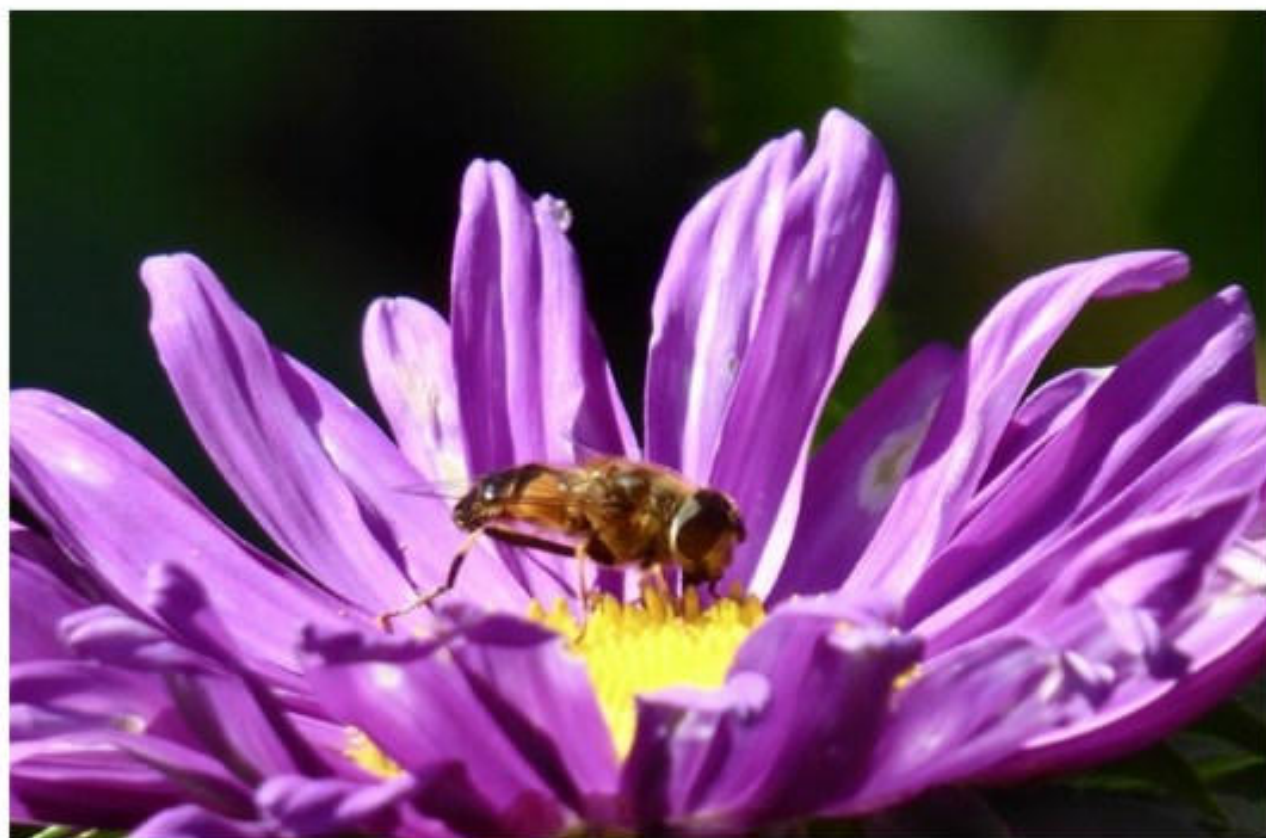


# *The Granite Towers*

*A Community Magazine for  
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



*August & September 2024*



# EDITORIAL



G'day to one and all,

Well, it's a bumper year for sports. By the time this edition is out, we'll be well under way with the Paris Olympics. In my younger days, I attempted most sports, team and other (but not I stress football), and played some at an amateur representative level. Self or team congratulation weren't really exhibited during a game but

reserved for the conclusion, if appropriate. Catching the odd Wimbledon match recently, I was more conscious than ever before of the spectacle of doubles players giving each other high fives or a reassuring fist bump, not just after a successful set or match, but after every point won and indeed sometimes after a point lost! It seems an absurd waste of time and energy, but I'm an old fuddy duddy I suppose.

It is also a bumper year for election watchers across the world. As they say in long-running TV sagas, "Previously in this story....", governments have lost mandates – either through incompetence, mistrust, unpopular decisions or impact of external forces, such as energy price squeezes, banking collapses and so on. And so in the UK, we endured our 22<sup>nd</sup> election campaign since VE Day, these days dominating the media to the exclusion of most other (one might argue) more important global events. If we could stand that, in between all the woke-washing adverts on commercial channels, then we might have hoped (as in all such previous events) that the incomers will be wiser than their predecessors. Anyway, good luck to the new government with schools, prisons, armed forces, NHS, transport systems, all looking for much-needed capital investment, as well as increased running costs. Oh, and don't forget we still have to pay for a pandemic - for 20 years plus according to National Audit Office estimates. In the meantime we await the US election which has all the twists and turns of a TV soap opera. We also have our local issues to deal with: control of sea and river pollution, affordable homes, health care for the elderly, tourism (to tax or not?), condition of roads. Maybe a parliamentary Minister for Cornwall will sort it all out, we might say hopefully, as these days local councils don't have much left in their coffers!

***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

Saturday 17 August 2024 at 10.00 am

A Historical Walk in the Luxulyan Valley.

Led by David Skelhorn we'll be exploring some of the Valley's rich heritage and industrial past.

Meet: Pontois Mill car park. Map Ref: SX 072 562

Sunday 22 September 2024 at 11.00 am

A Nature Walk in the Luxulyan Valley.

Led by Gerry Brain we'll be exploring some of the Valley's rich flora & fauna, with particular emphasis on its trees. Meet: Black Hill car park. Map Ref: SX 059 573

**Tracy Elliott**  
tracyclimber@hotmail.com

As I walk the lanes with the dogs, I think of how blessed we are in this country with benign wildlife compared to some of the places I have lived in. However, a few years ago, perched in a drainage ditch near Lowertown Moor I did come across a non-native species, in the form of a mink; indeed, it was quite vicious and sufficiently threatening to keep the dogs (and me) at bay. Now we have the usual badgers and foxes and I often see deer early in the morning, particularly in bad weather, which of course dulls their senses. I did once have a sudden and more threatening deer encounter, well, indirectly. I was having an al fresco breakfast in the garden, with my back to the adjacent paddock, when I was nearly clobbered by one of the horses landing on its side some two feet away, having tripped over whilst jumping the fence after being spooked by two small deer landing in its field. Dangerous creatures indeed, these deer!

All rather tame though, when I recall living in Texas where of course spiders, giant horse flies, wasps and venomous snakes abound, all ready to catch the unwary. Indeed, in the swampy areas in and around cities like Houston, folks re-digging the drainage ditches are usually accompanied by someone with a shotgun, not for protection against mink I should add, but snakes (and maybe also some of the locals, who knows). Over in the Arabian desert, we had the odd snake and scorpion (some folk kept them as "pets"! ) to deal with, but generally when out in the wild they never bothered us. No doubt anyone who has lived in Australia will be well familiar with a multitude of venomous creatures, on land and sea.

Finally, may we offer a thank you to the following:

those in Luxulyan helping to deliver a successful Feast Week enjoyed by many. (See report on page 20.)

The gentleman who we frequently see on the road between Little Trevellion and Luxulyan wielding his litter grabber; what a star! [*I guess we need to bring back the "Don't be a litter lout" campaign of the 1950's.*]

All our distributors and especially to Kevin Green who is retiring.

May I wish you the best for the remainder of summer.

