

The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



April & May 2025

EDITORIAL



Dear Friends,

I do hope this edition of the Granite Towers finds you well. As I write it's early March and we are in the middle of enjoying some rather pleasant weather, which has been a welcome change from the rain. Although it has been rather cold first thing! They say that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb so dare we wish this holds goods news for the summer!

By the time you read this edition the clocks will have changed, and we will be enjoying an extra hour of daylight. I expect many of you have already been enjoying the lighter evenings in recent weeks and the signs that spring is on the way.

I was recently on a walk with the dog, on our usual lunchtime route, when I could not help but notice the increase in incidents of dog mess not being picked up and dealt with. One such instance was in front of the sign that asks you to clean up after your dog! If you are a dog owner, you will know that the continued necessity of cleaning up after your dog is not the most enjoyable aspect of pet ownership. However, it is a necessary and legal requirement that you do so under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act of 2014. Places covered in the Act include parks, playing fields, and playgrounds, town centres, shopping centres and car parks, footpaths, pavements and roads. Failure to do so, if caught, can result in a £100.00 on the spot fine which can escalate to the magistrates' court and an increased fine. As reported in the local press recently, that a dog owner was not only fined £100.00 for failing to pick up after their dog, but they were also fined a further £250.00 for then throwing a bag of dog poo over a fence!! Surely the cost of a box of poo bags is so much less than any fine payable. It is

simply not acceptable to just leave it or throw it in the hedge.

It's not just the unsightly look of areas being left covered in dog mess it's the health risk it poses to those unlucky enough to encounter it. One very serious risk is toxocariasis; an infection caused by the eggs of the Toxocara worm. Children are particularly susceptible as they are more likely to be playing in areas with contaminated mud or grass. Symptoms include breathing issues, seizures and blindness. I am sure no-one wants to see anyone having to deal with such an illness that can simply be avoided by ensuring the contaminant is removed upon deposit.

I am always baffled why certain dog owners feel they do not need to deal with the mess their dog makes. Yes, it's unpleasant but it's an unwritten agreement we make when we take on the ownership of a dog. Pretty much every pocket I have has one or more dog bag in it, just in case. When I lived in Australia, they even provided dog bags in the parks so there was no excuse for not picking it up. I am sure there will be some that argue there are not enough bins to deal with it – the simple answer is to take it home and dispose of it in your own bin. The small 'inconvenience' of having to carry it with you on your walk far outweighs the alternative should a child fall ill.

No-one enjoys stepping in dog mess and carrying it into the house or car and then having to deal with the clean-up. Bag it and bin it!!

If you encounter an incident of dog-fouling report it to the Council!

Until next time

Claire

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Once again, the Over 60s enjoyed a lovely lunch and natter at The Crown, in February. It is such a pleasurable way to spend some time, in the company of happy people. We meet at 12 noon on the second Thursday of each month. There is no joining fee, £1 will buy you a raffle ticket, there is a special menu for us, (although you can choose from the regular menu if you prefer). You pay for your own meal and drinks. For more information, please call Peggy or Mark. Please note the new contact number - 07879 883 083

Peggy

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To book the Institute, £10 per session:
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Luxulyan School

Embracing community, shaping futures

News from Luxulyan School

Go Cornish update

Lowen-o-meter		
Fatla genes? - How are you?		
	bryntin	brilliant
	splann	splendid
	pur dha	very good
	da lowr	good enough
	drog	bad

We were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to work with Cornish musician Will Keating earlier in the year. He came into school for the day and worked with each of the classes on a singing workshop. Two classes then went to the Hall for Cornwall on 3rd March to join with children from schools across Cornwall for a massed Cornish sing-a-long. The children took St. Piran's flags to wave and had the opportunity to be part of a choir of over 1000 children.

In school we celebrated St. Piran's day with a pasty lunch, which was highly enjoyed. Children also learned about the story of St. Piran and completed some activities in their classes.

We continue to be part of the Go Cornish for Primary Schools initiative, and the use of Cornish is an integral part of our day. Children in Ash and Beech class have been learning how to ask and answer the question 'how are you?' and would like to share their lowen(happy)-o-meter with you.



Compiled by Rachel Allison
Ash Class Teacher

VIEW FROM THE SURGERY

We seemed to have survived the winter and its pressures caused by multiple viral illnesses including influenza, covid and respiratory syncytial virus and the lack of funding for community services meaning it was hard to get care packages for patients in need of them. Now that we are in spring, we are busy planning the covid vaccination booster and have started a new programme of vaccination for RSV. This virus causes a flu like illness but has most symptoms in the respiratory tract with high fever, cough and breathlessness. In most people it passes with no specific treatment being needed, however in babies and the elderly it can cause severe respiratory distress and can be a cause of admission to hospital. So, if you have been invited to have either the covid booster or the new RSV vaccine please do consider it as being very protective to you, keeping you from becoming ill.

Here at the surgery, we are busy trying to forward plan and we are trying to recruit to replace people who are leaving for many reasons including retirement and new job opportunities. We have two new receptionists and so you may see new faces behind the front desk or hear new voices on the phone. We have new doctors joining the team as well. So, I hope you can welcome them all with friendly smiles and help them settle in. There are other posts we are trying to recruit to, and you may be pleased to know that they are all patient focused and not management. There are also meetings being held to discuss how we can further develop the surgery building or obtain new premises, so we are focusing on the future.

The government has announced "an end to the 8 o'clock rush" with a revised contract to us with more funding available. The basic funding is increased to an average of £121.90 per patient per year. This is the money the NHS pays the practice to run the services and employ staff the practice needs as well as pay the doctors. There are other funds, but they depend on activities performed during the year. The average cost of filling a car with petrol is approximately £75 so unlimited access 52 weeks of the year to primary care seems good value at less the two tanks full of petrol. The end of the 8 o'clock rush is thought to be due to better online access allowing patients to submit nonurgent appointment requests, medication and administration queries through online tools during opening hours. The scheme that has enabled us to recruit allied medical professionals, such as pharmacists and paramedics, has been widened to included recently qualified GPs (Doctors that have completed their 5-year minimum postgraduate training not just straight from university) and practice nurses. So, I hope that will help practices employ much needed staff. However, I am not sure that it will make much difference on a Monday morning for a quite a while, but here's hoping.

Take care of yourselves

Andy Haywood

LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK 2025

Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th May
WHAT'S ON during the week

SUNDAY 11th May

5.30pm Well Dressing at St. Brevita's Well
 6.00pm Feast Sunday Evensong, followed by wine, cheese and nibbles. All welcome. Singing by Victoria during the evening.

MONDAY 12th May

6.30pm **ROUNDERS** in the Playing field. Enquiries- Mark Richards 872392

TUESDAY 13th May

6.30pm **FOOTBALL** in the Playing field. Enquiries Paul Perkins or Mark Richards.

