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# FROM THE EDITOR

**Hello everyone** and welcome to the last issue of this year, and what a year it has been! Looking back to a year ago we certainly never used the words 'bubble', 'face mask', 'tier', 'flattening the curve' or 'zoom' to translate not what they mean now, along with many other 'unprecedented' words...

News of the potential vaccines has given us all renewed hope, along with the possibility (as we write this) that we may be able to see family & friends this Christmas and possibly do some festive things!

On page 30 there is an exciting list of hopeful events in Cornwall, and on page 8 you can find Cornish Christmas words to practise for the festive season. We also have some Christmas themed quizzes on pages 15 & 28.

We would also like to welcome our new contributor 'News from Bodmin Airfield' to our community magazine.

**Merry Christmas and wishing you all very healthy, happy New Year!**

*Polly & Marc*



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|               |         |                  |
|---------------|---------|------------------|
| December 6th  | 9.30am  | Holy Communion   |
| December 13th | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
| December 20th | 9.30 am | Holy Communion   |
| December 25th | 10 am   | Family Communion |
| December 27th | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer   |
| January 3rd   | 9.30 am | Holy Communion   |
| January 10th  | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer   |
| January 17th  | 9.30 am | Holy Communion   |
| January 24th  | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer   |
| January 31st  | 9.30 am | Holy Communion   |

Please note all the above services are subject to alteration in the light of changes in Covid restrictions.

We are delighted to have been able to hold services until the beginning of the second lock down, including a short Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. In addition to the above we hope to hold a Carol Service which we will arrange when we hear how this may be possible. There are other activities we are considering, including the postponed Tea Party, but are waiting for further guidance. Look out for details on posters and notices on social media and email.



I hope you have seen the splendid banners produced by Cornish Printworks: one for Harvest Festival and the other for Remembrance, we also have a Christmas one. We are anxious to let everyone know St Meubred's Church community is still active in the parish.

The church is open everyday for private prayer, please feel free to go in but adhere to social distancing and use the sanitizer provided when entering and leaving the building.

Keep well, I hope to see you soon.  
Libby



# BODMIN TEAM MINISTRY

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*Dear Friends,*

What a year 2020 has been, I don't think any of us predicted what has happened. I heard on the news yesterday that "Lockdown" has topped the new word entry in a well-known dictionary. As I write this we are about to enter the season of Advent – made popular in recent times by the promotion of Advent calendars counting down the days to Christmas.

In the church's year Advent is a season of solemn preparation for the big festival in the same way that Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, a time for fasting and prayer. In all my years in Christian ministry I have never heard anyone ask "***What are you giving up for Advent?***" in the way that people ask about Lent.

This year it feels as if we are giving up a lot for Advent – in order to be able to celebrate Christmas. We are giving up being able to meet together as family and friends. Many have had to give up work. We have had to give up meeting together for worship. All of this has been imposed but will only be effective if we comply.



In many ways Advent is a season of hope. One of my favourite aspects of the season is the lighting of Advent candles.

Each of the four Sundays in Advent a different candle is lit symbolising the people who prepared the way for the birth of Jesus: Patriarchs (Abraham, Moses etc.) Prophets, John the Baptist and Mary. The white candle in the middle is lit on Christmas day celebrating the birth of Jesus.

The birth of Jesus, whatever date that might have been, marks a turning point in the history of God's dealings with His people. In Jesus God himself takes on human form and dwells with us, hence the name given to Jesus "*Emmanuel*" God with us. Whatever darkness we may face in our own lives we worship a God who knows and understands. When Jesus lived on earth he taught about and demonstrated the kingdom of God – a kingdom of justice, peace and harmony. During Advent we look forward not just to Christmas but to that time when the kingdom of God will be seen in all its fulness – no more death and disease, all tears wiped away and in its place everlasting peace and light.

May that day come soon. Happy Christmas and a hope-filled new year.

***Every blessing, John Hereward***



Helpline lunch club members will be sad to learn that Peter Seymour sadly passed away on 21st November. Margaret was with him when he died, and we send her and the family our sincere sympathy.

