

The Granite Towers

*A Community Magazine for
Luxulyan and Lanlivery*



February & March 2025

EDITORIAL



Hello all

I hope this edition of the Granite Towers finds you all well. I will start with the obligatory mention of the weather, as so far in January we've had a mixed bag. As I write it is a gloriously sunny and warm day, a sharp contrast to last week when it was snowing. We have already had our fair share of rain as well!

Hopefully as you read this the sun is out and signs that spring is on the way are visible. Very soon we will all start to notice the hours of daylight stretching out with the clocks due to go forward an hour at the end of March.

I was walking the dog recently on our usual lunchtime route when I noticed a pile of rubbish just dumped in a field gateway. It's not the first time I have seen fly tipping in this area, and usually it's garden waste; grass clippings and contents of old plant pots! This time though it was what appears to be guttering, tiles and other builders' rubble with some sort of plastic stuck in a tree. There was even a kettle! It baffles me why some people feel it is acceptable to fly tip as there are recycling and refuse tips the rubbish can be taken to. I know people do not enjoying queuing at the tips but surely that is preferable to the potential fines imposed if caught and would be much less than the fees charged to dispose of it correctly. With the new booking systems in place for many recycling/refuse sites, hopefully we will see less of it! It costs the Council thousands each year to deal with the clean-up of these incidents, money which could have been used to benefit the community in other, more practical ways, rather than deal with the actions of those who, it seems, have little care for the environment.

Excitement is beginning to brew in our household as

it is not long before we head off on a short break to New York, where I, along with almost 300 fellow Rock Choir members will be performing in a concert in Carnegie Hall. It's been a long time coming and for those organising the whole trip, the end of a long road of planning. The opportunity is all due to the dedication of our choir leader here in Cornwall who submitted an audition tape, good enough for us to be invited to perform. Our schedule will also see us perform in Times Square and Grand Central Station – but shush as they are to be a surprise! Until then, there is a lot of practicing to do to ensure we are word and dance routine perfect; and we must not forget to smile! More in a future edition of my travels to the good old U S of A.

Talking of holidays, it's that time of the year again, when, if you have not already booked your summer holiday you tend to start to think about it during the gloom of the winter months. The advertisements on television are full of travel companies pushing their particular brand of holiday offering; whether it's a staycation, a city break, an all-inclusive or a cruise to exotic climes. Pretty much something for everyone. I remember the excitement of picking up the brochures at the Travel Agents, leafing through looking at everything on offer. Now everything is available on the internet which takes a bit of the shine off the whole process. With planning for New York, we've not fully investigated a 'summer holiday' yet so best get looking!

Wherever your travels take you this year, I have you have an amazing time and make memories to last a lifetime.

Until next time

Claire

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The Over 60s had a brilliant Christmas Lunch at The Crown on the second Thursday in December. The Secret Santa went down well. We had many new members and I do hope they will return in January. The next lunch will be on Thursday 13th February at 12 noon. All are welcome. There is a raffle at £1 per ticket, (one ticket each), and a silly quiz. To book a place phone Mark on 07717 298 884, or, if you are already on his list, he will call you. Best wishes

Peggy



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News from Luxulyan School

Spring Term Learning

Everybody has settled well back into school after the Christmas break. This term, Ash Class (Reception and Year 1) are following a theme of 'Open the Toybox' focusing on toys now and in the past as well as the materials that toys are made of. Among other things, Beech Class (Year 2) are looking at seasonal changes in science and sculpture in art and design. Sycamore Class (Years 3 and 4) are starting their history unit on the Indus Valley and are studying rocks in science. Oak Class (Years 5 and 6) are looking at Hindu stories in RE and are covering light theory in science.

St. Austell Festival of Music and Speech

19 children from across Years 1 to 6 took part in the Festival in late November/early December last year. They entered a range of solo, duo and group classes in both the Music and Speech categories. All the children performed to a high standard and achieved either a merit, commended or honours certificate. Performance Club and Choir both achieved an honours certificate. Special mention must go to Amelie, who achieved the highest mark from across all the Spoken Word classes and received an outstanding certificate.

We achieved 1st place in the following classes:

- KS2 Drama
- Y3/4 duologue
- Y5/6 duologue
- Primary age poem about Cornwall or by a Cornish Poet
- Y5/6 humorous poem
- Primary School Choir (under 100 KS2 on roll)
- Y3/4 – song from a musical or film
- KS2 duet

The children did an amazing job, and we were very proud of all of them.

Christmas

Although December seems like quite a while away now, we had lots of exciting things happening that we would like to share. Oak and Sycamore Class took part in 'Experience Christmas' at Luxulyan Church – thank you to all the volunteers who make this possible. Ash Class performed their Nativity Play at the Village Hall. We also took the whole school to Hall for Cornwall to see Jack and the Beanstalk. Oh no you didn't! Oh yes we did! On the last day of term, we had a whole school sing-along which members of the community joined us for. We then went back to school and made Christingles before all going to the Church for the Christingle Service.



*Compiled by Rachel Allison
Ash Class Teacher*

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

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MEMORIAL INSTITUTE PLANT SWAP AND COFFEE MORNINGS

Plant Swap season is over now for the winter, but we will continue to meet on first Saturday of the month, just because we can. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and bacon butty, cake and some company. The Institute will be open from 10am on Saturday 1st February just for coffee etc. On 1st March will be the first Plant Swap of the season when you can bring along anything that's survived the winter and swap for something else, or just pay a modest sum to take something away.

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Our dear friend, Keith Adams passed away recently. His funeral will be held on Monday 3rd February at 2.30pm in Lanlivery Church. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

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LUXULYAN 100 YEARS AGO

Items transcribed from the original text in Royal Cornwall Gazette and Cornish Guardian.

RCG. 18 March 1925: A successful effort in aid of the organ fund of Dobwalls Wesleyan Church included a faith tea - - - - . An enjoyable concert was given by the Luxulyan Quartette party.

CG. 13 February 1925: Luxulyan Pig Club. The annual meeting of the Luxulyan and Stenalees Pig Club was held in the UM schoolroom, Bridges on Saturday, the President Mr E Parker in the chair. The financial statement showed a balance of £29. 12s. 6d., and the club is in a very flourishing condition.

CG. 20 February: Gunwen, Luxulyan. Sale of Live and Dead Stock, Furniture etc. Mr J Kempthorne Barber has received instructions from Mr Joseph Grigg, who is declining farming, to Sell by Public Auction on Wednesday March 11th the following: - - - - -.

Ebenezer, in the parish of Luxulyan. Sale of Household Furniture and Effects. Mr J Kempthorne Barber has received instructions from Mr Stockman who is declining housekeeping to sell by Auction on Wednesday the undermentioned household furniture: - - - - -

CG. 20 February 1925: Beam Wireless. A Chain of Empire Stations. The New Station near Bodmin. Sir W Mitchell-Thomson Postmaster General stated in the House of Commons last week that the sites for the Canadian and South African beam wireless station had been selected near Bodmin and Bridgewater, and terms of purchase agreed. It was hoped that the sites would be able to be placed at the disposal of the contractors before the end of the present month. - - - - - . The station at Horras farm is to be constructed by the Marconi Wireless Co. the station will be capable of communicating at a speed of 100 five-letter words per minute, during a daily average of 18 hours. The station is expected to be completed within 26 weeks. - - - - - . The actual transmission of messages will be carried out by telegraph operatives stationed in London over land lines between the two places.