WEDNESDAY 14th May

6.30pm **DUCK RACE** meet at Polcan Bridge. Some parking available in Peters field. To enter, **BUY A TICKET** £1 each available from any Committee Member or ring Secretary, Cath Haley 872815.
 7.30pm **GAMES EVENING** in the Crown Inn

THURSDAY 15th May 7.30

7.30pm **QUIZ NIGHT** in The Crown Inn
 No more than 6 in a team. £2 pp entry fee. Raffle.

FRIDAY 16th May.

3.30- 5.00pm **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC** for children aged 0 to 11 years old. In the Playing field, or the Church if wet.
 Bring a blanket and a bear, and enjoy a free picnic tea
 Competition for biggest Teddy, smallest Teddy and best dressed Teddy.
 Teddy Bear races.
 Children to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer.
 For further information ring 07754 935965.

ALSO, FRIDAY EVENING

REBECCA CHEW will be singing in the Crown Inn.
 Also, a sing along of Cornish songs.

FEAST SATURDAY 17th MAY

9.00-10.30am **PRODUCE SHOW STAGING** from 9am to 10.30am. Please remove entries by 5pm.
 2.00pm **FEAST DAY SERVICE** in Church
 Followed by the Flora Dance with St. Pinnock Band from the Church steps to the Playing Field.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

This year, weather permitting, we are hoping to have an afternoon of fun and Games in the Playing field. We are hoping to put on some extra sports and some team games for all ages, younger children, older children, mums, dad even grannies and grandads. Something for everyone. Tug of war, welly wanging and much more.

TEAS/REFRESHMENTS will be served in the Church from 3.30pm.

Donations of cakes for the teas would be gratefully received please.

SATURDAY EVENING - to finish the week - something different!

7.00pm Line Dancing in the Church. All ages welcome. No experience necessary. So put on your cowboy hats and boots (optional) and have some fun.
 Prize for best dressed cowboy 🤠
 Entry £5 per adult, children £1.
 Bring your own drinks and refreshments.

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MEMORIAL INSTITUTE PLANT SWAP AND COFFEE MORNINGS

Plant Swap season has started again now on the first Saturday of the month. 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 5th April and 3rd May

LANLIVERY FEAST SCHEDULE 2025

PRODUCE

1. Four (4) brown eggs (one to be cracked)
2. Four (4) white eggs (one to be cracked)
3. Four (4) sticks of rhubarb
4. Cress grown the tallest in a jam jar lid
5. Largest dock leaf
6. Flowering pot plant

COOKERY

Children

Two (2) butterfly buns

Adults

1. Jar of Chutney
2. Scotch egg
3. 8oz Victoria Sponge (recipe below)
4. Quiche Lorraine
5. Four (4) Flapjacks

HANDICRAFT

1. A knitted item
2. Photo of an animal
3. A Cornish limerick
4. A handmade item using any medium.
Can be decorative or functional

FLORAL

1. A vase of three (3) flowering shrubs
2. Table decoration/arrangement
3. Handheld posy

CHILDREN – PRE-SCHOOL

1. Alien or Robot mask
2. Drawing of your favourite animal

CHILDREN – KEY STAGE 1 & 2 – to be judged separately

1. Handmade Piggy Bank from recycled material
2. Create a garden on a dinner plate

Victoria Sponge Recipe

8oz Self Raising flour
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4 eggs

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LUXULYAN OVER FIFTIES

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

Subs are £2 per year and a raffle is held at each meeting which helps with the cost of the Christmas meal. New members are welcome, so please telephone Val on 01726 850045 for details.

CHAIR YOGA IN LUXULYAN

Now available at Luxulyan Village Hall are sessions for Chair Yoga led by Tracy. Sessions are from 10 am to 11 am on Fridays, cost is £8 per session. No need to book, just come along and join in. Tracy is a great teacher and will be sympathetic to your aches and pains – to a certain extent anyway!



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LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

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

CG. 10 April 1925: Beam, Bugle. Sale of Surplus Household Furniture and Organ. Messrs Marshall Hooper & Co are favoured with instructions to Sell by Public Auction on Wednesday April 15th at 3.30 the following, the property of Mrs T Pascoe - - - - -.

CG. 10 April 1925: Two excellent concerts have recently been given in the Schoolroom. The first held on the 24th of last month by the "Whirl of the World" Concert Party Bodmin was in aid of the School Prize Fund. On the 31st the "Rainbow" Concert Party paid a visit in aid of the Institute. It was a pity that both of these splendid concerts were not better patronised.

CG. 17 April 1925: PARKYN. Saturday April 11th at Horras, Hilda Clarice, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Parkyn aged 17 years.

CG. 24 April: Lanivet Marconi Station. Employment for 200 men. Reference was made at a meeting of the Mid and West Cornwall Employment Committee at Redruth to the erection of the new Marconi wireless station at Innis Downs, Near Lanivet.

Mr FC Bond secretary said during the present month about 200 men would be registered on this work. Arrangements had been made to draw them from the Exchanges at St Austell, Newquay and St Columb, and if the number of unemployed men in those districts proved inadequate efforts would be made to send unemployed from Camborne and Redruth.

The men would have to lodge in the vicinity, as the distance was too great for daily transport. He thought the scheme would absorb most of the unemployed in the St Austell district. The work, lasting six months, would be started at once.

WMN. 27 April 1925: On April 24th, at St Cyor's House, Alfred Bennett, aged 66 years. Funeral Tuesday 4.15 at Bridges Chapel.

WMN. 27 April 1925: Plymouth festival. 6th place the Luxulyan Quartet, Messrs C Jolliffe, W Tregonning, M Sturtridge and E Parker, 90 per cent.

CG. 8 May 1925: Circuit Rally at Ebenezer. The United Methodist circuit rally was held on 30th April. The Rev J Job of St Austell preached in the afternoon. There was a public tea, the place being too crowded for all to be served. In the evening Mr Isaac Foot gave a powerful and inspiring address on the history of the rise and overthrow of slave traffic, paying a deserved tribute to the Quakers and the pioneers, who were mostly young men.

Mr Roberts the Circuit Steward presided and was supported on the platform by the Circuit Ministers. Mrs Symons presided at the organ and the choir was augmented from other parts of the circuit. Innis Society had charge of one tea table, Lanivet one and Ebenezer two.

The Bugle Prize Band gave their services and rendered choice music. The unanimous opinion expressed was that the Rally was a great success in numbers and inspiration, as well as financially.

CG. 22 May 1925: £70 Stolen. During the absence of the occupants, the residence of Mr George Hicks at Minorca was entered through the window and about £70 taken from a box placed underneath some clothing in a trunk in a bedroom. The police are investigating the matter.

CG. 22 May 1925: Rural Housing Scheme. Sir – an old adage has it that life is made bearable by its surprises. If everything worked according to plan the world would be a dull place. There has been an unexpected turn in the choice of a site for the Rural Council Housing scheme at Luxulyan which I think calls for elucidation.

