

The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



October & November 2020

EDITORIAL



During these times of restricted activities, when many are trying to follow government guidelines and even our own self-imposed limitations, owing to the Covid 19 virus, there are naturally fewer events on which to report. With this in mind, I must say a huge thank you, (as always), to our contributors who submit items for our community magazine. I am amazed though, on looking through the list of contents, at just how much has been going on, albeit in a limited way, so there **are** some reports from groups and clubs.

It has also been interesting to witness the unusual and resourceful ways in which people have been determined to continue safely with their activities, so that social life can go on, even if with a difference, enjoying drinks, meals and barbecues in gardens, and meeting on Zoom etc. and Skype as never before. From what I can gather from social media, some have managed to find uncrowded or even deserted beaches for picnics and swimming, which has been a boon for small children in the hot weather, especially as holidays away, or abroad, have been difficult, and in many cases impossible. Evening swims and surfing after the crowds have gone seem to be popular too, and we have had some excellent weather for that too, this September. Also, many congregations were pleased when they were able to attend church services again.

Now that the evenings are beginning to draw in and the weather is becoming colder, our outside activities may be curtailed somewhat. However, we could look to Scandinavian countries, and skiing areas, where outdoor socialising is not uncommon. Wrapping up warm and sitting round a chiminea or a firepit might be one of the ways to be together in the open air in winter. Perhaps all that's needed is a change of attitude. That will be especially important if we want to avoid close contact with each other, and socially distance, while continuing to enjoy being safely gregarious. It could develop into a species of Hygge, which is a Danish/Norwegian word for a feeling or

moment, whether alone or with friends, at home or out, ordinary or extraordinary, as cosy, charming or special. This involves, apparently, plenty of candles, blankets, cushions, and comforting hot drinks. Transferred to the garden, this could become the new outdoor Hygge. Let's try it! We'd love to hear from anyone who does, whether successful or not!

Before we know it, it will be Hallowe'en – a good occasion for socialising in the fresh air; and then of course, November 5th, when there can be plenty of socially distanced partying round the bonfire, (with the necessary precautions of fire safety).

Don't forget, if you would like to respond to anything in the editorial or anything else in the magazine, letters to the editor are very welcome and we always print them, whether they are bouquets or brickbats. We appreciate readers' feedback.

I hope you continue to enjoy what has been, so far, a lovely autumn.

With every good wish

Verna

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GRANITE TOWERS MAGAZINE - FUTURE DIRECTION

As many of you know, we managed to maintain an e-version of the magazine during full lockdown. After some restrictions were lifted, we were able to revert to a full hard copy printed version. We have decided that it is imperative to continue to offer hard copy to all where possible, however, some of our readers may wish to access just the e-version as an alternative.

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- it will enable us to reduce our printing and distribution costs
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The Granite Towers Committee

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VIEW FROM THE SURGERY

At the surgery we are used to hearing similar phrases such as “It hurts when I do this”; “I feel tired all the time”; “Something must be done”, but there is a new one: “When things are back to normal”. However, I feel we are now in the new normal. The total triage system of having to talk to a doctor before getting a face to face appointment will not be disappearing, and the alternatives, of emailing the doctor or having a video call will increase in their usage. The triage system is not our first choice either, but it is a way to ensure we keep the surgery safe for anyone who has to come in and see our staff.

The next stage is going to be the increased use of the NHS app. When this app is fully working you can book your appointments, order your prescriptions, and check your records, all at whatever time you want. I confess I ordered my prescription late one evening, well after the surgery was closed. At the surgery, part of our text messaging system will allow you to scan a QR code and register that you have arrived for your appointment. I can already hear the voices saying, “What about us that can’t use the apps?”. The answer is, that if we can encourage people to use the apps, then the telephone lines may free up so the people who can’t use the apps will be able to get through. At the moment we are all phoning in, so it is hard to get through. If we reduce the need to phone in, then when you do, it may be easier.

Another new normal is that I think the doctors and nurses will be staying in scrubs rather than our own clothes. It is strange for me to reflect that when I was a medical student, one of my colleagues was thrown out of the Professor’s clinic for not wearing a tie. Today, you would be thrown out if you did. When I started in General Practice it was the norm to wear jackets and ties, if not suits, but not anymore. There has been research on what clothes we wear and what patients expect- suit and tie – more distant and more directing, shirt, no tie, friendly, with more discussion. I am not sure what scrubs and masks will represent. I do know it is harder to gauge people’s expressions and to recognise people by just looking at their faces. Please remember some of our community will be unsettled with everyone masked up.

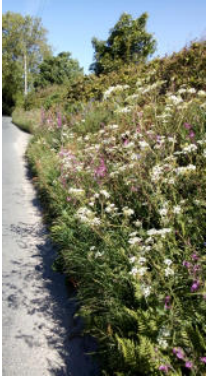
We are busy planning our flu vaccination campaign. This year it is going to be harder and take longer to do. The Government has recommended that people over 50 should have the vaccination, but not until December, when we normally do our campaigns in September and October. We will be starting in October for the elderly and high-risk groups as usual. We are looking at the options of how to run the clinics safely with social distancing. Not so easy when you usually vaccinate about 500 people in a morning! However, by the time you are reading this, the clinics will be running, so you will know what we decided.

At the moment we are watching the Covid case numbers, the areas going in and out of lockdown, and different countries people have to quarantine from after their holidays. It changes most weeks, if not daily, so please keep your distances, wear your masks, wash your hands, and most importantly, keep safe.

Dr. Andy Hayward

WALKING THROUGH LOCKDOWN!

Last New Year's Eve I agreed and registered to join my daughter, and two nieces to undertake a 26-mile trek across Dartmoor in aid of Alzheimer's Association in memory of my dad who died in March 2019....as you do on New Year's Eve! The trek was due to take place in August 2020 and my training started in earnest in January, despite both daughter and Mum moving houses within eight weeks of New Year! I quickly realised 26 miles is a very long way and I was nowhere near match fitness!



The plan was to walk at least twice a week, slowly increasing the distance walked! The best laid plans....by the end of March we were in lockdown, allowed an hour of exercise a day! I still needed to make sure I continued to train as we were assured the trek would go ahead.

I made a plan; I needed a challenge and the weather was glorious! (There was only so much gardening that one could do!) I decided that as we had to stay local (no non-essential travel!) that I would walk all the public footpaths in the parish of Luxulyan. I discovered places I'd never been to before, great paths...and very overgrown ones; electric fences across the path and locked gates, but also beautiful vistas, fabulous wild flowers in the Cornish banks – absolutely stunning foxgloves, quirky houses, found Innis Chapel, fantastic granite stiles, funny milestones (showing Cornish miles of course!), across and through Luxulyan Valley and loved every step!



