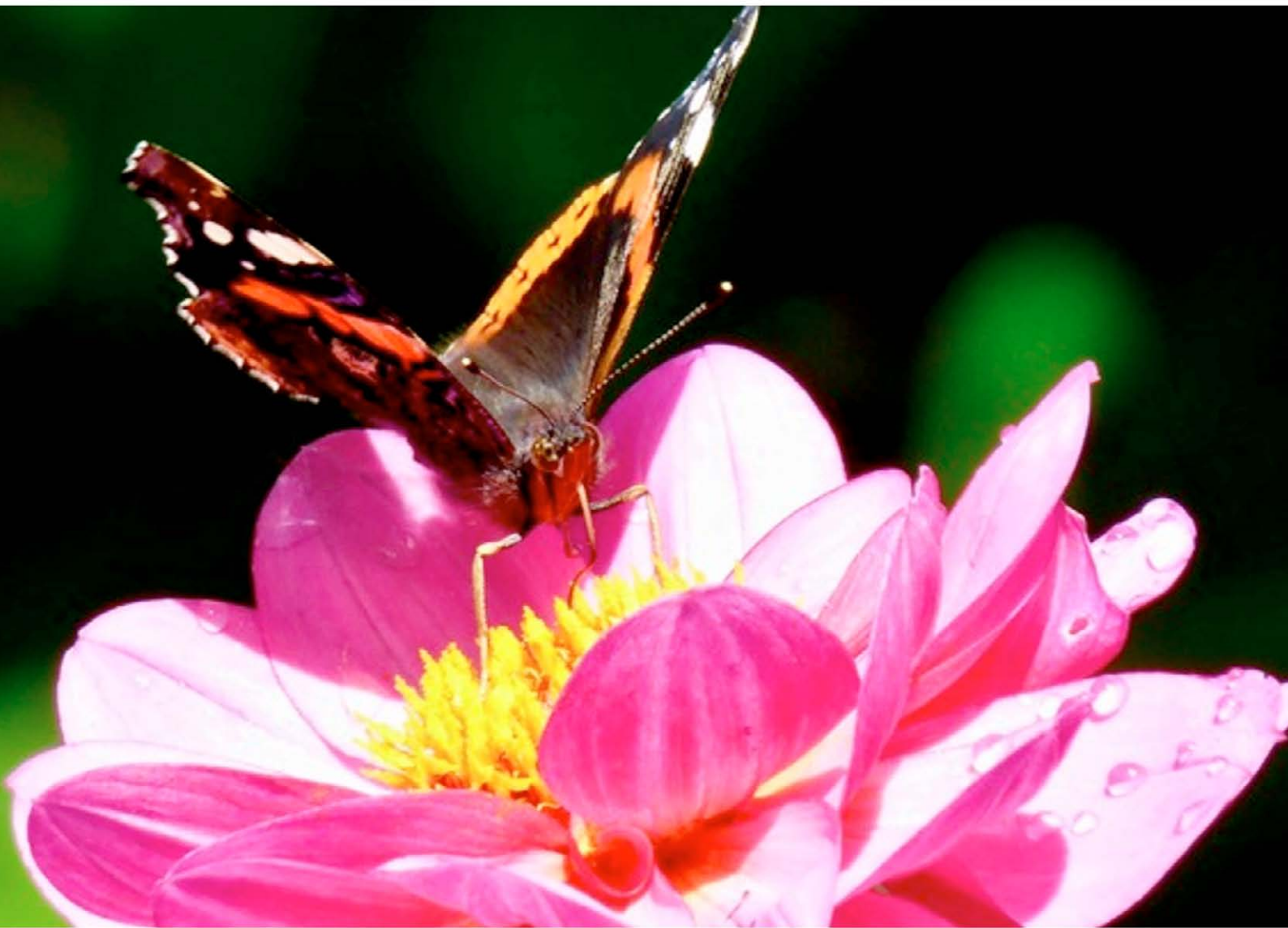


The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



August & September 2026

EDITORIAL



Hello friends, we have a guest editorial this edition.

There is something truly special about living in Luxulyan. Our village is more than just a place on the map it is a community built on kindness, shared history and the willingness of neighbours to support one another through every season.

Feast week bridges the divide between generations. Some of my fondest memories growing up are of my Grandad telling stories of his own triumphs in feast week whether that be playing football or participating in tug of war. These memories for me are special as it shows the rich affinity that we all have with the clay country and it is important to retain these traditions so future generations can enjoy the

same. This year is particularly special as my son Aidan will be the 4th generation in my family to participate in these celebrations as the carnival king in the carnival. This fills me with great pride as he can create his own stories that will be passed down for future generations of our family.

As our annual Feast Week concludes we are reminded of the importance of coming together. Whether you're taking part in the events, lending a hand behind the scenes or simply cheering others on, every contribution helps strengthen the spirit that makes Luxulyan such a wonderful place to call home. A huge thank you must go to the Feast Week team who sacrifice a huge amount of time planning these events for us all to enjoy.

Feast Week is not only a celebration of tradition but also an opportunity to welcome new faces, reconnect with old friends and create memories that will last long after the bunting comes down. In a world that often feels busy and disconnected these moments of togetherness matter more than ever.

Here's to another fantastic Luxulyan Feast Week. May it be filled with laughter, friendship and the community spirit that continues to make our village thrive.

Much love

Adam & Tracey

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After the hot weather of the past few months, my general intention to rethink the garden planting towards those that are more tolerant and hardier has stepped up a notch. Once we reach autumn, I'll be changing some of my current plants for ones that are more resilient. Leaving the weeds to cover the ground certainly helped to retain a bit of moisture this year, but under the intense heat we experienced even they turned crispy and brown. The grasshoppers and crickets haven't minded the dry and warm, and the profusion of ladybirds have enjoyed a smorgasbord of greenfly, which I don't have too much of a problem with at the moment, funnily enough. I feel like I've seen a wider variety of insects this year, including wasps, butterflies and bees. Long may it continue, though a few less weevil grubs in my pots would be good.

For those who have known me since my youth, the view of me with my nose in a book was a familiar sight. My penchant for books has continued, though recently I haven't had much time to enjoy them. A lot of my books in the past, have been science fiction or fantasy - I find that even if things are getting serious and gory in the story, because it's fiction, I don't get quite so affected by the drama. The story can be gripping and not-put-down-able, but as a friend once put it, they're pure escapism. My current favourite author has to be Terry Pratchett; his books set around Disc World are perfect for some satirical humour and often have me chuckling to myself whilst reading.

Another style of book I enjoy are old hard backs which even with wear, are still beautifully bound and decorated, and often have fabulously detailed plated illustrations. They're books that just make me feel happy to flick through.

Whilst reading one of these old books (The Golden Staircase, Poems for Children chosen by Louey Chisholm with pictures by M.Dibdin Spooner, printed in 1906) I recently rediscovered this poem, it's quite apt for the time year, I think.

Bed in Summer by Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night

And dress by candle-light.

In summer, quite the other way,

I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see

The birds still hopping on the tree,

Or hear the grown-up people's feet

Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,

When all the sky is clear and blue,

And I should like so much to play,

To have to go to bed by day?

