelangelo's 'David' statue, Botticellis' 'Birth of Venus' and Da Vinci's 'Annunciation', masterpieces of the renaissance masters, of which you hear much. However, I found the paintings and sculptures by countless other artists were just as fantastic as the more famous ones. From one city with much history relating to the Medici family, to another where the ancient history is much more exposed. Ercolano otherwise known as Herculaneum to the Romans, and now a suburb of Naples. We decided to base ourselves here to be more central to all the areas we were headed for including Pompeii and Naples. Pompeii and Herculaneum were both fascinating and sobering places to wander around. Our guide at Pompeii really helped to bring the cities and civilisation to life.

Many of the finds from these cities have been housed in museums throughout Italy, Naples being the closest. On our day visit to Naples we were lucky enough to wander around the archaeology museum (free due to it being the first Sunday of the month) and see some of the countless statues and frescoes that had been rescued and preserved.

Naples was very busy and VERY HILLY, and as with everywhere we went, the food was good! We chose to end our day in Naples at a restaurant along the waterfront, however that meant walking from the top of the castle on the very top of the hill at the top of the city to the very bottom. I don't know the exact number of steps we descended, but from where I started counting it was 294 steps, and I reckon that was probably a little over halfway so we're probably talking of at least 800 steps down, if not more. It was worth the walk, though it took my legs another few days to recover themselves, not helped by the amount of walking we then did around Rome.

Rome was our last destination, and not complete without a tour of the Colosseum, Roman forum, and Palatine hill. We were also luckier with the weather in Rome, as it started to settle into a very comfortable 16°C. We decided not to queue up to get into the Vatican and Sistine Chapel though we did wander around the Piazza to see where it was. By this time in our holiday, we had unfortunately or fortunately (depending on your point of view) become a little 'museumed out' which meant looking for things to do that weren't totally focussed on the Roman empire or the renaissance. We found ourselves enjoying an Italian cookery afternoon. We learnt the intricacies of making an 'authentic' tiramisu, as well as pasta in the form of tagliatelle and ravioli which were all remarkably easy and very tasty! Our last day saw us head out to the city edges and wander along the Appian Way, an ancient Roman Road built in 312BC along which you can find catacombs and the remains of countless mausoleums. Once away from the busier end still used as a vehicle thoroughfare, it was a peaceful, relaxing afternoons' meander topped off with pizza and gelato for supper.

On the topic of food, breakfast generally consisted of a croissant (which in reality they referred to as a croissant, not a cornetto as I had been led to believe by the language learning app, as well as google translate) and a coffee which was usually an espresso and was usually swigged down like you would a shot of spirits. I wasn't so taken with the espresso shot; I usually like to enjoy my coffee for a while longer. A cappuccino was my usual go-to. The croissant came in a variety of different flavours, my favourite being the cherry and cream (effectively cherry and custard). Pistachio (of which this flavours a LOT of things in Italy) and the chocolate were close runners up. Returning to a plain croissant with jam back in the UK is just not quite the same anymore!

Perhaps I need to learn how to make them?!

On that thought, I shall wish you a Buongiorno (good day) until next time.

Katy x

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At the King's Arms, Luxulyan, on the last Thursday in each month there is a Charity Coffee Morning kindly hosted by Sam and the team. The money raised goes towards various projects around village; most recently it has given money to the Youth Football Club to help towards their medals and trophies for the end of the season, £200 to the school library and a contribution to the costs of a young lady who has represented Great Britain as a junior archer. Coffee/tea, a piece of cake and a raffle ticket each cost £1. If you can bring along a small raffle prize as well, that will be gratefully received. The next two coffee mornings will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you.

## MEMORIAL INSTITUTE COFFEE MORNINGS

Plant Swap season is upon us again, so come along with any plant you don't need and swap it for something more interesting. If you haven't anything to swap then come along anyway and buy something from the table. Also to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and bacon butty, cake, and some company. The Institute will be open from 10am on Saturdays 6<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May.

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### CHAIR YOGA IN LUXULYAN

Now available at Luxulyan Village Hall are sessions for Chair Yoga led by Tracy. Sessions are from 10 am to 11 am on Fridays, cost is £8.50 per session. No need to book, just come along and join in. Tracy is a great teacher and will be sympathetic to your aches and pains – to a certain extent anyway!

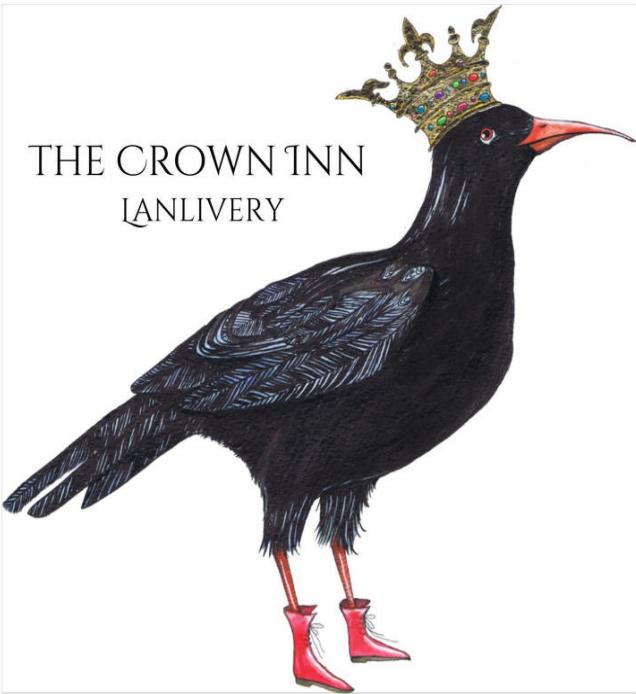
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## LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

Transcribed from the original text in the Cornish Guardian and Western Morning News.