It would seem as though Mr CT Trevail has somehow foisted his views to the exclusion of other representative opinion. This fact was laid bare at the last Council meeting as reported in the Guardian. A meeting of parishioners was held to obtain an authoritative view and it was generally agreed that the glebe field, or a portion thereof, was the ideal site; this land is available and at a price within the estimates of the Council's scheme.

CG. 29 May 1925: To Quarry Owners, China Clay Merchants, Mining Engineers, Machinery Merchants and Others. Stenalees and Ennis Vath. Peter Hamley & Sons are favoured with instructions to sell by Auction on Thursday June 11th at twelve noon, the whole of the Steam Engines, Machinery, Buildings and Plant at the above works comprising: - - - - - .

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YOUNG WISDOM!

A woman was telling her children the story of Easter – how Jesus went to Jerusalem, the trial in front of Pontius Pilate, the eventual judgement and outcome.

When she finished, she asked the children what they thought the moral of the story was.

They shook their heads. "Always settle out of court", came the reply!

STORY-WRITING COMPETITION

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

Handwritten, typed or email

Maximum 600 words

Closing date: **Sunday 1 June 2025**

Each entry must include the following information:

Full name

Age as of 1 June 2025

Home Address

School of the participant

Permission to publish under your own name, or otherwise anonymously

Email entries should be sent to stachoral@gmail.com

Non-email entries may be submitted via the schools or at Lanlivery Church and Luxulyan village shop.

Please ensure that each such entry is in a sealed envelope, addressed to “Granite Towers story-writing competition”.

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.

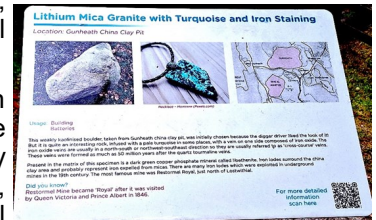
FROM THE MEADOW BARNS CENTRE 4 CLIMATE HOPE

As I write, Friday 14th of March is just days away. It will be the final event of the mining and climate change education project, that we have been delivering in tandem with the University of Exeter. It has been fantastic, not only for our own little staff team and site, but also because we see great potential for a legacy that can involve partner working with other providers, like Sterts in the Caradon Mining area, Wheal Martyn at St. Austell and Lappa Valley railway.



*Imerys BL plant,
dressed for action*

One element that was different for us, recently, was working with 12–13-year-olds from Bodmin area, during February half term. We provided the end of their 4-day Science/STEM camp, by organising a trip to Imerys British Lithium processing plant, followed by a Hunt for Treasure - including Lithium - at Wheal Martyn. Did you know they have great big boulders full of the stuff?



*One of the boulder displays
at Wheal Martyn*

Immediate Plans

There were some young people in the Bodmin group who seemed very keen to join with more activities in future school holidays. They had been especially caught up in our re-enactment fun, pretending to be miners below ground and then coming up for a cream tea and debating whether it could/should be jam first. We had a lot of laughs!

For them our first plan, without a firm date yet, is a Blowing House Walk from Bodmin down towards Lanivet, taking in lots of different old mills and mines. What was a Blowing House? How would life have been then? We will be doing this in the first week of the school holiday at Easter. Drop me an email or Facebook message if you would like to join our explorations.

Beyond that, in May, our next topic will be Heritage of Working Horses. We have partners who can help with learning how to manage forests sustainably, using traditional logging techniques and this will start at



*Dartmoor Horse Loggers,
helping to advise us*



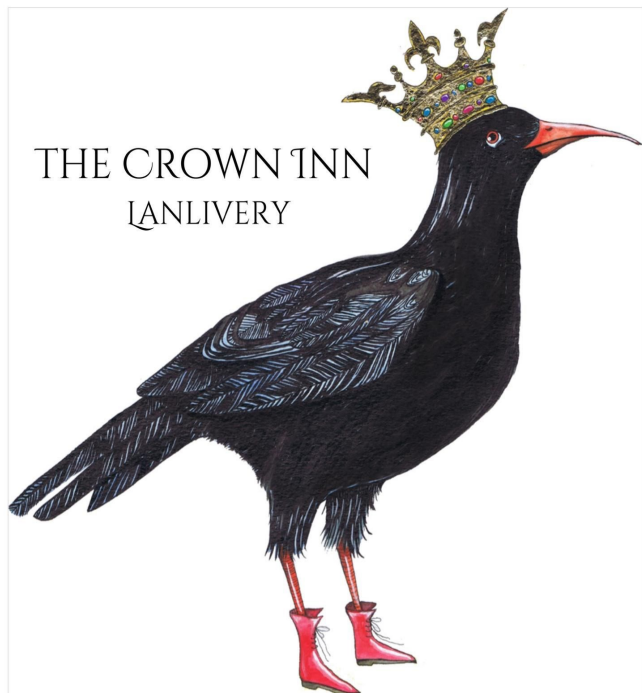
Pikna Shire Horses and carriage

Penpell where we can include using trunks for wood craft products too. Our other partner, from Sticker, is Pikna Shires who are ready to offer rides for up to eight people, stopping for history stories through the grounds of a grand mansion. The plan is for this to be offered in the May half term.

To find out how these plans are developing, please follow our Facebook posts.

Caroline Stephenson

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LADS REUNION

On Saturday 1st February many of the previous LADS members enjoyed a wonderful evening reminiscing over our past productions and the magical times we had.

Thanks to Alan we had a 2 ³/₄ hour running film to sit and watch, between catching up. Plus, all the grub everyone brought was fantastic, thank you to everyone who contributed.

LADS first started in October/November 1989 with '100 years of Music' and didn't fold until after the last performance of 'Snow White' in February 2017.

In 1989 LADS was founded by Jack Chalcraft, Hazel Chalcraft, Ben Chalcraft, Mike Reeves, and Daniel Rowe. They won the Luxulyan Carnival and the prize was £1 with which they opened LADS bank account.

Fund raising was started in earnest and it continued so down through the years, for us but also for charity.

LADS managed to put on 20 Pantomimes, 17 Shows and 11 Plays. 48 performances!

When the Calor Gas Awards were on, the judges covered the productions for the whole of Cornwall, culminating with an Oscar Award night at the Coliseum.

Nine times out of ten productions we had performed were that highly marked that we would win more than one category. The ultimate accolade was to be chosen by the judges selected from the winners, for them to repeat, on the Coliseums enormous stage, for entertainment after the meal. I don't remember us not being the entertainment but I do know that when we were asked to perform for the night, giving us time to practice, we knew we had won a category.

As happens in life, some of our past members have moved away or are no longer with us so I had this idea we should have a reunion.

I must stress though that I couldn't have done it without amazing help from Catherine for digging up contacts and actually finding the Calor Gas Judge Mike Mears. Also, Mike Reeves who was LADS first director.

