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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone, and welcome to the April / May issue! Let's pray that the awful deluge of wet weather has passed - haven't we had a terrible time with it? We hope that from now Spring can get springing and we can actually go outside!

We are saddened to hear the passing of John Bate. Please read his obituary on page 9. Our thoughts are with his family.

We learn about Cardinham's new Poetry Group, have a read on page 13, the event at Bodmin Airfield sounds good fun too!

On page 24 Brenda Smith shares before and current photos of her garden, you can see how different it is this year - definitely a sign of climate change.

On page 25 there's a useful guide regarding how to spot an Asian Hornet. Please do report if you see any.

We also hear about the Hanbury-Tensions' trip to Kerala (Page 16) - not a bit jealous, nope, and Robin shares Cabilla's history with us.

Thanks to all for contributing! Advertising space is available - please get in touch!
And a little reminder, if you haven't yet paid your subs please can you do so, thank you!

With best wishes to you all,

Lizzy, Polly, Simon, Marc, Peter and Julia

A convivial time was had at the Lent Lunch in Cardinham Parish Hall on Thursday 14th March. Thanks to all who made the delicious soups, waited on the tables, washed up & helped organise the event.



*Sunny walk on Treslea Downs
(and photo on P22) by Lizzy*

ST. MEUBRED'S CHURCH UPDATE

Services for St Meubred's, Cardinham in April & May 2024

April 7th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
April 14th	11 am	Joint Service with Millpool Methodist Chapel in Cardinham Parish Hall
April 21st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
April 28th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 10.30 am
May 5th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
May 12th	11 am	Joint Service with Millpool Methodist Chapel in Millpool Chapel
May 19th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
May 26th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
June 2nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion

Books for sale or swap in St Meubred's Church: If you have books or DVDs you are happy to donate to our library for others to read or watch, please leave them on the bookshelf as you enter the church. Do help yourselves to either.

Bodmin Marathon April 28th: The church will be hosting a refreshment point from about 11.30 am as runners follow the Bodmin Way Route.

Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in mid May, date to be confirmed.
Look out for posters and messages with the date.

Flowers in St Meubred's: Our small team who put flowers in church would love others to join them. You don't need to be a flower arranger but just able to put a few blooms or foliage in a vase. Our visitors and members of the local community really appreciate fresh flowers which do so much to enhance the beauty of this special place in the heart of our village. Do get in touch if you would to get involved. Libby, Churchwarden - 01208 821303

Tea Party & Chat

April 4th and May 2nd from 2.30 pm.
Join us for a cuppa, cake and chat,
everyone warmly welcome.





BODMIN TEAM MINISTRY

www.bodminteam.church

Dear Friends,

For many people the most important and celebrated Christian festival is Christmas. Easter somehow comes second best and yet for those who believe it has much greater significance. It is not simply a memorial, thinking of the day that Jesus died, but a celebration that death was not the end. The significance for us is far-reaching. Because Christ conquered death we can be sure that death is not the end for us but a new beginning.

One of the chief differences between Christmas and Easter is the lack of Easter carols. Many people will know something of the Christmas story because they have sung or listened to carols or been to nativity plays, fewer are as familiar with the Easter story.

There is one word which populates our Easter hymns and which sums up the celebration for me – **Alleluia**. A word derived from the Hebrew for praise the Lord. The traditional Easter greeting in church is "**Alleluia Christ is risen**" to which the reply is "**He is risen indeed, Alleluia**". The unique events of that first Easter inspire a unique response.

What do we mean when we say "**Christ is risen**"? When Jesus rose from the grave and started appearing to the disciples, He was still recognisably Jesus but He was radically transformed – He would appear through locked doors for example then disappear. This combination of recognisable continuity and radical transformation applies also to us as we seek to follow Jesus. When we and our loved ones die we remain recognisably ourselves but are radically transformed.

Happy Easter Alleluia!

Blessings,

John Hereward



HEDGEHOG CLASS were absolutely thrilled to welcome Daisy the lamb to our classroom, courtesy of the Dyer family! It was such a treat to have our very own little piece of spring come visit us and Daisy couldn't have come at a better time as we've been diving deep into our Spring topic work. We had a first-hand look at the important role farmers play in our community and learned just how much love and attention goes into looking after these precious baby animals.