CG. 13 March 1925: Carminnow, Luxulyan Churchtown. Within 5 minutes of Luxulyan Station. Sale of 12 bullocks, horses, implements, household furniture and effects. Mr Sidney Bartlett is instructed by Mr Samuel Edwards to offer for sale by public auction the undermentioned - - - - -.

Furniture for Mr Edwards and Mr A Sturtridge: - - - - -

Death of Mr J Pinch. Mr Joseph Pinch who died at Chytan Farm Luxulyan aged 74 years was one of the best known farmers in the parish, and had lived at the farmhouse for 68 years. The funeral took place at Luxulyan, Rev CF Jones officiating at the parish church. At the service the 90th Psalm was sung "Nearer My God to Thee". - - - - -.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned by the coroner (Mr MF Edyvean) as a result of an inquiry on Wednesday into the circumstances attending the death of Sophia Delia Cooper, the nine months old child of Mr Mark Cooper, licensed hawker of Conce Moor, Luxulyan.

CG. 27 March 1925: Luxulyan Council Houses. Searching for Sites. Mr Clark the Rural District Surveyor attended a parish meeting on Tuesday week and explained the conditions under which the six houses sanctioned are to be built. In this first instalment he wished to get the houses built within his estimate and if he was successful more would follow all over the district. In order to build cheaply he wanted the six to be built in the same field so that one conveyance, one water supply and one sewer or drain would serve all. If it was divided up it could not be done so cheaply.

It was decided to ask the surveyor to meet a committee, consisting of the three District Councillors, Mr CT Trevail chairman of the parish council, with Mr WC James and inspect some sites. The committee with Mr Clark met on Thursday week and viewed three sites, viz the lower portion of the Glebe field near Bridges and two sites on Viscount Clifden's land adjoining the road to Treskilling. Mr CT Trevail was asked to write the owners for terms and on receipt of same to call another meeting so that no time be wasted.

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We have two teams in the Central Area Winter league, consisting of six teams. Christmas marked mid-way in the season, The Golds were laying second, 3 pts behind Withiel, and the Maroons are 5th. Before Christmas a number of members were involved in county wide competitions, a few have qualified to go the National Finals later in the year, others have managed to qualify for the Cornwall County Finals Days, also some of us are hoping for better results next year.

If you are interested in having a go, it's a great way to meet new people and a new sport, a bit of a challenge, contact:

Peter Barrett (secretary) on 07913017015 or petgeobar@gmail.com
John Worth on 07974100931 or johnworth06@gmail.com
Or just turn up and join in.

Enjoy

John Worth
Club Chairman

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SKYLARKS: MEETING GOD THROUGH NATURE



Our Skylarks meeting held in November explored the value of 'Remembrance'; we 'remembered' the people we no longer see for whatever reason by writing names on leaves and decorating jars for candles to help us remember. We were very lucky with the weather as the beginning of November was very mild, but we enjoyed toasting marshmallows around the fire pit to complete our session.

Our December meeting was incorporated into the church's Outdoor Nativity and most of us took part in that in some small way. It was great fun; we were blessed with a break in the weather, and it was great to perform the Nativity story with real sheep and a pony. It was good to see both children and adults taking part in the timeless story. (See photo on back cover.)

Our next session will take place on Sunday 9 February at 2.30 pm when we will explore the topic of 'Love' – one of the most used words found in the Bible! We will use the LEGGS land to explore how we 'Love' our environment, different people and explore what it means to love God.

In March we will explore some of what 'Lent' means to us as we travel towards Easter – date to be confirmed. New members are always welcome to join us, both adults and children! Come with your questions and we will explore the answers together over toasted marshmallows!

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Advertising	£ 1,635.00	
Donations *	£ 547.12	
Interest	£ 47.45	£ 2,229.57

2024 Expenditure

Printing		£ 2,652.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income		-£ 422.43

1 Jan 2024 Bank balances brought forward

Current a/c	£ 1,596.07	
Deposit a/c	£ 3,154.11	
	£ 4,750.18	
Less deficit	-£ 422.43	
Balances at 31 Dec 2024	£ 4,327.75	

31 Dec 2024 Balances at Bank

Current a/c	£ 1,126.19	
Deposit a/c	£ 3,201.56	
	£ 4,327.75	

* Donations

Lanlivery Parish Council	150	
Lanlivery Village Hall	24	
Gunwen Chapel	114	
St Austell Running Club	100	
Lanlivery Feast	100	
Crown Inn donation box	59.12	
	£ 547.12	

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As you can see from the above accounts for the past year the only cost incurred is for printing, yet there was a shortfall in income in 2024. We are grateful for the donations made by those listed above but would very much appreciate donations from individuals who value the magazine. We look forward to providing you with printed copies in 2025.

If you wish to donate please contact me for Lanlivery or Jim Cleare for Luxulyan or advertising.

.Ellen McConnell, Treasurer

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- Sam Stevenson has been promoted to Deputy Head and will oversee the Quality of Education and Curriculum.
 - Sean Ziehm-Stephen has been promoted to Assistant Head, focusing on Personal Development.
 - Tom Fox has been promoted to Assistant Head, focusing on Behaviour and Attitudes.
 - Laurent Moseley has joined as a Senior Leader to support Sam in our strategic plans for the whole-school curriculum.
 - Caroline Reade has been promoted to Head of Faculty for Outdoor Education.
- These changes ensure that Red Moor continues to develop its educational and therapeutic practices, providing the best possible support for our families and students.

We have also had some huge achievements that make us all very proud. Just some highlights include:

- Red Moor achieving the Careers Mark, recognising the excellent guidance and opportunities we provide to prepare students for their futures.
- The kitchen team achieving a 5-star food hygiene rating, a reflection of their high standards and commitment to providing quality meals.
- The election of our new Student Council, with one student representing us in the Cornwall student elections.
- Our Cadets programme receiving full accreditation, officially allowing us to run a detachment from Red Moor.
- The emotional and inspiring Remembrance Day parade, which was a fantastic event for the local community.
- A group of six students showing resilience and adaptability during a memorable four-day trip to Edinburgh, even navigating flight cancellations.
- Outstanding progress in Art and Music, with students producing amazing work towards their qualifications.
- The launch of our first full GCSE options curriculum for Years 10 and 11, allowing students to focus on subjects they're passionate about and giving them the best chance of success.

Going forward into the rest of the year we have many exciting things to look forward too including our new music room being fully up and running, an amazing trip to London which is being organised by one of our year 9 students alongside our deputy head Sam, a St Piran's Day performance alongside other schools in the area and then, of course, the return of the better weather will mean more time being spent on the water kayaking and paddle boarding which is a favourite with everyone!

THE BIG SLANG THEORY

By Christine McHaines

How would we cope without our slang?
Whether alone or in a gang
On each other's words we hang,
And sometimes I get weary

Of digital and computer speak,
With our language it does havoc wreak
Gives it a more common streak,
But at least it is not dreary.

We measure things by gig and byte
And no matter how hard I fight
It still sometimes give me a fright,
Modern speak somehow seems eerie.

With Insta, Twitter and Tik Tok
Bearing no resemblance to bird or clock
And I just have a mental block,
So this is now my query:

What happened to that familiar time
When crooks used slang words for their crime
And cockneys regaled us all with rhyme
That made us feel so cheery?