**Robin**

## LANLIVERY OVER 60s

The Lanlivery Over 60's Lunch Group meets, at The Crown Inn, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in every month, at 12 noon. We enjoy a convivial lunch, looked after by the lovely staff, an informal quiz and a raffle. There is no membership fee, just bring along £1 for a raffle ticket, and pay The Crown Inn for what you eat and drink. We're a friendly bunch and enjoy meeting new members.

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**Best wishes, Mark and Peggy**



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Earlier this year, we submitted several entries to the Gorsedh Kernow Young People's Awards. We are now delighted to be able to share the news that we have achieved the following.

Cornish Language - KS2 - joint individual winner - Amelia (Year 4), KS2 - class winner - Sycamore Class, KS1 - joint class winner - Beech Class, KS1 - highly commended - Harry (Year 1)

Cornish Dance - Highly commended - Beech Class

Cornish Music - KS2 - Commended – Choir, KS1 - class winner - Ash Class

Cornish Film and Dance - Winner - Musical Theatre Group

Cornish Art and Design - KS2 - individual winner - Lily-Jane (Year 4), KS2 - highly commended - Oak Class, KS2 - commended - Logan (Year 3), KS1 - class winner - Ash Class

## Residential and Trips

This half term has seen us being very busy going out and about. Our Year 5 and 6 children had a residential in London and enjoyed visiting several museums and seeing Matilda the Musical. Our Year 3 and 4 children went to Porthpean Outdoor Activity Centre for their residential and participated in lots of different activities. Finally, our Reception Class have been to the Bodmin and Wenford Railway as part of their 'On the Move' topic.

## Fundraising

We are still continuing with our fundraising and are very grateful to everyone who has supported us so far. Particular thanks to the Thursday Charity Coffee Mornings at the Kings Arms for their donation of £500 towards our wrap around care. After seeing our JustGiving fundraising campaign they were delighted to be able to contribute.

If you would like to help, you can do so in the following ways:

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2) spread the word far and wide

3) donate if you feel able to

Our page details the full rationale behind our decision to fundraise.

Thank you for your continued support of your local school.

The Luxulyan Team & PALS



**Compiled by Rachel Allison  
Ash Class Teacher**

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

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

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Lanlivery Village Hall committee has been disbanded and all residual monies held in that account have been given to the feast committee and new church rooms to benefit Lanlivery community.

The charity which the Village Hall operated under has also been cancelled.

Thanks to all members of the Village Hall committee for their past work in running the Village Hall.

Kind regards

**Jeff Benson & Rosemary Truscot**

## BOOK GROUP



Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? If so, why not come and join us at Lanlivery Book Club. We read a wide selection of books and have a lively chat with refreshments.

Please contact Kay on 01566 248159 for details of the next meeting.

**Kay Roberts-Lister**



## MEMORIAL INSTITUTE COFFEE MORNINGS

Plant Swap season is upon us again, so come along with any plant(s) you don't need & 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a celebration of 100 years of the Memorial Institute on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – see separate advert.

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Thank you to all those who have continued to leave their used postage stamps in the box in Luxulyan Church. They are used to raise funds for Girls Guides enabling them to take part in activities that many could not otherwise afford. The box is on the large unit opposite the door when you enter. Many thanks.

**Hazel Harradence**



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## LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

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

**4 July 1924 CG:** HIGMAN-ROACH. June 24<sup>th</sup> at Luxulyan Parish Church by the Rev CF Jones (vicar) Alfred Fleming the oldest son of Mr Joseph and the late Mrs Higman of Medros to Elsie Mary, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs C Roach, Armadale, Luxulyan. The bride who was given away by her father was attired in white silk trimmed with silver. She wore a bridal veil kindly lent by her sister and carried a bouquet of pale pink sweet peas and carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Higman, sister of the bridegroom and Miss Doris Harris, cousin of the bride and they carried sheaves of cream sweet peas and wore gold brooches the present of the groom. All the bouquets were kindly given by Mr & Mrs Wyman of Riverside.

The choir of which the bride had been a member for 13 years were present - - - .

**1 August 1924 CG:** A St Blazey-Luxulyan Footpath. Enquiry Regarding Alleged Obstruction. The Luxulyan Parish Council with their Chairman Mr CT Tревail, and the Rev CF Jones and Mr Howard Tревail, District Councillor, attended a meeting at St Blazey Bridge on Thursday evening to enquire into the complaints by the users of an alleged obstruction to a right-of-way to Pontsmill and Luxulyan. The footpath is an important one and considerable interest has been evinced in the matter locally. A representative gathering of about forty assembled. Evidence that the footpath has been used by the public without legal interference for between forty and fifty years was taken and a report will be submitted to the Bodmin Rural Council at their next meeting. *Friends of Luxulyan Valley heard in April last year that Cornwall Council had finally approved that this footpath is to be added to the Definitive Map. They had spent 16 years getting it through!*

**29 August 1924 CG:** Excellent Local Exhibition In Aid of Nursing Association. The third annual flower, fruit, vegetables, dairy and other produce show was held in the Council School at Luxulyan on Thursday last. The show which is held under the auspices of the Luxulyan Nursing Association, having for its object the raising of much needed funds for the carrying out of its work of the Society, has since its inception made satisfactory progress. Confined as it is to the cottagers and other exhibitors residing within the parish boundary, the number and quality of the various exhibits were very good.

***Compiled by Hazel Harradence***

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### **KATHLEEN JOYCE STANLAKE. 1936 – 2024**

*Taken from her eulogy written by the family*

Known as Joyce, she was the 5<sup>th</sup> of 12 children of Thomas & Florence Yates of Lockengate, growing up there and taking part in football, cycle speedway, concerts, pantomime and carnivals. School was at Lanivet, walking there and back with older siblings. After school she worked at the Co-op in Roche, cycling from Lockengate, her younger sisters remembering her bringing home packets of sweets on Saturday afternoons. She became a cleaner at Roach's Bacon Factory and later still at Luxulyan, Lanlivery and Lanivet schools.

Joyce married Cyril Stanlake in 1956 at Luxulyan Church and they moved into Cyril's childhood home at Higher Menedue with his mother. Alan was born in 1959 and Angela in 1962. It was a happy and loving home with cattle, pigs, poultry, cats and dogs. Faith was important and they attended the Methodist Chapel at Ebenezer.

Joyce and Cyril moved to St Julitta in 1982 and threw themselves into village life. Cyril fundraised for Cornwall's Air Ambulance, and they were active and popular members of the community, hosting bingo evenings, loved the village hall, LADS, the Short Mat Bowls Club, the Over 50s. Joyce was also a member of the Luxulyan & Lanlivery WI. She loved the interactions the clubs afforded her, the banter and the teasing; she always had something to say in her cheeky way.

In the 1990s the grandchildren arrived, and she loved being Gran and took every opportunity to spoil them. Pink wafers in bed on sleepovers – what happened at Gran's stayed at Gran's. She loved saying: "I'll have your guts for garters", "water off a duck's back", "I see the cat's left home" when the grandsons sported a beard. She watched Antiques Roadshow and thought that some of the items were similar to those in her cabinet and perhaps she should get them valued. She was very proud to still have a complete china tea set that Cyril gave her the first Christmas they were courting, never been used, but kept for best.

Holidays all over the UK she enjoyed with Cyril to wherever Angela and Paul were living at the time. Once she went to Disneyland Paris with Angela and was so eager to alight from the aircraft she tried to disembark before the plane had even landed.

Cyril passed away in 2001 but Joyce continued to be part of the village supporting various groups. Up until quite recently she would still enjoy her daily walk to the shop for her newspaper, she would stop and talk to whoever she met. In 2021 Joyce broke her hip and things changed for her at this point, the banter was now with the carers who visited her, but she enjoyed it, nonetheless. Another of her sayings was "Got to keep going, can't give up" and she did even with the onset of her dementia when she continued to live on her own with the support and love of her family right up to the end.



## NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME OPEN DAY AT TRETHEW

Sunday, 16th June 2024



The one thing I notice when opening a garden, is how carefully you follow the weather forecasting for that day and the week leading up to the day itself. This time they were definitely right about the Thursday, which was ghastly, but they then dithered about the Sunday, so hopes were raised and dashed, and we just kept all fingers crossed that it would be all right - and it was! How lucky we were.

Brian Worth, as always, had done a wonderful job on the field and a big thank you to him for letting us use it, and Ali, our son in law, organised the parking to a very high standard. He wouldn't leave his post, but I have a feeling he just might have been listening to the football! It was only a pity some visitors were put off by the amount of traffic on the drive which definitely isn't used to such numbers! The roses were blooming their hearts out and the scent filled the garden and although I had so many losses over the winter and the slugs had tried to strip the garden bare, it was lovely seeing the garden being

enjoyed by so many. And the dogs .... At one stage it seemed as though Crufts had moved to Lanlivery!

So it was a good day and a big thank you to all who came - we raised over £1,000 for the NGS and the wonderful team on teas, Rosemary, Lee and Jo, made £588 for Lanlivery church. What a wonderful effort that was and they definitely lived up to their reputation for glorious teas, no doubt helped by cake and scone makers from all over the Parish.

*Ginnie Clotworthy, Trethew*

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### FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY (FOLV)

Just a quick update on what we are doing and to let you know about an open afternoon we are having in November. Last month we had a very interesting and detailed tour of Wheal Martyn Museum and this month we have a boat trip from Mevagissey harbour. The valley ranger organises volunteer days in the valley which include balsam pulling, leat mending, repairing steps etc. Details of both events and volunteer days can be found on the FOLV website.

We are also a voting member of the Luxulyan Valley Partnership which includes Cornwall Council, Cornwall Heritage Trust, local Parish Councils as well as others. This Partnership helps set the strategic direction for the valley as well as having oversight of the running of the valley.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 5pm we are having an open event in Luxulyan village hall which will include stalls from partner organisations, children's activities as well as a talk and some displays from Screech Owl Sanctuary. The event is free, but we would welcome any donations.

*Robin Stephenson, Chair*

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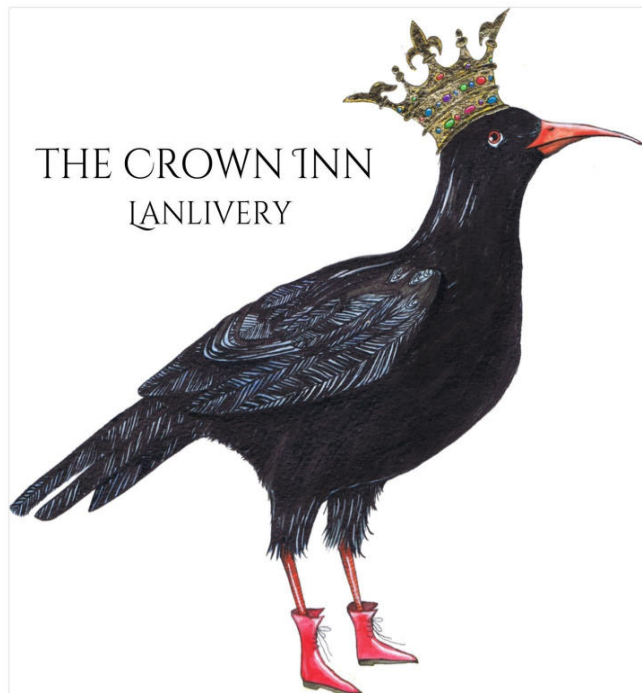
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## FIVE FILMS, FIVE LOCAL TOPICS, NUMEROUS VOICES AND A 15 YEAR FUTURE PLAN

I feel fairly sure it is not just me, but aren't more emails going unanswered these days? In fact, I think it is standard practice to have quite a list of ones that arrived days or weeks ago and not have had time to do more than skim over the heading. Perhaps that was the final reason why I gave up trying to collate opinions of locals via email, or even phone conversations or minutes of meetings... a kind of last straw moment. Happily, I have found an alternative method, by using my phone a different way ...

Every time I walk in the valley, or around the neighbouring paths and lanes, I greet those I come across and say, 'how do you feel about XYZ in the valley? or 'would you like to see ABC happening in future?' If they show willing, I ask if it is OK to record their voice, and thus I can bring home with me some really wonderful, heartfelt opinions. I take a few matching photos to illustrate the points, ending up with an image and an MP3 sound file, which together can be dropped into a film. The free MP3 recording App I use is called Hi-Q and anyone can get it. So, if you would like to share an opinion yourself, (within the rules of being Polite, Positive, Inclusive and Planet-Friendly) simply download and get started. Then click share to send from your phone to mine – 07967 653346.

But hold on, I haven't really explained what the films are about! It is a series called 'Route to 2039 – Against All Odds', with its own Playlist on YouTube. Films One and Two are there already, the next three are to be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, so still plenty of time to contribute.

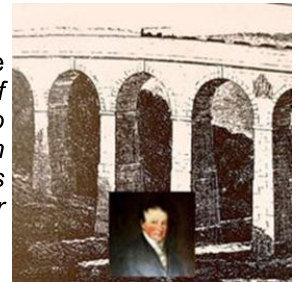
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Our 'Route to 2039', involves peering into the far distant future - not five years, not 10 even, but 15, which may seem like a bit of a joke to you. The specific date we want to celebrate is March 6<sup>th</sup> 2039 - precisely the day 200 years ago, when the foundation stone of the Luxulyan Viaduct was installed, with great pomp and a huge banquet. By that date, it is hoped much of the old heritage could be restored and some of it for its original purpose.



Image One – a painting commissioned from the artist Robert Whale (born in Cornwall 1805, but not famous until later in life, living in Canada, where he died in 1887).

Image Two – a more fanciful one, with Treffry superimposed. A greater expert than I am, within the ranks of Friends of the Valley, has commented '*The image of an unattributed etching of the viaduct was distributed in a Mining Journal dated 1844, so could only have been commissioned very soon after completion of the Viaduct, or is an artist's 'vision' of what Treffry was proposing to build. Either way, steam engines never ran over the viaduct at any time.*'



The newspaper report runs to a further 4 very large pages, from which there is one other really major quote of Treffry himself to share. Here is a summary - '*once this work be brought to perfection, it never would be suffered to fall into decay ... only decline into a world of barbarism could result in such neglect*'. This is simply an unacceptable ending to contemplate. By setting a target now, to restore as much of the Treffry heritage as possible for the Bicentenary, we hope to turn the tide of decline.

It would be great to hear from readers by the deadline, but if you miss it then do come to a public meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> in Alexander Hall, St Blazey, as this is the final chance to view the films, with related displays and hopefully join us in finalising aims for the future.

**Caroline Stephenson**

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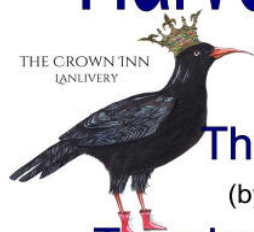
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## "For Home and Country"



### WI REPORT

June's meeting was held in Lanlivery Church and began with everyone singing "Jerusalem." President Verna Roberts gave a warm welcome to the members and the guest speaker, Louise Hutchings, a very well known local!

Posies were presented to Val Hodge for her birthday and one to Louise; then Lorna Curtis read out the minutes which were signed by Verna.

Louise presented her 'Miniature Rooms' talk. She creates rooms in miniature using various materials for details such as lamps made with beads, and bolts of fabric made by attaching slivers of fabric to small cardboard rolls. One of her miniatures had lighting by using battery-powered 'fairy lights.' The rooms are in boxes, or, in one case, a watering can sliced in half vertically. Members were able to view everything after the talk, including her collection of recycled bits and bobs she uses to create her works. On behalf of members, Lorna thanked her warmly for her most unusual talk.

