

The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



August & September 2025

EDITORIAL



Greetings

Congratulations to Cornwall Council for repairing the sink hole between Creusa and Gunwen – what a pleasant surprise! Hope the hot weather doesn't melt the new tarmac!

All this talk of coping with heat waves in Britain reminds of the really warm places I have lived in over the years. Back in 1980, when I moved to Houston

coping with this wasn't a problem. The typical climate was 90/90 (90°F and 90% humidity) – good for growing okra, which we did in great abundance, but not comfortable for people. However, all houses were built with very efficient air conditioning, as were cars and offices and the underground tunnel walkway system (with AC) allowed one to traverse the downtown part of the city at lunchtime to visit shops and restaurants without facing the outdoors. By this time, American home appliances were made for convenience as well: home washers and dryers of a launderette size to us, pyrolytic (self-cleaning) ovens, garage doors that opened at the touch of a button from inside the car and of course, fridges (very large) with built in ice-dispensers at the front.

Move on another 10 years and I find myself living in Riyadh and to quote TE Lawrence (Seven Pillars of Wisdom), "By day the hot sun fermented us". Whilst my villa (in a compound) had excellent AC, the ministry office where I worked did not. It was a somewhat ancient building constructed of 2-3 feet thick sandstone walls which of course did help – a bit. However, although Riyadh was significantly warmer than Houston it had the advantage of having humidity nearer to 10%. One curious spin-off of this was that whilst getting back to the compound and jumping into

the pool to get some exercise was fine, immediately on getting out, one freezes for a couple of minutes, before getting cooked again!

This brings me to water safety back home. Fifty years ago, when fishing with my friend on his boat out of the Tamar, we had to listen to the shipping forecast early in the morning. Now we have the luxury of looking at the internet when convenient. Also, we have additional data existing on sites such as tides4fishing, allowing one to drill down into detail for almost every estuary, port or river in the world. So, in addition to tides, winds, air and sea temperatures, one can observe swell height, period and direction – all important for small craft in particular. As for safety equipment, the number of times when kayaking I have seen paddleboarders wearing just flimsy swimsuits... well it's a nice day, so nothing untoward is going to happen is it?! Sorry, but it's the sea and trouble can strike at time. So, no matter what type of craft we are in or on, we should always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device).

However, here's a recent lesson for me. A couple of years ago whilst I was snorkelling near the coastline just outside the Fowey estuary, someone on a boat, presumably not seeing me (I trust) threw an anchor overboard, which just missed! This prompted me into getting a fluorescent swim buoy to tow for future outings.

Last call for the story writing competition – a month to go (see page 3).

Finally, by the time this edition has been distributed, Luxulyan Village Shop will be in the process of launching its summer pop-up tea room. The shop is one of our local treasures and deserves our support in this venture!

All the best for the rest of summer,
Robin

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The Over 60s group meets in The Crown Inn, Lanlivery, on the second Thursday in each month. Please do come and join us. There is a raffle, one ticket each at £1, and a chaotic quiz. You pay for your own meal and drinks.

Our next meetings will be 14th August and 11th September

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

Peggy

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STORY-WRITING COMPETITION—LAST CHANCE TO ENTER!

The Granite Towers committee is running a story-writing competition open to all children in Key Stage 2 (7–11-year-olds), who either attend Luxulyan, Lanlivery or Red Moor schools, or who are resident in the parishes.

Entry Rules

Any subject

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Maximum 600 words

CLOSING DATE: Monday 1 September 2025

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The judges' decision will be final

Please ensure you keep a copy of any non-email submission as entries will not be returned.

A prize of a £20 gift voucher will be awarded to each of two age groups: 7-9 and 9-11 years old.

The winning entries will be published in subsequent editions of Granite Towers. The committee reserves the right to publish any of the entries at a later date.



LUXULYAN PARISH COMMUNITY FUND

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

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

LUXULYAN OVER FIFTIES

Luxulyan Over 50s is a club that meets on first and third Wednesdays every month for a modestly priced lunch and friendship at the King's Arms, Luxulyan at **12noon for 12.15**. **Please note later time.**

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.

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MEMORIAL INSTITUTE PLANT SWAP AND COFFEE MORNINGS

Plant Swap season is well under way now, with plenty of plants to choose from. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and bacon butty, cake and some company and possibly find a plant you would like, either as a swap for yours, or to purchase for a modest amount. The Institute will be open from 10am on Saturdays 2nd August and 6th September.

WHAT A FEELING...

I was lucky to be one of almost 350 Rock Choir members and their plus ones (mine included) that headed to New York in March to perform at the world-famous Carnegie Hall having been invited by Distinguished Concerts International New York. The trip was the brainchild of our choir leader, Marcus Allenye, who, when becoming leader of Cornwall Rock Choir believed it was possible. The invitation was extended in late 2023/early 2024 when the planning began. As not all Cornwall Rockies were able to go the invitation was extended over the border to Devon choirs and beyond.

The anticipation and excitement of the venture had been building for months, and we finally flew from Heathrow on Tuesday 18th March, landing at JFK later that same day. After transferring to our hotel, just off Times Square, we headed out to explore as we only had a short time there. Having passed Bryant Park on the way to the hotel we wandered over for a coffee in the sunshine (albeit a bit chilly) before taking a look at Grand Central Station as our planned performance there had been cancelled – grand indeed!

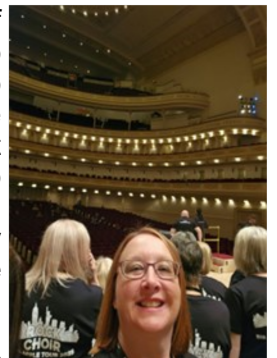
Wednesday saw us performing at the Naumburg Bandshell to a very appreciative audience. Starting with a flashmob to Aerosmith's I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing we put on a short, open-air concert which even involved a member of the choir being proposed to! Thankfully she said yes. The sun shone and we sang our hearts out in Central Park. A highlight of the visit for sure.



