

# *The Granite Towers*

*A Community Magazine for  
Lanlivery and Luxulyan*



*June & July 2024*

# EDITORIAL



Hello friends

I hope this edition of the Granite Towers finds you well. As I write the editorial for this edition, we have just experienced a week of glorious weather, which hopefully gave everyone a chance to get out into the garden and start on those jobs that have been delayed due to the awful weather we have had over the last few months. I know I did.

This year, Lee and I celebrate 25 years of marriage. I know many of you will be celebrating a greater number of years together and some of you will be celebrating your first year of marriage. We got married in Lanlivery church on a gloriously sunny day at the end of July 1999. We chose that date to coincide with being out of the country on honeymoon when the 'great eclipse' was to happen, and Cornwall was scheduled to grind to a halt! I understand that we had a better view and experience in Turkey that many did here. As I look back at my wedding photos, I cannot help but notice those no longer with us, including my father-in-law, Mike, who passed away less than 12 months after we were married.

I worked out recently that by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 we will have been married for 9,131 days, which is 219,144 hours or 13,148,640 minutes – wow! I thought that I would have a look back at what had happened in the world since 1999.

We've had approximately 640 number one singles in the charts with 'Living' La Vida Loca by Ricky Martin being number one on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1999. We've had seven Prime Ministers, five Presidents of the United States, three Popes and three Archbishops of Canterbury. We've farewelled a Queen, crowned a King and seen five Royal marriages, including the marriage of Charles III, then the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall to our now queen, Queen Camilla.

England had rugby success in 2003, winning the World Cup in Sydney, Australia with a last-minute drop goal from Johnny Wilkinson to seal the deal. In doing so they became the first Northern Hemisphere team to lift the trophy. The Olympic Games were held in London in 2012 with great success. The United Kingdom winning a total of 65 medals, 29 of them being gold. Who can forget the memorable entry of Her Majesty to the event, being collected from Buckingham Palace by James Bond! In 2013 there was Wimbledon success for Andy Murray, winning the men's

singles title, the first time since 1936 that a Brit lifted the trophy, having won Olympic gold the year before. He would go on to win again in 2016 and claim another Olympic gold medal in Rio. In 2021 the Woman's Football team lifted the European Cup, the first time any British team had won the tournament, and the first time a major trophy came to the UK since the World Cup in 1966!

It's not all been good news, sadly. In 2001 we all stood in disbelief at the tragedy unfolding in New York on 11<sup>th</sup> September. I vividly remember to this day exactly where I was when I heard the news. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2002, 202 people were killed when bombs were detonated on the holiday island on Bali. I've been lucky enough to visit Bali several times and have been to see the memorial garden to commemorate those who died that day. On Boxing Day 2003, an underwater earthquake triggered a devastating tsunami in Indonesia, killing thousands. There have been conflicts/wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and most recently the invasion of The Ukraine by Russia and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. I don't think anyone will forget the COVID pandemic of 2020 when the world ground to a halt!

In 1999, social media was in its infancy with 'Friends Reunited' being one of the main platforms to keep up with those you went to school with. In 2004, Facebook was first launched, uniting people across the globe and allowing people to keep in contact with each other much more easily. In 2005 YouTube was launched followed by Twitter (now X) in 2006 and more recently, in 2016 TikTok was launched. I waste far too many hours watching mindless videos of cats!

This look back at the last 25 years is by no means exhaustive and only covers the tip of the iceberg, I've not had time to mention all the amazing innovations in science, medicine and technology or mention the blockbuster movies and bestselling books that were released. I expect we all have our own special memories of the last 25 years, good or bad!

Whatever anniversary you are celebrating this year and however you are celebrating, whether it is 65 years of marriage or your first, I hope you make it memorable. Until next time

**Claire**

*The views of the editor are always personal and not necessarily those of the Granite Towers and committee.*

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## FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY

Saturday 15 June 2024 at 10.30am

### Wheal Martyn visit.

A guided tour of this museum celebrating how China Clay has shaped Cornwall's landscape, its economy, and people. Reduced entrance fee of just £7.00 for FoLV Members.

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Sunday 14 July 2024 at 11.00am

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## LANLIVERY OVER 60s

Lanlivery Over 60s meets on the second Thursday in each month at The Crown Inn, Lanlivery.

We enjoy a couple of hours of fun and laughter along with the delicious food provided by Tim and his wonderful staff. There is a light-hearted quiz and a raffle, £1 a ticket, one ticket each.

Please join us at 12 noon, new faces are always very welcome. For more information, please contact Mark on 07717 298 884.

We look forward to seeing you. Mark and Peggy.



# Luxulyan School

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## News from Luxulyan School

### Go Cornish

The 'Great Luxulyan Cornish Show' will be taking place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July as part of Feast Week.

There will be six categories as part of the show:

- Category 1: piece of art (Cornish themed) – maximum size A3
- Category 2: photograph of somewhere in Cornwall – maximum size A4
- Category 3: Cornwall in miniature (3D model) – maximum base size A4
- Category 4: decorated stone (Cornish themed)
- Category 5: plate of 6 decorated biscuits or 6 small cakes (Cornish themed)
- Category 6: 4 pasties or 4 scones

For each category we will have three age groups: 3 to 7, 8 to 12, 13 to 99+

Timings: The school will be open between 11am to 12noon for entries to be dropped off. School will then be closed between 12noon to 1pm for judging.

The main event will be between 1pm to 2.30pm when the school will be open for anyone to come in and see the entries and find out who the winners are.

There will be refreshments, entertainment and a raffle. All proceeds from the event will go to the Cornwall Heritage Trust. Entry fee (to afternoon session) - £1 adults, children free.

### Fundraising

We are always looking at ways to ensure we can continue to deliver a high quality educational provision for the Luxulyan community and surrounding areas.

It is an unfortunate fact that schools are experiencing increasing pressures on their budgets which can in turn impact on curriculum offers and even staffing levels.

With this in mind, we like to be proactive and have investigated the possibilities available through fundraising websites. We have also spoken with the business community who are keen to support us.

If you would like to help, you can do so in the following ways:

- 1) share our fundraising page  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Luxulyanschool?utm\\_term=rdvNPDYnY](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Luxulyanschool?utm_term=rdvNPDYnY)
- 2) spread the word far and wide!
- 3) donate if you feel able to

Our page details the full rationale behind our decision to fundraise. Thank you for your continued support of your local school.

**The Luxulyan Team & PALS**



*Compiled by Rachel Allison  
Ash Class Teacher*

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Please note our advertising costs and new contact details, as shown in the box on page 5

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See page 10 for all deadline dates.

### BOOKING FOR LUXULYAN MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

The Institute is now open, in line with Covid restrictions.

To book the Institute, £10 per session:

Contact Luxulyan Parish Council Clerk by telephone or email: Mrs Christine Wilson, 01208 831283, [clerk@luxulyanpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@luxulyanpc.co.uk)

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*Kay Roberts-Lister*

**MEMORIAL INSTITUTE COFFEE MORNINGS**

Plant Swap season is upon us again, so come along with any plant you don't need & swap it for something more interesting. If you haven't anything to swap then come along anyway and buy something from the table. Also to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and bacon butty, cake and some company. The Institute will be open from 10am on Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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**LUXULYAN OVER FIFTIES**

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

Members are phoned a few days in advance to select, from a choice of two, their main and sweet courses so that delays are kept to a minimum.