By the time I go to bed, it's usually dark, though getting my little one to sleep while it's light outside and she can hear people moving around, is certainly more of a challenge. I have found some thermally lined curtains tremendously helpful in helping to set the tone for sleep.

The evenings have been my main gardening time, often seeing me keeping going until dark, which has been up to 10.20pm. I grew to recognise my gardening time was coming to an end when I could hear the resident frogs starting to hop about the patio and gravelled area. I'm aware of two frogs that regularly patrol around my pots.

The lightness in the night skies throughout the summer remind me of times past, driving home from late shifts when I worked at The Carlyon Bay Hotel, and being awed and fascinated by the glow of dusk still on the horizon at 11.30pm.

The flip side of the later evenings is the earlier mornings of course. I have never been a naturally early riser, however, whatever I would prefer, is now in the hands of my toddler who is generally AWAKE at 5.30am. Long gone are the days when she was first born, when she would happily settle through until 10am! So it is that listening to the dawn chorus has become an accepted part of my days, not a bad noise to wake up to I have to admit. I do hope that as the days gradually shorten, that so does my toddlers sleep lengthen, 6.30am or 7am even, would be amazing!

Katy x

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A LESSON IN HISTORY

Joseph was bored. He hated history. In his opinion it was worse than maths. At least maths was useful sometimes, but what relevance did history have in today's world? What did it matter that William the Conqueror invaded England in 1066? It was nearly a thousand year ago for heaven's sake. It didn't make the slightest difference to him, or anyone else living today.

Restlessly he picked up a rubber band and flicked it at his mate, William. William looked over, grinned and promptly lobbed the band back again.

'Ok, you two, if you're so keen on throwing things at each other you can stay behind tomorrow night and practice in the gym,' said Mr White, their history teacher. *'We need reserve players for the basketball team. And on top of that you can have some extra homework – Joseph, you can search the internet for at least five famous people called Joseph in history and what they did. The same for you William, five people in history called William and why they were famous. I'll expect the results in writing tomorrow.'*

'But our computer's broken sir,' Joseph said pleadingly.

'Then use the one in the school library, or, if it's not beyond your capability, read one of the history books in the library.'

Joseph wondered whether he should tell his mum that Mr White was picking on him, but decided against it. She was always telling him he should concentrate more at school.

'It's not fair,' he complained to William at break time. *'It'll be far easier for you than for me.'* Even with his limited knowledge he knew there had been several kings called William. He'd never heard of a king called Joseph. The only Joseph he was really familiar with was the one in the Christmas story. He doubted Mr White would be impressed with so obvious a choice. He supposed Joe was acceptable. After all, people often called him Joe. Abbreviations were normal.

'I don't know what you're moaning about,' his sister, Ellie, said when he told her that night. *'Five famous people called Joseph? Piece of cake.'*

'Is it? Why don't you do it for me then, and I'll buy you a piece of cake,' Joseph suggested hopefully.

'Oh no, you don't get out of it that easily, and I can make my own cake, thanks very much. It won't take you long and all you've got to do in detention is play basketball. Like that's a hardship.'

'Basketball sucks!' Joseph groaned. *'Mr White knows I'm trying to get into the school football team.'*

Ellie rolled her eyes. *'Basketball's just like football except you use your hands instead of your feet,'* she told him. *'Get over it.'*

'Just like netball, you mean,' Joseph scoffed, knowing Ellie was the captain of her school netball team. *'Basketball's for girls.'* Then, seeing that Ellie had no intention of helping with his homework, he wheedled, *'Can I borrow your iPad then?'*

'And let you break it like you broke yours? Oh all right. An hour and a half, no longer,' she conceded, and flounced off.

Resisting the urge to engage in a game of Minecraft, Joseph reluctantly searched Google for a list of famous Josephs. He was surprised to see Michael Jackson's name come up, but as Joseph had been his middle name he supposed it wouldn't count, even though he was his mum's favourite singer. Joseph Haydn, Joseph Stalin, Joe Biden, Joe DiMaggio and Joe Johnson. He'd never heard of Hayden, DiMaggio or Johnson. He had a vague recollection that Stalin was some Russian dictator who killed lots of people, confirmed when he read the first line of the information. Biden – Bingo! One he knew - American president. That one would do nicely. Haydn? An eighteenth century composer of classical music. Nothing that would make the charts, but who cares?

Joseph was getting more bored by the minute. The next one proved more interesting. DiMaggio – famous baseball player, played for the New York Yankees and was married to Marilyn Munroe. Joseph had heard of Marilyn Munroe. He'd even seen a picture of her with her skirt swirling round her. And baseball was a bit like cricket. Not that he liked cricket much. He didn't really like any sport apart from football.

He jotted down some salient points about each one then looked at Johnson. American basketball player, played for the Boston Celtics of the NBA. Joseph stared at the picture of the six feet seven man in his basketball gear. Nothing girly about him. And he was still alive, so was Biden – did that count as history?

By this time Joseph was past caring. He added Johnson to the list and copied a paragraph from the internet.

'Not exactly fulsome descriptions,' Mr White grunted when he read them. *'Hopefully you'll do better in the gym tonight.'*

Joseph did do better in the gym. He and William joined in the basketball practice and, reluctant though he was to admit it, Joseph wasn't just good at it, he enjoyed it.

He began staying to practice sessions voluntarily. Three months later he was asked to join the school team, and within eighteen months he was playing for the county. He became more focused, more of a team player and a more rounded person. Even his sister stopped teasing him, though she still called him a philistine when he didn't know something she did. He scraped through his history exam with the lowest pass grade, but when people asked who his favourite teacher was, he never said his P.E. teacher or his basketball coach. No, it was always Mr White, who taught his least favourite subject, history.

Christine McHaines

LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK 2026

The week kicked off with Pig racing at The Kings Arms on Sunday with eight races being sponsored by local businesses and parishioners and the event raised over £800.

Monday had a mixture of events going on, Bingo at Pub after lunch, a Treasure Hunt around Thunder Park in the afternoon and Rich T's much-loved Quiz in the evening.

Tuesday afternoon saw the School Choir performing in the Church with creams teas being enjoyed by the audience, in the evening after several previous attempts the weather was on our side and the committee threw a family inflatable evening, lots of fun was had by all.

Wednesday saw the annual clash on the school netball court, the winners were the reigning champions The School!

Thursday and a big thanks to Biscovey Youth Football Club for hosting a fantastic evening of football, three teams battling it out. A penalty shootout for the kids kept the next generation of players busy.

Friday night and all eyes were down for Brian's family fun Bingo at the Village Hall.

Afterwards 14 teams went head-to-head in the pubs Skittle alley.

Highest scoring Male - Matt **Highest scoring Female** - Celia **Highest scoring team** - Martin, Nicky, Matt and Katie.

Finally, Saturday

The school hosted their summer fete and Cornish show.

Steve at Kings Acre kindly opened his gardens up for the annual dog show as temperatures continued to soar, the dogs and their humans enjoyed performing in the ring and watching in the shade of the trees.