We had an overcast rainy start to Thursday and so our plans for an impromptu performance and photoshoot in Times Square were curtailed. An a cappella performance of the Guns 'n' Roses classic Sweet Child of Mine was enjoyed by those who were out and about at an early hour. Sightseeing trips had been planned for the afternoon, and we were off to Liberty Island. After a bit of confusion over the number of people on the trip, we boarded the ferry and headed out. We decided not to get off at Liberty Island and instead headed to Ellis Island. It must have been a very daunting place to arrive at when entering the US back in the day, although I am unsure why the stall doors in the toilets were so short – left little to the imagination! I even found a couple of Soady's that had entered the US via the island. We then headed over to the 9/11 memorial and museum to pay our respects. Only one of the reflection pools was operational and they are positioned where the towers once stood with the names of all those who lost their lives that day placed round the outside.

Friday, another sunny but cold day, was rehearsal morning, with a run through of as many songs as possible concentrating on those to be sung with piano accompaniment rather than the usual backing track, so that the nuances of the performance could be perfected. The afternoon was pre-planned and booked with a visit to USS Intrepid which is moored on the Hudson followed by a trip up to the Edge, a ledge 100 storeys up with an almost 360 -degree view of New York and the surrounding boroughs. I'm not a fan of heights so I avoided the small area of glass flooring, but I am so glad I went, as the views were spectacular!

Saturday was performance day, and the nerves started to build (just a little) and we headed off to the venue ready for rehearsals. To say that it was an emotional roller coaster from start to finish would be an understatement. The experience is one I will remember for a long time to come. Our three choir leaders, Marcus, Richard and Carey put us through our paces to make sure we gave the best performance in the concert later that day. After a short break for lunch it was Show Time! The concert itself went in a flash, even though it was 90 minutes, it felt like no more than five! The blending of harmonies was only enhanced by the performance venue which enabled me, a soprano, to hear the beautiful, deep, rich tones of the bass section quite a way away. From the opening bars of Sweet Child of Mine to the final bars of Don't Stop Me Now we sang our way through over twenty songs, including Shake a Tail Feather, A Thousand Years, Video Killed the Radio Star, For Once in my Life and more with the audience appreciating and joining in along the way. A performance and moment in time I will never forget. To top it off I not only had my husband in the audience, but two friends flew down from Canada that morning to come to the concert and meet up for dinner afterwards – a truly memorable day.



As our flight did not leave until very early on the Monday, we had all day Sunday to ourselves. We started the day with breakfast in Brooklyn overlooking lower Manhattan and then walked the Brooklyn Bridge back into New York. We located the Flat Iron building only to discover it covered in scaffolding, drove an F1 simulator, visited the Harry Potter store and ventured, briefly, into Macey's. We stood at the foot of the Empire State building and located the Friend's fountain in Central Park and finally a piece of New York Cheesecake before heading to the airport and home.

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Claire Newson

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So I was in a shoe shop this morning trying on a shoe, I said to the assistant "It's too tight". She said "Try it with the tongue out" I said "It's thoo ghooood, it's th thill thoo thigh".

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing...

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LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

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

WMN. 4 August 1925: Smithing business as going concern; reason for selling ill health. Solomon, Luxulyan.

WMN. 18 August 1925: Cornish properties for sale by Messrs Button & Mutton include - - -. On August 25 at Luxulyan will be submitted by them a number of cottages with gardens, situate at Carne Cross, as well as fields etc.

CG. 7 August 1925: Parents' Day at Council School. Parents Day was observed at Luxulyan Council School on Thursday last. Mr CT Trevail JP CC presided and congratulated the scholars on making such good attendances for a country school, many of them having to come about two miles. The percentage for last year was 95.6.

After the children had sung 'You'll get there' and 'The harp that once' the Rev CF Jones presented the prizes. The following had made perfect attendance for the year ended 31st March last and each received a book: Ruth Pollard, Ruby Higman, Ruby Wherry, Madeline Lobb, Joan Trevail, Marjorie Parker, Dorothy Pollard, Mabel Lobb, Miriam Thomas, Maurice Thomas, Stanley Wyman, Reggie Knight, William Wherry, Leonard Lobb, Alec Pollard, Fred Parker, Reg Giles and Ernest Ward.

Other prizes were presented for good attendance and proficiency. Mr Trevail proposed and Rev CF Jones seconded a vote of thanks to Mr Hosking and the teachers for obtaining such a splendid lot of prizes as an encouragement to the children, after which cheers were given by the children for the managers and parents who attended.

CG. 14 August 1925: A correspondent signing himself 'Ratepayer' calls attention to the fact that many of the children attending the schools have to travel over roads and paths in the winter-time which are almost impassable. He wants to know whether there is any parish council in existence and suggests that the expenditure of a few pounds would put matters in order.

CG. 18 September 1925: Funeral of Mrs Carthew. The death took place on Monday August 31st of Olive, wife of Mr H Carthew of Treskilling, Luxulyan and youngest daughter of MC and A Osborne of Old Pound, at the early age of 23 years. There was an unusually large number of sympathisers at the funeral on Thursday September 4th, which took place at Luxulyan Rev CF Jones officiating. - - - - -.

CG. 18 September 1925: A billiard match was played at the Institute on Thursday last, between teams representing Luxulyan and Lanhydrock Institutes, and resulted in a win for Lanhydrock by 848 points to 807. Scores: CF Jones 119, L Symons 115, W Dyer 150, R Wherry 150, J Keam 150, substitute for G Ward 123, total 807. Lanhydrock - R Landrey 150, L Coad 150, G Thomas 144, W Coad 117, B Chapman 137, Leslie Coad 150, total 848.

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LUXULYAN CARNIVAL QUEEN 2025

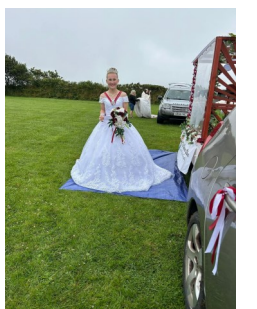
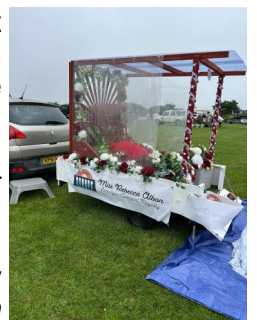


My daughter, Rebecca Albon has recently become the Luxulyan Feast Week Carnival Queen, as part of this season's royalty group. On Saturday 28th June, she attended the Whitemoor Carnival where she came 2nd for Carnival Queens from eight entries. On Saturday 5th July, braving the drizzle and rain, she attended the St Breward Carnival and although wasn't placed in the Queens prizes, was awarded 3rd place for her float.