Then there is Alan who has all the technology at hand as he did when he was alongside his dad Bill our tech guys for lightening and sound.

Alan is amazing where technology is concerned, and we sat for six hours one evening to put the video together and no complaints from either of us. The time flew by as we were reliving the, like I said, magical memories. I don't wonder he will run a mile if I come up with some other hair brained scheme.

Jack Chalcraft's daughter Janice Stephens came to the reunion and has a mind to try and start LADS up again. Janice and Catherine have been getting together and have a poster which hopefully, is also in this issue.

I do hope all age groups and all skills in perhaps carpentry, make-up, singing, dancing, sewing, anything and everything even just tea making, will support them in their endeavour to get the community together once again under the roof of the Village Hall where it all started. The community came together before I'm sure it can be done again. It really is fun!

Rosemary Truscott

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THE FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY

By the time you read this FOLV will have had its AGM and our events programme for the next year will have been finalised. It will have a wide variety of events including two or three that are specifically aimed at families and children.

Hopefully spring is now in full flow. The primroses are now blooming, and the trees are in bud; a great time to walk in the valley. Cornwall Council's capital pot for the valley has now been fully used, so in the near future it will be maintenance only. However, we have regular volunteering days organised by the ranger Jeny Heskett. Anyone who has the inclination and a few hours to spare is welcome to join in our work parties. Dates are on our website and Facebook pages.

We had a talk on Boconnoc by Hazel Harradence and Tracy Eliot in January, and a talk by Andy Payne on the St Austell Food Bank in February. It was surprising how much more the food bank does in addition to giving out food. Their aim is to try and help people get the right help and support so that they can move forward.

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

Please see FOLV Diary dates on page 21.

Robin Stephenson


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SLOW DOWN OR PAY THE FINE

As you may be aware, Cornwall Highways have gone back on their assurances to the people of Lockengate to provide traffic calming measures following the completion of the new St. Austell to the A30 link road. There have been so many near misses and accidents in the last couple of years which will increase once larger vehicles start to use the new link road. This was witnessed during lockdown in 2020/21 when less vehicles were on the road those who were, seemed to think it was okay to ignore the speed limit. Road users who use the current A391, especially when accessed it from the Luxulyan/Bodwen direction, the adjoining lanes and driveways, are petitioning for some form of traffic calming to be undertaken. The police are on board and have, after years of not doing so, started to enforce the speed limit in Lockengate for the safety of all road users and pedestrians. We have recently been made aware of two young girls having a near miss with a car whilst they were trying to cross the road from the bus stop. There are probably many more incidents that we do not know about.

Please join our campaign and sign the petition before there is another serious accident. Forms can be found in Luxulyan Stores and the Post Office in Lanivet. If you are unable to do this and wish to help our campaign, please kindly contact Noah Law, the MP for the area, whose e: mail address is noah.law.mp@parliament.uk

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THE RED MOOR SCHOOL



This term we have seen the return of World Book Day in which students and staff had a fantastic time dressing up as their favourite book characters. This is always such a good day and such a lovely way to celebrate reading. March at Red Moor also sees one of our favourite days – St Piran's Day! And we celebrated in style with joining other schools in a celebratory concert at St Bartholomew's Church in Lostwithiel, where some of our talented students performed. To celebrate this national day of Cornwall we also had some of Cornwall's favourite foods – Star Gazey Pie and Saffron Buns for snack time and Cornish Pasties and Scones with clotted cream and jam for lunch, it was all very yummy!

In other news there was National Careers Week, we were so proud with how involved and interested the students were. We had visits from our regional careers advisor which was so helpful, especially for our older students, we also had a tree surgeon come in and talk about his job, the ministry of defence came in for a talk and the wonderful Jack from "Football Fun Factory" came in and spent the day to show how much fun running your own business can be. We look forward to many more adventures in the coming months and will be sure to share them with you in the next Granite Towers.

Red Moor School

Compiled by Kerrie Rawlings, RMS Admin Team





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WI REPORT

When I took over writing the WI report from our highly esteemed WI secretary, the late Jean Linfoot, I never dreamed that I would be the one to be writing what seems like an obituary for our much-loved Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI. Because we cannot find anyone to fill the offices of secretary and treasurer, (and we have tried many ways to achieve this), we have been compelled to take the extremely sad and painful step of closing.

This was done officially by two WI County advisers overseeing this last stage in our demise, in which Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI is now in suspension. This means that if a group of enthusiasts decided they wished to restart it, within two years, they could, using the remaining funds. If not, all funds would revert to County and that would absolutely be the end.

However, we held our last meeting on Wednesday March 12th in Luxulyan Village Hall, determined to finish with a brave and cheerful flourish and include hospitality, entertainment, our usual good fellowship, and a spark of hope for the future.....as you will learn.

The meeting opened with the singing of “Jerusalem” and President Verna Roberts welcomed members and the two County Advisors. Birthday posies were given to Liz Edwards and Amanda Penk.

The suspension meeting was opened by County Advisor Mary Thompson who explained the proceedings and official minutes were taken by County Advisor Jill Trew. It was resolved that a suspension take place with immediate effect owing to inability to find officers to run the WI. The minutes were approved and signed. The suspension meeting was then closed.

Verna Roberts then addressed the members.

“This is one address to you all as president, that I never expected to have to make, but I feel that we cannot say goodbye to our dear Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI without thinking of all that has gone before and recognising all the hard work, fun, and fellowship we have had.

I want to pay tribute to our founders, including Pat Ward, who, back in 1957, with the other women, carried it forward for all those years and then to all of you, who have kept things going until now. I want to thank everyone who has served at various times in the positions of office: some of whom served more than once. Then there are those who have served on our committee or done all the other jobs, such as organising the raffle, competitions, meals out etc. and for being refreshment hostesses, and many other tasks. We have all at some time or another helped and taken a turn at these jobs over the years and had great fun doing so.

I would like to thank three people without whom we could not have come this far and have carried on for this bit longer: Lee Hemmings, our treasurer, who has served us so ably, but who has come to an important crossroad in her life and likewise, Anne Parr, who was our very able secretary. Thank you so much too, to Peggy Langdown, who tried valiantly to do the jobs of secretary and treasurer, and Jackie Russell, who stepped in at the last moment before we nearly closed again, saying she would take on the role of secretary if Lee would continue as treasurer, and an excellent job she has done too.

The list of people to whom we are all grateful, is very long and really consists of all of you and I hate to leave anyone out, because, as I said earlier, you have all done a variety of things at one time or another, but I can mention Lorna, for wonderful cooking, flower arranging and competition winning, Jackie Soady the same, Amanda for organising walks, Joan Lawson, the raffle, and Val Hodge for our meals out.

I am also going to name three ladies who have been loyal members for a long time, so that we have come to depend on them for their experience and expertise in all things WI – Joan Lawson, Val Hodge, and Joan Blackshire. Thank goodness they have extremely long memories and have been able to advise on correct procedures, knowledge of our traditions and the general running of the WI.

