



## **SUPPORT DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

Gwennap Parish Council is following guidance from Cornwall Council and the Cornwall Association of Local Councils with regards to coordinating volunteering and community response to the Covid19 crisis. Cornwall Council have asked **Volunteer Cornwall** ([www.volunteercornwall.org.uk](http://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk)) to coordinate the volunteering opportunities and the requests for support from vulnerable people across the county. Working with the Voluntary Sector Forum, the two organisations will be taking a lead on delivering food, medicines and care to those shielded in the community or those who are asked to self isolate for other concerns. It is expected that as the virus spreads through the county more volunteers and resources will be required and it is vital that everything is co ordinated through a single network.

If you are self-isolating because you or a member of your household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus, or because you fall into one of the 'vulnerable' categories, and you require help or support however big or small, please contact Volunteer Cornwall by telephone or email:

### **TO REQUEST HELP**

**Telephone 01872 266988 or email [requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk](mailto:requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk)**

**Other support - Truro Foodbank 07721 711669, Samaritans 01872 277277, Adult Social Care 0300 1234131**

If you are able and willing to help people in our community who need help or support, whether it be food or medicine delivery, or someone to speak to on the phone for company, please register as a Volunteer:

### **TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER**

**Register at <https://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/coronavirusvolunteer>**

Anyone who has made contact with the Parish Council to offer their assistance or to register as a 'vulnerable' household, is encouraged to contact Volunteer Cornwall to register.

Please share this information with your friends, families and neighbours. Please also remember to keep checking in with your neighbours and support those in your local community if you are able to.

#### **Stay at home**

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

**Do not meet others, even friends or family.**

#### **YOU CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE SYMPTOMS**

*For up to date information, advice and guidance on the Coronavirus Covid-19 follow <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health-cornwall/information-about-coronavirus-covid-19/> which has a wealth of information on health, adult social care, children & families, business support, benefits support, Council Tax, housing, public transport, environment, waste & recycling and much more.*

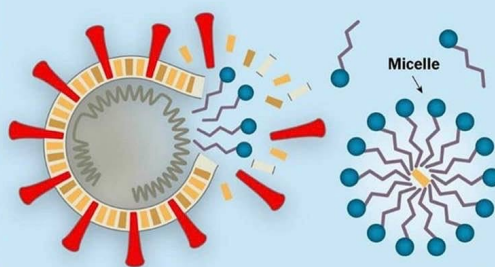
**STAY AT HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**

#### **HOW SOAP WORKS**

Soap destroys the virus when the water-shunning tails of the soap molecules wedge themselves into the lipid membrane and pry it apart.



# Gwennap Parish Council News

## Resignation of Cllr Leach

Sadly Councillor Leach resigned from the Parish Council at the end of January. He has served on the Parish Council for 5 years and the Councillors and Clerk would like to thank him for his commitment and contribution during his time on the Council, in particular for the fantastic initiatives that he played a pivotal role in, such as the monthly Repair Workshop and our over 60's IT courses, and also his contribution to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Following advertisement of the vacancy on the Council's website, Facebook page and parish noticeboards, the Parish Council received a number of expressions of interest in the role, and have selected a candidate who will be formally co-opted to the Parish Council at its next meeting.

Parish Councillors are members of our community who volunteer their time and work hard to protect and enhance the parish. The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications and maintains the public rights of way in the parish, on behalf of Cornwall Council. It also owns and operates the Parish Rooms, playing field and playpark at the Richard Jory playing field, Frogpool Cemetery, and 33 hectares at Wheal Maid valley. It has an active Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group who have enabled the planting of 900 trees/shrubs around the parish with terrific net gain for our local biodiversity, and the Council also has a focus group currently working on a Community Emergency Plan.



### Our Councillors are:

Sue Patton (Chair), Frogpool resident  
Jan Hallett (Vice Chair), Greensplatt resident  
David Lanyon, Crofthandy resident  
Richard Forrest, Bissoe resident  
Teresa Pascoe, Cusgarne resident  
Lou Hitchens, Gwennap resident  
Richard Williams, Frogpool resident - *awaiting formal co-option*

## New Clerk to the Parish Council

We have recently appointed a new Clerk for the Parish Council, following the departure of our former Clerk, Fiona Barnard. Fiona had worked for the Council for the last four years and very much enjoyed working within the community and the many friendships she made in that time. She would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support.

Our new Clerk is Tomas Hill; he is an experienced

Parish Clerk so is very familiar with the work of Local Authorities. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience and skills and he is very much looking forward to working with the community. **Tomas can be contacted on [clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net) or by telephone on 01872 865840.**

## Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Referendum for the Gwennap Parish NDP was held on 27th February. We had a 28% turnout to vote, with 83.9% voting in support of the Plan. The plan was formally implemented by Cornwall Council on 12th March 2020, and is now a statutory part of the planning process, meaning that all planning applications must comply not only with the Cornwall Local Plan, but also with the Gwennap Parish NDP and its associated appendices, such as the Design Guide.

The NDP took four years from concept to delivery and was written by a team of volunteers from the Parish Council and members of the community. We are grateful to all those who worked hard in contributing to the Plan, but particular thanks must be given to Kevin Furnish who Chaired the NDP Steering Group and worked tirelessly on the Plan for four years. His dedication and commitment was unflinching.

