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With best wishes to you all,

Lizzy, Polly, Simon, Marc, Peter and Julia

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Services for St Meubred's, Cardinham - February & March

February 2nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
February 9th	11 am	Joint Service with Millpool Methodist Church in Cardinham Parish Hall
February 16th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
February 23rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
March 2nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
March 9th	11 am	Joint Service with Millpool Methodist Church in Millpool Chapel
March 16th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
March 23rd	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
March 30th	10 am	Team Service at St Petroc's Church

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.

Tea Party & Chat

February 6th from 2.30 pm, in Cardinham

Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa, cake and chat, everyone warmly welcome.

(No Tea Party on 6th March, Lent Lunch instead, see below)



Lent Lunch Thursday 6th March, 12 noon in Cardinham Parish Hall, everyone warmly welcome. Please note there will be no Tea Party that day and we invite all our regulars to come to the lunch instead.

Advance notice: as in previous years we will be arranging **lilies in the church for Easter** in memory of loved ones. If you would like to donate a lily or two do get in touch.



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Dear Friends,

Several of my facebook friends have posted pictures of their Christmas trees saying they won't be taking them down until February 2nd. How come?

In the church's year 2nd February marks the end of the Christmas season when we celebrate Candlemas – or to give it the more formal title '*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*'.

Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple in fulfilment of the ritual obligations of those days. However, when there they encounter two elderly prophets – Simeon and Anna – who bless the holy family but also warn them of tough times ahead.

In many church traditions people brought their candles to be blessed during this feast, partly in thanksgiving for these sources of light, but also as symbolising the presence of the light of Christ in their homes.

I was reminded of this during a recent power cut when I was glad we had a good supply of candles.

May the light of Christ shine ever more brightly in our homes and in our lives.

Blessings,

John Hereward



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Although Christmas seems a long time ago now, we look back with joy on a magical festive season at Cardinham School. Highlights included a fantastic whole-school trip to the Hall for Cornwall to watch *Jack and the Beanstalk*. This memorable experience was made possible thanks to the generous support of our Friends of School. Our children also shone brightly in two remarkable performances: the wonderful school nativity and our contribution to the St Petroc's Christmas Tree Festival. The talent, confidence, and hard work displayed by the children made these events special.

The children have returned with fresh enthusiasm and are already making fantastic progress in their learning. It has been heartening to see their curiosity, determination, and creativity in the classroom as we embrace new challenges and opportunities together.

We also encourage everyone to support our Friends of School by attending their upcoming event – please see the poster >> for details. As mentioned above, The Friends of School play a vital role in funding opportunities like our Christmas trip, and your support makes a huge difference.

The start of a new year always invites reflection. We are proud of all that has been achieved and we are hopeful for what lies ahead. We wish everyone in our community a happy and fulfilling 2025. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sleep Workshop with Julie

The workshop includes

- Introduction to Neal's Yard Remedies
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A rather belated Happy New Year to everyone.

Hopefully, spring is just around the corner, and it will be a little warmer.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first community lunch of 2025 and caught up with everyone. Lunches, as we have said before, are for anyone living in the Parish. You just need to book with Julia, 01208 821216, if you haven't been before, or need to cancel any time.

Dates are 20th February and 20th March. We look forward to seeing you then.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our deepest sympathy to Julie Best's family. We have missed her at our lunches over the past months, and many of us will have fond memories of her in her many roles in the Parish.

With very best wishes

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Julie Best

Eulogy

As Liz Lane has emphasised, we are here to remember and in particular to celebrate the life of Julie.

In our current minds is the tremendous anguish and pain that Julie has suffered and her family has had to witness over recent years. But let our minds go back beyond those times when we couldn't move around Cardinham and Warleggan Parishes without bumping into Julie in one guise or another. She has always been at the heart of our community.

I was honoured to be asked by the family to present this Eulogy and must start by noting one particular similarity in my life and Julie's – we both lived our early years at Homeleigh the bungalow up the road only a hundred yards from this Chapel although Julie was 4 years after me. Perhaps Homeleigh should have a blue plaque affixed to the wall with the names of its two eminent inhabitants?

The following is just a summary tribute to Julie's life that was full to overflowing.

In June 1953 along came this baby girl to Ernie & May Tucker whilst living at Homeleigh. When talking to the family it is easy to become confused as what to call Julie. As far as I am concerned she has always been Julie; her birth was registered as "Julia" (possibly Ernie's mistake) and the family call her "Liz" – a nickname given to her by a young chap who lived with her parents for a while.

May & Ernie built the new bungalow down at Tredale and moved there in 1956 with Julie and baby Peter to be followed by the births of Phil & Chris. They were so happy times down on the farm.

Ernie working hard out in all weathers but always with a soft spot for Julie – at least according to the boys who said she had her father "wrapped around her little finger". Ernie would come in to find May furious with something Julie had or had not done expecting Ernie to give her a good telling off. All she got from Ernie was a soft "Well you didn't ought to have done that really".

Julie nearly died when she was only 4 when she had to be taken to Derriford Hospital with a tapeworm infection. She was given a poison to kill the tapeworm but she reacted so badly that it actually poisoned her and life passed out of her but thankfully she was revived.