SQUIRREL CLASS had an amazing adventure recently as they visited Bodmin Library. It was a day filled with excitement, discovery, and of course, plenty of books. The children had the opportunity to participate in storytelling sessions, sparking their creativity and igniting their love for reading even further.



FOX CLASS have been real scientists this half term, investigating the uses of magnets. The children have thought about the real life uses of magnets, how magnets work and what 'being magnetic' means for materials. In English, they have written fantastic non-chronological reports about Ancient Greek Mythological beasts and conducted their own research for their chosen topic.



DEER CLASS had an incredible day in Bodmin to mark St. Piran's Day. The procession through the streets was lively and vibrant with our pupils proudly waving flags and banners, celebrating our Cornish heritage with gusto! The singing and dancing on The Folly was simply wonderful. But the highlight of the day were the performances in the church. Well done to all the Bodmin Schools that performed. To top it all off, our taste buds were treated to the most delicious Cornish pasties! A huge thank you to everyone else who made this day possible.

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Kind regards, Rosemary



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Further information on what to do in an emergency can be found in the April-May 2023 issue of the Magazine and on the Parish Website
<http://www.cardinhamparish.net>

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The Pilgrim Play - Chris New

Fri 19th Apr | 7.30pm |

Stink is a medieval outcast and a fool, struggling to find love, fleeing from death and wondering if he can be our most unlikely hero?

Holly McNish

St Petroc's Church

Thurs 4th Apr | 7.30pm

Holly returns to Bodmin with a run of sell out shows and her brand new book *Lobster*, under her belt



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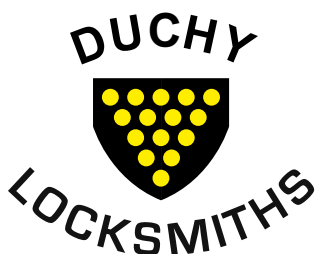
Sat 6th Apr | 4pm & 7.30pm |

Nina was going through life quite nicely, when suddenly - she wasn't! A must see for anyone with a lady garden and all garden visitors.

Sarah McQuaid

Fri 12th Apr | 7.30pm |

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MOUNT & WARLEGGAN EVENTS

CHAPEL PLANT SALE

Saturday 11th May

10.00 - 12.30

Jubilee Hall

Hot drinks, bacon or sausage baps and a cake stall will be available, so come along buy a plant and catch up with friends over a hot drink.



WARLEGGAN HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 24th April - 7.30pm

"ROME: FOUNDATION TO EMPIRE" - Bryan Short

This talk gives some insight into the way Rome evolved from an insignificant agricultural community to the greatest power on earth. It illuminates the social and moral imperatives and catalytic events that stimulated this transition leading to the dominance of a single person over the 'civilised' world, the brilliant Octavian or Augustus Caesar.

Wednesday 22nd May - 7.30pm

"UNDERGROUND CORNWALL" - Tracy Elliott

Tracy spends any spare time exploring old mine workings and the like and will be showing us some of the excellent collection of photographs of underground workings throughout Cornwall.

Both meetings - Jubilee Hall, Mount
All welcome

Obituary - Roger John Bate



Peacefully on 9th March 2024, at home, surrounded by his family, John, aged 87 years of Teason Farm, Cardinham.

A True Cornishman.

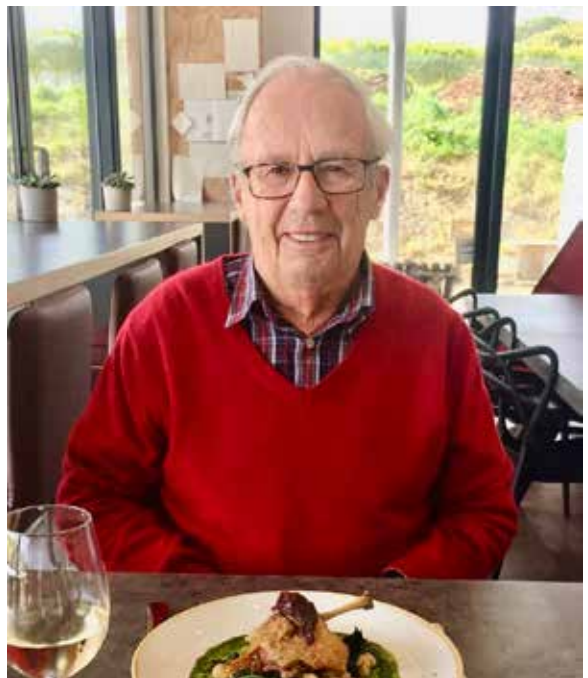
Much loved husband of Margaret, loving dad of Angela, Gill, Jenny and Carole, father-in-law to Dave and JB and a dear grandad of Chloe, Kerra, Lowenna, Ashley, Hannah and Robert.