The hour-long walks started to stretch somewhat as lockdown restrictions were lifted. I walked to Lanlivery to the farm shop and back, was dropped off in St Austell and walked back along coastal footpaths, country lanes and along the clay trails and through a deserted Eden Project looking sorry for itself with empty carparks. I was blessed by seeing a tawny owl in broad daylight and a stoat crossing my path along the oh-so-quiet trail. I did the Hall Walk around Polruan and Fowey. The Camel trail, starting at the Borough Arms all the way to Padstow and back, took a whole day, was done as a team and was the longest training walk to date at 20 miles.

I think I've walked every road in the parish and surrounding parishes and met many interesting and interested people, with and without dogs, with and without bicycles! I enjoy every walk, loved the quieter roads, and still do the miles. I've also had my bicycle repaired and explored the Goss Moor trails. It is very true that exercising in the great outdoors is good for your mental health; my physical and mental health have never been better, and I have much to be thankful for, living in such a wonderful area. I was asked recently how many miles I have walked since January...it is coming up for over 600 miles!

Sadly, along with many other events this year, at the beginning of August we heard that the Trek across Dartmoor has been postponed until next year! But the fundraising goes on ... as does the training! See you on a footpath or road somewhere soon!

Shelley Porter

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LUXULYAN PARISH COMMUNITY FUND

The grant panel has not had occasion to meet this year as we have not received any applications.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions the Grants Panel did not meet in April. Fortunately we had not received any applications recently. However, we were able to donate £2000 towards the CCF Emergency Appeal. At the time of writing the Cornwall Community Foundation had collected £380,000 to be distributed among causes in need of their help at this desperate time. A typical case is Truro Foodbank which is feeding more children than ever before.

If you know of an organisation that would benefit from a grant, please visit our website for an application form, or ring our Chairman Dave Bunt on 01726 852554.

www.cornwallfoundation.com/luxulyan-community-fund
or the Parish Council website www.luxulyanpc.co.uk

Other Grant Panel members are:-

Kay Baker, Francis Payne, Nick Legard, Chris Austin, Bridget Hall and Jim Cleare.

Dates for the final grant panel of this year are as follows:-

Deadline for applications
28th November 2020

Grant Panel Meeting
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Jim Cleare

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LOOKING BACK AT KNOWING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Continuing the series by Janet Haley, started in 1999



Mention dogs or bells in the parish of Lanlivery, and you are sure to come up with the names of Harry and Jean Thomas. Both have had a long-term interest in dogs, which has resulted in them and their animals travelling to all parts of Britain, and in Harry's case, further afield.

Harry was born in 1922 in the parish of Creed, at Grampound, where his parents farmed until they moved to Prideaux, when Harry was 5 years old. This farm was originally owned by Sir Coleman Rashleigh, and later sold to Mr. Acton-Davis, a Harley Street specialist, from whom Harry's father rented the farm.

Mr. Thomas senior always admired the ground on the other side of the valley, saying that the sun always shone on that side, so he jumped at the chance of buying it, when the previous farmer was turned out because he was not complying with the War Agriculture Executive Committee (W.A.E.C.) office with his farm produce. The purchase of the 196 acres and the farmhouse cost £4000, which neighbouring farmers considered would bankrupt the Thomases.

Jean was born at the other end of the country, in Annfield Plain, Co. Durham, where her father was the curate. Jean was christened by the Bishop of Durham, who announced that she had a fine pair of lungs, which would always be heard! Her father's next move was to Hamsterley, where he was the vicar, and then to Woodham Mortimore, near Maldon in Essex.

Jean was the oldest of four children, living with her parents, two sisters and one brother in a 20-roomed rectory house, with 3½ acres. Her youngest sister was only nine months old, and Jean fifteen years old, when their father died from pneumonia. The children and their mother moved to a cottage in Devon, and Jean attended a school in Paignton, where she attained eight school certificates, later known as 'O' levels. Up until the age of fourteen, Jean had not been to school, but had been taught at home by her parents.

At nineteen, she had to choose which line of work she would take up. She was offered a job in a library, but didn't want to work indoors; she considered the Wrens, but that was a minimum of three years' service, and decided that was a long time if she didn't like it; so, she joined the Land Army. Her month's training was at Whimble, in Devon, and her first posting was in a bleak area of Devon with two spinsters who owned one cow which had to be milked and four calves to be looked after. The two ladies then bought a 70-acre farm near Looe, and Jean moved with them. She later asked for a transfer and was sent to John Dunn's farm at Strickstenton Farm, in Lanlivery parish, on Primrose Day, April 19th, 1949, and where she gained her proficiency certificate in tractor driving.

When the Land Army was disbanded, Jean was one of only eight, chosen from Devon and Cornwall, to be presented together with others from around the country, to the Queen Mother at Buckingham Palace.

A decision to join the Lostwithiel & Lanlivery Young Farmer's Club was one that changed her life. Here, she not only became the first female chairman of the club, but more importantly she met her future husband, the motorbiking farmer, Harry Thomas, who sat very quietly and said little. That is, until they had a social event and dance, when he boldly asked Jean to dance.

Harry's parents built a bungalow for themselves next to the farmhouse, so he and his new bride, Jean, lived in the farmhouse when they married in 1954 and have recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on 2nd July.

Their first daughter, Caroline, was born in 1955, followed by Anne, Fiona and Rosie. The eldest and youngest live in Cornwall, and the other two girls live in Hertfordshire with their families.

Harry's interests include ploughing matches, which he became involved with in 1946, when he won a 'Special Prize' at Bocaddon, Lanreath. His prizes to date are too numerous to count, and with his other main interest in sheepdogs, he has rosettes which would cover several walls.

It was Jean's fault he became interested in sheepdogs, he says, (although I don't think he is complaining!), when she gave him a registered collie for a present at Christmas in 1955. He began trials in 1961, and has had many successes over the years, with his television fame occurring in 1983, when he won the English National Championships which gave him a place on the B.B.C. programme 'One Man and His Dog'. He has bred the 'Supreme Champion' of the International Sheepdog Trials, and was awarded a certificate for this at Lockerbie, in 1976.

Harry has trained hundreds of dogs over the years, and still has the original line of one of his 1960s dogs, Shep. Lucky and Gary are the great-grandsons of Shep and are still winning for him. Lucky was awarded 10th place out of 600 dogs in the International Supreme Championship Trials in North Wales in 1993. The 600 dogs were the best in the elimination trials which had previously taken place in four countries.

Harry is on the committee of the International Panel of Judges for Sheepdog Trials, and the National Society of Ploughmen. He has judged all over the country, and also in Canada.

Jean also has a love of dogs, and breeds Norfolk terriers, of which she has four at the moment, and travels all over the country to find the right 'man' for her dogs. He must have an excellent pedigree, and no mongrels will be considered for the post!