After a break for refreshments provided by Lee Hemmings and Amanda Penk, matters of business were addressed as follows:

There will be an Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Hall for Cornwall in Truro. WIs have been asked to send one delegate from their group.

Lorna Curtis and her team had a highly successful time at the "Meet the Chair" morning, when members could have coffee with the County's WI Chairman and sell craft work. The 51 handmade bags they sold raised £70. Lorna's handmade earrings took second prize overall at the County Show.

Lee suggested a group visit to the museum in St. Ives, dedicated to human rights campaigner Emily Hobhouse, and nine members had asked for tickets to the Cider Farm on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The competition was Something in Miniature. Lorna Curtis was 1<sup>st</sup>, Jackie Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rebecca Julian came 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Flower of the Month was judged by the guest speaker. The winner was Lorna Curtis, with Verna Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jackie Russell 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem.

For the July meeting, members met again in Lanlivery Church and sang "Jerusalem" to start it, after a warm

welcome by Verna Roberts.

A birthday posy was presented to Rebecca Julian and a posy was given to guest speaker, another well-known local, Bridget Whell, previously of Greadow Farm and now of Leon Farm, Golant.

Her talk was all about Farming into the Future, and packed with information and ideas about the advances being made in soil improvement, food production and the possibilities for the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). She invited input and questions from members, so her talk was very interactive and lively. Giving the vote of thanks, Lorna voiced the great enthusiasm and interest felt by members about this fascinating talk.

Refreshments were then served by Joan Lawson and Susan Hillier, followed by the main business, when it was decided that Jackie Russell and Joan Lawson would represent the members at the Annual Meeting at the Hall for Cornwall in October.

Everyone was looking forward to the Cream Tea on Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Liz Edwards' beautiful garden. Entrance, including a drink and a scone is £5. Cake would also be available at an extra cost. (See advert on adjacent page.)

During the summer break, when there are no meetings in August, members of the WI will be visiting a Cider Farm, seeing Johny Cowling at the Indian Queens Preaching Pit and possibly Emily Hobhouse's historic house. Members also hope to make use of the Lerryn Community Bus for trips out.

Several members will be going to the Literary Afternoon Tea on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Carlyon Bay Hotel.

The competition, a photo or ornament of a rare breed farm animal, was won by Rebecca Julian. Lorna Curtis was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jackie Russell 3<sup>rd</sup>. Flower of the month was won by Jackie Russell, with the unusual entry of a beautiful teal. Lorna Curtis was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Verna Roberts 3<sup>rd</sup>.

That was the last of our summer meetings in Lanlivery Church for this year. The next meeting will be held in Luxulyan Village Hall on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm when the speaker will be well-known Lynn Gould of Fowey on "Fascinating Fowey Characters". The competition is – a Fowey artefact or ornament.

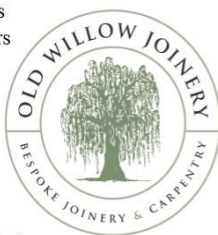
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The next two coffee mornings will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> August and 26<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you.

## SUMMERTIME SHOES

Elsie gazed through the shop window and sighed. She'd never seen such beautiful shoes. Pretty, pink and perfect for the party she'd been invited to. They would match her dress, but she knew she couldn't afford them. She'd spent her Saturday money, and her mother had already given her extra to buy the dress.

A sliver of resentment ran through her when a girl about the same age as herself approached, with a woman Elsie took to be her mother.

'Can I have pretty shoes?' the girl asked. 'I'm tired of these ugly ones.'

Elsie glanced down at the girl's feet. Her shoes were what Elsie's mother would have called practical; brown and clumpy, with Velcro fastenings.

'Yes,' the woman was saying. 'You can have any pair you like.'

'Ooh, look at those!' gasped the girl, staring at the pink shoes. 'Can I try them?'

Elsie saw the woman frown.

'I don't know, Isabelle. They don't look very substantial.'

'Please Mum. They're so pretty and it *is* summer. And you said I could have any pair I like.'

As the two of them went into the shop, Elsie could tell from her expression that Isabelle's mum would give in and let her daughter try on the pink shoes. She wanted to rush after them, snatch the shoes from the window. Suppose they only had one pair in her size? Suppose the girl, Isabelle, bought the last pair? But what did it matter when she knew she couldn't have them anyway?

Elsie trudged home, knowing she was wrong to resent someone else having what she couldn't. Her mum worked hard to give her everything she needed, but what Elsie needed wasn't always the same as what she wanted. She wanted to be like most other people in her class, have the latest mobile phone and up-to-date clothes. What she didn't want was to go to a party with a pink summer dress and black school shoes.

When she got home she set the table for dinner and prepared the vegetables. Tonight it was potatoes, broccoli, carrots and peas, with the tasty sausages Mum sometimes bought home from the café where she worked. Mum was usually tired after being on her feet all day, so Elsie tried to make sure she didn't have too much to do when she came in.

'We're all right, me and you, aren't we?' Mum had asked a few months after Dad had decided that family life wasn't for him and left them with no contact address or any means of support. Elsie had to agree that, by and large, they were all right. After all, it wasn't as though she was the only person in the school with a single parent. Nevertheless, sometimes it was hard not to look at some of the other pupils enviously.

On the night of the party Elsie donned her new dress and twirled round in front of the mirror. It was lovely. Refusing to wear her school shoes or last year's scuffed pumps, she raided her mum's wardrobe and found some beige sandals. Too big, she realised, but if she made another hole in the leather straps they should stay on. She fetched a knife with a sharp point and pierced the back heel straps. It worked, and if she walked carefully they should see her through. She knew Jasmine had invited several girls from her class, though some of Jasmine's relations and friends outside of school would be there.

At the party, Elsie spent the first hour sitting with her feet tucked behind the chair legs. When she stood, she tried not to shuffle, but it was difficult to walk normally without the sandals slipping off. A latecomer arrived, and minutes later Elsie was standing next to a girl in white leggings with a sparkly top. And pink shoes. *The pink shoes.*

'This is my cousin, Isabelle,' Jasmine said to Elsie. 'Ooh, Izzy, your shoes! Look, Elsie, have you ever seen such lovely shoes?'

Elsie had. Her resentment towards Isabelle grew. So she had bought the shoes, *her* shoes.

'I love them,' Isabelle said, sounding happy. 'They're quite hard to keep on this foot though.'

Elsie looked to where she pointed. Isabelle, after a moment's hesitation, pulled her leggings up a fraction on the left side. Elsie's eyes widened as she took in the metal rods where flesh and bone should be.

'I'm still waiting for my new leg,' Isabelle explained. 'It should be ready next week.'

Elsie's resentment slid away, replaced by shame and gratitude. Shame that she had coveted Isabelle's shoes and grateful that, despite her too big, borrowed sandals, she had two feet to put them on.

'Those shoes look lovely on you,' she said.

Isabelle smiled. 'Thanks,' she said, twisting her good foot from side to side. 'I hope they'll fit my prosthesis. I don't suppose they'll last long, but as long as they last the summer I don't care. Everyone needs summer shoes, don't you think?'

Elsie nodded, awed by Isabelle's positive attitude. 'Yes,' she said, 'of course they do.'

**Christine McHaines**

## SKYLARKS: MEETING GOD THROUGH NATURE



On Sunday 2 June the first session of Skylarks took place; apart from the four of us who were facilitating there were 5 adults and 3 children who came to take part. The weather was generally warm and dry and the firepit was looked after very well by Jules; everyone found some dry twigs to keep it going until it was time for toasted marshmallows/smores!

