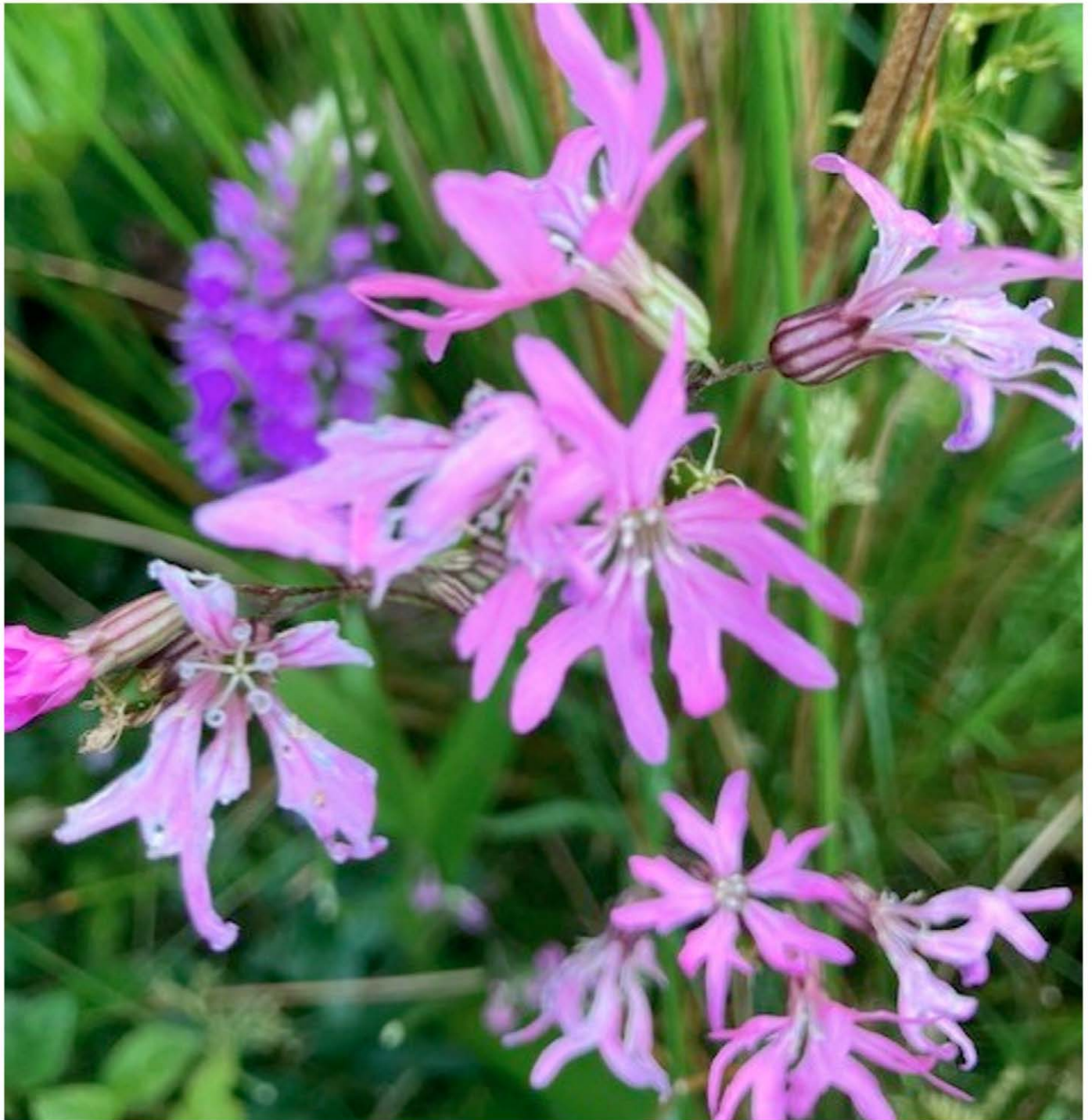


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*A Community Magazine for
Lanlivery and Luxulyan*



June & July 2026

EDITORIAL



Hello dear friends, I hope you are all well.

I cannot believe we are already on the June/July edition of the Granite Towers, where has the year gone? I'm loathe to say it but people on my social media pages are already counting down to Christmas!! As I've said before it seems mention of Christmas gets earlier each year (and this is the last mention of it

as we still have all of the summer to enjoy!).

As I write for this edition, spring is only really beginning to 'spring'. My late planted daffodils and tulips are flowering having planted the bulbs on 31st December, so I had some late spring flowers to look forward to. The bluebells are in full bloom in the garden and hedgerows, as are the primroses, along with other signs of the seasonal change. Across the road, the oak trees that only a week or so ago were bare, are in full leaf and the grass in the garden is growing like crazy. Now all we need is the weather to warm up a touch, especially as our boiler has stopped working! Very glad it chose not to stop in the middle of winter.

Isn't it funny how certain smells and sounds or a piece of music or a song can evoke such strong memories, almost from nowhere. For me, the smell of dried grass takes me back to my childhood and memories of friends made on the caravan park during what I remember as long hot summers without a care in the world. Playing on the swings, wading the stream and jumping from bank to bank, the days stretching endlessly before us. Of course, for those who suffer from hay fever, perhaps not such fond memories. My brother suffered quite badly from hay fever as a child and my earliest memory of this was one year at the Royal Cornwall Show, when after a day spent with Dad, he arrived back at the car to meet Mum and me with his eyes very red, itchy and streaming with tears. As it was before the time of late night and Sunday opening, a quick trip to Boots before the drive home was needed. I am sure Alan will remember it differently and it was not

the last time farming and hay fever did not mix well!

The smell of hairspray and oddly Olay night cream (previously known as Oil of Ulay – other face creams are available!) immediately transports me to my Gran's bedroom at Chark of a Saturday afternoon as she gets ready to go shopping with my Auntie Con. The image is there of her standing at the dresser as she applies her make up and does her hair for a trip into Bodmin. When my Gran passed, over 25 years ago, there was only one thing I wanted to remind me of her, a koala nightdress holder. The koala held a joey that when I stayed at Gran's I would take to bed with me. The scent that it still holds takes me right back to nights spent at Chark with Gran making up stories before bed.

When I hear a lone blue bottle buzzing around the house this again takes me back to summers at Chark, the silence of the sitting room broken only by the ticking of the grandfather clock marking time until lunch or dinner. I still pause a moment in stillness today.

The song 'Young at Heart' by the Bluebells, which was first a hit in the 1980s reminds me of summer holidays spent in Pelynt with my Gran Soady. Having re-tuned her radio this song was popular in the summer of 1984 and when I hear it, I'm 10 years old, spending time doing crosswords, learning to crochet and watching Sons and Daughters and Countdown. I can also see Gran sitting at the kitchen table each morning marking off the bingo cards from the Sun newspaper. We would spend time on long walks where gran would tell me about her childhood in the same area and if I was lucky, a trip to Plymouth.