She attended St Dennis Carnival on Saturday 12th July but unfortunately was not placed. However, there were many comments of "*Luxulyan Carnival Queen, I didn't know they had a carnival*". Also had quite a few ask when our Carnival was and a couple of the other Fairies and Queens are hoping to attend too. It's great that our Carnival and Feast

week are getting some attention from this. This Saturday, 19th July, she is at our Carnival, and the Saturday after she is hoping to attend Indian Queens Carnival.

We are hoping to take her to many more carnivals throughout the next year, promoting Luxulyan and the Feast Week. She will also be attending the Queen of Queens contests through the year in various places across Cornwall and Devon. We will be reporting on her progress via the Luxulyan Community Page on Facebook, and hopefully keep the magazine informed too.



Mark Albon



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OLD AGE

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"



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News from Luxulyan School

Go Cornish news

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have been successfully re-awarded our Go Cornish Bronze Award for another two years and are hoping to be able to work with the scheme on their Silver award.

Residentials and Trips

This half term has seen us being very busy going out and about. Our Year 5 and 6 children went to Barton Hall – a PGL centre in Devon and took part in lots of outdoor adventure activities. Our Year 3 and 4 children went to Camp Kernow in Truro for their residential and participated in lots of different activities. Finally, our Year 2 children have been to the Eden Project as part of their science learning.

CELT Community Champions

A message from the CELT Board of Trustees

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

As part of this exciting development, we're now looking for individuals who are passionate about representing the lived experiences and perspectives of our local schools and communities within Cornwall Education Learning Trust.

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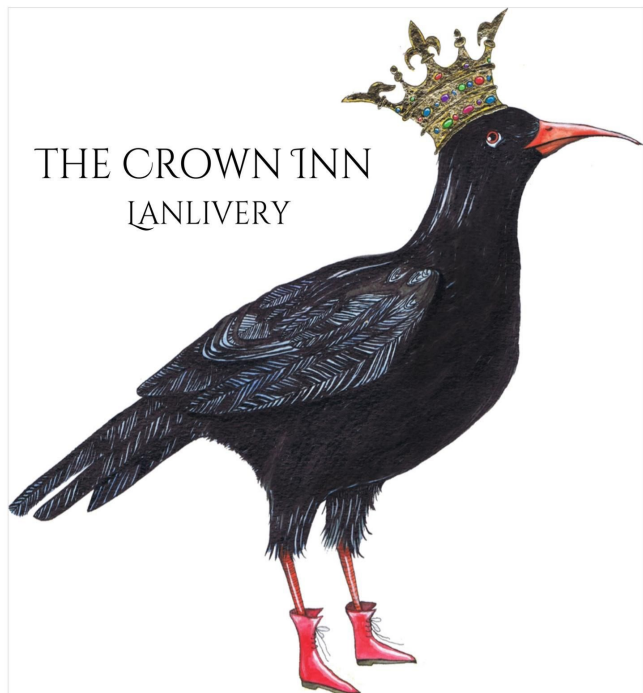
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A TRAVELLER'S TALE FROM A NOT-SO-BYGONE ERA – 8

Fawlty Towers is alive and kicking!

In my experience, hotels in the developed world generally seem to be well run. Long after the iconic series first aired on our TV screens in the 1970s, surely our hospitality service back in Blighty would have improved! Well, recall some of the episodes and you'll see that the events below could almost have been lifted from that series, and all happened within the last 30 years.

There were many occasions when I stayed in Oxford whilst running a series of management training courses, some residential. However, finding the perfect location was sometimes challenging.

Once, I was staying at an hotel which was a bit tired, located half a mile from the centre of town. One morning I met my colleague at breakfast, and he recounted earlier events of the day. It seemed at 5am there was a knock at the door and the Night Porter questioned whether he was running a bath which had overflowed, as the room below had water coming in. "No", he had responded and looked around. Well, during the night there had been a tremendous rainstorm and a window which had been open, had allowed water from a broken downpipe and gutter to channel straight into the room, giving rise to a flood! As a result, some of his clothes needed laundering and he needed to check his camera wasn't damaged. It was now 8am and we had to go off and deliver our course lectures elsewhere, so he asked the front desk to record what had happened and he'd take this up with the manager when we got back. Arriving back at 5.30pm we encountered the manager, and my colleague tried to follow up. "What do you mean," came the sharp response, in true "Basilian" style, "I've not heard anything about this. Why didn't you report it to us earlier!"



Several miles south of Oxford, beautifully situated next to the river sat a new hotel (4*) built/reconstituted from old buildings in the mid-1990s. Generally, staying here was an enjoyable experience and we used it for residential courses, as both bedrooms and conference facilities were excellent. However, during one stay I was eating a breakfast roll and got something stuck in my throat. (I had a bad habit of gulping my food without chewing in those days.) It didn't shift and as soon as I got back to Cornwall I arranged to see the doctor. Anyway, out popped what appeared to be the vertebra of a small rodent! Public health traced the hotel's supplier – a bakery in Northampton – but as they had an impeccable record and nothing could be proven regarding my story, no further action was taken.

Now the same hotel group built a spanking new hotel in Bath stone nearer the centre of Oxford in the noughties, and I decided to use it shortly after its opening. Having driven from Cornwall, and arriving at 6pm, I went to the front desk and told them I had quite a few bags and boxes of training materials and asked if the porter could assist me with moving baggage to my room. "Well, it's not really convenient" came the response. "He's having a break". "Could you check in later – say in half an hour or an hour?"! We fell out with this hotel shortly afterwards when a thief posing as a delegate convinced one of the staff to open our locked conference room door during lunch (against our instructions) and then made off with three laptops. The hotel never admitted liability.