**Shirley, Gill, Julia and Rosemary**  
and all from the Cardinham & Millpool community

## **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! WELL DONE ROBIN!**

*The latest update on Robin's recovery. 3rd October 2020*

*We have worked him hard to get to this stage and it was, as we knew it would be, a real challenge for him. We hadn't factored in Storm Alex and 60 mph winds on the top of Brown Willy but with me pulling, Merlin pushing and Lizzie pushing the three of us we made it.*



*Determined to fly the Cornish flag of St. Piran, Robin nearly took off on the top!*

A steadying hand and singing Cornish songs all the way down, we walked back to Jamaica Inn to dry out and reflect on the last five months of determination that got us five gruelling miles. It is more than wonderful to have him back in good health and thank you NHS and Derriford Hospital. We found about 50 people had climbed Brown Willy to be with us on the top in bubbles of six, including Kate Tantam, the wonderful Specialist Sister ICU / Rehabilitation nurse who created the healing garden at Derriford. She spoke about the need for more healing gardens and how proud she, and Derriford Hospital, are of Robin, his grit and courage, and his passion to see more gardens to help more very ill patients. At this point I burst into tears and pretty much blubbed all the way down the hill.

We have now raised over £67,000 for the ICU / Rehab garden at Treliske. We hope more will come in, in this week's Country Life, and the BBC film on the story of Robin's illness, recovery and challenge which will be shown before Christmas. And, of course, gift aid will help us get to our target of £100,000 – we hope!

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*Merry Christmas wishes to you all and thanks for your support, Louella Hanbury-Tenison*





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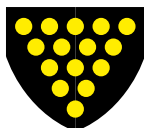
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# Village Greens

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As the country goes into another lockdown, we would like to remind everyone that Village Greens is still here, serving the community.

We are still operating a box scheme in a Covid-safe manner. From the early days of this scheme we have become more streamlined and our weekly shopping list now covers a good range of items with groceries, fruit, vegetables, dairy and baked produce. We often have locally produced meat, although you have to be quick, as there is a high demand for this!

As Christmas approaches we have a Christmas Gifts and Treats list with edible treats and ethically sourced gifts. There will be some frozen veg to tide you over the holiday season, Christmas poultry and plenty of locally produced clotted cream.

So if you would like to be included on the Village Greens weekly shopping list, please email Lynda on **[vilaverde@btinternet.com](mailto:vilaverde@btinternet.com)**. You would be very welcome. Also if you know of anyone who is reluctant to go out to the shops and would appreciate our service please let us know. There is no minimum order, and no obligation to place an order every week. We can offer deliveries to anyone who is unable to collect, payment by bank transfer is preferred, but we can accept cash by prior arrangement.

In these very difficult times, please keep safe, keep distanced, and let us know if we can assist you.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at Team Village Greens*

## CHRISTMAS WORDS IN CORNISH

*Here are a few Cornish language phrases to get you through the festive period.*

**Nadelik Lowen!** Merry Christmas!

**Pastigow brewgik dentethyel yw** Delicious mince pie

**Tamm yeyn yw** It's a little chilly

**Henn yw ro pur vras** That's a very big present

**Eus keus?** Is there any cheese?

**Gwedhen Nadelik teg yw** Lovely Christmas tree

**Mar leun avel oy** As full as an egg

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# Cardinham School

Grow your mind; aim high

Cardinham School are calling all parents whose children are starting school in September 2021

We understand that choosing a school for your child is an important decision and would like to help parents make the right choice. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you wish to know more about our school before making this decision. See below for a brief synopsis of who we are.

At Cardinham Primary School, we encourage children to: 'Grow your mind; aim high'. Set in the centre of Cornwall, our small school caters for the children of the village of Cardinham, outlying farms and hamlets and children from larger towns who can benefit from the friendly, caring, nurturing and family atmosphere of which we are proud. We pride ourselves on our involvement in the community. The beautiful Cardinham Woods are within safe walking distance from our school and we aim to utilise the outdoors at every given opportunity. Our behaviour management is based on emphasising the positive and drawing attention to what children are doing well, not on criticising their faults. We follow the message, 'treat children as they might become, not as they are'.

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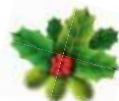
Due to the restrictions our Harvest Festival was a rather more low key affair than usual. Nevertheless, Rod Harrison led a lovely service and our appeal for contributions to the Food Bank was very successful.

The second lockdown has curtailed our activities once again, and we are grateful for the weekly service from Alistair, reflections from Sally and the Circuit Newsletter. The Chorale has gone back to Zooming each Monday evening. We even held our Autumn Church Council on Zoom, when we agreed on setting dates for 2021 in the hope that they will be able to take place. **Our Covenant Service** is planned for **Sunday 17th January at 3.00 pm**, and the dedication of our new chairs on **Sunday 23rd May**.

We would like to think our Christmas Eve Service will be able to go ahead and perhaps a Christingle earlier in December, but who knows. We will have to wait and see if this lockdown has the desired effect.