## Operation of Parish Council business during Covid-19 crisis

At its March meeting, held remotely by telephone conference, the Parish Council agreed an Emergency Scheme of Delegation to enable it to continue to carry out its statutory functions during the forthcoming months. Until Public Health England guidance changes, meetings of the Parish Council will be held by telephone conference. Agendas will continue to be published on the parish council website, Facebook page, and parish noticeboards, but will only deal with urgent business. Anyone wishing to contact the Parish Council about a planning application or any other matter can contact the Clerk (see details below). To keep up to date with Council news please follow its website and/or Facebook page. **Please note that all future meetings of the Parish Council will now be held on the first Thursday of each month, the next meeting being 7th May.**

*We would like to apologise that no winter issue of the Gwennap Parish Newsletter was published. Due to a particularly heavy workload at the time, despite her best efforts our former Clerk, who used to edit and publish the quarterly newsletter, was unable to publish the newsletter in time.*

### Getting in touch with Gwennap Parish Council

Contact our Clerk, Tomas Hill on:

Tel: 01872 865840

E-mail: [clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net)

Facebook: Gwennap Parish Council

Web: [www.gwennap-parish.net](http://www.gwennap-parish.net)

## Getting your daily exercise and getting to know your neighbourhood!

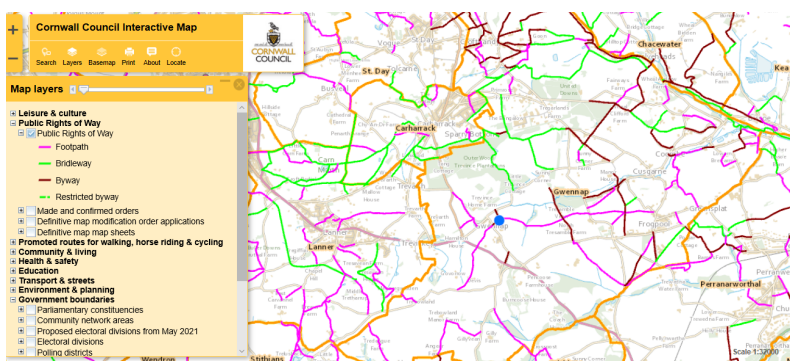
Did you know that we have a large network of public rights of way across our parish, including footpaths, bridleways and byways.

These can be viewed at

<https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap>

You can enter your location, e.g. Gwennap, click OK, then click on the Layers tab and then click on and tick Public Rights of Way.

All the public rights of way will then be marked on the map, with a key for whether they're footpaths, bridleways or byways, & you can move in/out/around the map.



**Follow government advice re social distancing, only walk with members of your household and stay 2 metres away from any passers by. PLEASE stick to waymarked/mapped paths and avoid cutting across fields of grass crop or straying into private fields. And please pick up your dog poo and take it home with you so that the public rights of way stay clean for all users to enjoy.**



### Dog mess

**BAG IT AND BIN IT!**



We have received an increase in complaints about dog mess on pavements, and along our public rights of way. The problem has worsened in the recent lockdown period, with more people walking their dogs in the local area. While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets, or bag the waste and then leave it behind. Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £80. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000. The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

**So PLEASE BAG IT....THEN BIN IT OR TAKE IT HOME!**

**ONLY LIGHT AFTER 7PM AT NIGHT!**



### Bonfires

With more people at home in the daytime there has also been an increase in complaints about bonfires being lit in the daytime. We appreciate that gardeners may have more time on their hands and are keen to dispose of their garden waste, but please respect your neighbours and either wait until after 7pm, or warn your neighbours in advance that you intend to have a bonfire so that they are able to bring in their washing and close their windows. Please remember that many people are trying to enjoy their gardens at the moment, and that the strong smell of bonfire smoke is unpleasant, and can aggravate coughs - the best time to light a bonfire is in the evening when those around you are likely to be indoors.



# Gwennap Parish Council News cont.

## Defibrillators in the parish

We hope that you, or someone close to you will never have the need for a defibrillator, but should you need to access one quickly we have four within our parish, purchased and installed by Gwennap Parish Council, and one just across the parish boundary in Bissoe.

### Defibrillators are located at :

Cornish Arms at Frogpool  
Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field  
Gwennap Church Hall  
Crofthandy Village Hall.  
Bissoe Bike Centre

### What is an automated external defibrillator (AED)?

An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses and treats life threatening cardiac arrhythmias through the application of electrical therapy, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. AEDs are easy to use after initial training.

- Immediate defibrillation can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.
- Around 30,000 people have a cardiac arrest each year outside the confines of a hospital
- The chance of survival after the heart stops falls by

## SEE IT, REPORT IT!

### Potholes in roads or footways:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/potholes/report-a-pothole/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/potholes/report-a-pothole/)

### Road surfaces:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/potholes/report-an-issue-with-the-road-surface/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/potholes/report-an-issue-with-the-road-surface/)

### Hedges, verges or trees:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/verge-maintenance/report-issues-with-hedges-or-verges/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/highway-maintenance/verge-maintenance/report-issues-with-hedges-or-verges/)

### Fly tipping:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping/)  
or telephone 0300 123 4141.

### Dog Fouling:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/animal-welfare/dog-welfare-and-enforcement-service/dog-fouling/report-dog-fouling/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/animal-welfare/dog-welfare-and-enforcement-service/dog-fouling/report-dog-fouling/) or telephone 0300 1234 212.

If you need to report something that is **causing an immediate danger or is an emergency** please call **0300 1234 222** or the emergency services.



around 10% for every minute that passes without defibrillation

- It can take the emergency services several minutes (and sometimes longer) to arrive.

## Crofthandy Volunteer Litter Picker We need you!

We have several people within our community who carry out voluntary litter picking along the pavements and verges as they go for walks. This is a fantastic way to contribute to keeping our parish looking lovely, and their efforts are really appreciated. We currently don't have anybody covering the Crofthandy area - if you live in Crofthandy and would like to help keep your 'patch' looking clean and tidy, then we would love to hear from you! The Parish Council could provide you with black bin bags, and a litter picking tool if you would like one.

If you would like to carry out this voluntary role please contact our Clerk Tomas on [clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net) or 01872 865840.





# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Gwennap Parish Council has started to prepare a Community Emergency Plan for our parish. When completed and tested, this Plan will ensure the best possible response to any emergency that may happen. Of course we hope that it will never have to be used, but it is sensible to prepare for such an eventuality, however unlikely. Flooding is one of the more obvious ones, a plane crash within the parish probably at the other end of the spectrum.