The afternoon saw this year's Carnival lead by Brian Cordy and Bodmin Town Band parade through the village, our Carnival Queen Indigo and the Fairy Royalty Eliza and AJ, followed by Luxulyan school, LADS and many more villagers showing off their amazing creations. Again, we were lucky to have visiting Royalty from Southgate, St Dennis, Hendra, Chacewater and Penwariss.

Our judges this year were Parish Councillor Helen Francis and Parish Clerk Christine Wilson, both were amazed by the costumes and ideas that they saw in front of them and found it a difficult task to choose Gold, Silver and Bronze winners.

Next came the calling of the Mega Raffle with our 30 prizes being won. Thanks to all that contributed to this.

The Ball race then commenced down Beswetherick Hill.

1st place was Jill **2nd place** also went to Jill **3rd place** was Marcus

Our scarecrow winners for the week were

1st place Ruby Rae with her Ballerina **2nd place** Rory and Tommy with Homer
3rd place Claire and Roger with little Miss Muffet.

The evening commenced with a disco hosted by the preschool for the village children, raising over £200 for the preschool.

Later on, the pub hosted the end of week party.

What a week!!! In total the Feast committee raised £3,356.83. Alongside that the Church, Biscovey Youth Football Club, Pals and Preschool also benefitted by running events within the week.

I would like to say a massive Thank You to the committee members for all their time and effort that they have put in over the past 12 months. Thank you also to Richard Turner, Brian Cordy and Lee (Biscovey Football) without you giving up your time we wouldn't have been able to have so many events.

And finally, a big thank you to all that came, enjoyed and supported us throughout the week.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Kay

POSTAGE STAMPS CAN MAKE MONEY

Thank you to all of you who over the years have saved the stamps of your cards and letters throughout the year. Please continue to do so as they help a group of disadvantaged Girl Guides go to camp. Please trim off excess envelope, leaving just 1cm round the stamp and leave in the box in church which is on the large unit opposite the door. British and overseas ones accepted (the overseas ones fetch more money!) If anyone has a childhood stamp album that they did not want to throw away but didn't know what to do with it – well Guides can make use of that as well! For the next few weeks, we can also take old mobile phones, tablets, foreign coins (even old ones), jewellery & watches. Many thanks

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CG. 9 July 1926: To be let by tender on a yearly tenancy from Michaelmas 1926 all that farm known as Trescoll in the parish of Luxulyan, containing about 108 acres of arable and pasture land, together with the dwelling house and farm buildings erected thereon. The farm is situate about 5 miles from the market town of Bodmin, 6 miles from the market town of St Austell and 1 ½ miles from Bugle GW Railway station, and is now in the occupation of Mr S Trethewey, who will kindly show the farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. - - - - - . Sealed endorsed tenders stating rent offered to be sent to the undersigned on or before Monday 26th July 1926. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

CG. July 1926: FOLLEY. Jennifer Folley, aged 76 years passed away suddenly at Tretharrup Farm, June 30th .

CG. 30 July 1926: SMALE – GREGORY. A pretty wedding was solemnised at Ebenezer UM Chapel, Bodwen, on Thursday of last week, the contracting parties being Telegrapher Colin J Smale, Royal Navy and Miss Annie M Gregory, youngest daughter of Mr R Gregory of Webworthy, North Petherwin. - - - - -

CG. 6 August 1926: The Fifth Annual Flower, Fruit, Vegetable, Dairy Produce, Bakery and other Exhibits, Public Tea and other Attractions in aid of the Nursing Funds, will be held on Thursday August 12th, to be opened by Col Sir Wm Serjeant OB, at 3pm. Molinnis Fife and Drum Band will attend and at the close lead in a Snail Creep Procession.

School Prize Day. The annual prize day at the Council School was observed on Tuesday of last week. The afternoon was open for parents to visit the school and it was pleasing that several came and inspected the work done by the children. The ladies were specially interested in the exhibition of needlework and were highly pleased with the garments and fancy work done by the girls under Miss Rawe. The infants under Miss Udy showed some clay modelling and handwork. The school garden was visited where the boys with great pride showed their plots. - - - - -

CG. 13 August 1926: Rosemelling, Luxulyan. Sale of Household Furniture and Effects. Mr J Kempthorne Barber has received instructions from Mr W Ivey to Sell by Auction on Wednesday next, August 18th at 3pm the undermentioned household furniture.

CG. 27 August 1926: Silver Wedding. HODGE-CROSSMAN. At Luxulyan Parish Church by the Rev RS Kendall, August 26th 1901, Joseph Hodge to Mary Elizabeth Crossman. Present address Bay View, Charlestown.

CG. 3 September 1926: Croft in the Parish of Luxulyan. Sale of Farm Stock, Poultry and Furniture. Mr J Kempthorne Barber has received instructions from Miss Coom to sell by Auction the undermentioned farm stock: - - - - -.

CG. 10 September 1926: The Late Mr G Darlington. The funeral took place at Luxulyan on Thursday last of Mr George Darlington of Cross. The service was conducted by the vicar Rev CF Jones and the deceased's favourite hymns "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Let all the Saints in Concert sing" were sung.

The mourners included the widow; Charlie, Courtenay & Harry, sons; Mrs C Thomas & Mrs H Darlington, daughters-in-law; Mrs J Darlington, Mrs Wm Darlington, Mrs J Hearn, Mrs W Tregonning, sisters-in-law; Messrs G Hicks & W Tregonning, brothers-in-law; - - - - -.

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FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY (FOLV)

The Luxulyan Valley has been a place of respite during the two heatwaves in May and June. Luckily there has been enough moisture around to keep everything lush and green.

FOLV have had some very interesting events over the last few months. These including a guided tour around St Andrew's wetland (Par Ponds) by John Page who founded Friends of St Andrews Wetland nine years ago. The resident pair of swans are named Wilma and Fred.

In May we went to Lanjeth Ponds and again were given an in-depth tour of over 100 ponds of various sizes, their woodland and wildlife area as well as their domesticated animal section. We also did some pond dipping gathering up what is in the pond with nets, which the children really enjoyed including the older ones (adults).

In June Tracy Elliott gave us a guided tour of the Tregargus Valley. It is a fascinating place with much industrial heritage set in a beautiful valley. There are ruins of several mills. including a couple of large waterwheels.

There was a Luxulyan Valley Partnership meeting in May. Unfortunately, Cornwall Heritage and Cornwall Council are not inclined to fully take part at this moment. However, four parishes and FOLV are still keen to keep it going as we believe that the valley will benefit from us working in partnership. Hopefully we will see Cornwall Heritage and Cornwall Council taking a more active part sometime in the future.