Jean has always love singing from when she was in the school choir and is a founder member of the Benefice Choir. Bellringing has also figured largely in Harry's spare time, and there are only four churches in Cornwall where he has not rung; perhaps this will be rectified in the near future! Lanlivery has had the benefit of his ringing for over thirty years, with not only the Church bells, but also handbells.

Shepherds' crooks, made by Harry from rams' horns and hazel sticks, have been presented to the past four Bishops of Truro, and are among the many he has made over the years.

Since his latest illness, Harry has had to take life a little easier, but he has begun his beloved ringing again, and was part of the team which rang in the New Year of 1999. Harry and Jean enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with their family of four daughters, their husbands, five grandsons and one granddaughter around them.

Janet Hayley 1999

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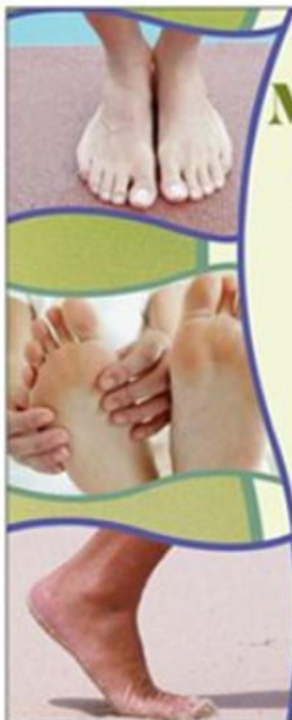
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THE SNAIL CREEP

Having had an interest in the music and dance of Cornwall for more than half a century, it was exciting to read Mrs. Keam's description of the inclusion of the Snail Creep and Furry Dance in Bridges Chapel Tea Treats during the 1940s in the last 'Granite Towers'. Not only does it confirm something which I'd suspected for some time, but it adds to the list of local villages where the dance formed part of a celebration.

The 'Snail Creep' was an essential part of many community celebrations, and particularly those of the Chapels, and their tea treats in mid-Cornwall until around the middle of the 20th century. But what was it?

Experts in Cornish dance Merv, Alison and Jowdy Davey suggest in their book (1) that the Snail Creep seems to be related to a medieval circle dance, once popular throughout Europe, called the 'Farandole'. It may also have been related to the serpent dances which are currently popular at Cornish dance nights (troys), and which were widely known throughout Cornwall in past centuries.

I like to think of the Snail Creep as a slightly anarchistic version of the 'Furry Dance' without the olde-world formality which seems to have become attached to the latter in some places. That lack of formality also seems to apply to the steps of the dance. Sometimes the dance is walked, sometimes a one-two-three-hop step similar to that used in the Furry Dance was employed. What seems to have been common is that couples line up in a column with a leader, carrying a branch of a tree in full leaf as a sign of office – the 'Man With the Tree' in Mrs. Keam's description. In some places a couple might each carry a branch as joint leaders. The tree branch is said to represent the 'horns' of the snail. The leader then guides the couples in a series of convoluted snail-like paths in which the column crosses and recrosses itself, often several times, causing what might be described as joyous confusion!

The Dance was incredibly popular in the eastern part of the Clay Country, and its surrounding area during the late nineteenth century, usually forming a significant part of chapel tea treats. It was a community dance, in which everybody participated.

Many married couples attributed their first meeting to the dance! Dr. Garry Tregidga has located historical reports of more than 1000 people participating at one time in Bugle in the early twentieth century !

Today the Snail Creep only takes place as part of the Rescorla Festival every summer, as it has done - until this year of pandemic - since 2008. As the Festival has 'Rescorla On Tour' events, it has been seen as far away as Probus and as close as the King's Arms.

The music to which the dance took place varied – it seems to have been very much at the whim of the organisers and musicians. Sometimes a village brass band would be co-opted. At Molinnis the village fife and drum band provided the music; they also seem to have played for the Rescorla Chapel tea treats. Alternatively an ad-hoc band of local musicians might be recruited. There was no standardisation of the tunes played. Sometimes a local musician contributed a tune of their own. At Rescorla, Arthur Julyan, a very talented local concertina player, is reputed to have composed the tune which is still in use. However, many bands also played the popular music of the day.

It could be fun to restore the Snail Creep, and indeed the Furry Dance, to our village celebrations. If anybody would like to reintroduce these to, say, the Feast Week festivities, help would be available from both the Rescorla Centre and members of Luxulyan and District Old Cornwall Society. Please feel free to contact me.

Chris Bartram, Bridges.
07545 094490

(1) 'Scoot Dances, Troys, Furrys, and Tea Treats.' Merv, Alison and Jowdy Davey. Francis Boutle Publishers, London. 2009.
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PILATES

My Pilates class will be running every Thursday from 2 – 3 pm in Luxulyan Village Hall.

Steph Thomas
07711 856242

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BOOK GROUP



In the face of Covid complications, we continue to battle on to continue our interest in reading books of all kinds. We had hoped to meet in September, but owing to the new Rule of Six, that's now impossible. Instead, I shall be organising a couple of Zoom meetings. The first one will be to discuss books we read during lockdown. A future one would be to follow up with talking about books which have been adapted for the cinema and television.

Please let me know if you would like to join in, and let me have your email address, so that I can invite you into the "Zoom Room"!

Let's hope it won't be too long before we can all meet at Trethevey again.

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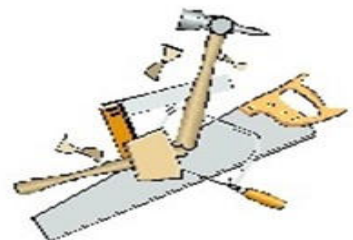
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Cooking time: 60 minutes

Ingredients:

2 chicken breasts each halved

50 g (or 2 oz) unsalted butter

½ tbl vegetable oil

1 medium to large onion finely chopped

Parsley – 2 tsp dried or 3 tbl chopped fresh

Rosemary – ½ tsp dried

Thyme – ½ tsp dried

Basil – ½ tsp dried

Paprika – ¼ tsp

Black pepper – ¼ tsp

Chinese Five Spice powder – 1 tsp

2 tbl soy sauce

1½ tsp Worcestershire sauce

Method:

1. In a saucepan heat the butter and oil, add onion and cook gently for 5 minutes until the onion has softened.

2. Add all of the herbs and spices, and mix.

3. Add the soy and Worcester sauces, and mix.

3. Onto a baking dish, arrange the chicken breasts and cover with the onion mixture. Cover over tightly with foil and place in a preheated oven at 175C.

4. After 30 minutes remove foil and bake for a further 30 minutes or as necessary to ensure chicken is still tender but cooked through.