**CG 4 April 1924:** At Bridges United Methodist Church on Sunday, Bugle United Methodist Choir under the direction of Mr LW Jury, with Mr W Datson at the organ rendered a sacred concert, 'The Land Beyond'. Mr EH Richards of Bugle presided.

**CG 18 April 1924:** Gunwen. In aid of the Band of Hope funds a concert was held at Gunwen, when an excellent programme was given by Mrs Northcott, Misses D White, M Northcott, B Northcott, B White, L White, R Coad, R Lobb, Messrs E Phillips and V Yates. A sketch was given by Misses L White and A Bray and Messrs W Bray, N Lobb, H Blake, and A White. Mr W Beswetherick presided.

**CG 25 April:** RUNDLE. 20<sup>th</sup> April at The Bungalow, Prideaux Road, St Blazey, Elizabeth wife of Joseph Rundle, aged 101.

**WMN. 10 May 1924:** Lanhydrock estate. To be let by tender from Michaelmas 1924, all that farm called Treskilling, containing about 70 acres of arable and pasture land, together with the dwelling house, cottage and outbuildings erected thereon. ----- is now in the occupation of the late Mr JT Bennett -----.

**WMN. 30 May 1924:** Venus seen in broad daylight. At 6pm on Wednesday whilst Mr Slater, a visitor to Fowey, was with some friends in Luxulyan Valley, he looked up into the sky and detected what appeared to be a star. Not thinking that such an observation could be possible with the naked eye in broad daylight, he invited other members of the party – four in number – to look also. They all discerned it without difficulty.

The bright point of light was the planet Venus. Although such an observation is rare, it is sometimes possible to see this planet in the daytime. On this occasion Venus was near its maximum brilliancy, which made it possible for the observation to be made, and Mr Slater and his party are to be congratulated on witnessing a most unusual sight.

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### WI REPORT

Members gathered in Luxulyan Village Hall for the February meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. The meeting opened with the singing of "Jerusalem" and the president, Verna Roberts welcomed everyone, including the guest speaker, James Murray, and Mary Thompson from the Cornwall Federation of WIs.

Flower posies were given to members with birthdays in that month: Peggy Langdown, Liz Hull, Jackie Soady, Amanda Penk and Joan Lawson, and to the speaker. His highly entertaining and amusing talk, entitled "The Mad World of Opera," took us through his experiences of taking part in operas from his youth, recounting in vivid detail the many things that had gone wrong on and behind the stage. He was warmly thanked by Lorna Curtis.

After tasty refreshments made by Jackie Soady and Liz Hull, the business meeting began, with Secretary Anne Parr giving her report on the correspondence and WI news. She explained the new Learning Hub, an exciting new development in WI activities, where members will be able to access educative courses online. She had sent the votes from members to County, regarding the resolutions being considered for the National AGM at The Albert Hall later this year. Application slips were available for the many County WI activities, and members were invited to the County Chairman's Coffee Morning at the Shire House Suite in Bodmin in May from 10am until 12 noon. Come along for lots of coffee and cake. No need to book!

Verna pointed out the highlights of the activities on offer in the County News, and Treasurer, Lee Hemings, gave the financial statement.

Congratulations to Liz Edwards who won the competition – a limerick on The Theatre.

County Advisor, Mary Thompson oversaw discussion of the future viability of Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI. Anne

reminded everyone about the AGM which would be our next meeting. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

On Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> the meeting began with "Jerusalem". Verna Roberts welcomed everyone including WI Advisor Jane Mills and the speaker Kate Hughes. She then presented flower posies, made by Rebecca Julian, to Liz Edwards for her birthday and to Jane Mills and Kate Hughes.

Delivering a lively talk on her climbing visit to Nepal, Kate Hughes illustrated it with beautiful projected photos of the stunning views there. The title of her talk "Never Say Never" was an inspiring one. She explained that it came about because she had vowed never to go on such a trip, and after many setbacks, including the Covid restrictions, actually made it happen. We could all use this motto to foster a positive attitude in our lives, she commented afterwards. Lorna enthusiastically thanked her.

Delicious refreshments made by Lorna, and Val Hodge were served, followed by a short business meeting before the AGM. Anne gave details of events and activities being organised by County WI and Val said she would be organising a meal out for current members and husbands/partners. This will be at The Carlyon Bay Golf Club on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

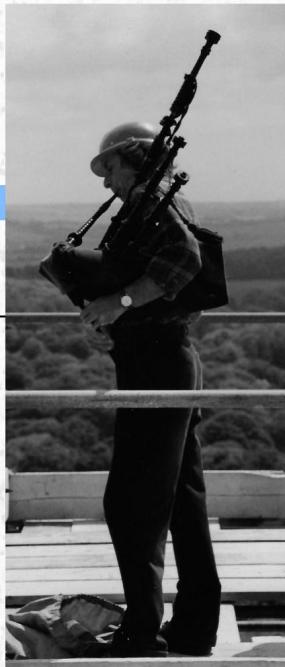
The AGM began with the Anne Parr's annual committee report. Lee then gave the Treasurer's report and Verna gave her President's address. The rest of the meeting was given over to discussion of the formation of a committee and the filling of the various posts. It was decided that we form an emergency committee and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The next meeting will be held in Luxulyan Village Hall on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome to meetings. Please ring Verna Roberts on 01726 812065.

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The wedding was a magnificent affair. The bride might have stepped out from the pages of Vogue. Her diamond tiara sparkled like sunlit dewdrops with every movement of her perfectly coiffured head, her nails shone like manicured talons and her dress floated around her in a cloud of white chiffon.

The reception at The Grand Hotel was as grand as the venue's name and boasted waist-coated waiters and waitresses serving Moët, or it could have been Dom Perignon, I wouldn't have known the difference. The champagne, ice cold and effervescent, fizzed in crystal flutes, while canapes were handed round on silver salvers.