Bamboléo by the Gypsy Kings reminds me of our first overseas holiday to Turkey in 1997 as the song was played every night in one of the bars we frequented, working our way through the cocktail list! I'm also reminded of the mild sunstroke I suffered as I had not experienced such temperatures before! Funnily enough we are heading back to the same resort this year, almost 30 years since our first visit; I wonder what will have changed in that time?

Until next time

Claire

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

Save the Date for the concert by Matthew Spring on 19th September.
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In sort of line with my intention to grow plants that are more tolerant of my garden environment, I have embraced the spring profusion of weeds. Plants in the wrong place? or, rather right place to do very well, while looking very pretty and helping to sustain the resident mini-beasts. From my point of view, it means minimal 'weeding', only slotting the odd intentionally placed plant or bulb into soil that will hopefully retain more moisture than it would otherwise. Added to which, there is less inclination for the local cats to utilise any open ground. Hopefully in a couple of months' time when the spring 'weeds' have died back my placed plants will have settled in nicely and be able to fill the gaps. At least that's the plan!

Another bonus to letting the weeds take over is that the slugs and snails aren't interested in them in the same way as, for example, some narcissi I bought, which have been annihilated. A plant I invested in in the autumn is a favourite of slugs and snails, dahlia's. I stored them inside over the winter, then potted them up in March to bring them on in my greenhouse. With the hope that when I plant them out in early summer, they're of a size to be better able to cope with my gardens' slimy residents. I'm pleasantly surprised I've managed to get a good response from so many. Nurturing them to the next stage, of flowering, is going to be the next challenge. They are currently kept on a table with a bit of strategic slug deterrent in a few of the pots, but once planted out, they're effectively going to be on their own.

I have tried crushed eggshells before, with very limited effect. I still have a heap of saved clean eggshells which my daughter is currently in the process of spreading around the inside of the greenhouse floor. I was going to tidy it up, but I've decided to leave it as an extra slug and snail deterrent. It provides a satisfying crunch under my feet when pottering around too. Another option I have tried is nematodes, which does make a bit of a dint, though they're best applied when the weather is going to be wet for a few days, which hasn't really happened this spring.

Slug pellets are my fall back, but with a visiting hedgehog, resident toad, frog and immediate household inhabitants, there are limited 'safe' options for applying. Plants will therefore have to be hardy!

My garden time is limited, though with the small two legged 'help' enjoying outside time, I do manage some longer spells and am gradually making some progress in its upkeep. The light evenings are also proving beneficial for garden time too.

The shift into summer and the festival season has stirred us to venture out on a couple of occasions. The first event was a jousting tournament on a local estate. There were: horses, knights in armour, and a bit of friendly competition and staged argy bargy – all part of the show! with a handful of food and drink stalls for refreshment purposes and dry, warm weather, it was a good day enjoyed by all. Amelia loved the horses, pageantry and music, joining in with the applause and becoming invested in the knights' shenanigans. The second 'festival' was an asparagus fest held by the local pick your own farm. A tractor trailer ride, a chance to pick fresh asparagus, then a coffee whilst listening to some live music. From an adult perspective, a pleasant way to spend a morning; from a toddler's perspective, the best thing since sliced bread, with the conversation revolving around tractors and mud for the rest of the day.

I look forward to enjoying a few more summer festival style days before the end of the summer, hopefully you all can enjoy some too.

Katy x

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THE DINNER PARTY

The shot rang through the air, a loud, sharp, report that penetrated the low hum of conversation. A collective gasp filled the room, and its eight inhabitants looked at each other, uncertain how to re-act. What was it? A car back-firing outside? Not these days, unless it was a vintage vehicle, and anyway, it had definitely come from inside the house.

The kitchen, Anne decided, trying to recall the layout of the house. She'd only been here once. At that dinner party the food had been delicious, the table set fit for royalty. Tonight, the table was equally regal, but the food was yet to be tasted.

Keith, her husband, laughed, vanquishing his uncertain expression. 'It must have been the champagne,' he said. 'It got shaken up in the car and it's exploded.'

'Well,' said Gary, the host, 'there's only one way to find out.'

'I'll go,' said Juliet, the hostess and Gary's wife. Putting down her glass, she retreated from the room.

The rest of the guests waited expectantly, their previous chatter dissipating. Anne speared a king prawn with her fork and lifted it to her mouth. Just as she was about to take a bite, a scream emanated from the kitchen. She jumped, French dressing splattering over the white damask tablecloth. All the guests pushed back their chairs and rushed to the kitchen.

The last time she'd been in this kitchen, Anne had wondered at its clever design and well-appointed fittings. Today, she didn't even notice them. All she saw was Juliet standing there, in the middle of the room, her hand covering her mouth and her eyes wide with shock.

Then Anne saw why. A male figure lay supine on the floor, blood seeping from a hole in his head and collecting on the mosaic tiles like spilled red wine.

There was a stunned silence. Anne continued to stare at the figure. It lay silent and unmoving, as though frozen in time. The man's face was ashen and his eyes stared unseeingly at the ceiling. It was like looking at a dummy. The pool of blood was spreading, staining the tiles. Anne wondered at the amount of blood, then shook herself, realising she was being ridiculous, that it didn't matter, that it wasn't relevant.

'Oh my God!' one of the guests rasped. 'Who is he?'

'It's the chef we hired to prepare the food,' Gary said.

'But... he's been shot,' Anne said, gripping her husband's arm.

'There's no doubt about that,' Keith agreed. *'The question is, who did it?'*

He looked around the room. Anne followed his gaze. The back door, next to the sink, was closed, the only window shut. Some of the dinner guests hovered round the body, while a few huddled together just inside the door.

'Whoever it was, we'd have heard them come in,' Keith went on. *'We'd have heard the back door opening, or the front door, so unless they came through an upstairs window-'*

'They'd need a ladder to do that,' Gary pointed out. *'No, that's not the answer. Whoever it was, they were already here.'*

'But...' Juliet's response was dilatory, slow, as though she was reluctant to admit what they were all thinking. *'But the only people who have been here all the time is us. You don't really think it was one of us? Surely-'*

'It couldn't have been,' a male guest interrupted. *'We've been together all the time.'*

'Not all the time,' Gary countered. *'People have been going to the bathroom.'*

'Yes,' the other man replied, *'and you and Juliet have been in and out of the kitchen. But that's by the way. Why would any of us want to kill a random stranger? I've never seen this bloke before in my life.'*

'Well,' Gary said, *'someone did it.'*

'We should call the police,' came a timid female voice from the doorway.

Gary shook his head. *'We will, but this is my house and I need to know if I've invited a murderer into it.'* He stared around, his eyes darting to each of them in turn.