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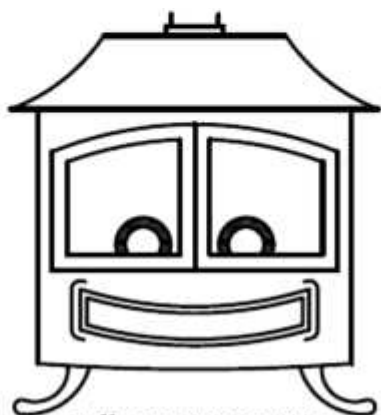
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ROCKETING SALES DURING LOCKDOWN

Sales of garden croquet sets rocketed during lockdown as the game gave people a chance to enjoy socially distanced sport. Over the Covid 19 lockdown many people took advantage of more free time at home and some very fine weather to have a go at croquet in their own gardens and even indoors. Now that regulations have eased and people can go out more, Cornwall Croquet Club has been able to open for play. This means that you can now try the game on full-sized croquet lawns.

Cornwall Croquet Club has three full-sized lawns at Porthpean, one of which can be divided into two smaller lawns, if necessary, for those just starting to learn the sport. The club offers a friendly, sociable environment and welcomes visitors to come and learn how to play from experienced players. The sport has followers throughout the UK and in many other countries of the world. It is suitable for men and women of all ages and provides good exercise in the fresh air, although is not physically demanding.

At Cornwall Croquet Club we have some vacancies for new members and welcome anyone interested to give it a try. Normally we would say just drop in when we are open, but during the Coronavirus pandemic we have to be a little more formal for the protection of everybody concerned and arrange an appointment for you to visit. We have mallets for you to borrow, so all you need is to come along wearing flat soled shoes.

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LUXULYAN AND LANLIVERY WI REPORT

WI members carried on undaunted throughout the summer, despite the curtailments to the programme caused by lockdown, continued social distancing measures, mask wearing and the like. Many kept in touch too, by phone, emails and the WI on Facebook and the WI website. There is nothing like a get together, however, so the Summer Walk went ahead on the evening of July 22nd, when some members walked to the Gribben, with plenty of opportunity for social distancing!

Then there was the picnic lunch on August 12th, a beautiful day, which twelve members enjoyed in Amanda Penk's lovely garden. It was the perfect spot, under the cool green shade of graceful trees, and even a babbling brook.

On the evening of the 19th August, a party visited the Woodland Valley Farm at Ladock to watch the beavers which are now settled there in their lodges and lakes. All agreed it was a thrilling and unusual experience, with much being learnt about the fascinating lives of these amazing creatures and how they improve the land, prevent flooding, and purify the water with their dams.

September 9th saw the first meeting since the March lockdown. It was held as usual in Luxulyan Village Hall at 7.15pm, when Caroline Stephenson gave a lively talk about Joseph Treffry, the story of how he built the viaduct in the valley, and the historic background to it all. Using illustrations, documents, and her own powerful acting abilities, she vividly brought to life the valley's amazingly green engineering and industrial history and very entertainingly, many of the characters who worked there, and were connected with it. Everyone enjoyed her highly imaginative and enthralling talk, and she was presented with a posy, made by Jackie Soady.

Birthday posies, also made by Jackie, were presented to Susan Hillier and Anne Parr. Winner of the competition, a photograph of the Luxulyan Valley, was Jackie Russell and Susan Hillier won the Flower of the Month competition.

The October meeting, on Wednesday October 14th was to have been the pasty Harvest Supper. However, owing to the latest restrictions, this can no longer take place, but some members may be able to meet up in each other's homes in twos and threes, bringing their pasties and perhaps sharing time on Zoom and/or Facebook.

November's meeting on Wednesday 11th is programmed to be in the Village Hall, with a talk and demonstration on Christmas flower arranging, with the competition being a home-made flower, and a Bring and Buy. However, who knows whether the rules will still be in place, or if the situation will improve? We shall have to wait and see. Whatever happens, members are

determined that the WI will still be here for everyone who wishes. New members and visitors are always warmly welcome to meetings. Please ring Secretary Jackie Russell on 07925966696, or President Verna Roberts on 01726 812065 for more information.

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CHURCH HUMOUR



TRICK OR TREAT?

'Halloween,' Lucinda muttered to herself, a feeling of depression coming over her. Two years. Two years since she'd been able to go out on Hallowe'en. Normally she wouldn't mind staying in. But tonight it would be hard. She was used to company, to children trick or treating, to pumpkins, apple bobbing, spiders and black cats. But she'd made a promise and so far she'd kept it. If she wanted to please Graham she would continue to keep it.

Of course she'd brought it on herself. After the fiasco at that party two years ago no-one was going to invite her to any sort of party, and she wasn't in a hurry to repeat her mistakes.

'How was I supposed to know you put extra hot chilli sauce in the tomato ketchup bottle?' Graham complained when several children burnt their mouths and had to wash them out with cold water. 'And why did you put real spiders in the jelly? Not to mention the frog's spawn in the apple bobbing water?'

'I wanted to make it authentic,' she explained, her cheeks red with embarrassment.

'It was authentic all right,' Graham snapped. 'So authentic that Jack's mum is threatening to sue us. Honestly Lucinda, you've really cooked our goose now.'

It had been a long time since Lucinda had cooked a goose. When she had, just after she and Graham were married, she'd forgotten to take out the plastic bag containing the innards. The plastic had melted into the meat making the inside inedible, while the outside was black, where the oven had caught fire. As Graham was fond of saying, she was a liability.

'You need to go on a cookery course,' he said one day. 'I'll book one for you.'

'No!' Lucinda protested. 'I don't need some overpaid know-it-all teaching me how to cook. Cooking comes naturally to all the women in my family. It's an art we're born with.'

'All the women except you, you mean. I've drawn the short straw then. I should have married your sister.'

Lucinda couldn't argue with that. Her sister was much more accomplished than she was. 'Some people take longer to pick things up, that's all,' she said. 'We can't all be good at everything.'

She cringed when she saw Graham's expression, the one that said he was still trying to find out what she was good at.

'Anyway,' she pouted, 'I'm prettier than my sister.'

'I'll give you that,' Graham conceded. 'Everyone's prettier than your sister.'

Lucinda giggled, but inside she was hurting. Why couldn't she get anything right?

Today, on the anniversary of that disastrous party, Lucinda was restless. She meandered from room to room totally at a loss. She wished she had children of her own to occupy her, keep her busy, stop her from thinking about things she wanted to do, things she should be able to do. But Graham insisted on waiting before they had a family.

'We don't want to rush things,' he said. 'We need to get a few things behind us and be comfortable with each other before we bring children into the equation.'

Graham really had no idea. How could she be comfortable when she felt restricted all the time? Perhaps their marriage had been a bad idea. The trouble

was she loved Graham and she knew he loved her. Leaving him wasn't an option. So far, they had compromised, tolerated each other's whims and moods, and apart from Lucinda's ineptitude at cooking, along with her tendency to make even the simplest task go wrong, it had worked. Graham was a kind, patient husband, but even kind patient husbands have their limits.

