

The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Lanlivery and Luxulyan*



October & November 2025

EDITORIAL



Hello all

I do hope this edition of the Granite Towers finds you well.

It seems the glorious weather of the summer months as well and truly left us or at least is has as I write this – we may yet get an Indian summer! It's very much colder and wetter than I'd like. It is, however, perfect weather for snuggling up with a good book, of which I have plenty, depending on your preference. I just wish I had an open fire to go with them.

I don't know about you, but I cannot walk past a book shop without going in. I can have all the good intentions of just walking past and then the whisper of what treasure I may find inside lures me in. I love to see what new novels have been released and select my next book based on what the first page of text. It has to grip me in that first page, especially when choosing a book by an author I have never read before, otherwise it's not for me. Yes, I may well be rejecting an absolute belter of a story, but if the first page does not grab me the book goes back on the shelf. There is something magical when starting a new book, the feel of the cover and paper, the smell and the words forming new worlds in your imagination. I tried the e-readers when they were first released, but they were not for me. I'd much rather have an actual book in my hand, where I can see what I've read and what's left before I have to eventually finish and put it back on the shelf.

For me, September has been a good month for new books by some of my favourite authors. Robert Galbraith has released the latest Strike novel, The Hallmarked Man, with previous novels in the series have scenes set in St Mawes and Falmouth which also featured in the BBC adaptations. Dan Brown, after an 8-year absence has given a new Robert Langdon novel, The Secret of Secrets and Janice Hallet has

given us The Killer Question. I just need the new Thursday Murder Club from Richard Osman to arrive to complete by new book purchases. Of course, these authors may not be your cup of tea, but we all like to escape to a world of fiction, wherever it takes us. I have been an avid reader since school, always with my head in a book. So much so that the hairdressers no longer offer me magazines as they know I turn up novel in hand!

As I get older my tastes in genre have changed. I used to enjoy novels by the likes of Barbara Taylor Bradford when younger, Voice of the Heart being a favourite, which were interspersed with horror/thriller/suspense novels by Dean Koontz and Stephen King. I now enjoy novels of the crime/detective genre, they don't have to be gruesome just entertaining with a story that grips me, I'm not too fussy. I rarely read a book twice, however when nothing takes my fancy, I will return to the fantasy realm of the Belgariad and the Mallorean by David Eddings which were introduced to me by my sister-in-law many years ago. The books follow the adventures of Garion, his grandfather Belgarth and aunt Polgara as they battle the forces of evil over vast lands with a band of loyal cohorts, discovering more and more about who he is along the way.

I've always liked the idea of joining a book club, but I've never been a big fan of being told what to read. At school I remember reading Lord of the Flies, but as it was our final term (perhaps the one before, it was a long time ago) we never made it to the end. To this day I have no clue how it ends and to be honest, I don't actually care! I often look at the 'Top 100 Books to Read in Your Lifetime' lists just to see if anything I read is on it. Once I think two books I'd read made the list, the others for me were never to be read. I'm not sure who compiles these lists, but we certainly do not have the same taste in books!

As I head back to continue the adventure of Cormoron Strike, I wish you happy reading, until next time!

Claire

The views of the editor are always personal and not necessarily those of the Granite Towers and committee.
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LANLIVERY OVER 60s
The Over 60s group meets in The Crown Inn, Lanlivery, on the second Thursday in each month. Please do come and join us. There is a raffle, one ticket each at £1, and a chaotic quiz. You pay for your own meal and drinks.

Our next meetings will be 9th October and 13th November
For more information, please call Peggy on 07879 883 083

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VIEW FROM THE SURGERY

This year's flu vaccination programme has launched on 1st October. This means the practices will be paid for all the flu and Covid vaccinations performed after the 1st but not before. The eligibility groups for the flu vaccination have not changed but the criteria for the Covid vaccination have been reduced. The NHS will only offer the Covid vaccination to those over 75, people living in a care home for older adults and those with a weakened immune system due to specific conditions. The local practices will have been contacting everyone suitable already and many will have an appointment for this already. The local pharmacies will also be offering the vaccinations. Most of our appointments will be on a Saturday as this is less disruptive to the rest of the week and we don't have to lose normal nurse or doctor appointments, which are in high demand. So please book your appointment and we will feel that working extra on a weekend will have been worthwhile.

We have several new faces at the surgery in several roles. There are new doctors, a new nurse practitioner and a new health care assistant. I am sure you will make them feel welcome as you get to know them. There were reports earlier in the year of fully trained doctors being unable to find employment in the NHS but so far, we have been very lucky and have been able to attract applicants. This is very important as if you cannot recruit new doctors, it can put the long-term future of practices in jeopardy. Being able to recruit new doctors and replace doctors who leave means the doors at the surgery can stay open. Earlier in the year I talked about the weight loss injections. These are now available on the NHS but for a limited number of people. The criteria are as follows:

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- 1 **Type 2 Diabetes**
- 2 **High blood pressure**
- 3 **Heart disease**
- 4 **Obstructive sleep apnoea**
- 5 **Abnormal lipids**

The plan is to widen the eligibility over the next few years. I know a lot of people who have been paying for the injections privately hoped to start getting them on the NHS, especially as there are rumours of big price increases, but this is not always possible. Our hands are tied and we can only offer the treatment under these strict criteria, and currently there is no local clinic but there are online linked services that work under the NHS. For those not eligible for this treatment but still want to lose weight there are several options that maybe suitable.

Take care of yourselves

Andy Haywood

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LUXULYAN OVER FIFTIES
Luxulyan Over 50s is a club that meets on first and third Wednesdays every month for a modestly priced lunch and friendship at the King's Arms, **Luxulyan at 12 noon for 12.15.** Members are phoned or e-mailed a few days in advance to select from a choice of two, their main and sweet courses so that delays are kept to a minimum. If you have any suggestions for something different on the menu, please let Tracy know, bearing in mind that our meals are produced to a budget. Subs are £2 per year, and a raffle is held at each meeting which helps with the cost of the Christmas meal. You can also join the Christmas Club, where we put a £1 at beginning of month into the club, which will help offset the cost of your individual meal.

New members are welcome, so please telephone Val on 01726 850045 for details.

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CHAIR YOGA IN LUXULYAN

Now available at Luxulyan Village Hall are sessions for Chair Yoga led by Tracy. Sessions are from 10 am to 11 am on Fridays, cost is £8 per session.

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The last Plant Swap for the year will be on 4th October at the Memorial Institute. Bring plants to swap, or just come and see if there is anything you would like to purchase. Tea/coffee and cake available at reasonable cost, not forgetting the bacon butties! From December to March there will be a coffee morning with the same offerings, just no plants, all from 10.00am.

LANLIVERY VINTAGE RALLY 2025

Well, our 40th Anniversary year was not really what we had hoped for. After having to cancel the Sunday last year we felt we really needed to keep it going both days this year. Conditions leading up to the weekend were very difficult, but the committee worked really well to keep the ground in good condition. Saturday started showery but by the afternoon it was sunny and warm. The many people who came through the gates had a great time.

Due to health and safety, there were no ring parades, but the tractor pullers were able to perform and were very popular. The dog scurry proved popular again as was the dog show, the tea tent – with music by Barry’s Shed – and the craft tent. Straw Dogs helped the party atmosphere on Saturday evening with their lively music. Sadly, the decision to once again cancel on Sunday morning had to be made due to the approaching storm.

A huge thank you to all who supported the Rally both exhibitors, visitors and the many volunteer helpers. A special mention needs to be made to Diane Williams who founded the show 40 years ago and who is still on the committee, editing the catalogue and running the children’s games. On Sunday she parked the motorhome by the Rally entrance and sold brasses and catalogues to anyone she could.