We explored the story of the mustard seed, about sowing small seeds to enable bigger things in the future to happen. A number of small shrubs were planted to grow into a bigger hedge and stones were painted as small mammals and insects! A veritable swarm of ladybirds! Some just explored the nature, peace and quiet around us while others looked for beauty in wildflowers and trees, through our scavenger hunt, and around us using our senses.

We are planning further sessions of Skylarks in the future and look forward to welcoming you to explore God through Nature! We would love to be able to put on an outdoor nativity at Christmas if we have enough interest – not just from children but from adults too! Looking for a real donkey....

Our next session of Skylarks will take place on **Sunday 1 September at 3 pm** but before then we thought we would have a Skylarks BBQ on **Tuesday 6 August at 5 pm** both to take place down at the Glebeland (please keep an eye out for any last minute changes via the Luxulyan Community Facebook page!)

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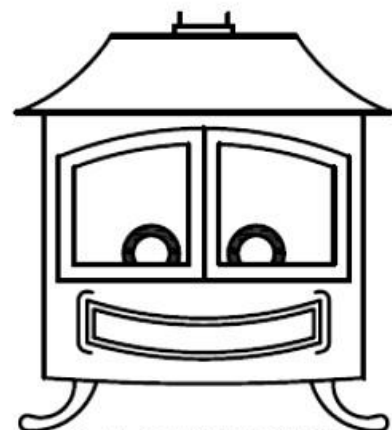
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Extending the building became a priority with all the equipment for various groups being left at one end of the hall, unfortunately making less useable space for activities. By April 1990 the foundations had been dug – some of it by hand due to the proximity of services and the existing foundations, once again the willing volunteers led by Ralph Oliver got their hands dirty. By the end of October, the walls were up (by whom?) and the felt and battening was complete, ready for the roof tiles. The building now provided the much-needed protective entrance with porch and two storerooms.

This all placed a strain on finances and the committee tried to encourage even more fund-raising to pay for finishing off. In June 1991 Derek Lawson had to step down from the Chairman's position due to pressure of work and Malcolm Surl who had intended only to sneak in at the back of the hall for a few minutes was noticed by some sharp-eyed member and put forward as Chairman. The most important concern was the poor state of the ladies' loos, with the car park surface, the committee room and the bumpy hall floor not far behind – all very valid points. Don Hawken the Treasurer and Ralph Oliver who project-managed the extension had worked very hard, but they were still £400 in the red. This was mainly due to having to pay the excess on the insurance claim for the storm damage to the roof, the pebble dashing on the outside walls and the ever-increasing costs of meeting seemingly tighter and tighter legislation. Malcolm Surl must have been a breath of fresh air, not having been previously involved, and personally asked many locals to do their bit for fund-raising – even those who had only been in the parish for a few months.

So, with more coffee mornings, afternoon teas, open gardens and barbeques, the village once more got to work, as well as putting some finishing touches to the building. Before everyone gathered their breath, the bowlers, dancers and LADS agreed they needed even more space; bowlers and dancers more floor space and LADS a stage and ancillary accommodation behind it, the temporary stage built within the hall always seeming very precarious. Bill Porter was heavily involved in the planning and layout of the LADS extension. The three groups raised the money to get the necessary planning permission and Geoffrey Henderson drew up the plans. In June 1992 there was a change in the committee in that Malcolm Surl stood down, as did Dorothy Robinson the secretary and also Don Hawken wished to relinquish the post of treasurer. In the end the Chairman was Ralph Oliver; Secretary Hazel Chalcraft, Treasurer Don Hawken again and for bookings Joan & Theo Laing.

It was a shock to be passed over for Lottery funding especially as it was coupled with the realisation that the entire heating system would have to be replaced. Not only that another £1,000 had to be found for changes to the drainage system. A meeting in September 1996 to discuss revised plans for the extension to the village hall was very well attended and more importantly, there was unanimity on the design changes, assisted by Tim Hudd, as well as on the courses of action to be pursued with the local planning authorities and the bidding for grant aid.

At a meeting in October 1997 a unanimous vote of thanks was given to all who had been involved with obtaining grant aid for the village hall, a total of £129,500. It was announced a project team had been appointed at a special management committee meeting the previous week to oversee the extension work. Rosemary Truscott was now secretary and bore the brunt of the continuing fund-raising. An outline work schedule was drawn up, which meant work was due to start by the end of October with a view to completion in late spring. A project manager was also chosen.

From the middle of December there had to be a closure of the hall to allow certain extension work to be carried out. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the crane needed to lift the roof trusses into position could not be used, so a continuing closure meant that the LADS pantomime was delayed, and playgroup did not re-open until May 1998, although the hall was in use by March. The old main hall now had a permanent stage at one end with rooms to the back and side. There was another width to the hall with the intention at some future date to partition, so that the hall could be used as one or as two units.

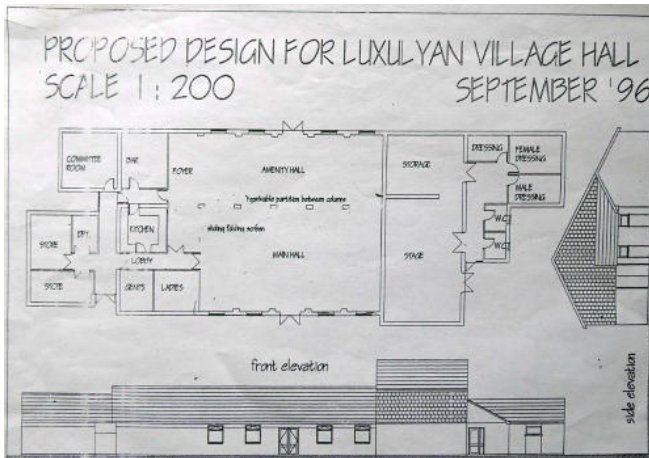
There was also a room for uses such as committee, doctor/waiting room. Another room was designated for computers.

*The extension that I was involved in was instigated by LADS as they needed dressing rooms and a better theatre area. They did a lot of fundraising to help it along. They also, built features and structures. The curtains had to be specially made to be fireproof. The inner curtains on the stage I remember making and Bill helped to thread chain in the hem to weight them down. I'm not sure those are still hanging. The last time we did a performance I seem to remember there being black curtains. The ones I made were of a dark maroon with gold markings on them. I still have some of the material in my scrap materials collection.*

*We had such wonderful times with the productions. Panto, Plays, Musicals, Shakespeare. The latter taking our small group to perform on the main stage at the Royal Shakespeare theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. The musicals we performed also won Calor Gas awards for our acting and particularly singing at the Coliseum at Carlyon Bay. I have such wonderful memories of being on and behind stage. So sad we couldn't keep going due to lack of members. There was such involvement with the village. Performers came from St. Austell, Bugle, Bodmin, St. Blazey, as far away as the North coast and as close as Luxulyan or Lanlivery. There was LADS regular Bingo to fund raise. Cyril Stanlake was a whiz kid at putting together amazing prizes. Bill Porter made the original boards that separated the two main rooms. We needed to have a separation that kept the noise for either side to a minimum and also keep the cost down. I believe they now have mechanical ones which must be much easier. Rosemary Truscott.*

To be continued.

**Hazel Harradence**



## LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK 2024 ROUND-UP

Feast Week 2024 was an incredible success, filled with fun, community spirit, and unforgettable moments. Here's a day-by-day recap of the highlights:

### Sunday

Feast Week kicked off with a family fun day at the village hall. The day featured a fabulous dog show, a mix of carnival games, and amazing arts and crafts stalls. The Kings Arms hosted the ever-popular mechanical pig racing, drawing in a big crowd for a night of laughter and excitement.

With such a fantastic turnout, we're planning to make next year's event even bigger and better and yes, the pig racing is here to stay—maybe with real pigs next year!