When rag and bone meant on the phone,
And on your tod meant on your own,
When on the loo was on the throne;
What happened to that then dearie?

The world's moved on I hear you say,
But you can be sure that come what may
People will always use wordplay,
And that's my big slang theory!

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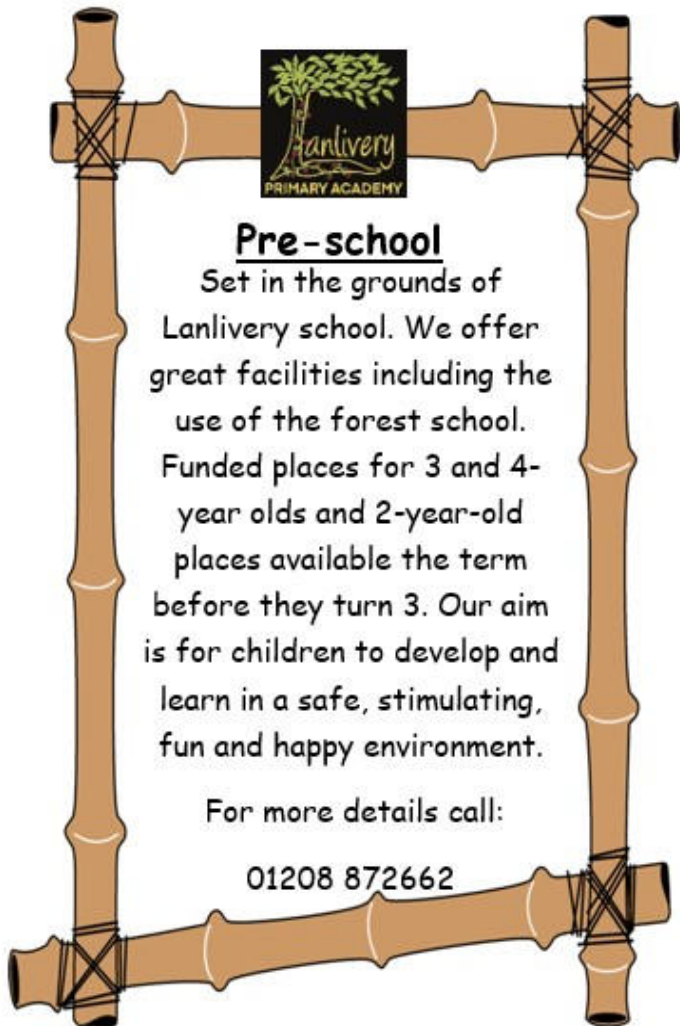
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Luxulyan Village Hall, PL30 5QA
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EMAIL FROM OXFORD

New year, new you?! That's the overwhelming message at this time of year. I'm not totally convinced that now is as pivotal as any other really, though the transition to spring and warmer days certainly helps to reinforce and support a change in habits if you are so inclined. This year I'm feeling the need to rebalance the amount of time I spend on self-care, after all, if you don't look after yourself then the universe invariably has a way of making you take time. There's been enough coughs and colds circulating this past winter to make even the hardiest of person slow up for a few days.

So, what is this rebalancing effort going to look like? I'd like to say it'll be a daily yoga session and may be a longer walk, however I tend to be more motivated if I go to a group session that I enjoy. To begin with then perhaps a mum and baby group with a fitness focus, of which there are a couple local ones. I may still persevere with the home yoga practice, though my sessions usually end with any attempt at mat work due to the pooch's decision that I am in her zone therefore I must be wanting to play. The relaxing breaths are hard to focus on when you're too busy laughing whilst shielding your head and face from the exuberant onslaught.

This Chinese New Year the associated animal is the wood snake which represents knowledge, wisdom, intuition, intelligence and creativity. Maybe if horoscopes can be believed, perhaps the positive changes in self-care I'd like

to initiate can be supported by the transformative energy of this time.

Perhaps another area that transformation is guaranteed to happen is in my garden, to be fair, it never stops transforming, even through the winter. One of my favourite scented shrubs is now in bloom (winter honeysuckle) which I enjoy bringing into the house to freshen and liven up the kitchen.

I'm looking forward to the longer days again and being able to grab a few more stretches of time in the garden while my daughter is asleep (hopefully!). Last year I made good headway at using up a fair number of the vegetable seeds. This year it's the turn of the flowers, of which I have a number of random ones from gardening magazines as well as the self-gathered ones. I'm also looking forward to seeing whether the 'black-eyed Susan's' and the 'lychnis coronaria (rose campion)' that I planted last year live up to expectation. They've lasted this long so hopefully they're past the point of catastrophic slug predation. Fingers crossed.

My tomato plants grew better last year than in previous years, I'm hoping that this year will be better still. I've saved seeds from the ones I enjoyed and am looking forward to getting them going soon – the greenhouse is going to be well used again this year. I better go and clear it out properly, ready for the busy time ahead.

Until next time,

Katy x

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WI REPORT

Members enjoyed the annual Christmas Lunch, held at the Carlyon Bay Golf Club on Wednesday December 4th, 2024, and a very entertaining Christmas party on the following Wednesday, December 11th in The Institute, Luxulyan. Members enjoyed sharing tasty dishes they had brought and joined in the games with gusto. Thanks go especially to Lorna Curtis for the scratch card game, and Amanda Penk for the origami game.

A fall of snow on Wednesday January 8th, 2025, prevented us from holding our meeting in Luxulyan Village Hall, when the decision was taken to cancel it in case conditions worsened. However, it was agreed that there would be a meeting there on Wednesday January 22nd instead at 7pm. The speaker would be giving a talk about the importance of health of body, mind and spirit.

Wednesday February 12th sees members meeting in Luxulyan Village Hall when there will be a talk and demonstration on Punjabi cuisine. The competition is: a favourite recipe. Non-members are very welcome to this open meeting.

March 12th is the AGM and last and final meeting of the Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI – an incredibly sad day for us all. Please contact Jackie Russell on 07925 966 696 for further information.

Verna Roberts

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A YEAR OF WALKS

Inspired by reading Kate Humble's 2019 book "Thinking On My Feet: The Simple Joy of Putting One Foot In Front of Another", I decided to write about our WI walks.

Each walk with our WI Walkers' group is like a little jewel that punctuates our months.

If you enjoy

 Making new friends

 Learning and discovering new things

 Doing what you enjoy with others

The WI is for you! Our walks give us the opportunity to tick all of these off.

December 2023. We finished the year by walking from Lostwithiel car park, across the playing field under the bridge into the park and up through the woods to the Duchy Nursery for coffee. Our mistake came when we decided to walk out of the park instead of going on the road. We went through a field newly planted with trees, the grass had grown tall and clumpy, our walking boots and socks were soaked through for the rest of the walk. Lesson learnt, keep to the path!

February 2024. A walk inspired by another book I had read: "The Lost Rainforests of Britain" by Guy Shrubsole. I travelled out of the county to Lustleigh Cleave on the edge of Dartmouth near Bovey Tracey. Lustleigh is a picturesque village with thatched houses; the village shared grazing rights across the Cleave. Throughout the last century people moved into the village who no longer wanted to keep animals, so the grazing rights were not taken up, allowing nature to regenerate the steep-sided valley with native woodland that contains rowan, birch, oak and, I am sure, many more species.