A private cremation will be followed by a Service to celebrate John's Life at St Meubred's Church, Cardinham on Tuesday 2nd April at 12.15 pm.

The family wish for you to wear whatever you feel comfortable in.

Family flowers only, donations, if desired, for ***Cornwall Air Ambulance*** can be made online via the Memory Giving website, by retiring collection or sent c/o

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Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time. Rest in Peace, John.

Cardinham Sports Club

www.cardinhamports.org Facebook - @cardinhamports

Tennis and more this April

Coming up - we resume our Tuesday evening club nights, starting Easter Tuesday 2nd April - a great chance for members to play with whoever else happens to turn up. Then on Sunday 7th April, we will hold our popular '**open tennis day**', where anyone, young or old, is welcome to have a go - free entry for all, we'll provide balls and rackets; just wear sensible shoes.

On Saturday 20th April at Cardinham Parish Hall, following the success of last year's event, Malcolm has kindly agreed to run our **Quiz Night**, a general knowledge quiz, with pasties to keep you going - contact Lance to book your place and your pasty option (steak/veggie) on 07982 951969 or email lkardell@btinternet.com.

Join now and get an extra month free

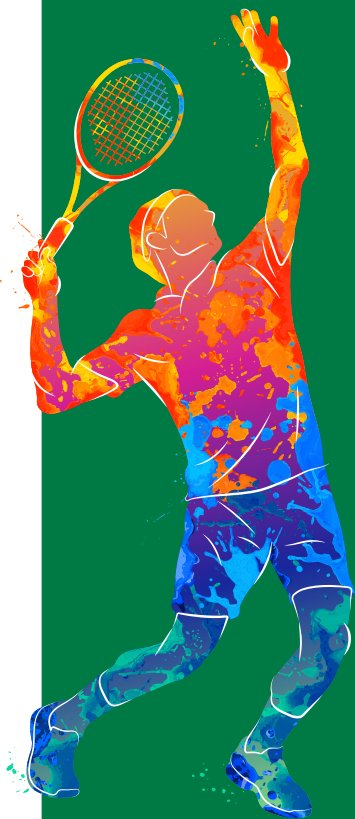
Any new members wishing to join the Club can get two Easter holidays for the price of one. Annual membership rates remain as last year - single adult £55, adult couple £90, family £105 (max 2 adults and 3 children), and just £15 for juniors. Or, if you prefer to pay as you play, you can hire the court for just £7.50 per hour (£10 for 2 hours).

Charity status for the club

We are delighted to announce that Cardinham Sports Club has been granted official status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – details can be found on the Charity Commission website, charity number 1207259.

Visit our website or check out our posters for details of all the above - hope you can join us!

*For more info go to www.cardinhamports.org
or call 01208 821409 / 07842 612989*



Cardinham Parish Hall Events

POP UP PUB NIGHTS



SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

SATURDAY 11TH MAY (CHANGED FROM 4TH MAY)

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

Pop Up Pubs will continue 1st Saturday of the month with food being served at each. During the Summer months we will be having a BBQ with the pub evenings. Dates etc will be advertised in the newsletter, Facebook & on notices.

COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY JULY 6TH - 2PM -4PM

This will be an event where organisations within the Parish join together and any funds raised are divided equally between them.

This will include a Village Scarecrow competition.

Further details will be in the next magazine.

Followed by our usual Pop Up Pub in the evening.



Later in the year

MUSIC EVENING September date TBC

QUIZ NIGHT 12th October

Temporary contact for Hall Bookings

Debra Best 01208 821554 or cardinhamhall@btinternet.com

Everyone wishes our Hall Secretary Julie Best a speedy recovery and hope she will be back with us soon.

News from MILLPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

Judith and Clive organised an enjoyable **Beetle Drive** at the beginning of February. The ecumenical World Day of Prayer was well received. It was particularly poignant as this year the service was prepared by three Palestinian women.