### Monday

Unfortunately, the planned rounders game had to be cancelled due to unprecedented rainfall. However, we adapted quickly and hosted a Beatle Drive at the village hall, thanks to the Pilates group for letting us take over. The evening continued at The Kings Arms with their famous Pub Quiz, hosted by Richard. "The Crofters" took home the grand prize, while "Team Charismatic and Engaging" earned the coveted wooden spoon.

### Tuesday

Tuesday introduced a new activity: a wacky obstacle course. Despite the threatening weather, the monsoon held off, allowing for another fun filled evening. Both kids and adults enjoyed the giant inflatable obstacle course and other fun challenges. This is another event that we thought was great fun and would like to do again next year.

### Wednesday

Women's netball was a highlight, showcasing impressive sportswoman ship on and off the court. Every player performed excellently, but none could match the might of "The School Team," led by our very own Mary, who secured their win for a second year in a row.

### Thursday

One word: Airsoft. This evening was an absolute blast, with thrilling challenges and creative strategies. Everyone pushed their limits, creating a night full of laughter, friendly banter and unforgettable moments. "The A Team" took home the first ever Feast Week win for this event. We're excited to plan a repeat next year alongside Barb and her team at Thunder Park Airsoft.

### Friday

Family Bingo, hosted by the lovely Brian, proved to be a fiercely competitive event. Villagers with dabbers in hand were not to be messed with! The evening continued at the pub with a classic game of skittles, where Luxulyan's darts team surprisingly took home the win. It might be time for them to swap their flights for skittle balls!

### Saturday

Carnival Day was blessed with sunshine, and despite a hiccup with float insurance, it saw a high turnout of spectators and participants. A special mention goes to Ben and the team at CTL for yet another crazy float, keeping the crowds cool with water balloons, pistols, and a water cannon.

### Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Feast Week Committee: Barbara, Ben, Clare, Daniel, Jordan, Kay, Kim, Mary, Rich, Sam, and Sarah.

Our sponsors also deserve a round of applause: CLT, JATA Designs, Henry Orchard and Sons Ltd, K J Rule and Sons, Mobility Centre Southwest Ltd., Restormel Insurance Services, A1 Tree and Groundworks, Matt Turner Mechanical Services, the King's Arms, Village Shop, and Thunder Park Airsoft.

To everyone who came out to support the events, your enthusiasm and participation brought the spirit of Feast Week to life. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

We're always looking for fresh faces to join the Feast Week committee and help plan future events. Keep your eyes open on Facebook, in the village shop, and on the notice board for committee meeting announcements. Come and have your say!

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## EMAIL FROM OXFORD



The last few months have seen a steady attack on the 'spaces' of clutter and to-do jobs around the house, some with better progress than others. There are still project areas I am chipping away at, many that are close to finishing but just need that final push to get them done. I often find myself in a space of 'dither' over which task to tackle first which can be detrimental to making any form of progress. I can generally recognise this at the time and make more of a concerted effort to focus in on just one thing.

The garden is an ongoing place of development. The strawberry plants that I re-arranged and threatened with being thrown out if they didn't produce anything have fruited, though we didn't get to enjoy any of their fruits because the birds got there first - every time!. The same can be said for the red currants and gooseberries (not that I'm that keen on gooseberries - but the precedent is there). The blackcurrants I did manage to snaffle, but there was really only enough for a handful on my breakfast cereal. I do have some netting, but the damage had already been done by the time I realised it was needed this year. In all of the previous years of living here it's not been a problem. I am now forewarned and forearmed for next year.



My potato plants are coming on well, it shouldn't be long before I can lift them and replant the area with some autumn and winter crops - currently thinking swede. I also have an abundance of tomato seedlings that I'm planning to plant around the veggie plot and leave to see if they do anything there. They were really good to get going, however their growth has definitely slowed and almost stopped, so not sure how many tomatoes I'll actually get off them. I do have a few in planter bags in the greenhouse that are just starting to produce some fruit - these are mostly of the cherry tomato varieties. The larger varieties are still a way away. The seedling developments can be reiterated for the gherkins and mini cucumbers I thought I'd trial this year too, though a look-in yesterday did give me some hope that progress was finally being made. The onslaught on slugs and snails continues. I applied the second batch of nematodes, in semi damp conditions, but then we had a couple of weeks of very dry hot weather which wouldn't have helped my cause. The daily hosing down of the garden in an attempt to add moisture has become a routine that our little Jack Russell thinks is the most exciting thing in the world, chasing the water and being chased in return. It also helps to cool her off and wear her out a bit. She is very particular about her daily routines and likes to encourage us, sometimes strongly in keeping to them. The 'water game' as we now refer to it, is one of those.

How strange perception can be when the realisation of happenings around you wash over you and clarify, even just for a moment. A recent event I have in mind is the birth of our daughter, arriving almost three weeks early (unheard of for a Truscott to be early - I know, must be her father's influence!). A bundle of chilled out joy weighing in at 5lb 14oz who arrived within six hours of things kicking off. My head was certainly spinning for a few days from her speedy arrival. While out taking the dog for her morning constitutional a couple of days after her arrival, discussions with my husband came around to the now reality of our little family unit. All the plans, preparations, tensions, ups and downs of the past few months all finally culminated in the present lifestyle shift. A shift that we are happy and ready to embrace, but nonetheless brings with it a shift in balance of responsibilities and priorities. I know that this process happens at all levels of life, and is an ongoing process all of the time, we just don't necessarily notice or have time to appreciate how far we've come. A reaffirmation of life's mantra 'the only constant in life, is change'. With that in mind, it's time to make the most of the day, and season ahead. Wishing you all a wonderful summer. Until next time.

**Katy x**

*Congratulations to Katy and Paul on the birth of your daughter from all at the Granite Towers*

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## ENVIRONMENT COLUMN

### Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space

With all the rain we have had along with the mild, warmish temperatures, the growth on the site has been amazing; we really notice how quickly the nettles and the docks with the grasses grow! The nettles are a very important habitat to our moths and butterflies and on warm sunny days (yes, we have had some!) the moths and butterflies abound.

Today, even on a showery day, we saw many insects across the site enjoying the many wildflowers that are beginning to flower particularly amongst the thriving apple trees which were planted on a very frosty January morning by the year 1 and 2s from the school. We are not expecting to get apples until next year but the trees are looking very healthy! They are surrounded by a host of wildflowers at the moment.



Ros and I recently went on a scything course with Cornwall Heritage Trust and are excited to invite some experts to show us how to scythe our grassland in late summer. If you think you would be interested in attending a scything course, please let us know – some of you may have meadows of your own that would be better scythed rather than strimmed – Ros and I were very surprised at how easy it was to learn! Sadly, Aiden Turner from Poldark was not around to demonstrate but we live in hope!

We had a volunteer to take down some of the self-seeded sycamore trees so that more light can get into some of the area on Little Moor. The trees overshadowed an area that we are hoping to dig out to provide a pond area – a project for next winter! Another volunteer came and chipped some of the trees which we hope to use for weed suppressing on the paths and around the trees. We are so grateful to those who offer help and expertise with specific tasks – we don't always have the expertise so are much appreciated!

Anyone know how we can control some of the creeping buttercups?

We would love to put water butts and guttering on the shelter and stop some of the leaks in the roof!

Anyone an expertise in digging out and developing a natural pond?

Finally, just a reminder that the site is open to visitors 24/7; we expect a new sign on the gate to arrive in the next couple of weeks. Please do come and enjoy the peace and quiet and just listen to nature at its best! Have a picnic at the tables and just appreciate the wonderful countryside we live in!

Volunteer mornings: Saturday 10 August and Saturday 14 September (tbc) 10am – 1pm  
Further information from Shelley 07761 798220

## FROM CHURCH



Dear friends,

I shouted at my dog today. And then I felt terrible. But there is something about my dog doing something I have taught him not to do that has the ability to drive me up the wall. On this occasion it was as simple as him dawdling and refusing to come the instant I called. I think part of the reason it can wind me up so much is that I like to pretend that I am in control of my dog's life.