When Lucinda had painted the kitchen in what was supposed to be mint green that turned out to be bottle green, he'd left it that colour for six months, which meant they had to switch the light on even in daytime. Lucinda had assured him she could change it in an instant, but he had banned her from doing anything remotely connected to DIY.

'Don't do anything,' he begged. 'I'll get someone in.'

Someone didn't get in, at least not to paint the walls. Graham eventually capitulated and did it himself. Lucinda had to hide a smile when he tipped the paint all over the floor. He stalked off in a rage, leaving her to clear it up. Which she did, if not quite in an instant, in a very short time. When Graham returned and saw the clean floor he merely raised his eyebrows and, for the first time, didn't tell her she should have left it to him.

Shaking off these memories Lucinda pressed her nose against the window pane. It was five-thirty and the sky was darkening. It wouldn't be long before the Halloween rituals began. Already she could see the people across the road putting a pumpkin on the front wall.

She drew back and turned the oven on. Graham would be home at six and she wanted to make a special effort to please him with a roast dinner. The phone rang but she didn't answer it. She knew it would be her mother trying to persuade her to ignore Graham and join in the family celebrations. Putting her hands over her ears she waited until the ringing had stopped.

As she stood there her gaze fell on a tall cupboard in the corner. Her heart lurched and her stomach clenched. Striding across the room she wrenched at the cupboard door and stared in. It was still there.

Lucinda closed her eyes and counted to ten, but when she opened them again she knew she'd lost the fight. She couldn't help it. It was in her nature, her very essence. She couldn't deny it any more.

Reaching into the cupboard she pulled it out, running her hands over it lovingly. She needed to do this. How would she ever get anything right if she didn't practise? Suddenly making up her mind she gripped the handle tightly. It took several minutes of muttering but at last the broomstick lifted off the ground.

An ecstatic smile spread over Lucinda's face. 'Chocks away,' she cried in glee. For the first time in two years she was truly happy. After all, whoever heard of Hallowe'en without a witch?

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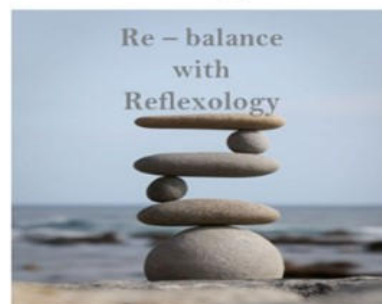
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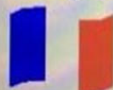
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LUXULYAN PARISH COUNCIL Good Citizen Awards for 2020

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- * Nominations accepted by letter, email or nomination box.
- * Deadline: 31st October 2020
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EMAIL FROM OXFORD



I find it interesting moving into a new property from the garden perspective, because you're never entirely certain what is going to emerge throughout the year. It becomes like a continual surprise throughout the first year – some nice, some not so nice, depending on how you feel about the plants that appear - both from a plant and an insect perspective. My mystery plant of the last 6 months that has until the last few days met with a whole host of suggestions has finally flowered, and so solved the puzzle. The original seedling which was in the shape of a 'v', I took to be a tree seedling but gradually evolved into a vine with heart-shaped leaves. The leading contenders were convolvulus (with which I'm very familiar) and as such I have kept it isolated in its own pot...just in case. However, the vine was of a much tougher strength than I was used to. Another contender was a sweet potato vine, which my 'plant finder app' had suggested...and it was looking like a good option until it developed flower buds. It has now bloomed into the most beautiful sky blue/mauve colour of morning glory. The blooms only last a day, so blink, and you've missed it, but what a wonderful surprise.

With the gradual re-opening of shops and businesses over the past couple of months I have been able to instigate a gradual return to work, with increased awareness of possible implications that are both more prominent now and going forward for the foreseeable future. My chosen profession of massage therapy, is obviously practised inside the socially distanced recommendations and as such, now has extra procedures to make it as safe as possible for me, as well as those coming for a treatment. One of these procedures is the extra PPE, which for me requires the wearing of both a mask and visor during treatments, which as much as the marketing blurb

might say otherwise, tends to fog up, eventually leaving me peering through the visor from odd angles. I feel like visor wipers should be a thing! The breaks in between treatments have become a real breather for me; I feel like I'm emerging from a sauna, especially on the warmer days!

My daily walks are coming in extremely useful: apart from the pleasure of being out and about in nature, it's for the gathering of ripe fruits found in abundance along the pathways and hedges. Something that you don't see in New Zealand, where they don't really have hedges so much as fence lines. You have to either grow them in your garden or know someone with land that has what you're looking for.

The blackberries seem to have been fruiting very early, however the large early fruit seemed to lack taste. Now the later, smaller fruits have ripened with a much more developed flavour. Freshly made blackberry and apple pies and crumbles, with fruit I picked myself, or which has been shared from inundated neighbours, are just delicious. And the numbers of sloes this year! I am determined a trial of sloe gin is in order, and being that a neighbour who is a keen gardener but has never tried a sloe, or even knew where they came from... I may just have to let him sample the fruit before adding them to the liquor! ;)

I've enjoyed trialling different damson and apricot jam and chutney recipes recently. When I've tried before, I've not really kept a record of which recipes I've followed, which has been unfortunate from the apricot chutney perspective, as I really enjoyed the last lot I made a few years ago. This time I HAVE kept a record, making smaller batches with a number of different recipes to try and find 'The One' to return to again. Wishing you all a wonderful autumn full of the joy from the abundance of produce available locally at this time of year. Until next time.

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I'd like to organise a community litter pick to complement the great work that the Parish Council does, install lots of bird and insect boxes both in the churchyard and in community areas, and it would be great to increase the diversity in our Cornish banks and gardens. I personally plan to lobby our MP for parliamentary action on Climate Change and this is something that anyone can do! So do think about it! If you have any other practical ideas that we can do in these strange times, then please do get in touch; I'd love to hear from you!

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LUXULYAN OVER FIFTIES

If things go according to plan, it's GOOD NEWS! We hope to be able to start our lunches again. Providing nothing changes, we plan to meet again on Wednesday October 7th at The King's Arms, Bridges. All being well, members will be receiving a phone call to confirm, from Patricia Stocker on the weekend of the 2nd or 3rd October.

Val Hodge

LUXULYAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Since opening the Institute meeting room facility and snooker room whilst complying with Covid 19 guidelines in the week beginning 6th July, we have been able to progress to holding more normal Plant Swap events in August and September. Plant sales been wholly outside, with a one-way system round the central display area. Refreshments have been supplied again, with people able to sit at carefully spaced tables with options to sit outside.