Subs are £2 per year and a raffle is held at each meeting which helps with the cost of the Christmas meal.

New members are welcome, so please telephone Val on 01726 850045 for details.

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**CHAIR YOGA IN LUXULYAN**

Now available at Luxulyan Village Hall are sessions for Chair Yoga led by Tracy. Sessions are from 10 am to 11 am on Fridays, cost is £8.50 per session. No need to book, just come along and join in. Tracy is a great teacher and will be sympathetic to your aches and pains – to a certain extent anyway!

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The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

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## LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

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

**WMN. 13 June 1924:** Royal Cornwall Show. Horse shoeing: Commended: WT Solomon, Luxulyan. Roadsters – shoeing smith in open competition: Commended WT Solomon, Luxulyan.

**CG. 20 June 1924:** KNIGHT – HIGMAN. The marriage of Miss Florence Isabel Higman, daughter of Mr & Mrs J Higman of Methrose Farm, Luxulyan, and Mr Clarence Heinrich Knight, son of Mr J Knight & the late Mrs Knight of Menedew, was solemnised in the Parish Church by the Rev CF Jones MA, in the presence of a very large congregation, which bore a striking testimony to the very high regard in which the families associated with the union are held.

The bride who was given away by her father was attired in a grey costume with hat to match. Mr Vernon Knight (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. Immediately after the ceremony Mr & Mrs Clarence Knight left amid showers of good wishes for their honeymoon, which is to be spent at Torquay. Upon their return Mr & Mrs Knight will take up residence at Kilhallon, St Blazey. Both bride and bridegroom were recipients of many valuable presentations.

**CG. 20 June 1924:** The Bridges United Methodist Sunday School anniversary on Sunday was very well attended. The Rev F Page (St Austell) was the special preacher and his discourses were very inspiring. Mrs Roach presided at the organ throughout and the choir rendered choice anniversary music.

**WMN. 24 June 1924:** Mr J Kempthorne Barber has received instructions to offer for sale by public auction on July 5<sup>th</sup>, the compact and desirable freehold small holding known as Little Gurtla, consisting of a good dwelling house and outbuildings, and about 8 ¼ acres of excellent arable and pasture land which is in a good state of cultivation and repair. Owing to the death of the owner, Mr John Tippett, vacant possession will be given on completion of purchase.

**CG. 27 June 1924:** For the New Institute. Following the largely attended service in the church on Sunday evening, conducted by the vicar, the Rev CF Jones, when the augmented choir contributed an effective rendering of the anthem 'I will Praise the Lord with all my Strength' an open-air concert in support of the funds of the Robartes' Memorial Institute was given in the Vicarage grounds by kind permission of the Vicar. The programme was well sustained by the Bugle Silver Band and the Bethel Male and Mixed Quartets, (Messrs Webber, Sundercombe, Hicks, Pope and Messrs Sundercombe and Bartlett). There were about 400 present and a sum of £6.14s collected. The Vicar announced in a speech of thanks that £485 had been contributed towards the building which would be ready for use in a few weeks.

**CG. 4 July 1924:** HIGMAN-ROACH. June 24<sup>th</sup> at Luxulyan Parish Church by the Rev CF Jones (vicar) Alfred Fleming the oldest son of Mr Joseph and the late Mrs Higman of Medros to Elsie Mary, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs C Roach, Armadale, Luxulyan. The bride who was given away by her father was attired in white silk trimmed with silver. She wore a bridal veil kindly lent by her sister and carried a bouquet of pale pink sweet peas and carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Higman, sister of the bridegroom and Miss Doris Harris, cousin of the bride and they carried sheaves of cream sweet peas and wore gold brooches the present of the groom. All the bouquets were kindly given by Mr & Mrs Wyman of Riverside.

The choir of which the bride had been a member for 13 years was present.

*Compiled by Hazel Harradence*

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### CONGRATULATIONS – BLUE SAPPHIRE WEDDING CELEBRATION

On 4th April 2024 David and Christine Chapman celebrated their Blue Sapphire (65 years) wedding anniversary. They were married in the parish church of St Mary the Virgin, Stapleford, Hertfordshire in 1959 moving to Tregantle in May 1960.

Mum looked out her wedding dress and there is a photo of the couple (pictured on the back page) along with a card from The King and Queen. Family called in throughout the day and Diane delivered flowers from the Lanlivery Vintage Rally Committee.

*Rebecca Chapman*

*The Granite Towers committee would also like to add their congratulations to David and Christine on 65 years of marriage.*

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### OPEN GARDEN AT TRETREW, LANLIVERY

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 1pm - 5pm - Admission £5

Not having had a National Garden Scheme Open Day last Year, Giles and I very much look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our garden which is open for the National Garden Scheme on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. As I write this, the sun is shining and after such a dreadful winter the garden looks as though it is enjoying it as much as I am and the apple blossom in the orchard is looking wonderful. The azaleas are about to burst and hopefully by the middle of June the roses will be in flower. So do come and visit - dogs are very welcome on leads and delicious teas will be provided and funds raised will go to the church.

Description and photographs of the garden can be found on the National Garden Scheme website ([www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)) and yellow signs will help with directions from the village. There is also a footpath from the pub, should you feel energetic, but beware of those Cornish stiles!

## LUXULYAN FEAST WEEK 7<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> July 2024



### **Sunday 7th July - Family Funday - Village Hall & playing field 10am onwards**

Featuring a bouncy castle, an exciting dog show, a thrilling dunk tank, vibrant fete stalls, and a delicious variety of food and drinks.

### **Pig Racing - The Village Pub 8pm - Late**

Experience the thrill of mechanical pig racing, where you can place your bets and cheer on your favourite pigs to victory.

### **Monday 8th July - Rounders - Village playing field 6pm onwards**

Enjoy a fun-filled game of rounders, perfect for all ages, where teamwork and sportsmanship take centre stage.

### **Quiz Night - The Village Pub 8pm - Late**

Join us for an exciting quiz night at the pub, but be sure to pre-book as tables are limited!

### **Tuesday 9th July - Off-Road Dilly Carts - Thunder Park 6pm onwards**

Put your custom-built cart and skills to the test around our fearsome off-road track and get ready for a workout because these karts are push-powered. (All age spectators welcome, Competitors 18 Years +)

### **Wednesday 10th July - Woman's Netball - School field 6pm onwards**

Teams of all levels to compete against each other as they showcase their skill, strategy, and determination as teams vie for victory on the court.

### **Thursday 11th July - ITS A KNOCKOUT - Thunder Park 6.30pm onwards**

Get ready to conquer a crazy assault course, where teamwork is the key to navigating through the wild challenges and emerging victorious. (All age spectators welcome, Competitors 18 Years +)

### **Friday 12th July - Family BINGO- Village Hall First Call 6pm onwards**

Gather the whole family for a delightful evening of bingo, filled with laughter, anticipation, and the chance to win exciting prizes!

### **9 Pin Skittles - The Village Pub 8pm - Late**

Experience the timeless fun of 9-pin skittles, where precision and camaraderie collide in a thrilling game.

