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MAJOR SUCCESS FOR INAUGURAL EVENT AT TREVINCE

Keen shoppers were lined up at the doorway ahead of the opening times of A COUNTRY HOUSE CHRISTMAS at Trevince on their recent event weekends. This was the first time that Trevince had been open to the public in generations, so visitors came for both the history of the house and the unique retail event and café.

“We are thrilled with the numbers of people that visited during the two weekends we hosted the event”, said Trish Stone, who spearheaded this event with husband Richard, “we expected local interest, but people came from all over Cornwall...as far away as Penzance, Launceston, Liskeard and even Saltash”.

While four seasonal staff were hired to help with this event, the entire family, including cousins and grandparents, joined in helping with the demand for good quality gifts and home décor products, and the popular café, with a bit of history thrown in.



“Visitors thoroughly enjoyed the experience of Christmas shopping in a historic family home”, said Richard Stone, whose family has been at Trevince for over 700 years. “It was great to see the house come alive again, and we appreciate everyone who came to support our first event”.

For more information:
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Remembrance Day at Cusgarne Community Primary School

On 11th November Cusgarne Community Primary School marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme by ‘planting’ 100 clay poppies in the lower field. Every child in the school had made a poppy, from the youngest to the eldest.

For a donation to the Royal British Legion the children were able to keep their poppy to serve as a reminder of why we mark Remembrance Day. The school would like to express their thanks to Ben Barker for his help with this special project.

Don't miss a thing - see our 'What's On' diary on page 20

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Gwennap Parish Council have been busy at work in **Frogpool Cemetery** over the last two months.

Volunteers spent a day cutting back and clearing the top section of the cemetery to reveal a large raised walled flower bed, a smaller 'island' planter and a bench—all of which had been completely overgrown for many years! The area will look beautiful once planted out and it will be a wonderful place for visitors to sit and remember their loved ones. The shed has been cleared out and is going to have a new window fitted, followed by a good coat of paint to smarten it up and new guttering and a drain pipe.

In addition to the volunteer work, the Parish Council have also had some tree surgery carried out to enable the native trees to thrive and flourish, and to prevent some roots damaging nearby graves. Finally a local contractor has levelled the path and resurfaced it. They have also laid a tarmac path around the very top section of the cemetery which will start being used for burials over the course of the next year. The newly laid path will mean that the entire cemetery is accessible to all.



In October Gwennap Parish Council held the first **Neighbourhood Development Plan** meeting and were delighted to see so many people from the community keen to be involved in this exciting and important process. A follow up meeting was held in November, at which we welcomed some more people to the group. More information on the Neighbourhood Development Plan can be found on p11.

The Parish Council would like to thank **Phillip Roscorla** who has resigned from the Council after many years of dedicated service. In addition to his role as a Councillor, Phillip edited the Gwennap Parish Newsletter, for which we thank him. We wish Phillip the very best for the future.

WATCH YOUR SPEED



The highways department recently deployed a **speed survey** for 8 days on the road between Pulla Cross and Frogpool. The survey highlighted regular incidents of speeding on this road and the transport and police departments have been sent a copy of the survey results. The parish council will be liaising with these departments to discuss the installation of some form of speed calming measures. In the meantime, the Parish Council would like to remind everyone that the speed limit along this road is **30mph** and that the road is regularly used by dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Gwennap Parish Council currently has two vacancies. If you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please register your interest by contacting our Clerk on clerk@gwennap-parish.net or 07970 730629

GWENNAP PARISH VOLUNTEER TEAM

Make your Parish a better place to live by joining the Gwennap Parish Volunteer Team. Do as little or as much as you can but **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by giving just a few hours a year.

What do we do? Examples are:

- Tidy up areas of the Parish, maybe a corner of the graveyard or a grassy area
- Visit neighbours for a cup of tea and chat or maybe grab something at the shop for them
- Bits and bobs of painting or renovation, maybe a bus shelter or a bench
- Organise a walk or a simple social event

How does it work? Its **SIMPLE!** Just give us your name and contact details and whenever a project kicks off you will be told about it. If you can help then that's great, if not then maybe next time. No pressure, no big commitment, just simple jobs that a done more quickly with a few pairs of hands.

If you were thinking that you would like to do something in the Parish, or if you know of a small task that needs doing, then register by giving us a call on 07970 730629 or by email to clerk@gwennap-parish.net

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JOIN US NOW!!

Want to get in touch with the Parish Council?

1. Contact our Clerk, Fiona Barnard: clerk@gwennap-parish.net, 07970 730629 or via Facebook 'Gwennap Parish Council'
2. Attend our monthly parish meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. There is a public clinic at the start of every meeting, during which members of the public are welcome to speak about any matter of concern.