So we need your help in preparing our Plan. Many of you have skills, knowledge, and expertise that could be invaluable during an emergency. If you are a doctor, a nurse, a first aider, a vet, a chemist, a community group leader, a radio ham, a language expert, or any one of a large number of possible skill areas that you think would be invaluable, then we would like to hear from you. If you have a 4x4 vehicle that you could use to access and help people living in remote areas, or to reach and distribute supplies, or if you have spare accommodation that you could offer to people in need, we need you! Essentially your name, area of expertise, and contact details would be placed on our list of possible responders in the Plan. These details would be controlled by the Parish Council Clerk.

Please give this request for your support serious consideration, as it does represent an opportunity for you to help your community in a way that is thoroughly worthwhile but which - we hope - will never be needed.

If you think you can help, please contact our Parish Clerk

Tomas Hill

[clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net) or 01872 865840

*Many volunteers have already come forward, but we would still welcome more people with skills or resources so do please get in touch. Cusgarne School, Frogpool Chapel, Gwennap Church Hall, and Crofthandy Village Hall have all agreed to be used as emergency accommodation/response points should it ever be needed. Our volunteers workshop scheduled for 23rd March was postponed, in line with government and Public Health England advice, but it will be rescheduled once gatherings are permitted.*

# Gwennap Parish Council Climate Emergency – Call to Action

## Update Spring 2020

Since Gwennap Parish Council called a climate emergency in July 2019 we have achieved the following:-

**We have formed an Environment and Climate Change Action Group** which meets regularly.

- Designated councillors are attending training sessions in the area to learn what we can do to help mitigate climate change.
- This group feeds into larger groups and ultimately assists Cornwall Council with their declaration of a Climate Emergency.

## **Pledge to plant a tree for every parishioner in 2020**

Of the 1622 trees we pledged to plant in 2020 we have managed to achieve 950 trees planted in the Parish. These trees were donated to the Parish by I-Dig-Trees. Our grateful thanks to them. We therefore intend to plant another 672 trees before the end of the year. The season for planting bare root whips is nearly over and we have been unable to source any further free trees this season but will recommence planting in the autumn/winter. We intend to plant 1000 trees every year in the Parish over the next ten years.

## **Reduce our Carbon Footprint as a Parish Council**

- We have changed our cleaning products and toilet rolls to environmentally friendly products and will continue to replace cleaning products with environmentally friendly products as we use up our existing supplies.
- We have switched to a green energy supplier for our electricity at Richard Jory.
- We have changed all our light bulbs to LED.
- We have ensured that no herbicides or pesticides are used by the Council and their contractors. Enviro Weed Control keep the weeds under control where necessary with the use of an or-

ganic, herbicide free, environmentally friendly and sustainable methodology of hot water and plant based foam which kills weeds and cleans the surfaces being treated.

## **Public Spaces**

We are beginning to encourage and plant wildflowers in public areas. This will mean cutting less grass and verges and re-wilding areas instead. This will reduce the need to mow (reducing carbon emissions and cost) and will help support biodiversity, carbon sequestration and our struggling insect populations. We began this project with Greensplatt triangle last summer. It will take some time before these areas look their best. Wildflowers sometimes struggle to compete with grasses and persistent weeds that grow strong due to regular mowing, so we need to give them chance to establish.

## **Waste Management**

- We have increased our litter picking staff in terms of numbers and hours. This ensures that the Parish looks clean and tidy for the enjoyment of our parishioners and the safety and health of our wildlife.
- We run a repair café on the first Friday morning of every month where volunteers do their best to repair household items. This reduces the amount of goods going into landfill and saves parishioners money on expensive repairs or replacements.

We will publish an environmentally friendly tip in every Parish Newsletter to help people who are interested in making a difference and want to help nature and reduce climate change.

If anyone has any suggestions as how we can become even more environmentally friendly as a Parish we would be very interested to hear from you. Please contact Councillor Jan Hallett - Lead of Environment and Climate Emergency Call to Action.

Email [janhallett@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:janhallett@gwennap-parish.net)

**Cornish Lithium** – an innovative mineral exploration company with its technical team based on the University Campus, Penryn, is carrying out a research drilling programme at United Downs. The aim of the drilling programme is to begin to evaluate the possibility of extracting lithium from geothermal waters that are believed to circulate in permeable geological structures deep beneath the surface of Cornwall.

The Company is drilling two research boreholes, using a small mineral exploration drill rig (please see photo). The programme has been permitted by Cornwall Council with full support from the Gwennap Parish Council, Environment Agency and the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site.

The first borehole, which started in November 2019, has now been completed and reached a total depth of 1,097 metres. From this borehole, fluid samples have been taken for analysis and several high-tech digital downhole logs have been completed. This information will be used to help further develop Cornish Lithium's understanding of the geology and geothermal waters which circulate naturally at these depths. Once the drier weather arrives, the first drill site, at Tregarlands Farm, will be made good and re-seeded, and the Cornish-hedge and gateway reinstated.

The second borehole is now underway and is planned to be drilled to a depth of 850 - 1,200 metres depending on geological conditions. Cornish Lithium aims to replicate the work done with the first borehole and take samples of geothermal waters and carry out a series of digital downhole logs. At 18th March drilling had reached a depth of 826 metres, and it had been anticipated that the programme would be completed by the end of April 2020, but due to the Coronavirus situation operations have been shutdown until further notice. The drilling rig will remain on site at United Downs.

Lithium is a vital component of lithium-ion batteries, such as those that are used in electric vehicles and mobile phones, and demand for the metal is rapidly rising as society moves away from its reliance on fossil fuels. In fact, lithium has been described by Volkswagen as "The Irreplaceable Element of the Electric Era."

For further information about **Cornish Lithium's** drilling programme, please call Mike Round on 07717 290923 or email [drilling@cornishlithium.com](mailto:drilling@cornishlithium.com).

For further information about **Cornish Lithium**, visit [www.cornishlithium.com](http://www.cornishlithium.com) or like Cornish Lithium's page on Facebook.