I've never understood how, when you're balanced on your Jimmy Choo's and holding your matching clutch bag, you're expected to stand around with a glass in one hand and canapes in the other.

OK, so my shoes were only imitation Jimmy Choo's, and my bag came courtesy of Oxfam, but I still had to contend with them as elegantly as everyone else. I decided to leave my bag on the table where other guests were placing gifts so beautifully wrapped it would have been a travesty to open them. Hurriedly I shoved my contribution to the back, then joined the growing throng of people waiting for the happy couple to arrive. Accepting a second glass of champagne, I tried to join a conversation with the people nearest me.

I was missing my husband, more gregarious than I could ever be, and who would speak to anyone regardless of social standing. 'Imagine them sitting on the toilet,' he would say, and gate-crash their little clique with a disarming smile. Somehow, he always got away with it. More importantly, at least to me, he always carried my glasses, phone and keys on occasions when my bag was too small to hold anything practical. Today, though, he was under the weather and, in his words, refused to dress up like a penguin.

A tray of canapes was thrust under my nose, and I nearly declined, but I'd never eaten lobster *pâté*, so I took one. I had a nibble, then a sip of champagne, and was horrified when the bubbles tickled my nose and I felt a sneeze threatening to explode. I needed a tissue, and quickly, but my tissues were in my ridiculously tiny bag on the ridiculously huge table with the ridiculously expensive wedding presents. Where's a pocket when you need one? Unable to stop the sneeze, I lifted my hand to cover my nose, smearing *pâté* on my face and causing the champagne to spill onto my borrowed dress.

Retreating to the ladies 'boudoir', as the sign on the door defined it, I made the necessary repairs to my make-up and sponged the blue skirt of my dress with tissue paper, particles of which broke away and stuck to the wet patch in white specks. In an effort to dislodge them I ran my fingers under the tap and dabbed at them, ending up with the patch wetter than before I started.

The speeches included the usual spiel – a thank-you to the bridesmaids, anecdotes about the groom, a toast to the newlyweds, as well as thanks to the hotel staff and everyone who had made the day a memorable occasion.

Being the poor relation, I was seated with a few people who, like me, had probably been invited because not inviting them would have looked rude. Our table was at the end of the room next to the entrance to the kitchen.

'This is jolly,' said the woman next to me. Her place card, on second reading, declared her to be Davina Trollope-Smith. On the first glance I read her Christian name as Devine instead of Davina, and somehow, I couldn't shake it from my mind. 'At least we'll be first to get our food,' she told me.

She couldn't have been more wrong. We were last to be served, and from the way she flirted outrageously with the waiter I decided that the divine Miss Trollope-Smith was far more likely to have been a Trollope before she was a Smith.

She talked incessantly throughout the meal, which, I suspected, was one of the reasons she had been placed at the back. The food looked exquisite, each dish resembling a miniature work of art framed in an oversized white plate. I thought longingly of the left-over lasagne languishing appetisingly in my fridge, and decided that once the dancing started I would plead a headache and make my escape.

I didn't have to wait that long. The divine Miss Trollope-Smith, in an attempt to engage with the waiter, gathered up the plates either side of her and leaned across me to hand them to him. The plates passed me without incident; the cutlery however, took a different turn, sliding effortlessly from their resting place into my unsuspecting lap. The knives skidded off the satin dress and landed on the waiter's foot, while one of the forks hit the rim of the table and somersaulted onto a metal wine cooler with a clatter. The prongs of a remaining fork, slick with redcurrant sauce, pierced my dress and prodded my thigh. Instinctively I pushed it away, and it spiralled down onto the waiter's other foot, smearing his black patent shoes with red sauce.

After his insistent assurances that it wasn't my fault, a courtesy I was pleased to note didn't extend to the less than divine Miss Trollope-Smith, I once again retreated to the ladies boudoir to inspect the damage to my borrowed dress. The bodice was fine, but the skirt was definitely in need of a wash, though I'd already read the label that said "dry clean only".

By this time, I really did have a headache, my Jimmy Choo's were killing me, and I felt like a wilting petunia amid a posy of roses. Fifteen minutes and several air kisses later, I was driving my Vauxhall Corsa out of the lines of BMW's and Mercedes', and an hour later I was in front of the TV in my pyjamas, with a bowl of reheated lasagne and a cup of tea.

My husband laughed when I recounted the details of the wedding. 'Never mind,' he said, as if that was supposed to soothe me. 'At least you're home in time for Strictly. You know how you love seeing those lovely dresses and fancy shoes.'

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### THE FUTURE OF WATER THROUGH LUXULYAN – MARCH UPDATE

As promised, on 4<sup>th</sup> March we (that's Bob Hatton and me, assisted by David Skelhorn) continued the process started in January, sharing information about possible options for the future of water through Luxulyan. If you are a Facebook user, then most of the news may be picked up on Luxulyan Valley Stories and other relevant local history/community groups. But a more detailed report, plus comparisons with similar situations - canal restoration in the UK and leats in Madeira – are available at the Green Fridays blog for 8<sup>th</sup> March:- <https://themeadowbarns.co.uk/gf-blog-24-week-10/>.

Here's an extract from the blog:

We had always hoped to walk Chris Elliot around the leats of Luxulyan, but so much rain had fallen in February that the water was incredibly high, and we were not sure we could ask him to join us before a public appearance! This was the reason, taking a few weeks, that Bob and I walked and filmed all kinds of areas. Sadly, the films showed a far worse situation than we were reporting in early January, with banks burst again and/or being over-topped, and even greater damage to fields, paths, and habitats. But, on the happier side, also some clearance of undergrowth and attention to the Old Mill Leat, enabling thoughts to be developed on how to restore that section.