'Well, don't look at me,' snapped the man who'd spoken previously. *'I told you, I've never seen this bloke before.'*

'Are you sure about that?' Gary asked accusingly. *'You're the one who told me to hire a chef from that agency.'*

'So? They've got dozens of chefs. They could have sent anyone.'

'This is stupid,' the last of the four male guests said. *'We can't stand around all night speculating.'*

'No,' agreed his female partner. *'We can't. But just for the record, I've never seen this man before either.'*

There followed a chorus of voices. Everyone, it seemed, was anxious to deny all knowledge of the dead man. Anne realised that each of them, including her and Keith, would have to answer a barrage of questions. That was usually the format in these cases.

Anne gazed at her fellow guests, all looking defensive. Here they were, at the epicentre of a major crime, all suspicious of each other, gathered around a murdered man, like rubberneckers at a road accident.

Anne caught her husband's eye, and thought she detected the slightest of twitches at the corners of his mouth. Perhaps he was thinking the same as her. Her stomach rumbled, and, despite the unprecedented, gory interruption to their meal, she couldn't help thinking that the killer, whoever they were, had chosen to strike at the most inconvenient time.

She sighed, thinking longingly of the juicy looking prawns on the table. Oh well, she thought, of course there had to be a killing at some point.

After all, that's what Murder Mystery parties are all about.

Christine McHaines

LANLIVERY FROM THE ARCHIVES

Royal Cornwall Gazette – 03rd July 1869

THE SANITARY CONDITION OF THE PARISH OF LANLIVERY. To the Editor of the Royal Cornwall Gazette. Sir, —During the past month the sewer authorities of the parish of Lostwithiel have been diligent in causing the abatement of nuisances reported to them by their inspector; and the new drains, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, have proved effective. But I regret to say that the inhabitants are surrounded by nuisances of a most offensive character. The parish of Lanlivery, which encircles two-thirds of Lostwithiel, contains two villages, commonly known by the name of Goosey Town and Tangier, with a population of 600, densely packed, is still unsewered, and in many parts in such a filthy condition, that it is impossible to abate the nuisance without drainage. In those places I have mentioned there are five slaughter-houses, wherein cattle are killed every day for the London market, and yet the local authorities, who compose the vestry for Lanlivery, have never made the slightest effort to remedy the evil complained of. At this time the stench arising from the gutters of those places is enough to engender fever. The insertion of this in your paper, which, from its size and cheapness, will meet the eye of every member of the Nuisance Removal Authority, as well as the other authorities I have mentioned, will oblige yours truly, A Ratepayer in Lanlivery and Lostwithiel. 28th June, 1869

Cornish Guardian – 12 June 1914

A pretty wedding was solemnised Ebenezer United Methodist Chapel on Thursday, June 4th, contracting parties being Miss Elsie Brown, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown, of Lanlivery, and Mr. Thomas Rawe. Second son of Mr. and Mrs. Rawe of Barguse, Bugle. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of brown satin, with hat to match, and was attended by her two sisters, Misses Clarice and Letty Brown who wore dresses of pale-blue satin and black hats. Mr. W. Rawe, brother of the bridegroom, acted as "best man". Rev. C. F. Lea performed the wedding ceremony. "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and other suitable hymns were sung by the choir. Miss W. Roach presided at the organ. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many useful wedding presents.

Cornish Guardian – 12 July 1918

On June 21st Jenefer Hick of Boslymon, Redmoor, passed peacefully away, aged 88. She was the last of the late Mr. Walter and Mrs. Jenefer Hick's family, formerly of Tregantle and Lanlivery. Mrs. Blowey (niece) has been nursing the old lady for some months. Miss Phillips (niece), eldest daughter of the late Mr. Josh Phillipps, Excise Officer, of Tywardreath, was with Mrs. Blowey when the old lady passed away. The funeral was largely attended on June 25th at Lanlivery. The mourners were Miss Phillips (niece), Mr. H. Trethewey (nephew) from Plymouth, Mrs. Blowey and Miss Trethewey (nieces). and Mr. Thomas White, of Trevelyan (cousin). All the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Rouse of Puddle, Lanlivery

Cornish Guardian – 02 July 1931

At their annual outing on Saturday the local ringers visited Probus, Kenwyn and All Saint's Church, Tuckingmill and rang peals on the bells

Cornish Guardian – 13 June 1940

The total sum of £5 14s was collected in the Parish of Lanlivery on National Flag Day for the Red Cross and St. John. The collectors were Masters D. Wynne. £2: P. Wherry. 10s. 1d.; Misses R. Dyer and M. Littleton. 11s 3d.; Miss C. Henwood. £1 10s. 9d.; and Miss Loveday Richards. £1 1s. 6d.

Cornish Guardian 4th June 1953

A united service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday. Rev. W. Elwell preached and Mr. H. A. Hawken, Methodist, read the lessons. A service in the Parish Church on Tuesday preceded sports in a field lent by Mr. A. Best. Tea was provided for all parishioners. Souvenir mugs were given to the children by Mrs. F. J. Seeker. and canisters of tea to the over 70's by Mr. L. P. Higgs. A whist drive and social was held in the evening, followed by a fireworks display and a bonfire. The village was decorated by Mr. Woodthorpe and party, and the school was decorated by the teachers and children.

Cornish Guardian – 8th July 1954

Silent for more than a year, the bells of Lanlivery church were rung again on Saturday. Their condition had given cause to anxiety and, after an examination by bell founders. £300 was raised in the scattered parish to effect repairs. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, and its completion was celebrated with a short service on Saturday, conducted by the vicar. Rev. W. Elwell. The vicar acknowledged the fine support they had received enabling the work to be done in a year. The opening peal was rung by the Lostwithiel ringers by invitation, and ringing by teams from many other towers in the county continued for many hours. A public tea was served by women members of the church, and profits from the day's events were devoted to further restoration of the church.

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LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO.

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

WMN. 10 July 1926: Lanhydrock estate. To be let by tender on a yearly tenancy from Michaelmas 1926, all that farm known as Trescoll, containing about 108 acres of arable and pasture land, together with the dwelling house and farm buildings erected thereon. Now in the occupation of Mr S Trethewey - - - .

CG. 4 June 1926: Empire day was observed at the Council School on Tuesday week. Lessons were given on the empire and what it stands for, and patriotic songs were sung.

Services in connection with the Sunday School anniversary were held at Rosemelling on Sunday last, the preacher being Mr J Sturtridge of Penwithick.

CG. 18 June 1926: Rosemelling Sunday School treat was held on Tuesday of last week. Favoured with beautiful weather and headed by the Penwithick Band the children paraded the village after which they went into a field where tea and sports were indulged in.

Services in connection with the Sunday School anniversary were held at Bridges UM Chapel on Sunday and in spite of very inclement weather there were good congregations. In the afternoon the choir gave a service of song. Solos were sung by the Misses Phillips, Rowe and Tregonning and Mr W Tregonning. There were some duets. Misses M and E Knight recited. Mrs Roach presided at the organ.