## Update on the United Downs Deep Geothermal Power project

17th March 2020

Geothermal Engineering Ltd are taking the advice given by the government regarding the containment of the COVID-19 virus and as such, the following work practices have been agreed:

All group and education visits to the United Downs site have been postponed and the team will not be visiting other locations until the government has deemed it safe for groups to gather again.

Jane, the Community Relations Manager has not visited a community gathering since the first week in March and will keep group organisers up to date with project news via email.

The workover operations planned for later this month have been postponed.

If you have any questions, you can contact the project team by using the "Contact Us" form on the UDDGP

website. <https://www.uniteddownsgeothermal.co.uk/contact-us>

Kind regards

UDDGP project Team

[www.uniteddownsgeothermal.co.uk](http://www.uniteddownsgeothermal.co.uk)



**European Union**  
European Regional  
Development Fund





**Dear resident.**

**Fly tipping.** This year has already seen a number of abandoned caravans in the parish two of which had been set alight, and there was also a car burnt out on the Coast to Coast Trail near Twelveheads. Local residents had sent photographic evidence of persons fly tipping including the vehicle registrations. This evidence has been passed onto the Cornwall Councils Environmental Health Team and the Police .

**Highways issues.** I have received a number of complaints about the very deep ruts caused by lorries driving on the grass verges. These ruts are a real safety issue for all road users and I have instructed Cormac to visit the locations identified to make safe the damaged areas.

In November I and the parish council had a meeting with CORMAC and the Police about getting the speed limit reduced along the A393 from Pelean Crossroads to Lanner. The current speed limit is 60mph from Pelean Crossroads to Comford and then 50mph to Lanner.

Most of the residents and businesses living or based along the A393 are very concerned about the number of accidents (some have been fatal). I have been campaigning for many years now to get the speed limit reduced to a much safer 40mph.

CORMAC have agreed to carry out speed and traffic surveys along the A393 road from Lanner to Pelean Crossroads which will hopefully gather evidence to back up the concerns raised .

**Gwennap Parish Traffic Group.** I would like to thank the volunteers who have just set up the Gwennap Parish Traffic group , I will be fully supporting their aims and objectives on tackling the traffic problems that occur in the parish.

**Cornwall Council / Trefulla Care Home.** Cornwall Council has stepped in to buy the Trefulla Care Home.

Cornwall Council needed to act fast on this, if they had not intervened the residents would most likely because of their specialist needs , been re-homed outside of Cornwall. This decision was fully supported by myself and the St Day parish council who were kept fully briefed on the situation. This has safeguarded the future of this much valued specialised dementia care home. By securing the sale of Trefulla Care Home Cornwall Council have protected the residents and their families, they have also been supporting the many valued members of staff that work there.

**The contract for Waste and Recycling Collection, Street and Public Open Space Cleansing** will start on 3 October 2020, and run for 8 years with an option to extend for a further 2.

Biffa is among the most experienced waste management and cleansing companies in the UK and has been providing these services in Cornwall in recent years. Visible changes next year will include a new state-of-the-art collection fleet, wheeled-bins and food waste collection. There will be weekly separate collection of food waste, with fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections. From summer 2021 in a special campaign every household will hear from the Council about their own role in this recycling revolution.

Cornwall Council believes that doing what most of the top-performing parts of the UK, they can in one leap transform our recycling rates from the currently disappointing 38% to over 50%.

**Parish Clerk.** Fiona our parish clerk has tendered her resignation, this was unexpected but I fully respect her decision. With the increasing workload being placed on parish councils ,the role of the parish clerk is becoming more demanding. Fiona has worked tirelessly for this parish and has been involved in many schemes that have benefited the parish, including obtaining £45k of funding for the new play park and £10k for the weekly youth group. I would like to thank Fiona for all of the work she has done for the parish and for the support she has given to me over the years.

## **Cornwall Councillor Community Chest Grants 2020**

My Community Chest fund opened again for applications from 1st April. Cornwall Council have devised a fast track system for applications from local groups or organisations that require financial support for work relating to Covid-19. If you are a community group that needs help with funding then please contact me.

**St Pirans Quiz.** On Thursday the 5th of March I was the quiz master at the Cornish Arms Frogpool. As always it was very well attended and all money raised was for charity. A great night had by all!

Cornwall Councillor Mark Kaczmarek Tinner's Lodge  
Pennance Road Lanner Redruth TR16 5TF  
Email [mark.kaczmarek@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk](mailto:mark.kaczmarek@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk) Tel  
01209 211366 mob 07907 334113.

**Please note that I have a new mobile phone number.**

Cllr Mark Kaczmarek  
Carharrack, Gwennap & St Day Electoral Division

## The Cornish Arms, Frogpool

FROGPPOOL, TR4 8RP

01872 863445 [www.cornisharmsfrogpool.com](http://www.cornisharmsfrogpool.com)

Traditional village pub offering good food, real ales and good atmosphere. Well behaved dogs and children welcome. Functions catered for. Outside seating area.

OPENING HOURS	BAR	KITCHEN
Mon am	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon pm	7.00 - 11.00pm	CLOSED
Tues - Sat am	12.00 - 2.30pm	12.00 - 2.00pm
Tues - Sat pm	6.00 - 11.00pm	6.00 - 9.00pm
Sunday am	12.00 - 2.30pm	12.00 - 2.00pm
Sunday pm	6.00 - 11.00pm	6.00 - 8.00pm

### Upcoming events at the Cornish Arms

**Thursday 5th March, 8.30pm** - St Piran's Quiz, hosted by Cornwall Councillor Mark Kaczmarek, starting at 8.00pm. Come along and join in the fun! All money raised for charity.

**Wednesday 1st April, 8.30pm** - Quiz Night, £1 per player.

**Wednesday 20th April, 8.30pm** - Quiz Night, £1 per player.

**Wednesday 27th May, 8.30pm** - Quiz Night, £1 per player.

**Folk music evenings** lots of musicians get together with different instruments for a jam session on the first Sunday of each month, come and join in or just come along to listen. 8.30pm start.

