



Steam Engine Trundle, 30th September 2017

Lots of people came out to enjoy the annual Steam Engine Trundle from Trehaddle to Perranwell Station and then on to Frogpool on Saturday 30th September - a magnificent sight! Some lucky people were even able to enjoy a ride in the wagon! Donations were collected for Mount Edgcombe Hospice. Thank you to Steve Corbett and all involved, and to Jo Picton for the super photos.



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

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council have had a busy few months. We continue to work with three other Parish Councils, the Police and Cornwall Council on an operation to reduce the illegal use of footpaths by motorcycles and 4x4 vehicles. It is hoped that the Police, in conjunction with the Parish Councils, will run 6-monthly operations in problem areas to catch offenders, seize any illegal unlicensed bikes and educate riders about the public rights of way laws. A report by our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) can be found on page 8.

The Parish Council are still trying to organise a Community Speedwatch Campaign with the PCSO. We apologise for the delay in this operation, which has been out of our hands. The PCSO will be in touch with volunteers, and the Parish Council will keep you updated of progress via the newsletter and our facebook page.

A great deal of work on the Gwennap Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan has been taking place by the Steering Group, including members of the Parish Council and volunteers from the local Community. An update on the current status is on page 3.

In September two of the senior management team from Cornwall Housing attended the Parish Council meeting to speak about problems at Wheal Jewel, and their plans for combatting these issues. Cornwall Councillor Kaczmarek has worked tirelessly for many years to try to bring about better management of this site, and the

Parish Council fully support him in this.

Also in September the Clerk and three of the Parish Councillors attended a meeting about Community Transport Schemes that are run in nearby parishes. Gwennap Parish Council have resolved to explore this concept further and will be carrying out a feasibility study to ascertain the need and demand for such a scheme in our parish.

The Parish Council are currently working with Cornwall Council and members of the downhill mountain-biking community regarding biking activities at Wheal Maid. The Wheal Maid Valley is a wonderful parish asset and it is enjoyed by many people from across our community, and beyond for a variety of activities. Both the Parish Council and Cornwall Council are keen for this to continue, while promoting a mutual respect for all users and the natural environment.

We would like to congratulate Sue Patton, one of our Councillors, who was a finalist in the recent Cornwall Sustainability Awards - an incredible achievement. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wealth of different knowledge, experience and expertise that our seven Councillors bring to the Council.

N.B. the Parish Council have rescheduled their December meeting from 21st December to 14th December.

YOUR HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

We would like to investigate the feasibility of setting up our own Community Land Trust within the parish. To that end, we would like to invite interested, enthusiastic local residents to join our newly established working party.

Using the model provided by the Cornwall Community Land Trust, we aim to meet a proportion of the housing needs in our parish through the provision of truly affordable housing units. This model has so far enabled nearly 200 homes to be built across the county, using 12 local community land trusts, and we want to become part of this success story.

CLT's are community-led organisations that have charitable status. As non-profit bodies, any surplus made is re-invested in the local community. Completed projects are held in trust in perpetuity, so that future generations reap the benefit too.

The first step is to establish a cross-community working group. Membership is open to everyone, so everyone gets a say on what will happen. We will then seek guidance from the Director of Cornwall CLT on how best to move onto the next stage in the process.

Please, if you believe that you can make a positive contribution to this initiative and help realise our ambition, then contact us at Gwennap Parish Council, via our Clerk (contact details below).

Want to get in touch with Gwennap 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 third Thursday of every month at 7pm. 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.

Gwennap Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Hello all! The NDP work is continuing apace and we are almost ready to let Cornwall Council check the work and then to get it in front of you to get your views.

We have modified the plan a little so that we can ensure the Gwennap Design Guide and Local Landscape Character Assessment are up to standard. This means that the roadshows will now be in March. The rest of the plan is as follows:



15th Dec – Submit documents to Cornwall Council for Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening

15th Feb – Start public consultation (6 Weeks)

1-20th March – Roadshows around the Parish

March - Submit NDP to Cornwall Council for assessment

Referendum date – TBD (planning date – Sept 2018)

We will mailshot you all with the details of the roadshows and how to view the documents so if you see a letter from the Parish Council then please read it to make sure you don't miss anything.

Thank you!

Cusgarne & Frogpool Women's Institute

2017 is drawing to a close and our WI has had a busy year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Lucy Moyse, Sandra Chegwiddden and Ros Chambers who have joined our group. We are very proud to be growing in numbers when unfortunately some WI groups are struggling to remain open in other parts of the country. Our group has eighteen friendly and sociable members now who all have different talents and interests that help inspire and motivate each other to learn and try out new skills and to continue to raise money for charity in Cornwall.

This year we have had a change of President as the very capable Nina Cooper stepped down after many years service. Sue Clift has taken her place and has brought her own

style and jolly sense of humour to the role.

Sue McCrossan had devoted many years to being our very efficient Secretary and as she also has the job of being Secretary for the Gwennap Horticultural Society she wished to halve her workload and Sandy Adcock took over at WI.

We have enjoyed speakers who demonstrated their cookery and silversmith skills, enlightened us on the history of Cornwall, entertained us with tales of their time as an English teacher abroad, and showed us their holiday snaps of China. We have held a cream tea afternoon and a cheese and wine evening to raise money for the Invictus Trust which helps young people with mental health problems in Cornwall. We enjoyed a pasty and bingo

night and a harvest auction to boost our own funds and also had our own outing for scones and jam at the Elm Tree café.