Thank you all for all your loyal efforts to continue; thank you for all the fun and laughter, learning skills, and going on exciting outings. I want to pay tribute to all of that and to sum it up I cannot think of a better way to say it than..... it's been a BLAST!”

Verna pointed out that Val Hodge had put out some memorabilia for members to browse through: record books and photo albums, some going back to the very beginning of L & L WI. Several included photos of the trip over a dozen of us made to a Denman College course, and our Golden Anniversary in 2007, when Olympic Rower, Ed Coode, was guest of honour. Members were then reminded about the Birthday Dinner on Wednesday April 9th at 6.30 for 7pm at The Carlyon Bay Golf Club. They were then invited to consider meeting up every few weeks for morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon tea at various venues after L & L WI has closed. Several were keen to give it a try. It was also

decided to hold an evening's viewing of a fuller range of the memorabilia in The Robartes Institute at 7pm on Wednesday March 24th.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Jackie Soady and Liz Hull, helped by Amanda Penk and Val Hodge. Lorna Curtis made a delectable fruit cake beautifully decorated with exquisite sugar flowers as a farewell to L & L WI. Everyone then joined in a highly enjoyable and noisy game of Beetle organised by Liz Edwards, who also arranged for a game of identifying various common objects from a selection of curiously angled photographs. Despite the circumstances, the evening finished on a cheerful, yet poignant note and the National Anthem was sung to close.

If circumstances change, and a fresh group of women decide they want to start a new WI, they have two years in which to do it – so there is a chance for revival even yet!

Verna Roberts



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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Alison had made up her mind. No more dates, singles clubs, searching the internet or succumbing to match-making attempts from friends. What did it matter if she was on her own? Too fussy, she'd been told. No-one's perfect. Mark had been though - handsome, amusing, considerate and sincere. Until he had married her best friend and moved to Canada. Since then, her opinion of men had taken a downward spiral.

'Get over it,' her sister Janice said. 'You'll find someone else. Not all men are brutes. Take my Rob.'

Alison had no intention of taking Janice's Rob. She wasn't given to stealing other peoples' husbands. But finding someone to take Mark's place was proving difficult. She was fed up with men with tight fitting t-shirts stretched over bulging beer bellies, tired of balding men with comb-overs and younger men with all over tattoos, some sporting the names of previous girlfriends. Most of all she hated men for whom her 38b bra would be too small.

'All right,' Janice said when she declared her intention to stay single. 'It's your life.'

When Alison met Gary at her evening class, she wasn't impressed. He looked thirtyish but was already losing his hair. He wore a blue t-shirt, revealing a small tattoo on his upper arm which spelled Elsie; worse, it accentuated the only bulge on his torso. Certainly bigger than a 38b - big enough to look out of place on his otherwise thin frame.

He'd finished making his clay vase and offered to help her remould hers, which had collapsed into a sticky mess.

'Thanks,' she said.

'No problem.' He smiled, showing white, even teeth. He reshaped Alison's vase with deft fingers, and by the end of the class Alison couldn't help admiring his expertise.

'You're good,' she told him. 'You could probably teach the instructor a thing or two. Why do you come?'

Gary smiled. 'I find it therapeutic. It relaxes me.'

Alison felt anything but relaxed after making such a mess of something that looked so simple. If she didn't get the hang of it soon perhaps she'd switch to painting or cake decorating.

Gary remoulded her vase twice more during the evening. When it was time to leave, he sought her out and asked shyly, 'Em... I don't suppose-' He stopped, looking embarrassed. 'Never mind. Will you be here next week?'

'Yes,' Alison said, relief filling her. He'd been about to ask her out, she was sure. Thank goodness he'd changed his mind. It saved her from having to turn him down.

For the next three weeks Gary wasn't at the pottery class. Alison wasn't surprised. What could someone as good as him learn from it? She'd almost forgotten about him until the fourth week, when she saw him standing with his back to her as she entered the room. At least she thought it was him. He seemed to have put on weight and looked more evenly proportioned. Perhaps, when he hadn't been at the class, he'd been to the gym.

'Hello,' he smiled when he saw her. 'I hoped you'd still be here.'

'Hello,' she said, thinking how different he looked. He had more hair than she remembered too. 'I hope you're not going to show me up. I haven't improved much since the last time you were here.'

'You'll get there,' he assured her.

It was halfway through the evening when one of her classmates said, 'It's nice to see Gary looking so much better.'

'Better?'

'Yes, didn't you know? Cancer, but they caught it early and he's clear now. He'll need regular check-ups, but the prognosis is good and they reckon he'll be fine.'

A hot flush swamped Alison. Hair loss, weight loss, sometimes swelling of the breasts due to hormone injections; how could she not recognise the symptoms after what had happened to her grandfather? Shame overcame her when she recalled how she'd judged Gary on her first impression.

'I thought you said you hadn't improved,' he said later when he saw her work. 'That's pretty good.'

'Not as good as yours.'

'I've had a lot of practice.'

'Because you think it's therapeutic and relaxing,' she said, remembering their initial conversation.

He stared at her as if realising that she understood.

'I could give you a few tips, you know, over coffee or something,' he said. Then, as if not wanting her to feel obligated, he added, 'Don't be afraid to say no.'

'What about Elsie?' she asked, indicating the tattoo on his arm.

Gary laughed. 'Elsie was my dog. Stupid thing to do. I'll get it removed one day.'

Alison gazed into those dark blue eyes and made her decision in an instant. 'Oh, I don't know,' she said, smiling. 'I like dogs, and coffee sounds great.'

Christine McHaines

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Skylarks is for all ages and a gentle exploration of what it means to be a Christian whilst learning from the Bible – all in the outdoors. There is no expectation that everyone will do any or all the activities on offer – some come just for the discussion! You can take part in as much or as little as you wish.

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APRIL

April is the tender time
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When everything we love to see
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Holding promise of what it will bring,
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And the optimistic buds of spring.

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His achievements were legendary and include, bellringing (tower and handbells), school governor, The Saints' Way pilgrimage, indoor rowing and certainly the most memorable his organising and co-ordinating the Lanlivery Loonies for 25 years.

Unfortunately, in 2023, Keith became too ill to remain at home and was then in residential care. Rita donated much of Keith's work to the church for safekeeping and we are grateful to her. Rita was taken ill at the end of 2023 and sadly died early in 2024. Keith passed in January 2025 and was farewelled on 3rd February. Thank you both for the happy

memories.

From Keith's family

On behalf of Keith's family, I would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity in celebrating his life. A gentle man who was blessed with a full life enhanced by the love and fellowship afforded to him by the village sadly missed but greatly remembered.