Bob, David and I met Chris and spent an hour setting up the hall. (Thank you, David, once again for your IT skills and patience!). We welcomed a moderate-sized group to the evening presentation, which everyone found fascinating. Facts and figures of types of leat, materials used for restoration, finances, legal framework and more. All this provoked a lot of discussion and questions, plus – next day – a lovely tribute from Keith of Par on Facebook: –

*I attended last night's meeting with no prior knowledge of leats. Chris Elliot gave a good talk on how they work, and also why they should be maintained. He gave various examples of leats he had worked on and repaired in Devon. With global warming producing a wetter environment in Cornwall, leat maintenance is of greater importance now to avoid flooding.*

The next stage, already underway, is to approach the National Trust and propose a joint presentation for all of Cornwall, not just Luxulyan, about the Riverlands project – a very different approach to managing water, which would deliberately remove straight line channels and replace with meandering. I have also started to contact some experts from larger water management companies, asking if they can provide a spokesperson to join the Panel for a proposed 'Any Questions' get together in the early summer.

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## BUILDING OF LUXULYAN VILLAGE HALL Part 1.

2025 marks 50 years since Luxulyan got started on its village hall & it seemed like a good time to mark it with a history.

When the old school behind the village shop was due for closure, it meant that local people would have nowhere to hold any fund-raising function, dances, whist drives, feast queen choosing or any of the many other events that made up village life. Late in 1968 a small committee was set up with the co-operation of Luxulyan PCC and many others. The negotiations had started in February of that year through Melville Mitchell, a local solicitor, with Stratton and Holborrow who appear to have acted for the Diocese. The school moved to its new premises after Easter 1969 with negotiations for the old building continuing, until in February 1970 Melville Mitchell informed the Parish Council that another purchaser had been found. The Parish Council at their next meeting concluded there was no point in continuing with this plan and in February 1972 decided to look into the building of a new village hall. They wrote in the first instance to Great Western Railway (sic) to determine if there was spare land at the station yard that could be used.

In April 1971 at a parish meeting several parents suggested that the Education Authority give permission for children to use

the school playing field in holidays in preference to playing in the road. This was refused on grounds of access and proximity of the building. In February 1972 Mr Ralph Oliver, a fairly new member of the Parish Council, offered to sell a piece of land on the side of his farm for the playing field. Shortly after that he generously gave another piece of land to be used to build the village hall.



**"Kittys" Land**

Coffee evenings, cream teas, gymkhanas, It's a Knockout and the events previously mentioned were continued over the next few years. In a little over 18 months £1,000 was reached, all carefully listed in the Granite Towers. By May 1974 it was revealed that the building would be 73 feet long and 28 feet wide; the entrance being half-way down the side of the building. A very basic structure before flooring, heating etc. were put in would cost about £4000. Ian Owers, a committee member, was a surveyor with SNW Homes and was largely responsible for finalising the plans and getting them passed by Restormel Council. All the efforts continued, but this year there was a shortened course for the younger members who wanted to do the sponsored walk - a 3-mile course for 7 years and under. In May 1975 the Feast Queen choosing took place at Treskilling Dry followed by a barbecue and disco, and there was to be a disco after the bonfire that year as well. After one sponsored walk a 12 year-old wrote in her diary "TODAY WENT ON SP WALK GOT SATURATED AND HURT TOE. BUT AM OK NOW".

In March 1976 Mr Alf Fooks, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee sent a letter to all residents: "Final Planning Permission has been received and work commences in a few days. This is to be largely by volunteer labour and an appeal for skilled and unskilled workers is made to all residents.

"As funds are still required to successfully complete the project, any ideas for fund-raising please bring to the crucial annual meeting to be held in the Chapel Schoolroom on March 17. With something tangible now to come after several years of money making efforts it is to be hoped that the village will rally round to support the committee who have enthusiastically pressed on in the face of some scepticism".

Work started with many untrained hands turning up to do whatever they could. At the risk of leaving out someone, the committee members as well as Charlie Harris, Fred Carne, Gerald Grose, Cyril Stanlake, Derek Lawson, George Rundle, many others turned out. I was told that it was treated a bit like a Men's Shed and they turned up after work and did digging in the first instance and then the jobs to which they felt suited; one man was known for working in just a pair of Speedo trunks. Many ladies came with pots of tea and cake to keep them working. Ian Giles had started working for Ralph Oliver not long before all this started and was roped in as well – I would suggest if the boss was up there working you didn't have much choice?

At the start it seems the committee was composed of Captain Alexander Maxwell-Hyslop - President, Alfred Fooks - Chairman, Ralph Oliver, Hilary Dunster - Treasurer, Frederick & Marjorie Norton, Derek Lawson, Beaumont Varcoe, Jean Rundle, Barbara Southey, Ian Owers and Hilda Solomon. Every village organisation also had a seat on the committee. The members, as with any committee, changed from time to time, but with no minutes of committee meetings to be found for the first 20 years, it is difficult to follow the sequence with much accuracy. Most meetings were held in Bridges Chapel, but some were in the kitchen of George and Jean Rundle.

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**PUNS TO PONDER**

I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement... It was a best cellar.

It's my first week working at the bicycle factory and they already made me a spokesperson.

My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently, because I left Windows open.

I thought swimming with Dolphins was expensive until I went swimming with sharks... It cost me an arm and a leg.

## ENVIRONMENT COLUMN

### Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space



Winter has been a challenge! With all the rain the glebe land has been incredibly wet underfoot to say the least! But work has continued.

We are now the proud curators of 10 native Cornish apple trees, expertly planted by Years 1 and 2 from Luxulyan School, in the Little Moor area. We had prepared the holes for planting a few days prior to planting day but the morning dawned with the hardest frost that we had had this winter! The ground and the trees were very frozen but with a bit of perseverance, planting was achieved, and the trees staked, guarded, and mulched! They are doing well, and buds are forming already. The trees, guards, stakes, and mulch have been purchased with a grant from the Tree Council.