Our appeal to buy a slate, which was launched at our **Gift Day**, will continue at **Millpool's Big Breakfast** on Saturday May 11th 8.30-11.00. We are aiming to raise the 30% needed for our Chapel Roof Fund as soon as possible in order to start applying for a grant.

Millpool Chorale was formed thirty years ago. Four of the original members still take an active part. To celebrate, we hope to hold a concert during the summer. More details in the next magazine. In the meantime we look forward to singing at Mount Chapel on Good Friday at 7.00pm.

Services:

April 7th	Church Fellowship
April 14th	United Service at Parish Church
April 21st	Mr Tilling
April 28th	Church Fellowship
May 5th	Rev Harrod
May 12th	Mr Tilling
May 19th	Mr Rowe
May 26th	Mr Pellow

CARDINHAM GARDENS OPEN IN AID OF THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

May 5th Devioc Farm and Pinsla Garden 11 am – 5pm. Home-made teas available at Devioc.

May 12th Lower Treslea, The Old School House and Pinsla Garden. Home-made teas available at Devioc.

More details on the ngs website <https://ngs.org.uk/>
Do come and visit these lovely gardens and support this wonderful charity which donated £3.4m to health charities in 2023.

CARDINHAM POETRY GROUP

held its first meeting in October last year, we remain a small keen group who enjoy the pleasure of reading poems of our own choice and discussing why perhaps the poet decided to write the poem, because there is no restriction what a member chooses to read, the poetry covers a wide variety of subjects. The evenings are light-hearted and fun.



We meet on the first Wednesday in a month, there is no annual subscription or anything to pay, tea and coffee are provided. We have progressed since October. We all agree there is far more to reading a poem. We research the lives of the poets, look up words we have never seen or heard of before which in many ways is a learning curve! When the readings are finished we sit and have chat in a relaxed atmosphere.

On Saturday 18th May at the Bodmin Airfield there is to be a special evening of entertainment Presented by **The Newton Abbot Bus Company** which includes music and poetry, we have been invited to read some of the poetry.



It is free to attend this evening but anyone wishing to make a donation can do so to the Bodmin Airfield Based Charity '*Feet off The Ground*' which offers young disabled and disadvantaged young people the chance to experience flying, have a tour of the airfield and knowledge of flying.



Anyone requiring further information should contact Pete White (Events Director)

Tel: 01752 406660 or 07805 805679 email pete@aeronca.co.uk

Anyone interested in joining the Poetry Group please ring 01208 821222

Barbara Bullion

Cardinham & District Gardening Club

Gardening Club Report - March 2024

We have just enjoyed our last meeting in the Parish Hall until the **Annual Show** on September 7th, how time flies! Mike Stephens gave us a talk on house plants, it was probably quite a different take on the subject than most of us expected. Mike really highlighted the fact that most of us 'lose' our house plants and that we all feel guilty about this. After all who wants to want something we love and cherish die and we rack our brains to think what we have done wrong? Mike pointed out that the majority of the plants we call house plants come from tropical or semitropical habitats are therefore totally unsuited to the climate, light, and moisture in our homes. Many of the plants are very sensitive to change of any of these factors. He showed slides of several of our favourites growing in the wild and often they are small trees or rampant ground cover plants! He also reminded us that the huge nurseries producing these delights give their plants the optimum conditions for their growth, the little beauties are then shipped to DIY centres, supermarkets etc where the conditions are far from ideal and from there into our homes which again fall short of their requirements. Makes you wonder why we bother!

The talk in February was a very helpful guide to pruning and why we do this, and the caring of pruning tools. We learnt a lot from Duana Pearson and her explanations and descriptions were very clear and no nonsense. The basic message being use clean sharp tools and think before you cut! We are all anxious to get this done now but honestly the weather has been against us!

We meet next on April 14th at 1.30pm, at **Penrose Aquatic Nursery** at Shortlanesend. We will be given a tour of the nursery and there will be plants for sale. If you have a garden pond or are thinking of making one this visit will give you some ideas for plants you could use. Do join us, you don't have to be a member, just let us know if you intend coming along.

Please visit our website for more information about the club. We look forward to you joining us. <https://cardinhamgardenclub.wordpress.com/>
Meantime enjoy your garden or those you visit, it will stop raining sometime!