Crofthandy Village Hall

Its that time again, arguments about how much brandy actually reached the cake. Shall we go real or artificial? (that's a tree related question I think). We are gearing up now for the festive season which is always a busy time for organisations. What with added bookings and the building decorations to manage there is a lot to get through.

Some good news on the committee front. When last we spoke I mentioned we had lost two committee members due to work commitment, so a request was made for anyone interested to come and see us. As a result we now have two brand new members who live a stones throw from the hall. I would like to welcome Sarah Kerrison and Julian Hughes to the committee and hope they will enjoy their time with us.

The new hall has been in operation now for six years, and in that time we have seen thousands of people come and enjoy the facility. However the result of such demand is a strain on the furnishings and as a result we have found it necessary to replace the complete set of

chairs, after finding that the cost of refurbishment is twice the cost of replacement! I might be old fashioned but I can see no sense or logic in that arrangement and am at a loss to see how as a developing society we arrived at such a ludicrous state of affairs.

So that's my rant over, now this is usually where the sales pitch comes in and the cap in hand is extended. There have been times when we have had no choice but to follow this route, but not this time. We are proud to say that good management and hard work has meant that we as a Committee can go ahead and order the chairs and pay for them ourselves. No small thing for a Village of our size and I congratulate all of our team.

The chairs will be here for Christmas so any organisations in the parish looking for some chairs that still have some good use in them and are still safe and presentable please give me a call 01209 822153.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from
Steve Trelease & Crofthandy Village Hall Committee



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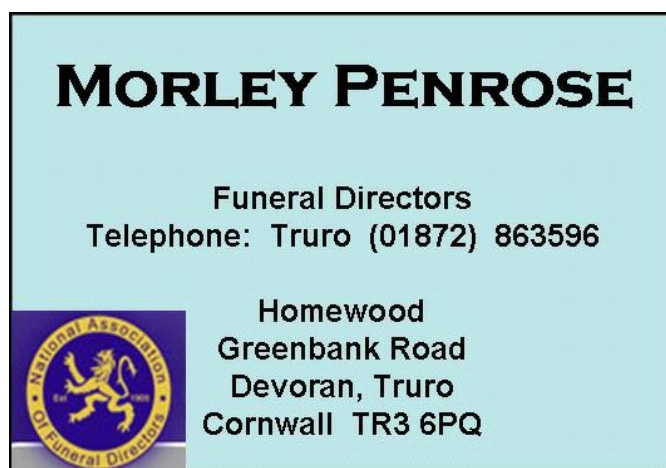
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Tuesday - Saturday pm	6.00 - 11.00pm	6.00 - 9.00pm
Sunday am	2.00 - 2.30pm	12.00 - 2.00pm
Sunday pm	6.00 - 11.00pm	6.00 - 8.00pm

Christmas Hours

	Bar	Kitchen
Christmas Eve -	12-2.30pm 6pm-late	12-2pm 6-9pm
Christmas Day -	11am -12.30pm	Closed (except Bookings)
Boxing Day -	Closed all day & evening	
Tues 27 th December -	Closed all day & evening	
Wed 28 th – Fri 30 th	Normal opening hours	
New Years Eve -	12-2.30pm 6pm – Late	12-2pm Closed (Pasties only)
New Years Day -	Closed all day & evening	
Mon 2 nd – Sat 7 th Jan –	Bar open 6-11pm, Kitchen closed (due to refurbishment)	
Sun 8 th January –	reopen with normal opening hours	

December events:

Tuesday 13 th – An evening of entertainment with Rum & Shrub Shanty Men	7.30pm start
Friday 16 th – Pool Final	
Sunday 18 th - Christmas Draw	7.30pm start
Wednesday 21 st – Christmas Quiz	8.30pm start (£1 per player)

Come along and join in the fun of the events.

Tim, Jane and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank their customers for their continued support throughout 2016 and wish them all a very merry Christmas and a happy healthy 2017!

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Thursday 15th December for St. Petroc's

Thursday 26th January

Thursday 23rd February

Thursday 30th March

Come & enjoy a cup of great coffee or tea, & have a chat with members of your community. Bring & Buy Stall. Books are available to borrow & jigsaw's to hire.

Frogpool's Christmas Carol Service

Will be held this year on the 11th December at 4pm.

Members of the Village and School will be taking part.

Collection for Action for Children (NCH). This will

be followed by Seasonal Refreshments.