Later within the last decade, we were back at the "bone in a roll" hotel, and three of us (the team) sat down to breakfast one day. I ordered my usual tea and toast, but I also fancied some fish. So I asked the waitress if she could check with chef that the haddock was undyed, as I didn't care for the chemically smoked version. A few minutes later she came back with my "Early" grey tea (as she called it) and I followed up on the fish's provenance. She looked at me strangely and said, "Sorry – it died." By this time my colleagues were a falling about laughing. "No," I responded, "I want it undyed or not at all". "Don't be silly," she said admonished, "It's not live. You get it died or not at all!" By the way, she was from Bucharest, not Barcelona.



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Some highlights of our Summer Term before we finished for the holidays included a fantastic Sports Day held at Par running track, fun Summer Camp nights onsite, amazing Summer Enrichment Days spent at the beach and our Summer Fete and BBQ celebration onsite which was all organised by some of our students. We were also very proud of our year 11 students who completed their exams and went on to pastures new.



During the last term our School Council were very lucky to meet Sally from St Petrocs Charity for our cheque donation presentation. This was an excellent opportunity for our student council to meet a member of our school's chosen charity to find out more about what our donation will help support.

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LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK

2025 Feast Week started on Sunday 13th with a bang at Thunder Park, where two teams battled it out through woodlands, fields and even a replica village. Despite the scorching heat everyone threw themselves in. We were also lucky to have two members of Devon and Cornwall Police Firearms unit join us to talk about their job role and explain what training they do down at the Park. In the evening Luxulyan's very own racing pigs were back down at the pub, Chris Thomas taking control of the microphone once again.

Monday night saw a Beetle drive at the Village Hall and then it was down to the pub for Richard Turners famous pub quiz! The Tonkin family taking top spot!

Due to high winds on Tuesday the planned inflatables had to be cancelled, but that did not stop the committee throwing an awesome water fun evening instead. Everyone was asked to search their cupboards, garages and sheds for any water pistols that may be lurking there for a water fight! Ben and Richard whipped up an obstacle course which teams raced around with water bowl hats on, filling their buckets in the fastest time, Riley K and Toby W making up the fastest team on the night.

Wednesday afternoon saw the school choir fill the Church with the sound of magical Cornish songs. Rev Chris was there to support, and the PCC laid on cream teas. Sadly, Wednesday nights netball was called off due to the wet weather, however this allowed everyone a quick breather before the fun started again.

Thursday was line dancing in the Village Hall run by Mrs Allison and Miss Allison. Fully equipped with her new audio system and head set Mrs Allison soon had the room lined up and ready to dance. Everyone had a wonderful evening, even those with two left feet.

Friday saw the Village Hall filled to capacity for Brian Cordy's bingo calling, roasted joints of meat donated by Danish Crown made up winning hampers, alongside bottles of wine and boxes of chocolates. Everyone had an amazing time, even Brian once he got the hang of his new microphone headset and remembered that 70 was 70 not 60! Then down to the pub for Skittles which saw eight teams going head-to-head. Highest scoring male on the evening was Martin Baker, highest scoring female was Sam Manship and highest scoring team was Denz Dazzlers.

So to Saturday and an early start for most as Feast Week and PALS joined forces hosting the Summer fete and dog show at the school, so many people turned out to the event which was so lovely to see, PALS had lots of fun activities going on, THE HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE, GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE, WELLIE THROWING and best of all THE STOCKS which I have to say Mr Kellow seemed to spend a lot of time in. The dog show had even more contestants than previous years and judging was particularly difficult, many of the dogs were seen showing off their rosettes throughout the morning.

Then the main event, the Carnival. With Bodmin Town Band following Brian Cordy and the next generation carnival leaders (his grandsons) the Carnival was off. Our Carnival Queen Rebecca and her attendant Evelyn led the floats, next came Fairy Queen Evie. As always, the school pulled out all the stops with Pirate Ships, Gods, Dragons and even The Lion King. So many others from the parish came dressed up and joined the procession, also this year we had our first visiting Royalty for a long time. County Councillor Sarah Preece helped the judges make some very difficult decisions and gave out lots of winning certificates alongside the Carnival Queen.

The Great Ball Race ran down Beswetherick Hill, with Marks S in charge of the tipping in his tractor.
1st ball belonged to Barbara F, 2nd Alison T and 3rd Euan S.

Onto the evening at the hall a disco and food for the children, at the pub pulled pork baps, a Disco (AJ discos) plus live music from Sophie de May and *Monkey Fag Break*.

Sunday was a much quieter day with several people meeting again at the pub to listen to Rebecca Chew sing live.



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The committee have been able to reorganize for the inflatables for Monday the 21st, as I write this, I have my fingers crossed the weather is on our side.

From myself and the whole of the Feast Week Committee a GREAT BIG Thank You to everyone who played a part in making the week such a success and also to everyone that came and joined in all of the events, we hope to see you all again next year.

Kay

A LETTER FROM THE PAST

Laura swept up the pile of clothes and carried them into the back room. She set them on a cabinet alongside a bin liner full of things she'd been trying to go through all afternoon. It was nearly time to close, and she hated leaving jobs for someone else to have to do in the morning.

She'd worked in the charity shop for nearly two years and had come across some strange items among the donations, and finding things in the pockets of clothes was nothing new. Tissues, train tickets, receipts, keys, a child's teething ring. Once, she'd found a bundle of ten pound notes, which she'd returned to the owner having traced his name and address on the tax reclamation form. She guessed some people might have said nothing and kept the money, but not Laura. Laura's sense of justice was exemplary.

Today, she spotted a jacket she thought would look good on her. It was a classic 1950s style, though it must have been made long after that. It looked almost brand new. It would match the cream dress she kept for special occasions. She slipped it on and it fitted perfectly.

'That's nice,' Nina, her manager, said as she came into the room. 'It could have been made for you. Take it if you want it. Put the money in tomorrow. We need to go now. I've got to pick Jack up from his karate class.'

Laura cast her gaze over the pile of donations. 'I'd like to sort these out first,' she said. 'You go. I'll lock up and drop the keys off to yours on the way home.'

Nina nodded. 'OK, but don't stay too late. You're too conscientious, Laura.'