At our Christmas meeting we will eat, drink and be merrily entertained by Jesse Clift. We are thinking about which speakers to book for our next year's programme and looking forward to joining in activities in our local community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and supporters from Gwennap Parish a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Cusgarne and Frogpool WI meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except January) at 7.30pm in the Frogpool Methodist Hall. For enquiries please contact Sandy 01872 863041.

United Downs Bridleways

The opening schedule for the bridleways across United Downs during December has been published. The bridleways will be kept open between Christmas and New Year so everyone can walk off any Christmas excesses!

United Mines Closed Landfill Permissive Route Opening Schedule
North – South Section Shown in Blue
East – West Section Shown in Red

Route	Permissive Opening Date	Anticipated Permitted Opening Conditions
North – South (Blue)	1 st December 2017 – 31 st December 2017	Monday to Friday 18:00hrs to 07:00hrs Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 27 th , 28 th & 29 th December All day
East – West (Red)	1 st December 2017 – 31 st December 2017	Monday to Friday 18:00hrs to 07:00hrs Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 27 th , 28 th & 29 th December All day



SUEZ reserve the right to close access to any re-opened permissive route up until 31st December 2018 due to restoration activities, upon discovery of any breaches of security or persons not obeying the advisory signage and / or any on-going works related to mining features



KEY

1. Unrestored tip prior to heathland re-creation, showing soils unsuitable for heathland re-creation
2. Spreading sand to create a 300mm thick heathland topsoil
3. Spreading peat-like material from A30 dualling near Bodmin
4. Incorporating material by power-harrow and preparing surface for seeding
5. Prepared surface with peat-like material incorporated and ready for seeding with a mix of locally-collected heathland seeds and 'nurse' grasses
6. 'Nurse' grasses growing after 3-4 weeks, the first stage in heathland creation

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Dear resident.

Electoral Review. The government has commissioned a review of Cornwall Councillor numbers for the local government elections in 2021. There are currently 123 elected Cornwall Councillors across the whole of Cornwall. The Electoral Review has recommended the number of councillors to be cut by 36 to 87, this means that the electoral boundaries will be changing again. The proposal indicates that my electoral division will increase by another 1,500 people and will now include Stithians and Long Downs, and I thought that Carharrack, Gwennap and St Day was a large area to represent. There are still consultations taking place on how the new boundaries will fit in with the parish councils so there will be a few tweaks in the numbers, but what ever is agreed it will mean a tremendous amount of work for whoever is elected onto Cornwall Council in 2021.

Community Speed Watch. I am still lobbying the police to roll out the training for a Community Speed Watch in Gwennap, unfortunately I and the Parish Council have not been given the support from the local PCSO which is very disappointing. Areas in the parish have been identified as having issues with speeding vehicles and this have been backed up by speed monitors installed by Cormac Solution. I have now asked the PCSO who has worked closely with St Day and Carharrack to help with this training and support.

Scorrier Crossroads. This crossroads has the second highest accident rate in Cornwall and funding has now been secured to make it safer by installing a double roundabout which they claim will help slow down traffic and make it much easier to use. Consultation on the road design is currently being carried out and it is important that all those who use this road or live in the area put forward their comments and observations.

Community Chest Funding. Each year I am allocated a community chest fund of £2,000 which I can use to support local groups and organisations. I have now spent my budget for this year and will be receiving another £2,000 in April 2018. If you are based in St Day, Carharrack or Gwennap and need help with some funding then please feel free to contact me.

Applicant	Amount
CPIR 02 – Frogpool/Cusgarne Football Club – 5 a side goals	£600.00
CPIR 03 – St Day Youth AFC – Trip to France – Dirinon International Tournament 2017	£250.00
CPIR 20 – Improving Carharrack’s Environment – Christmas Lights	£200.00
CPIR 22 – Day-Light Group – Signs and Wonders – Light Spectacular	£225.32
CPIR 23 – Cusgarne CP School – Youth Sports	£324.68
Carharrack & St Day Silver Band	£400.00
Total of allocated funds:	£2,000
Total of remaining funds:	0

The Cornish Arms, Frogpool

TRURO TR4 8RP

01872 863445 www.thecornisharmsfrogpool.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
Monday am	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday pm	7.00 - 11.00pm	CLOSED
Tuesday - Saturday am	12.00 - 2.30pm	12.00 - 2.00pm
Tuesday - Saturday 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

Christmas period opening hours

	Bar	Kitchen
Sunday 24th, Christmas Eve	12-2.30pm 6-11.30pm	12-2.00pm 6-9pm
Monday 25th, Christmas Day	CLOSED ALL DAY	
Tuesday 26th, Boxing Day	CLOSED ALL DAY	
Wed 27th - Saturday 30th	12-2.30pm 6-11pm	12-2.00pm 6-9pm
Sunday 31st, New Years Eve	12-2.30pm 6-late	12-2.00pm CLOSED

PASTIES AVAILABLE IN EVENING, PLEASE PRE-ORDER IF POSSIBLE

December events

Tuesday 12th Rum & Shrub Shantymen

Come along and be entertained by Rum & Shrub Shantymen. An evening of entertainment, carols, Cornish songs and a lot more. 7.30pm start.

Friday 15th Christmas Draw Evening

Tickets available at the bar at 25p a square. All monies raised will go back in prizes. 7.30pm start.

Wednesday 20th Christmas Quiz

Fun evening starting at 8.00pm, £1 per player

Tim, Jane and all the staff would like to wish all our customers a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

Our chosen charity for 2017 was Mount Edgecumbe Hospice and our customers have supported numerous events through the year and we have raised an amazing £1,918!!!. This will be presented to a representative from the Cornwall Hospice in due course. Thank you to all our customers for your continued support in all we do.