By the time you read this Oak class will have helped plant 420 small hedgerow plants in Drying Yard Field; we hope to have a mixed hedgerow of hazel, dog rose, rowan, blackthorn, goat willow, and holly, amongst other species, that we have been given by the Woodland Trust.

We have also been busy putting up bird boxes and were very excited to find that at least one already has interested residents! It is really lovely to see the daffodils in bloom that the children planted two autumns ago! We have also discovered beautiful clumps of daffodils flowering that we haven't planted! We are looking forward to the new seat being delivered during March for Drying Yard Field. We have also planted some donated snowdrops which will I am sure provide much needed early food for many insects' next spring.

Our plan for this spring is to thin out more self-seeded sycamore trees to let more light into the boggy area of Little Moor; to do this we need someone proficient in the use of a chainsaw to help us out – if you can help, please get in touch – contact details below. (Our usual go to volunteer currently has a bad back and we would like to get on with this very soon!) Once the sycamores have been thinned out, we can start to clear an area for pond life. We hope to have the sign up on our gate very soon!

All our work is carried out by volunteers (usually on the second Saturday of the month but also at other times when available) and we spend a lot of extra time applying for grants to help us put in practice our aims of increasing the biodiversity of the area for the enjoyment of the people of Luxulyan. We rent the land from the Diocese of Truro and pay an annual rent of £400 and also pay annually for Public Liability insurance; in the past we have been generously supported by Luxulyan Parish Council and Luxulyan Feast Week to help pay for these but we are aware that we need to fundraise ourselves to help pay for these annual costs and to help pay for expertise when we need it.

We are planning on holding a Plant Sale, Cake, and Coffee morning on Friday 12 April 10 am to 1 pm in Luxulyan Institute and would really appreciate your support. There will be plenty of plants for sale, donations of cakes and raffle prizes gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our next two volunteer mornings are Saturday 13 April and Saturday 11 May and any help you can provide will be appreciated however long you can stay!

Contact Details: LEGGS secretary Shelley Porter 07761798220 [famporter58@gmail.com](mailto:famporter58@gmail.com)

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**Red Moor  
School**

We have had a very busy start to our Spring Term here at Red Moor School. The students have been engaging in lots of fun activities on and off-site including theatre trips, woodland adventures, swimming and learning all about World War II, making circuits in Science and designing and creating their very own Pop-up books in Art!

This last week alone our highlights at Red Moor have been celebrating St Piran's Day where we enjoyed celebrating our beautiful Cornwall and World Book Day.

On St Piran's Day we were treated to Star Gazey Pie, made by our very talented school chef, and then pasties for lunch. We had staff and students dressed in black and gold, their favourite Cornish rugby shirts and even the beautiful Cornish Tartan. A fantastic day was had by all ... 'Gool Peran Lowen'.

Then for World Book Day the students (and staff!) threw themselves into dressing up as their favourite book characters and spent the whole week reading in weird and wonderful places.



**The Team at Red Moor School**

# FROM CHURCH



## *From the Rector,*

I read recently that the second Sunday of Easter is most likely to be the one Sunday in the year that most people would 'take off' if they were going to skip church! After the excitement of Easter Day, wonderful music, fabulous, themed preaching, and people dressed up in their Easter finery, the second Sunday of Easter is one of exhausted clergy, hoarse choirs, and diminished attendance!

To overcome this 'low' point in the Easter season, I read about one church that introduced this Sunday as 'Holy Humour Sunday', or 'Hilarity Sunday'! They did all sorts of humorous things with the liturgy to raise the energy levels and get people laughing! I thought the same as you – 'it wouldn't do to laugh in church – we can't be doing with that – it wouldn't be right!' But then I read that Holy Humour or Hilarity Sunday was first introduced in the 1200's! I know we've not got much to smile about these days, but surely, they can't be that bad?! So, I wonder if coming to church on Hilarity Sunday dressed in outlandish clothes or silly hats might catch on? Or telling even worse jokes than I usually do?! Perhaps we can make an extra effort to make someone laugh, cheer someone up, or spread some cheer around!

Here's a prayer to help us on our way:

Imaginative God,  
you smiled and the sun burst through the shadows of  
chaos;  
you laughed,

and all that is good and beautiful was given shape by  
you;  
you chuckled,  
and the platypus splashed in creation's fountain!

Laughing Jesus,  
snickering at the feeble attempts of the evil One,  
you showed us how to resist temptation;  
giggling at sin's desperate desire to hold onto us,  
you released us by your love;  
howling with laughter at death's foolish belief  
that the tomb could hold you,  
you burst forth into the kingdom as the stars pealed  
with joy!

Spirit of Easter,  
as you fill us with us with new life,  
may we delight in sharing it with others;  
as you tell us the good news  
which can never be taken from us,  
may we rejoice in offering it to the broken, the sad, the lonely;  
as you tickle us with grace,  
may we give it away with laughter on our lips,  
and joy in our hearts.

God in community, Holy and One,  
our hearts overflow with wonder  
as we ponder all that you have done for us.

*Your friend,  
Revd. Paul*



Dear friends,

Once upon a time, when I was a fairly new vicar and my dog Mackie was still relatively young, a lady from one of my churches came to have a meeting in my house. She told me a tale of woe about how someone else in the church had treated her. She told me about some nasty emails that had been sent from another member of the congregation. And then as she sat on my sofa she began to cry. Now Mackie is not an aggressive dog, but while this lady was crying on my sofa, he began a low growl. He did not like this lady.