The committee are determined to make 2026 a great year, and to continue to raise funds for local good causes the total of which is well over £200,000 over the years. If you can help next year either on the committee or at the Rally weekend, please join us. Contact details on the website www.lanliveryvintagerally.co.uk

Jenny Littleton

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LUXULYAN PARISH COMMUNITY FUND



Did you know that Luxulyan Parish Community Fund (LPCF) offers grant funding to community groups within Luxulyan Parish of between £250 - £5000? Organisations outside of Luxulyan Parish can apply provided they can demonstrate the benefit to residents of Luxulyan Parish. The LPCF currently receives its income from the Lestoon Wind Turbine and from Trenoweth Solar Farm.

Application forms, guidelines, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions can be found on the Luxulyan Parish Council website.

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STORY-WRITING COMPETITION - RESULTS

Congratulations to our story writing competition winner and runner up.

1st - Lilyjane Giles: - “The Blue Teapot”

2nd - Ivy Rose Vincent - “The Spacewoman”.

Their stories will be featured in up coming issues of the Granite Towers and thank you to Verna Roberts for judging.

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ST. PINNOCK WI

meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2.15 - 4.00pm at

East Taphouse Community Hall.

We are a very friendly group and you would be made most welcome. Speakers and outings arranged.
Just turn up or email eileenawilliams44@gmail.com

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Luxulyan Valley*

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LANLIVERY VINTAGE RALLY HORSE SHOW AND DOG SHOW

September 6th 2025 saw our annual Lanlivery Vintage Rally Horse show and dog show. We aim to hold a fun and encouraging show for people, horse and dogs! All whilst also raising money for our local charities.

Although it was a little blustery up on the show site which made for some creative thinking with our marquees, we were very grateful for a dry day. As well as the horses and the dog show we also had garden fete style games, ferrets, coffee and burger vans, the tea tent, trade stands and Walter Baileys Ltd shop with us.

It was great to have such a strong turn out of horses and riders of all ages to have a go in our classes, it made our judges work hard, I don’t know how they managed to choose with so many beautiful combinations. The show jump and the working hunter courses rode well and produced some great competition. The In–hand ring was as popular as ever from mini horses to retrained racehorses! We had a real variety of ridden classes which looked fantastic. It was a delight to have some heavy horses and side saddle attend; they looked magnificent and a real treat to see. The fancy dress and gymkhana were well attended which is always great fun to watch and take part in, producing lots of giggly children!

I think it is safe to say everyone had a fantastic day, it was great to see so many happy faces and we have had some really lovely feedback.

We are incredibly lucky to have some super sponsors which allowed us to be able to give out some generous prizes. So, as well as beautiful rosettes made locally by The Cornish Rosette Company, we gave out prizes such as Burley bed bedding, bags of feed, hats, vouchers and trophies.

It takes a small army of volunteers to run the show and a huge thanks goes out to everyone that volunteered and helped to run the show - we couldn’t do it without you.

Thank you to all our competitors who came and supported the day. A special congratulations to the Supreme Champion of our show Leah Killick and her horse Kiki who took home the perpetual Sue Potter memorial trophy.

Extended thanks to sponsors; Kernow Farm & Equine, Darcroft Garage & MOT, Anthony Ball, Burly Bed, Spillers, Top Spec, Walter Baileys Par, W Richards & Sons, The Crown Inn, Snowland Embroidery & Trophies, Chark Farm, Jen Morris Dressage, James Kittow Grazier and butcher.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Phillips family for allowing us to hold the show on their land and for all the work in preparing the ground so well. We are very lucky to be able to keep these ‘good old fashioned’ shows going.

Now planning turns to 2026 where we can’t wait to do it all again!

Becky Littleton

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The Hive Cafe is located at Acorn Camping and Glamping in the Luxulyan Valley World Heritage Site. Look out for our seasonal menus, daily specials, picnic boxes, events and opening times.

The Hive offers a buzzing space for coffee and connection, a family space to explore the outdoors, local information and walk guides and a tranquil space to meditate and connect with nature.



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Christmas Raffle (Saturday)

Christmas Hamper Raffle (Sunday)

Seasonal refreshments all day

Entertainment:

Saturday morning – Christmas tableau Luxulyan School (time to be confirmed)

Saturday afternoon 2.30pm 'Wicked Lollipops' raising funds for Sunshine Appeal

Sunday morning 11 am 'Sing your favourite Christmas Carol' (more details to follow!)

Sunday afternoon 2.30pm 'The Singing Barmaid' our very own Sarah Champion sings a seasonal selection of songs

(Timings subject to change)

Entry free but donations to St Austell Foodbank gratefully received

LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

Transcribed from the original text in Western Morning News and Cornish Guardian by Hazel Harradence

CG. 9 October 1925: Ebenezer UM Harvest Festival. The services this year excelled that of previous years both in interest and the financial result. On Sunday September 27th Mr Roberts of Ruthern preached on most timely subjects and presided at a musical service given in the afternoon by the choir, under the leadership of Mr Hancock and Mrs Symons at the organ, being assisted by Mr Pedlar of Wadebridge (violin) and the Lanivet Male Quartette. Mrs Tellam gave a recitation. The decorations were excellent, with plenty of fruit and vegetables in great variety, which were sold to augment the society funds. The lady workers did splendidly.

Gunwen Wesleyan Church festival was continued on Thursday when a meeting was presided over by Mr D Strout and addresses were given by Rev W Breadley and S Hortop. Fruit and vegetables were sold by Mr Coad.

CG. 23 October 1925: Late Mr Josiah Knight. Largely Attended Funeral at Luxulyan. The funeral of the late Mr Josiah Knight a prominent farmer and landowner of Menadew, Bugle, who died on 13th inst at the age of 81 years took place at Luxulyan on Saturday, the vicar officiating. -----.

CG. 30 October 1925: Clay Bird Shooting. Luxulyan Team's Success. Unfortunately bad weather interfered with a very interesting clay bird shoot which took place at Mr AG Creber's shooting ground at Tor, near Liskeard on Thursday last. Shooting conditions could not have been worse, as a high cross wind rising almost to a gale was accompanied by heavy driving rain and mist with very bad visibility. Over 100 guns had entered and eighteen teams put in an appearance, a total of 90 guns.

In the result the shield was won by Luxulyan with 74 points, the individual scores being H Cock 19, A Fenton 18, N Cock 14, Stanlake 13 and J Fenton 10. -----.

CG. 13 November 1925: A meeting of the parish council was held on 3rd inst. Mr JH Trevail in the chair. With regard to the Pontsmill footpath it was decided to negotiate for an alternative route. A small sub-committee was appointed to inspect the footpath across the moors and see what could be done to improve it. The County Library scheme was also discussed.

After the Parish Council meeting a Parish meeting was held. There was a very small attendance. The Rev CF Jones read correspondence from Dr Coulson with regard to providing a park. Viscount Clifden had kindly offered a piece of ground. After questions had been asked as to the use and purpose of the ground it was decided that Viscount Clifden be thanked and his offer accepted subject to further information on what Dr Coulson was prepared to do towards its upkeep.

CG. 13 November 1925: A whist Drive was held in the schoolroom on Friday last in aid of the school funds. The prize winners were : Ladies 1. Mrs E Parker, 2. Mrs Nicholls, consolation Miss EM Parker. Gents 1. Mr H Greenway, 2. Mr M Parker, consolation Mr WJ Richards.

At the invitation of the Bodmin branch of the British Legion about twenty ex-servicemen from Luxulyan visited Bodmin on Sunday afternoon and attended the Service of Remembrance in the Wesleyan Church.