March 2024. From Respryn Bridge along the well-made road to the train station for coffee and cake! Back up to Lanhydrock to see the beautiful spring colours of magnolias. We had a relaxed walk in the sunshine, companionably and with easy chat.

April 2024. I planned a walk for its expansive view over Restormel Farm, down to Restormel Castle, across to the Duchy Nursery, right over Lostwithiel and the meandering river Fowey. However, life doesn't always give us what we expect – the whole area was shrouded in mist and we saw nothing! What we did have was a good deal of exercise trekking up the hill from Restormel Road to Bargate Farm. One of our members used this as training for her walking holiday in the Dolomites!

May 2024. The annual beauty of the bluebells in the Luxulyan Valley.

June 2024 saw us heading to Pentire point, undeterred by the wet and windy weather. We were joined by our neighbouring WI from Lanivet. Walking with old friends and new and all grateful to the NHS that we could be there, we took in fields of poppies dancing in the breeze.

July 2024: a walk planned for the ponds around Gunwen and up to Helman Tor. "Meet you at the church 9:30 am" we said. The sun shone, two walks went out that day as three members met at Lanlivery Church and had an enjoyable walk to Helman Tor. Two others met at Gunwen Chapel and also enjoyed the summer's morning. Mobile signal can't always be relied on!

August 2024: a summer's evening picnic on Par Beach. A short stroll from the car park to the beach and to the sea, where some swam and some watched.

October 2024: a familiar local walk around Milltown Woods to see the view looking over St Winnow then back to the river at Lostwithiel, finishing at Milltown. How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful area. This October day was gloriously bright and sunny, a celebration of the season of autumn. The walk was made all the more memorable by the people it was shared with.

November 2024. Sometimes a solitary walk is what is required. As a walk, I feel the steady rhythm of my stride, in tune with the ebb and flow of my breath. I'm walking from Par back to Lanlivery via Treesmill and Strickstenton. I hear the changing sounds of the birds; in Par, seagulls, as they fade into the distance; the inland birds can be heard chattering in the hedges and the cows mooing in the fields. I see the autumn light on the last of the green ferns and the red-orange rosehips. I feel the warmth of the sun and the fresh morning air. My world slows and I have time to reflect.

December 2024: a wild winter adventure on Bodmin moor. Starting near Delford Bridge we walked to the picturesque hamlet of Bradford on the Delank river. We followed a footpath to Carbilly Tor with its disused quarry and diminutive cheese ring. Next we crossed the moor to Hawks Tor then over to Carkees Tor, relishing the wind on our faces and the view over the moors as far as Rough Tor. From Carkees Tor we crossed the Delank river via a clapper bridge and finished on the lane in the rain soaked to our skin, invigorated.

Where will 2025 take us? Who will we walk with? What shall we see, learn and discover?

After 67 years, Luxulyan and Lanlivery WI find themselves at a crossroads. They have about 15 regular members who enjoy meeting together. However, many have been members for a very long time and no longer feel able to continue taking on the necessary roles of treasurer and secretary of the WI.

Will we close?

Will new members join us?

Will we amalgamate with other local WIs?

Amanda Penk

THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

Despite the way her mind spun with almost centrifugal force, Gemma couldn't separate the memory of what she'd seen from this same window this morning from what she saw now. It had infuriated her, the scene she'd witnessed earlier. That girl, with Ben, *her* Ben. Her arms were around him and he'd looked at her with those wide brown eyes that Gemma loved so much. A feeling she couldn't define swamped Gemma. Ben. For the last five years Ben had been her best friend. It was always Ben and Gemma, Gemma and Ben. And Ben had always been so faithful, so loyal.

Now, there she was again, walking in the garden. Suzette. Her cousin. Her French cousin, and not just French, Parisian. Eighteen months older than her, pretty, and as chic as any model Gemma had seen on the cover of Vogue. Gemma's parents made such a fuss of her. Everyone loved her, especially the boys, and, it seemed, so did Ben. Gemma bristled with indignation. "It's not fair" had been her persistent thought since Suzette's arrival. Just because her mother's brother had married a French woman didn't give his daughter a right to come to England and swan around as though she owned the place.

Gemma backed away from the window as a spider dropped from its web onto the window sill, making her jump. It scuttled its way along the wall and disappeared into a corner.

'I wish I could disappear into a corner,' Gemma muttered, her insecurity rising. Then, as though in defiance of her own mood, she said, 'No, I wish *she* would disappear, back to France where she came from.'

Sometimes, when she saw a spider's web in her room, she fetched the vacuum cleaner and let its suction swallow the web and any danger of the spider making an unwelcome visit to her bed during the night. Today though, her jealousy was so high she instantly forgot the spider. Not that she would admit to being jealous. Who could be jealous of someone who lived in a dingy Paris apartment when *she* lived in this baronial mansion? Of course, her parents didn't own the building – they were caretakers, but nevertheless Gemma had enjoyed its old-world beauty and stunning views of the English countryside for most of her sixteen years. She may not be part of the aristocracy, but she felt like it – at least she had, until Suzette had come on the scene.

She hadn't seen her cousin for almost four years. She remembered her as a plump, freckle-faced child with heavy-framed glasses. Seeing her now was like looking at the ugly duckling who'd turned into the elegant swan. Next to her, Gemma felt like the ugly duckling.

'Look after her,' her mother had told her. 'She'll be expecting to spend time with you. She is your cousin after all, and it'll be good for you to have another girl to talk to.'

As far as Gemma was concerned she didn't need anyone else. She had Ben. But Ben was giving Suzette as much attention as everyone else – more, or so it appeared to Gemma.

Casting aside her anxiety, she put on her shoes and reluctantly went down to the garden. Catching sight of her, Suzette waved and began walking towards her.

'How beautiful your garden is,' she said with barely a trace of an accent. Gemma knew that despite growing up in France, Suzette had excelled in English at school, the result of having an English father.

'You are lucky to live in such a lovely place. Our apartment is spacious and convenient, but we do not have an outlook like this.'

It was the first time Gemma had heard her say anything complimentary about her home.

'But you must come to Paris, Gemma. I will show you everything, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Pompidou Centre, the Champs-Elysees, everything. And I will take you shopping for clothes. You have a nice figure, Gemma. You should show it off.'

Ben appeared and Suzette immediately abandoned Gemma and rushed to meet Ben. The jealousy Gemma had felt surged, yet her cousin's words echoed in her head. Paris. The most romantic city in the world, she'd heard. And Suzette made it sound so exciting.

She glanced over at Suzette and Ben, her antipathy towards her cousin subsiding a little. She decided to forgive Ben's response to Suzette, and her cousin's obvious affection for him. After all, she thought, it must be hard for Suzette, not being allowed to keep a dog in her Paris apartment.

Christine McHaines

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FRIENDS OF LUXULYAN VALLEY

In December we had a talk about fauna flora in the valley by Bruce Middleton. His knowledge and detail were very inciteful with an in depth knowledge of the history and folklore of the plant or animals he was talking about. In January we had talk by Hazel Harradance and Tracy Eliot about the history of Boconnoc. This was from notes provided by Dr Catherine Lorigan.

We have an event every month, a free quarterly newsletter where you see detailed write ups. If you are not already members of FOLV and are interested in joining please see our website <https://www.luxulyanvalley.co.uk/> Please see page 11 for diary dates.

The following came via Network Rail. Planned works by Network Rail at Pontois Viaduct.