CG. 18 June 1926: Luxulyan Nursing Association. Effort in Aid of Funds. A sale of work and dance in aid of the Nursing Association was held in Luxulyan on Saturday. The schoolroom was not available on the school days and unfortunately there were several counter attractions near that affected attendance.

The sale of work and effort was opened by Miss Holden who spoke of the amount of work done by the nurse at Luxulyan, she having made 1,965 visits in the year, answering the call for her services in every part of the parish and in a great variety of cases. Her journeys too were considerable. The support of the nurse in the parish should appeal to everyone. She thought the collecting should be done at least once a quarter and then it left a big margin to be made up by special efforts. The ladies sewing meetings had resulted in the provision of most of the useful and fancy things on the stalls which she hoped would meet with ready purchasers.

On the motion of Mr CT Trevail, Miss Holden was heartily thanked for opening the sale of work and for the interest she had taken in the nursing. A dance followed, Messrs Wyman providing the music. A fair number attended and refreshments were provided by the ladies.

CG. 25 June 1926 CG: CHURCH – in loving memory of father who died at Carne Farm June 22nd 1925 from his loving son William.

CG. 25 June: Luxulyan Feast. Feast Week commenced at Luxulyan on Sunday. The services at the Parish Church were well-attended, in the morning the vicar, Rev CF Jones, was the preacher, whilst in the evening a crowded congregation listed to a splendid sermon from the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Canon Williamson. After the service the vicarage grounds were thrown open and a sacred concert was rendered by the Bugle Silver Band who very kindly gave their services. A collection was taken in aid of the Church Heating Apparatus Fund.

On Monday a service was held in the church in the afternoon, the preacher being the Rev A Woodward of Cardinham. A public tea was provided in the vicarage grounds. The Bugle Band again discoursed appreciated music and after the tea dancing was indulged in on the lawn. A larger number of people were present than has been the case for a number of years past. The tea tables were kindly provided by Mrs JH Trevail, Miss Holden, Miss Knight and there was also a parish table.

CG. 2 July 1926: On Tuesday of last week the scholars and friends of Ebenezer Sunday school held their annual treat. The Bugle Band was in attendance. On Feast Wednesday Bridges Sunday school took their turn. Headed by Penwithick Band the children paraded through Church-town and then went to a field near the chapel, kindly lent by Mr Sturtridge, where tea was partaken of. Sports were afterwards held for the children and the music was greatly appreciated. The proceedings concluded with a service in the chapel.

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Quiz night in memory of Robin Burley!

On Saturday evening, 9th May, 13 teams took part in a quiz evening in memory of Robin Burley who was a grand master of devising quizzes in aid of Luxulyan Church and is sorely missed. Shelley, using previous rounds of former quizzes devised by Robin, some as far back as 2003, put together a quiz night in aid of Marie Curie Nurses; they supported Robin and Arlene during his illness at home, and this was a way of giving back.

Thirteen teams battled 10 rounds and finally the winners were 'Let's Get Quizzical' with 72 points, 2nd place were 'Crofters' with 71 points and 3rd 'Cockers and Cairns' with 68 points, so a close-run thing! The Eliminator during the break was about National Parks and their countries and was won by Ed Harradence.

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News from Luxulyan School

Luxulyan School Choir

The school choir have been very busy recently. We were delighted to be invited to attend the visit of King Charles and Queen Camilla at the Eden Project in March. The children did a wonderful job singing to welcome their Majesties on arrival. Some children also took part in the marble run activity and had the honour of presenting the King and Queen with a gift of the marbles they had used, along with some wildflower seeds as they departed. The children were impeccably behaved throughout the day, and all the staff were incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented the school.

The Choir then performed at the St. Austell Festival of Music and Speech Gala Concert and sang two songs with a Cornish theme – Harry's Song for Cornwall and Cornish Creed. Stuns'ls Shanty Group were also singing as part of the event and invited us to join them on stage for their final song, Cornwall My Home, so that we could add in the chorus words in Cornish. This was an amazing opportunity for the choir and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there.

Finally, we were invited to take part in an exciting project that promotes the Cornish language. A team visited us in April to use a 360 degree camera to film the children singing in Cornish. The footage will be used as part of a virtual reality (VR) experience when the project is complete.

Go Cornish

This year sees the return of the 'Great Luxulyan Cornish Show'. It will be taking place on Saturday 18th July at the school as part of Feast Week. All proceeds from the event will go to the Cornwall Heritage Trust. Watch out for more details on Facebook. As a school, we have been working on our entries for the Gorsedh Kernow Young People's Awards. We have put class entries into several categories and will find out before the end of the school year, whether any have been successful.

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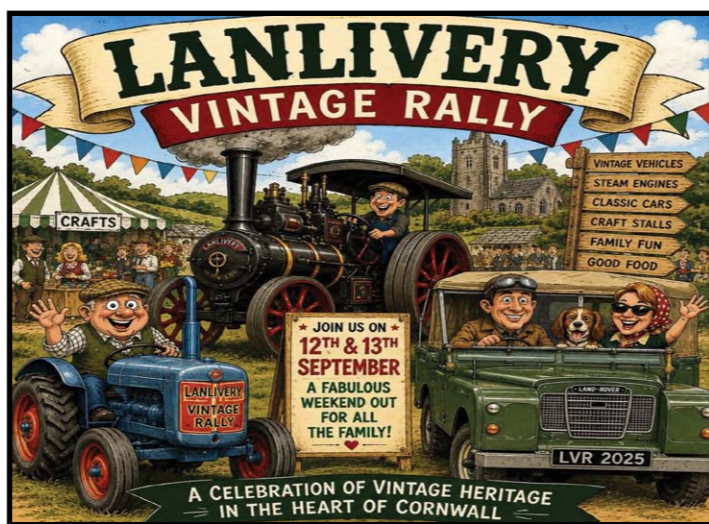
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LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK 2026

We have had a very good Feast Week this year, and all the events have been well supported. The week started with the "Well Dressing" at the ancient Holy Well which was beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery. The Feast Sunday service at St Brevita's Church followed and afterwards there was wine, cheese and nibbles provided by the Feast Committee. Entertainment was provided by Jon Brown playing the piano and his bagpipes. Among others at the service was the Mayor and Mayoress from Lostwithiel, members of Lanlivery Parish Council, and many friends and families.

The Rounders took place on Monday in the Playing Field, and on Tuesday there was a Football match. The Duck race took place at Polcan on Wednesday, with a great number of excited onlookers hoping that their duck would come first. This was followed by a Games evening in the Crown Inn, and good fun was had by all.

Thursday was time to test the brain at the Quiz in the Crown Inn. Many thanks to Chris Longman for compiling and delivering the questions.