### **Saturday 13th July - Cornish Day - School 10am Onwards CARNIVAL - 4pm PARADE START**

(Departing From Village Hall) Round off the Feast Week of with a vibrant parade through the village, followed by evening celebrations filled with music, laughter, and community spirit!



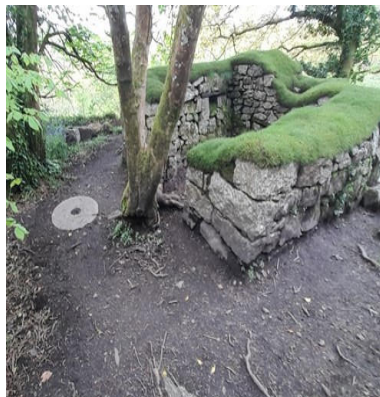
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## LATEST LOCAL HISTORY NEWS mainly Lanlivery side of the Valley this time

Two years after the dream of restoration first began, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, a small group of volunteers gathered to learn new techniques and apply them at a day of 'finishing touches' for the restoration of a 'Crib Hut' beside the Treffry Viaduct. The structural work had been started back in September 2022, after Cornwall Heritage Trust set up a campaign to attract donations and succeeded in raising £6,500!



September 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, strengthening the main structure. See Cornwall Heritage Trust FB page



May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, wearing its new blanket of turf and showing the granite circular crane base



Here's a Mast Crane model that David made in 2023 for children to try, at Kresen Kernow



And this is an old photo of the real crane in Carbeans Quarry – thanks to J & M Grigsby



(Latest Local History News continued from p8)

Over a well-deserved cuppa at Meadow Barns afterwards, my colleague David Skelhorn explained how the Rangers, Hollie and James, had demonstrated laying turf greenside down and with considerable amounts hanging over, like a tablecloth. Then greenside up grass was put on the top, into a kind of dome, with finally all the sides being folded up to give the kind of smooth top and rounded sides you can see in the picture. Let's hope for just a few more showers to keep it green!

The doughnut shaped stone outside the building is a Mast Crane base. Imagine a mast 40 ft in the air, with steel cables and chains to hold it. There would have been a metal base used for pivoting the mast, but it was the granite plinth that supported the weight and movement of the crane, allowing it to load and unload more granite from trucks on the then adjacent tramway. One exciting development was discovery of a cable anchor point with a substantial anchor chain, which – with one or more additional chains - would have secured the very top of the mast. The remnant David discovered extends from a piece of deeply buried rail, up and through the rear hedge wall just south of the hut, then in a diagonal direction to connect with the crane base. He plans to keep hunting for further anchor points, which must have been there, but are not visible after a century or so of disuse and neglect.

Looking ahead

In June Meadow Barns team are pleased to be working again with Red Moor School, on a series of short film presentations about the history of Lanlivery. The topics are still under discussion, but probably will be 1) Mines and Mills 2) The private carriageway from Pelyn to Prideaux and 3) Carbeans & Colcerrow Quarries. If you have pictures or relevant information we would love to see them.

And finally, sometime in July, we are hoping to run a nature walk with Sue Allen, who is an inspiring expert from Cornwall Butterfly Conservation. Their official list of summer events is available here - <https://www.cornwall-butterfly-conservation.org.uk/events.html> and for the one in the valley, please keep an eye on our events list or Facebook pages.

**Caroline Stephenson**

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**LENDODOLOGY**

Owning a property often means facing various expenses, from installing measures to reduce your energy usage to the desire for eco-friendly improvements. If you're considering installing solar panels and battery storage, or other renewable energy measures, spreading the cost with a council backed loan may be a good solution.

Cornwall Council has recently partnered with Lendology CIC offering a loan scheme for eligible homeowners for funding of energy efficiency and green energy installations. Ranging from £1,000 to £20,000, with a fixed interest rate of 4%, this initiative aims to make finance accessible for homeowners seeking to improve their properties sustainably.

Cornwall Council and Lendology CIC strive to understand and address the challenges homeowners face in funding property improvements. As a social enterprise lender and B Corp, Lendology prioritises people over profit, ensuring fair and accessible financing solutions.

Lendology CEO, Emma Lower, said: "We're thrilled about this collaboration with Cornwall Council, which marks a significant step forward improving the private housing sector. As we don't have a large marketing budget, we rely on word of mouth to ensure everyone can live in a home they're proud of. That's why communication with local parishes is crucial for us."

If you are a homeowner in Cornwall, apply now or learn more at [www.lendology.org.uk](http://www.lendology.org.uk) or by calling 01823 461099. Take the first step towards a more sustainable home today.

We recommend that you conduct an independent retrofit assessment to establish whether any works that you may be planning to adapt your property are likely to be suitable for your property and goals.

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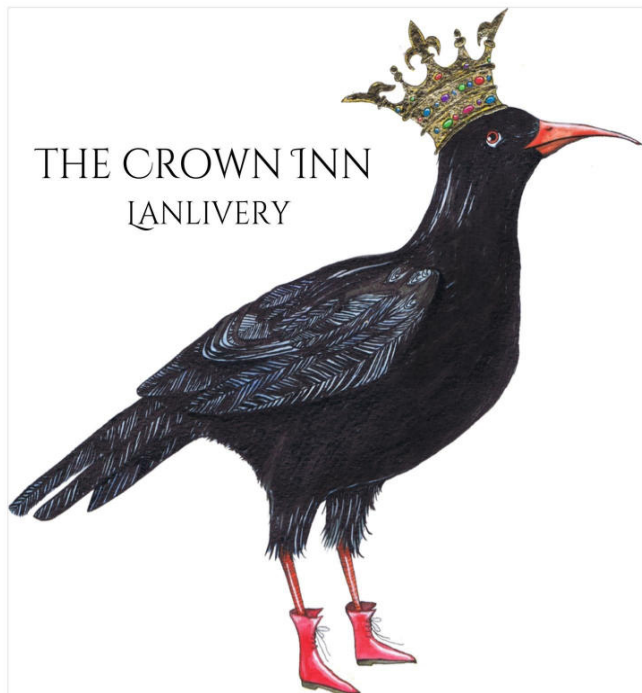
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European Cup, Bulgaria. What a week it was!

We arrived on Sunday and had official practice on Monday.

Tuesday started off with qualification, the weather was really hot (27°) but I was pleased with how I shot, finishing on a Personal Best of 680/720 which ranked me 3<sup>rd</sup> going into the head to heads.

Wednesday morning was mixed team head to heads. The weather was very wet and windy. I was shooting with Alfie and being ranked first we had a bye in the first round. We then shot against Greece in the semi-finals winning 143/132 which took us into the finals on Friday.

Wednesday afternoon was women’s team final with Grace and Violet. The weather got so bad that we could only shoot two ends before it was stopped, to be finished on Thursday; at this stage we were tying with Italy.

Thursday morning was individual head to heads. The temperature had dropped to 6°C! I had a bye in the first round before coming up against Croatia which I won 140/117, next I was against Slovakia which I won 138/132 which took me into the semi-finals against my teammate Violet. I won that one 139/125 taking me into the gold medal match on Saturday. Thursday afternoon saw us finishing the women’s team final match which we lost 212/213. Disappointed but we all had a silver medal.

Friday was mixed team final where Alfie and I shot well and took the gold for the second year running, 149/142.