FROGPOL METHODIST CHURCH

Minister Revd. Elizabeth Harris Tel: 01209 820077

elizabeth.harris@methodist.org.uk

Sunday Morning Services 10.45 a.m.

Coffee Mornings are held at the Church from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. each month

Thursday 14th December for **St. Petroc's**

Thursday 25th January 2018

Thursday 22nd February 2018

Thursday 29th March 2018

Come and enjoy a cup of great coffee or tea and have a chat with members of your community. Bring & Buy Stall.

Frogpool's Christmas Carol Service

Will be held this year on 10th December at 3.00pm. Members of the village and school will be taking part. Collection for the Cornwall branch of SANDS. This will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Eve

We are holding a Candlelit Carol Service at 3.00pm to which everyone is invited.

Christmas Day Worship

10.30am led by Mrs S Wainwright

Frogpool Methodist Sunday School Hall and Stable Room (including kitchen facilities) are available for hire. Enquiries to Mary Richards 01872 863143.

This year it was decided to make some changes to our Church. In line with modern trends we have removed the central pews and replaced them with comfortable chairs. This makes the space more flexible and opens up opportunities for doing different things. It has made it more accessible as we have lowered the floor where we previously had a step and we can create a space for a wheelchair if necessary.

We therefore have a number of beautiful pine pews for sale, sizes range from 5', one at 7' and one at 10' with prices starting at £100. Anyone interested is asked to telephone 01872 863002 for further information. We welcome you to join us at one of our Carol Services to see what we have achieved.



Cornwall Council Mobile Library

The Mobile library will visit Chellean Vean in Frogpool between 4.20-5.00pm on Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 30th January. No further dates available at time of publishing. The library holds a selection of books, novels, large print books, children's books and talking books. DVDs, CDs and music scores can be borrowed on request. More information can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/your-local-library/mobile-library-service or by phoning 01872 272702.

I think it's fair to say that it's been a fantastic start to the season for both teams here at the club. Both teams are unbeaten in their respective leagues with the First Team having just the one solitary loss in a cup competition. The Reserves are firing on all cylinders having strengthened in key areas. Read below for a little more in depth look at both teams' season so far and other club news.

As mentioned the First Team have had a good start to the season and currently sit 4th in the Division 2 table. A good start to the season with key victories coming against Redruth United Reserves and more recently Illogan 3rds. Their only loss of the season was a League Cup game at home to Storm. However, the hard work doesn't stop there. With some tough games coming up, including a Junior Cup game at home against North Hill, they will be looking to continue their good run of form and make themselves a force to be reckoned with. A good team spirit as helped them on this run and with a settled squad they will be looking to do better in the league this time around. The goals have been spread out so far but current top scorer Kevin Smith will want to continue his fine run of form and propel the side in to the higher echelons of the league.

The Reserves are quietly going about their business in Division 3 this season. With 9 wins out of 9 in the league and a goal difference of +35 they are sitting pretty at the top of the table with a 9 point gap between them and the teams below. They can also boast they have the top goal scorer in the league. Young Jack Froud only signed in the summer but he's already proven his worth and showed just how important he is to the side and why manager Dan Templeton brought him to the club. His 14 goals so far means he's terrifying for any defence he comes up against. However, manager Dan Templeton knows all too well it's not just about any one individual player.

With a squad spirit like no other they will be looking to continue their quality start to the season and strengthen their position at the top of the table. The question many are asking is, who can stop them? Find out how they get on in the next edition.

We've also been busy at the club on the fundraising front. Back in October we managed to raise £124.50 for BABA (Birth And Baby Appeal) by holding a pool tournament at the local pub, The Cornish Arms. The appeal is set up to raise funds and provide equipment that will enhance the maternity and neonatal areas at Royal Cornwall Hospital Treliske to give parents and babies the best possible start on their incredible journey. We'd like to thank everybody who helped support this event either by taking part or buying raffle tickets. Big thanks to the pub for letting us host the event there.

We'd like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support. Whether that's LTC, Blue Flame or The Cornish Arms, we really value your support. On that note, we are always looking for new sponsors who are looking to come on board. Don't be afraid to get in touch. You can contact our Chairman Nick Mallaber on the number below.

We train on Wednesday evenings. If you are looking to join the club then don't be afraid to come up to the Richard Jory Playing Field between 6:30pm and 8pm. We are a welcome bunch and look forward to any new members joining the club. Any experience or ability welcome. Contact Nick Mallaber, Chairman and First Team Manager on 07968 136222 for any queries you may have.

FIRST TEAM HOME FIXTURES

25th November - North Hill (Junior Cup) 2pm KO
16th December - Falmouth Town 3rds 2:30pm KO

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

To be confirmed



Group photo from baba fundraising night



Left: Nick Mallaber-runner up Right: Mike Rollason-winner

Police Community Support Officer's update

We have received a number of reports by members of the Public about people using Off-road vehicles on Off-road paths within the parish. This is a problem that has in some places been ongoing for a number of years and is very difficult to try and tackle. The Off-road vehicles reported have varied from off-road buggies to 4X4 cars to off-road motorbikes and they are often being used in places where it is illegal to do so. The problem has caused issues for residents that live near to the problem such as noise nuisance and also damage being caused to their property such as smashed windows. It is illegal to ride any motor vehicle on any public right of way other than a general road or a public Byway. Using a Motor vehicle on any Public Footpath or Public Bridleway is against the law and those caught doing so will be dealt with appropriately.