In fact I like to think I'm in control of quite a lot of aspects of my life. When I start to feel trapped or manipulated or that things in my work or personal life are out of control I find myself getting irritable and anxious.

In our society we have held independence up as a noble quality. We don't want to have to rely on other people. Most of us don't really like to ask for help, because we want to be in control.

My grandparents are now very elderly and like many elderly people they are postponing anything which might reduce their independence. Although neither of them have good eyesight and are both fairly immobile they have baulked at the idea of getting a cleaner (even though my mum offered to pay) because that would be something that they have to relinquish control over. I truly do understand it, but it doesn't make life easier for my mum and the rest of the family who worry for them.

However, to put it bluntly, control ultimately believes in self more than it trusts others or God.

And I believe that those of us who love to keep (or grab) as much control as possible do not tend to be those who are content with their lot. If we believe that every aspect in our lives should be under our control that is going to lead to anxiety and frustration when we're not.

There is so much in the world that is out of our control- wars, foreign elections, the cost of living, suffering and illness in our families or ourselves. For the most part all we can do is to trust and accept the things out of our control.

I'm sure I have shared this prayer before, but I make no apology for sharing it again... when you are feeling frustrated, irritable and anxious, when something is out of your control or someone has taken control of something where you'd like to be in charge you may want to pray what is known as the serenity prayer:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
and Wisdom to know the difference.

Those of us who are followers of Jesus are called to live with open hands- to hold everything lightly. To trust God with the things we have no control over and to act with courage when we can affect change.

With my love as ever,

**Jules**

## FROM CHAPEL



Dear friends

The people in the stadium erupt with an ear-splitting roar, arms held high. After all the dribbling and dodging and fancy foot work the years of hard work in training has finally paid off. The football has hit the back of the net. It's a goal! And if we were ever in any doubt about it the word GOAL flashes and moves on huge screens all around the stadium. That's what it's all about – to score goals, to win the game. Job done! It's a goal.



Of course there are many other goals in life. You may be aiming to lose some weight before going on holiday or to fit into that outfit for a wedding. You may be finishing a course of study which has taken years, or you may have decided to do something completely different today. Rehabilitation therapists help patients to identify and mark their stages of recovery by setting goals. These are SMART goals: specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound goals. Whatever the goal, they all have one thing in common, goals are active, dynamic, involve movement and change.

In one of his letters, Paul speaks of pressing on towards his goal of living according to the pattern set by Jesus. And it is no easy ride, it takes effort and courage, he talks of straining forward as if he is wading through treacle. Most of all it takes the commitment to keep on going, even when the going gets tough. Because Paul believes the goal of more fully knowing God's love is worth it.

So, we are reminded of another Chinese proverb: 'Do not fear going forward slowly, fear only to stand still.' Standing still is not an option in any aspect of life, but we'll never find the back of the net unless we are moving towards the goal.

I like to think when Paul completed his own pressing on, all the saints and angels erupted in one voice of praise to God's glory: Paul – it's a goal! Now that's what I really call a smart goal!

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



## NEWS FROM GUNWEN

The Celtic Service held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June began with a Snail Creep with everyone outside (see back cover) and being led into the Community Room by Lizzie Pridmore and Garry Tregidga for a celebration worship with Cornish music and dance. The service of hymns, music and dance with prayers and addresses was led by Rev Paul Benney. The Lord's Prayer was said in Cornish by Kim Hopewell, in Irish by Griffith Collins and by all present in English. Many joined in the dances led by Lizzie and we all enjoyed the music from Ryb an Mor (Nigel, Gary, Lynn and Jayne) and Kirsten Becker. Many thanks to Garry for organising the service, attended by nearly 50 people, which finished with a superb afternoon tea.



On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11am the visiting preacher is Rev James Funnell, Retired Reverend of the Benifice of Lostwithiel Parish.

The Crying the Neck Service, an old Cornish Custom after Harvest, will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm followed by a Faith Supper.

For more information about all of our services and other events please see the St Austell Methodist Circuit website or contact Keith Truscott on 01208 75532

Best wishes from all at Gunwen Chapel

**Judy Uden**

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

FLEET (Front Line Emergency Equipment Trust) is a registered charity, it raises money for life-saving equipment, and it was formed by Cornwall's Ambulance staff in 1990. It now provides equipment to all Cornwall's emergency ambulances, emergency response motorbikes and cars, Royal Navy Search and rescue helicopters, Fire Engines, Coastguard, RNLI, Cornwall's Air Ambulance. In addition, FLEET, with British Heart Foundation, equip First Responders (trained members of the public) and FLEET provide public access defibrillators.

On a recent Saturday morning, volunteers from FLEET (supported by Cornwall Training Consultancy) visited Luxulyan Institute to provide free defibrillator training to anyone interested.

Our friendly instructor Luke and his young teenage assistant were extremely welcoming and knowledgeable, and they both gave great explanations and answered our questions fully. Those of us attending got to practise CPR (chest compressions) on an Annie doll and learn the latest advice on what to do. The training took less than an hour and I felt it was really beneficial having not done any first aid training for a long time and never having used a defibrillator.

Every day 250 people in the UK suffer a sudden cardiac arrest. These are not just older people. Their chance of survival depends on how quickly bystanders act. It is vital that CPR is started as soon as possible. Defibrillation is the only effective treatment. Where public defibrillators are located the survival rate can be raised to 50%. Anyone can use a defibrillator; they are self-explanatory but the 999 telephone agent will also support you throughout.

FLEET's ambition is to cover Cornwall in a network of defibrillators and have communities confident in using them.

If you get the chance to attend one of these sessions please don't miss it, knowing what to do is so important. And please make sure you know where your nearest defibrillators are located (defibfinder.uk) In Luxulyan they are located outside at :

Luxulyan Institute  
Luxulyan School  
Croft Farm

Please have a look at [Fleet.org.uk](http://Fleet.org.uk) to read all about FLEET's amazing work. You can also find out more about CPR at [BHF.org.uk](http://BHF.org.uk)

**Bridget Hall**

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£1 donation per car - All proceeds go to charity  
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### Lanlivery Vintage Rally and Country Fair

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September 2024**

Large entry of vintage machinery and vehicles, working agricultural section including shire horses, digger skills, wild west show, family dog show, children's fairground rides, craft tent, beer tent, catering tents, car boot sale, trade and charity stalls, ring parades and entertainment, tractor pulling, animal exhibits, and much more!

Gates open 10 am both days

All proceeds to local charities

Horse show on 31st August at Lanescott Farm



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or call 07771 927826

# 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.

## August 2024

**4<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 10**  
9.30 Morning Prayer

**11<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 11**  
9.30 Eucharist

**18<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 12**  
9.30 Morning Prayer

**25<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 13**  
9.30 Eucharist

## September

**1<sup>st</sup>, Trinity 14**  
9.30 Morning Prayer

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
6.00 p.m. Eve of Rally Service at the Rally Field

**8<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 15**  
9.30 Eucharist

**15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 16**  
9.30 Morning Prayer

**22<sup>nd</sup>, Harvest**  
6.00 Evensong for Harvest

**29<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 18**  
10.30 Benefice Service at St. Veep

## Years' Mind

remembering the anniversaries:

**Aug**

**Sep**

Jane Bates

Jean iris Wellington

Janice Thomson

John Francis Pollard

Dionne Lesley Green

Tayla Saunders

Brenda Margaret

Sinkins

Anthony Williams

## From the Registers

**Burial of ashes:** Elizabeth Champion, buried on 21<sup>st</sup> May, with her parents John & Jean Linfoot. Rest in Peace.