Christmas Day Worship at 10.30 led by

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Cusgarne & Frogpool Football Club

At the time of writing both teams at Frogpool & Cusgarne have just over half of their games left to play. Both teams are currently in healthy league positions. The First team currently sit mid-table in Trelawny Division 2, with the Reserves flying high at the top of Division 3.

The First Team have had some impressive results this season under the guidance of the experienced Nick Mallaber and his trusty assistants. They overcame Troon AFC of the Premier Division 2-1 after an exhausting 120 minutes of football in the Percy Stephens Cup. They also recently beat Mawnan Reserves 6-2 in a home league game. This particular result was even more impressive and satisfying due to the fact that Mawnan hadn't lost a single competitive fixture to date. The squad has a very good team spirit within the camp which is clear for everyone to see. Add this to all the new signings that have been made they should have a strong second half to the season. We'll also have to see whether top scorers Mike Rollason or Kevin Smith add to their already impressive totals. Manager Nick Mallaber had this to say on the season so far and what his hopes are for the remainder of the campaign "We've had a very good start to the season. We need to kick on and hopefully get promotion in what is a very tough league this season".

The Reserves have also had another superb start to the season. This is down to a team spirit like no other. A new addition to the squad at the start of the season, David Leach, has scored the bulk of the goals with 14 to his name so far. However he has recently left for New Zealand so others will have to step up to the mark. But with Sam Bromley on 8 and Tom Campbell along with Craig Rothwell on 6, they have many players who are capable of helping them stay at the top of the table. They are currently on a 6 match unbeaten run. One recent result in that run was a 4-4 draw against fellow promotion chasers St Day 3rds. This was described as one of the most entertaining games seen at this level for a while. The Reserves came back from 3-0 down and then 4-3 down to secure the point. A Ryan Martt double, Sam Bromley and Dave Leach with the goals. They also remain in both the Russell Hall and Arthur Pearce Cups. Dan Templeton, who's in charge, had these words to say on the season "This is the best team we've had within the Reserves in my six years at the club as a player and manager. We've played some exceptional football so far and could definitely win the league if we keep it up". He also added his thoughts for the rest of the season "We need to keep enjoying our football and play with the same passion and desire as we have done so far".

There's one thing for sure, this team is

worth keeping an eye out for this season and in the future.

As a club we are also proud of the merchandise and club kit we produce for our players and supporters alike. The Reserve Team have recently had a new kit, courtesy of Hummel. Big thanks to Nick Palmer for the kit printing, but also importantly Blue Flame for being main sponsors. Without them there wouldn't be a new kit. The players have just received brand new polo shirts. We'd like to thank LTC & the Cornish Arms for their continued support sponsoring the club.

The club also try and put on regular social events. This is to keep the bond between the two teams. The most recent event was a Horse Racing night organised by Scott Jones. A good amount of money was raised from the evening which also included a raffle auction, where some good prizes were on offer. Big thanks to all companies who donated prizes, in particular the Cornish Arms and JV Richards Butchers, for looking after their own.

Finally, training is every Wednesday starting prompt at 6:30 until around 8pm. We play our games on Saturday's with 2:30pm kick offs. An exception to this is cup games which are 2pm. If you want to join the club or simply find out more please contact our club secretary Shaun Smith on 07539 689995 or shaunsmith18@live.co.uk.

Cusgarne Manor



The work at Cusgarne Manor is progressing nicely. Under the scaffolding lid, the house is being completely re-roofed in wet-laid scantle. The main roof trusses have survived in great condition but a lot of the purlins had rotted out, so the carpenter has been strengthening the existing structure and replacing timber where really necessary. In the white part of the house, we found an older set of timbers beneath, and a few straws in the dust which showed that part at least was once thatched. Some emergency masonry repair has also been carried out to the gable end which was bulging badly and to the dangerous chimney stacks. One of the beautiful windows has been taken out and is undergoing painstaking renovation. Some bits of rot were found but it was in remarkable condition considering it is thought to date back to 1710-1720. One down, nine to go! We're very pleased with the improvements we've made to the old farm lane and the

entrance onto the United Downs road. It's a bit wider and safer now, with reclaimed gateposts and some lovely Cornish hedging work. A bit late in the year, but we've been planting crocuses and daffodils along the lane this week. Hopefully they will have time to poke their heads out for us in the spring.

SERVICES AT ST. WENNAPA CHURCH

1st Sunday Holy Communion *Book of Common Prayer*)

2nd Sunday All Age Worship

3rd Sunday Holy Communion (*Common Worship*)

4th Sunday Matins (*service of morning prayer*)

5th Sunday Holy Communion *Common Worship*)

Special services:

Sunday 11th December

I am Christingle Service, particularly for the young

Sunday 18th December

I am Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December.