***Christmas greetings to you all from us at Millpool Chapel and hopefully a better year ahead for us all in 2021.***



## *News from Bodmin Airfield*

### **Royal visit to Cardinham**



Cardinham played host to royalty for a fleeting hour in September when Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal flew into Bodmin Airfield in a helicopter of the Royal Flight. Princess Anne has been Patron of the Citizens Advice Bureau since 1990 and was visiting advisors in Bodmin to thank them for keeping up their vital service from their homes during the first lockdown. It's unusual for the royal helicopters to have to use airfields, as they can usually land very close to the site of a visit, but in this case the airfield was the best option.

The visit was three weeks in the planning, and the airfield manager was sworn to secrecy. Most arrangements were made by email and phone, but on the day before the visit some 'men in black' arrived in anonymous vehicles to check security. A few hours before the Princess was due some Close Protection Officers from Devon & Cornwall police arrived in a small convoy. It was all quite low-key. Princess Anne's Sikorsky S76 helicopter arrived from Falmouth, where she had visited the Maritime Museum, and the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Edward Bolitho, was waiting at the airfield to greet her. The transfer to her BMW took only minutes, and the convoy carried her off.

While they waited for her return, helicopter pilots Captain Marcus Brooks and Captain Adam Belton were given tea and muffins by Dot Elderkin, who lives at Little Downs and runs the airfield's café, Diner 31, which has unfortunately been closed for most of this year.

The Princess returned after just over an hour, and the helicopter took her back to her home, Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire.

*Pat Malone*

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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Questions marked with a star are for little ones. Good luck, and have fun!  
Answers are at the bottom of the page... And remember, no peeking!

1. According to the poem, 'The Night Before Christmas', how many reindeer did Santa have to pull his sleigh? Eight, nine or ten?
2. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
3. What is the name of the character in Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' who gets visited by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future?
4. A foreign city has donated a huge Christmas tree to the people of Britain every year since 1947, which is always displayed in Trafalgar Square. Which city is it? A) Munich B) Stockholm or c) Oslo
5. \* How many days are there on a traditional advent calendar? 12, 24, 31?
6. \* In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas' how many gold rings does the singer's 'true love' give him?
7. There are 365 days in a year. What number day is Christmas Day?
8. Why did Father Christmas need Rudolf the Reindeer to use his large, glowing nose to guide his sleigh?
9. What is the last day of Christmas called?
10. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas?
11. What is 'Happy Christmas' in Spanish?
12. \* When Santa got stuck up the chimney, his beard was all black, his nose was tickling, and what did he have in his sack?

Answers: 1. Eight 2. A coin 3. Ebenezer Scrooge 4. Oslo 5. 24 6. Five 7. 365  
8. It was foggy on Christmas Eve 9. Twelfth Night 10. Poinsettia 11. Feliz Navidad 12. Soot





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# ✿ CARDINHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ✿

Like other clubs and societies around the country we were unable to fulfil our autumn programme. However the good news: by holding a committee meeting on Zoom we have put together a programme for 2021 starting with the **AGM on January 11th, at 8pm**, also on Zoom. This will be a quite different format from our usual start of the year get together with a talk, but as always open to members and non-members. Non members need to let me know if they want to join so I am able to send the necessary log in details.

The programme will be available from the AGM. There are no visits or talks planned until April 14th when we kick off a full programme with a visit to the always lovely RHS Rosemoor Garden. This is followed by a celebration of the 30th (well actually 31st!) anniversary of the club's foundation in the garden of Tony Ryde in May, our thanks to him for his very generous offer to host us.

We are very excited that we will start the year with a new website including some interesting ways to allow members a chance to interact. Please keep your pictures coming in to Claire at [cwoodbine@btinternet.com](mailto:cwoodbine@btinternet.com). We are very grateful to Sue Crier who created our website, one of the first gardening club sites in the county, and for hosting it for so long.

There are many reports that demonstrate the health benefits of getting outside and gardening; I am sure I don't need to tell you it helps a feeling of well-being both physically and mentally. Not the best time of year to get outside, but we do have plenty of days when it is possible to do something, if only to have a look around and be thankful for the space we have around us here and plan for the next season. I am planning to start bee-keeping next spring, so need to make a safe space for our new residents, very excited at the prospect!

Keep well and keep gardening.

*Libby*



*"Claire's new website at: [www.cardinhamgardening.co.uk](http://www.cardinhamgardening.co.uk) is already online. Do have a look; it's fresh and modern and has all you need to know about the club and gardening in and around Cardinham! Sue Crier"*

*Ironwood tree, Parrotia  
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[cardinhamclerk@cardinhamparish.net](mailto:cardinhamclerk@cardinhamparish.net) or me at [bestja20@gmail.com](mailto:bestja20@gmail.com)

We are still updating our website with details of planning etc.