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EMAIL FROM OXFORD

A neighbour of mine recently stopped me and exclaimed excitedly to have seen a song thrush in my garden, the first time he'd seen one in about 30 odd years! Having grown up in the countryside surrounded by an array of birdlife, I have to admit to feeling somewhat surprised at his admission. Obviously, the variety of birdlife in an area is dependent on the habitat, and I've noticed there's definitely a smaller variety of birds visiting my garden here in Oxford in comparison to Lanlivery. However, it hadn't really occurred to me that the limited variety was due to anything more than living in an urban setting instead of the countryside. Equally, just because my neighbour hadn't seen any for such a long time, doesn't mean to say that they weren't around. More probably, it reflects the thrush's recorded population decline since the 1960's, and its recent seemingly gradual recovery.

I have since noticed the thrush visiting my garden a few times, much to the delight of my neighbour as well as myself.

What a difference a bit of sunshine and warmer weather makes to everything, from mood to motivation and more obviously to the natural world, in particular, my garden. Which considering I'm only able to manage 20–30-minute sessions during my daughters' nap times, is slowly coming together. I know my plan was to focus on growing flowers this year, but the draw of a few veggies has lured me back to putting aside some space. I currently have a few cabbages in and hope to add tomatoes at some point. I also managed to successfully overwinter a couple of last

years' chilli plants in my lounge window. If I don't over-love them in the next couple of months, I'll hopefully have a healthy supply of chillies to look forward to.

In celebration of the next couple of months, I found these poems. The beautiful hawthorn (May) blossom was in full bloom when I got married at the end of May, two years ago (how has it been two years already!). Here's hoping the weather will be as kind as it was then.

The Four Sweet Months

First, April, she with mellow showers
Opens the way for early flowers;
Then after her comes smiling May,
In a more sweet and rich array;
Next enters June, and brings us more
Gems than those two that went before:
Then, lastly, July comes, and she
More wealth brings in than those three.

Robert Herrick

The Song of the May Fairy

My buds, they cluster small and green;
The sunshine gaineth heat:
Soon shall the hawthorn tree be clothed
As with a snowy sheet.

O magic sight, the hedge is white,
My scent is very sweet;
And lo, where I am come indeed,
The Spring and Summer meet.

Cicely Mary Barker

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ENVIRONMENT COLUMN

Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space

Spring has definitely sprung! The Glebeland has seen a succession of snowdrops, daffodils and signs of celandine and bluebells pushing through. The bird song first thing in the morning is deafening! We hope our nesting boxes will be in full use this year – we were a bit late putting them up last year! Our volunteer mornings have included clearing some of the brambles and increasing the diversity in the copse area with some hazel, elder, beech and field maple shrubs. We have completed planting the very young hedgerows and look forward to them bushing out a bit more this year.

We are still waiting for a bit of dry weather to dry out the boggy area to enable us to dig the pond area out (how ironic!) but hopefully in May we should be able to do this. Water is so important for habitat diversity particularly for our fauna and amphibians.

We are just coming up to the end of three years work at the site and we are pleased with our progress; we hope you enjoy visiting the site. We have met many who are regularly walking through who use the site to destress their busy lives. The team always leave with a sense of achievement, and we really appreciate the support from the community providing manpower, wood chips and other expertise. A big thank you!

Our rent and lease renewal are both due in June, so we need to find £1000 (and insurance due in July!). We are holding a plant sale and coffee morning with raffle on Friday 25 April 10 am to 12 noon at Luxulyan Institute to contribute towards funds. Donations of cakes and plants would be hugely appreciated but your support on the day will also be important! Last year's plant sale was very successful, and we look forward to seeing you!

We have also been invited to have a stand at the Clay Country Plant Fayre at Roche Victory hall on Sunday 11 May in aid of the Prickles and Paws Hedgehog rescue charity; we will be selling plants and will also help us raise funds and awareness of our aims at LEGGS.

We continue to hold our volunteer mornings on the second Saturday of the month 10 am to 1 pm, refreshments provide:

Saturday 12 April

Saturday 10 May – (It's going to be a busy weekend!)

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Secretary to LEGGS



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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 28 June, Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space (LEGGs) will be celebrating its third anniversary with a Cheese and Wine evening at the Village Hall. Our guest speaker will be George Kestell who will talk on plants for wildlife.

Please come along to support us and enjoy an entertaining evening. Further details in next edition of Granite Towers.

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Granite Towers Committee

FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLY – DIARY DATES

Wednesday 16th April 2025 – 7.30pm to 9.00pm

A presentation by Steve Batt on the habitat and the many varieties of butterflies in Cornwall.

Meet: Luxulyan Village Hall, PL30 5QA

Saturday 3 May – Tamar Bridge Tour – 10.00am

Tamar bridge anchorage tour 1000hrs
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Sunday 25 May – 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Pot painting for families
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Minimum 15 people

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FROM CHURCH

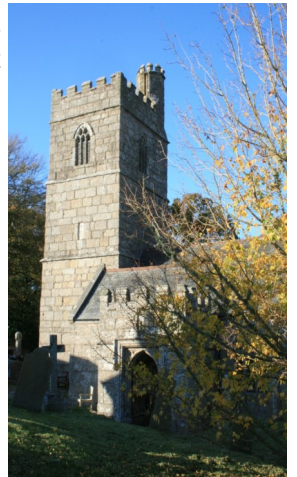


Some years ago, the gorse that extends from the clay trails down to Trethurgy caught light. It was at once a powerful and yet ominous sight as we watched the fire crews fight what seemed to be a never-ending battle. The fire began to descend quite quickly toward the village and the concern for those houses directly in its path was palpable.

Thankfully it was halted and for the rest of that summer the charcoaled peninsula was a reminder of the fragility of creation. Through winter and spring, unseen, underground, the healing of the wellspring of life was taking place. And amidst the blackened landscape the first tentative shoots of new life began to emerge.

As we ran past on our thrice weekly run, we saw the new life dispensing with the dead wood that had predominated the landscape, turning it from a dark prairie into an Eden of green life in all its many evocative colours.

We are going through some very dark days across the world, with many comparisons to 1930's Germany and chilling reminders of Chamberlain's piece of paper from Hitler. Dark times they were, dark times they are. But underground, if normal human beings, you and me, if we hold onto the picture of what the world could be, the garden of Eden as it was created, then between us we will ensure that the light that brings life will surprise us with its strength and once more create a world in its fullness of hues; the phoenix shall indeed be seen rising from the ashes.



Chris the vicar

FROM CHAPEL



Recently I was in a conference where the main speaker was recovering from an episode of laryngitis. Every word was a struggle. Every word was a challenge, but she was committed to her obligation, whatever the cost.

Christian ministry is many things, but no one in theological college ever said anything about giving up the power of speech. Voluntarily. There are those who are acquainted with me who are astounded that I have completed twelve hours of vocal abstinence in a sponsored silence. It seems people were prepared to part with their cash to keep me quiet. But of course, there was a serious side to this challenge to raise funds to support a student to work among the voiceless people of Bolivia.