Libby

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In the last issue, Simon and Lizzy Smart shared their trip on the Silk Road, Uzbekistan with us, and in this issue we hear from Louella and Robin Hanbury-Tenison who take a tour to Kerala, India.

A Trip to Kerala



A week ago we were drifting through the backwaters in Kerala, Southern India, in a converted rice barge, women in colourful saris walking along the tow path on their way to work in the paddy fields. Coconut trees line the water ways and the water is still and in places clogged with water hyacinth (*Eichhornia Crassipes*), a pretty blue flower which reminded us of bluebells in our Cornish woods in May. This hyacinth is a beautiful but clogging, oxygen stealing pollutant and has spread all over the lakes of India, having come from the Amazon where it is also a huge problem.

Our first week was spent in Tamilnadu around Pondicherry, the French influenced architecture making this lovely town famous. We drove to the extraordinary granite carved shore temples at Mahabalipuram, wandered through the market and took rickshaws to a seafood restaurant before swimming in the warm waters of the Bay of Bengal. We flew to Cochin where fifteen of us had a week on the houseboat. We visited temples, churches, museums, went kayaking, cycling, walking, birdwatching and planted a coconut tree. We watched traditional dance, martial arts, schoolchildren dancing and watched as locals showed us how to make rope from coconut coir, *tap toddy* (a strong fermented coconut drink), plait coconut fronds into roof thatching, cast bells, mirror making and enjoyed cookery demonstrations.

The Apostle St. Thomas travelled to Madras in 52AD and after establishing seven churches was murdered by a tribal person in 72AD. His tomb is here at the Basilica of St. Thomas. There are only three Apostles' tombs - St. Peter in Rome, St. James in Santiago de Compostela and St. Thomas in Madras (now Chennai).

We visited the bronze masterpieces of Shiva, the cosmic dancer, and bronze pieces of the three primary Hindu gods: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Every statue of Shiva has him standing on a small person looking painfully squashed. This is his ego! One statue was standing on a very, very big ego!!

Robin and I were tour leaders for a group of thirteen friends and amazed to find almost no tourists and we had glorious Tamilnadu and Kerala to ourselves. Rajasthan is full to the seams with a busy tourist season whilst Goa is wall to wall Russians. The Keralan people are friendly and quite prosperous. They are proud of the cleanliness of their countryside, new roads are being laid, they have a smart Metro in Cochin and the biggest shopping mall in all of South India. Everyone we met had high achieving children, many at universities in the UK and America. Education standards are extremely high and the sky is the limit in terms of ambition and jobs. They all want to be doctors, scientists and physicists!

The daily temperature was around 35c which is about 3c more than normal and another indication of global warming. This sweltering heat is replaced from June to November with monsoons which have recently resulted in catastrophic flooding of whole communities, and there is a move to raise temples and iconic buildings whilst houses are now being built on stilts.

Louella and Robin Hanbury-Tenison




A Keralan Houseboat

Ed - Louella informed us that they did take a copy of the Magazine with them but forgot to take it out of their suitcase to photograph it! Oh well! All good intentions!



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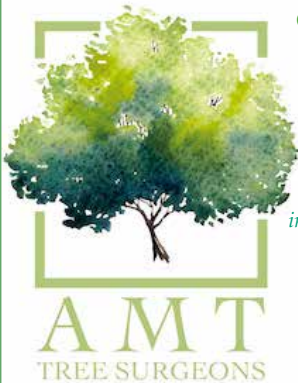
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Climate change?

Hi, Brenda Smith here, I thought you may like to see picture No.1 taken a few years ago, this is usually the scene and last year was exactly the same with plenty of daffodils in bloom. Picture No.2 was taken 4 days ago and only one bloom in sight ?! I usually have at least 3 sections of my front garden like this but there is only a small patch in the orchard in the back garden with approx. 8 blooms in there. We don't cut them down until around July/August time because usually after the Daffs there are Bluebells and then Wild White Orchids so hoping this is a one off and they are hiding like the rest of us from the rain and cold only to appear later? We shall see what happens next year.

Ed.- Do you have any signs of late bloomers in your garden? How is it affecting you? Do get in touch and let us know.