Now what this lady didn't know was that I had been copied in to all of the alleged emails and her own responses and let's just say they painted a very different picture of the situation. And I rather suspected that these tears were crocodile tears. So, when Mackie started his low growl, in all truth, I wanted to laugh. Of course I didn't, and instead after much talk and insistence that we pray together the truth of the situation began to be revealed, and this lady retracted her accusations.

While I sat through the initial story, I wanted to interrupt, and tell her to grow up, that the church was not the school playground, and I was not the teacher who you go to tell tales to. I wanted to do whatever the human version is of a low growl.

Maybe you think I should have done!

As I was walking along Crinnis beach with Mackie this morning I saw a seal. I love seeing seals and Mackie and I stood watching this little seal only about five yards off the beach bobbing about and occasionally diving for fish. I thought about all the things I need to do today, the magazine article I needed to write, the chapter meeting at lunch time, the baptism visit later and the emails to respond to and I thought "Wouldn't it be nice to be a seal and just bob about all day".

That in turn led me to ask the question: What is the advantage of being a human? Is it better to be a person or a seal, or indeed a dog?! Mackie just gets to follow me about the house, sleep, eat and go for some walks. The conclusion I came to was that to be human comes with the blessing and the curse of choice.

Mackie loves me, I don't doubt that, but I don't think that when we first met, he chose to love me. Instead, it was something he learned - that I provide for his needs, and I am the alpha in his pack.

In the same way I don't think he chose to tell the lady on my sofa what he thought of her. His warning instinct kicked in and he growled. I had a choice. I had a choice to be polite, gracious, and compassionate, and I had the choice to be nasty and

dismissive.

I have the choice today to love, to act with kindness, to be a blessing, to see the goodness of God in everyone. And I have a choice not to - to ignore people, to think unkindly about them or to compare myself unfavourably. I also have a choice to love God, regardless of how I am feeling today.

Us humans have the privilege of free choice. Yes, sometimes those choices are limited in ways we have no control over, but most of us can choose to love, and to act in ways that are loving. All of us can choose to speak to God in prayer or to ignore the good news of Easter that we can approach God with confidence because of Jesus' sacrifice.

My favourite book is East of Eden by John Steinbeck. It reimagines the story of Cain and Abel and tells of two sons, Caleb and Aron. While Aron is dutiful and kind like his father, Caleb is wild and vicious like his mother. By the end of the book Caleb is the only son left alive, having lied and cheated his way through life, and persuading his brother to go off to war where he is killed. Caleb feels that with the mother he had his choices to be a good person are limited. But the book ends with Caleb's father forgiving him and leaving him with the Hebrew word "Timshel", which means "You may".

In that word Caleb's father, Adam, is conveying the beauty and the tragedy of the human condition... that we may. We may love and we may hate. We may live good lives, close to God, or we may ignore Him.

I might want to be a seal today, but instead I'm a person who can choose to live this day in the light of the goodness of God's grace.

I hope you know the goodness of God as you choose to live in the love of the cross and the power of the resurrection.  
With my love as ever,

**Jules x**

## FROM CHAPEL

Dear friends



After a long and difficult winter, now the warmer, and hopefully drier, weather has come we may enjoy spending time out of doors with children and grandchildren at one of the many glorious Westcountry beaches. The sand is as golden as it used to be. The waves dance towards the beach as they used to do. Yet washed up on the beach we may find more than the usual piece of driftwood and seaweed.

The tideline is peppered as if sprinkled with giant sugar strands. Yet these are not made of sugary confection, but small fragments of coloured plastic. This quite definitely is not as it used to be. A national newspaper has claimed that plastic pollution will outweigh the fish in the world's oceans in just thirty years unless drastic action is taken.

The bus turned off the road at a roundabout on the outskirts of a small city. From the vantage of height, I could see the roadside verges not usually visible when travelling in a car. A shocking sight met my eyes. Instead of colourful roadside plants and flowers, the grass verge was obliterated by an accumulation of paper and plastic, bottles and cans which would probably fill several skips. As a nation we have one of the best, and some may say one of the most expensive, waste disposal and recycling systems in the world, and yet the acclaimed beauty of the countryside is daily defaced with unsightly, and potentially harmful, litter and fly-tipping. Sadly, ironically, evidence suggests the implementation of the new waste and recycling system in our county has actually resulted in an increase of environmental offences.

World leaders met recently to focus on the care of creation, which Christians believe is a God-given responsibility (Genesis 1:28). Whatever inspires us to think again about our relationship with the created world we all share, the catchphrase 'reduce, re-use, re-cycle' is a good place to start. Not only for our own sakes, but for the sake of future generations, perhaps even the future of the planet itself.

**Revd. Iris Bray**  
**Gunwen Methodist Church**

## NEWS FROM GUNWEN

There has been a Celtic flavour to some of our recent services.

On 3rd March Garry Tregidga led a St Piran's Day service at the chapel with Cornish hymns and the Lord's Prayer said in Cornish by Kim Hopewell.

On 17th March we held a St Patrick's Day Fellowship service with Griff Collins reading the Lord's Prayer in Irish.

On Sunday 17th June at 2.30pm the Rev Paul Benney, circuit superintendent, will be leading a special service in the Sunday School that combines worship with Cornish music and dance. The service will also involve Lizzie Pridmore and other musicians and dancers from the area and further afield. All welcome to this unique afternoon of worship followed by refreshments.

For more information about all of our services please see the St Austell circuit website

A warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us.

If you would like more information about any of the planned services or other activities please telephone Ivan Phillips on 07812 454 665.

With best wishes from all at Gunwen Chapel.

**Judy Uden**

# Lanlivery Church News and Services

## Lanlivery Services

Worship will be available online via the Benefice of the Lostwithiel Parishes Facebook page and on YouTube. Please check pew notes, social media and the notice boards.