Some groups have been able to meet again but understandably some groups are still reluctant to do so.

Some snooker players have also returned to use those facilities.

Hopefully we will still have the last Plant Sale on Saturday 4th October, but the Rule of Six on social gathering is lacking in the promised clarity about whether this applies to charities raising funds by selling refreshments in the same way as cafés do, or goods in the same way garden centres do. Guidance is being sought as I write this, so watch out for further information by way of Luxulyan Facebook page or notices round the village.

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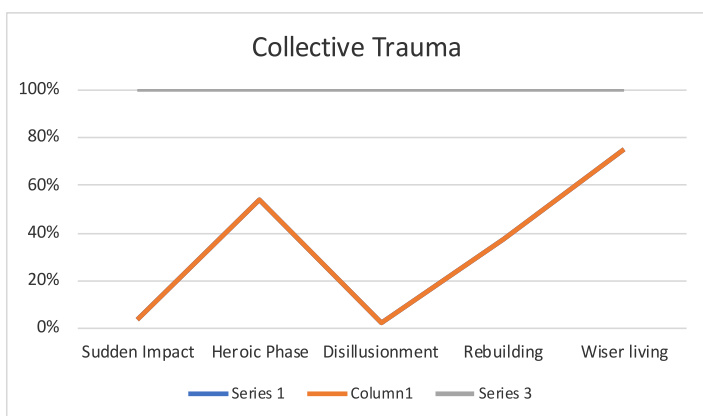


From the Rector,

As we currently bask in a spell of early autumn pleasantness – or the last throes of summer, depending on your perspective... it is perhaps hard to believe that we are still in the grip of a global pandemic. Like you, I'm thankful that the volume of cases appears to be easing, at least for the time being, but we continue to remain vigilant and alert, aware that this dreadful virus has not gone away.

During lockdown, like many of you, I soon became inundated with zoom meetings! It seems that once the general populace discovered the wizardry of holding virtual meetings across the broadband world it didn't take long before most of us were swamped! Suddenly we could find ourselves in someone else's office, front room, kitchen, study, church or even cathedral without ever leaving our own homes! I was even able to join many of my diocesan colleagues on the many training and teaching sessions that innovatively morphed into virtual gatherings as invariably more and more of the 'real world' went into isolation!

One training session I attended was called 'Trauma in Ministry', and I found the research so fascinating that I thought I would share it here.



When a community suffers a sudden trauma, such as Covid-19, people usually react by entering what experts call an 'heroic phase'. There is a perceived common enemy that must be defeated collectively: we feel as though we are all in this thing together and we face the threat head on! We look out for each other more, we make sure our friends and neighbours have supplies,

we set up help and support groups, and we applaud our front liners!

But we find it difficult to sustain this phase, and soon we find that the news headlines are relentlessly depressing, the guidance is restrictive and social measures in place to protect us are more of a hassle than a help. Life seems quite depressing and not even shopping is the therapy it once was! We have entered the 'disillusionment phase'!

Fortunately, humans are a resilient species and eventually we begin to analyse and evaluate our collective and individual experiences. We might determine that not everything was so bad, in fact there were things we really enjoyed and are loath to relinquish! We feel a renewed sense of energy and optimism for the future and we begin to look for ways to live a full and flourishing life even amid a global pandemic – welcome to the 'rebuilding and restoration phase'!

Finally, after a period of reflection and evaluation we will have hopefully learned valuable lessons from our collective trauma, perhaps we might have a clearer idea of what is important and what really doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things, maybe we will conclude that loving our neighbours and looking out for the most vulnerable is as important as looking after ourselves? Maybe we will have developed a greater regard for the natural world after seeing it flourish in our absence? Perhaps we will emerge from this collective trauma with a healthier respect for our planet and our environment as we witnessed the truly miraculous lifting of the haze and smog over the world's most densely populated cities, or watched in awe as the global temperature over China cooled as the fires of consumerism were quenched?

The 'wiser living phase', including the rebuilding of a better, more altruistic society, a healthier, greener and more sustainable planet, not to mention a healthier and perhaps more balanced way of life, depends on all of us and the lessons we learn from Covid-19.

Your friend Revd Paul

FROM CHAPEL

GUNWEN CHAPEL REOPENING



The good news is that Gunwen Chapel is planning to reopen for occasional short services from October onwards.

Anyone wishing to attend would be very welcome. If you would like to attend please phone Ivan Phillips on 07812 454665 to check on the dates and times of forthcoming services, and details of the 'COVID-19 Secure' procedures. Everyone who attends these services will be required to follow these procedures.

It is not possible to hold social events at the moment. Hopefully it will not be too long before the situation improves, and further details will be published in the Granite Towers.

In the meantime there is a lot of information, including worship and prayer resources, at the St Austell Methodist Circuit website, www.staustellmethodist.co.uk.

Patrick Reynolds

MORE TYPOS/BLOOPERS

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Bereavement in Cornwall during COVID-19

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Lanlivery Church News and Services

Lanlivery Services

From 1st September Lanlivery Church is open daily. This could change if the COVID 19 situation changes; please check the website and Facebook page for any alterations

October 2020

4th, Trinity 17

9.30 Morning Prayer

11th, Trinity 18

9.30 Eucharist

18th, St. Luke

9.30 Morning Prayer

25th, Trinity 20

9.30 Eucharist

November 2020

1st, All Saints

9.30 Morning Prayer

8th, Remembrance

9.30 Eucharist

15th, Trinity 23

9.30 Morning Prayer

22nd, Christ the King

9.30 Eucharist

29th, Advent Sunday

10.30 Benefice Service

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Church Office:

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church_centre@yahoo.co.uk

From the Registers

Laid to rest in the churchyard on 17th August, following a service in church, Jean Iris Wellington of Sweethouse. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lanlivery Churchyard

Revd Paul and the churchwardens would like to draw the attention of everyone who has family laid to rest in the churchyard, to the Truro Diocesan policy for memorials, both the design and upkeep.

We are sensitive to individual families and the different ways that they like to commemorate and celebrate the lives and memories of their loved ones and have no wish to cause distress; *however*, we do have to respect the regulations for a country churchyard, which is not a municipal cemetery, and has different requirements.

These are laid down by the Diocese and must be regulated by the Rector. Monumental masons will be able to advise on headstones (materials, dimensions and wording). The requirements for floral tributes are below.

A full copy of the policy can be found in church.

"16. Flowers and other tributes

(a) Except where the design of a headstone includes an integral receptacle, plants or cut flowers may be placed in a removable container which must be sunk flush with the ground. The Parish Priest may authorise the removal of any containers which do not comply with these regulations, or which have become redundant.