The Friends of Luxulyan Valley vision is: To promote the conservation and preservation of the Luxulyan Valley including its flora, fauna, historic artefacts and unique atmosphere, as well as to provide an amenity resource for the community. We have an event, activity, talk etc at least once a month and wish to be very supportive of the Luxulyan community. We also provide a free quarterly newsletter where you see detailed write ups. If you are not already members of FOLV why not join us. Contact folvmembership@gmail.com

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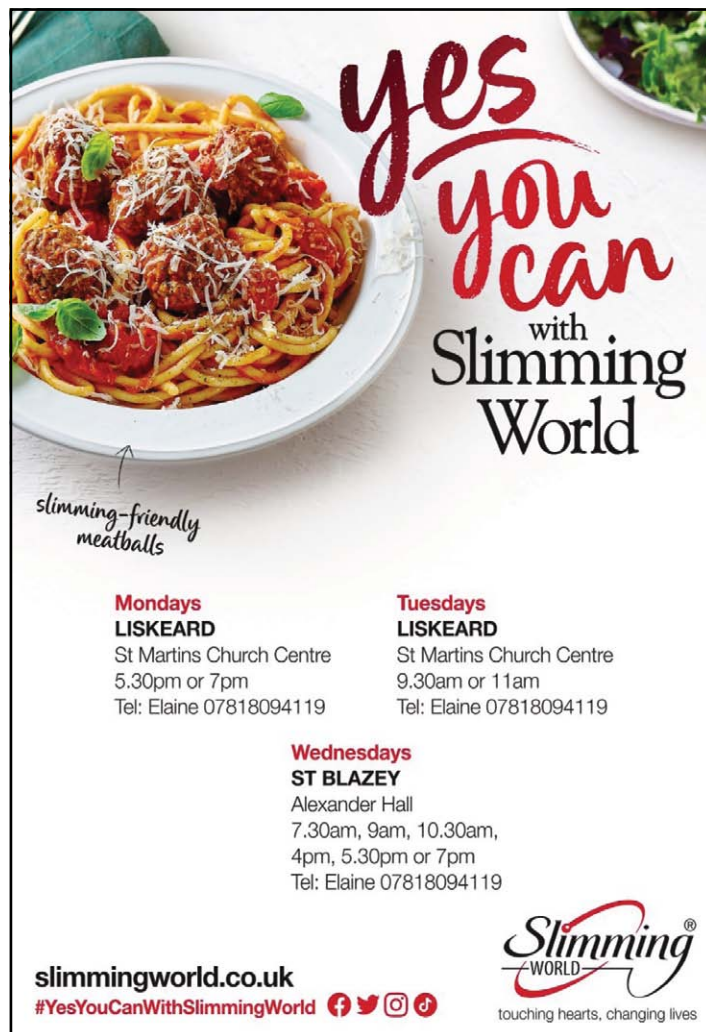
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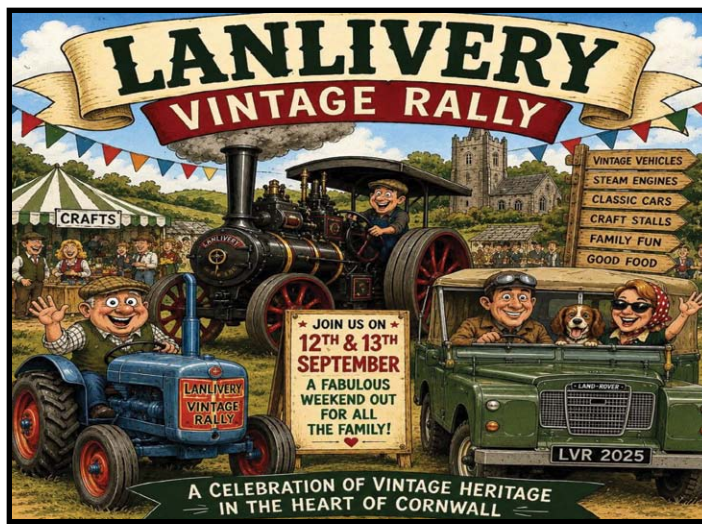
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LANLIVERY SCHOOL

Year 2 - 6 from Lanlivery School went on an exciting day out to the Minack Theatre and PK Porthcurno. The children have written some recounts of the day!

The Minack Theatre and PK Porthcurno

At half past eight, our school boarded the coach to head to the Minack Theatre, for a school trip. It was blazing hot day, whopping 28 degrees, we spent 105 minutes on the coach. When we arrived, we went up a 1/4 of a mile hill to the theatre, when we got there it was scorching hot - even the shaded grass was hot - we were late therefore we missed the start due to traffic and a hill which was very hard due to the temperature. The view was absolutely stunning, a cyan blue sea, with shallow cliffs that drop right into the depths of the ocean. We watched Pinocchio, it was excellent, 5 actors performed all the characters. It was great fun. Then we ate our lunch with a breath-taking view, and a tasty Oreo cookie helped us get through the heat!

The Museum

In the afternoon we entered the air-conditioned PK Porthcurno museum which was a huge relief from the searing heat outside and we followed a tour guide called Paul to a nearby room. He talked to us about Cornwall's role in the development of communication technology. It had some really astonishing old-fashioned electronics. When we left the room, we did a scavenger hunt on morse code, after the hunt we entered an air raid shelter which was built to protect the equipment during the war. We went through an old-fashioned breezy tunnel. They had old bikes and old laser set ups. We left the museum, picked up our bags and departed from the town and headed for the A30.

The coach ride 8:15am

We arrived at school and got on the coach, it was boiling. My friend sat at the window, and I sat in the aisle, during the journey we played some games to pass time, (the ride was roughly 2 hours long.) Luckily, there was air conditioning and it was great.

The Minack Theatre 10:00am

First, we got off the coach the heat smacked us round the face and walked up a big hill to the Minack Theatre. When we got there the view was immaculate, we sat down and watched the show. It was Pinocchio. It was so hot that I went up to find some shade. As it was so hot we went to find shade in the exhibition centre where we watched a video about how the Minack Theatre was started by a lady and her gardener.

Lunch 1:00pm

We walked back down the hill, which was better than going up, there was a big queue off the coach we got outside put sunscreen on and walked towards the museum. We waited for a couple minutes, and we were let into a building which was so cool we sat down and had lunch. The cheese in my sandwich had melted, the teachers gave everybody cold water. We started walking towards the museum Porthcurno Museum.

The Museum

Paul welcomed us into the museum and spoke to us about how technology has developed and improved to help us communicate with people all over the world. We did a trail through the museum using Morse Code. We then headed to the tunnels underground. These were built for the war to protect all the equipment from bombing. It was really interesting to see all the old equipment through the years.

As you can tell it was an incredibly hot day, but we had a fantastic time!

Lauren Howell

Head of School Lanlivery Primary

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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 **12noon 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 each month into the club, which will also help offset the cost of your individual meal.



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Ahoy, Luxulyan! Ready to Step into the Spotlight?

Luxulyan Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) Needs You!

Founded just last year, LADS is preparing to set sail on our next exciting venture—our February 2027 pantomime, **Robinson Crusoe & The Pirates of Coconut Coast!**

To bring this adventurous show to life, we are looking for enthusiastic locals to expand our crew. We need everything from **principal roles to pirates, sailors, sea creatures, and chorus members.**

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Don't let a lack of stage experience hold you back. **You don't need prior experience in acting, singing, or dancing** — we will teach you everything you need to know along the way! We pride ourselves on being one of the friendliest, most welcoming groups around, and our focus is on having fun, building confidence, and working together as a community.

Whether you want to take center stage, sing along in the chorus, or swab the decks as a swashbuckling pirate, there is a place for you in our cast.