Saturday was my individual gold medal match, a 15 arrow, head-to-head. We both finished on 143 which took us into a one arrow shoot off. We both shot 9’s but hers was closer by about a millimetre! This left me with the silver medal.

Overall, a great week and I was very happy with how I shot and to come home with one gold and two silvers was amazing. I wouldn’t have been able to achieve this without the support of my coaches, chaperones, and teammates.

A huge thanks to my dad for all the hours he has spent coaching me and driving me around the country for training and competitions.

**Chloe Scott**

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**LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK REPORT**

**Rounders**

“I Dunno”. 3. “Losers” 1

**Football**

“The Argyles” 7. “Destroyers” 4  
Team Captains - Lucas Elston & Jacob Haley

**Quiz Night in the Crown**

1st. The Still Undecided  
2nd. 5 Pint Wednesday  
3rd. Not Quite

**Produce Show**

Produce - Mary Pollard  
Flowers - Cath Haley  
Cookery - Rachel Morcom  
Handicraft - Ros Morcom  
Key stage 1 - Face on Plate - Lilia  
Model of an Animal - Ruby Deverill  
Key Stage 2 - Robot - Rosie Deverill

Most Points in Show - Mary Pollard

Thank you to all the Feast Committee and all the helpers for making this year’s Feast Week such a success. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves. If anyone would like to join us on the organising committee for next year, please do come along to the meeting in January 2025. We look forward to some new ideas.

**C. Haley**

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**WI REPORT**

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> saw members meeting in Luxulyan Village Hall and looking forward to an unusual evening's talk, to be given by Mr Brian Sheen of the Roseland Observatory. Vice President Sue Hillier opened the meeting by welcoming him and the members, after which members were invited to review the minutes of the last meeting which were left open on the table. The matters arising from them were then discussed.

The speaker, Mr Brian Sheen from the Roseland Observatory, gave a fascinating talk on Meteorites and had several examples with him. Small pieces of rock from as far afield as Mars, Uranus and the Moon were brought and shown. He talked about the ELE (Extinction Level Event) that wiped out the dinosaurs and how small mammals and some plants survived to evolve into the life forms we know today, including the Hard Fern which is very common in local Cornish hedges. He declined a fee, so a donation of £50 was made to the Observatory.

Secretary Peggy Langdown read out the correspondence: three members had thus far signed up for the coach trip to Dartmoor on Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>. The collection point would be at Victoria Services. The closing date for applications is Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>. An invitation to join Bodmin Jailbirds was welcomed, but their meetings, like ours, are also on the second Wednesday evening of the month.

Peggy Langdown gave the Financial Statement, and the subcommittee reports were given. The competition in May would be a photo or picture of an animal smiling.

The Flower of the Month Judged was judged by the guest speaker. Jackie Russell was First and Lorna Curtis Second. The raffle was won by Val Hodge.

Members and their husbands, partners and friends enjoyed the Annual Birthday Dinner at Carlyon Bay Golf Club on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> celebrating the founding of Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI in 1957.

The meeting closed with singing of the National Anthem.

May's meeting was held at Lanlivery Church, chaired by Verna Roberts, and opened with singing "Jerusalem." Posies made by Susan Hillier were presented to Verna Roberts, Lorna Curtis and Hilary Johns. Val Hodge volunteered to deliver posies to Lorna and Hilary. The minutes of last meeting were made available for members to read.

At this meeting members were required to discuss the resolution to be discussed at the National WI AGM in June – this was: "Dental Health Matters." The wide-ranging debate included: - Would new dentists take on NHS patients then leave the NHS for

the private sector?

The cost of private dentistry

The current lack of NHS dentists is an act of discrimination against the poorer members of society.

Are we returning to a time when all teeth are routinely removed in order to avoid dental costs?

Does the resolution go far enough?

The resolution was put to the vote. The members voted unanimously to support the resolution. Voting instructions would be passed to Grampound WI, whose delegate will be representing Luxulyan & Lanlivery WI at the conference.

Amanda Penk asked about previous resolutions that had had a positive outcome on a national scale. Among ones that had were:

- Bee Safety
- Raising awareness of Violence against Women
- Campaign to give children in hospital access to parents
- Child Benefit being paid directly to mothers

The debate closed with a rendition of the highly amusing poem 'I wish I'd looked after me teeth' by Pam Ayres and read very effectively by Amanda.

Copies of the new programme were handed out at the meeting and the Posy Rota was filled. Secretary Peggy Langdown read out the Correspondence and informed members about a Dartmoor Coach Trip on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. The closing date for application for this is 25<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a Nature Ramble on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Bissoe Valley. The closing date is 11<sup>th</sup> July. She also informed members that the 2024 Christmas Party would be held at Luxulyan Village Institute and there would be no walk in May. She then read the financial statement.

The subcommittee reported that they had met on 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Institute. The decision was taken to look at papers held by both the Secretary and Treasurer in order to slim down the amount of un-needed paperwork. No one has the facility to store surplus papers. The committee decided to meet on an additional day in June for this.

The competition, a picture or photo of a smiling animal was judged by Susan Hillier. First was Jackie Russell and second was Joan Lawson. Jackie Russell won Flower of the Month and Joan Lawson was second. The raffle was won by Jackie Soady.

The meeting closed with a rousing rendition of The National Anthem.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Lanlivery Church. Visitors and new members are always welcome to meetings. Please ring Verna Roberts on 01726 812065 if you would like to know more.

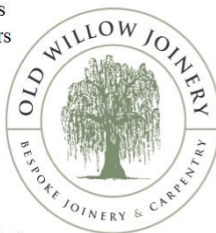
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Coffee/tea, a piece of cake and a raffle ticket each cost £1. If you can bring along a small raffle prize as well, that will be gratefully received.

The next two meetings will be 27<sup>th</sup> June and 25<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to seeing you.

- PUNS** Horses have lower divorce rates. It's because they are in stable relationships.
- FOR** It's pretty obvious that if I run in front of a car, I will get tired, but if I run behind a car I will get exhausted.
- FUN** My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them you just wait.
- FUN** 90% of bald people still own a comb; they just can't part with it.

## TEA DANCE

Tessa looked around the room and wondered why she had come. She'd only been to a tea dance once, and that was with her friend, Clare.

'You must get out more, Tess,' Clare had told her. 'Steve wouldn't want you moping about indoors all the time.'

Tessa's insistence that she wasn't moping, that she kept busy, that she enjoyed baking for her daughter and her family, and that she had the grandchildren two days a week, didn't deter Clare from her constant nagging.

Tessa knew she meant well, and to be fair, she was right. She was in danger of becoming introverted, but the truth was that without Steve she didn't feel confident outside the family circle.

'At least try the tea dance with Clare,' her daughter urged. 'You and Dad used to love dancing.'

And so, Tessa had agreed, and after the first time had to admit that she'd enjoyed it more than she'd expected. Today though, Clare was away, but Tessa decided to go anyway. It was a challenge, a hurdle she was going to make herself overcome: doing things on her own. She dressed appropriately but modestly, the plain green dress suiting her full but still firm figure as well as her greying chestnut hair. She chose light, low heeled shoes.