11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December -

10am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sunday 1st January there will be no service at Gwennap.

Holy Communion will be at Chacewater and Devoran churches only. For times contact David Stone 01209 820833.

pastries. We meet in the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field at Pulla Cross. For more information ring Vanessa 01209 820355.

JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT!

Gwennap Church Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 27th

January. Bangers and Mash and Puddings, BYOB, £6.50 per person.

LENT LUNCHESES

Each year during Lent, we have soup and a roll and cheese lunch in Gwennap Church Hall on a Friday from midday till 1.30. The dates for 2017 are: March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th, March 31st April 7th & April 14th

GWENNAP GUILD

The Gwennap Guild will hold its annual lunch on Monday 23rd January.

The A.G.M. will be on Tuesday 28th February and our March meeting will be on the 28th.

A jumble sale is to be arranged in the new year.

New members are always welcome, please contact Sue Martyn for further details 01872 862670

GWENNAP LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month in Gwennap Church Hall at 12.30pm. We have a hot main course and pudding followed by tea or coffee. We cater for vegetarians and gluten free. If you have never joined us, why not come in the New Year. If you need a lift let us know. The charge is £4.50. The next two lunch clubs will be on January 17th and February 21st. To book ring Vanessa 01209 820355 or Sue 01872 862670.

THE COFFEE STOP

We are still meeting each week on a Tuesday morning through the winter, with a special meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, with homemade cakes and



HICKS MILL METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Services are held at 10.30 am

All are welcome

Some services are shared with neighbouring chapels, please ring 01872 873996 to confirm location.

Christmas Carol Service at Hicks Mill on Sunday 18 December at 10.30pm, followed by mince pies and coffee.

You are invited to come and celebrate this special season with us.

Coffee mornings are held on the first Wednesday of every month between 10.30 and 12 noon. Everyone is welcome.

(Please note there will be no coffee morning in January)

The Gwennap Horticultural Society have just held their Annual General Meeting. Details of their full programme



for the year will be published in the Spring parish newsletter, but in the meantime they are excited to welcome Sarah Chesters from RHS Rosemoor to speak at their first meeting of the year which will be on the 16th February 2017. Sarah will be talking about "Colour for Spring and Summer in your Garden".

For more information about the Gwennap Horticultural Society please contact Mrs Susan McCrossan on 01872 870320.

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It has been a busy autumn at WI, starting with our harvest auction in September. Rose Hooper, our resident auctioneer, even gave up a prior engagement to fulfil her annual duties. With lots of donations of home produce, tempting goodies & friendly encouragement from Rose a total of £37 was raised towards WI funds.

Mim Jackson entertained us at our October meeting with very amusing & interesting tales & photographs of her holiday in the USA. Mim had specifically chosen pictures & memories from her travels by train which took her & partner Barry off the beaten track & showed us sights in America which we were not so familiar with. Their recent holiday in China will provide us with further pictures & anecdotes at a future meeting.

At our November meeting we had "An evening with Joyce Grenfell". Our speaker Yvonne Toms is an avid fan of the late comedienne & talked to us about Joyce's fascinating life (who knew

she was related to Lady Astor?) & journey from stage to film. Yvonne also acted out some of Joyce Grenfell's famous monologues which had us all laughing & joining in.

We enjoyed a lovely meal at the Cornish Arms as part of our Christmas celebrations. Thank you to Jane and Tim & to Sue Clift for arranging it. A fun evening was had by all.

We were joined for our Christmas party by Mrs Jane Tufnell who brought along her keyboard and guitar & we all enjoyed singing festive songs & playing sleigh bells, maracas & such like. This was followed by party food & a drink. Presents were handed out to everyone & the competition for the most attractively wrapped present was won by Vanessa Stone with Sue McCrossan in second place. Vanessa also won flower of the month and Mary Coombes came second.

There is no meeting in January but our

guest speaker on Tuesday 7th February is to be Mrs Lesley Robinson who will entertain us with extracts from the diary of a 19th century Cornish lady. This talk will be illustrated with artefacts which feature in Katherine Treferns journal. It will be most interesting to find out about daily life for women in that era.

The AGM will be held on Tues 7th March.

The reading group which is organised by Sue McCrossan meets every month; the current book is Victoria Hislop's 'The Thread'. Sue can obtain a free book for you from Falmouth library if you would like to join the group. Please contact her on 01872 870320 for details of the next meeting.

WI meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Frogpool Chapel hall & we would welcome any new members. Please contact Sue McCrossan on the above number for further information.