Key Dates & Details

All events take place at **Luxulyan Village Hall:**

- **First Read-Through:** Thursday, 30th July at 7:00 PM
- **Second Read-Through:** Monday, 3rd August at 7:00 PM
- **Auditions:** Sunday, 16th August from 2:00 PM

If you are interested but can't make any of these dates, or have any questions, please drop us an email at ladsluxulyan@hotmail.co.uk

Come along, meet the team, and help us make this pantomime a fantastic success for Luxulyan!

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LADIES' DAY



Following the success of the newly revived LADS, Mike Wills directed Ladies' Day. A comedy by Amanda Whittington. The play followed the exploits of four fish-factory workers when Ascot is moved to York. All four had a story to tell which emerged during the play. The four main lady protagonists were:

Shelley, who was beautifully played by Sarah Pease, and balanced the mouthy, confident character with moments of vulnerability.

Jan was well played by Catherine Grey, and the drunken scenes were particularly funny.

Linda was played by Beth Snelson, a relative newcomer to acting, whose scene with Paddy, the jockey, was handled well and showed her potential as an actress.

Pearl, whose retirement from the factory prompts the day out, also has a secret that emerges during the play. The role was well handled by Kayleigh Charlesworth, who, as a complete novice, did a fair job with such a large and challenging part.

The girls were suitably supervised by Joe, a part taken by Oli Monk, another complete novice, who was relaxed and convincing in the part.

At the racecourse, the women meet a ticket tout and a drunk, both played in a well-managed debut by Alfie Grey. Kelvin Julian played both the commentator and the jockey; I particularly liked the jockey's portrayal, which showed another side of the racing world. Michael Rawbone, who played Barry, had a particularly difficult role and was at his best in the Saturday performance. There were also cameo performances by Rob Adams and Joseph Feeley.

The girls placed a bet on the tote hoping to win a fortune, so did they or didn't they?

I enjoyed the evening, with its well-painted sets and smooth scene changes. The music was thoughtfully chosen, with Tony Christie at its heart, and the sound and lighting were good overall. Props and costumes were suitable for the period. My favourite scene was the girls changing into their race-day dresses; it was very well choreographed.

With so many inexperienced actors in the production Mike Wills did a brilliant job with a production of such a good standard. The only slight negative was that, on occasions, the volume and diction could have been improved.

A massive thank you to everyone in the local community who supported us, be that in the audience or through advertising in our programme, or donations. We couldn't do what we do without you!

The group is back to Pantomime early next year and I look forward to seeing that. They are at present a group that multi tasks and would really appreciate new members, so no matter what your skill is please come along to the pantomime read throughs on Thursday 30 July or Monday 3 August at 7pm in Luxulyan Village Hall - if our drama group is going to be a success, we need more local people to get involved. Everyone welcome!

Jan Wills

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Luxulyan School

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News from Luxulyan School

GO CORNISH

Ash Class and members of Oak Class Choir recently took part in a Go Cornish Takeover at County Hall, alongside pupils from many other Go Cornish schools across Cornwall. The children enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the morning and proudly performed a selection of Cornish songs. The event concluded with a special celebration in the main Council Chamber, providing a memorable experience for everyone involved.

We were also delighted to attend the Gorsedh Kernow Young People's Award Ceremony. Congratulations to Ash Class and the school choir, who were awarded joint second place in the music category. A special congratulations goes to Lily-Jane, who achieved first place in the art category. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who represented the school so well and helped celebrate Cornwall's unique language and culture.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Our older pupils have also enjoyed some fantastic residential experiences this term.

Oak Class travelled to London for an action-packed visit. Highlights included exploring the Science Museum, touring the Houses of Parliament, visiting the Tower of London, enjoying a meal at the Hard Rock Café, and watching the acclaimed production of Matilda the Musical in the West End. The trip provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to enhance their learning while creating lasting memories with friends.

Meanwhile, Sycamore Class spent time at Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre. The children challenged themselves with a range of outdoor activities, developed their teamwork skills, and grew in confidence throughout their stay. It was a fantastic experience that many will remember for years to come.

DUCKLING EXPERIENCE

Ash Class welcomed some very special visitors through the Incredible Eggs duckling hatching experience. The children watched with great excitement as the eggs hatched and the fluffy ducklings emerged, learning about life cycles, growth and how to care for living things. It was a wonderful hands-on learning experience that sparked curiosity, inspired lots of thoughtful questions and created memories that the children will treasure.

The ducklings quickly became a favourite with the whole school, with every class enjoying the opportunity to visit, observe and even have a gentle cuddle. We were also delighted to welcome children from pre-school to share the experience with us.

*Compiled by Rachel Allison
Ash Class Teacher*

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Red Moor School

THE RED MOOR SCHOOL

As we come to the end of the summer term and another academic year here at Red Moor School we can look back and reminisce what a fabulous year we have had.

We are hugely proud of the students who have just completed their GCSE's. This year has seen the highest number of GCSE and Functional Skills papers undertaken at Red Moor to date and the effort and determination shown by our students has been incredible.

Our outdoor education team have once again gone above and beyond this year providing amazing activities for our students who have enjoyed kayaking, surfing, climbing, mountain biking, hiking, swimming and snorkelling to name just a few!

We have also enjoyed many great residential trips this past year including skiing in Clavière, sightseeing in London, outdoor adventures and team building in Bude and not forgetting the Jubilee Challenge which saw students complete a dedicated trekking and navigational expedition across Dartmoor. There were some sore feet by the end but they all did fantastically.

Back onsite vocational studies students threw a grand garden party to showcase to their parents and carers the amazing work they have achieved in the gardens this year – it truly is looking fabulous and the invaluable skills they have learnt along the way will stay with them for a lifetime.

We ventured out again on Monday 6th July for our annual sports day at Par running track. A magical day was had by all. The sunshine was out along with the friendly competitiveness of our students and staff! The day was made complete with the presence of parents and carers cheering everyone on and a proper Cornish pasty lunch.

With just a couple of weeks left of this term we still have our River Wye canoeing expedition, onsite camp nights and our summer fayre and BBQ to look forward to so we are busy until the end – just the way we like it.

From all at Red Moor School we wish you a lovely summer.

Compiled by Kerrie Rawlings, RMS Admin Team

SKYLARKS: MEETING GOD IN NATURE



Sadly, Skylarks have not met over the last couple of months due to time constraints! But we are going to have our annual Barbecue on Monday 24 August at 4 pm when we will make up for lost time with food, fun and friendship!

Skylarks is for all ages to explore Christian values, Biblical themes and prayer through practical and creative activities in nature. We meet in the Shelter at LEGGS. Please keep an eye on the Luxulyan Community Facebook page for further information

Shelley Porter

PLANT SWAP AND COFFEE MORNING.

Yes! Plant Swaps are now under way, starting at 10am on Saturdays 1st August and 5th September 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!