The Cardinham Parish website is: <https://cardinhamparish.net/consultation-on-planning-applications-emergency-scheme-of-delegation/>

**Julie Best November 2020**



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## Badgers Matter

Autumn Watch is with us again. Amongst all our wonderful wildlife there is a sadness that I find hard to accept. Looking at the badgers happily playing rough and tumble I cannot forget that the Badger Cull is about to begin. 83% of our Cornish countryside is included in a scheme to cull badgers whether they are healthy or not (apparently only 4% are infected). Also only 5% of TB infection can be attributed to badgers or deer so it is difficult to understand why the culls still go ahead, especially as the culling changes badgers behaviour and causes them to move around – we understand how that works now due to Covid 19.

There is another way – **Badger vaccination**. Cornwall Wildlife Trust, after a fundraising effort last year, was able to pilot the Wildlife Trust Badger Vaccination programme in mid Cornwall.

The Government has also pledged to introduce Badger Vaccination across the country.

If you are interested in this project and would like to hear about the successful Mid Cornwall project and the whole issue of Badger Vaccination then please do look at this excellent video. If nothing else it is very uplifting to hear from farmer Keith Trustcott – what a star.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGNdSfqN27s>

Jenny Cruse



# This Farming Life - Bodmin Moor Style

## 3rd October

My week off was spent in the Yorkshire Dales with Mum. Having sheared the sheep earlier this season, and then given the old dog a bit of a trim last month, I felt my hairdressing apprenticeship was complete, and gave Mother her first haircut since March. Thankfully she didn't struggle as much as my previous victims clients, and we were both content with the outcome.

It's nearly time to introduce our new ram to the flock. He's due to arrive at the farm on Monday and will then have to self isolate for a short time (sounds familiar!) before he goes to work.

It's a pivotal time in the farming calendar, marking the beginning of next year's production.

## 10th October

I've had a letter from the opticians, informing me it's time for an eye test. I knew it was looming when I noticed that I had labelled some Raspberry Jam as "may contain stones" (thinking it was plum)

Another eyesight fail was a seedling mix up, leaving my Runner Beans gasping and dying in the heat, planted in the poly tunnel, and my French Beans gasping and dying in the cold, planted outside.

The defining "should've gone to Specsavers" moment came when I got a bit teary about a dead hedgehog on the road, only to have my companions fall about laughing and point out that it was a large, squashed, spiny chestnut, rather than my favourite endangered mammal.

## 17th October

A ram living next door had been gazing wistfully over our fence for several weeks. When he wasn't grazing, ~~(building up his strength for the upcoming nuptials)~~ he would stand on a rock to get a better view for most of the day.

Early one morning, he mustered the confidence to leap the fence, only to find that there were still two more fences between him and the woolly objects of his desire. Before he had the time or energy to plan his next athletic leap towards the ladies, his owners arrived to collect him. He trotted home contentedly with the promise of extra food and his own female companions in the coming days.

I've also been amused to witness something like a cow dating agency being discussed on the roadside, the merits of polled rams (less horny, in a sense) and the integration of a new ram into my own flock. This involved a lot of charging around, a bit like a stag night I suppose, and in a group of more than six, so the animal kingdom has the usual parallels to our own.



## 24th October

I had another sheep shopping trip, completing my breeding flock for this season. The journey included a good exploration of the narrow lanes around Winkleigh, with trailer in tow.



We made several wrong turns, before eventually stopping in one of the villages, waiting for someone to lead us to the destination.

While there, our presence was obviously noted by a few residents, who might have been wondering what two ladies and a sheep trailer were up to.

Any reports about sheep rustling in North Devon on 23rd October may be fake news, and in due course the new additions were paid for, loaded and transported home safely.

## 31st October

After a very stormy start to the day we were relieved to have a break in the weather for a bit of essential sheep maintenance. Our sheep handling facilities have been improved beyond all recognition by the BEST fencing team! They were left with an assortment of gates, hinges, crates and rails and a brief to build what they could, a sort of agricultural scrap heap challenge. They did not disappoint and the new sheep race is beyond anything we expected. Thanks guys! This means the batch of lambs leaving the farm, heading for the butcher, received top quality primping and preening before they set off.

## 7th November

Lockdown has overtaken us once again, but we have so much to be grateful for. The beauty of the Autumn leaves at Wooda Bridge is almost breathtaking when the sun is shining through and the sky is blue behind.