After School on Friday there was a Teddy Bears Picnic in the Playing Field organised by the Mums. There was a picnic, a Teddy Bears race and many games, and a Teddy Bear competition all judged by Sandra and Miss Hawkes. 48 children attended.

On Friday evening a Ceilidh/Barn Dance by SPLANN was held in Lanlivery Church. We brought our own drinks and snacks, and it was great fun.

The Produce Show on Saturday morning was very well supported with many entries in the handicraft, produce, floral, and cookery sections. There were also classes for the children.

The 1.30pm service was followed by the children's Fancy Dress, then St Pinnock Band played the Flora Dance up to the Playing Field. Unfortunately, the games and sports had to be cancelled due to the threat of heavy showers, so all went into the Church where there were many games, the Band played, and of course the teas. There were pasties, and fantastic selection of cakes and pastries.

The raffle was drawn, and the trophies for the Produce Show were presented.

The Feast Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped to make Feast Week 2026 such a success. If anyone feels that they would like to join us on the committee, you would be very welcome. We usually have our first meeting for next year in January 2027.

On a separate note, Mr Eric Higgs granted a sum of money in his Will to pay for the Brass Band to attend each Feast Day. That money has now run out, so if anyone feels that they would like to donate towards have a Band to play in the future, it would be gratefully received.

Cath Haley

LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK 2026 - THE RESULTS

ROUNDERS

BLUE BEANS - Captain Luca. 16 points
THE EAGLES - Captain Isaac. 3 points

FOOTBALL MATCH

EAGLES 5. V REPTILES. 5
EAGLES. Won on penalties 9 - 8

DUCK RACE

1st. N Paul. 2nd. Pauline Hutchins. 3rd. Ellen McConnell
4th. Mel Cook. 5th. Tony Pollard. 6th. Tony Pollard

THE QUIZ IN THE CROWN

1st. Saints Way Stumblers
2nd. Stevie's Wonders
3rd. Let's get Quizzical
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PRODUCE

1st. Lorraine Skyvington
2nd. Talyn Truscott

COOKERY

1st. Diane Williams
2nd. Gregor Ross

FLORAL

1st. Jos Nash
2nd. = Jane Fisher and Sandra Pengelly

HANDCRAFT

1st. 4 x equal. Sandra, Diane, Jane R, and Tony

CHILDRENS SECTION

Pre school
Vegetable Animal. - Miller
Drawing of Favourite Flower - Archie
Key Stage 1
Vegetable Super-hero. - Eva
Key Stage II
Vegetable Super-hero - Ruby
Digital Garden - Seb

MOST POINTS IN SHOW

Diane Williams

FANCY DRESS

Pre-School.
1st. A Pirate - Digory Truscott
2nd. Sky from Paw Patrol - Ophelia Chapman
3rd. A Sheep - Opal Chapman

KEY STAGE I

= 1st. Pirate - Phoebe Truscott and Benjamin Truscott

KEY STAGE II

1st. The Fairy - Lottie Saundry

PAIRS

1st Lottie and Oran

GROUPS

1st. Band of Pirates - Phoebe, Benjamin and Digory Truscott

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LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK

≡ MAIN WEEK EVENTS ≡



Saturday 27th June

Royal Afternoon Tea

2.00 – 4.00pm – Kings Arms
Crowning at 3.00pm



Sunday 12th July

Pig Racing

8.00pm – Kings Arms
£20 sponsor | £5 pig | CASH ONLY | 18+



Monday 13th July

Bingo

2,30pm – Kings Arms (donations & raffle)

Treasure Hunt

4.00 – 6,30pm – Thunder Park, Quarry Road, PL30 5FA
Food and treats available (£1 entry)

Richard's Feast Week Quiz

8pm – Kings Arms (£1 entry, teams of 6, booking essential)



Tuesday 14th July

Luxulyan School Choir Singing

2.30pm – Village Church

Inflatables

6.00 – 9.00pm – Playing Field (£2 wristband, BBQ, supervision required)



Wednesday 15th July

Netball

6.00pm – School (£5 per team)

To enter a team please contact the Feast Week Facebook page or Mary Fox



Thursday 16th July

Biscovey Football Club will be hosting Football Fun

6.00pm – Village Playing Field

Beat the Keeper & challenges – £1 per go

Mixed Adults 6-a-side Game – £15 per team

LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK

≡ GRAND FINALE WEEKEND ≡



Friday 17th July

Brian's Family Bingo

6.00 – 7.30pm – Village Hall

Skittles

8.00pm – Kings Arms (£5 per team, teams of 4)



Saturday 18th July

Dog Show

10.00 – 12.00pm – School (£1 per class, 7+ classes)

Cornish Show & Prize Giving

12.00pm – @ Luxulyan School

Carnival procession

3.00pm – Village Hall field (meet 2.45pm)

Prize giving to commence after the carnival in the village hall field followed by
Mega Raffle and the annual ball race

Kings Arms takeaway food served all day



Evening

PRE-SCHOOL DISCO

5.00 – 6.30pm – Village Hall (All children to be supervised)

GRAND FINALE DISCO PARTY

7.30pm till late – Kings Arms

Music, dancing & celebrations to close the week – all welcome!



SCARECROW COMPETITION

Get creative & dress up your scarecrow!

All scarecrows to be erected and ready for judging by Sunday 12th July



Info

Cash is king

Please check out our Feast Week Facebook page for updates during the week

SKYLARKS: MEETING GOD IN NATURE




Skylarks met on Holy Saturday to take part in a scavenge hunt through which we explored the story of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Sunday. We made a cross of prayers for Easter. When we finished, we enjoyed Easter Biscuits and Easter Eggs of course!

We hope to meet a little more often during the summer months when the weather is a little warmer! We are always willing to listen and would love to hear what topics of Christian festivals or Christian life or what Bible stories that you would like to explore through nature.

Our May, June and July dates are yet to be set, and we hope to have our annual BBQ during the school holidays at some point. If you are interested in being kept in touch with Skylarks, please contact Shelley on 07761798220

Shelley Porter



**LUXULYAN
PARISH
COMMUNITY
FUND**

In the last 12 months Luxulyan Parish Community Fund (LPCF) has distributed over £30,000 to various projects in the parish and surrounding area. These include funds to help refurbish ladies and gents toilets in Luxulyan Village Hall, install safety railings and replace toilets following storm damage at Biscovey Youth Football Club (Starrick Moor), to support Luxulyan Pre-School as well as for PALS at Luxulyan School for their theatre trip and duckling project, Luxulyan CLT, LADS for black stage curtains and relaunching performances, Granite Valley Bowls for equipment and Gunwen Chapel for remedial building work.

LPCF currently receives funds from two local renewable energy sources specifically for the purpose of supporting community projects within the parish of Luxulyan. If you belong to a local non-profit group, club, association or organisation that serves Luxulyan parishioners have you considered applying to us to help fund a project? Grants are in the range £250 to £5000.