A big thank you to everyone who continues to support our quiz nights, music nights and eat and drink at the Cornish Arms, Frogpool

Tim, Jane and the staff.

## Cornwall Council Mobile Library



Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the mobile library service will no longer be running until further notice. Cornwall Library Members can access a wealth of online reading - eBooks, Audiobooks, newspapers and magazines, comics and eGraphic novels using the online library at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/your-library-online/>

### PLEASE NOTE...

The deadline for the next parish newsletter is **4th June**. Please send all articles, photos or adverts to Tomas Hill, Parish Clerk, at [clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net) or phone 01872 865840 for more information. Commercial advertising prices available on request.

### FROGPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

Minister Revd. Liz Harris

Tel: 01209 820077 E-mail: [elizabeth.harris@methodist.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.harris@methodist.org.uk)

During this strange time we are all missing our usual routines. I'm certainly missing Sunday services at Frogpool Methodist Chapel, the monthly coffee morning in the Chapel Schoolroom, being able to do pastoral home visits, and my regular visits to Cusgarne School to lead assembly. As a church minister, it's prompting me to think about ways in which I can live out my faith, when I can't do my usual 'churchy' things. This weekend I led my first online service (you can see it here if you're interested: <https://youtu.be/ufDmINGfYi4>); I'm also busy sharing information and resources on our Circuit Facebook page and website (links below). Each day, instead of attending various church and community activities, I'm phoning people, preparing resources, praying with people or holding meetings by Skype, and other work that can be done from home - it's surprisingly busy! Like everyone else, I'm learning to adapt to this new way of living and working. As they say - the church is not closed, just the buildings.



Jesus was once asked what the greatest commandment is, and he replied "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself" (you can read about it in Mark chapter 12, verse 28-34). Whether or not you consider yourself to be a person of faith, this is a good time to show our love and support for each other, and to thankfully receive the help that others are offering to us. I've been impressed and humbled by the wonderful expressions of community support I see springing up around me; neighbours checking in on each other; communities organising help for shopping or collecting medication or just for a chat; rainbows appearing in windows for a country-wide game of I-spy; help for families struggling to provide meals or education; people clapping and cheering our NHS workers; an appreciation of other key workers; signs in windows saying 'thank-you' to delivery drivers, post-people, refuse collectors. May we all continue to act from love in these uncertain times, and may it strengthen our faith, both in humanity, and in God.

*A prayer: Compassionate God, in this time of uncertainty, calm our anxieties, and teach us to be a people who love each other, through both our words and our actions. Thank you for those who are helping and supporting their neighbours. Be with those who are isolated, lonely, unwell or bereaved. Teach us all to love, and to trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

Reverend Liz Harris, Minister, Frogpool Methodist Church

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### Community Grants

Do you belong to a group based in Gwennap parish? Do you have a project that needs additional funds?

**Gwennap Parish Council may be able to help!**

Grant application forms are available on our website [www.gwennap-parish.net](http://www.gwennap-parish.net) or from our Clerk via [clerk@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:clerk@gwennap-parish.net)

*Grant applications for the 2019/20 financial year have now closed, applications for 2020/2021 are welcome from 1st April 2020.*



## Cusgarne Primary School

What a busy term, and what an abrupt ending. Our spring term included: Sports Relief activities and fundraising, a visit and workshop by Cornish Lithium, World Book Day celebrations of literature, and our annual book fair that helps purchase free books for school, a workshop and show all about Cornish mining by the Cornish Caretakers featuring the Kernow King, a maths enrichment day at Camborne School, dance festivals, an inter-school table tennis festival at Richard Lander School, cross country, football matches, swimming lessons at Carn Brea, lots of discussions and activities during Children's Mental Health Week, and the Big Garden Bird Watch including making their own bird feeders, to name just a few!

However, in accordance with the government announcement on Wednesday 18th March, Cusgarne Primary School closed on Friday 20th March until further notice. Children of key workers/vulnerable children from Cusgarne School can attend Truro Learning Academy, which has been allocated as one of the Aspire Academy Trust's HUB schools. Available staff from all the HUB schools, including Cusgar-

ne School, will work on a rota basis, to ensure that children have some familiar adults with them at all times. Full information about this, and Free School Meals vouchers for eligible children has been sent home to all parents. Staff have worked tirelessly during this time to set up home learning resources to provide fun activities for the children and support for the children and parents, and all parents will be kept updated over the coming weeks and months.

I and the staff are already missing the children and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to school as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, make the most of every moment and remember that sometimes we are tested not to show our weaknesses but to discover our strengths.

During the period of school closure, the school can still be contacted on 01872 863563 or by email at [secretary@cusgarne.org](mailto:secretary@cusgarne.org)

Kind regards,  
Tim Barnard (Head of School)  
[www.cusgarne.org](http://www.cusgarne.org)



## Gwennap Parish Community Fete 2020

Sadly, the Gwennap Parish Community Fete 2020 has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to seeing you all at our June 2021 fete!!  
Many thanks from the Fete Committee

## Cusgarne & Frogpool WI

It's always beneficial to have a good stretch and some gentle exercise was just what was needed at the start of the year. Tracey Eustice is a fitness instructor and got us limbered up with a taste of exercises that can be carried out from a chair or standing. These are low impact body toning exercises which we enjoyed to the accompaniment of some Motown music from Tracey's phone. Tracey runs weekly STRETCHercise classes at the Centenary Wesleyan Chapel in Camborne and would love to start a group on a Friday morning at Frogpool if there was enough interest. As a reward, our exercises were followed by tea and cake to celebrate our President Sue's birthday.

Our WI ladies are always up for a challenge and Sue, Judy, Gerry and myself represented our group at the New Year Quiz at Ladock WI in January. A lovely tea was provided which certainly made us feel better about coming last! I think we must have left our "little grey cells" at home that afternoon. We did really well on the picture round but overall our talents obviously lie in other directions. At least we tried!