There are little fungus growing in nooks and crannies all over the place, demonstrating what a rich and diverse landscape we live in. The Highland Cattle on the moor are looking great against a tonal backdrop of bracken, oak and gorse.

It's rainbow season in the changeable weather, and mulled cider season while snuggling up by the fire. In isolation, we can find inspiration. Instead of loneliness, we can try to enjoy the solitude. Perhaps this year rather than getting all we want, we have to value what we've got.

Merry Christmas everyone!



**D. L. Lewis**





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## CORNWALL COUNCILLOR Chris Batters



Well without doubt 2020 is a year that will go down in history.

The year started with things appearing to go along as fairly normal, we'd just left Christmas and we had no idea of what was about to envelop us within the next couple of months. World news in January made mention of a virus called 'Corona Virus' beginning to appear in other regions of the world, in particular China, and appearing to be quite a threat to lives. Although identified as a possible threat, it appeared no real planning came forward on the initial information received, yet by mid-March, it had got a hold in the UK and in lots of other countries worldwide and suddenly our lives changed. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we went into a national lock down and our lives massively changed. The word 'Corona' suddenly meant so much more to us than the drink anyone over 35 years of age would remember!

We emerged from the national lockdown in early August, and slowly restrictions were removed in certain areas, and things began to look encouraging, especially within our beloved Cornwall, but due to irresponsible behaviour by some, and the densely packed city environment in certain of our largest urban areas, things again started to deteriorate, and wham, bang, wallop, lockdown returned on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

As a Cornwall Councillor covering seven rural parishes, I would like to state the magnificent job done within my rural areas, especially for the vulnerable and 'high risk' residents in each parish. I have always known of the wonderful community spirit that exists within the rural areas, but this pandemic brought it all clearly into the open. Neighbours looked out for neighbours, and in many cases the rural areas were well ahead of the towns with their organisation and volunteers.

During the first lockdown, whilst at a meeting of Cornwall Council senior officers via the internet, I was both proud and delighted to tell everyone about the excellent response from within my parishes. Unlike many of the towns, local rural knowledge of elderly and vulnerable residents became a vital link in the chain to ensure most cases requiring help or assistance were covered.

During this period of Covid19, I have dealt with many individual cases, and although working from home, and having to self-isolate, I was able to ensure via virtual laptop meetings and communication, that I was able to support those with their issues, and get it sorted for them. Modern technology allowed us all to ensure we continued to serve the needs of our electorate. In fact I have had more meetings working from home on the laptop. It was also great not to have all the travelling around the county to meeting venues.

Can I emphasise that I am still available to any of you who might have an issue that needs addressing, so feel free to contact me direct, at any time, by email (include your phone number) or by phone direct, and I will be back to you within 24 hours. You can contact me by email on - **chris.batters@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk**, or by phone on **01208 269991** or my mobile on **07714 323897**.

In conclusion, it was great to hear on the news this morning that a vaccine could well be on its way towards ending this horrendous virus, but until such time as it arrives - Remember, the threat is still around so stay safe.

**May I take this opportunity, even during these stressful times, to wish you a pleasant Christmas and New Year. At the very least, if the lockdown is ended in time, we surely all deserve a little something to work in our favour.**

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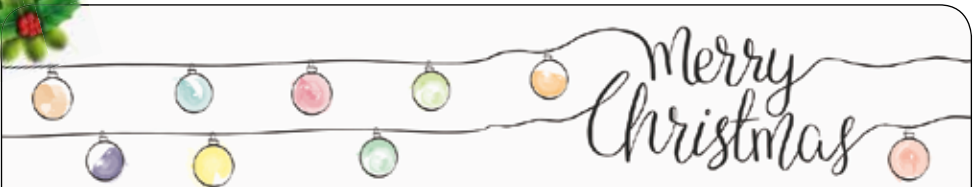
There are some years which are hard to remember and some you want to forget. What will 2020 be for you?

At St Meubred's church I suspect there has been no other year in over a thousand years of our history when church services have stopped for such a long period. Although moving to online worship with our friends across the Bodmin team is equally a first. As soon as we were allowed to resume worship in person, we did and will again. In the meantime our church is still open each day for private prayer.