WMN. 19 November 1925: A very successful clay bird shoot at St Columb. Open Sweepstake – 1st A Fenton, Luxulyan; 2nd H Cock, Luxulyan. -----.

CG. 20 November 1925: Marriage of Miss JI Broad. The marriage of Mr Mervin Clifford Hancock, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Hancock of Pontsmill, Par with Miss Janie Irene Broad, youngest daughter of Mr Broad of Menedew, Luxulyan took place at the parish church, Luxulyan on Wednesday week in the presence of a large congregation.

The bride attired in ivory crepe and carrying a bouquet of white flowers was given away by her brother, Mr Wesley Broad. She was attended by Miss Doris Broad, sister and Miss Winnie Warwick. Mr R Matthews acted as best man. The officiating minister was the Rev CF Jones, vicar. "The Voice that Breathed o-er Eden" was sung and after the ceremony the organist played the Wedding March.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at Pontsmill, among those present being Mr & Mrs Hancock, father and mother of the bridegroom, Mr Wesley and Miss Doris Broad, brother and sister of the bride, Messrs W Warrick, M Littleton, M Babb, L Squires, M Roach, Mrs Squires, Messrs Crocker, Netherton, Matthews, Rev CF Jones, Mr G Leslie and Mr R Matthews. The wedding gifts were many and useful.

CG. 20 November 1925: DIMOND. On November 8th, suddenly at the residence of her son Harry, Southsea, Jane, the beloved wife of the late Samuel Dimond, formerly of Bodmin, and second daughter of the late William Morris of Kernick Farm, Luxulyan, aged 89. Sadly missed by her loving sons and daughters, Morris, Harry, Bessie, Fred, Fanny and Emma. "At rest".

CG. 27 November 1925: The SW Area Council for the British Legion has arranged a meeting for the evening of 26 November with a view to forming a branch. Prominent Legion workers will deliver addresses and a free entertainment will be given by the Bodmin "Whirl of the World" concert party.

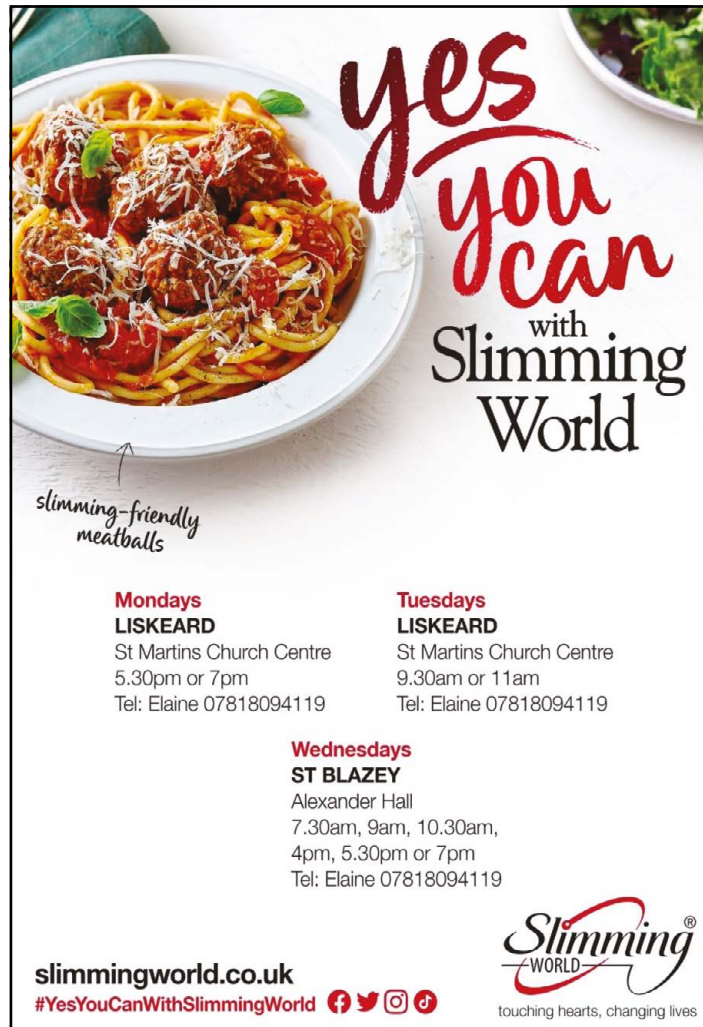
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INSTITUTE POPPY APPEAL.

The Memorial Institute will be open on Saturday 1st November for our annual Poppy Appeal, from 10.00am. Come along for tea/coffee with bacon butties and cake and drop something into the collecting box. If you would prefer just to drop a donation in, that will be fine, just don't forget the date!



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Back to School

Everybody has settled well back into school and we have been delighted to welcome sixteen new Reception children into Ash Class and are very proud of how well they have settled in and become part of the Luxulyan School community.

Attendance

We are pleased to be able to share with you that Luxulyan ended last academic year ranked 1st out of the 235 primary schools in Cornwall for attendance. This is truly a whole community effort and one of which we should all be proud.

Go Cornish news

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 – KS1/KS2 - commended – whole school entry

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

Cornish Study – KS2 – class winner – Sycamore Class

Cornish Art and Design - KS2 - individual winner - Lily-Jane, KS1 - class winner - Beech Class

We are looking forward to attending the awards ceremony later in the term.

CELT Community Champions

A message from the CELT Board of Trustees

Our Trust has recently carried out a consultation on our Local Tier of Governance to better reflect the voices of our pupils, parents/carers, staff and the wider community.

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A TRAVELLERS TALE FROM A BYGONE ERA – 9

The Finale!

On a beautiful summer's evening in 1998, I was attempting to check in at Gatwick to catch the last flight of the day back to Newquay. BA was running the route in those days and had recently moved it from Heathrow. Then there was a PA announcement requesting my presence at the BA desk. "Oh, what now?" I thought. The local BA manager presented himself and explained that there was a problem with seat availability, but they had a solution. Would I mind travelling on the flight deck in the P3 pull-down seat used by pilot examiners? Brilliant - they even let me choose the route from Plymouth onwards! Who would have known that this would probably be one of the last rides permitted on a flight deck, since the following year most airlines banned cockpit visits. Moreover, had the opportunity been offered to me 25 years earlier, I would have shuddered at the thought. Well, I wouldn't have been flying anyway.

I had always enjoyed boats and trains in my business travel days particularly in the early 1970s. Planes you could keep; when on business in Europe if possible and time permitted, I would always avoid them. So, for example, going to Switzerland meant an evening train ride from work in the city to Harwich, to catch the overnight ferry to Rotterdam and then joining the wonderfully scenic all-day trip on the legendary "Rheingold" (Trans-European Express) all the way upriver, through the Rhine Gorge with its fairy tale castles and then, if not going to Geneva, changing trains at Basel for one's final destination. Somehow, my employers tolerated my foibles. Of course, as time became more precious and I became more pressured, and with long-haul travel, this all had to change.

Now, I had experienced many rough boat trips – which I enjoyed, after all you always get the saloon and bar to yourself and perhaps with a few other fellow seafarers. But I now had to get used to various air travel hazards: no toilet use due to turbulence, planes going "technical", flaps not working properly, diversions, 24-hr delays, landing with an engine or brakes on fire, engines conking out mid-flight, and one occasion after take-off at Erie airport in a snowstorm, being showered with luggage, when the overhead lockers sprang open after the plane was flipped onto its side due to extreme wind shear and suddenly recovered. Actually, one of the scarier trips was when a stewardess got into in panic as we approached LA for landing in a thunderstorm and the resultant violent turbulence. "We're going to crash; we're going to crash!" she screamed! (Yes, it does happen to crew as well.) Wonderful for passenger morale!