Laura waited until she'd dropped the catch on the shop door and watched Nina walking away before she allowed herself to sigh. The memory of collecting her own son from after-school clubs filled her mind and she felt a beat of sadness. She caught sight of herself in the full length mirror, drew herself up and called on her inner strength. It wasn't Gavin's fault his company had relocated to Newcastle. Yet she couldn't help a feeling of loss when she thought of him and her daughter-in-law. What upset her even more was the thought of her granddaughter being picked up from school by a neighbour, a job Laura would have loved.

After spending an hour sorting out the day's donations, she picked up the jacket she'd found earlier. As she folded it ready to put in her bag, she heard a noise, like paper rustling. She reached into the pocket and drew out an envelope. It was unsealed, the flap just tucked in and the name Clive written on the front. Laura could feel at least one sheet of paper inside.

She stared at it, placing the jacket on the cabinet. It took her several seconds to overcome her conscience and open the envelope. There were two sheets of unlined, ivory notepaper, edged with a floral design and filled with large, neat handwriting. Feeling like a cheating schoolgirl peeping at an exam answer paper, Laura's gaze flickered over the letter. It was dated 5th September, 2008.

Dear Clive,

Thank you so much for the flowers. I was meant to go to lunch with my neighbour but she cancelled, so I had a quiet birthday.

I hope Charlotte is settling down at school. I'm sure she'll be all right once she's made some friends.

It's lovely that you want me to come and live near you but I need more time to think about it. I've lived here all my life and it's where your dad and I met and married, and where you were born. Moving would be a big upheaval. If your Dad was alive he'd probably say we should go, but it's a big decision to make on your own.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to your visit. Of course I understand that you're tied to school holidays now Charlotte is at school. Three hundred miles is a long way to travel just for a weekend.

I wanted to write and thank you for the flowers, but I'll ring you on Sunday as usual. I love hearing Charlotte's chatter.

Lots of love

Mum xx

Laura felt as though she was looking at herself. This woman, mother of Clive and grandmother of Charlotte, could have been her – a widow, whose family had moved away, being asked to leave everything she knew and start afresh. It was a mirror image of her own situation.

Folding the paper thoughtfully, Laura wondered why the letter had never been posted, why there was no address on the envelope and how it had remained undiscovered in the jacket for so long. Had the letter writer gone to live near her son or remained on her own? She didn't sound happy, Laura thought. She sounded lonely, just as Gavin had assumed she was lonely when he'd asked her to move to Newcastle be near to them.

'You don't have to live with us, Mum,' he'd said, 'but there are some nice places in this part of town and property's cheaper up here.'

That evening Laura read the letter again. It sounded like the writer was really lonely, reliant on a neighbour to celebrate her birthday. I'm not like her, Laura thought. I've got friends, and my work at the charity shop. But as Gavin had pointed out, there were lots of charity shops in Newcastle, and she'd soon make new friends.

As much as she'd tried to keep busy after finding herself alone, she had to admit to still feeling lonely sometimes, the evenings long and the weekends longer. And it wasn't just leaving her home town that worried her. Suppose Gavin changed his job, had to move somewhere else?

'That's unlikely to happen,' Gavin had told her when she'd voiced her fears, 'but you'd be welcome to come with us if it did. Promise you'll think about it. We all miss you.'

Laura knew she was lucky to have a son and daughter-in-law who wanted her to be part of their lives. She thought of the letter writer, so obviously lonely. She thought of herself, how she might be in a few years hence, and suddenly her dilemma was resolved. She would keep the letter as a reminder of how it had helped her to reach her decision, but she didn't have to write a letter of her own.

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Skylarks meet in the shelter at LEGGS, starting with a variety of activities, craft and natural and ending with toasting marshmallows over the fire pit. There is always time for contemplation and soaking up the natural world; God's creation whatever the weather. We hope that Skylarks will be able to help plant up our pond area and create a variety of habitats around it. Our last meeting was at Easter (*see photo on back cover*); both adults and children have been busy, but we have plans for the autumn running up to our Outdoor Nativity in December.

September: we will be celebrating harvest both for food and in nature in thanksgiving

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

November: Considering Remembrance

We will be setting the dates for the above at our BBQ at the end of July so keep an eye on the Luxulyan Community Facebook page for the dates if you can't be there!

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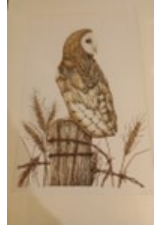
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We officially said goodbye to our ranger Jenny Hesketh in June. She has been a real positive influence on the valley, and she will be missed. FOLV and volunteers gave her a wooden carving of the viaduct and a print of a barn owl.



On 28th May FOLV lit a beacon on the viaduct to celebrate Cornwall Heritages 40th birthday. Since the last Granite Towers, we have had a talk on butterflies by Steve Butt and a very interesting walk following the Charlestown Leat led by David Skelhorn. A group of FOLV members had a tour of the underside of the Tamar Bridge including going down to one of the anchorage points. Recently we had a children's nature walk with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

The open day (September 13th) is being rescheduled hopefully to November. Once we know a date we will publicise it and what to expect.

Following the recent elections The Luxulyan Valley Partnership is waiting for Cornwall Council to decide on who will chair it. It is hoped that it will have its AGM in the autumn.

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

Robin Stephenson

EMAIL FROM OXFORD



Why does it seem to be your own self-care that drops away to become the last thing in the daily 'priority list' when life gets busy? As a therapist I am always encouraging others to look after themselves, so they can be in the best space possible to tackle any daily challenges life throws their way. The reality of building my own self-care practice into my daily routine is another thing entirely, and something I struggle to prioritise or even accomplish at all. There's always something or someone that 'needs' my attention, and by the time I actually get at least a little bit caught up with daily tasks, it's time for bed! At times like these, and not just related to self-care practice, an inspirational statement that was displayed on a door in the gym that I once upon a time went to, comes to mind: *If it is important to you, you'll find a way...if it isn't, you'll find an excuse.* I have recently started to come up for air (so to speak) and 'make' time for me, even if it's only a 10-minute meditation or 15-minute yoga stretch session. It really does make a remarkable difference in my ability to cope with everything else during the day.