LPCF is administered by Luxulyan Parish Council so you can find more details, eligibility and guidelines on the Luxulyan Parish Council Website <https://www.luxulyan-pc.gov.uk> LPCF is listed under the Parish Council drop down.



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A NIGHT AT THE RACES: LADS BRINGS 'LADIES' DAY' TO LUXULYAN!

Dust off your finest hats and get ready for a flutter! **The Luxulyan Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS)** is thrilled to announce our upcoming production of the smash-hit comedy *Ladies' Day* by *Amanda Whittington*. If you were a fan of *Calendar Girls*, this is the show for you. It is a heart-warming story packed with quick-witted Yorkshire humour, a few poignant tears, and a whole lot of champagne.

About the Play

Ladies' Day follows four friends - Pearl, Jan, Shelley, and Linda - who spend their days hauling fish boxes in a Hull factory. Their lives are hardworking and mundane until they decide to ditch the hairnets for a day and head to Royal Ascot for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. As the racing bets are placed and the drinks begin to flow, the women's secrets, dreams, and friendships are put to the ultimate test. It's a beautiful, hilarious look at female friendship and the hope that life might just have a jackpot waiting for you.

From Backstage to Centre Stage

This production is directed by **Mike Wills**, a familiar face who served as our tireless Stage Manager for Willie Winkie. Under his direction, we have a fantastic cast ready to bring these characters to life:

- **The Cast:** Kayleigh Charlesworth, Catherine Grey, Sarah Pease, Beth Snelson, Kelvin Julian, Alfie Grey, Oli Monk, and Mike Rawbone.
- **New Faces:** We are particularly excited to welcome **Alfie Grey** and **Oli Monk** to the stage! Both have previously supported LADS as Stagehands, and we are delighted to see them making their acting debuts this summer.

Performance Dates & Tickets

Join us at **Luxulyan Village Hall** for three nights of top-tier local theatre:

- **Dates:** 9, 10, and 11 July
- **Tickets:** Available throughout June at the **Luxulyan Village Shop** or via our dedicated ticket sales line.

Keep a close eye on our **Facebook page** and local posters for the official "Tickets on Sale" announcement! LADS is still in its infancy, and your support is what keeps us going! Every ticket sold helps us grow the society and brings us one step closer to our goal of putting on another pantomime in **2027**.

We can't wait to see you there!

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**PLANT SWAP AND COFFEE
MORNING.**

Yes! Plant Swaps are now under way, starting at 10am on Saturdays 6th June and 4th July at the Memorial Institute. If you are unable to bring anything to swap then you can purchase any of those on offer for a donation or just come and enjoy the company and tea/coffee and cake available at reasonable cost, not forgetting the bacon butties!

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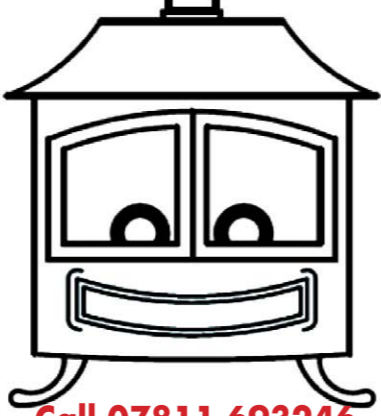
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As I write we are looking forward to the Clay Country Plant Sale, in aid of Prickles and Paws Hedgehog charity where we have been invited to have a stall to sell plants in aid of LEGGS. We did this last year with great success! The money raised

will pay for our annual insurance and give us some extra funds towards helping to keep the site for wildlife. We have also been seeking quotes to get our shelter repaired; this is a much-used facility by people just to sit and be as well as our volunteers. It is beginning to show its age, and we need to think about how we can improve the shelter so that it is waterproof. Thank you to some sterling work done by volunteers in April, we cleared a huge amount of brambles in Drying Yard Field around the bench halfway up the field. Thank you to Steve Rowlands and the use of his battery hedge trimmer and to Sharon, Jill, and Jan who cleared five sacks of brambles. There is a fabulous view from the bench, and the birdsong is stunning at this time of year. Jill on arrival, disturbed a

couple of deer making use of our facilities! Lovely to see but we are aware that they just love the apple trees. Joan is working her magic around the pond, and we can start landscaping around the edge this summer.

Our volunteer mornings happen on the 2nd Saturday of each month:

Saturday 13 June and Saturday 11 July 10 am – 1 pm

We also have a committee meeting on Monday 8 June at 7 pm on site at LEGGS – open meeting so anyone can attend. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 31 July at 4 pm followed by a BBQ on the LEGGS site – again look for further information on our Facebook page nearer the time and an open meeting!

Shelley Porter 07761798220

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LANLIVERY OVER 60s

The Over 60's Lunch Club meets at The Crown Inn, Lanlivery, on the second Thursday in the month. Everyone is welcome for a relaxed lunch with friendly chat, a quiz and raffle. Lunch is from 12 noon onwards.

For more information, please call Peggy on 07879 883 083.

Our next meetings will be held on Thursday 11th June and Thursday 9th July.

FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY – DIARY DATES

Saturday 13th June 2026, 10:30am
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W3W - buckling.courtyard.drive

Saturday 4th July 2026, 10:00am
 Family event Forest School
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Saturday 11th July 2026, 10:33am to 2:20pm
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THURSDAY 16th JULY - THE PIANIST
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FROM CHURCH

Dear Friends,

May marks the end of the Easter season and the beginning of what is affectionately known as 'ordinary time' in the Church calendar. The pivot happens at the feast of Pentecost on May 24th this year. Every Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection, so it's hard to see what is ordinary about it. The events of the Christ's death and resurrection are the turning point of history. It is a world-shattering event that means life can never be the same again. The book of Acts tells us how the disciples' lives were turned upside down by it. In their grief at the loss of Jesus a number were considering returning to their previous occupations. Once they encountered the risen Lord, they decided to change the world instead!

However, it was not just historical events which changed things. It was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Christian faith has always been a supernatural one. In the struggles to fill rotas, find volunteers, maintain buildings and serve our communities we can easily forget this. If the Christian life was just a set of rules to obey, religious acts to observe and an institution to maintain, it would not have lasted very long. Trusting in the Holy Spirit to empower and lead is less safe than seeking to control events ourselves.

The celebration of Pentecost is often described as a birthday party for the church, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples in Acts, so what are we celebrating?

God's Promise: The disciples obeyed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room: 'Do not leave Jerusalem but wait for the gift My Father promised'. They met expectantly in prayer for God's promised gift. Just as we look forward to birthday presents, how eager are we to receive more of the Spirit in our lives?

God's Power: 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit'. The disciples needed the power of the Spirit to be different: not fearfully gathered behind locked doors but instead energised to make Christ known. The Spirit can transform our lives into the likeness of Jesus and give gifts to equip our witness. Although the disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, it was essentially an encounter with God's love. For us, this can be equally emotional or quiet, but all of us are included, and nobody is excluded from this experience.