*Gerry, Sue, Sandy and Judy representing our WI group at the New year quiz at Ladock*

We had some visitors at our February meeting when Geoff and Lynn Pearce from the Cornwall Greyhound Trust brought along their pets Rufus, Ruby and Kim. Geoff was very knowledgeable about his beloved Greyhounds and told us that they were used for hunting in ancient times and one Egyptian Queen sold four Greyhounds in exchange for vast sums of land, cattle and gold amongst other things as they were so valued as they didn't eat

their prey once they'd caught it. Greyhounds can run at 45 mph and they are the second fastest animal on earth.



*June with the Cornwall Greyhound Trust dogs at our WI meeting in February*

At the time of printing all WI events have been postponed or cancelled. As soon as our meetings can resume I will publish our programme on the Frogpool and Surrounding villages Facebook page so if any local ladies are interested in joining us you would be made very welcome. We are a subscription organisation but you can come along for two free meetings and then we would offer membership. Meetings are usually held at Frogpool Methodist Chapel Hall on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm (not August). We can arrange for you to walk in with someone if you'd prefer or can organise a lift if you require. Contact Sandy on [cusgarne-andfrogpoolwi@gmail.com](mailto:cusgarne-andfrogpoolwi@gmail.com)

### COLLECTING USED POSTAGE STAMPS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE NEONATAL UNIT AT TRELISSKE HOSPITAL

Local resident Margaret Datson collects postage stamps to help raise funds for the neonatal unit at Treliske Hospital. Please drop off your used postage stamps (1st class, 2nd class, any stamp) in an envelope at the James Barry Hairdressing Salon in Bissoe. Thank you!



## GWENNAP STREET MARKET

Sadly the Gwennap Street Market, due to take place on 8th May, has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing you all at our 2021 Street Market!

## A HISTORY OF ST WENNAPA CHURCH

The 13<sup>th</sup> century Church is thought to be founded on the site of a 5<sup>th</sup> century Celtic monastery and is dedicated to the Celtic Saint, St Wennapa.

Several restorations took place in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries resulting in the present shape of the church with its monolithic granite pillars. These pillars are 10 feet , 4 inches high, only exceeded by Kilkhampton in Cornwall. The aisle, nave and chancel have a high pitch pine roof, whilst the side aisles have plastered wagon roofs.

The south porch is Norman with granite benches. Above the porch is a sundial dated 1733. Alongside the north porch can be found an ancient Celtic cross. The oldest memorial is carved slate, now in the choir vestry. It is dated 1691 in the memory of John Pearrowe.

In 1752 a gallery was added by Hugh Rogers of Ludgven with two more galleries added in 1825. These additions brought the church seating capacity up to 860. At this time the population of Gwennap was in excess of 10,000 people.

Between 1859 and 1873 the church was extensively restored when many things of interest were cast out. These included medieval stained glass, carved pew ends, the rood screen, stocks and the three galleries.

High quality Stained glass was reintroduced on the north side along with pitch pine pews and a tiled floor. The Church Organ was constructed by Hele & Co of Plymouth and was installed in 1883.

There is a list of vicars from 1228 to the present day, on the north wall of the church.

The belfry is detached, 20 yards to the south of the church, and probably dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> century but is thought to rest on Norman foundations. In 1727 there were three bells; by 1787 the peal had been increased to six. Restoration work took place in 1992 and a section of the original wooden frame can be seen in the north porch.

Unfortunately in this time of the Covid-19 pandemic the church has had to be closed for public worship.



The churchyard has seen a number of pandemics including the Spanish Flu of 1918 and most notably the Black Death where a number of mass unmarked burials took place.

*Thanks to Church Warden David Stone for providing this fascinating history of the Church.*

## Gwennap Traffic Group

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Gwennap Traffic Group is an open and informal group of volunteers who want to:

- Identify key traffic issues
- Pinpoint the main locations
- Explore potential solutions
- Deliver a package of traffic calming measures which fits Gwennap

The Group meets monthly, usually but not exclusively in the Parish Room at Pulla Cross. The first meeting was held on 25th November, it was well attended with many emails and messages from those who couldn't make it but we need more people involved if things are going to happen, from all areas including Crofthandy, Poldice, Gwennap, Frogpool, Cusgarne, Hicks Mill and over the A393.

To have a say and be part of taking a communal responsibility for our Parish check the village facebook page or noticeboards and contact Lucy Richards 07944 449 664 (work)



## Wheal Maid

The Parish Council continues to receive regular complaints about the illegal use of motorised bikes / scramble bikes in and around the Wheal Maid and Poldice valley. Use of a motor vehicle on anywhere other than a byway or designated track is illegal, it damages the environment and can be dangerous for other users such as walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.

If you witness these activities taking place please, if it is safe for you to do so, take some photo or video evidence, and report it by telephone to 101 or by email at [101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk).

Cornwall Council will investigate all complaints that are received - although the level of service that they can provide will obviously vary depending upon the quality of information that is provided.

For example they would be in a better position to take action should you be able to provide a full description of what happened, including

- Date
- Time
- Location
- What you witnessed
- Description of the offender and vehicle and as much information as possible about the incident, this could include information regarding their name/address (if known), vehicle registration number or any other identifying feature.