With my first year of mum-hood under my belt, I have come to the conclusion that my years of parenting are going to be spent largely in practicing time management and improving my task juggling skills. Time management has always been a bit of a challenge, so this should be interesting! Being a mum is such an awesome privilege, Amelia is such a happy little soul and I'm constantly amazed, watching her learn and develop. It certainly helps me to remain firmly in

the present moment and find enjoyment in the little things.

To mark our two-year wedding anniversary and to make the most of one of the early summer bank holiday weekends we scooted off to have a gander at the UK's east coast, namely Suffolk and Essex. The weather was warm and occasionally showery, but good for mooching. The first day we explored Sutton Hoo. The site of Anglo-Saxon burials, made famous by the discovery, in 1938, of a ship burial with an incredible amount of artifacts. They didn't have any of the original finds on display, but they did have some of the reconstructions, which were amazing to see. The minute detail of the metal and gem work was staggering, especially considering they didn't have the magnification devices we do now. It really gets you thinking about the craftsmanship required and years of training to learn the skills involved. A bonus of our visit to Sutton Hoo was that Time Team was in the process of doing a live dig behind the visitor centre. An opportunity to watch them at work in real time and glean a little of the processes involved. The on-site volunteers were incredibly knowledgeable and very enthusiastic; they really helped to pad out the story of the site.

The following day found us heading to Clacton-on-Sea to introduce Amelia to the beach. A lovely long stretch of golden sand with a lively promenade and town, though we arrived late for lunch, so we enjoyed a picnic courtesy of Morrisons and Starbucks before heading home.

Following on from a glorious blossom filled spring, my summer fruit has been bountiful. Although I had good intentions of netting my redcurrants after last years' bird raids, I ended up only netting the blackcurrants. The redcurrant had grown so vast as to make getting a net on it, just a bit silly. I was pro-active in harvesting the fruits as soon as they were ready, however I need not have worried, the birds didn't take many at all, there are even a few berries still left. I will be trying to net around my grape vine though, there are a couple of bunches coming on nicely.

The garden in general is a little dry and crispy around the edges and looking a bit sad. However, seeing a new gatekeeper butterfly pumping up its wings on one of my lavender bushes was heartening. It was also reassuring to know that my approach in the garden is enough to support a good habitat for the local wildlife.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer, until the autumn.

Katy x

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Another two months have passed! Oh boy! Has the weather had an effect on the site?!!! A huge amount of growth has taken place all over the site; the nettles in some areas are nearly as tall as an adult but make a great habitat for moths and butterflies. We hope that during the hot summer days we will see more and more butterflies.

We scattered lots of wildflower seeds in the meadow last year including yellow rattle which weakens the thuggish grasses, and we have seen lots of evidence of successes – but there is a long way to go. We have cleared some of the brambles to allow some sun to get to the meadow. In the process we found newts and frogs.

At long last the pond digging has started but with the current dry weather it will be winter before we can say that it is a pond! We have to purchase a liner and liner protector, and we plan to plant some bullrushes and a few other native aquatic plants – and then let the wildlife come to us. We hope for dragonflies, newts, frogs, water boatman and skaters amongst other things.

We must say thank you so much to everyone who have supported us financially over the last couple of months; the April Bake and plant sale raised £182, the Clay Country Plant fayre at Roche raised nearly £300 and our George Kestell cheese and wine evening celebrating our 3rd birthday raised £200. These fundraisers have gone a long way to pay our rent (£450) for the next year and to renew our lease for the next three years (£750 + VAT) – yes, our costs have risen a lot, but we are not down! We reflect on the progress we have made down there and celebrate our successes.

The apple trees planted in an exceptionally cold January are thriving and the new hedges are beginning bush out. The scything skills are being put to good use! It has been a joy to meet all our volunteers – however often they turn up. All have been a great help and is much appreciated.

We have our regular visitors to the site: it is open 24/7 for people to visit. But please take care as the paths are uneven after the shelter – we have much to do to reinstate them after all the spring growth.

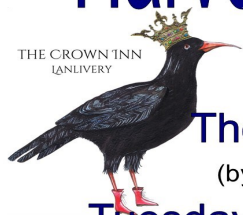
Our next volunteer mornings take place on **Saturday 9 August** and **Saturday 13 September** both 10 – 1 pm but you don't need to stay for the full time – tasks found to suit abilities and refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you.



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Note that whilst at present Publisher is used for compiling, as from October 2026 Microsoft will no longer be supporting this and any suitable alternative will therefore be preferred.

If you are interested, please contact the Editor at granitetowersluxlan@gmail.com

FROM CHURCH



I remember in May 1980 as a child being woken up by my parents to see the end of the Iranian embassy hostage siege by the SAS. Suddenly by that episode the UK became a fortress against terrorism although at the time a peaceful negotiation was totally possible if not probable. Now the documents have been released and the stories told and codified we read of gentlemanly behaviour from the hostage takers; deceitful behaviour from some of the hostages and a bit of luck with blindsided stubbornness from the government. But because of the method of the ending, the prime minister became a leader, the SAS saved its reputation, and the normal citizen got confused as to which side who was who on. You see the terrorists were freedom fighters fighting for recognition for their corner of Iran. They were an oppressed minority fighting for civil rights who were then used by the Iraqi government and sacrificed by this foreign power.



This episode teaches us that there are many shades of grey in life. Not black or white, them or us. But actually, we all have the capacity for good or bad. A gentleman can be a terrorist, a hostage, a prat. We cannot do what we do which is pigeonhole by one event. We are not a Hollywood movie.

So, the church teaches in our own lives, don't judge others because when it comes to it in reality, we know we are no better than the next person. We don't know what we would do if we were in each other's shoes. Would we fight for the freedoms of our children? Would we pretend to be ill to escape being a hostage? Would we play hard ball thinking about the future generations?

Life is a shade of grey so pause before judging with a binary attitude, life's too complicated for that.

Chris the vicar

FROM CHAPEL



Dear friends

As I write this young people across the country will be poised to receive examination results, prompting a choice of career paths, choice of university or a vocational course.