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An invasive non-native hornet originally from Asia. Suspected records should be reported immediately. A highly aggressive predator of native insects, posing a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. Accidentally introduced to France in 2004 where it spread rapidly. In 2016 the first UK sighting was confirmed in Gloucestershire.



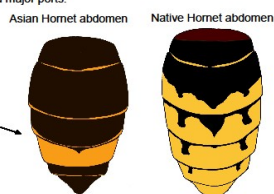
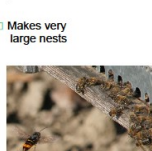
Where might I see it?

Most likely to be seen close to bee hives - bee keepers should be alert. Active from February to November in suburban areas in the south of England and Wales, or around major ports.

What does it look like?

Distinctive hornet, smaller than our native species. A key feature is the almost entirely dark abdomen, except for the 4th segment which is yellow.

- Slightly smaller than native hornet
- Dark abdomen, 4th segment yellow
- Bright yellow tips to legs (native hornet dark)
- Entirely brown or black thorax (native hornet more orange)



□ "Hawks" outside honey bee colonies killing bees as they attempt to defend their hive

DANGER!
This hornet stings. Do not disturb an active nest. Seek advice using the details below.

For more information or to report any sightings please email:

alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

www.nonnativespecies.org

Parish Walk

Thursday December 29th

A chance to walk off Christmas excess before loading up again with New Year excess!

We will leave the Cornish Arms car park at 10.45a.m. for a 3'ish mile stroll through local footpaths – a few steep bits, and a few muddy bits as usual, but mainly good walking terrain.

Bring your dogs & children (on leads). Meet up with others to discuss those unwanted Christmas presents, then retire to the Cornish Arms for refreshment.

Enquiries 01872 864601

Fundraising for the Invictus Trust

The Cream Tea afternoon held at the Parish Rooms on the 23rd July was very successful and well attended. It was a beautiful sunny day, and with a vintage feel to the proceedings with bone china and bunting, everyone enjoyed tea and cakes and a chat. Including donations and a raffle, a total of £500 was raised and donated to the Invictus Trust, a charity that helps support young people with mental health problems in Cornwall. Thank you to everyone who helped in the organisation, baking or by supporting the event.

A presentation of the cheque took place at the October meeting of the Cusgarne and Frogpool WI. Sharon and Steve Cowburn, Trustees from the Invictus Trust received the cheque on behalf of the charity and were overwhelmed by the generosity of the villagers. They told us that £500 is the amount given to families who apply to them for a grant to help with travel and accommodation costs when they have a young person admitted to a mental health unit out of county as there is currently no facility available in Cornwall

A jumble sale was held in October and raised £137 also for the Invictus Trust.

Further fundraising is planned at the Parish rooms in the New Year including a coffee morning and a cheese and wine evening on Saturday 18th February during which Jesse Clift has kindly offered to entertain us all with music and singing. The details of these events will be posted on the Frogpool and surrounding villages website and also on the local noticeboards nearer the time. We hope everyone will come and support fundraising for this very worthwhile charity.

Sandy Adcock and Judy Tonkins



Gwennap Parish Neighbourhood Development

The Parish Council has formed a Steering Group of local volunteers to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Gwennap Parish. We need **YOU** to help us by giving us your views on what Gwennap Parish should be like in the future. It is **very important** that you, your family and your neighbours take this opportunity to make your views known.

What is a Neighbourhood Development Plan?

An NDP is a way for local people to influence the planning and development of the area in which they live and work. It lasts for 15 years and should:

- * Develop a community shared vision for Gwennap Parish.
- * Choose where new homes, shops, offices and other development should be built.
- * Influence how much housing should be built, and of what type.
- * Identify and protect important local green spaces or other treasured assets.

Once approved, our plan will have legal force in setting out what development is acceptable in our parish and for what reasons. Developers and local authority planners must take notice of it. Without an NDP we will have little control over any development that takes place and will receive less community funds from those developments. The cost of creating the plan is mostly met by a grant from central government, not by the Parish itself.

We can influence development, not stop it altogether

Our NDP must, in general, comply with Cornwall Council's Local Plan and the government's wider policies. It is likely that some new housing will have to be built in Gwennap so having an NDP in place will help us ensure that this housing is suitable for the parish and meets the needs of our area. It will also help identify the facilities and services that we need to meet the demands that new housing will make upon our community.

What to do next

Please complete the enclosed survey as fully as you can and return it to us using one of the ways described in it **BY 31st January 2017**.

To help you understand what's going on we will arrange local briefings for you in Frogpool, Cusgarne, Gwennap, Crofthandy and Pulla Cross in January. Watch out for the dates and times adverts.