The first person she saw at the tea dance made Tessa feel decidedly underdressed. It was a woman in her late fifties, dressed for the occasion in a black and gold sparkly top and full black skirt. Her hair, shoulder length in a by-gone style but coloured two-tone in keeping with modern fashion, framed her angular features, and her nails were painted a gaudy red. Huge glittering earrings jangled when she shook her head. Tessa was reminded of a Christmas tree, then chided herself for uncharitable thoughts. Obviously known at the dance hall, the woman talked enthusiastically to those around her. Whenever a man approached, she gripped his arm as if intent on keeping him near, a prize too good to let go. She succeeded in dancing with several of them, while others spent a while trying to escape her restraining hand. When they walked away, she recovered in a practised sort of way, laughing and chatting, and finally left as she had come; alone.

Tessa managed to avoid getting close to her. She knew the woman's type. Needy, demanding, wanting to be the centre of attention.

Tessa didn't like being the centre of attention, but she did enjoy dancing. She was asked to dance three times by three different men, which she accepted for one dance each. Both her daughter and Clare had been right. She should be more outgoing, push the boundaries more. And she had resolved to do just that. Coming to the tea dance alone was the initial step. When she left she walked through the adjoining amusement arcade, with its cacophony of tunes, tinkles and jingles, and into the coffee bar at the entrance to the pier. There, at a table next to the exit, sat the Christmas tree woman. Tessa tried to not to make eye contact, but it was too late. The woman jumped up and barred her way.

'Hello,' she said. 'You're new at the dance, aren't you? You're a good dancer.'

'Yes,' Tessa murmured, hoping she wasn't going to be kept talking for ages.

'Why don't you join me? There's enough tea in this pot for two. I'm Evelyn, by the way.'

'Well,' Tessa began, searching for an excuse not to stay. 'I've got the family coming for dinner. I need to get home and get started.'

'Just one cup? That won't make you late.'

'All right,' Tessa conceded, sitting down opposite her.

Evelyn beamed. 'Good. Would you like some cake? They do a lovely lemon drizzle here.'

'No thanks,' Tessa said. She'd never yet found a lemon drizzle as good as her own.

'Oh. Well, I suppose you don't want to spoil your dinner with your family. It must be nice, having a family. I had a brother but he died, and now Dad's gone I'm on my own.'

Which, Tessa realised, was why Evelyn was at the tea dance. She was lonely. Alone and lonely.

'I was engaged,' Evelyn volunteered, 'years ago, but you know how it is.'

Tessa didn't know. She'd only had one boyfriend before Steve, and she and Steve had married just eighteen months after their first date. Suddenly lemon drizzle cake, no matter how good, vanished into oblivion next to Evelyn's sad and lonely life.

'What happened?' she asked.

Evelyn shrugged, making the glittering earrings jangle. 'He met someone else. One minute I was the love of his life, the next he was engaged to somebody else. There were other men, but I don't know, none of them wanted to make a commitment. They're all the same, aren't they, men?'

Tessa made sympathetic noises and wished she hadn't accepted Evelyn's offer of tea. She was starting to feel uncomfortable and not a little guilty for the way she'd judged Evelyn at the tea dance. It was making her see how lucky she was to have had a loving husband like Steve for thirty-eight years.

'Sorry?' she said, realising that Evelyn was talking again.

'I said I've always loved dancing.' Evelyn rummaged in her bag, took out a photo and laid it in front of Tessa. 'That's me with my fiancé. I've still got that dress. Isn't it gorgeous?'

Picking up the photo, Tessa stared at it. It showed a younger version of Evelyn in a white sequined dress, but it wasn't her Tessa was staring at. It was the man she was with, young, tall and handsome.

'This is us winning a competition,' Evelyn said, handing over another photo.

This time the picture was head and shoulders only, showing Evelyn holding a trophy next to the same man.

Tessa's heart bumped. The man's face was still young, still handsome. It was also very familiar. There was no mistake. The man Evelyn had been engaged to was Steve.

'Lovely,' she said, handing the photos back. 'I – I'm sorry, I have to go now.'

She stood up, her face flushed, and stepped away from the table. For an uncertain moment she hesitated.

Then, forcing a smile, she said, 'Goodbye, Evelyn. Thank you for the tea.'



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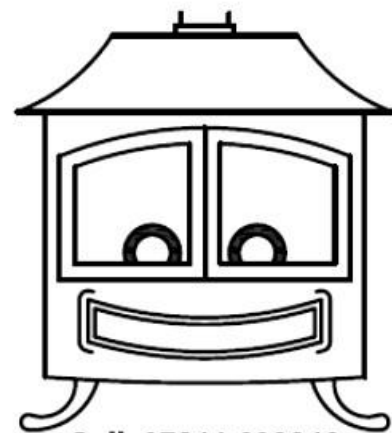
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## BUILDING OF LUXULYAN VILLAGE HALL Part 2

*2025 will be 50 years since Luxulyan got started on its village hall and it seemed like a good time to mark it with a history.*

In January 1977 Rev Humphrey York noted that there was progress and soon afterwards that people on the Job Creation Scheme were giving a hand. Ray Parker carved the 1977 date stone which was cemented in place by Captain A Maxwell-Hyslop GC RN Retd in May and on the same day the Feast Queen was chosen by him, Alf Fooks conducted a mini auction and Derek Lawson oversaw a swap shop for the children. St Austell Bay Archers were also in attendance and afterwards allowed local people to have a go.



*Ralph Oliver, Ralph Keam, Geof Henderson, Mayor Jack Julyan, Alf Fooks, unknown lady, Maurice Potter*

By October and November of this year practical help was wanted at the village hall with external and internal decorating and fixing internal ceilings. Work and fund-raising continued throughout the following year with a noisy motor bike scramble being included. More money was needed for drainage, water, and electricity and £1,500 was offered to the Village Hall Committee as a loan from Restormel Borough. Just what was needed to get water and electricity connected and the septic tank dug and constructed. There still does not appear to have been any professional aid given – all DIY men greeted with grateful thanks.

David Hearn remembers: *“It was decided to run ‘It’s a Knockout’ type competition to raise funds and awareness of the hall project. Many Saturday mornings were spent at Ralph’s workshop devising and building equipment for the games. A large bird on wheels with flapping wings was made to collect balls in its mouth. Two monster ballista type catapults were constructed to hurl bags of clay. Two team members fired the devices, and four others held a small tarpaulin to catch them in. One year George Rundle’s team were doing well until George was forced back into a tank of water used for another game. He disappeared except for his legs projecting skywards, he then reappeared grinning over the edge of the tank. His team members, including Graham Denslow, were on their knees with laughter and caught no more missiles. The event has made me laugh many times since”.*

In 1977 Alfred Fooks was Chairman but following the death of Captain Maxwell-Hyslop in 1978, Alf became President until he resigned not so many years ago having attended most of the AGMs, if not committee meetings. The following April the electricity was connected, and it was hoped the septic tank would soon be ready, with a hall floor to follow. Mrs Verna Roberts remembered the playgroup using the hall with the youngsters enjoying whizzing around on the trikes on the concrete base, although it created so much dust “we looked like snowmen”. Youth Club meetings started with Gerald Grose as Chairman and Bert Rowe as Leader. Derek Lawson was eventually able to lay the floor with grey tiles with a few orange ones amongst them. They got muddy and slippery, wet and slippery and when polished were also slippery!