This crisis brings to mind our forebears who faced their own disasters. Within living memory a stray bomb smashed our chancel windows. During the first world war news reached the then rector, as it did many others, of the deaths, a year apart, of his two sons. Plague struck in 1665. Armies clashed nearby in 1643 with defeated soldiers chased across the countryside by local people. Established forms of worship were overturned three times in the space of nine years in 1549, 1553 and 1558. When the Black Death struck in 1349 Bodmin lost half its population. No-one knows what happened in Cardinham but it must have been the worst disaster of them all. The Normans came. The first Earl of Cornwall was Cadoc, a survivor of the Cornish royal line. But in 1068 after a revolt at Exeter Count Brian son of The Count of Penthièvre in Brittany, replaced him. When Brian died without an heir William's half-brother Robert, Count of Mortain, became Earl. His steward, Richard Fitz Tuold, became the first holder of the 'Honour of Cardinham'. He may have built the castle and rebuilt the church or maybe it was his son William Fitz Richard. Castles were designed to intimidate and dominate. People who had been free had to obey their new lord's orders.

We think of Cardinham as a quiet peaceful place where nothing much changes. Mostly we are right, but sometimes lives are changed forever. Nevertheless the God we worship hasn't changed. Through all the chances and changes of our lives we are not alone. The witness of psalmists thousands of years ago through to the witness of Christian people embedded in our church building is to the God who loves us whatever happens. We look forward to celebrating the birth of his son with you at Christmas.

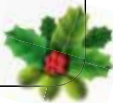
**Ann Kerridge**



## CHRISTMAS CAROL QUIZ

**Can you identify these Christmas carols?** *Answers on the back page, no cheating!*

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| 1. AIAM    | 6. OIRDC   | 11. DTHWBOH |
| 2. TFN     | 7. OCAYF   | 12. HTHAS   |
| 3. GKWLO   | 8. ISTSCSI | 13. SATWS   |
| 4. SNHN    | 9. OLT OB  | 14. GRYMG   |
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**Christmas at Paradise Park** There will be a penguin quiz to complete during your visit to the park from 5th December - 3 January 2021. The Christmas grotto has been cancelled this year. <https://paradisepark.org.uk/events-and-news/events-throughout-the-year/>

**Christmas at Camel Creek, Wadebridge** Camel Creek is celebrating Christmas from 2 - 23 Dec. Special admission prices apply. <https://www.camelcreek.co.uk/events/christmas-at-camel-creek/>

**Christmas at Lappa Valley** Meet Santa in his grotto and take a festive steam train ride through Lappa Valley at this fun Christmas event in 2020. There will be a present for every child. Book early to avoid disappointment. 5 - 6 Dec, 12 - 13 Dec & 19- 24 December 2020. Special tickets must be bought in advance. <https://www.lappavalley.co.uk/events/christmas-at-lappa-valley/>

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**Bude Christmas Market** A Christmas market, showcasing the work of local artists, crafters & artisans will take place in Bude Tourist Information Centre, Summerleaze Beach every day from 4 - 23 December 2020 in the run up to Christmas. <https://www.visitbude.info/blog/bude-christmas-market/>

**Bodmin Virtual Market (on Facebook)** This is a virtual market for Bodmin & local village businesses & crafters (the sellers) to connect people (the buyers) and boost local shopping. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bodminvirtualmarket>





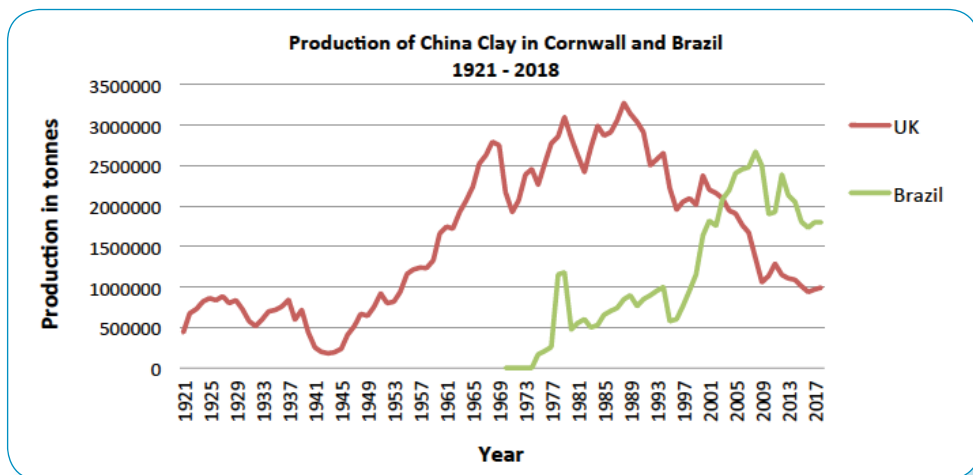
## Katinka Peter - Part 2

*[Last issue (No.88) we read Katinka's school Geograpy project regarding China Clay, here she continues]*

### Employment and Production in China Clay

In 1921 Cornwall produced around 442,817 tonnes. There was an increase in production up to 1930, until a decline due to the Great Depression. It climbed again until around 1937. The Second World War caused a significant decline in production, but after that there was a rapid increase up to around 1966. From then on production rose and fell until a peak was reached in 1989, where 3,139,672 tonnes of china clay were produced. After that it steadily declined to 99,6000 tonnes in 2018.