**Baptised:** 31<sup>st</sup> March, Roman Edward Duke and Elowyn Jane Duke, son and daughter of Ed and Amy.  
26<sup>th</sup> May, Digory Jack Truscott, son of Matthew and Talyn.

Welcome to the church family. Shine as a light.

**Picture Perfect Exhibition:** Thank you to all who contributed in any way. It was a weekend of nostalgia for many and learning of Lanlivery's recent past for others. We raised £397.70 for church funds.

**Lanlivery Churchyard:** It has come to our attention that there has been dog fouling in the churchyard. This is unacceptable and unhealthy. Please make sure that your dog is under control and that you always clean up after it.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LANLIVERY CHURCH

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## Lanlivery Parish Church Harvest Festival

**Harvest Supper**  
**Saturday 21 September**  
**in Church 6.30 for 7 p.m.**  
**Everybody welcome**

Tickets £8.00  
Numbers are limited so to  
book contact  
Ellen McConnell

[lanlivery@gmail.com](mailto:lanlivery@gmail.com)  
01208 872981

Please bring:  
Knife, Fork and Spoon, Dinner Plate,  
Bowl,  
Glass and something to fill your glass!  
Remember to bring a Raffle prize in aid of  
this year's charity

**Harvest Service**  
**Sunday 22 September 6pm**





# LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CREAM TEAS DURING SUMMER



We shall be serving cream teas in church on weekends and Bank Holidays, from 3—5 pm, until 1st September. Just drop in on the day. However, on 3rd August this will be held at Ivy Cottage courtesy of Liz Edwards.

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### 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 4th August and 1st September.

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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:

[famporter58@gmail.com](mailto:famporter58@gmail.com)  
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.

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### SKYLARKS

Our next session of Skylarks will take place on **Sunday 1 September at 3 pm** but before then we thought we would have a Skylarks BBQ on **Tuesday 6 August at 5 pm** both to take place down at the Glebeland (please keep an eye out for any last minute changes via the Luxulyan Community Facebook page!).

See also article on page 14 of this issue.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> August

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Jules Williams

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

9.30 am Combined Eucharist St Blaise

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LUXULYAN CHURCH

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## Book & Bake

Saturday 28th  
September

10am -12noon in  
church



## DID YOU KNOW

Only four countries in the world have national anthems with no lyrics.

People used to say "prunes" instead of "cheese" when having their pictures taken

In the 1840s, a big—dare we say, cheesy—grin was seen as childish, so one London photographer told people to say "prunes" to keep their mouths taut. And that look predated today's "fish face" selfie by, oh, about 180 years.

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

# COUNTRY DIARY

## 9th MAY 2024

Warm and sunny. The cuckoo calls early at 6.30am and then at 10.00am to 10.10am towards Treskilling Downs.

## 10th MAY

A starling eats and carries off some mealworms towards the east. At 9.20pm I see a hedgehog feeding in the garden.

## 18th MAY

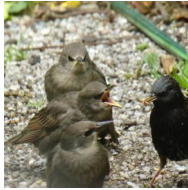
At 4.00pm the cuckoo calls in the distance towards Goonbarrow and then much nearer in the Lavrean area.

## 23rd MAY



Chilly and damp. The temperature at midday is only 13°C. A very new robin appears. Its beak still has the hint of its nestling 'gape'. The wind ruffles the feathers of the two adults nearby. Then, in an instant, the quiet afternoon is shattered by the

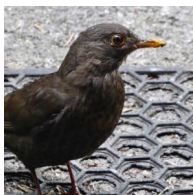
loud and continuous squawking of the starling family flying over the house. One by one they drop down onto the feeding area to greedily and speedily devour the dried mealworms. There seem to be about five juveniles. I watch as they hobble around before leaving as noisily as they had arrived, flying off over the fields. All is peaceful again. I reflect on the fact that the juveniles bear little resemblance to the adults.



## 29th MAY

Shortly before 10.00pm. I make my way down through the flower garden where I record the sound of nightjars

## 30th MAY



A nuthatch makes frequent trips taking off sunflower hearts. It would seem that it has nestlings somewhere nearby. A female blackbird makes her usual visit to the back door to remind me to replenish the food. Sometimes she brings along one of her

youngsters. The bee 'hotels' are gradually filling.



## 1st JUNE



The sorrels that grow on the wildflower bank are bedecked in silvery, green seeds, some resembling a fragile

necklace. By POND ONE the tall flag iris leaves sway in the wind like mesmerising cobra heads.



## 5th JUNE

In spells of welcome sunshine a blue tit feeds its fledgling from the suet coconut. A juvenile starling arrives to feed independently from the same source.

## 6th JUNE

Two swallows flutter over the garden but I would like to see more!

## 8th JUNE

A coal tit feeds its young as the pair of siskins drop by.

## 9th JUNE

Early evening I observe a mother house sparrow with two fledglings. A chilly north wind blows, and I feel as cold as on a winter's day! I keep the birds well supplied with suet, mealworms and sunflower hearts. Most have nestlings or fledglings now, so a constant food source is vital during this unseasonal weather.

## 11th JUNE



The marsh tit is very busy making frequent foraging trips. I disturb two male bullfinches feasting on the ripe sorrel seeds. Today a male house sparrow looks on as his mate feeds their

offspring. The foxgloves, sentinels of summer, grow tall but I shiver slightly as, momentarily, a large, white cloud eclipses the sun. There are no butterflies and generally, few insects to be seen on this chilly day.



## 12th JUNE



Approximately fourteen blackbirds arrive for 'breakfast'. Later I discover a crab spider lurking inside a foxglove bloom.

## 15th JUNE

Fallen elder florets drift like tiny stars along the rivulet into POND THREE.

## 26th JUNE

The hottest day of the year so far with temperatures around the mid-twenties. In the dappled shade of the Heligan woodlands we hear chaffinch, blackcap, goldcrests and a

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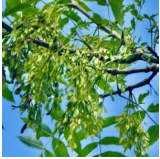
wren, its ebullient song echoing down through the tree canopy. By the tearooms the swallows are busy feeding their demanding families on this glorious summer day. Meanwhile, in Luxulyan, Keith and Maggie discover a newly emerged chaser dragonfly, its delicate wings glistening as they dry in the sunlight. Four exuviae are to be seen hanging from the surrounding leaves in the pond.

27th JUNE

Much cooler today! At 10.02.pm I see a hedgehog drinking from its water bowl.

2nd JULY

The sorrels are now completely stripped of their seeds!



4th JULY

Fully formed ash 'keys' tremble in the blustery wind while a goldfinch sings sweetly amongst the tossing leaves.

27th AUGUST 2006

I film crickets stridulating and mating on a sunny bank.

2nd SEPTEMBER 1990

Some ripe apples have attracted a 'flotilla' of red admirals while, by PONDS TWO and THREE many dragonflies and damselflies seem to fill the sunlit air.

*Kathryn Hill*

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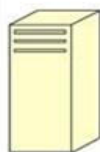
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### AUGUST 2024

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Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturdays, Sundays & Holiday Monday (not 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Cream Teas	3.00pm – 5.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WI Cream Tea Afternoon	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Ivy Cottage, Luxulyan
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks BBQ	5.00pm	Glebe Land
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00pm	The Crown Inn
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	FOLV – Historical Walk	10.00am	Ponts Mill Car Park
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00 am	The King's Arms
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lanlivery Vintage Rally Horse Show - See page 23 for details		

### SEPTEMBER 2024

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Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Vintage Rally and Country Fair See page 23 for more details		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2024 GRANITE TOWERS</b>		
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Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Centenary Celebrations	2.00pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Doors Open 6.30pm Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Harvest Supper	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	FOLV – Nature Walk	11.00am	Black Hill Car Park
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Auction of Harvest Produce	8.30pm	The Crown Inn
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Book and Bake	10.00am – 12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms



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