In April 1981 Village Hall Committee officers elected at the AGM were: Chairman Derek Lawson, Vice-Chairman Roy Denslow, Treasurer Hilary Dunster, Secretary Gerald Grose. Many others took posts, both before this and afterwards but it has not been possible to trace them all, or even list all those I have found.

Shortage of storage space meant that a lot of equipment was just piled up at one end of the room, making less space for all the activities. By 1988 the decision had been made to extend the building mainly for this reason, but also to make a better entrance, with porch.



*With thanks to everyone who was involved with creating our Village Hall some of them are pictured here*

*This poster can be viewed in the lobby of the village hall*



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Is there anyone out there who has photographs or knows someone who has photographs of Carbeans Quarry with standing mast cranes?

Also is there anyone who was involved with the Luxulyan Museum that was housed in the Bridges Chapel, which opened in 1984 and closed in 2006? Thank you,

**John Grigsby  
01208 72272**

## ENVIRONMENT COLUMN

### Luxulyan Environment Green Glebe Space (LEGGS)



Isn't it great to see the sunshine!!! At long last spring has sprung! We have had two very good volunteer mornings where the weather has been perfect to enjoy the Glebeland; the fresh green growth and the deafening birdsong is wonderful to behold.

To everyone who attended the Easter egg hunt – thank you and we hope you enjoyed it! The quiz sheets got extremely wet, but it was wonderful to hear the children discover the 'eggs' – all were suitably rewarded with chocolate! Nearly £60 was raised for funds.

We raised the amazing amount of £265 at our Plant and Cake sale held in April; your support was much appreciated and very encouraging. We were blessed with a rare day of lovely weather! There are some plants still available – just get in touch if you would like some.

Thank you to Gwynn who cut down the self-seeded sycamore trees around the boggy area for us – what a star! This has opened up the area that we are considering putting in a new habitat – a pond! We are in the process of clearing the trees and are hoping that wildflowers will also be encouraged to thrive with more sunshine!

Thank you to Rich Ede who has offered to chip the said trees for us and has delivered a load of chips so we can try and keep the paths clear!

Thank you too to the Knight family for the gift of bags of wildflower seeds – we hope they will provide much joy next spring! Finally, a big thank you to the Parish Council for helping with our rent again this year; we hope to be fairly self-sufficient from next year. The support is hugely appreciated.

By the time you read this, the new bench for Drying Yard Field will be in situ so that you can take a rest halfway up the hill on the way to the new hedge planting. We hope to have finished the planting, cleared the trees away and put more chips down on the pathways during May. Perhaps by June we will be able to start on the pond area! We are finding it difficult to get quotes for our signage for the gate – we've now asked two firms who haven't replied to our requests! But we hope to have them by the beginning of the summer holidays. Remember that the site is open 24/7 for your enjoyment – the quiet, the nature and just sitting and 'being' is salve for the soul.

Our next volunteer mornings will take place on Saturday 8 June and Saturday 13 July 10 am to 1 pm; all are welcome. Come for as long as you can manage, and we can always find more sedate tasks if you prefer! Refreshments provided. We also hope to see you during feast week with our displays! Do come and ask your questions.

Contact Details: LEGGS secretary Shelley Porter 07761798220 [famporter58@gmail.com](mailto:famporter58@gmail.com)

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### EMAIL FROM OXFORD



Spring into summer has to be one of my favourite times of year with all the blossom and returning greenery ahead of the general midsummer profusion. Suddenly life has speeded up but with a vibrancy and energy to match. The other bonus of the lengthening days is the general upturn in warm and sunny days, which are great for catching up on outside jobs, or just relaxing on the patio with a drink.

I have a National Trust membership which makes it an easy choice when looking for a local countryside walk. Recently I managed to get to Greys Court where they have a particularly good display of bluebells in their woodland, the carpet of blue extending out in all directions is truly one of nature's delights.

Other forays have seen us closer to home in the past couple of months, mostly finding dog friendly places for walking followed by a coffee. One such place was close to my work at Minster Lovell, a chocolate box Cotswold village. We were able to explore the ruins of the old hall which dates back to medieval times, before heading into the adjoining water meadow and its tracks and trails. Good for a bit of curiosity and for a gentle stretch of the legs. Even better, we continued our exploration with a bumble through the local town of Burford, where a pasty lunch and coffee helped to restore the equilibrium before heading home.

In November last year I mentioned my collection of seeds and expressed an intention to actually put them to growing this year. Well, I've started, though my intention of being if not slug free at least slug-less hasn't quite eventuated. Sowings directly into the ground as well as trays to get them going have been grazed mercilessly by the slugs and snails, I also think that the local wood pigeons have had a good part to play too. Nematodes have been applied, though another dose is definitely required. And so, the battle to nurture some seedlings past first leaves to become something worth looking at continues, with hopefully something worth eating later on in the season. All those packets of seeds are gradually reducing to something a bit more manageable, thankfully, though not necessarily in the productive way I had hoped.

A different type of seed that was sown at the same time, and for which is a bit of a miracle after a track record of non-starts and fails, and comes ahead of impending perimenopause, is that of our first baby, gender as yet unknown, but due to arrive in July. People ask if we're excited, though the journey to get this far has left us feeling more grateful to be blessed with the opportunity and quietly hopeful that said squirt will arrive hale and hearty in due course. In the meantime, the decluttering and reorganising of space has resumed at a more focussed rate.

Wishing you all a wonderful early summer. Until next time,

*Katy x*

## FROM CHURCH



*From the Rector,*

For many months now I've been intending to write about the different ways we can offer our lives to God. Some people call it service, or life giving, or vocation; however we understand it or whatever we call it, we end up with the same conclusion – God is interested in our lives and calls us to give them in service to him.

In her book, 'The Summer Day', Mary Oliver invites us to 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one, wild and precious life?' I was struck by the frightening truth of this question; we only have one life, one shot at this existence, and it's terrifyingly quick! We don't pass this way again, so it's even more important to do something of value and worth with the lives God has given us while we have the time!

The idea that God has something special for you to do with your life has been around for a long time. For millennia people have tried to fathom the mysteries of life and find answers to the big questions, like where do we come from, where are we going when we die, and why are we here? Vocation, from the Latin 'Vocare' is the unshakable belief that the God who created us also calls us to dedicate our 'one wild, precious life' to him.

Perhaps you've always believed that there was some cosmic plan for your life, something that you were purposely meant to do? Perhaps you look back at your life and think it well lived and are satisfied with what you've accomplished, maybe you look back with regret and wish you'd done something differently or accomplished more?

I believe that God has a plan for each of our lives; a plan that is the best and most flourishing version of us that there

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Dear friends,

I have many duties which fall to me as a daughter and granddaughter.

When my parents are away, I am often on taxi duty for appointments. I am also regularly on tech support for my mother and grandparents. One of my other occasional duties is to explain a word which has come into common parlance in the last few years. The other day my mother asked me what the word 'woke' means.

You may have heard it batted around as an insult towards those considered a little bit too soft and left-wing for someone's taste. When a policy is floated, which gives rights to those on the margins of society, someone might say that it is the act of the 'woke police'.

Without descending into the mire of politics, or even ethics, it is difficult to explain what such a loaded word might mean. So, I will just quote from the Oxford dictionary online.