Having said all this, most of the time in my working life I was pampered in not having to travel at the back of a plane, which was just as well, given there were some years when, including short-hauls, I would catch more than 100 flights. So, for long-haul travel, First or (in the old days when it ran to the US) Concorde was the norm. Concorde was of course rather small and relatively uncomfortable, but the passenger ground handling, exceptional food and drink, the shorter trip and novelty made up for it. Now there was always

somebody recognisable on the flight, and I recall one occasion when John Cleese was boarding, and the cabin crew asked him to do a "Silly Walk". Well, he almost had to anyway, since his height (at around six and a half feet) was the same as the maximum interior height of the cabin! I would frequently visit the Concorde flight deck, sitting in the P4 seat and on Boxing Day 1979, aided by a strong jet stream, we were hoping to create a new record from New York to London by breaking the 3-hour barrier. Unfortunately, the surface wind direction changed as we approached home, so we had to go around at Heathrow and missed out by 3 minutes. (To my chagrin, it was broken a few days later.)

As for food, up-front on the 747 in these earlier days, BA would carve a joint of beef, PanAm had their restaurant in the sky on the upper deck and Lufthansa provided unlimited beluga caviar and lobsters on their "special" route (Buenos Aires to Frankfurt).

In the 1980s, Business crept in, which replaced First in some but not all airlines. However, back in First in the 21st century, whilst the three big Arabian Gulf airlines battle it out (showers etc), it is hard to beat Singapore Airlines on key routes. When travelling on the A380 in a private fully enclosed "suite", a separate bed is provided that folds out of the bulkhead, unlike other airlines where the seat extends into a lie-flat bed. One has the ability to order almost any meal ahead for consumption on the flight beforehand and also at Changi prior to boarding, one is taken to a private lounge with butler and chef in attendance. On a couple of occasions, I was on my own in this cabin and was given a double-bedded suite for sleeping, a separate suite for use as a dayroom and a dedicated (for my use only) toilet. Service unequalled!

In these columns I have previously written outlines of several of my adventures, including some in the Former Soviet Union/ Eastern Bloc, Asia and North America. Having carried out work assignments in over 50 countries, there were of course many, many more, and in some locations minders were provided. However, on an exploratory field trip in a remote part of Madagascar, although having a driver, I was given a new DIY experience. A rite of passage for young men was to become cattle rustlers and roam the wilds causing mayhem to anyone they encountered. So, the Chef de Region (regional municipal head) told me that I needed to be prepared and handed me a revolver! Madagascar is of course an astonishing place by the way, with its own unique flora, fauna, geology and mix of ethnic groups. Madagascar Airlines was yet another story, operating ageing second hand planes. However, you might argue it was an ecoairline, as their loyalty card wasn't made out of plastic, but uniquely wood!

I reflect on my good fortune in having enjoyed a career spanning more than half a century. I owe much to my long-suffering wife, who looked after home, family and animals during my many absences. But I'd had the privilege of living on three continents, and meeting thousands of people of different nationalities, customs and backgrounds.

So, I'll sign off now and wish you all the best for safe and enjoyable travels!

Your one-time roving correspondent, Erithacus



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Red Moor School

It was lovely to welcome all students and staff back after our summer holidays. We are now well into our autumn term and looking forward to plenty more learning and lots of adventures to come.

We are very excited that this coming year we will still have the pleasure of working with some fantastic charities such as the Sensory Trust and the Wildlife Trust, who come onto the Red Moor site and engage our students in educational and fun projects. We are also hugely lucky to have amazing work experience opportunities lined up for some of our older students, which will give them amazing opportunities and life skills that will last them forever.

Our Vocational Studies area is still coming on leaps and bounds and is looking fantastic. It really is a place where students can get hands on and learn while working. The VS students have also had their very own uniforms designed and are on order – we cannot wait for them to arrive!

One of our highlights in the year is always the Remembrance Day Parade and Service and our vocational studies students will be working hard with our skilled vocational teachers to once again make this a day of true celebration to remember.

We look forward to sharing more with you soon.

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If you would like to know more please contact, Pat, our Secretary at

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Ralph Broad – A Thank You

Following the long illness and recent death of Ralph Broad (Nomansland) just outside Lanlivery parish boundaries, I need to thank Lanlivery for their friendship, support and, more recently, prayers. Over the years our connections with Lostwithiel became more limited and those with Lanlivery grew stronger. We have enjoyed Feast Week celebrations, bell ringing, Rally events and, of course, lots of socialising.

On Friday 22nd July we attended a service and celebrated his life at the Glynn Valley Crematorium, ending the day back at the Crown Inn on a lovely summer afternoon with friends. Flowers for the coffin were by Diane Williams, catering by the Crown Inn and to top it all the bellringers supplied the joyful sound of bells ringing over the village making it a day to cherish. Thanks everyone Audrey.

LUXULYAN CARNIVAL QUEEN

Just a quick update on Luxulyan Carnival Royalty Rebecca (Queen) and Evelyn (Attendant).



Firstly, they would both like to thank the Luxulyan Feast Week committee for putting on a great week, despite the weather. The Carnival was the highlight, and it was great to see so many out to give all the participants a warm welcome. It was also great to see a few visiting queens and fairies at our carnival. Secondly thank you to everyone for their lovely comments of support and kindness for both of us, we love to represent the village.

They have both represented the village in more carnivals since the last edition. At St Stephen Carnival on 6th August, they had their best result so far. They won Queen, Attendant and Royalty Group, with our float getting a second place. Next was Bodmin Carnival where they won first for Queen Group and 2nd for Float. The 20th August was Fowey Carnival, and unfortunately



wasn't placed, but a great carnival with a good turnout. Finally, Rebecca attended Grampound Carnival last weekend (6th September), winning 1st place for Queen with Float. They both have enjoyed themselves over the summer and now return to school.

As we draw to the end of the year, there are only a handful of carnivals left. The majority of these are

'Torchlight Carnivals', so our float will be getting brighter when we decorate it very soon with many lights. During the winter period the girls will be representing our village at the Queen of Queens contests and will help to host our very own Queen of Queens contest which will be at our village hall on Saturday 15th November, with it all starting from 1.00pm.

It will be supporting Luxulyan Feast Week, and we'll have a raffle on the day too. It's not just for Carnival Royalty, but there are open classes for any boy or girl to come and join in. For details call Lisa on 07967 401386.

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Tony looked around his workshop with pride. It was immaculate – every tool in its rightful place, arranged in size and fastened to the wall with metal clips. Against one wall, a wooden workbench sported a vice, a jigsaw, a lathe and a plane. A steel cabinet, its doors open, housed tools for metal work; a riveter, a press brake, an angle grinder, an engraving press and sheets of various metals.

The cement floor, swept clean of sawdust and metal filings, almost shone under the strip lighting overhead.

‘Why do you need it so bright?’ his wife, Alice, had said many times. ‘All these lights on. We’re not made of money, you know.’

‘You can’t do good work without good light,’ Tony always replied.

Another of her remarks was just as common. ‘Shame you don’t keep the house as clean and tidy as your workshop.’

‘It needs to be tidy, or I spend ages looking for things,’ Tony would answer, to which Alice would roll her eyes and say: ‘My point exactly.’

Once, when Tony spent most of a sunny Sunday in the workshop instead of on the beach with Alice, and their daughter and son-in-law, Alice had made another of her exact points.

‘I should think you get enough of being inside at work. You should go out more, get some sun. I hope you’ll be going out with our grandchildren when they come. We’ve waited long enough for them.’