You will see our teams setting up our compound areas and erecting scaffolding during the month of January, The main works will start from February, this will involve repairing sections of the structures main girder beams before replacing the deck during a two week period between March 5th to March 19th 2025. On completion of the deck replacement our teams will be carrying out further repairs and painting to the structure and will do so until the end of June 2025

The nature of our work often means noise and disruption such as footpath closures is unavoidable, we're aware we'll be working close to your home and will try to minimise disruption as much as possible.

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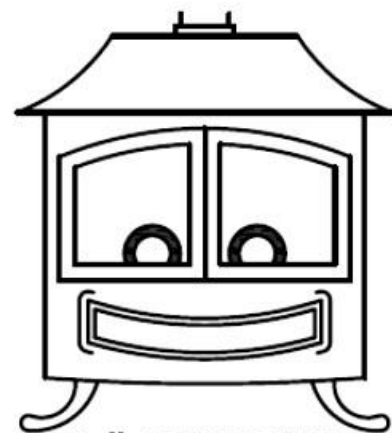
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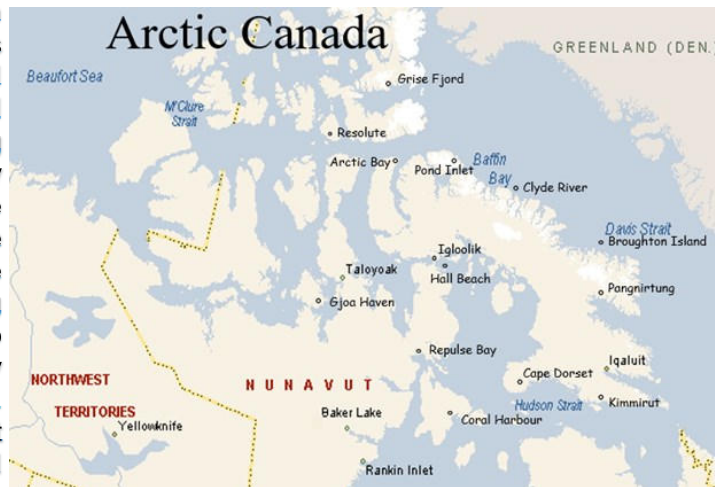


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A TRAVELLER'S TALE FROM A BYGONE ERA – 7 ARCTIC ADVENTURES

In 1995, I got a phone call from a Chris Wright – a Brit living in Canada. Could I pop onto a plane and come over to Edmonton, Alberta to help with a project – the next day if possible? Whilst I had never met this gentleman, I had done some work for him for a Montreal symposium some 4 years earlier. Anyway, having verified this was a legitimate request, I arrived in Edmonton and met the board of the company concerned to discuss the proposal. Background: this was a logistics and transportation company active in the Canadian Arctic which had ideas about being the next supplier of one year's worth of oil products (some 200,000 tonnes of petrol, jet fuel and diesel) and other goods, all to be delivered by sea during the short ice-free summer delivery season to the many settlements which made up the Eastern part of the Northwest Territories, (later in 1999 to become the separate Territory of Nunavut). This would involve quite complex planning and operational considerations involving many ports (*some shown on the map*) all with differing ship size accessibility and storage facilities, so the company wanted to put in a bid with a full plan to the Government. To cut a long story short, having subsequently worked on it for several weeks we were awarded the contract. As I result, I found myself visiting the Arctic many times in the following seven years.



To start with, I visited the council chamber in Yellowknife (then the capital) and was intrigued to find all notices served in eight languages. Beside the obligatory English and French, we had Inuktitut (Inuit) and five other "First Nations" – Dogrib, Chipewyan, South Slavey, North Slavey and Gwich'in. Must make the meetings quite lengthy with all that translation required but also employs a few people!

What about the food? Well – not bad - arctic char of course and caribou stew were fine. Vegetables had to be flown in and sold in the Northern Stores (a successor to the Hudson's Bay Company). Less desirable was muktuk - a traditional source of vitamin C for the Inuit - made from raw frozen seal or whale blubber. I ranked this alongside fermented shark bites tasted in Iceland, as some of the less pleasant food of the world. Alcohol was available in some hotels but not generally for members of the communities, as in most, it was banned.

Summer: The hotels (sort of!) didn't have curtains and so in summer, one needed to wear eye shades or put up foil in windows at night. I recall one of my first summer visits where I took a short drive on one of the few roads to visit a lake. Within seconds of stepping out of the car, I was covered in a variety of flies all eager for a bite. Particularly nasty were swarms of "bulldogs" a giant deer fly. Ah, so this explained why the fishermen on the lake were wearing what appeared to be bee-keeping outfits! Otherwise, with the ice roads melted, it was a plane everywhere. I did have the good fortune to bump into the owner of Buffalo Airways one day and got a ride in one their ageing DC-3s.

Normally they just carried cargo, but this was one fitted out with a few armchairs for occasional passenger duty.



Ice lake winter living on house boats

Winter: Without doubt, the Arctic was a better experience in winter. The dramatic frozen waterfalls of the Hay River, the peaceful lakes with their house boats and cars alongside on the ice, the pristine wilderness seemingly stretching to nowhere – all very attractive. Husky puppies frolicking in the snow and of course the Northern Lights. Walking was OK as long as you were well prepared; it used to take 15 minutes to dress up ready for a short stroll of a few blocks. Movement was very laboured especially if there was any wind and the temperature was below -40 as it frequently was.

Of course, there was the downside to life, poverty, the need for hand-outs to many indigenous persons, family feuds, mental health issues, which all seem to be exacerbated by the long dark winter nights, as I learned about when I literally bumped into the Anglican Bishop of the Arctic at an airport. He was based in Yellowknife, and had the largest Diocese in the world, with an area greater than 1 million square miles, but with a total population of less than 70,000 spread across the many communities. Must have made commuting to visit his flock quite interesting I guess!

Erithacus
Your roving correspondent

DICKENS AND FRIENDS TELL MINING STORIES IN LANLIVERY CHURCH



Miners marching to work, led by a Bal Maiden

On November 23rd While Storm Bert was battering our coast and decisions were taken to cancel many other events, a brave team of very young people, supported by adult volunteers and professionals, defied the elements to ensure their long-anticipated Dickens show would happen. After all, the enthusiastic work of our primary school children was carefully set out in a fantastic display (images on back cover), the church was transformed into a dance and theatre space, young and old were all prepared. It simply was not an option to postpone to a later day, so near to Christmas.

Near the start Dickens shared his description of a Cornish mining landscape, along with a suggestion that these words from 'A Christmas Carol' could easily have been penned beside Helman Tor!

"They stood upon a bleak and desert moor, where monstrous masses of rude stone were cast about, as though it were the burial-place of giants; water spread itself wheresoever it listed, or would have done so, but for the frost that held it prisoner; and nothing grew but moss and furze, and coarse, rank grass. Down in the west the setting sun had left a streak of fiery red, which glared upon the desolation for an instant, like a sullen eye. And frowning lower, lower, lower yet was lost in the thick gloom of darkest night. "What place is this?" asked Scrooge. "A place where miners live, who labour in the bowels of the earth" returned the Spirit."

This same theme of connections between Dickens and Cornwall carried through all the readings and on during the following refreshment time, when audience were invited to study an astonishing map of our parish showing 42 different mines, which first operated in Tudor times and ended around the time of WW1.