Whether using a Motor Vehicle on a Byway/Road or a Public Bridleway/Footpath the vehicle MUST be insured, road taxed and MOT'd, the same as any other vehicle. Any vehicle that is found to not be insured can be seized there and then by Officers. Anybody caught using a vehicle without a valid MOT will be reported for the offence and will receive a fine. Anybody caught using a Motor vehicle without Road Tax will be reported to the DVLA.

To try and tackle this problem we are looking to hold an Operation along with other agencies later on in the year, an update with results will be given once this has been done.

If you see any vehicles being driven illegally off-road illegally it would be really appreciated if you could call 101 (police non-emergency number) to report to vehicles. If you are able to provide us with any description of the vehicles such as make, model, colour, registration, and description of the person riding/driving the vehicle that would also be very helpful as then we may be able to track down the user should they leave the area prior to our attendance.

Some useful information in regards to Public Rights of way is below:

Public Footpath- these have [Yellow Waymarker](#) signs (a small arrow sign). Public have the right to access these on Foot ONLY.

Public Bridleway- these have [Blue Waymarker](#) signs. Public have the right to access these on Foot, Horseback, Bicycle or Horse-drawn carriage ONLY.

Public Restricted Byway- these have [Purple Waymarker](#) signs. Public have access to these on Foot, Horseback, Bicycles or Horse-drawn carriage ONLY.

Public Byway- these have [Red Waymarker](#) signs. Public have right to access these on Foot, Horseback, Bicycle or vehicle including Horse-drawn carriage or Motor vehicle/ Motorcycle.

From Devon and Cornwall Police



WARNING

Use of a motor vehicle on anywhere other than a byway or designated track is illegal

If you are caught your vehicle may be seized by Police.

Anybody wishing to report such activity should call 101 in a non-emergency or 999 in an emergency.

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE
IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL 999

Devon & Cornwall Police

The Autumn term has flown by fast and all three classes have enjoyed a busy term of activities. This term the Friends of Cusgarne held 'Cusgarne Fest' with a live band, circus skills, games, facepainting, BBQ and a raffle, and a Halloween Disco. Both were fantastic events and raised a terrific amount for school. We are grateful to the Friends for all that they do, and to our families for their support of fundraising events.



Class 1 gave an excellent performance in our Harvest Assembly, for some of the children it was their first 'public' performance, and we were very proud of how confident they were. Our Harvest Auction followed the assembly and all money raised was donated to Shelter Box, the School Council's chosen charity. The School Council visited Shelter Box to learn more about the valuable work they do.

Class 2 have visited the Victorian Village at Flambards this term, as part of their topic studies. They had a great day and told us all about it when they returned.

In November the whole school enjoyed a trip to the cinema which they all thoroughly enjoyed!

Following their involvement in the Bloodhound's 'Race for the Line' model rocket car competition during the summer term, Years 5 & 6 were lucky enough to be invited to the test running of the Bloodhound at Newquay airport on 30th October (the only UK location it was being carried out). They watched the car do two test runs and were also able to do some workshops afterwards. It was a great day!



On 1st November, Cusgarne CP School converted to an Academy and joined Aspire Multi Academy Trust. This represents an exciting step forward in strengthening the future of the school and providing the very best opportunities and education for the children. Sadly Mrs Nicholls, our Head Teacher, is retiring at the end of December after 15 years at Cusgarne School, and 40 years in the teaching profession. She has had such a great impact on the school and she will be sorely missed, but we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are now busy rehearsing for our Christmas production on 11th & 12th December, and are looking forward to joining the community for the Carol Service at Frogpool Chapel on 10th December, where some of our pupils will be singing some festive songs. We are also looking forward to our Christmas Fair on 15th, Carols Around the Tree on 18th, not forgetting the class Christmas Parties on 19th!

Useful dates:

11th December, 1.30pm - Christmas play afternoon performance

12th December, 6pm - Christmas play evening performance

15th December, 2.30-4.30pm - Christmas Fair

18th December, 1.30pm - Carols around the tree

20th December, Last day of term, school closes at 1pm

4th January, Spring term begins

We appreciate that parking is extremely busy during school drop off, pickup, and special events. We remind our parents to park considerately and ask for your patience & understanding during these short but busy periods.

News from Cusgarne Manor



We continue to learn more and more about the Manor. We recently found an old gully behind the main house which runs under the back corner so obviously pre-dates the current building. In it we found some pottery shards which have been identified as St German's ware from 15th century which makes the site older than we previously thought. The drain alongside the high garden wall alongside the lane has also been cleared out. It turns out it's stone-lined like the other one and we found some pottery and glass in there too. We'll be taking all the finds to the Royal Cornwall Museum for identification soon.

The dredging of the overgrown swampy area near Trehaddle is now done. We're really happy with the result and equally pleased with the feedback we've received about it. Originally the pond there fed a mill leat but the conduit under the byway has collapsed so Cornwall Council are going to repair it to restore the proper flow. It was lovely to see an egret land by the pond the other day and we're waiting for more wildlife to discover it.

While the big digger was on site we also cleared the dangerous trees from along edge of the orchard behind the house because they were threatening to fall on the house. This has completely transformed the back of the house and brought an enormous amount of light to it. The plan is to renovate and replant the orchard and reinstate the old steps leading up to it.

We've made a few changes to our plans as we learn more about the site so are delaying our main planning application until the new year. In the meantime the painstaking renovation of the windows and doors continues, and we're looking forward to moving into one end of the house and sorting out the front garden soon.

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 10th December, Christingle Service

11am, All Age Worship, particularly for the young

Sunday 17th Dec, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December

N.B. No service at 11am.