Right: 2024

Left: Previous years



Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport



Asian hornets are invasive non-native species which originate from Asia. In recent years they have colonised mainland Europe, and they now pose a significant threat to the United Kingdom's native pollinators.

The work of the National Bee Unit (NBU)

In August 2023, the NBU found and destroyed a record number of nests in England. We even received two reports of two insects travelling on the Cherbourg-Poole ferry - one in spring and one in summer! A rolling update of findings can be found on the [NBU's BeeBase website](#).

Recent findings have included primary and secondary nests in Folkestone, Plymouth, and Maidstone. Normally, nests found low are primary nests, and nests found higher in trees are secondary nests. A queen starts a primary nest, but if the nest outgrows its position, or is disturbed, they may also build a higher, safer, warmer secondary nest. After the NBU locates a nest, we destroy it and then monitor for Asian hornets until no hornets are seen for five consecutive days. If Asian hornets continue to be caught, we continue our monitoring to check if another nest is present.



A primary nest located in brambles.

How you can help in the fight against Asian hornets

With last year's record number of incursions, we need you more than ever to help us locate nests which may be out there; so, please look out for Asian hornets in your garden.

Asian hornets can be spotted on flowering plants and on Ivy as well as fruit including apples, pears, plums and grapes.

In woodland areas, the nests may be high up in trees and more visible in the winter months when there is less foliage.

Whilst they are feeding, and if safe to do so, please take a photograph of it and send this to us via the Asian Hornet Watch app.

If there is sufficient evidence to think that you have seen an Asian hornet then someone will be sent out from the local beekeeping association to verify and consider further action.

Thank you.

MILLPOOL MEMORIES

Seeing the photograph of the Snooker Club in the last issue brought back to me many fond memories of my childhood in Millpool. My mother and father – Alf and Alberta Worth – were living at Newlands Farm up past the Chapel when I was born in 1938. Sadly, my mother died in childbirth and for the first 3 years of my life I was brought up by my mother's sister and her husband – Augusta and Art Taper – who lived down in the cottage now known I think as Elena. When I was 3, father re-married to Hilda Riddle and I went back to live with them and Hilda reared me as though I was hers.

When old enough I went down to Cardinham School and having passed my 11+ on to Bodmin Grammar School. I think it was my essays that got me past the 11+ as I could always write a good yarn.

At that time Millpool was a busy almost self-contained little village. Bill and Mrs Taper ran the Village Shop down opposite the kiosk and I remember that Mrs Taper stayed open late on Saturday evenings solely for Mr Sargent from Benorth to come down to do his weeks shopping but not until about 10 o'clock in the evening! That was service for you. Where the kiosk is was John Jory's Carpenter's Shop - always kept busy with lots of to-ing and fro-ing. I remember that as well as doing a wide range of carpentry jobs on houses and farms he also made coffins and did funerals.

Of course on Sundays we always went to Sunday School in the little building on the far side of the road with Frank Taper taking us for our lessons.

Now back to the Snooker Club which I knew as Millpool Institute or the Reading Room where the local men played snooker and billiards. I used to visit an elderly lady, Mrs Pearce, at Foredowns with the Church Magazine once a month on a Saturday about 9 o'clock in the evening and on my way back down to the village would meet Mr Owen Ead walking home to Foredowns after playing snooker. There were a dozen or more men there of a Saturday evening but of course us ladies were not allowed in. The only time I ever went inside was for the Christmas Parties. All the village children were entertained with food and presents. If the real Father Christmas was too busy to come then Owen Ead or John Jory would stand in for him.

I thoroughly enjoyed those happy days in Millpool, but then on Easter Monday 1959 I married David Renals and moved not too far to Rose Cottage, Fletchersbridge, and later The Poplars to have equally happy days here surrounded by my family.

Veronica Renals

MILLPOOL SNOOKER CLUB

As a postscript to the last article on the future of this Club we thank all those people who contacted us with regard to the future of the building and the Club funds. The funds have been passed to the Chapel for use in relation to works or equipment for the Community Room and Chapel. The building has been taken over by a local family for their use.