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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Vintage Afternoon Tea

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LIFE ON A SMALL HOLDING



Well, I have been lucky with short breaks this year so far – three within the first few months. But it means that I am even further behind on jobs at home! As with other small holders, it has been a busy few months. The grass is growing slowly in the fields due to the heat but growing at a very fast rate on my lawn and gardens. Most days I have poultry, cows and pigs grazing the lawns and garden, so it can be shorn to a manageable length for the lawn mower. Yes – machinery. My friend came along to help me get them all going again (I have about 13 machines to maintain – chainsaws, strimmers, rotovators, mowers, quad etc). Two days after he left, I got the big rotovator out, cultivated some ground and it conked out. I got the two strimmers out – both conked out. He made a quick visit back, pulled the starter cords and they all fired up. This is a common occurrence.

Two of my hens managed to hatch four chicks between them – they were put into a separate chicken house but sadly, the one black chick has recently disappeared. I hope the others will grow into full size hens. I have run out of chicken meat in the freezer. Oh, yes, freezers. The day before I left to go to Scotland, one of my four large freezers decided to defrost. It was full of joints of pork and beef. I spent a frantic few hours disposing of the meat, which had all gone soft (it was a couple of days before I realised the freezer had broken).

When I came back from my last holiday, I found that the washing machine doesn't drain anymore. I read up about this and found that I have to put the machine on its back to access the hose pipe to take off and clean. My bathroom is a unique shape – the machine doesn't fit on its back on the floor. Somehow, I managed to get it tilted enough to clean the pipes.

At least all the animals seem to be doing ok. Well, I'm guessing the calf isn't too happy about being separated from the cow (he should have been weaned a long time ago). I know he isn't happy because I've spent a few days re-fencing around his field.



However, he is back with the cow again, but at least he is starting to self-wean. The lambs are all growing nicely, but one ram looks like he might still have one bit that he shouldn't (after I had banded him).

A few days ago, when I was rock climbing, a hand hold broke off and I fell. Only about 20ft but broke my ankle. It took two and a half hours for my friend and I to get me hauled up the cliff and back to the car. So now I am in a plaster cast. Luckily, I have a good friend who pet sits when I am away. Now, he just treats my place like I'm away and he and his family are here morning and evening to look after the animals.



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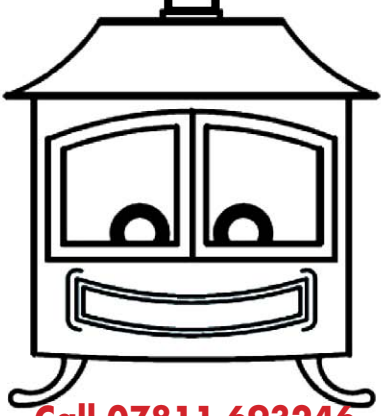
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LUXULYAN ENVIRONMENT GREEN GLEBE SPACE

Time flies by when you are having fun! This summer's weather has encouraged an enormous amount of growth on the site this year, alternating between really hot, humid weather and light rainfall. The nettles and brambles are loving it! We are struggling to keep the paths clear of grass and creeping buttercup and could do with a lot more visitors to walk the paths to keep them clear!

Before the end of term, we are hosting the school children on their

activities day on site and hoping to have good weather to engage them in a variety of activities. It is always good to listen to the children's ideas as they are our future custodians of our rewilding project. We hope they get as much enjoyment out of their day as we do by working on site.

We have been continuing work on the pond and hope that we can landscape it properly during the autumn as well as getting some native water plants to populate the pond. We plan to continue scything the meadows to encourage the growth of wildflowers and to contain the growth of brambles and nettles. Some are good habitats for small mammals and butterflies and moths but there can be too many!

In the autumn we are looking forward to renovating the shelter to make it watertight so a new roof, wooden walls to replace the rotten one and replace the rotten posts. We have been successful in obtaining a grant from Luxulyan Community Fund and we are very grateful for their support.

Our AGM for 2025/2026 will take place on Thursday 30th July at 4 pm followed by a barbecue.

The next volunteer mornings will take place on Saturday 22 August (note change of date – not second Saturday of the month) and Saturday 12 September 10 am to 1 pm. We'd love to see you there.

Shelley Porter 07761798220

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September

September heralds summer's end,
Prepares us for the autumn,
Reminds us of the cooler days
That cannot help but come.

Yet summer softly lingers,
Reluctant to depart,
Dahlias and chrysanthemums
Are at September's heart.

In afternoons September sun
Lights up many days,
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The garden birds are with us still,
Their song still fills the air,
While garden fruits are ripened;
Apple, blackberry and pear.

And in the midst of winter
It may please us to remember
Our gardens as they are right now;
In the magic of September.

Christine McHaines

FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY – DIARY DATES

Sunday 16th August, 11.00am

GEOCACHE FOR FAMILIES

Meet at Black Hills car park – PL31 2NW

Sunday 30th August, 11.00am

VALLEY HISTORICAL WALK

Meet Ponts Mill car park – PL31 2NW

Saturday 26th September, 10.30am

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Meet at Black Hills car park - PL31 2NW

Contact Tracy - 07785 741287

LANLIVERY OVER 60s

The Over 60s will be taking a summer break in August.
We hope to meet again in September, on the second
Thursday. For more information, please call Peggy on
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CHURCH BRASS

As a result of my earlier appeal in this magazine, two volunteers have come forward and offered to clean the Brass in Luxulyan Church.

They are Deborah Kelley and Lorna Curtis.
Consequently, the brass can now be cleaned four times a year.
Thank you very much Debbie & Lorna.

Jim Cleare

FROM THE RECTORY

As I write, we are in the middle of the World Cup and England have got to the Quarter finals. In the 60th anniversary year of England’s World Cup victory, many of us hold high hopes for the national team, but don’t we every time?

I can still remember as a young boy watching the World Cup on 22 June 1986, during the quarter-final at Estadio Azteca, Mexico City, Maradona scored Argentina’s first goal against England by using his left hand to punch the ball into the net, outjumping goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who was taller than him. The referee did not see the handball, so the goal was allowed to stand. Maradona famously described it as “a little with the head of Maradona and a little with the hand of God” and it has been inappropriately named, the ‘Hand of God’ ever since.

However, one joy that has been more evident this time is Christianity appears to be back at the 2026 World Cup. Other than goals, drama, penalties and dodgy VAR calls, one consistent feature of this tournament has been teams and individual players kneeling in prayer on the pitch before and after games.

The World Cup is however far more than a sporting competition. It is a global event that brings together people from different nations, cultures, and backgrounds in a shared celebration of sport.

Sport also reflects something of God’s desire for unity. During the World Cup, supporters proudly celebrate their national identities while sharing a common passion for the game. This mirrors the biblical vision of God’s people coming together from every nation, tribe, and language. In a world that can often feel divided, churches also have an opportunity to model unity, hospitality, and mutual respect, showing that our differences can be celebrated rather than feared.

With England fans still singing Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” and Baddiel and Skinner’s “Three Lions, It’s Coming Home, Football’s Coming Home” showing their faith in their national team, let us pray that people will also come to grow and show in faith in God.

At this time, as people come together to enjoy the beautiful game, may we also unite in our commitment to compassion, justice, and the wellbeing of our neighbours. In doing so, we reflect the heart of Christ and show that true victory is found not only on the pitch, but in communities marked by love, unity, and hope.