If there are additional members of your household who could complete the survey separately they can go to the Parish Council website (www.gwennap-parish.net) to download a printable PDF. If you don't have access to the internet, please ring **07970 730629** for additional copies of this survey. We would particularly encourage younger people to take part as often their views are not heard as loudly as perhaps they should be. The survey is also available to complete online at <https://kwiksveys.com/s/yyjfcTKA>.

**Now is your chance to influence future development in Gwennap parish,
and your opinion counts – so please complete this Neighbourhood
Development Plan Survey and return by 31st January 2017**

Thank you

Competition!



Christmas Competition – win a bottle of champagne!!

Each of the photos below has a name missing from the signpost. Identify all six names and e-mail your answers (including your name & contact details) to clerk@gwennap-parish.net or by post to Parish Clerk, Terweena, Trevarth Road, Trevarth, Redruth TR16 6AB by the 23th December. Correct answers will be drawn on Christmas Day lunchtime at the Cornish Arms.

All signposts are in Gwennap Parish.





The second half of the autumn term is always a busy one, and this term has been no exception. All three classes enjoyed an outing to the cinema in November, part funded by the Friends of Cusgarne School. Class 2 also attended a workshop at Falmouth Art Gallery which they thoroughly enjoyed, and Class 3 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to go ten-pin bowling! The new Foundation stage children are now fully settled into school life and have been learning all about animals and bodies.

One highlight was the wonderful Remembrance Day service held on 11th November. Ben Barker, of Chy Gwynn Pottery in Cusgarne, spent a day with the children making clay poppies with them. Every child made a poppy which was then fired, painted and varnished and then on the day the children 'planted' their 100 poppies in the lower school field to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. They also recited 'In Flanders Fields'. The ceremony was attended by people from the parish, as well as school families, and all agreed that it was a powerful and poignant way to mark and honour those that had died. The school thank Ben for his time and hard work.

On 23rd November Years 4, 5 & 6 took part in the wonderful City of Lights parade in Truro. They made their lanterns with a local artist, based on the theme 'Tell Me A Story'. They chose the story of The Mousehole Cat. The weather on the night was kind and everyone who attended had a magical time.

Christmas festivities

On 2nd December the Friends of Cusgarne held their **Christmas Fair** which really kicked off the festive season. The children enjoyed lots of games and activities while the parents enjoyed a cup of tea and mince pie. All money raised goes to school and makes a real difference. We would like to thank the Friends for all their hard work in making it such a successful event.

The children will be performing their **Christmas production** on 12th & 13th December and all the children and staff have worked very hard rehearsing. On 14th December the school are very much looking forward to holding evening **Lantern Lit Songs** (using the lanterns from the City of Lights) during which families are invited to come together to sing carols and enjoy mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

We are aware that parking along the road is extremely busy during school drop off and pickup, and also at times of special events. We ask our parents to park considerately and also ask for your patience & understanding.



Dear Resident

Fly Tipping With the darker evenings now here the fly tipping incidents in the area are starting to increase. Areas being targeted in and around the parish include one rural location which had 75 tyres. These are all well used roads and I am asking for you all to vigilant, if you see someone fly tipping please report it. I do believe that the councils bulky waste collection offers very good value for money and can be much cheaper than some unlicensed waste collectors. I have also detailed below the garden waste and bulky waste charges.

Garden waste Charges	140 Ltr	240 Ltr	Re-usable bag
	£16.21	£19.62	£3.57
One-off fee (to purchase container)	£23.00	£35.50	£17.00
Bulky waste charges	Standard (up to 4 items)	Small Special (each)	Large Special (each)
	£22.50	£20.50	£35.50

- Examples of a large “special” items would be a carpet or a bath
- Examples of small “special” items could be a sink or a cooker extractor hood
- Standard items might be an ironing board or a dishwasher
- Almost all items the council collects are listed on the website as small, large or standard. They are grouped by the household room they are normally found in i.e. lounge or bedroom



Finger post sign

Finger post signs are becoming a rare sight in our rural areas, the one at the staggered crossroads at United Downs was in a very poor state of repair and was about to fall over. I reported the sign to Cormac who removed it over six months ago and they have painstakingly restored it. They have done a fantastic job and the finger post sign has now been put back into position where it will stay for another 70 years.

Winter Wellbeing is a service that is supported by Cornwall Council and the Health Service to help people who suffer during the winter months. If you are over 60, on a low income, or suffering from a long term health condition/ disability or even caring for someone there are many groups and organisations that can help.