11.30pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion

Monday 25th December

10.00am, Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sunday 31st December

Holy Communion

Everyone is very welcome at our services, do come along and join us.

GWENNAP LADIES GUILD

The Guild will hold its annual lunch on Monday 22nd January.

The AGM will be on Tuesday 27th February at 2.30pm followed by a demonstration of Origami.

Our March meeting will be on Tuesday 27th March.

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

Gwennap Ladies Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the church hall at 2.30pm, unless special arrangements have been made. New members are always welcome. Please contact Sue Martyn for further details 01872 862670 for further details.

THE COFFEE STOP

We meet each Tuesday from 10.00-11.30am in the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory Playing Field. We always welcome new comers, so if you have recently moved to the area, do come and have a cup of coffee/tea and meet neighbours. We make no charge, but donations for refreshments go to a charity of our choice. Our charity this year is the Cornwall Hospices.

Phone Vanessa for details if you have not joined us before on 01209 820355.

GWENNAP LUNCH CLUB

Our winter lunches started in October and are held every month on the third Tuesday of the month in Gwennap Church Hall 12.30-2.00. If you have come before and have a neighbour or friend who might like to join us, please let us know and bring them along. We serve a hot main course and pudding, followed by coffee or tea. Sue and I would welcome help with washing up and clearing the hall after the meals. Thank you.

- December 19th
- January 16th

For more information ring Vanessa 01209820 or Sue 01872862670

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 26th January at 6.30pm in Gwennap Church Hall
Delicious Bangers and Mash and PUDDINGS
Bring your own bottle and sharpened brains!

LENT LUNCHESES

Each year on Fridays in Lent we have a frugal lunch in the Church Hall at Gwennap. Soup, cheese and a bread roll with tea or coffee from midday until 1.30pm. Please drop in and join us. The dates for 2018 are:

- February 16th & 23rd
- March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.



Remembrance Day 2017, Gwennap Church



HICKS MILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Morning Services are held at 10.30 am

All are welcome

Some services are shared with neighbouring chapels,
please ring 01209 821474 to confirm location.

Christmas Carol Service

To be held at Twelveheads Chapel on Christmas Eve at
10.30am.

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

Do you have old mobile phones or used printer cartridges?

Regardless of their condition Robert Cook is
collecting them for **The Camborne Town Band
Music Society** (registered charity no: 1135992), Corn-
wall's most famous and successful Town and Youth
Brass Bands.

Please contact Robert on 01872870114 or
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PETE'S PASTIES

Point Mills, Bissoe, Truro, TR4 8RA

OPEN 10am to 2pm

Monday to Saturday

Traditional Cornish Pasties, Chicken Pasties,

Cheese Pasties, Breakfast Pasties, Pies,

Sausage Rolls, Bacon & Cheese Bites,

Vegetarian Quiches, Quiche Lorraine's,

Bacon, Egg & Parsley Pies.

Also, many varieties of pasties, including
vegetarian & vegan, cooked to order.

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evening.

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Parish Rooms, Richard Jory Playing Field, Pulla Cross

Individual and Small Group Pilates classes available at the Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory playing field every Friday with Hannah Lloyd-King from Body Restoration Pilates Studios. Advance booking essential, so please call Hannah on 07738 200030 or email info@bodyrestoration.co.uk to book. Further details can be found at www.bodyrestoration.co.uk.

Body
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Coffee Stop

Join the Coffee Stop group every Tuesday morning 10.00-11.30am at the Parish Rooms to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and get to know other people who live in the local villages. Everyone is welcome, and we always love to see new faces, so if you haven't been along before why not drop in and join us. We make no charge, but donations for refreshments go to a charity of our choice. Our charity this year is the Cornwall Hospices.

For more information please call Vanessa on 01209 820355.



The Parish Rooms at the Richard Jory playing field are available for hire for parties and events, or repeat bookings. The full rate for a single use is £15 (or £12 for parishioners), and regular weekly users pay just £10 per session. If you would like to book the rooms please contact Ann Gazzard on 07808 393874, or if Ann is unavailable Fiona Barnard on 07970 730629.

Car boot sales

The Car Boot season will start again in the Spring. The carboots are held every first and third Sunday between April and September, at the Richard Jory playing field, Pulla Cross. Gates open at 7am, free entry and parking, refreshments available to buy. Only £3.50 per boot. No dogs allowed, sorry. Contact Ann on 07808 393874 for more info. The 2018 dates will be:

April 1st & 15th
May 6th & 20th
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July 1st & 15th
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Weekly craft group

A craft group meet every Thursday at 11.15am in the parish rooms. We explore a wide range of craft activities and materials, with just a small fee to cover costs. On the 18th January we will be joined by someone from the Signs and Wonders Light Spectacular project, ahead of the event at Gwennap Pit on 27th January (see page 15). If you have any empty 2 litre plastic bottles please let Ann know.

New members are always welcome, please contact Ann on 07808 393874 for more information, or just drop in!



FIRST ASIAN HORNET IN GWENNAP?

The risk has now passed this year. Phew!

These self-importing insects are arriving from France (nothing to do with Brexit!) where they could destroy all insect life including our beloved bees. The first to arrive are the queens and then her followers. These insects can devour a hive of bees in a matter of hours and have caused devastation around France and soon the rest of Europe.

I have exaggerated with the scale but the size of these insects are significantly larger than our humble bee and their sting is bad news.

Please keep alert next spring.

Merry Christmas and an even better New Year from us all at the hive.