Many stories in scripture affirm human beings are 'Born Free,' a freedom defined in the ability to make choices. These choices go beyond the daily choices of life such as which clothes to wear and what to eat today, although there are far too many in the world for whom such choices exist only in their dreams. The



Bible concentrates on the choice of priorities and perspectives in life. So, the story of Adam and Eve shows humanity as responsible beings, having a real choice whether to accept God's guidance or not. Ruth positively chose to stay with Naomi when it was assumed widows would return to their own people. Jesus freely chose the way of faithfulness to God which would lead to his death.

Before we get carried away with the sense of power that accompanies the exercising of choice, Jesus warned his first disciples against using freedom to throw their weight about. "Not so with you," Jesus said, and speaking of himself continued "for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

This puts a totally different complexion on what it means to exercise choice as free, responsible and most of all loving human beings. Is it loving to make unrealistic demands of others to avoid taking responsibility for our own actions? Probably not. Is it loving to insist everyone else agrees with us so that we don't need to check whether our assumptions are still fit for purpose in the 21st century? Probably not.

So, although we may sometimes feel we have little choice in the decisions that face us, more often than not nothing could be further from the truth. We have a real choice in the manner of our response. We may add value to every decision by freely choosing that which better reflects the sort of love and service Christians see in Jesus. After all, the implications of the choices we make may only be truly known by those who come after us.

Every blessing

Revd Iris Bray
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NEWS FROM GUNWEN

The first Community Lunch was well supported by the Friends of Gunwen on Sunday 29th June, with thanks to the ladies for serving up such a delicious meal.

The lunch was followed by a lively Celtic Service of Cornish music and dance, organised by Garry Tregidga and led by Rev Paul Benney, with hymns, prayers and anecdotes, and enjoyed by over 40 people. The dancing was led by Joanna Tagney with Sheila Allen reading her own poetry based on the locality. All the music for the afternoon was played by Ryb and Mor and Kirsten. A lovely Community afternoon.

Future events:

Crying the Neck on Thursday 18th September at 7pm followed by a Faith Supper.

Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October at 11am with Bridget Whell.

Harvest Auction on Monday 13th October at 7pm.

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

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

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Judy Uden



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For past 25 years, my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste.

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For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste.

I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did it.

Finally, yesterday while having dinner, she turned and looked at me and said - "Why have you stopped brushing your teeth ??"

Marriage is a difficult relationship, I tell you.

I DON'T ALWAYS CARRY ALL THE GROCERIES ON ONE ARM, BUT WHEN I DO, MY KEYS ARE IN THE WRONG POCKET

Lanlivery Church News and Services

Lanlivery Services

During the Benefice's time in transition there may be changes to services. We will endeavour to keep to our 9.30 schedule.

Worship will be available online via the Benefice of the Lostwithiel Parishes Facebook page and on YouTube. Please check pew notes, social media and the notice boards.

August 2025

3rd, 8 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

10th, 9 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

17th, 10 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

24th, 11 after Trinity

9.30 Eucharist

31st, 12 after Trinity

10.30 Benefice Service at St. Winnow

September

7th, 12 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

Friday 12th

6.00 Rally Prayers at the Field

14th, 13 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

21st, 14 after Trinity

9.30 Morning Prayer

28th, Harvest

6.00 Evensong

Years' Mind remembering the anniversaries:

Aug	Sep
Jane Bates	John Francis Pollard
Jean Iris Wellington	Dionne Lesley Green
Janice Thomson	Tayla Saunders
	Brenda Margaret Sinkins
	Anthony Williams



From the Registers

Marriage: Sophie Dunn and Elliot Stephens on 31st May. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Transition

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

Be assured that work is in hand, with the assistance of the Archdeacon, Rural Dean and Diocese, to appoint a new incumbent. As there were no applicants to the first rounds of advertising a new look has been taken at the information and a further advertisement will be placed as soon as possible.

Contact details for Lanlivery Church

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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 3rd August and 7th September 2025.

PRAYER WALKS

Luxulyan church organises a prayer walk in the parish once a month. If you would like to join us or have a particular person or place that you would like us to pray about please contact Shelley on:

famporter58@gmail.com
or 07761 798220

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

SUMMER CREAM TEAS

Served in church on **SUNDAYS** during school summer holidays 3—5pm until 31 August.



Note: a pop-up café run by the Village Shop will be operating in church Monday to Saturday in August and September from 10am—3pm.

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 3rd August

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 10th August

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 17th August

11 am Parish Praise

Don McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 24th August

11 am Sung Eucharist

Archdeacon Kelly

Sunday 31st August

10 am Combined at Roche

Sunday 7th September

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 14th September

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 21st September

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 28th September

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Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

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SKYLARKS

We have made plans for the Autumn, so please see the article on page 18!

All are welcome to just turn up (children need to be accompanied by an adult please!) but if you would like further information please contact Shelley on 07761798220.

COUNTRY DIARY

8th MAY 2025

At 6.30.am I hear the cuckoo calling over Treskilling Downs and then again at 9.42.am. At Luxulyan Maggie and Keith report a pair of mating broad bodied chaser dragonflies over their garden. Down at Heligan several house martins are busy swooping to gather mud from the pigs 'wallowing' pool to construct their nests somewhere beyond the poultry orchard. Back at home I encounter a pair of mallard swimming in POND 3, and I wonder how many minnows and sticklebacks now remain!



13th MAY

I walk in the garden through a 'blizzard' of willow seeds. Then, becoming aware of a slight movement high up in a Turkey oak, I observe a spider's web delicately defined with willow seeds swaying gently in the easterly breeze like a ghostly apparition.

14th MAY

The musky fragrance of hawthorn blossom fills the air as I discover some recently shredded honeysuckle stems. This would suggest that the dormice are still resident and have gathered it to construct their summer nests. A 2023 survey reports that since 2000 Britain has lost 70% of its dormouse population.



19th MAY

Willow seeds now carpet the ground and adorn the nodding bluebells.

21st MAY

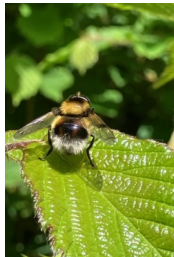
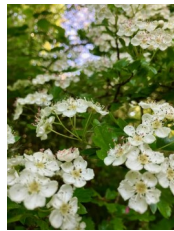
Cool only 16°C at midday. A bumble bee finds some welcome warmth on a sunlit bramble leaf.