Although Brazil started mining china clay earlier, data was only captured from 1970 onwards. At the beginning production was choppy, with a strong increase in around 1977 that decreased again only 3 years later. The production gradually rose until it overtook china clay production in Cornwall with 2,197,920 tonnes in 2004. Since then production in Brazil has declined slightly, but remains high, with 1,800,000 tonnes of china clay produced in 2018.



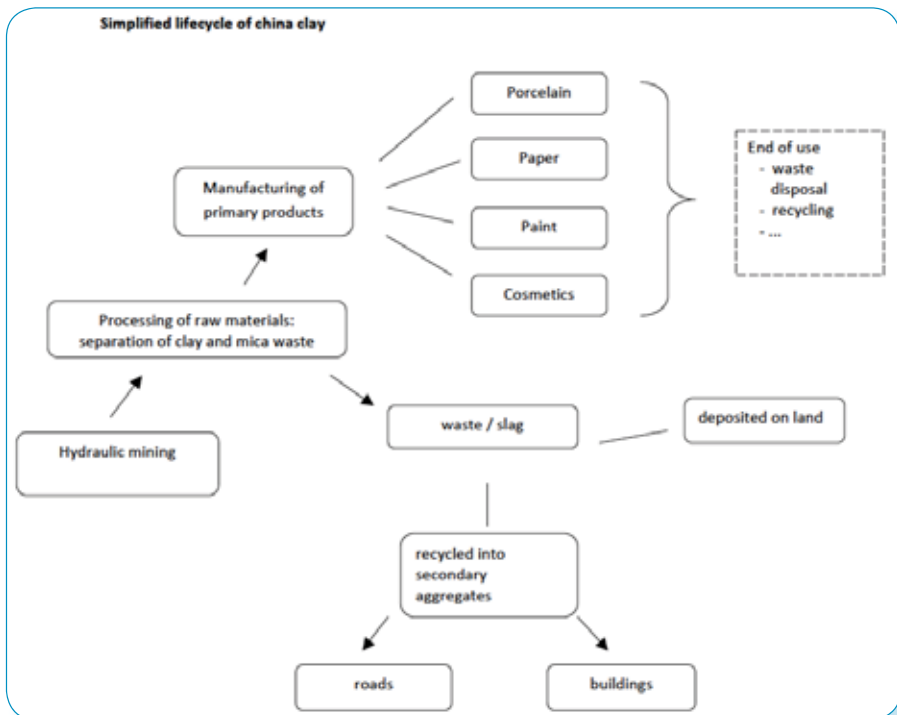
### Environmental Consequences

China clay production plays an important economic role in the UK. However, mining companies have had challenges in meeting their environmental responsibilities. One big problem is the disposal of waste. For every tonne of extracted clay, there are nine tonnes of mica waste (slag). This waste is dumped back on the land, which, over the past 250 years has changed the local skyline considerably. It is impossible to use the land for farming, and some people may find the clayhills ugly, though

others call them the Cornish Alps. These days, though, less slag is dumped. A lot is used for other industries, such as making secondary aggregates for building and roads.

Water pollution is a significant challenge. Until recently, water used in the hydraulic mining of china clay used to run straight into rivers and the sea making them white. Whilst clay and associated waste products are not poisonous, they suffocate or damage invertebrates and small fish. Nowadays the runoff is piped but still causes water pollution due to poor pipe maintenance. Imerys, the only mine owner in Cornwall since 1999, has come before courts several times to answer charges of polluting the area's rivers. For example, in 2017 Imerys had to pay a £100,000 fine for flushing poisonous chemicals out of tanks and into its effluent system, from where it entered a river.

A third problem is that china clay mining is a very energy-intensive industry. Imerys uses around 500 million kWh of electricity each year in Cornwall. About 40% of this is used in pumping and wet processing of the clay. Drying accounts another 30% of consumption. Its high use of electricity means that Imerys has to pay an expensive climate change levy (CCL) of around £1.6 million a year. As a consequence Imerys has recently fired 300 local staff and moved its high energy operations overseas.