We could easily fill more pages with details of the whole project, and future plans - clearly our little event just scraped the surface of parish mining history; we hope there will be many more stories to explore and share in 2025. To keep in the loop with everything to come please either follow on Facebook or send an email to enquiry@themeadowbarns.co.uk.

Thank you to all for supporting this unique occasion - actors and readers, the school staff and children and of course, the church wardens, parishioners and RT, our chef! (See back cover for another photo.)



Digging down to the buried alluvial tin layer on Red Moor, Lanlivery in Cornwall c.1910 prior to using water (tin streaming) to separate the waste from the ore. Apart from the wheelbarrows little may have changed since prehistoric times (Penhallurick 1986).

Caroline Stephenson

FRIENDS OF FOWEY ESTUARY

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

LOVE YOUR BEACH DAY

Friends of Fowey Estuary get together to celebrate our lovely beach

Date: Saturday 15 February

Time: 12:00 noon

Meet: Readymoney Beach, Fowey SX117512. Car Park PL23 1DG

TALK - 'Ten years of Seals in St Austell Bay' by Rob Wells

Date: Wednesday 26 February

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Meet: Gallants Sailing Club, PL23 1DA

MARCH EVENTS:

POLLINATOR TALK & BUG HOUSE BUILDING WORKSHOP

Joint event with **Golant Heritage Group** (Donations welcomed)

Date: Saturday 22 March

Time: 11:00 am for talk/2:00 pm for workshop

Meet: Golant Village Hall

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AGM & TALKS

Update: St Austell Bay Seagrass, Maerl beds, etc. by

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By the time you read this we will well and truly be looking forward to spring! It has been a very wet winter and as I write (early January) we have had more rain in the first six days of January than we normally get in one month! (And under a yellow warning for ice and snow) We have fortunately secured funding (thank you Luxulyan Community Fund) to enable us to plan to dig out a pond area down at LEGGS in the spring...ironically we will need some dry weather to enable us to do this!

At a quick visit to LEGGS recently we found that the daffodils were beginning to push through the grasses; the children from the school planted them a couple of years ago and they are beginning to become very established. They will put on a great show this March/April. We have also sown lots of donated wildflower seeds which we hope will put on a good display this summer although we suspect the soil is still a bit too rich for many wildflowers!

We enjoy hosting a variety of community groups - In December we hosted the Outdoor Nativity for the church and regularly host 'Skylarks: Meeting God in nature'. In January we look forward to hosting our first Wassail, in conjunction with Luxulyan and District Old Cornwall Society. The Wassail is a tradition stretching back into time where the apple trees are woken up (with lots of noise), fed (with cider!) and the birds are encouraged to eat toast dipped in apple juice from the apple trees. In the past it was believed that all of this would encourage a good harvest of apples in the autumn! We also hope that the school will continue to use the area to complement their curriculum studies.

Work continues each second Saturday of the month with our volunteer mornings – even in winter! We've had some of the best weather during the winter on these mornings – sunny and mild and much has been achieved. We need to continue to keep the paths clear for visitors and will need more wood chips soon. The tasks range from the gentle to the more energetic but there is always something for every ability and age and you can stay for as long or as little time as you wish! Refreshments always provided.

Our next volunteer mornings will take place on:
Saturday 8 February 10 am – 1 pm
Saturday 8 March 10 am – 1 pm

We look forward to seeing you!

Shelley Porter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LANLIVERY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last term, we were visited by Ofsted, and I am pleased to report that we have maintained our good standard of education. The inspectors recognised our school as being a welcoming and inspiring environment for young learners.

Our pupils embody respect, a quality that is nurtured through our tailored, child-centred approach to learning. We believe in setting high expectations for our pupils' achievements, and it is a joy to see them rise to these challenges. Our children are enthusiastic learners who actively want to succeed, which is reflected in their enjoyment of coming to school each day. The sense of community within our school is akin to that of a close-knit family, where each child is valued and supported. This nurturing environment helps foster a love of learning and a strong sense of belonging amongst all pupils and staff.

We currently have spaces in our preschool and across the school and welcome visitors to come and find out more about the village school. Please contact Mrs Couchman at secretary@lanliveryprimary.co.uk or call 01208 872662.

Miss Lauren Howell
Head of School

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LANLIVERY FEAST WEEK

The Lanlivery Feast Committee would love to welcome new people onto the organising committee to help make Feast Week a success. We have three or four meetings a year. So, if you would like to bring yourselves and any new ideas, or just help in any way, just come along to the meetings. It would be greatly appreciated.

Lanlivery Feast Week is a non-profit making event, however, we do make some money on some of the events, which we donate to local charities. The next meeting will take place on Monday 24th February at 6.30pm in Lanlivery Church Meeting Room.

For further information, please ring me on 01208 872815, or just speak to any committee member.

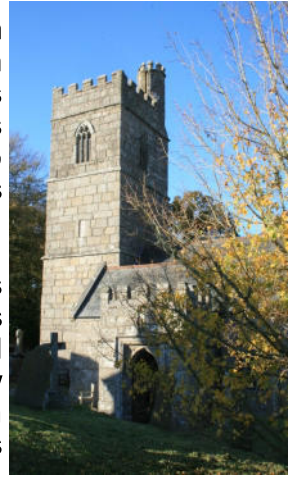
Cath Haley
Secretary of the Feast Committee

FROM CHURCH



New beginnings are all the age in January. Desires to learn from mistakes and motivations of the past. The past is so important in how we address the future. The past makes us with its glories and wounds. The wounds are particularly important because it is in the mistakes that we learn more about ourselves and also hopefully we can be more generous when others make mistakes that affect us.

They say education is wasted on the young and indeed life's experiences teach us that this is indeed so. How life's experiences prepare us to learn, appreciate what we learn and lead us to learn more. Yet somehow that model, as lamented by the older is not how species survive. Rather we impart knowledge to those that come after, based on our own experiences knowing that actually the only way the younger generation will learn is to mess it up for themselves.



Now this all seems a bit depressing on a cold January night to write. But actually, that is where our hope is. If messing up is crucial to the meaning of life then there is hope for all of us, because all of us mess up and yet the world is still turning.

Thank you all for accepting me as the new Jules, just with less hair. And I hope together we can build a future for the village based on the many experiences of all our pasts.

Chris

FROM CHAPEL



As I write we are probably taking down the Christmas decorations which apparently is one of the riskiest things that we can do in our homes. We are warned to avoid adding to the pressures on our already over-stretched Accident and Emergency Departments by being careful when using that potentially dangerous piece of domestic equipment: the step ladder. This may be a slight over exaggeration, but we get the message.



When I worked in the NHS, even the risk assessments were risk-assessed! I was part of a team identifying the risks to people's health and well-being in their changed circumstances and sought to minimise the risks as far as possible. Life itself is a risky business, but there are two types of risk. The first is the reckless fools-rush-in-where-angels-fear-to-tread sort of the risk. The second is the risk associated with love. To love risks nothing less than risking our very selves to others. As many love songs tell us, please be careful, I'm giving you my heart. Love is risky because it is generous, it is open, it has no strings attached.

When I first became a local preacher, someone commented on the risk I was taking. I replied that God seemed to be taking an even bigger risk. God seems to be a risk-taking God. We see this in the risk of giving us this beautiful planet to be our home, in giving us each other to care for. We see this most of all in Jesus.