God's Purpose: The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' The Spirit empowered their witness, so that everyone heard them speaking in their own 'native language'. We all have a story to tell of God's activity in our lives, and the Spirit will translate our words and actions into a language that those around can understand!

We are told about the fruit of the Spirit. This is what we are to bear out with the Spirit within us. Galatians 5 teaches us "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

It is important to note that it says "fruit" not 'fruits'. We don't have to choose between having more patience or faith etc. We can pray for all the fruit of Spirit. God in his love for us sent us the Holy Spirit so that, just like planting a seed, we can bear this fruit. However, like tending a plant, we need to tend to ourselves.

Therefore, I encourage you to nurture the Holy Spirit within you. Bear the fruit and pray to be refreshed whenever you need. In doing so, we can all bless and reflect the love of God onto all those with who we come into contact.

So, 'Come Holy Spirit and kindle the hearts of your people with the fire of your love'.

With every blessing

Fr Simon

NEWS FROM GUNWEN

Our Anniversary Service, which was led by local preacher Sheila Allen, was well attended on Sunday 5th April 2026, Easter Sunday.

The Spring Coffee Morning raised £222 for Chapel Funds. A lovely selection of homemade biscuits was enjoyed by all, with cakes, jam, plants and a raffle on offer.

For more information about all 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

FROM CHAPEL



Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed a warm spell of weather, a sure sign the holiday season is almost here. What would be your ideal holiday? Being sun-baked on a golden beach? A walking holiday in the hills? Visiting the finest English stately homes? Simply taking a break from our normal commitments? More and more people are taking Staycations, holidays from home. After all, a change is as good as a rest. Whatever shape the holiday may

take, holidays, or more precisely holy days, allow us to do something different, to learn more about the world and ourselves.

Unfortunately, Christians have sometimes interpreted Sabbath holy day observance in terms of prohibitions - don't do this, don't do that. How many young lives were blighted by not being allowed to play or even make a noise on a Sunday, unless it was associated with hymn singing or Bible reading? Whilst undoubtedly well intentioned, such a restrictive approach to Sabbath holy days has been largely, and in my view rightly, abandoned. Not just because it may have driven countless people away from having anything to do with Christianity, but because it fails to reflect the true meaning of Sabbath as shown and taught by Jesus.

When it came to the Sabbath, Jesus put people first. Sabbath rest was intended as a blessing for people - and any donkeys that happen to fall down wells, let alone any person who had suffered the same undignified fate (Luke 14:5). Jesus' reclamation of the true meaning of the Sabbath almost certainly brought him into conflict with the religious powers of his day. Jesus taught the celebration of the love and compassion, creativity and life-enhancing purpose for which all creation exists is the proper way to keep the Sabbath holy. Holy holidays give a glimpse into the ultimate celebration of the meaning of life, the universe and everything.

Whatever holiday 2026 means to us, may every day be a holy day in the celebration of love and life, whether we are at work, rest or play, as the chocolate advert used to say.

Blessings,

Revd. Iris Bray - Gunwen with Stenalees Methodist Church

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issue of Granite Towers

Lanlivery Church News and Services

Lanlivery Services

Please note that it is possible for services to be changed so keep an eye open for emails, pew notes and social media. Note that Evening Prayer on a Wednesday will be at 5p.m. until the end of October

JUNE 2026

7th Trinity Sunday

9.30 Morning Prayer

14th, Second after Pentecost

9.30 Eucharist

21st, 3 after Pentecost

9.30 Morning Prayer

28th, 4 after Pentecost

9.30 Eucharist

JULY 2026

5th, 5 after Pentecost

9.30 Morning Prayer

12th, 6 after Pentecost

9.30 Eucharist

19th, 7 after Pentecost

9.30 Morning Prayer

26th, 8 after Pentecost

9.30 Eucharist

At the Annual Church Meeting the following were elected and appointed.

Years' Mind remembering the anniversaries:

JUNE	JULY
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Irene Mary Ford	William Howard Roberts
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Glynn Riddle	
Kathleen Matthews	
Rita Littleton	
Pamela Davis	

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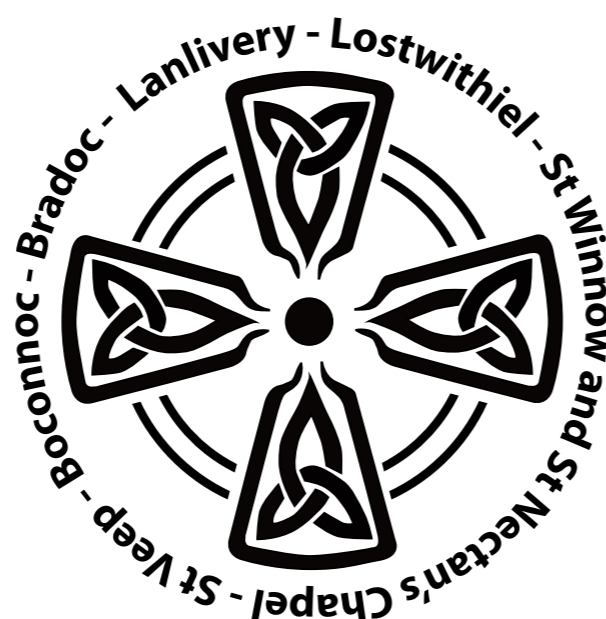
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LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

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 7th June & 5th July

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

ST AUSTELL FOOD BANK

– helping local people in crisis

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

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

Luxulyan Church Services

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

Sunday 7th June

11.00am Parish Praise

Trinity 1

Shelley

Sunday 14th June

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Feast Sunday

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 21st June

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 28th June

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 5th July

11.00am Parish Praise

Shelley

Sunday 12th July

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 19th July

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 26th July

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LUXULYAN CHURCH

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Churchwardens:

Jim Cleare 01726 850553 - Jim.cleare@btinternet.com
 Shelley Porter - famporter58@gmail.com

SKYLARKS

We have not yet made plans for June and July but if you are interested in being kept up to date, please contact Shelley Porter on 07761 798220 or famporter85@gmail.com.

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING AT THE KINGS ARMS

This is held on the last Thursday in each month from 11am. Following queries to what happens to the money, it is decided as a group of those present at that particular morning for it to go to locally where we think it can do some good. £3 will get you a cup of tea/coffee, a piece of cake and a raffle ticket. If you have a small raffle prize to donate that would be good as well. The next meetings will be 25th June and 30th July. Most recently a total of £450 has been given to local good causes. We will save some more and then distribute it!

COUNTRY DIARY

11th MARCH 2026

Holly leaves shine cold as steel in the pale afternoon sunlight. The sudden call of a yaffle is carried on the brisk northwest wind.

Just before 7am. I hear a tawny owl calling softly amongst some thick ivy above the stream. He is preparing to roost while I am waking with the sun.