With every blessing

Fr Simon

FROM CHURCH

Small Seeds, New Growth

There was a time when the land and the seasons set the rhythm of our days. We knew when to plant and when to harvest, and our bodies lived in step with the world around us, drinking from the same wells that watered the fields and gave drink to the livestock. Land and people sustained one another.

Then we wanted more, and we wanted it now. Pineapples flown in from the Caribbean. Strawberries in February rather than waiting for Kent’s crop in June. The old balance fractured. Pollution rose, artificial aids forced ever bigger harvests from tired soil, and waste piled up, landfill filling with food grown, bought, and never eaten.

In the beginning, God looked at creation and saw that it was good. I wonder what God would make of it now. Moving food across the world has become costly in every sense. Perhaps it’s time to ask whether we might grow more of what we need closer to home. It may not be the cheapest option, but cheap has never quite been the same thing as best.

The wisdom of small things I think of young David, so far down his family’s pecking order that his father hadn’t thought to call him in from the fields when Samuel came looking for a king. That same overlooked shepherd boy

later brought down Goliath with a sling and a stone. Jesus said something similar: the smallest of seeds can grow into the greatest of shrubs. Don’t underestimate the small. They can make the decisive difference.

Ezekiel pictures God taking the smallest, most tender shoot from the top of a cedar and planting it on a mountain, where it grows into a tree sheltering every kind of bird. “I bring low the high tree,” says the Lord, “I make high the low tree” (Ezekiel 17:22-24). The God who creates can recreate. When we get things wrong, there is always a chance to begin again.

Fire and new growth

A few years ago, some thoughtless souls set fire to the gorse above our house, a stretch of scrubland alight for most of the night. By spring, green shoots were pushing through the blackened ground, and by summer you’d never have known. Nature, and God within nature, finds a way. Life wants to live. Gardeners know this: we cut shrubs back hard now, so next year’s bloom is fuller. The same is true for people. Those cut back by life, the vulnerable, the marginalised, the abused, have a special place, and God longs to give each of us new life. This means listening to our children, who often have more to teach us than we have to teach them, and championing those whose voices go unheard, the way a few stubborn pioneers, Rosa Parks among them, refused to accept that things had to stay as they were.

So let’s take this as a chance to reset, the way we work, rest and play, eat, heat and sleep. We’d love you to join us, a group trying, imperfectly and repeatedly, to make the world a little more like God intended, following the lead of the youngest, the smallest, the most overlooked among us. It’s through them that we so often see God most clearly

Chris McQuillan-Wright

FROM CHAPEL



Dear Friends,

As Storm Francis struck and the excursion arranged with our grandchildren was cancelled, we resorted to Plan B. We played Monopoly. The game did not proceed according to the rules set by the manufacturers for over 80 years (I trust you are not too shocked) but to The House Rules. You may know some years ago The House Rules for Monopoly officially approved certain variations to the game. Whether a board



game or any other area of life, playing by the rules is a key part of the communal life we share.

There are many versions of The House Rules available, but I particularly like the tone of the one for Homes: **In our House: We say Please and Thank you. We Do Our Best. We Stay Positive. We Count Our Blessings. We Forgive and Forget. We Laugh at Ourselves. We Use Kind Words. We Love One Another.**

There has been much comment on how the rules were applied during this summer’s football World Cup, with referees variously described as being either too lax or too strict. However clear and plain and extensive the rules may be, no set of rules can ever cover every eventuality. But generally we like rules, we like the clarity and boundaries they provide, we like to know where we stand. Rules are there to see fair play, and very often, like the rules in the Highway Code, rules are there to ensure safety.

The House Rules of Jesus’ time was called The Law. Starting out as the Ten Commandments, the Rules had been re-interpreted into over 600 rules and regulations. But all this complication left people worried about absolutely everything they did, and whether it would contravene one rule or another in this complicated confusion of rules. The offside rule would pale into insignificance compared to these rules.

Jesus was asked “Which is the most important of all the commandments?” He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself.” Love and compassion expressed in caring for others becomes the guiding principle for life. Whether or not we actively decide to follow Jesus’ House Rules to love and care, seeking the best for others as well as ourselves could have a far-reaching impact on the game we call Life.

Blessings

Revd. Iris Bray - Gunwen with Stenalees Methodist Church

P.S. Needless to say, I was the first one out of the game of Monopoly. But someone had to be banker, didn’t they?!

NEWS FROM GUNWEN

July is Bible month for all the chapels in the St Austell Methodist Circuit. Members of each chapel take their own service using material prepared by local preachers in our Circuit. This year all the services are based on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

On August 16th Rev Paul Benney will be taking our service at 3pm. It is a Songs of Praise and everyone is invited to join with us for the singing of popular hymns followed by a much needed cup of tea!

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

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

August 2026

2nd Trinity 9

9.30 Morning Prayer

9th, Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Eucharist

16th, Trinity 11

9.30 Morning Prayer

23rd, Trinity 12

9.30 Eucharist

30th, Trinity 13

10.30 Benefice Service @ St Winnow

September 2026

6th, Trinity 14

9.30 Morning Prayer

13th, Trinity 15

9.30 Eucharist

20th, Trinity 16

9.30 Morning Prayer

27th, Harvest

6.00 Evening Prayer

Years' Mind remembering the anniversaries:

AUGUST

Jane Bates
Jean Iris Wellington
Janice Thomson

SEPTEMBER

John Francis Pollard
Dionne Lesley Green
Tayla Saunders
Brenda Margaret Sinkins
Anthony Williams
Bet Veerman

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

Rector and Chairman: Revd Fr Simon Bone
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Safeguarding Officer: Deirdre Denn

Treasurer: Paul Perkins

Health and Safety officer: Rosemary Truscott

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Secretary: Catherine Murphy (not a PCC member)

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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 2nd August & 6th September

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 2nd August Trinity 9
11.00am Parish Praise Shelley

Sunday 9th August Trinity 10
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 16th August Trinity 11
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 30th August Trinity 13
10.00am Sung Eucharist Benefice Service at St Dennis

Sunday 6th September Trinity 14
11.00am Parish Praise Shelley

Sunday 13th September Trinity 15
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev John Benson

Sunday 20th September Trinity 16
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 27th September Trinity 17
11.00am Sung Eucharist Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

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Shelley Porter - famporter58@gmail.com

SKYLARKS

Please see page 18 for more details and 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 coffee mornings will be held on Thursdays 27th August and 24th September. Most recently a total of £450 has been given to local good causes. We will save some more and then distribute it!

COUNTRY DIARY

5th MAY 2026

A mistle thrush sings early as two male bullfinches' flit amongst the ash boughs. A cuckoo calls briefly in the tree canopy just beyond the flower garden.

**8th MAY**

Bees buzz loudly as they forage amongst the newly opened hawthorn blossom.

10th MAY

The rowan comes into bloom releasing its heady, musky fragrance, similar to that of the hawthorn. I hear the calls of greenfinch fledglings as they shelter amidst the feathery leaves of the large ash.

13th MAY

A chilly NW wind gusts up to 35mph. After an early shower the sun appears. Down by PONDS Two and Three the bluebells and hawthorns create a stunning landscape.