Think of the risks Jesus took out of his love for people. He risked being misunderstood by his nearest and dearest. He risked the outright rejection of those with another agenda in life. He risked the apathy of the people, and the might of the Roman Empire. He risked betrayal with a kiss, leading to death on a Cross. Risky, generous love is open, has no strings attached. The Jesus sort of risky, generous love is honoured by God.

God's risky love was re-born with the first Easter morning and re-ignited in the lives of people through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The risky work of love was entrusted to ordinary people like Peter and Andrew, James and John, Paul and Barnabas. The risky work of love is now entrusted to you and me to continue to offer the love which is open, has no strings attached. As we travel through 2025 may we know and show the love that is a risk worth taking, because by grace through faith this love will be honoured by God.

Yours in Christ

Revd Iris
Gunwen Methodist Church

NEWS FROM GUNWEN



Our pre-Christmas Coffee Morning and Raffle raised the grand total of £394 for Chapel Funds. There was a superb display of winter vegetables, cakes, pots of jam and bric-a-brac, with a raffle of many prizes to be won.

December 15th saw the community coming together with their best singing voices for the Carol Service. The eleven carols were interspersed with readings retelling the Christmas Story. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night, sung to the tune Lyngham, nearly raised the chapel roof! The enjoyable evening was finished with tea, mince pies and much conviviality. The collection of £193 was divided between the chapel and the charity, St Petros.

The Old Christmas Day celebration of Epiphany and Twelfth Night was attended by over 40 people from the community. The musicians were our Friends from Rescorla and there was carol singing, readings, a quiz, a raffle and a table heavily laden with the Faith Tea. The photo shows the impromptu kings singing their individual verse from We Three Kings and joined by the rest of us. Hard to believe that it lasted for nearly three hours so we must have enjoyed it completely.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed in some way to make all three events so successful. Thank You.

Future events: March 2nd at 11am there will be a Steward led Fellowship with a St David's/St Piran's Day theme followed by a pasty lunch (suggested donation of £5) and an afternoon of music and dance led by Garry Tregidga and Friends of Rescorla Centre.

March 16th at 11am will be a Fellowship, Steward led, for St Patrick's Day.

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

ORGANISATION OFFERS FREE ACTIVITY DAYS AND WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES FACING TERMINAL ILLNESS

Families with children experiencing the challenges of a parent or carer having a terminal illness are invited to take part in a series of free activity days and workshops, designed to provide support, connection, and meaningful memories.

Organised by Gunners Kids CIC, these events offer unique opportunities for families to spend quality time together while accessing resources and guidance for the journey ahead.

Upcoming Events

Forest School and Equine-Based Activities at The Hugs Foundation **When:** Tuesday, 18th February **Where:** The Hugs Foundation, Bodmin Families can enjoy a day of nature-inspired activities and connect with animals in a serene environment, fostering comfort and creating treasured moments together.

Booking link: <https://forms.gle/y8sKiDehTrixXsxf8> £5 per family - support available for low income families

Valentine's Memory-Making Workshop at Newquay Family Hub **When:** Friday, 9th February **Where:** Newquay Family Hub Celebrate love and togetherness with a creative Valentine's workshop designed to help families make heartfelt keepsakes and lasting memories. **Booking link:** <https://forms.gle/21ULhPHHgRHBgA319> Free

Information Session and Karate Activity at St Blazey Family Hub **When:** Saturday, 23rd March **Where:** St Blazey Family Hub Adults can gain valuable insights into practical topics like wills, power of attorney, and insurance, while children engage in a fun Karate activity session. **Booking link:** <https://forms.gle/aakMaNh3cVf4mERV7> Free

These events are designed to provide families with an opportunity to bond, learn, and find moments of joy amid challenging circumstances. By combining activities for children and resources for adults, Gunners Kids CIC aims to support families in a holistic way.

Gunners Kids CIC also offers support boxes specially designed for children. Families can register to receive a box by completing the form available here: <https://forms.gle/ZPYEdJALjciSfgPW6>. The registration link can also be found on the organisation's Facebook page.

Set up in memory of Chris Gunner who passed away in April this year after a three year battle with Bowel Cancer, the organisation aims to enable families to create lasting memories with their loved ones by offering activities, workshops, information, and peer support in a safe, understanding, and welcoming environment.

For more information, please contact: Tamsin Chapman-Gunner, tamsin@gunnerskids.org or visit www.gunnerskids.org

*Tamsin Chapman-Gunner ACIM
Co Founder and Director
Gunners Kids CIC*

Lanlivery Church News and Services

Lanlivery Services

During the time of transition there may be changes to services. We will endeavour to keep to our 9.30 schedule.

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

February 2025

2nd, Candlemas

9.30 Morning Prayer

9th, 4 before Lent

9.30 Morning Prayer

16th, 3 before Lent

9.30 Morning Prayer

23rd, 2 before Lent

9.30 Eucharist

March

2nd, Sunday before Lent

9.30 Morning Prayer

5th, Ash Wednesday

6.00 Service at St. Bart's

9th, Lent 1

9.30 Morning Prayer

16th, Lent 2

9.30 Eucharist (Rural Dean)

23rd, Lent 3

9.30 Morning Prayer

30th, Mothering Sunday

9.30 Morning Prayer



From the Registers

Memorial service: 26th November 2024: David Anthony Chapman, a loyal supporter and benefactor of Lanlivery Church.

May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Transition:

While we are without a rector in the Benefice, if you require help or information, please contact the Church Office (details below) or one of the church wardens who may be able to point you in the right direction!

Be assured that work is in hand, with the assistance of the Archdeacon, Rural Dean and Diocese, to appoint a new incumbent.

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lanlivery@gmail.com

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Ruth Mary Pollard

Joseph Ford

David Bayley

Grace Chalmers Harris

Nicholas Kendall

Humphrey Bowmar York

Rita Adams

John Vincent

LUXULYAN CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SOUP & SWEET IN LUXULYAN CHURCH



Soup & Sweet is usually 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 February and 2nd March 2025.

PRAYER WALKS

Luxulyan church organises a prayer walk in the parish once a month. If you would like to join us or have a particular person or place that you would like us to pray about please contact Shelley on:

famporter58@gmail.com
or 07761 798220

ST AUSTELL FOOD BANK – helping local people in crisis

We are happy to receive donations for the food bank at any time. Don't forget to include toiletries as well as staples such as tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, soups, and treats (chocolates etc). Toilet rolls also very welcome!

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

SKYLARKS

Our next session of Skylarks will take place on **Sunday 9 February at 2.30 pm** and will explore the topic of "Love".

See also article on page 8 of this edition for further details.

SAVE THE DATE



Spring Quiz

Saturday

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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!

Sunday 2nd February

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Sunday 9th February

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 16th February

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 23rd February

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 2nd March

11 am Parish Praise

Local Worship Leaders

Wednesday 5th March

5 pm Ash Wednesday

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 9th March

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Barry Browning

Sunday 16th March

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 23rd March

11 am Sung Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

Sunday 30th March

11 am Mothering Sunday
(non-Eucharist);
followed by separate
supplementary Eucharist

Rev Chris McQuillen-Wright

CONTACT DETAILS FOR LUXULYAN CHURCH

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Book & Bake

Saturday 1st
March

10am -12noon in
church



COUNTRY DIARY

12th NOVEMBER 2024

A raven calls 'cronk cronk' from his perch in the tall ash above the flower garden. A song thrush appears in the feeding area and a starling pays a brief visit. All the stamens have now fallen from the ivy blooms where some wasps now seek in vain, for nectar.