Gregory Leach

Hedgehog numbers have fallen from
36 million to less than **1 million** today

Help your neighbourhood become hedgehog-friendly with these 9 easy ideas

1. Make a hole for hedgehogs

Hedgehogs travel 2km a night looking for food & mates. Walls & fences block their path & mean hedgehogs go hungry and are more likely to be squashed by cars.

- ✓ Make a hole in, or under, your garden fence, wall or gate – 13x13cm is enough
- ✓ Retain existing hedging rather than build new block walls or fences

2. Make your garden naturally messy

Many people like to keep their garden looking tidy and their lawn closely mown. But hedgehogs need wild areas, where grasses & native plants are left uncut, to nest in, to hibernate.....and for insects to eat.

- ✓ Leave patches or strips in your garden to return to nature
- ✓ Leave rotting wood, dead vegetation & leaf litter over winter – insects need these for shelter until spring
- ✓ Encourage nettles, dandelions, brambles, honeysuckle & daisies to attract insects

3. Make a home for a hedgehog

Hedgehogs need undisturbed places to rest during the day, to hibernate in over winter, and to raise families.

- ✓ Make a compost heap; those with open sides are particularly good
- ✓ Pile up leaves in a quiet corner
- ✓ Make a log pile – the bigger the better

4. Keep your garden hazard-free

Hedgehogs get trapped in netting & litter, drown in ponds, get burnt in bonfires and are killed by strimmers.

- ✓ Pile stones or wood up as an escape route in steep sided ponds
- ✓ Check garden refuse and bonfires before burning
- ✓ Pick up litter
- ✓ Allow space for hedgehogs to pass under fruit netting
- ✓ Store garden refuse & netting off the ground
- X AVOID strimming – and never trim within 25cm of the ground

5. Make a watering hole for hogs

Hedgehogs die without water....and they also love to eat aquatic bugs and frogs.

- ✓ Dig a garden pond or organise a community pond dig
- ✓ Make a mini-watering hole by sinking a dustbin lid into the ground and topping up with water
- X NEVER give milk to hedgehogs

6. Feed a hungry hog

Hedgehogs will love tasty treats particularly in spring and autumn. If hedgehogs visit your garden;

- ✓ Leave out a bowl of cat or dog food (not fish flavoured), chopped peanuts or meal worms
- X NEVER give bread to hedgehogs (or other wildlife including ducks)!

7. Go chemical free

Garden pesticides kill our native plants and insects. They poison hedgehogs (and other wildlife) and mean there is less food & shelter for them too.

- ✓ Go pesticide free – embrace native species!
- ✓ Use deterrents such as coffee grounds, salt, seaweed or orange halves & vinegar
- ✓ Plant slug tolerant plants
- ✓ Use environmentally friendly timber & lawn treatments
- X DON'T use chemical slug, ant or weed killers

8. Plant a hedgehog haven

Trees, shrubs and wildflowers will attract insects and bring hedgehogs, and other wildlife, to your garden.

- ✓ Plant hazel, holly, rowan, hawthorn or crab apple in a small garden
- ✓ Create your own mini wildflower meadow
- ✓ Make the most of your space – instead of just lawn or gravel, encourage wild plants to grow in places you don't use

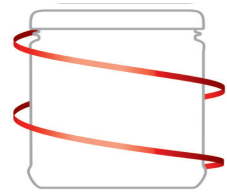
9. Log your hog

To understand & protect hedgehogs better we need to know more about where they live.

- ✓ Record your hedgehog sightings (dead/alive) at www.ORKS.org.uk or www.hedgehogstreet.org

For more information contact operation.hedgehog@cornwall.gov.uk





OXTAIL STEW **(Serves 4)**

My mother called this kind of hearty stew “Stick to the ribs food” as it is exactly the sort of meal you need on cold winter days. She made all her stews in a pressure cooker and I have inherited that love of the steaming, puffing device that converts tougher cuts of meat into melting meals in minutes. I have given quantities but, to be honest, you can just throw in as much or as little of each as you want. Two important points - make sure you do not fill your pressure cooker more than two thirds and ensure you have plenty of liquid to cover your ingredients otherwise you run the risk of the stew sticking or, worse, the pressure cooker running dry. All instructions are for a Prestige pressure cooker. Make this stew the day before you need it. It also freezes well.

1½kg/3lb oxtail, trimmed if very fatty
Olive or sunflower oil
3 onions, roughly chopped
3 carrots, peeled and cut into 1½cm/½ inch slices
850ml/1½ pints any stock or water
70g/1½oz tomato puree or 1 tin/carton tomatoes
(if using tinned tomatoes reduce stock by same amount)
Black pepper
Optional: Cornflour or beef gravy granules

Brown the oxtail in the oil in a non-stick pan. Throw away any leftover oil. Deglaze the pan with a little water then toss the onions and carrots in the liquid briefly just to absorb the colour and flavour – not to soften.



Transfer the oxtail and vegetables to your pressure cooker. Add the stock, tinned tomatoes or puree (the tomatoes add not only flavour but help tenderise the meat) plus black pepper. Never add flour at this stage as it will burn on the bottom of the cooker. Put on a high heat, give everything a stir and bring to the boil adding more liquid if you think it necessary, stir again then put the lid on without the weight. Allow to steam for 2 minutes then put on a 15lb weight, bring to pressure, reduce heat and cook, maintaining pressure, for 40 minutes. I like to just give the cooker a gentle swirl after about 20 minutes to ensure nothing is sticking to the bottom. Take off heat and allow to depressurise by itself. Do not remove the weight at this stage or open any valves.