*Originally: in a state of awareness or vigilance; well informed, up to date. Now chiefly: alert to (from the word 'awake').* In other words, being woke in the more political sense is to be alert to, or awake to, the struggles and injustices in the world. Ergo it is not a bad thing.

I know that if you are reading this you are likely to be someone more than capable of educating yourself to understand the perspective of someone different to you. And as a Christian I believe that being awake to the issues which affect others is the beginning of compassion.

Being a Christian means that we do not have the privilege of burying our head in the sand where there is injustice or suffering. We are the hands and feet of our God of love.

Having said that there can be a kind of paralysis that comes when we look at the state of the world. But thankfully God did not ask us to fix everything. Instead, he tells us this;

"Consider the lilies".

And that comes in its wider context within a passage of teaching about worry.

can be! Not a predetermined blueprint all charted out for us, but rather an unfolding plan that evolves with each day of our precious life.

I rather like the Bishop of Dorking's challenge when she dares us to ask God what his plan is for our lives, but don't ask the question if you don't want to hear the answer!

I don't know what the answer will be, that's up to you to explore, and that's all part of the big adventure of vocation.

As we continue to explore new and exciting ways of being church in our benefice, in the deanery, and across the diocese, can I invite you to think about what God might be calling you to do?

A prayer for those seeking vocation

Loving God,  
you have known and loved us  
from before the foundations of the earth.  
You have created us and given each of us  
unique and special gifts.  
Whatever season or circumstances  
we may find ourselves in,  
give us the grace to hear and respond  
to your Spirit's call upon our lives:  
to know you and to love you,  
to follow you and to serve you.  
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Amen.

*Your friend,  
Revd. Paul*

Jesus says to the gathered crowds “don't worry about your life- about what you will eat or what you will drink or what you will wear”, he tells them to “consider the lilies”- their effortless beauty and the provision of God to all of His creation.

I hope by now that you know that loving God and loving our neighbour are the first two commandments. And I think that love for God and love for neighbour both begin by being alert; being awake to big issues and being alert to the seemingly insignificant joys of the day; because all of them will point us towards the goodness, glory and love of God.

The big picture, the big issues of the world may overwhelm you, but at least let's be reminded today that our God of infinite power and might tells us to pay attention. Let's not let life pass us by being inattentive, let's spend our days 'considering the lilies' and being woke!

With my love as ever,

**Jules x**

## FROM CHAPEL



Dear friends

The start of the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024 is only weeks away. The games motto for this event, 'Games Wide Open' reflects the historic Olympic values through the inclusive message of the intersecting Olympic rings. Based on the world-wide society of nations, Olympic ideals resonate with the principles love, faith and hope Christians find in the way of Jesus.

A core Olympic value is respect, which includes peace and fair play. In this way Olympic values encourage friendship with all others in mutual understanding. True friendship has no hierarchy for friendship is fundamentally a relationship of equals. Within this value of equality there is no room for discrimination. Christians believe all people bear the image of God, as part of the whole family of humanity.

Honouring others in this way opens the way for the pursuit of excellence, not just in sporting achievement, but to advance a better life for all. This prize may not be an Olympic medal but those who subscribe to Olympian values are called to 'Live the joy.' According to the film *Cool Runnings*, this was the motivating heart of the Jamaican Bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympic games. They felt the joy in the chorus:

"Feel the rhythm!  
Feel the rhyme!  
Get on up!  
It's bobsled time!"

Christians believe joy is one of the key purposes of knowing God in Jesus. An inclusive re-writing of the Westminster Confession would be "The chief end of humanity is to know God and enjoy God forever." Joy, not just at Christmas, or Easter, or just during the Olympic games, but to live the joy of life as life is meant to be every day.

As we look around the world of 2024, perhaps the Olympic ideals of respect and equality, of fair play, peace and friendship have never been more needed. It is our deepest desire that these values spill over from the Games into the world of nations, bringing life as it is meant to be into the lived experience of all.

**Every Blessing,**

**Rev. Iris**

**Gunwen Methodist Church**

## NEWS FROM GUNWEN



On April 17<sup>th</sup> Gunwen Chapel hosted a film evening for Luxulyan Old Cornwall Society. The film title was 'Travelling through Methodist Heritage in Cornwall'. The presenter was Victoria Jenner and film had been commissioned by the Methodist District of Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. Refreshments were available and the evening was enjoyed by Society Members and visitors.

Our first Community Lunch of the summer was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May and 38 people joined together for a superb lunch. Thanks to all who contributed towards making the event enjoyable for all who attended.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm there will be a special service in the Sunday School combining worship with Cornish music and dance. The service will be led by Rev Paul

Benney and will involve Lizzie Pridmore and other musicians and dancers from the area and further afield. All are welcome to join us for this unique afternoon of worship followed by refreshments.

The Granite Towers will be supported at Gunwen with a Cream Tea on 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm. All members of the community of Lanlivery and Luxulyan are welcome.

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

Best wishes from all at Gunwen Chapel

**Judy Uden**

# Lanlivery Church News and Services

## Lanlivery Services

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

## June 2024

### 2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity Sunday

9.30 Morning Prayer

### 9<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 2

9.30 Eucharist

### 16<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 3

6.00 Evening Prayer to end Picture Perfect Exhibition, followed by refreshments.

### 23<sup>rd</sup>, Trinity 4

9.30 Eucharist

### 30<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 5

10.30 Benefice Eucharist at Lanlivery

## July

### 7<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 6

9.30 Morning Prayer

### 14<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 7

9.30 Eucharist

### 21<sup>st</sup>, Trinity 8

9.30 Morning Prayer

### 28<sup>th</sup>, Trinity 9

9.30 Eucharist

## Years' Mind

remembering the anniversaries:

### June

### July

Elizabeth Lucy Marshall	Alec Clement Court
Irene Mary Ford	William Howard Roberts
Olive Marjorie Hepworth	Hilda Irene Court
Jean Winifred Goodman	Ernest Albert Charles Gay
Mary Ruth Clayton	Barbara Helen Wherry
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Glynn Riddle	
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Sunday 16th June 10.30 - 5.30  
Evening Service 6.00

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Daily refreshments



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# LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CREAM TEAS IN CHURCH DURING SUMMER



From Saturday 27th July until Sunday 1st September, we shall be serving cream teas in church on weekends and Bank Holidays, from 3—5 pm. Just drop in on the day.

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### SOUP & SWEET IN LUXULYAN CHURCH



Soup & Sweet is provided on the first Sunday of each month at mid-day. There is no need to attend the church service preceding this. The next dates are 2nd June & 7th July.

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### PRAYER WALKS

Luxulyan church organises a prayer walk in the parish once a month.

If you would like to join us or have a particular person or place that you would like us to pray about please contact Shelley on:

[famporter58@gmail.com](mailto:famporter58@gmail.com)  
or 07761 798220

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### ST AUSTELL FOOD BANK – helping local people in crisis

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

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## Luxulyan Church Services

Below is a draft. Note that some of our services may change. Please check notice boards, the website and social media for the latest update!