### April 2024

#### **7<sup>th</sup>, Easter 2**

9.30 Morning Prayer

#### **14<sup>th</sup>, Easter 3**

9.30 Eucharist

#### **21<sup>st</sup>, Easter 4**

9.30 Morning Prayer

#### **28<sup>th</sup>, Easter 5**

9.30 Eucharist

### May

#### **5<sup>th</sup>, Easter 6**

9.30 Morning Prayer

#### **Thursday 9th, Ascension Day**

10.00 Eucharist at St Bart's

#### **12<sup>th</sup>, Feast Sunday**

5.30 Well Dressing  
6.00 Evening Prayer

#### **19<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost**

9.30 Eucharist

#### **26<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday**

9.30 Morning Prayer

**Years' Mind**  
remembering the anniversaries:

### Apr

Gilbert Bersey May  
Peter John Lyons  
Trevor Eric Tabb  
Carl Langmaid  
Loveday Mary Kellow  
Elizabeth Cameron Cropp  
Gladys Mary Hands  
Jean Mary Linfoot  
John Michael Batchelor  
Alan Williams

### May

Terence Albert Bonney  
Gwendolen Oenone Jane Richardson



### Annual Parochial Church Meeting & Election of Churchwardens

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2pm in Church

The annual meeting receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. The annual meeting also elects new members to the PCC and to deanery synod every three years.

If you are a resident in the parish or on the church electoral roll you are eligible to vote for churchwardens. Members of the church on the roll qualify to vote in the other elections etc. Please support your parish church.

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### CONTACT DETAILS FOR LANLIVERY CHURCH

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# LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 7PM  
AT THE INSTITUTE  
Luxulyan Church APCM**

- including
- Election of Churchwardens
- Annual Reports
- Election of PCC
- Election of PCC posts
- Drinks & Cheese!



### SOUP & SWEET IN LUXULYAN CHURCH



Soup & Sweet is provided on the first Sunday of each month at mid-day. There is no need to attend the church service preceding this. The next dates are 7th April & 5th May.

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### PRAYER WALKS

Luxulyan church organises a prayer walk in the parish once a month.  
If you would like to join us or have a particular person or place that you would like us to pray about please contact Shelley on:

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or 07761 798220

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### ST AUSTELL FOOD BANK – helping local people in crisis

We are happy to receive donations for the food bank at any time. Don't forget to include toiletries as well as staples such as tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, soups, and treats (chocolates etc). Toilet rolls also very welcome!

These can be left in the marked box just inside the church.

## Luxulyan Church Services

Below is a draft. Note that some of our services may change. Please check notice boards, the website and social media for the latest update!

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

11 am Parish Praise & Baptism

Rev Jules Williams

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

10 am Ascension Day Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LUXULYAN CHURCH

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## COUNTRY DIARY

**10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

A great spotted woodpecker begins his territorial 'drumming' in the old hen run.

**16th JANUARY**

Whilst walking through the garden, where a light frost lingers, I think of all the birds that have shared this little oasis with us since our arrival here in 1984. We have recorded fifty-eight species but, sadly, ten of these are no longer seen. They are as follows:

kingfisher, snow bunting, hawfinch, meadow pipit, brambling, spotted flycatcher, treecreeper, yellowhammer, snipe and reed bunting.

**17th JANUARY**

The cacophony of chattering house sparrows fills the chilly air, fading as I pass by into the lower garden. Here the mournful voice of a bullfinch evokes the sound of an old, creaking inn sign. I put up two more roosting pouches. The wind soughs desolately in the pines on the hillside and a very cold night is forecast. Winter holds us in its iron grip.



**19th JANUARY**

A sharp frost but the morning is bright, and the great spotted woodpecker continues to proclaim his presence. A male blackcap feasts on some apples that I have attached to a buddleia bough.

**25th JANUARY**

Dull and mild. The pair of crows are very vocal and busy in the Bullfinch Lane area, and I wonder if they will nest around here again as they did last year.

**30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

I hear the first dunnock song of the year, its sweet ramblings affording a faint glimpse of spring through the dark tunnel of winter. A blackbird sings mellifluously as dusk descends.

**3rd FEBRUARY**

The snowdrops are in bloom.



**10th FEBRUARY**

Heavy showers. The pathways are full of puddles which are frequently being replenished.



**12th FEBRUARY**

My first hearing of a chaffinch's song on this mild and sunny morning.

**13th FEBRUARY**

A pair of jays hop stealthily around the feeding area.

**16th FEBRUARY**

After another wet night the weather improves. An ebullient great tit calls cheerily while a wren sings long and loud. I gather fresh camellias for the house ahead of yet more rain forecast for tomorrow!

**18th FEBRUARY**

Damp but mild at 12°C. The water rail has returned. The gulls are very vocal today, pristine and white as the clouds against the clear, blue sky.

**20th FEBRUARY**

I see the first queen bumble bee out of hibernation.

**28th FEBRUARY**

February Fill-Dyke continues to live up to its name with yet another period of rain. Another water rail comes to drink from a bowl. This one appears to be a female.

**29th FEBRUARY**

This month has been the warmest February globally on record with over double the average amount of rainfall in Cornwall and beyond.



**2nd MARCH**

At 7.30.am. as I am preparing to take out the bird food, a female blackbird looks in through the kitchen window. As I step outside she is already peering around the door!



**3rd MARCH**

The house sparrows scrap viciously amongst themselves on the suet coconut and a male blackbird confronts a starling.



However, no one challenges the great spotted woodpecker!



**5th MARCH**

Late afternoon a male blackcap feeds on the suet block.

**1st APRIL 1996**

David returns from the ponds this morning with news of strings of toad spawn in POND TWO. At the opposite end the frog spawn has become a seething mass of tadpoles.

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## COUNTRY DIARY

**8th APRIL 2005**

A pair of reed buntings feeds alongside a pair of yellowhammers below the bird table.