(b) Where a flower vase is the only memorial it must be no more than 300mm (1'0") high, measured from the surface of the ground, nor more than 300mm (1'0") wide, or more than 250mm (10") front to back, and must be securely fixed to a foundation stone which itself shall be flush with the ground and nor more than 300mm (1'0") in either dimension.

(c) Wreaths and cut flowers may also be laid on a grave, but must be removed as soon as they have withered. Remembrance Day poppies, traditional Christmas wreaths and other artificial flowers (except plastic) may be laid on a grave for a period of not more than two months.

(d) The Parish Priest may authorise the removal of any wreaths, cut or artificial flowers which have withered, deteriorated and/or become unsightly.

(e) One suitable toy or tribute may be placed on the grave of a child (i.e. a person under the age of 18 years) provided that it is removed after a period of six months.

No ornaments or additions may be placed on other graves save for flowers or wreaths as described above."

Additionally, we would request that you do not leave glass vases which break and are a danger to wildlife and those maintaining the churchyard.

Thank you for your cooperation.

YEARS' MIND

(Recalling the passing of the following parishioners):

Oct	Nov
Tracey Jacqueline Mallett	Stephen Henry Thomas
Kevin John Williams	William Douglas Kellow
Celia Kathleen Laurence Gay	Margaret Smith
Dominic David Christophers	Norah Clarice Mary Skerry
	Raymond Horace Darborne Davis

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STOP PRESS!

We are pleased to tell you that the sale of Lanlivery Village Hall has been completed. We are now in a position to start bringing our plan for making the church more suitable for community use, to fruition – more on that later. Meanwhile, we would ask that you do not use the gate below the Village Hall to access the churchyard but use the path, up the steps, on the church side of the Hall which is now private property. Thank you.

Ellen McConnell

LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

PRAYER WALKING WITH LUXULYAN CHURCH

As a church we feel it is important to pray regularly for our community; to this end we normally arrange a 'prayer walk' in different parts of the parish each month.

Our current planned dates are:

14th October,
11th November
9th December

We start at the church at 9.30 am. Routes will be weather dependent, but will be added to website and Facebook page in advance. Due to the current restrictions, we will probably focus on the village and surrounding areas, and number may be limited depending on the prevailing rules.

If you have any special prayers, please contact me at famporter58@gmail.com.

Shelley

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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 very welcome! These can be left in the marked box in the church porch.

"Soup & Sweet"

In line with the latest instructions regarding catering in churches during the pandemic, we are currently suspending "Soup and Sweet", which would normally be served at 12 noon on the first Sunday of each month. We hope to resume this activity later in the year.

LUXULYAN APCM

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place in church immediately after the service on Sunday 18th October, subject to no reinstatement of lockdown.

This will be preceded by a Vestry Meeting for the election of Churchwardens.



Luxulyan Church Services

Sunday 4th October

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

Sunday 11th October

11 am Sung Eucharist (Harvest)

Rev Derek Carrivick

Sunday 18th October

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

Sunday 25th October

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 1st November

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

Sunday 8th November

11 am Parish Praise (Remembrance)

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 15th November

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

Sunday 22nd November

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 29th November

11 am Combined (zoom)

Rev Jules Williams

Contact Details

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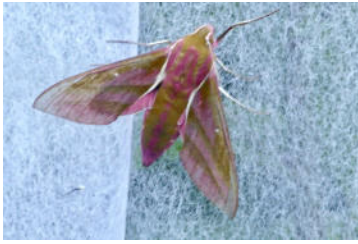
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COUNTRY DIARY

11th JULY 2020

A nuthatch calls loudly on Rowan Bank and the flock of blackbirds continues to demand suet pellets. Mid evening, I find an elephant hawkmoth resting by the greenhouse.



12th JULY

The nuthatch comes to the seed tray and a song thrush is still gathering food at 9 pm.

13th JULY

The blackbird who recently came to the windows to ask for suet pellets now brings his new family to the kitchen apple tree and flies to and fro almost continuously through the afternoon and into the wet evening.

17th JULY

I hear a family of newly fledged wrens passing through the lower garden. Blackbirds are spread out along the path by Pond Six, basking in the glorious sunshine.

21st JULY

Neighbour Roy reports that in the past week he has observed a nightjar in flight, a kingfisher, and a family of five green woodpeckers.

23rd JULY

Mid morning a familiar screaming attracts my attention and, looking skyward, I see a lone swift speeding over the house and garden.

31st JULY

The gulls are quieter but still wheeling in large numbers. David points out three buzzards towards the east drifting on the thermals.

2nd AUGUST



A sunny day brings a light summer breeze to gently stir the delicate poppy petals. The ivy flowers are budding. I watch blackbirds and a chaffinch feasting on the ripening rowan berries. How quickly the time has passed since I first caught the sweet, musky fragrance of the blossom in the early days of summer.



8th AUGUST

Humid and cloudy. Bumble bees and honeybees are busy gathering nectar and pollen from the dahlias and gladioli. Also, nearby, they have comfrey, oregano, heleniums and fuchsias.

9th AUGUST

While on Rowan Bank I hear the first blackbird subsong of the season. I reflect that the individual songs of this species have not been so diverse this spring.

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COUNTRY DIARY

10th AUGUST

A silver-washed fritillary appears in the garden, sailing through the summer air, flying high and low and only briefly landing before continuing its erratic, sunlit voyage. I finally capture a good image of it when it pauses on the ground by the lower ponds. The grass nearby is interspersed with wide carpets of dog violet leaves - the larval food plant of this butterfly.

13th AUGUST

Very hot. The sudden laughter of a yaffle rings out and new goldfinches chatter excitedly in the tall ash. Robin sings his autumn song, wistful and pensive, evoking in the listener a tinge of sadness.

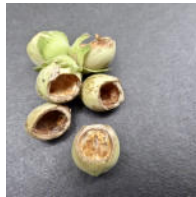
16th AUGUST

Whilst eating some blackberry crumble in the garden I watch a blackbird plucking the juicy fruits from the brambles. Summer is fading and we are both enjoying its bounty.

20th AUGUST



As I pass under the canopy of the large hazel its nibbled nutshells crunch beneath my feet.



23rd AUGUST

Late afternoon a missel thrush scolds aggressively at the far end of Rowan Bank.

24th AUGUST

A bush cricket appears on David's potato salad and is then safely released outside on a grassy slope.

30th AUGUST



Ripening crab apples glow in the sunlight and a red admiral sips nectar on dahlia 'Blue Bayou'. A hedgehog visits at 8.26.p.m.

2nd SEPTEMBER



Two male bullfinches arrive to feed with four juveniles who, despite clamouring for food, are now expected to be independent. This is the second brood of bullfinches that we have seen this season, the first being noted seven weeks ago.

28th OCTOBER 2001

Crimson haws are hung with raindrops, twinkling and sparkling in the bright autumn morning.