Since 2011/12, Winter Wellness has helped the following stay warm, well and safe during Winter :

- 6,000 households (13,000 people - *based on average household size of 2.27 per home);
- 755 hospital admissions prevented;
- 1,200 households helped by Winter Wellness Emergency Fund – electric, gas, heating oil and logs/coal to stay warm;
- 311 households remain in work and progress towards work.
- 238 households receive £84,000 of extra income through Discretionary Housing Payments, Crisis and Care Awards and/or help with Council Tax, since 2015.

Last Winter, Winter Wellness helped 1,600 households.

Key highlights include:

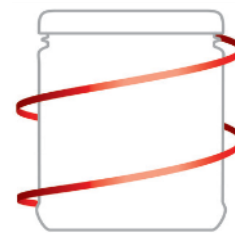
- 1,560 called the Freephone (run by Community Energy Plus) for help;
- 510 referred to other partners for assistance;
- 250 received energy advice (to use their heating systems better);
- 317 households assisted by Winter Wellness Emergency Fund;
- 1,000 households helped by Cornwall Rural Community Charity, Community Energy Plus and Age UK Cornwall and Isles of Scilly with advice, benefits and information
- 18 helped by Plymouth Energy Community and 6 by Shelter (British Gas Energy Trust) with energy debts.

Wider health benefits included:

- NHS saved £71,000 based on 80 hospital admissions prevented (£1 Winter Wellness saved NHS £2);
- Cornwall Community Foundation granted £5,000, that led to £24,000 of Winter Wellness and Cornwall Council Discretionary funds* (£1 CCF generated £5.33 of extra income for vulnerable householders to stay warm and well);
- Winter Wellness, helped 117 (37% of Emergency Fund) customers to receive * Crisis and Care, Council Tax help and Discretionary Housing Payments helping to improve their health and wellbeing – more income and reduce their money worries.
- Secured £2.3m Central Heating Fund, to install central heating for the first time in 375 homes in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. 142 homes now have new central heating (* as at 31 July 2016), with the remainder planned for completion by 31 November 2016.

For help this winter call 0800 954 1956

Cornwall Councillor Mark kaczmarek Tinner's Lodge Pennance Road Lanner Redruth TR16 5TF
Email mkaczmarek@cornwall.gov.uk Tel 01209 211366, mob 07791746210



CHESTNUT SOUP (serves 4)

This soup epitomises winter and is one of the things I love to make when it is cold and damp outside. It is great as a first course if you have friends over for a meal or it makes a perfect supper in itself with lovely sticky granary bread. If you are going to be brave and peel fresh chestnuts allow plenty of time! I remember the first time I tasted this soup made by two friends a very long time ago. The rest of us were sent to the pub to wait whilst they peeled what seemed like a mountain of chestnuts. When we returned they had very sore fingers but the soup was heavenly.

1 onion
1 carrot
340g / 12oz tinned whole chestnuts or
680g / 1½lb approx. fresh chestnuts
(to give 340g/12oz peeled chestnuts)
1oz butter
1½ - 1¾pts chicken stock
Bouquet garni (a bayleaf, a sprig of thyme,
3-4 parsley stalks) or a bought sachet
Black pepper & salt
4 fl.oz single cream

To garnish:
1 apple (preferably less sweet), peeled, cored
and finely chopped
A little lemon juice
Finely chopped parsley

Peel and slice the onion and carrot. Melt the butter in a large pan, add the vegetables and, if using them, fresh chestnuts. Cover and sweat for 5 – 6 minutes. Then, if using tinned chestnuts, add them along with the stock, bouquet garni and about 15 pepper mill twists of black pepper.



Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 -30 minutes or until the chestnuts are very tender.

Whilst the soup is simmering, prepare the apple and put in a small bowl with the lemon juice. Toss the pieces in the lemon juice to stop them going brown. Drain off any spare juice.

Remove soup from the heat and liquidise using a stick blender. Add the cream – don't be tempted to add more as it will make the soup too creamy. Add salt according to taste.

Gently reheat, stirring well to prevent soup sticking to base of saucepan, before ladling the soup into bowls. Put the chopped apple on top – don't worry if it sinks. Finally sprinkle over the chopped parsley. Serve. Happy Christmas!



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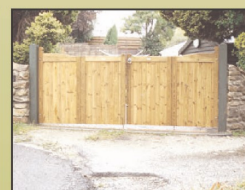
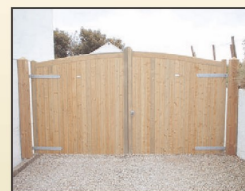
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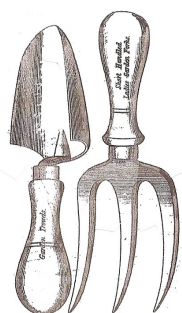
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When the engines came to Frogpool!