Councillor Lanyon is the Parish Council's Lead and first point of contact for matters relating to off-road vehicles at Wheal Maid. Tel 01209 820934, email [davidlanyon@gwennap-parish.net](mailto:davidlanyon@gwennap-parish.net)

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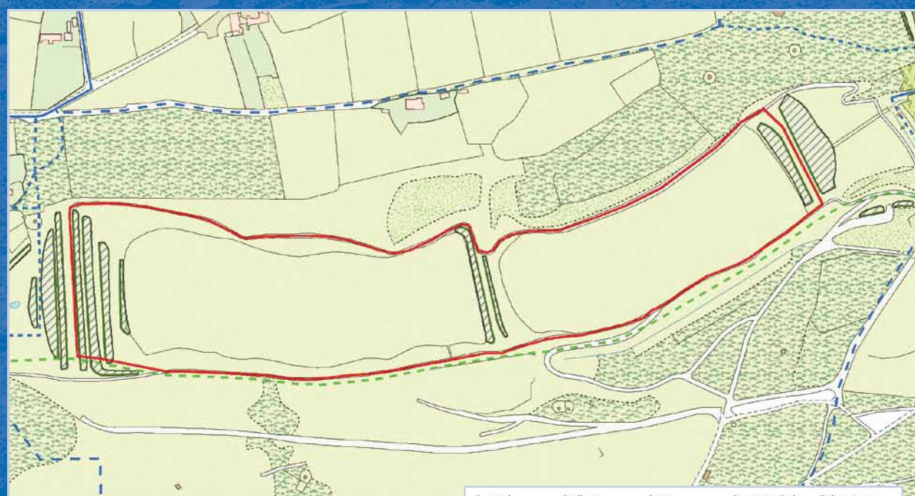
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## The history of the Wheal Maid Tailings lagoons

The Wheal Maid Tailings lagoons were built in two separate construction phases; firstly under the ownership of Cornwall Tin and Mining Ltd between 1976 and 1978, and secondly under the ownership of Billiton Minerals UK Ltd from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 on, various works were undertaken in the valley, but there were no major extensions to the facility.



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### Further information

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Following several years of testing and surveying of soil contamination in the tailings lagoons by the Environment Agency, the dominant contaminant is identified as Arsenic.

Users of the mining routes through the valley are not at any higher risk of harm to health than would normally be expected in a mining landscape environment. However, it is strongly recommended that valley users keep off the tailings dam area, especially mountain bikers, who could suffer additional exposure to arsenic by virtue of their recreational activity.

### 1976 - 1978

The downstream and intermediate embankments were constructed, and the Wheal Maid stream was diverted into a 1200mm concrete culvert pipe beneath the depository for approximately 440 metres.

At nearby Mount Wellington Mine, Cornwall Tin and Mining Ltd disposed of their mill tailings by pumping them along the valley in slurry form into the lower tailings area. The tailings were finely crushed mineralised rock containing unrecovered metallic elements, including arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, nickel and zinc.

### 1979 - 1981

Billiton Minerals had purchased the surface plant at Mount Wellington Mine. They constructed the upstream embankment and a further 395 metres of culvert, and in late 1979 began the reprocessing of material in the downstream dam along with other material taken from the Carnon Valley. All these reworked deposits were pumped into the upstream dam.

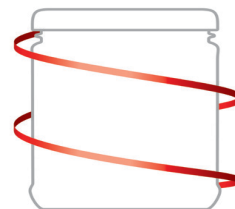
### 1981 to present

Mount Wellington Mine closed in 1981, with the control of the tailings dams passing to Carnon Consolidated Tin Mines Ltd. Various studies were carried out, but no further deposits were pumped into the dams.

The upstream (westerly) dam was partially restored with trial seeding in an attempt to prevent wind-blown dust. The results of that can be seen today, with the growth of a variety of vegetation across the dam surface.

Wheal Maid is part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site and is owned by Gwennap Parish Council.





## **KUNG PAO CAULIFLOWER** **(serves 4)**

I was talking to a good friend recently whose local business is growing cauliflowers and cabbages. He was asking me for some cauliflower recipes and I thought this an ideal opportunity to combine his request with the growing demand for vegan dishes. I know that many people are not vegan but do like to include vegetarian or vegan meals in their weekly menus. The following recipe is tasty, easy to make and uses a Cornwall-grown vegetable.

1 large cauliflower, cut into small floret pieces  
1 red pepper, diced  
1 yellow pepper, diced  
1 orange pepper, diced  
1 tbsp ginger, grated or finely chopped  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
5 spring onions, cut into 1cm/ 1/2" lengths  
70g/2 1/2 oz roasted cashews  
1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)  
2 tbsp sesame seeds  
2 tbsp olive oil  
450g/1 lb noodles (any type)

### **Sauce**

2 tbsp rice wine vinegar  
2 tbsp tomato ketchup  
4 tbsp soy sauce  
2 tbsp sugar  
4 tbsp water  
2 1/2 tsp arrowroot powder or cornstarch

Utensil: Large non-stick frying pan + 2 wooden spatulas

Combine all the sauce ingredients in a bowl and set aside.

Dry fry the sesame seeds in the frying pan by tossing them over medium high heat until golden brown - take care not to burn them as they will catch very easily. Tip the sesame seeds into a bowl and put on one side. Heat the olive oil in the frying pan over medium to high heat. Add the cauliflower and cook, tossing them using the two spatulas, for 5 minutes so that the florets brown a little. Take care as the oil may spit. Take the cauliflower out onto a large plate and set aside.

Add the diced peppers to the frying pan. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring and tossing them. Lower the heat and put the cauliflower back into the frying pan and cook with the peppers stirring occasionally for another 5 minutes. Add the garlic, ginger, chilli flakes, spring onions and cashews and cook for a further 2 minutes. Add the sauce to the skillet and cook for 1 minute until thickened.

Cook the noodles according to the instructions on the packet. Dish up into individual bowls and spoon over the kung pao cauliflower. Sprinkle over the sesame seeds.

Note – I didn't have any rice wine vinegar at the time of cooking so I substituted apple cider vinegar – the dish still tasted just great.





# Parish Rooms, Richard Jory Playing Field, Pulla Cross

## The Richard Jory Playing Field Youth Group

On 15th March Young People Cornwall took the decision to close the Richard Jory youth club, as a preventative measure in response to the increased risk of Covid-19. During this time when the sessions would be available we are arranging for an online service to be available, so that young people and parents can message our facebook page. Young People Cornwall's online chat service detailed in the poster will be available from 9am-9pm. We also have lots of online activities, just our YPC facebook page or follow our instagram @ypcmakingwaves to join in!