**25th APRIL 1989**

The spring sunlight casts sparkling 'diamonds' across the surface of David's new pond. Robin nestlings squeak from their sanctuary in a nearby mossy bank. The parents are busy foraging for food for their growing family and one takes a tiny morsel from David's outstretched hand.



**13th MAY 1996**

In Luxulyan I watch the house martins hawking over the bridge and observe a starling flying up with a beakful of food to its nest under the roof of a nearby house.



29th MAY 1996

Oak Apple Day.

We see two grass snakes by POND TWO. Here the swathes of bluebells infuse the air with their intoxicating perfume and a cuckoo calls close at hand.

*Kathryn Hill*

### SAVE THE DATE!



Following on from the success of "The WI Jumble Rumble" in August, Antics Roadshow Kernow will be performing their murder mystery, "Murder in Fancy Dress" at Luxulyan Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April!

Come along, bring a picnic and your favourite tipple and have some fun, interrogate the suspects and try to outsmart Spector and Constable in solving the murder - can you do it before Peggy and Ada? There's a prize in it for you if you can.

Although not obligatory, why not come in fancy dress to add to the evening's fun and entertainment and win a prize for the best costume? All this and raffle prizes too!

It promises to be an entertaining, fun-filled evening so don't miss out! Especially as the tickets are just £5 per head!

Keep an eye out for our posters advertising the event nearer the time. Tickets from Luxulyan Village shop in advance, or, if capacity, on the door on the night. Cash only please! You can also contact Jules Jonklaas on 01726 435110 or email julianajonklaas@sky.com for more details or look at our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you for an evening of murder and mayhem!

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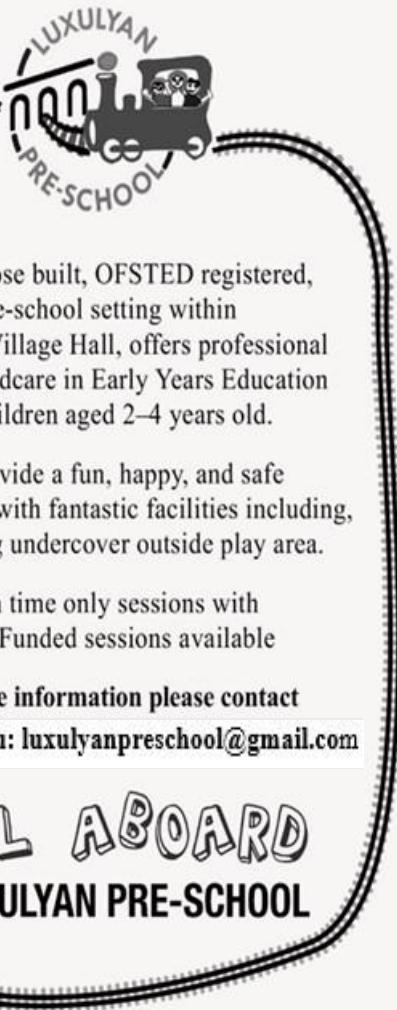
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## LUXULYAN COMMUNITY CINEMA

At Luxulyan Village Hall

OUR NEXT 2 FILMS

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**ONE LIFE**

With Helena Bonham Carter, Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, Jonathan Price

ONE LIFE tells the true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker played by Johnny Flynn, who along with Trevor Chadwick (played by Alex Sharp) and Doreen Wariner (played by Romola Garai) of the British Committee for Refugees in Czechoslovakia, rescued 669 children from the Nazis in the months leading up to World War II. Nicky visited Prague in December 1938 and found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. He immediately realised it was a race against time. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed? Fifty years later, 1988 and Nicky (played by Anthony Hopkins) lives haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to bring to safety in England, always blaming himself for not doing more. It's not until a live BBC television show, 'that's Life' surprises him by introducing to some surviving children - now adults- that he finally begins to come to terms with the guilt and grief he had carried for five decades.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One**

Ethan Hunt and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission yet: to track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity before it falls into the hands. With control of the future and the world's fate at stake and dark forces from Ethan's past closing in, a deadly race around the globe begins.

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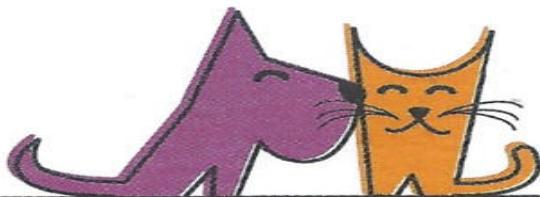
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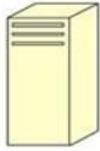
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## Dates for your Diary

### APRIL 2024

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI	7.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGS Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	10.00am – 1.00pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	APCM – see church page	7.00 pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Doors Open 6.30pm Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00 am	The King's Arms
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Murder Mystery Night	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	FOLV – Blue Reef Aquarium	10.30 am	Blue Reef Aquarium, Newquay
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	APCM – See church page	2.00pm	Lanlivery Church

### MAY 2024

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Swap	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	WI	7.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR JUNE-JULY 2024 GRANITE TOWERS</b>		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Auction of Promises	Doors open 6.00pm Auction starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lanlivery Feast Week – see pages 4 &amp; 5 for details of events and Feast Schedule</b>		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOLV – Luxulyan Valley Heritage	7.00 pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Doors Open 6.30pm Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms

Save the Date: 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Picture Perfect, an Exhibition of Photography in Lanlivery Church



1. Plant Swap coffee morning in the Luxulyan Memorial Institute

3. LEGGS volunteering - Luxulyan

6. & 7. Families enjoying Shrove Tuesday in Lanlivery Church

2. Cornish Apple Planting by children from Luxulyan School

4 Tulips in April sun & 5. Charlestown: Kathryn Hill