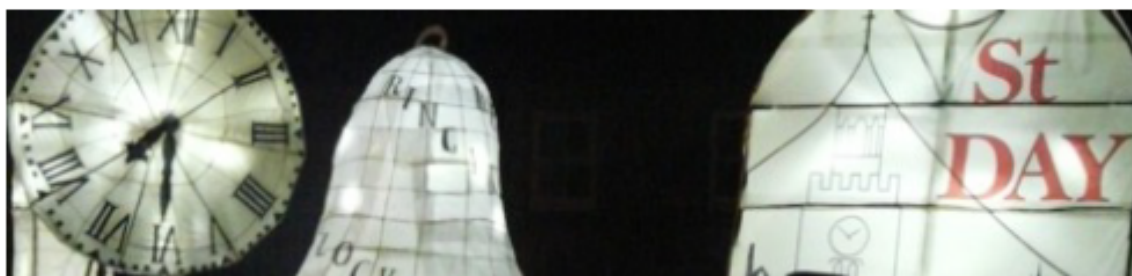
Allow the stew to get cold, put in a cool place, ideally the fridge but pressure cookers are a little too large for most fridges, even if you remove the lid, and leave overnight. The following day skim off as much fat as you can – often fiddly as you have pieces of oxtail sticking out of the liquid. If you have fussy eaters (usually menfolk) at this stage take the meat off the bones which should be an easy task as it should almost fall off. When ready to serve reheat the stew gently. If you want to thicken the gravy you can mix in a little slaked cornflour or, what I often do, is sprinkle over just a few beef gravy granules which not only thicken but add some extra brown colour and a little salt. Taste and add extra seasoning if required.

It is essential to serve with fluffy mashed potatoes, to absorb the lovely gravy, and dark Cornish greens or cabbage or sprouts.

Tip: If you want whole pieces of carrot in your stew reduce cooking time to 30 minutes, allow to depressurise naturally then add a couple more chopped carrots, more liquid if necessary, stir, repressurise as above and cook for a further 5 minutes, remove from heat and depressurise again.

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St Rumons Gardens - Redruth 25th Nov 2017

Gwennap Pit - 27th Jan 2018

Carn Marth - 24th Feb 2018

St. Day - Grand Finale 24th March 2018

The project takes the four elements as its theme, each location with a link to either Fire, Earth, Water or Air.

Each event will incorporate light sculpture, projections, music and dance, and shine a myriad of colour and light on each of these iconic locations.

Our aim is to highlight their cultural significance and bring them to life during the dark winter months.

This is a community project with loads of opportunities for you to get involved. We will be hosting workshops locally for you to take part in.

These include creating beautiful illuminated flowers by recycling plastic bottles, creating rotating coloured lanterns and making illuminated kites.

If you would like to get involved or know of a group who would like to take part please contact

claresummerson@btinternet.com

katebeesley@me.com

Our community workshops and events are FREE (we have 1 ticketed event as part of the evening at Carn Marth)

If you would like to find out more look for The Day-Light Group on Facebook and Twitter and check out our website www.thedaylightgroup.wix.com/stday

Many thanks to all our funders

Arts Council England, FEAST Cornwall, Cornwall Council, Tesco Bags of Help, Redruth Town Council, Mills Trust, Councillors Community Chest, Gwennap Parish Council, St. Day Parish Council, Lanner Parish Council, Creative Kernow, Percy and Lily Williams Trust and all our Crowd Fund supporters.

PARISH WALK

Thursday 28th December

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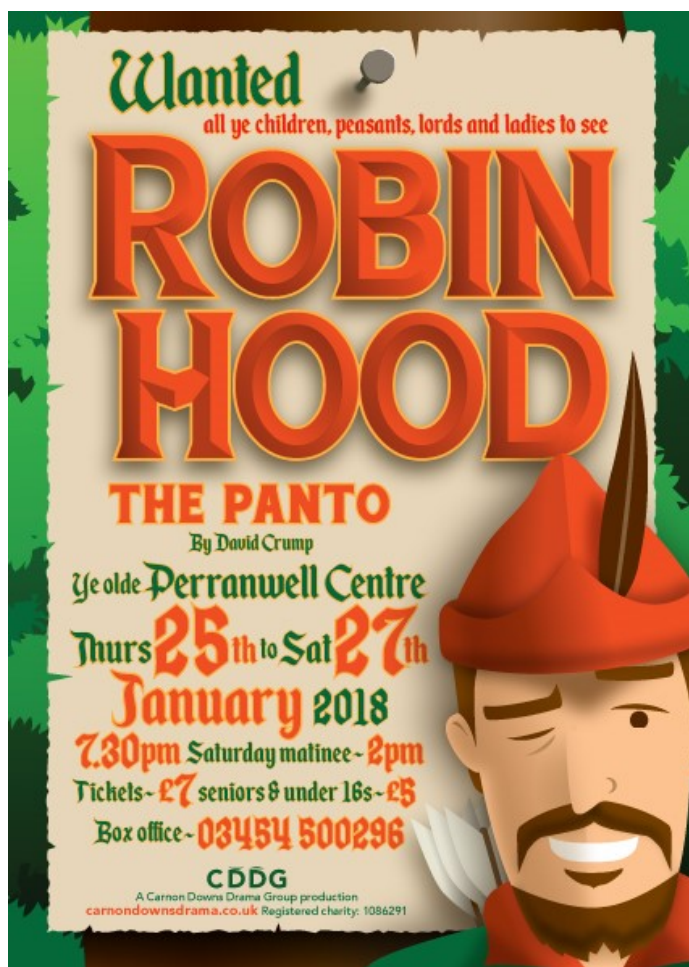
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Call 01872 864601 for further enquiries

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The deadline for the next parish newsletter is **1st 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.