30th OCTOBER 1991

In Lostwithiel a row of beeches, arrayed in burnished shades of copper infused with gold, illuminate the roadside.

25th NOVEMBER 2003

In my study the clock ticks on steadfastly and all is calm within. But, beyond the windowpane, dark clouds smother the stars and a gale roars up from the south west, blasting through the bare branches of the trees down in Willow Wood. I know that old, mossy limbs will creak and groan and that, before the long, restless night is through, some will have given up the struggle.

Kathryn Hill



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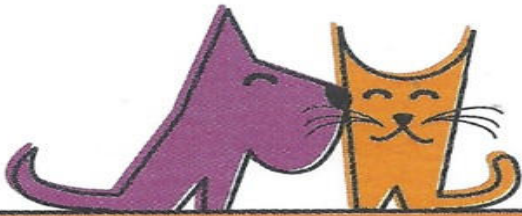
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ENTRIES FROM LUXULYAN SCHOOL LOG BOOK FOR THE YEAR 1886

January 11

The school commenced duties to-day after the Christmas Vacation. The attendance rather small. All teachers present.

January 18

The attendance fair to-day. The weather has prevented many children attending school.

February 1

The school re-opened this morning having been closed since the 19th of January owing to the heavy snowstorms prevailing here.

February 5

It was decided by the Board last night that the following children fees should be remitted, owing to the inability of their parents to pay the: Albert Rundle, Rachel Rundle, Samuel Rundle, Charlotte Rundle, Joseph Parker, Thos. Parker, Mary J Parker, Kate Parker, Samuel Parker, Fred Turner, Annie Philp, Bessie Philp, Louisa Philp

July 28

The school closed today owing to a Bazaar being held in the Vicarage grounds.

August 20

The Rev. J.L. Joynes and two gentlemen called this morning. The school closes this morning for the Harvest Vacation, and will be re-opened on Monday Sept. 13th.

The average all this week is only 56.

November 16

Composition is rather weak in Standard 5. The weather wet and rather unfavourable to the attendance of children. I received testimonial to day from Rev. J. K. Rashleigh, vicar of Luxulyan and Mr. Trevail, Clerk of the Board. I solicited these testimonials for the purpose of enabling me to obtain another situation in Plymouth.

November 23

Number of the children absent again this afternoon to attend the funeral of a boy killed on Saturday Nov. 20th at Cottage Quarry in this parish.

December 2

I punished Kate Roberts this morning for not learning her spelling. A very cold morning with frequent showers of snow and sleet.

Dr. Mudge, of Bodmin, called this morning to ask if any children were absent owing to scarlet fever. He advise the master to take necessary precautions to prevent any child attending school from a house where the fever prevails.

December 23

The school closed this morning for the Christmas vacation. Rev. J. K. Rashleigh M. A., presented prizes to the children for punctuality during the year. Mr. J. H. Knight was also present.

Compiled by Arlene Burley

KEEP FIT

There must have been a collective exclamation of delight when members of the Ladies' Keep Fit Class received Wendy Lewis' email telling them that classes could resume in Luxulyan Village Hall – followed by groans of realisation that we would have to force our lazy limbs, now grown accustomed to their long holiday – into some genuinely energetic activity.

Consequently, about ten of us, bravely armed with gym mats, weights, water bottles, sanitiser and wipes and kitted out in Covid specific wear, only to be worn for Keep Fit, turned up to be moulded back into our streamlined, highly performing sporty former selves by Emma, our extremely athletic teacher – who really IS streamlined, highly performing.....etc. etc!

It was all great fun, as we worked out in a circle, with ample room for social distancing, following Emma's demonstrations and gradually easing our unwilling bodies into the exercises. There were plenty of jokes and laughter, as we got into the swing of things and were surprised at how well we'd done by the end.

After the by now familiar routine when participating in activities: sanitising hands, equipment and chairs we'd used, we set off for home, hopefully healthier, happier and looking forward to meeting again next Thursday September 24th and many weeks after that, all being well with government advice.

If you would like to join us, check out the advert on page 11 and come along at 9am on Thursdays.

Verna Roberts

Dates for your Diary

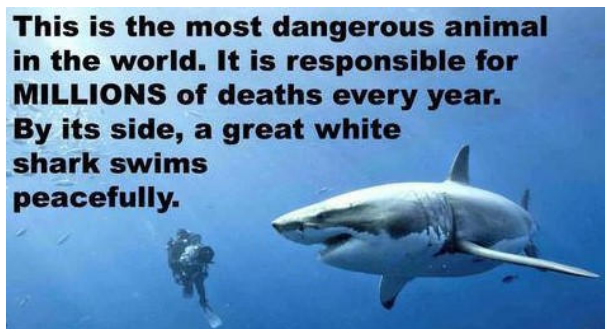
OCTOBER

Thur 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Pilates	Lux Village Hall	2 pm
Sat 4	Plant sale	Lux Institute	9.30 am
Wed 7	Luxulyan Over 50s	King's Arms Bridges	Lunch

NOVEMBER

Thur 5, 12, 19, 26	Pilates	Lux Village Hall	2 pm
Tue 10	DEADLINE	GRANITE	TOWERS
Wed 11	WI Meeting	Lux Village Hall	7.15 pm
Sat 28	APPLICATIONS DEADLINE	Lux Parish Community Fund	

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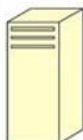
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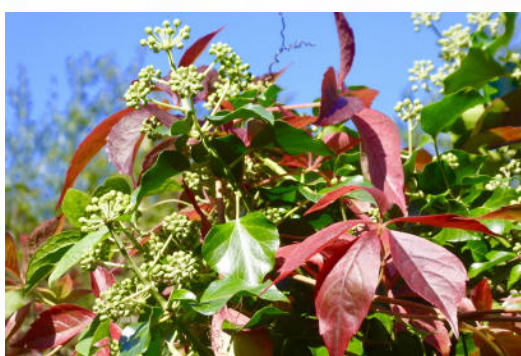
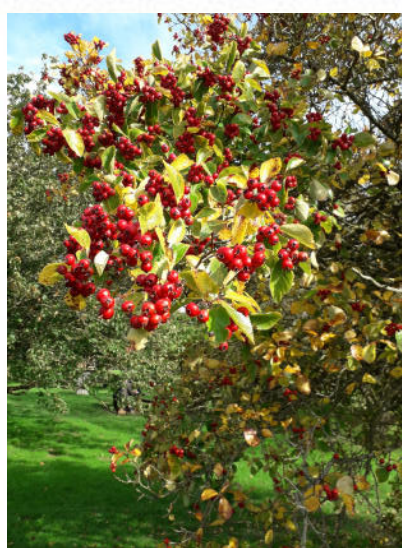
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2. Halloween party at Lanlivery School 1985 © Jonathan Barker

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