‘Of course I will,’ Tony said, meaning it. He was delighted that his daughter, Vicky, was pregnant with twins. He and Alice had waited patiently for an announcement that a grandchild was expected, but it hadn’t come. They’d accepted this without fuss or over-discussion. Vicky and Kevin were happy together, and that was all that mattered. When his beloved daughter had come to him sobbing, saying they wanted IVF but couldn’t afford it, Tony had said immediately that he and Alice would pay for it, which they had. Alice had agreed at once, though she laughingly made her usual comment of ‘Anything for Daddy’s girl.’

He still recalled Vicky standing in the doorway of his workshop, tears running down her face and her shoulders shaking. Then and there he decided that he would give his last penny to help her in any way he could. And when he heard that the IVF had been successful, he vowed to do the same for his grandchildren.

Tony had been a good husband to Alice, and a good father to their only child, working stoically to provide for them, determined that Vicky would have a happy, uncomplicated childhood, unlike his own. Tony’s errant father had seen the inside of a prison cell more than once, leaving his mother to cope with two sons. The younger of those sons, Tony’s brother, George, seemed to have inherited their father’s wayward genes, and Tony had never forgotten the time his brother had been granted parole and come home sporting an electronic tag, or a Peckham Rolex as George had called it. From a very early age, Tony had rejected the temptation of a criminal life and set out to become an upright citizen, with a regular job and a proper family life, an ambition he had succeeded in. Honesty, he had declared many times, was the best policy.

And so he had worked hard, never earning a fortune but enough to keep him, his wife and daughter, in reasonable comfort. He’d never want Alice to have to work, but she’d insisted, taking various part time jobs to help pay for “luxuries”, as she called them, meaning a new car or a holiday.

Only once had the family come perilously close to disruption, and that was when Tony had lent his brother, George, money from their hard earned savings. Alice had been furious.

‘We’ll never see that again,’ she’d rightly predicted. ‘But the bookies will thank you all the way to the bank!’

By some mysterious miracle, or possibly treacherous trickery, George had married into money, and the demand on Tony’s savings was never repeated. His brother’s new wife had apparently mastered the art of ruling her unreliable husband with a rod much stronger than iron.

Now, Tony was close to retirement, and he worried that his dream of helping to support daughter’s family as well as himself and Alice would disappear with his job. Work was like an elixir to him. If you want something, the only way to get it was to work for it, was his maxim. Of course he had his hobby, wood and metal work, and he sometimes sold the things he made, but that wouldn’t make up for the lack of wages. There was his pension as well, but it wouldn’t cover all the things he planned to do for Vicky and his grandchildren.

As retirement loomed, Tony spent long hours calculating his future income. Not enough. Two days after the birth of his grandson and granddaughter, and three months before his retirement was due, he stood in his workshop, staring down at the sheets of metal laid out on the workbench. In the bright light from overhead the metal seemed to fluoresce, reflecting its brilliance and radiating inordinate possibilities.

Swiftly he closed the cabinet door as Alice entered the workshop with a mug of tea and a plate of biscuits.

‘Don’t be out here all day,’ she told him. ‘And for goodness sake turn one of those lights off. We’re not made of money.’

When she’d gone, Tony opened the cabinet and took out his metal working tools. He reached into a box, taking out a quantity of planchets and laying them on the adjacent worktop. The metal discs glittered up at him, and he smiled. They wouldn’t provide a fortune, but they would help. After all, he hadn’t worked at the Royal Mint for twenty-five years for nothing.

No, he mused silently, we’re not made of money, but soon we’ll be coining it in.

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Skylarks meet in the shelter at LEGGS, starting with a variety of activities, craft, exploring nature and ending with toasting marshmallows over the fire pit! There is always time for contemplation and soaking up the natural world; God's creation whatever the weather.

We will be celebrating and giving thanks for the harvest at the end of September; we will be collecting for the Foodbank as well as finding things to be grateful for in nature.

Our future dates are:

Sunday 26 October 3 pm: looking at All Saints and the light in the world; Pumpkins may be involved!

Saturday 8 November 3 pm: Considering Remembrance

Sunday 21 December 2.30 pm: Outdoor Nativity meet at the church to' travel to Bethlehem', for both children and adults to dress up and take part! We hope to have live sheep etc as last year. Ending with seasonal refreshments. It was a lovely community event last year – not to be missed!

Just a reminder that children need to be accompanied to Skylarks by a responsible adult for Safeguarding purposes.

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We have had a busy summer with various events. We had a very interesting talk from Gwen Maggs leading on the Tor to Shore project. Hopefully the full funding for the project will come through shortly. Two of our Trustees attend meetings for organisations that are associated with the area.

We had a very detailed and interesting walk with David Skelhorn following the Charlestown Leat. Also we had another detailed and interesting walk with Bruce Middleton who has encyclopaedic knowledge of both Flora and Fauna. It is surprising how many plants in valley have medicinal uses, but a few can be very harmful.

In late August we had a forest school which 21 children attended. Unfortunately, it rained the whole time and while the kids did not seem to notice some of the parents did.

We have also had a walk, mainly aimed at families, with Cornwall Wildlife Trust, and Boat Trip on the river Fowey.

We are planning to have an open event in the village hall in November so please keep an eye out for details.

The Luxulyan Valley Partnership (LVP) has not met since June and we are awaiting to hear from Cornwall Council and Councillor Sarah Preece on how they envisage it going forward.

Chris Bond has been appointed as the new ranger for the valley, we wish him well in his new job.

We have an event every month, a free quarterly newsletter where you see detailed write ups If you are not already members of FOLV and are interested in joining please contact folvmembership@gmail.com

Robin Stephenson

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EMAIL FROM OXFORD

What a warm year it has been! And with the summer (June, July and August) being recorded as the hottest on record for the UK, it would appear that the general prediction of hotter, drier summers being a result of global warming is happening. The warmer, drier conditions seem to suit ladybirds as I have seen a remarkable number of the jolly little beetles this year. A sign of a good amount of their food, aka aphids too mind you. It's not just ladybirds and aphids that seem to have been flourishing this year, we've encountered mice, rats and weevils in the house, where before, we haven't ever been bothered. The mice, I apparently (according to the pest control chap) managed to get rid of the whole family (about 14), with the use of el cheapo mouse trap and peanut butter under the kitchen units. Not nice to deal with, but when one decided to venture upstairs into Amelia's room and wander around while I was trying to put her to sleep, enough was enough! Then came the rat visitations, one out on the patio and one that decided to venture in through the back door (it having been open because it was so warm), and eye balled me from behind the washing machine while Ruby (our Jack Russell) was running around in circles next to me, trying to figure out where it was and how to get to it. Needless to say, both of these encounters ended with Ruby 2, Rats 0. However, there were obviously others actively moving around the garden as seen by Ruby's behaviour of chasing shadows and scents, and barking with frustration at being able to smell them but not get to them. Another visitation from the pest control chap, and with drains cleared and old vents blocked, we now have a little bit of peace of mind that perhaps they won't be quite so up close and personal.

The third pest of the year is the flour weevil, darned things! I have had to bin so much pasta, rice and lentils because of them, it beggars belief what they find enticing. The most recent encounter was from a packet of risotto rice that I had inspected and deemed clear. I made a lovely pudding, only to find little cooked bodies in the end product, gross! However, the cupboard is now cleaned out and any open

packets are now in airtight clip boxes or jars with lids. Here's hoping that's the end of their visitation.

Looking ahead to the next few busy months, I almost feel like the time is gone before we get there (where-ever there or then is). Focussing on what one thing can I do with my time in this given moment is helping me to gradually make progress with the many jobs that are always simmering on the back burner. Maybe I'll even be able to tick a few off?!

Autumn beckons with more interest this year, mostly because I think Amelia will find it all very interesting. The bright colours, especially around Hallowe'en will be a great focal point. She's started to use some of the makaton signing after attending 'sing and sign' classes, which is just awesome to be able to have a proper little conversation (sort of) if Mummy can remember all of the signs.