Cabilla Farm – Then and Now

by Robin Hanbury-Tenison



When I started farming at Maidenwell in 1960, I took on the eight men who already worked there (three were Merritts from Milland), each being paid £8 per week. That means the small farm was supporting eight families. It was then a very mixed farm, with a 65 head dairy herd, the highest Jersey herd in Cornwall – by altitude, not by a long way by productivity! We had 40 Galloway cows, which spent most of

their time on the moor and took a lot of rounding up with our horses, an Arab polo pony I brought with me from Cirencester, and two Irish hunters, which came by train from County Monaghan, where I grew up. We rode them up from what was then called Bodmin Road station. I thought it a good idea to ‘cold’ brand the cattle. This just removed the hair, but made them easier to identify. Stan Spurrell of Merryfield also had Galloways and by mistake I branded some of his. As it turned out, this enhanced my reputation as a mad Irishman, not to be tangled with and, after a brief shouting match, we became firm friends.

We also had chickens, large white pigs and fifty Devon Longwool sheep, which we sheared with hand shears. There were crops of wheat, barley and oats, as well as turnips and flatpole cabbages. As a result, we had a couple of coveys of partridges and a lot of hares. When did anyone in Cardinham last see a hare?

They were heady, hard-working days and it was hard to make a living, but just possible. As the years passed and with the Common Agricultural Policy making us more and more dependant on subsidies we, like most other farmers, began to specialise and employ less men, until we were down to one. With my share farming partner, Hugh (Pancho) Fullerton-Smith, we tried Angora goats from Tasmania, Red Deer from Yugoslavia and Wild Boar from Russia, none of which quite succeeded in making much money. BSE and Foot and Mouth didn’t help.

Now my son, Merlin, is entering into a landscape recovery scheme with other farmers across the area to restore large sections of Bodmin Moor into mob grazing agroforestry systems. With the discovery that lots of the moor and the surrounding farmland would once have been Atlantic temperate rainforest, there is a drive to bring this habitat back whilst also producing food from the land. By next year we will have planted 60,000 new trees at Cabilla and between the farm, Merlin and Lizzie’s charity ‘The Thousand Years Trust’ and the wellness retreat centre they’ve built, they’ll be employing about 16 people. How things have changed!

CARDYNHAM CHURCH

Playing on the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir

On March 24th 2026 it will be the centenary of our church organ. We are planning to celebrate with a scratch Messiah. I know this is 2 years away but such an event requires advanced booking. If you enjoy singing, watch this space! This got me thinking about music in church. I recently saw a programme about Egyptian, Greek and Roman music with singers and replica instruments recreating their sounds. Our music goes back just as far. When our congregation enjoy singing the **Jubilate** in a modern version at our monthly Morning Prayer, we are singing Psalm 100, which was sung thousands of years ago in the Temple in Jerusalem and has been probably sung by Christian congregations since the very start of the church.

That ancient Jewish worship in the Temple must have been a great deal jollier and noisier than most church services. Psalms are full of references to singing and musical instruments, Psalm 47 **"Clap your hands for joy all peoples, praise God with loud songs"** and Psalm 150 **"Praise him with trumpets, praise him with harps and lyres, praise him with drums and dancing, praise him with harps and flutes, praise him with cymbals."**

We have no idea what they sung in St Meubred's in the Age of Saints. Saint Augustine of Canterbury and his colleagues sang plainsong to the King of Kent. The widespread use of church organs date from technological inventions during 14th century. They were the only musical instruments allowed in churches, no harps, drums and flutes for them, but only half of churches had them. Organs were worked by bellows like those in a forge, the creaking and pumping would have been very distracting, so they were in a separate room against the chancel north wall. There are no signs that St Meubred's had one but the current church is a Tudor rebuild. There were also smaller moveable organs called **'portatyffs'** which left no trace.

After the Reformation psalms were the only kind of singing allowed for 100 years. By the 1570's most organs had gone. In 1644 they were banned. By the early 19th century only around 750 churches out of about 12000 had re-installed organs. Lake's parochial history in Bodmin library, originally published 1867-73, tells us that **"the tower arch is blocked by an unsightly singing gallery."** Ugly or not, it was home to west gallery musicians accompanying the singing with viols and woodwind. Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley made hymns popular in non conformist churches. Gradually hymns spread to Anglican churches. Organs weren't general until later in the 19th century. The organ we are celebrating was installed in 1926, so was there a previous organ? Did it hit a hundredth birthday?

What we do know is, if you join in our 2026 Hallelujah chorus or just sing along to Leonard Cohen's **'Hallelujah'**, you are in a tradition going back thousands of years.