18th MARCH

A bright day. In the sheltered area by PONDS 2 and 3 a male brimstone flies to and fro, high and low. He will have hibernated over winter in thick ivy or brambles and will now be seeking a female. I hope he finds one!



20th MARCH

Just before 11am today we arrive at the vernal equinox. As I prune and feed the roses I look forward to their fragrant blooms at midsummer when the sun will have reached its zenith. Looking westward at twilight, I see the crescent moon, a golden 'gondola' floating atop the ever-darkening trees.

21st MARCH

A queen bumblebee continues her urgent search for a suitable nesting site. Do I keep meeting the same one? Looking towards the distant pines I observe a pair of crows 'mobbing' a pair of ravens. They are driving them northwards in what appears to be a territorial confrontation.

31st MARCH

March retreats like a lamb into the pastures of memory. Abundant blackthorn blossom and golden willow catkins create the perfect frame to this moment in time.



2nd APRIL

I encounter a roe deer hind and a rabbit in the flower garden. The hind bounds off along Bullfinch Lane while the rabbit ceases nibbling red campion foliage and hops off into the undergrowth. I discover that the deer has 're-pruned' my roses that I tended so carefully last month!



7th APRIL

Luxulyan friends Maggie and Keith report seeing two swallows over Seven Stars late this afternoon.

8th APRIL

An 'armada' of fallen male willow catkins sails relentlessly downstream.

10th APRIL

I come upon a pair of mallard foraging on POND 3. I wonder where they are nesting. Tonight I hear the tawny owls calling to each other. The male utters a soft "hoo-hoo" from the ivy above the flower garden. The female calls "kewick, kewick" just beyond willow wood.



17th APRIL

The ivy bush by the garage wall has provided a rich bounty of ripe berries for blackbirds and blackcaps over the past few weeks. Today, from my vantage point in the kitchen, I manage to grab a shot of a female blackcap with a berry in her beak.

23rd APRIL

Two holly blue butterflies flit high amongst the holly trees and a female brimstone flies across the garden.

25th APRIL

The rough east wind of recent days has finally left, and all is now calm. A pair of orange tips sip nectar from the honesty flowers. I discover some butterfly eggs on the nettles so will leave well alone. Late afternoon a newly fledged family of siskins call excitedly from a large ash tree.



26th APRIL

At 6.45.am I hear a cuckoo on Treskilling Downs. Later in the day the warmth of the afternoon releases the heady fragrance of the bluebells along Bullfinch Lane and beyond.



27th APRIL

Hot in the sun. I pause to watch a comma butterfly laying her eggs on the nettle patch. Down by the ponds the yellow flag irises are already in bloom!

28th APRIL

By the stream I discover what appears to be a water voles' 'latrine'. As I stand in the water I discern several holes in the bank Further research is needed.

COUNTRY DIARY

2nd MAY

A song thrush greets the dawn singing lustily amongst the unfurling leaves of the black poplar. The cuckoo calls from afar.

4th MAY

The gentle breeze has triggered the annual migration of willow seeds.

22nd JUNE 1986

We hear the robin nestlings squeaking from the kettle that we had placed in the ivy by the hen run early in the season.

24th JUNE 1986

David reports that the 'kettle' family fledged soon after sunrise on this midsummer morning.



23rd JULY 1985

Driving home from work today I pull into a small area just before the Trefulefoot roundabout to photograph the diversity of plant life here. Amongst the various flowering grasses, I find tufted vetch, burdock, sorrel, red campion, oxeye daisy, cow parsnip and common mallow. I also discover a male large skipper butterfly.

KATHRYN HILL






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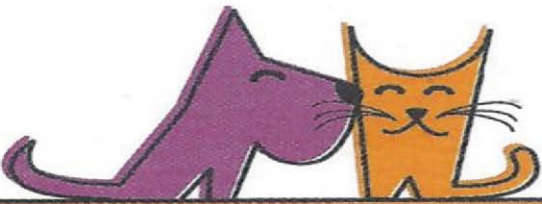
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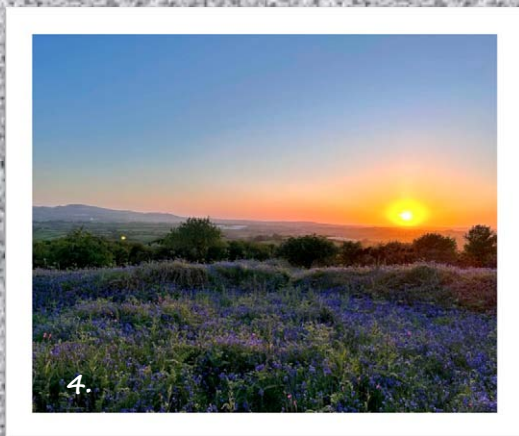
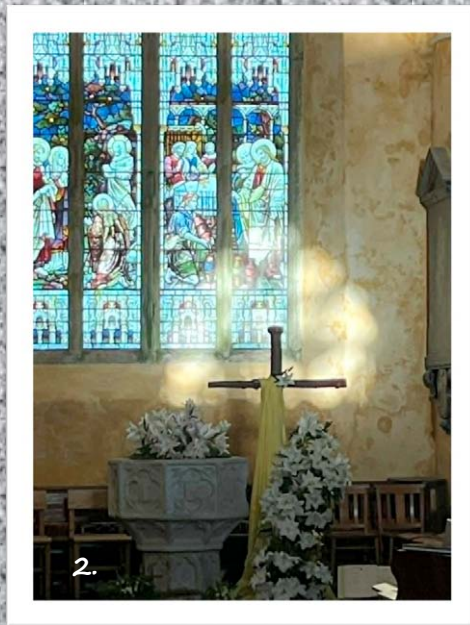
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Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 - 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 3 rd	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 6 th	Plant Swap & Coffee Morning	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 7 th	Soup and Sweet	11.45am	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 11 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 noon	The Crown Inn
Saturday 13 th	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am - 1.00pm	Glebeland
Saturday 13 th	FOLV - Tregargus Tour	10.30am	St. Stephens
Wednesday 17 th	Luxulyan Over 50	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 18 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 24 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms

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Saturday 4 th	Coffee Morning & Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Saturday 4 th	FOLV - Family Event	10.00am	Black Hills Car Park
Sunday 5 th	Soup & Sweet	11.45am	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 9 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 noon	The Crown Inn
Thursday 9 th - Saturday 11 th	Luxulyan Amateur Dramatics Society presents - 'Ladies' Day' See page 19 for details		
Friday 10 th	COPY DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY 2026 GRANITE TOWERS		
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Saturday 11 th	FOLV - Newquay/Trenance	10.33am departure	Luxulyan Train Station
Sunday 12 th - Saturday 18 th	LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK For full details see pages 16 & 17		
Wednesday 20 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
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Thursday 30 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
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