14th NOVEMBER

Dull and damp. Goldcrests call around the lower ponds area and a dunnock sings.

20th NOVEMBER

Out in the cold, still night, a male tawny owl calls tremulously over the front garden.

23rd NOVEMBER

Storm Bert charges in bringing heavy rain and violent winds.

26th NOVEMBER

The song thrush begins to 'tune up' briefly in the poplars.

29th NOVEMBER

Hazel leaves flicker like dappled sunlight on this gloomy day.

30th NOVEMBER

A mild day. Standing in the garden, I listen to the wind souging in the distant pines, sounding like a turbulent sea, while, nearby, the sub songs of several blackbirds' whisper of a false spring. Two minutes before sunset the song thrush, with newfound confidence, sings lustily just beyond the garden.

7th DECEMBER

Storm Durragh makes landfall in the early hours with gusts of 71 mph in our area. The hazels have been mercilessly stripped of their dead leaves.

11th DECEMBER

A chilly, grey day. A great tit's cheery call briefly relieves the gloom.

12th DECEMBER

Twenty blackbirds jostle for food this morning. I am surprised to discover a plump hedgehog feeding from its bowl at 7.30 pm. The temperature is 7°C.



13th DECEMBER

A great-spotted woodpecker begins his territorial 'drumming' in the old apple tree.



17th DECEMBER

Along the Pentewan Valley my eyes are drawn to the midwinter beauty of the leafless trees. Steadfast sentinels of the rolling, verdant fields.

21st DECEMBER

The winter solstice. Rain all day. The nuthatches return to the feeders after an absence of several weeks.

25th DECEMBER

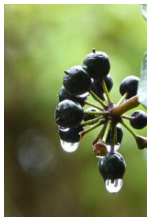
The great-spotted woodpecker continues to proclaim his presence to usher in this Christmas morning. Three robins arrive.

26th DECEMBER

Neighbour Brenda reports a recent sighting of eight long-tailed tits on her bird feeder.

27th DECEMBER

The great tit calls briefly and a dunnock sings. A male blackbird feasts on newly ripened ivy berries on Rowan Bank. This will provide a vital food source for the birds as this year I notice that the hawthorns have failed to produce almost no fruit as a result of the very wet spring. The Woodland Trust reports that the elderberry crop is significantly down, but this is not the case here. There have been plenty around the garden. The Trust also found that ivy provided a low fruit score. Once again not so here. The berries are abundant, and I will delay cutting any branches until all the harvest has been devoured.



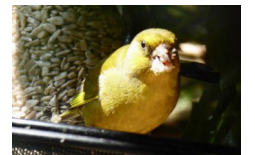
31st DECEMBER



A robin joins me as I brush the remaining leaf litter below the 'Padstow' beech. A gale is rising and tonight it howls around the house as the year ebbs away. I think of the robin roosting amongst the wind-tossed boughs as exploding fireworks shatter the midnight skies.

1st JANUARY 2025

Rain all day. Amongst all the birds constantly visiting the feeders I count seven greenfinches.



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COUNTRY DIARY



3rd JANUARY
A sharp frost this morning. At midday a buzzard perches awhile in the tall ash by the potting shed, surveying the scene.

1st FEBRUARY 1991

Snow still lies on the fields. A very sharp frost this morning and roads are described as lethal. Every tree and plant has been transformed into an ornament of sparkling, crystalline beauty.



9th FEBRUARY 1991
Willow wood is cloaked in a mantle of pristine snow. A blood-red sun, devoid of its power, dies behind the sleeping trees.

9th FEBRUARY 1996



As I pick in my washing I turn to see a robin bathing vigorously in POND 5.

11th FEBRUARY 2005

This morning David discovers several masses of frog spawn in the shallow end of POND 2. We return together and find many frogs croaking and mating. We then take our leave so as not to cause any further disturbance.

2nd MARCH 2005

Returning home through the village we observe a 'charm' of goldfinches on the alders teasing out the seeds from their little cones

19th MARCH 2005

David sees the first brimstone butterfly of the year and I hear the first chiffchaff. The first slow worm is waking beneath its hibernation shelter. FAREWELL WINTER!

Kathryn Hill

LUXULYAN CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

At the King's Arms, Luxulyan, on the last Thursday in each month there is a Charity Coffee Morning kindly hosted by Sam and the team. The money raised goes towards various projects around village; most recently it has given money the school towards the expenses of the Breakfast Club as part of the Just Giving page that has been set up for raising funds and some to Adam for his Marathon bid on 23rd November. Coffee/tea, a piece of cake and a raffle ticket each cost £1. If you can bring along a small raffle prize as well, that will be gratefully received. The next meetings will be 27th February and 27th March. We look forward to seeing you.

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Thursday 20th February

THE CRITIC (2024)

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Thursday 20th March

GLADIATOR 2 (2024)

From legendary director Ridley Scott, Gladiator II continues the epic saga of power, intrigue, and vengeance set in Ancient Rome. Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. With rage in his heart and the future of the Empire at stake, Lucius must look to his past to find strength and honour to return the glory of Rome to its people.

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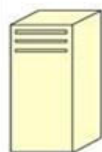


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Wendy Lewis

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY 2025

Wednesdays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	2.00 – 4.00pm 7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Chair Yoga	10.00 – 11.00am	Luxulyan Village Hall
Fridays	Luxulyan Short Mat Bowls	7.00 - 9.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 1 st	LADS Reunion	7pm for 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Saturday 1 st	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Sunday 2 nd	Soup and Sweet	12.00pm	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 5 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00pm	The King's Arms
Saturday 8 th	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Sunday 9 th	Skylarks	2.30pm	Glebe Land
Wednesday 12 th	WI	7.00 pm	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Thursday 13 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Wednesday 19 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 19 th	FOLV - Andy Payne	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 20 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film starts @ 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Monday 24 th	Lanlivery Feast Meeting	6.30pm	Lanlivery Church
Thursday 27 th	Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms

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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 st	Plant Swap & Coffee morning	10.00 am	Luxulyan Memorial Institute
Saturday 1 st	Book and Bake	10.00am	Luxulyan Church
Sunday 2 nd	Soup & Sweet	12.00 Noon	Luxulyan Church
Wednesday 5 th	Luxulyan Overs 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Saturday 8 th	LEGGs Volunteer Day	10.00am – 1.00pm	Glebe Land
Monday 10th	COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL/MAY 2025 GRANITE TOWERS		
Wednesday 12 th	WI	7.00pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 13 th	Lanlivery Over 60s	12.00 Noon	The Crown Inn
Wednesday 19 th	Luxulyan Over 50s	12.00 Noon	The King's Arms
Wednesday 19 th	FOLV – AGM	7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 20 th	Luxulyan Community Cinema	Film Starts 7.30pm	Luxulyan Village Hall
Thursday 27 th	Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am	The King's Arms



1. Lanlivery, January sky - Meg Green

2. Spring - Kathryn Hill

3. Lanlivery Over 60s Christmas Lunch - Peggy Langdown

4. Dickens - Meadow Barns

5. Luxulyan Mistletoe Market 2024

6&7 Lanlivery School artwork, Engine Houses

8 Luxulyan Nativity 2024