Of all the gifts and abilities available to human beings, words must count among the most powerful. Certainly the 19th century English author Edward Bulwer-Lytton would agree, for he is reputed to have first suggested the pen is mightier than the sword. Perhaps this explains why authoritarian governments seek to hold on to power and silence opponents through censorship, sometimes even to the point of physical destruction. Words convey ideas. Words convey dangerous, subversive ideas. Words convey liberating ideas. Words are powerful because once spoken, they can never be taken back. Think of the power of Neil Armstrong's words "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Think of the power of Martin Luther King's words "I have a dream." You may have your own meaningful quotable quote as a reference point in your own life.

I like the way the Bible portrays Jesus' disciple Peter. Peter is far from being the model of perfection so often portrayed in stained glass, but a flesh and blood human being, human enough to forget to engage his brain before opening his mouth. Yet Peter, impulsive Peter, shows the qualities Jesus is looking for to continue his work of love and justice and compassion. James also describes the tongue, the power of words, as a fire capable of great evil, but also of great good (James chapter 3). Words really are a two-edged sword. So whether we are of few or more words, today let them not hurt, or belittle or distort the truth. Rather let this amazing gift of words be used only to build up, to help, comfort and encourage those to whom and of whom we speak. Think of the power of Jesus's words "Love one another. As I have loved you, love one another."

Yours in Christ

Revd Iris

NEWS FROM GUNWEN

We all enjoyed a lovely day celebrating St David and St Piran on Sunday 2nd March. The content of the morning service was entirely Welsh or Cornish with contributions from members of the congregation and included the Lord's Prayer three times. Maryanne Thomas spoke it in Welsh, Kim Hopewell in Cornish and the whole congregation in English. Lunch was an amazing pasty, saffron buns and other Cornish treats. This was followed by an afternoon of Welsh and Cornish music and the intriguing story of St Piran, as told by Trevor Lawrence. Thanks to Garry Tregidga and our friends from Rescorla for making it such a special occasion.

Future events:

There is a Coffee Morning on April 10th at 10.30am with a Raffle and the usual stalls.

On April 20th, Easter Sunday, it is the Chapel Anniversary for Gunwen and the service will be taken by Jo-Anne Petzing. All are welcome at Gunwen.

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

Best wishes from all at Gunwen Chapel

Judy Uden

Easter Lilies



This year we plan to again have a memorial display of lilies for Easter.

If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one please give your donation of £4.00 for each lily, as soon as possible, to Ellen, along with the names of those you wish to commemorate.

The names will be inscribed into a Book of Remembrance.

Helman Tor Pilgrimage GOOD FRIDAY

2.00pm

From Lanlivery Church



Short Service at the summit
followed by "Egg Rolling"

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Whole Church

The day divided into 3 sessions, £50.00 per session and includes use of the kitchen if required. Heating £25.00 if used.

The session before the booking available at no charge to enable set up.

1. Morning to 13.00
2. Afternoon 13.00 - 18.00
3. Evening 1800 – 2300



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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.

April 2025

6th, Lent 5

9.30 Morning Prayer

13th, Palm Sunday

10.30 Benefice Service at St. Bartholomew's

20th, Easter

9.30 Eucharist

27th, Easter 2

9.30 Morning Prayer

May

4th, Easter 3

9.30 Morning Prayer

11th, Feast Sunday

6.00 Evening Prayer

18th, Easter 5

9.30 Morning Prayer

25th, Easter 6

9.30 Eucharist

29th Thursday Ascension Day

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The meeting will be held in church at 2pm on Monday 7th April to receive the reports and elect churchwardens and PCC members. All on the church electoral roll or who live in the parish are entitled to vote for church wardens and just those who are on the church electoral roll to vote for the PCC.

Tim Turner

We were devastated by the loss of Tim on 2nd March. While we honour him by carrying on, we send our prayers and condolences to Sue and his family. Tim was an exemplary Christian who lived his faith, we will hugely miss him. Tributes and more in a following issue. Funeral will be on Thursday 20 March at 11 am followed by burial in the churchyard.

From the Registers

Funeral and cremation: 3rd February 2025: Keith David Adams, a faithful member of the congregation and bell ringing team.

18th February 2025: John Andrew of St Austell. John and his wife Christine were married in Lanlivery Church in 1959, and he is now laid to rest in our churchyard.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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. Shortlisting is due to take place on 7th April and interviews at the beginning of May. Please pray for a suitable candidate to be chosen and for them to accept!

Pleas for help!

The church website has not been updated for some time since we had to change to Word Press. I am not proficient enough to do this without help. Is there anyone who would give some time to help me make the site a useful resource? Please contact me at lanlivery@gmail.co.uk. In hope, thank you. Ellen

Would you like to do a little gardening to keep the small memorial garden in the churchyard in good order? It's mostly shrubs which need to be kept in check. Contact via the email above to volunteer. Thanks.

Contact details for Lanlivery Church

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Associate Priest: Revd Sheila Bawden

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John Michael Batchelor

Alan Williams

May

Terence Albert Bonney

Gwendolen Oenone Jane Richardson



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 6th April and 4th May 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

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 APCM

The Election of Churchwardens and APCM will take place in the Institute on Monday 12th May at 7pm, to be followed by refreshments.

This year sees a complete revision of the Electoral Roll, so all eligible persons who wish to renew or join the Roll need to fill in the appropriate form. This is available from the Electoral Roll Officer, Arlene Burley, or a Churchwarden. Completed forms must be received by 14th April.

Some vacancies exist for the PCC and anyone who has been on the Electoral Roll for six months is welcome to consider applying.

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 6th April

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 13th April

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Thursday 17th April

6.30 pm Maundy Thursday

Agape—combined at Roche

Friday 18th April

2 pm from Lanlivery Church

Helman Tor Pilgrimage

Sunday 20th April

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 27th April

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 4th May

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 11th May

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 18th May

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 25th May

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Thursday 29th May

Ascension Day

TBA

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SKYLARKS

On **Saturday 19th April at 10 am** at the Glebeland there will be an Easter Egg hunt and we shall also be making Easter gardens to take home.

See article on page 18 of this edition for further details.

COUNTRY DIARY

7th JANUARY 2025

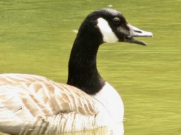
A sharp frost encrusts the birds' water bowls and ponds with a thick coating of ice.

8th JANUARY

Snow showers this afternoon briefly transforming the dull, winter landscape into a vision of beauty.

17th JANUARY

A mistle thrush sings as he, like me, becomes aware of a slight lengthening of the hours of daylight. I discover a little yew sapling growing along the streamside path.



22nd JANUARY

Chilly and bright. Early morning a dozen Canada geese fly over in a north easterly direction towards their feeding grounds while a great spotted woodpecker 'drums' busily below in the old apple tree.