The garden is just an ongoing challenge, though some rain (finally) and a few trays of violas and pansies have helped return a splash of colour following all the crisped and browned vegetation of the summer.

I thought I'd share this seasonal poetic offering from '**A Year Full of Poems, Oxford University Press**' entitled '**Song**' by Emily Bronte.

Fall, Leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

It leaves me thinking of cosy nights inside in the warm, something to look forward to in the coming months.

Wishing you all well through this bountiful, beautiful season. Until next time.

Katy x

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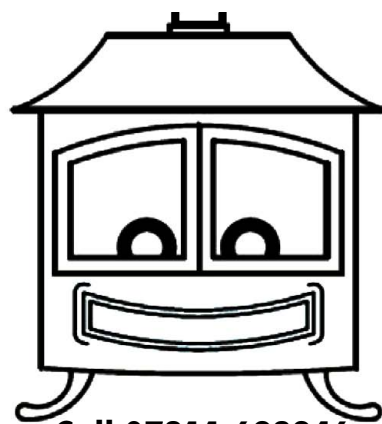
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ENVIRONMENT COLUMN

Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space

As I write, the long hot summer has definitely come to an end! We have had a week of intense showers interspersed with sunny spells culminating in a very windy weekend! This sort of weather has quite an impact on our re-wilding project. The grasses, nettles and docks grow at a phenomenal rate and as the trees are still in full leaf, the trees are susceptible to branch damage in the wind. Fortunately, the site is in a quite sheltered valley from the south

westerlies. Please take care when visiting! Now that autumn is well on its way, with its accompanying rainfall, we shall progress with the installation of our pond. This will be our priority for the October/November volunteer mornings so that the pond will have the whole of the winter to fill and get established.

The autumn and winter will be a good time to consolidate what we have already accomplished. The new hedgerows will require some protection and we shall use our scything skills to help diversify the grassed areas with more wildflowers. This has taken longer than we had hoped but the soil is richer than we expected so some of the flowers are struggling to take root. It was gratifying to see so much yellow rattle in flower over the summer; the school children

did at great job last autumn!

We also need to do some bramble clearance which will be a big task. We are hoping to host a volunteer day with Cornwall Wildlife Trust as part of their Tor to Shore project. We enjoyed their Grasses ID day in the institute with a visit to LEGGS in the afternoon to explore the wide range of grasses on our site.

Thank you to the Paynter family for their donation of some compost bins; they are much appreciated – not that we need compost for the site, but we have lots of green waste to find a home for! We have enough compost bins now!

We look forward to welcoming people to our volunteer mornings – refreshments provided!

Saturday 11 October
Saturday 8 November
Saturday 13 December

All beginning at 10.00am and ending no later than 1.00pm.

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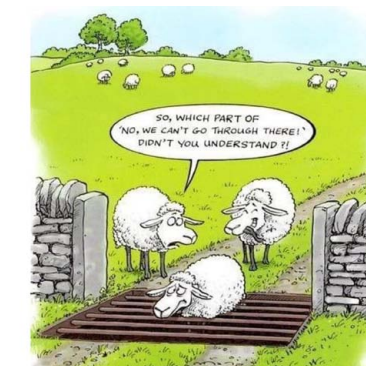


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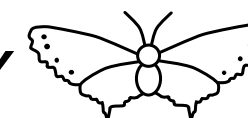
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FROM CHURCH



I gather that my article in the Granite Towers and other community magazines caused a reaction in Luxulyan. So let me address the role of the priesthood to which I was trained back in the early nineties.

If a priest sees hunger, they ask the Question why do the hungry exist? If a priest sees a people displaced, they ask why? If they see homelessness, they ask what kind of a society can tolerate that? Where is the help and support needed to come from to alleviate the problems that we see. We ask the questions and when we are clearer, we may raise the issue of the moral complexity to the community that the questions and the solutions may be shared amongst humanity.

This is called the prophetic voice of the priesthood.

The prophetic voice of the priesthood has long served as society's moral conscience, wielding the uncomfortable but necessary independence to speak truths that challenge prevailing assumptions about right and wrong. Unlike the comforting pastoral role that offers solace and reassurance, the prophetic dimension of religious leadership confronts communities with the stark realities of moral complexity, forcing us all to grapple with ethical contradictions they would all prefer to ignore.

This prophetic tradition finds its roots in the Hebrew Bible, where on a personal level Nathan confronted King David about, and more applicable for the sake of this article, Jeremiah warned of societal collapse due to moral decay. These ancient prophets established a template for religious leaders who would speak truth to power regardless of personal cost or popular opinion. The prophetic voice operates from a position of moral authority derived not from political or economic power, but from a claimed connection to something we acknowledge to be greater than us, an unwavering commitment to justice.

The uncomfortable nature of the prophetic voice stems from its tendency to expose the gaps between professed values and lived reality. When priests speak prophetically, we hope to illuminate the moral complexity that exists beneath surface-level ethical positions. We hope to challenge a congregation that claims to value human dignity while remaining silent about systemic poverty in their community or confront a society that celebrates freedom while tolerating various forms of oppression. This voice refuses to allow moral positions to remain abstract or theoretical, demanding instead that communities confront the practical implications of their stated beliefs.

Contemporary examples of this prophetic voice manifest in various contexts. Priests speaking against war while their congregations support military interventions face the uncomfortable reality that most conflicts involve competing claims to justice. As priests, and other religious leaders, we at the same time address the economic inequality of a system that simultaneously creates wealth and perpetuates disparity.

We are also called to address the issues within our own organisations but that is a very different article.

The effectiveness of prophetic speech often depends on its ability to articulate moral complexity without falling into moral relativism. Sometimes we fail and can be accused of the latter. But that is like criticising a sports person for not winning every race. The prophetic voice attempts not to simply point out that issues are complicated; rather, it helps communities navigate complexity while maintaining commitment to fundamental principles of justice and human dignity. This requires sophisticated theological and ethical reasoning that can hold multiple truths in tension without collapsing into paralysis or cynicism.

One of the most challenging aspects of prophetic ministry involves timing and discernment. Speaking uncomfortable truths requires wisdom about when communities are ready to hear difficult messages and when such speech might simply provoke defensive reactions that close down moral imagination. Perhaps I got the timings wrong, perhaps I need to be known a little more first. The prophetic voice must balance urgency with patience, recognising that moral transformation often occurs gradually even when injustice demands immediate attention.

I stuck my neck out and I must be prepared for a back lash; this is a personal cost of perceived moral leadership. Standing apart from popular opinion, challenging comfortable assumptions, and articulating unpopular truths often results in isolation, criticism, and sometimes worse. The prophetic voice requires tremendous personal integrity and spiritual grounding to maintain its message in the face of social pressure to conform or remain silent.

I am though mindful of my own weaknesses. History provides numerous examples of religious leaders when it goes wrong. The authentic voice requires constant self-examination and accountability to ensure they continue to speak with moral authority and not their own voice.

The moral complexity that prophetic voices address often involves competing goods rather than simple choices between right and wrong. Modern ethical dilemmas rarely present clear-cut options, instead requiring communities to weigh competing values, consider unintended consequences, and make decisions with incomplete information. The prophet helps communities develop the moral imagination necessary to navigate these complexities while maintaining commitment to fundamental principles.

In addressing contemporary issues like environmental degradation, global inequality, technological ethics, or political polarisation, we must speak to systemic complexities that resist simple solutions. That was the point of my sermon on the Iranian embassy siege, which relied heavily on the unbiased historian Ben McIntyre. But the same is true for Climate change which involves competing claims about economic development, environmental protection, international justice, and intergenerational responsibility. The priest speaking prophetically about environmental issues must help communities understand these competing claims while maintaining urgency about environmental action.