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	11 am Sung Eucharist	Rev Jules Williams
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11 am Sung Eucharist	Rev Barry Browning
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11 am Feast Eucharist	Rev Jules Williams
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	11 am Parish Praise	Local Worship Leaders
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11 am Combined Eucharist	Rev Jules Williams
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11 am Sung Eucharist	Rev Jules Williams
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11 am Sung Eucharist	Rev Barry Browning
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11 am Sung Eucharist	Rev Jules Williams
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11 am Parish Praise	Local Worship Leaders

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR LUXULYAN CHURCH

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TALL SHIP CAMINO INGLÉS 2024



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# COUNTRY DIARY



6th MARCH 2024

The sweet fragrance of the primroses speaks of spring, but the soil is far too wet to work on today.

12th MARCH

A male siskin arrives in the feeding area and a nuthatch drops by.



16th MARCH

A very wet day! Midafternoon I hear the first chiffchaff of the year.



22nd MARCH

The crows' activity continues around last year's nest site. I walk in the sunshine by POND ONE and pause to recall the spring day in 1985 when we watched the growing reflection of the April sky as David began to fill his first wildlife pond.



24th MARCH

A male blackbird sits amongst the ivy leaves where he has been feasting on the ripe, black berries.

25th MARCH

Very, very wet! A male blackcap eats from the suet-filled coconut. At day's end a song thrush sings in the distance and at 10.00pm it is still raining.



2nd APRIL

Heavy and continuous rain this afternoon. In the last three months we have already had half of our annual average rainfall. Two starlings return to feed on suet. This means that they are now residents and I hope that, if a pair, they will breed somewhere in the vicinity. They are now a red-listed species.

3rd APRIL

As last year, the sycamore seeds have germinated in the deep, wet leaf litter along Bullfinch Lane. The dead foliage of the tree now nurtures its fallen seeds so providing a nutritious meal for the dormice awaking from their winter torpor.

4th APRIL

Along the streamside path the hazels are stippled green with tiny leaflets but the rain continues relentlessly!

7th APRIL

A male blackbird flies off towards the overgrown hen run with a beakful of suet for his newly hatched nestlings.



8th APRIL

A female blackcap swallows ripe ivy berries on a bush near the kitchen window.

12th APRIL

Early morning a chaffinch sings, one of the sweetest sounds of spring. Later in the day I stop to listen to the busy splashing of a blackbird as he bathes in POND ONE.

13th APRIL

The whispering cadence of a newly returned willow warbler blends with that of the rushing stream thus producing a delightful duet that will thread through the approaching summer days. Much less melodic but nonetheless welcome, comes the sound of the crow nestlings atop our 1986 'Christmas tree'.

16th APRIL

Blue tit fledglings call demandingly around the flower garden area.



17th APRIL

My first hearing of the blackcap song this morning.

19th APRIL

Luxulyan friends Keith and Maggie report seeing two swallows at Lanlivery today.

20th APRIL

At 7.25am a cuckoo announces his return as he calls below Treskilling Downs. Later a newly hatched damselfly rests awhile on my jumper as we warm ourselves in the afternoon sunshine. From a secret spot nearby comes the distinctive sound of robin nestlings.

29th APRIL

The oak is out well before the ash this year. The starlings are now regular visitors.

1st MAY

The cuckoo calls to welcome in this May Day morning. The young crows have fledged and the nest is now eerily silent.

3rd MAY

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## COUNTRY DIARY



The old apple tree is resplendent with an abundance of blossom and the tide of bluebells is rising rapidly.



6th MAY

Morning sunlight glints on a goldfinch's plumage transforming it into an exquisite cluster of jewels. A male orange tip flutters onto a herb Robert flowerhead.



7th MAY

The first juvenile robin appears and two swallows swoop and chatter over the garden. A new blackbird discovers some remaining ivy berries - winter's generous legacy.

15th JUNE 1985

We watch the bands marching through the streets of Bugle while many swifts scream rapturously overhead.

17th JULY 1979

As I get into the car this morning I observe a small tortoiseshell butterfly fluttering inside the windscreen. I wait until it pitches on my hand and then carefully release it through the open window. This afternoon neighbour Valerie



brings news of an elephant hawk moth in her garden. This evening the summer breeze weaves its way through the valley where the chiffchaff calls amongst the gently rustling leaves.

*Kathryn Hill*

### JUNE

June, June, glorious June,  
All nature sways in perfect tune,  
The English rose is in full bloom  
The time is right for bride and groom  
And our gardens are a picture.

Half way through the calendar year,  
Midsummer's day is drawing near  
With long light days and skies so clear.  
Surely we can have no fear  
When our gardens are a picture.

June, June, scented so sweet  
When all perfumes of summer do meet,  
Do fill the air, sweep us off our feet  
And give our senses a summer treat  
While our gardens are a picture.

A picture so colourful, fragrant with joy  
When nature does conspire to employ  
Her favourite tricks; she never is coy  
To utilise her annual ploy  
To make our gardens a picture.

So frame this picture in your mind,  
And all year round you surely will find  
When June has long been left behind  
The images that June has combined  
To make our gardens a picture.

*Christine McHaines*

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At Luxulyan Village Hall  
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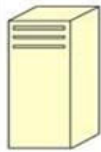


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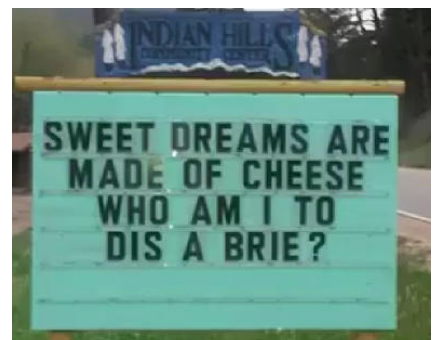
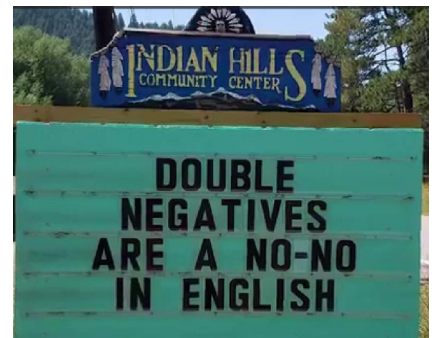
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## PUNS FOR FUN



# Dates for your Diary

## JUNE 2024

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Plant Swap	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Skylarks	4pm	Glebe Land
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	WI	7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00pm	The Crown Inn
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Picture Perfect – an Exhibition of Photography in Lanlivery Church with a concert on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> – see page 24 for more details</b>		
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOLV – Wheal Martyn	10.30 am	Wheal Martyn, St Austell
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Open Day	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Trethew, Lanlivery
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Doors Open 6.30pm Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00 am	The King's Arms

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Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Swap	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Luxulyan Feast Week – see page 8 for full details</b>		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	WI	7.00pm	Lanlivery Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024 GRANITE TOWERS</b>		
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00pm	The Crown Inn
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	FOLV – Coastal Boat Trip	11.00am	Mevagissey Harbour
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Doors Open 6.30pm Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Tea Afternoon	From 2.30pm	Gunwen Methodist Chapel
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Teas available	3pm – 5pm	Luxulyan Church

Save the date: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 2.00pm – Centenary Celebrations at Luxulyan Memorial Institute



1 & 2 Lanlivery Bellringers; Tower competition and supper.

3. Luxulyan Valley

4. Verna's Big Birthday!

5. Chloe Scott

6. Matthew Wright.

7 & 8 LEGGS

9. David & Christine Chapman celebrate 65 years of marriage on 4th April 2024