23rd JANUARY

Storm Eowyn charges in during the day becoming ferocious by evening.

25th JANUARY

The storm has passed and tonight all is peaceful and calm. I observe and wonder at the stars and planets embedded in a black velvet sky.

26th JANUARY

I awake to the sound of a violent wind hurling handfuls of raindrops against the window. Storm Herminia has made landfall. The birds seem reluctant to appear at feeding time, obviously deterred by the hostile weather conditions. Soon after midday, however, the rain ceases and the sun peeks out timidly. A song thrush sings defiantly, loud and long, in the poplars and a lone starling visits.

27th JANUARY



Braving the boisterous wind and threatened showers, Keith, Maggie and I clean out the used nest boxes and put up five new ones. We discover three perfect nests from where, it seems, the broods all fledged successfully.



7th FEBRUARY

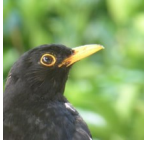
Snowdrops tremble in the chilly northeast wind.

8th FEBRUARY

I hear the first chaffinch song of the year on Rowan Bank. As I pass along Bullfinch Lane I pause to listen to another one singing in the adjacent grove.

18th FEBRUARY

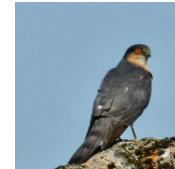
As I prune the roses a blackbird sings nearby and, as last year, he incorporates echoes of David's jaunty whistle into his song. As the years pass by these melodies and phrases will fade and change. I dare to imagine how this precious little corner of Cornwall will be in a century hence and beyond. Will any blackbirds survive to sing in the springtime and swallows still return to skim the summer pastures? The future I envisage is a bleak one as climate change, pollution and habitat loss continue their relentless destruction of our irreplaceable wildlife. In the meantime, the blackbird sings on, becoming pensive and mellifluous, confident in his innate knowledge that all is well in his world today.



19th FEBRUARY

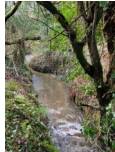
A portly wood pigeon perches on an ash bough, preening in the early morning sunshine.

22nd FEBRUARY

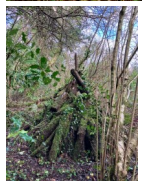
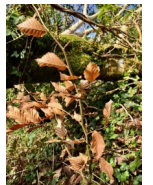


I become aware of a sparrowhawk sitting motionless amongst the ivy near the bird feeders, its eyes glinting with menace in the late afternoon sunlight. It takes flight when I quickly step outside!

24th FEBRUARY



As I walk by the sparkling stream, I notice that a beech sapling still holds on to its dead foliage and that the bluebell shoots have suddenly become spikes of shining, green leaves. A short distance away, the log 'tepee' that we created several years ago, is now well established and enhanced with mosses and ferns, providing a welcome shelter and habitat for a diversity of creatures.



3rd MARCH

A sharp frost in the past three days. It slowly surrenders to a calm, sunny day. Silver catkins shine on the

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COUNTRY DIARY



willows, golden lesser celandines shimmer at my feet and a newly wakened bumble bee buzzes busily by.

10th APRIL 2005

Mid-morning neighbour Liz calls with news of a returning swallow swooping joyously over the adjacent fields.

30th APRIL 1994

Down by the stream this afternoon I encounter a willow warbler. Quite unaware of my presence, he scampers, mouse-like, over the mossy willow limbs seeking insects.

5th MAY 1979

Through the kitchen window I observe a pair of bullfinches with a pair of goldfinches prising out the downy seeds from a cluster of dandelion heads.

6th MAY 1978

Early morning in the lower gardens at Cotehele, we catch the distinctive scent of a dog fox which then gives way to the heady perfume of the yellow-flowered azaleas (Rhododendron luteum) that surround us.

Kathryn Hill

LUXULYAN CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At the King's Arms, Luxulyan, on the last Thursday in each month there is a Charity Coffee Morning kindly hosted by Sam and the team. The money raised goes towards various projects around village; most recently it has given money to the school towards the expenses of the Breakfast Club as part of the Just Giving page that has been set up for raising funds and some to Adam for his Marathon bid on 23rd November. Coffee/tea, a piece of cake and a raffle ticket each cost £1. If you can bring along a small raffle prize as well, that will be gratefully received. The next meetings will be 24th April and 29th May. We look forward to seeing you.

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Thursday 17th April BEFORE DAWN

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Thursday 15th May DELIVERENCE

Jon Voight, Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty and Ronny Cox play "weekend warriors," who set off in two canoes down a mystery-laden Georgia river – and discover a wilderness of terror. Director John Boorman

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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

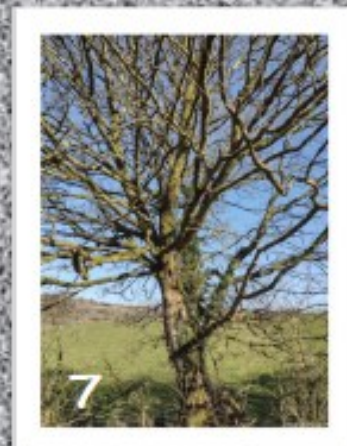
Dates for your Diary

APRIL 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 2 nd	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Saturday 5 th	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 6 th	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Monday 7 th	Lanlivery Church APCM	2.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Wednesday 9 th	WI Dinner	6.30 for 7.00 pm	Carlyon Bay Golf Club
Thursday 10 th	Coffee Morning	10.30am	Gunwen Chapel
Thursday 10 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Saturday 12 th	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebeland
Wednesday 16 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 16 th	FOLV – Steve Batt	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 17 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts @ 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 19 th	Skylarks	10.00am	Glebeland, Luxulyan
Thursday 24 th	Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Thursday 24 th	Luxulyan and District Old Cornwall Society	7.00pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Friday 25 th	Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute

MAY 2025

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 3 rd	FOLV – Tamar Bridge Tour booking essential	10.00am	Tamar Bridge Visitor Centre
Saturday 3 rd	Plant Swap	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 4 th	Soup & Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 7 th	Luxulyan Overs 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 10 th	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebeland
Saturday 10 th	Spring Quiz	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 10 th	COPY DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY 2025 GRANITE TOWERS		
Sun 11 th –Sat 17 th	LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK See pages 4 & 5 for full details		
Monday 12 th	Luxulyan Church APCM	7.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Thursday 15 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Thursday 15 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 21 st	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 25 th	FOLV – Pot Painting	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 29 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms



1. Farewell to Keith Adams

2. Tulips © Kathryn Hill

3. Pheasant & bluebells © Kathryn Hill

4. Walk from Rescorla to Luxulyan

5 & 6 Ellen McConnell awarded St Piran's Cross
by Rt. Revd. Hugh Nelson, Bishop of St. Germans
(6. © Truro Diocese)

7. LEGGS © Shelley Porter