24th MAY

Hawthorn petals fall like confetti after much needed overnight rain. As the sun is setting a song thrush fills the sky with his joyous phrases.

30th MAY

The bees are busy finding nectar in the tiny cotoneaster florets while others have discovered the newly-opened bramble flowers. As dusk descends the distinctive call of the enigmatic nightjars begins just beyond the garden.



2nd JUNE

A chiffchaff calls and a blackcap sings but I listen in vain for the soft, whispered cadence of the song of the willow warbler. That quintessential sound of summer by the stream is missing.



6th JUNE

A cool but sunny day. A fledgling bullfinch appears on the seed dispenser along with an adult male and female, presumably its parents. Heavy rain late afternoon and into the evening.

7th JUNE

At midday comes a sudden heavy downpour but at 12.45.pm I can see 'Jimmy Rowe' bubbles. Jimmy Rowe lived at Seven Stars near my mother's childhood home at Bodwen. According to her, Jimmy said that if rain created bubbles as it fell, the shower would soon cease. By 12.53.pm the skies have cleared, and the air is enlivened with the sharp, astringent scent of the abundant elder blossom.



9th JUNE

I come upon two male bullfinches feasting on the newly ripened sorrel seeds on plants that, for this reason, I have allowed to grow on a grassy bank.



11th JUNE

A small flock of herring gulls mob a drifting buzzard high up in the sunlit sky. I hear the contact calls of newly fledged great tits as I pick some delicate blooms of my favourite rose, Rosa Mundi. Later, several swallows chatter above me but, by now, the wind has become restless and I see voluminous clouds, full of anger, approaching briskly from the west.

14th JUNE

Torrential showers clear to a welcome sunny day. Blackbird fledglings continue to call out urgently for food from bushes near the house and beyond. Many sycamore 'keys' and ash seeds have been brought down prematurely by the recent wild weather.



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COUNTRY DIARY

18th JUNE

Hot ! I discover several marsh orchids blooming amongst the ragged robins around the margins of POND 5.

Late afternoon a blackbird offers a brief song to the warm, spirited breeze.



20th JUNE

Very hot at 23°C. The constant calling of a green woodpecker (probably a fledgling) encircles me as I sit in the shade of the 'Padstow' beech.

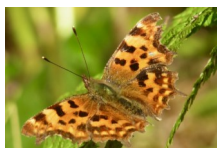
25th JUNE

Thick garlands of creamy hedge bedstraw clothe the roadside bank while the heath bedstraw, of a more fragile appearance, stays close to the ground in the lower pond area.



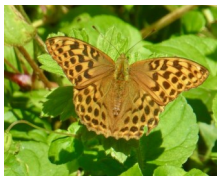
30th JUNE

Cloudy and humid after early mist. I see several red admirals and a comma in the flower garden.



2nd JULY

A silver-washed fritillary flutters quickly and erratically through the sultry afternoon while the cloying perfume of the privet hangs heavy in the air.



4th AUGUST 2005

Early this morning I cycle out to Canna and as the wind rushes past my ears I discern the song of a willow warbler nearby. Pausing my journey, I watch as a pair of them flit amongst the yellowing leaves of a silver birch. The song has ended, and they are now hovering and twisting in flight to catch insects.

5th SEPTEMBER 2005

As I work in the garden the flickering shadows of many red admirals and the sonorous buzzing of bees tells me that the Ivy, growing nearby, is coming into bloom. David reports seeing several jackdaws mobbing two peregrines over our garden..

Kathryn Hill

LUXULYAN CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

This is held on the last Thursday in each month from 11am.

Following queries to what happens to the money, here is what we have done with it since we started, all agreed upon as a group of those present that particular morning.

Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in memory of Keith Stocker; towards new floor for village hall; to help with painting the Bridges bus stop; planters for railway station; Innis Chapel donation; Diversity books for school; help with expenses for our junior archery girl; Luxulyan football club; mugs for village hall; plants for village bus stop; Macmillan coffee morning; carpet for school library; donation to Cystic Fibrosis in memory of Roy & Judith; marathon in memory of Wayne Manship donation; Church for Christmas support to some parishioners; school breakfast club. Apologies if we have left anyone out!

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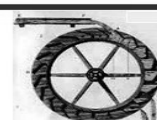
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The fees are £30 per term or £4 for individual sessions.

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

Wendy Lewis

Dates for your Diary

AUGUST 2025

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Sundays	Summer Cream Teas	3.00pm – 5.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Saturday 2 nd	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 3 rd	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 6 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Saturday 9 th	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebeland
Saturday 9 th	FOLV Boat Cruise –	5.00pm	Fowey Harbour
Thursday 14 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Wednesday 20 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 21 st	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts @ 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Sunday 24 th	FOLV – Guided Walk	10.00am	Black Hill Car Park
Monday 25 th	Vintage Cream Tea's	2.00pm – 5.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Saturday 30 th	FOLV – Forest School	10.30am – 2.30pm	Black Hill Car Park
Thursday 31 st	Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms

SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 3 rd	Luxulyan Overs 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 6 th	Plant Swap	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Saturday 6 th	Horse Show & Gymkhana – see page 5 for more details		
Sunday 7 th	Soup & Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 10 th	COPY DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025 GRANITE TOWERS		
Thursday 11 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Saturday 13 th & Sunday 14 th	LANLIVERY VINTAGE RALLY AND COUNTRY FAIR See page 5 for more details		
Saturday 13 th	LEGGS Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebeland
Wednesday 17 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 19 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 20 th	Concert – see page 14	7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Saturday 27 th	Harvest Supper	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Thursday 28 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Tuesday 30 th	Harvest Auction	8.30pm	The Crown Inn



1. Skylarks, Luxulyan

2. Luxulyan Church enjoying refreshments

3. Rebecca Albon, Luxulyan Carnival Queen

4. Wildflowers outside Luxulyan Village Hall

5. Line dancing for Feast in Lanlivery Church

6. September sunrise. Kathryn Hill