*[Well done Katinka! Thank you for sharing your interesting project with us!]*

## IF IT'S NOT ONE PROBLEM...?

Unprecedented...now there's a word we've all heard before. Not only has the word been used with the current pandemic but it could also be applied to '*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*' or ash die back.

This is a fungus that originated in Asia where the native trees don't seem to have been so badly affected. However, it was introduced into Europe about 30 years ago. Our native ash didn't evolve with the fungus and hasn't any natural defence against it, hence the problem.

Already some large trees in the parish have been felled as a result of infection. The Woodland Trust, alarmingly, state that the country could lose up to 80% of its ash trees. So how is it spread?

The fungus lives in fallen leaves on the ground. Small fruiting bodies are produced during the late summer and eventually release spores, which can be blown miles away. When they land on an ash tree they work their way into the leaves into the tree. The fungus then starts growing and will block the water transport system, causing the poor old tree to die. The wood then becomes brittle and, if the tree is in a public place, or in an area where if it falls could cause damage to buildings or, for that matter, anyone, or thing, underneath it, the tree will need felling.

However, the Forestry Commission states '*With the exceptions of felling for public safety, we advise a general presumption against felling living ash trees, whether infected or not.*'

The fungus is more widespread in the east and centre of Cornwall. There are some parts where it hasn't been found, but it is expected to spread to such areas within a few years. So keep an eye on the trees' safety as the disease progresses and prune or fell them **ONLY** if the tree or its branches threaten to cause injury or damage. Do report new cases of the disease to the Forestry Commission through their Tree Alert service.



As you possibly know ash die back symptoms are fairly obvious. Leaves develop large dark patches in the summer. These leaves wilt and change colour to black. Shoots and leaves dieback and lesions develop where affected branches meet the main trunk of the tree.

Some trees will survive and some appear to be resistant but you have been warned... as I say... another wretched 'unprecedented' disease. Keep an eye out for it.

**Richard Sutton**

*Images thanks to Jill Brown's ex large ash*

# REGULAR EVENTS

| DATE                  | WHEN           | WHAT                                | WHERE         |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Mondays               | 9.30 - 11.30am | Little Robins                       | CRM           |
| Mondays               | 7.30pm         | Warleggan Young Farmers' Club       | JHM           |
| Mondays               | 7.15pm         | Millpool Chorale Practice           | CRM           |
| Tuesdays              | 12.00 - 1.00pm | Pilates Mixed Ability Class         | JHM           |
| Tuesdays              | 7pm            | Table Tennis (821409)               | JHM           |
| Tues (1st in month)   | 2.30pm         | Book Club (821208)                  | CRM           |
| Tues (except 3rd)     | 7.30pm         | Bell Ringing                        | St. Meubred's |
| Tues (3rd in month)   | 7.30pm         | Parish Council Meeting              | CPH           |
| Tues (last in month)  | 10.30am        | Millpool Coffee Morning & Book Swap | CRM           |
| Wednesdays            | 9.15-10.15am   | Pilates Mixed Ability Class         | CRM           |
| Weds (4th in month)   | 7.30pm         | Warleggan History Group             | JHM           |
| Thurs (1st in month)  | 2.30-4pm       | Community Tea                       | CPH           |
| Thurs (3rd in month)  | 12.45pm        | Helpline Lunch                      | CPH           |
| Fridays               | 9am to 2pm     | Village Greens Shop                 | JHM           |
| Sun (1st in month)    | 10.45am-12     | KIDZ CLUB                           | CRM           |
| Sunday (2nd in month) | 4pm            | Café Church                         | CPH           |
| Sunday                | 10.30am        | Table Tennis (821409)               | JHM           |

CRM = THE COMMUNITY ROOM, MILLPOOL METHODIST CHURCH,

CPH = CARDINHAM PARISH HALL, JHM = JUBILEE HALL MOUNT

**PLEASE NOTE: MOST EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED/POSTPONED.**

**PLEASE CHECK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ANY OF THEM.**

Some events may restart in the next few months.

Please check village notice boards, emails and organisers for details.

If you have an event you would like us to publicise send details to [cmcmag@outlook.com](mailto:cmcmag@outlook.com)

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Answers to the **Christmas Carol quiz** on page 28: 1. Away In A Manger; 2. The First Noel; 3. Good King Wenceslas Looked Out; 4. Silent Night, Holy Night; 5. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night; 6. Once In Royal David's City; 7. O, Come All Ye Faithful; 8. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In; 9. O Little Town of Bethlehem; 10. The Holly And The Ivy; 11. Deck The Halls With Boughs of Holly; 12. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; 13. See Amid The Winter's Snow; 14. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen; 15. In The Bleak Midwinter.