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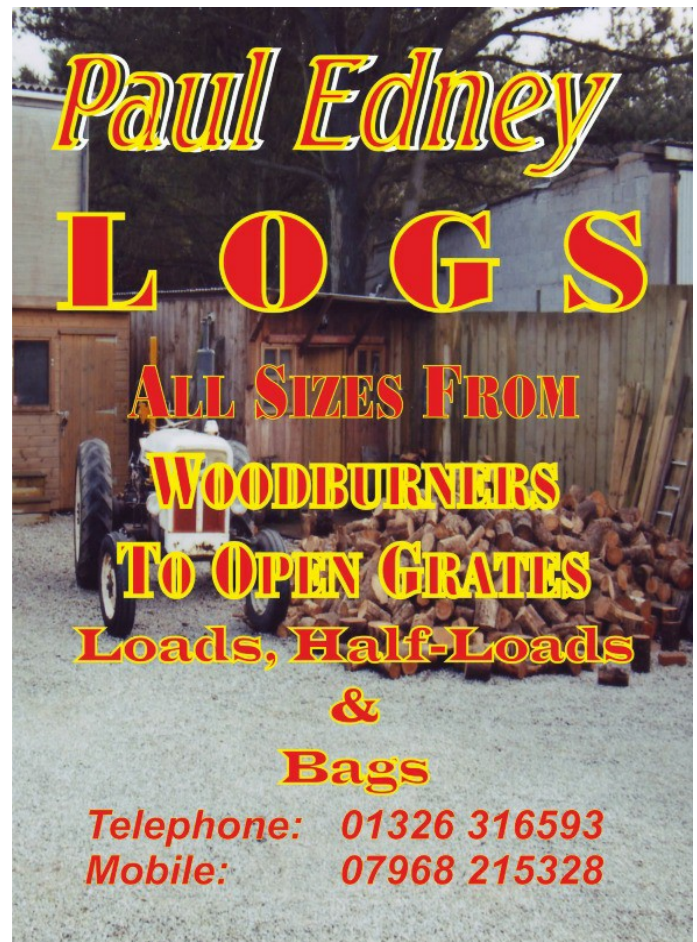
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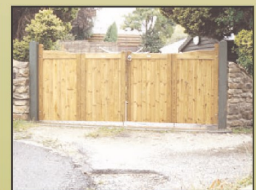
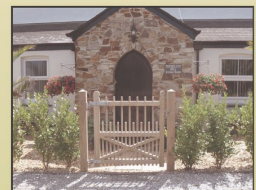
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What's On December - March

December

- 10th Christingle Service, Gwennap Church, 11am
- 10th Frogpool Chapel Carol Service, 3pm
- 11th Cusgarne CP School Christmas production, 1.30pm
- 12th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 12th Cusgarne CP School Christmas production, 6.00pm
- 12th Rum & Shrub Shantymen, the Cornish Arms, 7.30pm
- 14th Coffee morning at Frogpool Church 10.30-11.30am
- 14th Gwennap Parish Council meeting at the parish rooms, Richard Jory playing field, at 7pm
- 15th Christmas Draw Evening, the Cornish Arms, 7.30pm
- 16th Cusgarne & Frogpool FC 1st Team vs Falmouth Town 3rds, 2.30pm KO
- 17th Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, Gwennap Church
- 19th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 19th Gwennap Lunch Club, Gwennap Church Hall 12.30-2.00pm
- 20th Last day of term, school closes at 1pm
- 20th Christmas Quiz, the Cornish Arms, 8pm start
- 24th Carol Service, Twelveheads Chapel, 10.30am
- 24th Candlelit Carol Service, Frogpool Chapel, 3pm
- 24th Christmas Eve Holy Communion, Gwennap Church, 11.30pm
- 25th Christmas Day Service, Frogpool Chapel, 10.30am
- 25th Day Holy Communion, Gwennap Church, 10.00am
- 28th Parish Walk, meet Gwennap Church car park, 10.30am
- 31st Holy Communion, Gwennap Church

January

- 2nd Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 2nd Mobile Library, 4.20-5pm, Chellean Vean, Frogpool
- 4th Cusgarne CP School, spring term begins
- 9th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 16th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 16th Gwennap Lunch Club, Gwennap Church Hall 12.30-2.00pm
- 18th Gwennap Parish Council meeting at the parish rooms, Richard Jory playing field, at 7pm
- 22nd Gwennap Ladies Guild annual lunch
- 23rd Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 25th Coffee morning at Frogpool Church 10.30-11.30am
- 25th Robin Hood Panto by CDDG, Perranwell Centre, 7.30pm

- 26th Quiz Night, Gwennap Church Hall, 6.30pm, Bangers & Mash, BYO bottle
- 26th Robin Hood Panto by CDDG, Perranwell Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Signs & Wonders Light Spectacular at Gwennap Pit (see page 15)
- 27th Robin Hood Panto by CDDG, Perranwell Centre, 2.00pm matinee & 7.30pm
- 30th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 30th Mobile Library, 4.20-5pm, Chellean Vean, Frogpool

February

- 6th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
- 6th Cusgarne & Frogpool Women's Institution meeting, Frogpool Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- 13th Coffee Stop at the Parish Rooms, 10.00-11.30am
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- 27th Gwennap Ladies Guild AGM, Gwennap Church Hall, 2.30pm, followed by Origami

March

- 1st Deadline for articles for spring issue of Parish Newsletter
- 2nd Lent Lunch, Gwennap Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm
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