These fantastic pictures were taken on 24 September 2016 when Steve Corbett and his son met with friends from around Cornwall for their end of September local run on their beautiful engines. These pictures were taken at their stop at The Cornish Arms in Frogpool. Thank you to Mr Ian Coxen for the photos (*photos strictly copyright of Mr Coxen*).



WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

On 1st October Mary Penna and her family Kathryn & Paul Bradley and Eleanor Dennis held a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the parish rooms at the Richard Jory Playing field. Eleanor was in her element with some of her friends running the tombola and raffle stall.

We made a staggering amount of £500+. Thanks to everyone who attended, brought cakes, raffle prizes and donations etc. A wonderful morning was had by all, and for such a worthy cause.

PLEASE NOTE...

The deadline for the next parish newsletter is **2nd March**. Please send all articles, photos or adverts to Fiona Barnard, Parish Clerk, at clerk@gwennap-parish.net or phone 07970 730629 for more information. Commercial advertising prices available on request.

Dec

- 11th Christingle Service at Gwennap Church, 11am
- 11th Frogpool Methodist Church Carol Service with pupils from Cusgarne School, 4pm
- 12th Cusgarne CP School Christmas play, 1.30pm
- 13th Rum & Shrub Shanty Men at The Cornish Arms, 7.30pm
- 13th Cusgarne CP School Christmas play, 6pm
- 13th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 14th Lantern Lit Songs at Cusgarne CP School, 6-7pm
- 15th Coffee morning, Frogpool Methodist Church, 10.30-11.30am
- 15th Parish Council meeting, 7pm - CANCELLED
- 16th Cusgarne CP School last day of term (finish 1pm)
- 16th Pool Final at The Cornish Arms Frogpool
- 17th Frogpool & Cusgarne FC vs Camborne Town, 2.30pm KO
- 18th Christmas Draw at The Cornish Arms Frogpool, 7.30pm
- 18th Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Gwennap Church, 11am
- 18th Hicks Mill Methodist Church Christmas Service 10.30am
- 20th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 21st Christmas Quiz at The Cornish Arms, 8.30pm start £1/player
- 23rd Parish Newsletter Christmas Competition entries deadline
- 24th Midnight mass & Holy Communion, Gwennap Church, 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service, Frogpool Methodist Church, 10.30am
- 25th Holy Communion at Gwennap Church, 10am
- 26th The Cornish Arms closed
- 27th The Cornish Arms closed
- 29th Parish Walk leaving from The Cornish Arms at 10.45am

Jan

- 1st No service at Gwennap Church
- 1st The Cornish Arms closed
- 3rd Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 4th First day of term, Cusgarne CP School
- 10th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 17th Gwennap Lunch Club, Gwennap Church Hall, 12.30pm (booking required)
- 17th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 23rd Gwennap Guild's Annual Lunch
- 24th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 26th Coffee morning, Frogpool Methodist Church 10.30-11.30am
- 26th CDDG presents 'Dracula Goes On Holiday', Perran-Ar-Worthal Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27th Quiz Night in Gwennap Church Hall, 6.30pm
- 27th CDDG presents 'Dracula Goes On Holiday', Perran-Ar-Worthal Village Hall, 7.30pm

- 28th CDDG presents 'Dracula Goes On Holiday', Perran-Ar-Worthal Village Hall, 2pm Matinee

- 28th CDDG presents 'Dracula Goes On Holiday', Perran-Ar-Worthal Village Hall, 7.30pm

- 31st Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am

- 31st Deadline for returning Neighbourhood Development Plan Survey

Feb

- 1st Coffee morning at Hicks Mill Methodist Church, 10.30-12.00
- 7th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 7th W.I. meeting in Frogpool Chapel hall, with guest speaker Mrs Lesley Robinson, 7.30pm
- 10th Cusgarne CP School break up for half term
- 14th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 16th Gwennap Horticultural Society, with Sarah Chesters (RHS Rosemoor), "Colour for Spring and Summer in your Garden"
- 18th Cheese & Wine Evening in aid of the Invictus Trust, with Jesse Clift
- 20th Cusgarne CP School return to school
- 21st Gwennap Lunch Club, Gwennap Church Hall, 12.30pm (booking required)
- 21st Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 23rd Coffee morning, Frogpool Methodist Church 10.30-11.30am
- 28th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
- 28th Gwennap Guild's AGM

March

- 1st Coffee morning at Hicks Mill Methodist Church, 10.30-12.00
- 2nd Deadline for submissions for Spring Newsletter
- 3rd Lent Lunch in Gwennap Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm
- 7th W.I. AGM
- 7th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field, 10.00-11.30am
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