We are also called to play a role in preventing moral complacency. Comfortable communities often develop theological and ethical frameworks that justify their privilege or explain away their complicity in unjust systems. The prophetic tradition disrupts these self-serving narratives, forcing communities to confront uncomfortable questions about their role in perpetuating harm or their failure to actively pursue justice.

Ultimately, the prophetic voice of the priest serves not to provide easy answers but to deepen moral understanding and commitment. By speaking uncomfortable truths about moral complexity, I am supposed to help our community develop the spiritual and ethical maturity necessary for authentic discipleship. My job is to remind us all that religious teachings involve more than personal piety; it requires engagement with the messy, complicated work of pursuing justice in an imperfect world.

The enduring power of prophetic speech lies not in its ability to resolve moral complexity but in its capacity to help communities face that complexity with courage, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to human flourishing. In a world that often prefers simple answers to difficult questions, the prophetic voice of the priest remains an essential reminder that authentic moral living requires wrestling with complexity rather than avoiding it.

Chris the vicar

(I have a new telephone No.: 07478 732212)

FROM CHAPEL



Dear Friends,

However you imagine the nature of freedom, the call for freedom continues to be heard around the world, particularly from Ukraine and Palestine. The late Nelson Mandela led the mission to free all the people of South Africa from the denial of humanity fostered by apartheid. His quest was later dramatized in the 2013 autobiographical film: 'Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom.'

The measures taken to control the pandemic were described as the most far-reaching curtailment of freedom during peace time, at the time many had also lived through the constraints placed on personal freedom during the Second World War. During the so-called swingin' '60s and '70s, freedom may have been taken for granted, but in the light of a world where an influential world leader has re-named the national department for defence as the department for war, this is not the case any longer.

This has prompted a timely review of the personal use of freedom, particularly the use - or should it be misuse - of social media platforms. These are increasingly being used to perpetuate malicious comments, sometimes reaching from behind the cloak of anonymity, with the sole intention of causing pain to others. Isn't it odd that those who strenuously claim the right of freedom of expression for themselves, deny this freedom to others who simply think differently? Tolerance is a beautiful and creative gift to humanity, but is not honoured by allowing intolerance to spread a poisonous infection of destroying personalities, reputations and even lives. As Simon Wiesenthal said "For evil to flourish it only requires good people to do nothing." Even tolerance has its limits.

Being free is a precious gift. Many have given sacrificially, even to the point of their lives, so that others may be free. How that freedom is used is equally as important. In the Bible, St Paul wrote to one of his churches "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." In other words, the exercising of freedom is one and at the same time both a privilege and responsibility. Freedom does not mean we just flourish as individuals, but also in the communities of which we are all members every day of our lives— among family, friends, work colleagues, the local community and of course, the church of God.

In a more recent publication recalling Mandela's life 'Dare Not Linger: The Presidential Years' Nelson Mandela said: "But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended." The road to freedom in life is not a sprint, but a marathon. Simply as human beings, all are on a life-long Long Walk to Freedom, for ourselves, our community, the nation and the world. As we journey towards freedom, we recognize no-one is truly free, until all are free.

Every Blessing,

Revd. Iris Bray - Gunwen Methodist Church



NEWS FROM GUNWEN

On the afternoon of 17th August Rev Paul Benney conducted a Witness Box Service. This more informal service consists of someone sharing their personal testimonies, experiences, and reflections on their faith. The aim is to build up the faith of the community by hearing how others are living out their faith.

Rev Paul interspersed his stories with his favourite hymns and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation of nearly 30 people both members and from the wider community. The service was followed by tea, saffron cake and jam and cream scones. September 7th saw St John's in St Austell hosting the Circuit Service where members of the twenty chapels in the area joined together. The service was taken by Rev Janet Park.

Future events:

Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October at 11.00am with Bridget Whell.

Harvest Auction and Faith Supper on Monday 13th October at 7pm. You're welcome to join us, have some fun and make a bid or two.

Other Harvest Festival Services are at Bugle on 5th October at 10.30am and Stenalees on October 19th at 10.30am.

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

Lanlivery Church News and Services

Lanlivery Services

During the Benefice’s time in transition there may be changes to services. We will endeavour to keep to our 9.30 schedule. It is likely that there will be a reduction in the number of Eucharist services in individual parishes across the Benefice. Please check pew notes, social media and the notice boards.

October 2025

5th, 16 after Trinity
9.30 Morning Prayer

12th, 17 after Trinity
9.30 Morning Prayer

19th, 18 after Trinity
9.30 Morning Prayer

26th, 19 after Trinity
9.30 Eucharist

November

2nd, All Saints Sunday
9.30 Morning Prayer

9th, Remembrance
9.30 Eucharist

16th, Last after Trinity
9.30 Morning Prayer

23rd, Christ the King
9.30 Morning Prayer

30th, Advent Sunday
10.30 Benefice Service at Bradoc

From the Registers

Marriage: Hermione Truscott and Oliver Mills Morcom on 16th August. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Transition

While we are without a rector in the Benefice, if you require help or information, please contact the Church Office (details below) or Ellen who may be able to point you in the right direction!

Be assured that work is in hand, with the assistance of the Diocese, to appoint a new incumbent

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Years’ Mind remembering the anniversaries:

OCT	NOV
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Kevin John Williams	William Douglas Kellow
Celia Kathleen Laurence Gay	Margaret Smith
Dominic David Christophers	Norah Clarice Mary Skerry
Gertrude Margaret Bonney	Raymond Horace Darborne Davis
Peter John Sandry	Vivien deLancy Boucher
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	David Anthony Chapman



LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SOUP & SWEET IN LUXULYAN CHURCH

Soup & Sweet is usually provided on the first Sunday of each month at 11:45 am.

There is no need to attend the church service preceding this. The next dates are 5th October and 2nd November 2025.

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 or 07761 798220

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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 5th October
11 am Harvest Praise Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 12th October
11 am Sung Eucharist Rev Barry Browning
Sunday 19th October
11 am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 26th October
11 am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 2nd November
11 am Parish Praise Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 9th November
11 am Remebrance Local Worship Leaders
Sunday 16th November
11 am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 23rd November
11 am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 30th November
10 am Combined at St Denys

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SKYLARKS

We have made plans so please see the article on page 18. All are welcome to just turn up (children need to be accompanied by an adult please!) but if you would like further information please contact Shelley on 07761798220.

As from 3rd of November until the 27th February
Luxulyan Village Hall
will be running a warm space for anyone who would like to pop in for a cup of tea, a biscuit and a chance to meet up with friends and make new ones.
We will be open from 1.00pm - 4.00pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
We will be asking for a small charge of £1. So if you would like to come along all would be welcome just turn up.
Please keep an eye out for further developments .

COUNTRY DIARY

11th JULY 2025

Hot at 25°C. By mid-morning I have to abandon my gardening and seek the shade. I discover unwelcome signs of deer damage around the lower ponds area and the flower beds where the roses appear to have been 'pruned'!

14th JULY

Cooler with some showers. A male blackbird feeds its fledgling while the older juveniles are now beginning to develop their adult plumage, the males showing a distinctive black and tan appearance. A young robin perches on a pot outside the open door, cocks his head to look at me and then flits away.



15th JULY

The first ripe blackberries glisten in the hedgerows signalling a very early harvest. The elderberries are still green but some have already been eaten.

28th JULY

Rain clearing by mid-morning. Along Bullfinch Lane I find green hazelnut shells scattered on the ground. It would seem that the squirrels are not willing to wait for the nuts to ripen!