17th MAY

As I pass along Bullfinch Lane, I observe a roe deer hind standing motionless amongst the trees a short distance from me. We watch each other, surrounded by bluebells, as a cuckoo calls nearby. The perfect rural idyll if only the deer would stay in this area and refrain from venturing into the flower garden!

**22nd MAY**

Pots of suet and mealworm pellets that hang outside the kitchen window are in constant use throughout each day by blackbirds, great tits, blue tits, chaffinches and robins, many taking off food for nestlings or fledglings.

23rd MAY

Pleasantly warm. A carder bee discovers the first open bramble flower.

**24th MAY**

Various species of bee busily seek nectar in the tiny cotoneaster florets as a light breeze brings down showers of little ash seeds.

25th MAY

The heat is stifling! Yesterday, in some areas, was the hottest ever May Day on record.

**26th MAY**

Unbearably hot and oppressive. The cuckoo calls as it does most days and I hear blue tit fledglings begging for food. Marsh orchids bloom at the margins of POND Six.

28th MAY

Much cooler today. The refreshing, astringent scents of elder and hydrangea petiolaris pervade the summer morning. A recently fledged blackbird perches on a pot outside the back door and later a very tame young robin follows.

**1st JUNE**

Rainy. The rowan blossom is now brown, and I observe tiny green 'eglets' already formed on the hawthorns. The year has turned.

2nd JUNE

I watch a mother house sparrow feeding her new family from the suet/ mealworm coconut.

**5th JUNE**

The nuthatch reappears after a marked absence.

8th JUNE

I hear the ravens calling from the distant pines. I wonder if they were the victors in the territorial dispute with the crows that I heard on the first day of spring.

**9th JUNE**

Mostly sunny but cool. A male great spotted woodpecker flies past the door with a large chunk of suet 'nugget' in his beak but, in doing so, drops some in the drive where an observant robin quickly finds it.

**11th JUNE**

I think the nuthatch may have a nest somewhere on Rowan Bank where it has been chirruping frequently in recent days. Today it takes off some suet towards that area. Blue tit parents feed their fledglings from the suet/ mealworm coconut.

**14th JUNE**

I discover several mullein moth caterpillars on figwort plants that I have allowed to grow for that purpose. The creatures will eventually pupate and burrow underground where they may stay for five years before emerging to become adult moths.

20th JUNE

The caterpillars continue to munch but, mid-morning as I look across the garden, I see a great tit pick one off the plant and fly off with it! Only three remain to probably face a similar fate.

**25th JUNE**

Very hot and exceptionally humid, resulting in a violent thunderstorm this evening.

COUNTRY DIARY

28th JUNE

The sweet perfume of the honeysuckle wafts on the cool evening air and, beyond the trickling stream, I hear the 'churring' of a nightjar. A pipistrelle bat flits erratically through the fading light.

4th JULY

A sparrowhawk has recently been frequenting the garden but seems slow and confused. I assume it to be a juvenile.

**12th AUGUST 1992**

As I stand by POND Three in the afternoon sunshine a male beautiful demoiselle alights on my left hand and remains there for approximately one minute.

**24th AUGUST 2003**

Hot and sunny with a southerly breeze. David reports seeing a flock of about one hundred greenfinches over Treskilling Downs.

20th SEPTEMBER 1996

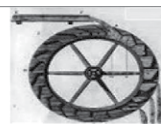
The swallows are restless and a blackbird sings his soft subsong at summer's end. It evokes in the listener both memory and anticipation of spring.

28th SEPTEMBER 2009

A jay squawks discordantly and apples drop loudly in the orchard.

KATHRYN HILL



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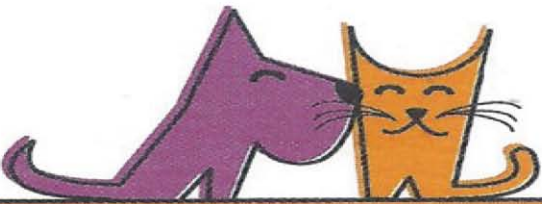
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‘WHERE AM I’
from the last edition - apologies
The picture was of The Incline, Luxulyan Valley

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

AUGUST 2026

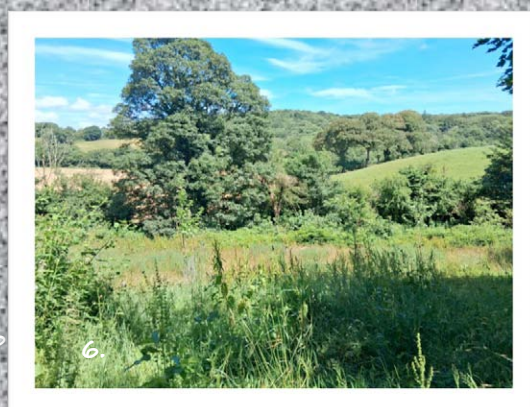
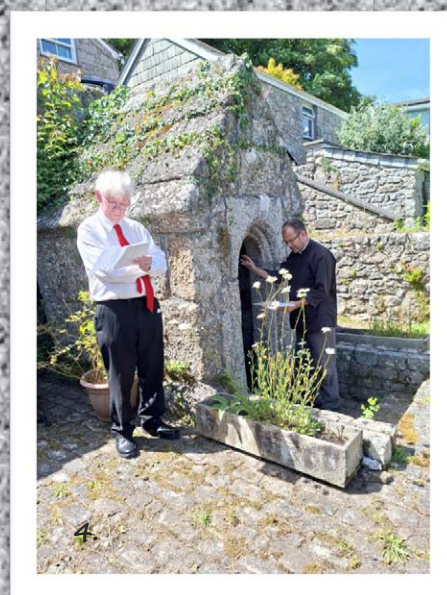
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Tuesdays	Chair Yoga	10.30 - 11.30am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesdays & Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 1 st	Plant Swap & Coffee Morning	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 2 nd	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 5 th	Luxulyan Overs 50s	Luxulyan Overs 50s	The King's Arms
Monday 10 th	Vintage Afternoon Tea	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Saturday 16 th	FOLV - Geocache	11.00am	Black Hills Car Park
Wednesday 19 th	Luxulyan Over 50	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 22 nd	Leggs Volunteer Day	10.00am - 1.00pm	Glebeland
Monday 24 th	Skylarks BBQ	4.00pm	Glebeland
Thursday 27 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Saturday 30 th	FOLV - Valley Walk	11.00am	Ponts Mill Car Park

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Saturday 5 th	Coffee Morning & Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 6 th	Soup & Sweet	11.45am	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 12 th	COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026 GRANITE TOWERS		
Saturday 11 th	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am - 1.00pm	Glebeland
Saturday 12 th & Sunday 13 th	LANLIVERY VINTAGE RALLY		
Wednesday 16 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 17 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 19 th	Concert - Sirinu	7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Thursday 24 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Saturday 26 th	FOLV - Mosses ID	10.30am	Black Hills Car Park
Saturday 26 th	Harvest Supper	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Tuesday 30 th	Harvest Auction	8.30pm	The Crown Inn



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1 & 2 Lanlivery PTA fundraiser with
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- Emma Haley

3 & 4 Well Blessing at Luxulyan - Jim Cleare

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