Ann Kerridge

Cornwall Councillor Jenny Cruse



The **International Dark Skies** week takes place 2nd- 8th April 2024, and if you read this before the 4th April, please come along to our Bodmin Moor IDA event to be held at King Arthur's Hall where we will be doing some dark sky observation. Specific details on the West Penwith and Bodmin Moor designations are here:

www.darksky.org/places/west-penwith-dark-sky-park/

and here www.darksky.org/places/bodmin-moor-dark-sky-park/

and full details of the week's activity on the Caradon Observatory Facebook page. We are always looking out for Volunteers to join the Dark Skies IDA on Bodmin Moor so please contact me if you would like to join the group.

It has been another month of heavy rain. On March 4th I went round my ward to witness the huge flooding, which in some places was extremely dangerous and damaging to property and the roads. Evidently, most of the problems came from run off from saturated fields and I have ensured that Highways are working with the Environment Agency and landowners to investigate how we can mitigate this problem. Work has already begun in two areas, which is very good news. After representation to Highways, I have heard that they will include **increasing the size of the pipe** from the Millpool Chapel to the river in this coming year's budget, as excessive water has caused flooding and damage in the lane by the Chapel. As always, I would urge my residents to report any blocked drains, blocked culverts, and other flooding problems on the Council report it site at **Report something - Cornwall Council**.

Sadly, I have had to report an increase in fly tipping and general litter along the A30. This is something I just cannot understand and greatly saddens me. Following on from recent Government legislation which decreed we cannot charge for receiving building waste and materials, the **Lanivet HWRC** is no longer offering this service. This service is now offered for free (8 bags of soil 4 sheets of plasterboard and asbestos) (Asbestos call 01726 828230 first) at the St Austell HWRC Menear Road. This is a 6-month trial and there will be consultation at the end of the period.

Interestingly, a few days ago I met two Wildanet workman putting up signage and posts at the top of Millpool Hill, "**Aren't you supposed to be working here in May?**", I said, to which they replied "**Ah, well you know we are well ahead of schedule**" ... well not that well ahead as they clearly had made a mistake and were gone the next day! So just a timely reminder **Wildanet** are due to be in the **whole Cardinham area** from May to August, with some inevitable disruption. As Wildanet is based in Liskeard it is always a good idea to contact them directly on **0800 069 9906** if you have any problems or need any further information. Let us hope by May we will have some sunny and dry days to enable a speedy and good job done.

Please do not hesitate to contact me about Council matters. We all look forward to longer sunnier days. It has been a wet drab Winter but Spring is just around the corner with so much to look forward to.

Jenny

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REGULAR EVENTS

DATE	WHEN	EVENT	WHERE
Monday	7.30pm	Warleggan Young Farmers' Club	JHM
Monday	7.15pm	Millpool Chorale Practice	CRM
Tuesday	11.45-12.45pm	Pilates Mixed Ability Class	JHM
Tue (1st in month)	2.30pm	Book Club (821208)	CRM
Tue (except 3rd)	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Meubred's
Tue (3rd in month)	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	CPH
Tue (last in month)	10.30am	Millpool Coffee Morning & Book Swap	CRM
Wed (except 3rd)	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	St. Meubred's
Wed (2nd in month)	2.30-4.30pm	Crafternoon	CRM
Wed (4th in month)	7.30pm	Warleggan History Group	JHM
Thur (1st in month)	2.30-4pm	Tea Party & Chat	CPH
Thur (3rd in month)	12.45pm	Helpline Lunch	CPH
Thur (last in month)	All day	Pensioners 10% Discount	Trago
Fri (term time only)	9.15-11.15am	Little Fawns Toddler Group	CPH
Sat (1st in month)	7.30-10.30pm	Pop Up Pub Night	CPH
Sat (last every month)	9am-3pm	Farmers Market , Mount Folly	Bodmin
Sun (1st in month)	10.45am-12	KIDZ CLUB	CRM
Sun	10.30am	Table Tennis (821409)	JHM

CRM = THE COMMUNITY ROOM, MILLPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

CPH = CARDINHAM PARISH HALL, JHM = JUBILEE HALL MOUNT

PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE CHECK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND ANY OF THEM.

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



A bench with a view, Cardinham Woods by Sarah Cox