30th JULY

As I watch the juvenile goldfinches and blue and great tits it occurs to me that they resemble unfinished watercolour paintings where the final colours and details have yet to be added. By late autumn the tiny masterpieces will be complete.



5th AUGUST

A cautious young jay discovers the suet-filled coconut and gobbles rapaciously.

6th AUGUST

A marsh tit pays a fleeting visit to the seed dispenser followed by a nuthatch. Some house sparrow fledglings attempt to 'dust bathe' on the gravel path.

9th AUGUST

I walk to the flower garden at dusk to listen for the distinctive 'churring' calls of the nightjars that I have been hearing throughout the summer. But I hear nothing except a gentle stirring of leaves as the breeze plays amongst them.

13th AUGUST

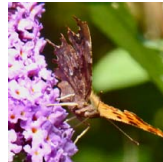
The siskins appear to have had a very successful breeding season. Seven juveniles pay frequent visits to the feeders. At 8.50pm I step outside to watch the pipistrelle bat as it flits like quicksilver through the fading light. Now I stand in a silent world of silhouette. The day is done.

14th AUGUST

I deadhead the buddleia flowers but will leave the final flush of blooms to run to seed as this seems to be a favoured food for the bullfinches.

17th AUGUST

A comma butterfly displays the subtle 'comma' mark on the undersides of its wings. Hence its name. Two juvenile bullfinches feed together on the sunflower hearts.



21st AUGUST

A female common hawker dragonfly patrols the drive and path by POND SIX.

22nd AUGUST

Soon after midday I disturb a roe deer hind consuming my dahlias! On my sudden arrival she bounds across the garden and away towards the stream.



23rd AUGUST

I discover a yellow moth resting on the back door. It would seem to be a brimstone moth but further research

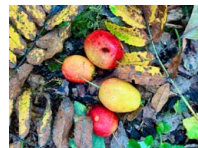
is needed to verify this. Several carder bees are busy gathering nectar from the sunlit purple toadflax plant.

26th AUGUST

Crabapple windfalls lie with golden rowan



leaves while, along Bullfinch Lane, I find a small pile of nibbled rowan berries. I pick helichrysum flowers to dry for winter display but have to leave some where the hoverflies are feasting.



27th AUGUST

A robin sings wistfully amongst the softly shifting shadows of late summer.

28th AUGUST

Very heavy overnight rain has caused flooding in several areas of the duchy.

COUNTRY DIARY

29th AUGUST

The haws and elderberries are almost ripe but the blackberries are turning mouldy now. This has been the UK's warmest summer on record.



1st SEPTEMBER

Late afternoon a flock of jackdaws fly over the fields, calling their names as they move swiftly on.

4th SEPTEMBER

The first ivy flowers begin to bloom offering a vital source of nectar for the bees.

10th OCTOBER 1996

I watch intently as a wasp and a fly engage in mortal combat. Nearby a chaffinch bursts into a cascade of song.

14th OCTOBER 1979

At Cotehele we watch a kestrel being mobbed by two crows. They flap their wings violently but are silent. The kestrel, however, utters high-pitched alarm calls as it is ruthlessly pursued over the garden and away over the horizon.



4th NOVEMBER 2013

Pale sunlight filters through the tree canopy in Poldew wood where the fallen leaves add vibrant colour to the roadside.

KATHRYN HILL

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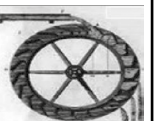
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So for your next event just get in contact!

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Ladies up to 80+ meet in the village hall on Mondays 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

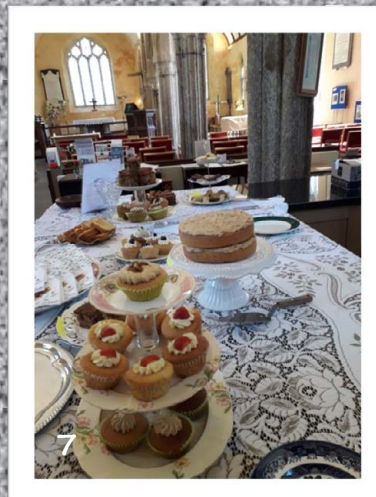
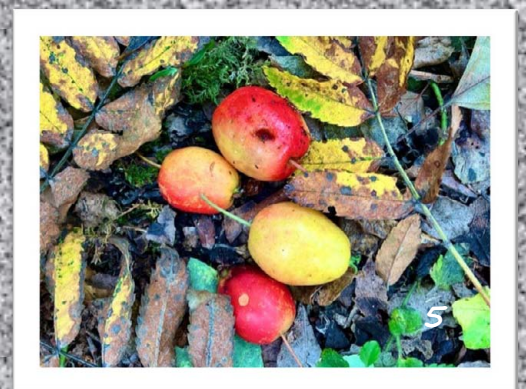
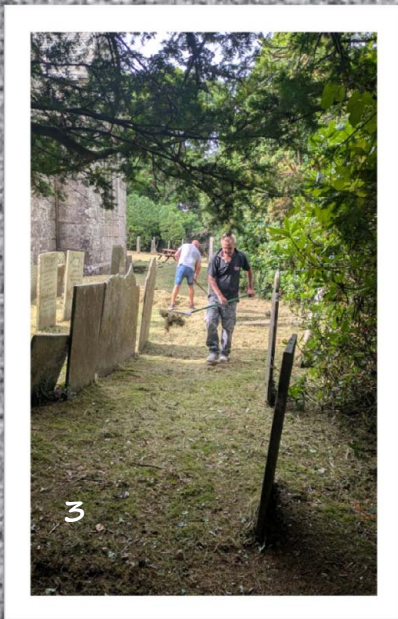
We run 3 terms of 12 weeks led by our expert personal trainer/fitness instructor Emma Youlden. Our activities are strenuous but adapted to the individual needs of all members, with a range of capabilities.

The fees are £30 per term or £4 for individual sessions.

If you are interested in joining the class, have a chat with
Wendy Lewis
Tel. 07852 112539
Wendy Lewis

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY			
OCTOBER 2025			
Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 - 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 1st	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 4th	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 5th	Soup and Sweet	12.00 noon	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 9th	Lanlivery Over 60	12.00 noon	The Crown Inn
Saturday 11th	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am - 1.00pm	Glebeland
Wednesday 15th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arm
Thursday 16th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 18th	FOLV - Hand Bell Ringing	1.00pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 26th	Skylarks	3.00pm	Glebeland (LEGGS)
Thursday 30th	Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arm
NOVEMBER 2025			
Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 1st	Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 2nd	Soup & Sweet	12.00 noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 5th	Luxulyan Overs 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 8th	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebeland
Saturday 8th	Skylarks	3.00pm	Glebeland (LEGGS)
Monday 10th	COPY DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 GRANITE TOWERS		
Thursday 13th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 noon	The Crown Inn
Friday 14th	Social Evening (booking essential) – see page 15	From 7.30pm	Lanlivery Church
Saturday 15th	Queen of Queens	From 1.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 19th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 19th	FOLV – 19th Century Rivals Talk	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 20th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 27th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Friday 28th	Christmas Coffee Morning	10.30am – 12.30pm	Lanlivery Church
Saturday 29th	FOLV – Open Day	10.0am – 4.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall

Save the date – Tuesday 17th December – Restormel Concert Band in Lanlivery Church – more details in the next edition



1. Shelley & Ellen with Veteran members of the Women's Royal Air Force at the Menin Gate 2024

2. & 3. Raking Luxulyan Churchyard prior to seeding.

4. Luxulyan Carnival Royalty

5. Crab apple windfalls [Kathryn Hill]

6 & 7. Lanlivery Vintage Cream Teas

8. Luxulyan Carnival