Although it is disappointing that the weekly face to face sessions can't take place at the moment, Young People Cornwall will still be supporting young people via skype/ facebook/ phone. And please continue to follow our facebook page for up to date information – search 'Richard Jory Playing Fields Youth Group' or call our office for more information or any urgent enquiries telephone 01872 222477, or email [cathe-rineh@ypc.org.uk](mailto:cathe-rineh@ypc.org.uk).

Aside from that we are delighted that Gwennap Parish Council has successfully obtained further grant funding from The National Lottery Community Fund grant scheme, to fund the weekly youth group for another year, a great result for the young people of the parish!

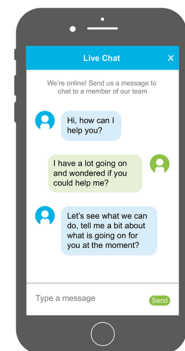


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6-7pm Q&A time  
8-9pm Have I got News for you

**Wednesday**  
1-2pm Thought challenge (on Instagram)  
4-6pm test your Film knowledge with Dan  
6-7pm Interactive games with Cath


**Thursday**  
1-2pm Thinking about sleep  
4-5pm Thought challenge (on Instagram)  
6-7pm Book Club chat  
7-8pm Sketching with a special guest (on Instagram)

**Friday**  
11am Guitar Jam with Kirsty  
1-2pm Creative Challenge  
6-7pm Games with Leon  
8-9pm Desert Island Discs

**Saturday**  
1-2pm Challenges and games

**Sunday**  
4-6pm Interactive Games  
8-9pm Get creative live

Web Chat is running 9am-9pm every day  
[www.your-way.org](http://www.your-way.org)



In line with the government and Public Health England guidance, the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory playing field have been closed until further notice, until the Coronavirus pandemic has passed and social distancing restrictions have been lifted.



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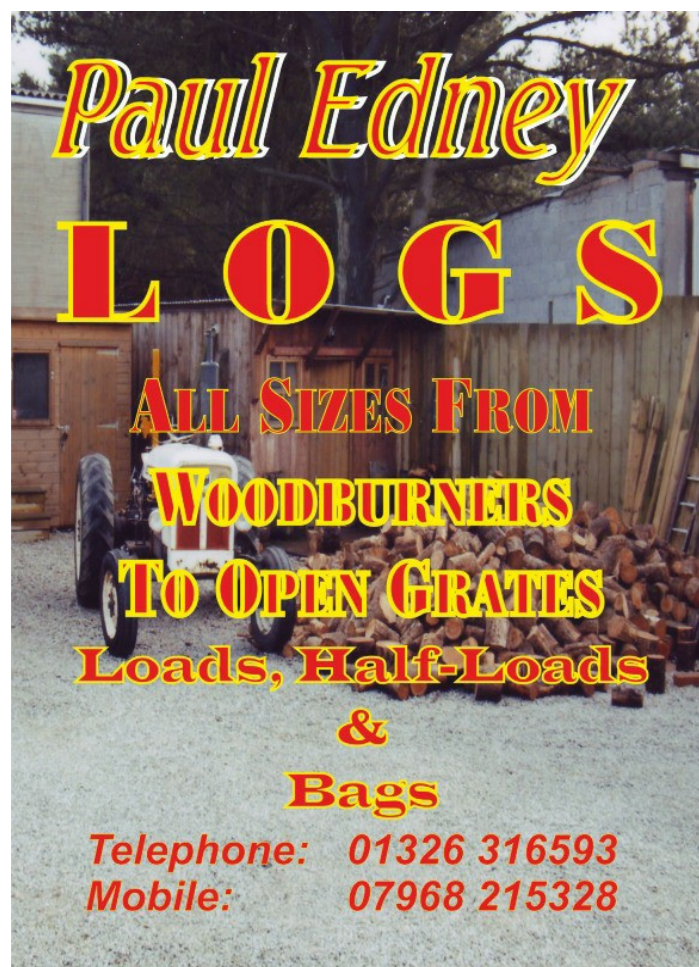
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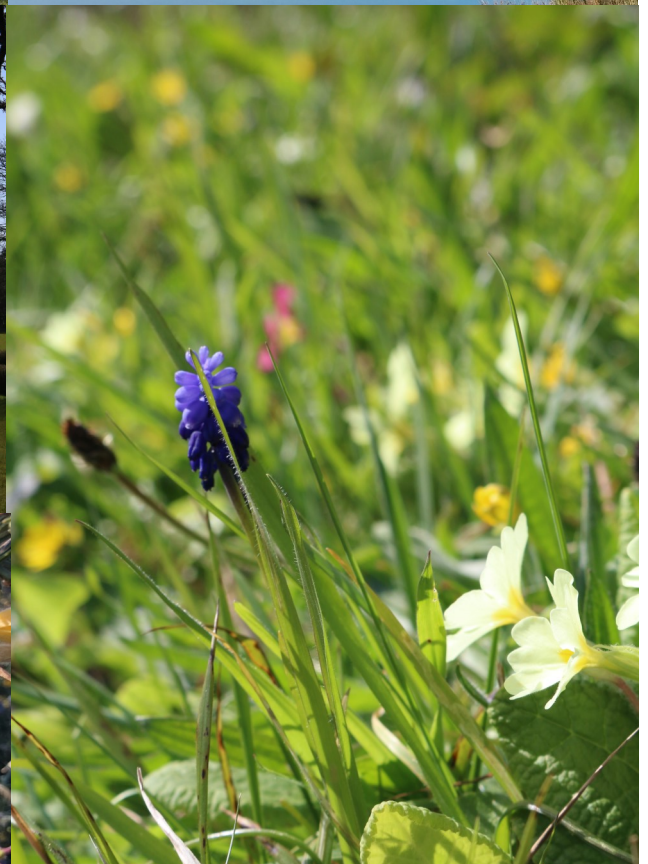
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## Spring time in Gwennap parish



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