Julie went to Church School in Bodmin where, as throughout her life, she was always "pushing the boundaries". Peter recalls how once he was told off for something he did not do and Julie came to his defence only to be rebuked by the teacher with the words "When I want your opinion I will ask for it". Julie cared for Peter at school. She has cared for us all her life.

Then on to Bodmin Secondary School and out in the world to work where she found her niche in secretarial and administration roles. Julie was always a good organiser. Firstly, with Smiths Garage down on Dennison Road, Bodmin then Abbot Trower the hay and straw merchants.

Julie became a really enthusiastic member of Warleggan's Young Farmers Club & served as its Secretary for many years and in later life was a vital member of the Advice Committee.

This busy life became even busier when one night at Cardinham Hall she fell under the spell of the DJ running the Pink Panther Disco – Colin. This was the beginning of many years spending evenings in pubs, clubs, village halls and hotels – places like the Blue Lagoon at Newquay – helping Colin, enjoying the atmosphere and even running the disco herself when Colin had double-booked himself.

In December 1974 Julie and Colin were married here in Mount Chapel. The only problem with a Chapel wedding was that Julie wanted bells. And what Julie wanted she got. Noel Watson sorted out a recording of bells and lo and behold she walked up the aisle to the sound of Church Bells and afterwards outside was the traditional Young Farmers' Club guard of honour of pitch-forks for them to walk through.

Colin and Julie moved to Lidcutt and this was the base for their 50 years of marriage. Along came Peter, David and Jamie but you cannot help feel that although she loved those boys, a daughter to spoil would have been a great wish especially when you see the dolls' house and all the teddy bears around the bungalow.

You all know the 'boys' and you can only imagine what they must have been like when they were really young – fighting, telling tales on each other, generally running amok – with Colin trying to chase after them with his slipper at the ready. But what a great job Julie did in bringing them up to be the men they are now still retaining Julie's values.

But not to worry as later along came the grandchildren including girls that she could spoil far more than her boys (or at least that is what the boys tell me).

Perhaps her happiest working years were those 30 years or so from the mid-1980's until her kidney transplant operation in 2014 when she was Secretary at Cardinham School. Julie was so so important to the School during those years as a steady rock when teachers changed but Julie was always there probably knowing more about the running of the School than the Head Teachers.

Sylvia Fair, one of those Head Teachers at Cardinham wrote: "It takes a lot of sparkle to be a school secretary. There are so many facets to the job. Julie was a valuable, important member of the team at Cardinham School for many years. She was dedicated and committed to her job as school secretary, enjoyed working with people and cared about the children. She achieved the Long Service Award for working for Cornwall County Council. She was the main contact and had a welcoming approach,

was clear and friendly in her manner to all people she dealt with. She was able to bring her wealth of community and local knowledge to her job. Her good sense of humour and clear, positive thinking aided her to adapt to the many changing situations. A truly great school secretary is hard to find, difficult to part with and impossible to forget."

Those who worked with her at School spoke of that glint in Julie's eye during conversations and she would often "see the cheeky side of a conversation". They also noted how proud she was to be Cornish.

Julie has during her whole life been such an important part of our communities. Time does not allow me to do justice to all her roles, but they ranged from Carnival Queen here at Mount twice.

A Member of Cardinham Parish Council for well over 40 years and Chair for over 20 years (what might be considered a thankless task trying to keep everyone in order but a role she relished). Secretary to Cardinham Parish Hall for around 30 years where she was instrumental in getting some early grants for improvements to the Hall. Even when ill she continued her involvement with the Hall attending the AGM by WhatsApp. Secretary to the Church Council of Mount Chapel and ran the Bric a Brac stall at the Chapel Bazaar. An active supporter of everything and anything in the local area.

And during all this time she was helping Colin on the farm home at Lidcutt. She was especially useful at lambing time when in Colin's words she was "right in and whipped three out whilst he was still dealing with one ewe".

There was also an early version of diversification when Julie and Colin began breeding and rearing labrador and collie pups and sending them up to Harrods prestigious store in London when they had a Pets Department.

And the campsite at Lidcutt where many long-term friendships were struck, and not forgetting the rather jolly Avon & Tupperware parties – those were the days!

She and Colin never had much time for long holidays but whenever possible enjoyed the family day trips and Sunday School outings. Her special places were the Rumps near Polzeath on the North coast and Black Head below St Austell on the South coast.

One highlight of her life was being invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2005 which gave her a real opportunity to buy a smart new outfit. Colin tells me, in his typical understated way, that it was "Quite an Experience". After a hectic drive in to London they parked in Pall Mall. Regrettably they did not meet Queen Elizabeth – what a shame as that would have been a great picture with the Queen of England meeting the Queen of Cardinham!

Great fun to be with. Always stylish. Very welcoming to everyone in the villages, school and new members to the family.

Perhaps above everything we should remember Julie as living for her family. She did a “banging Roast” and the pancakes she cooked for the grandchildren were “legend”. Even now that they are grown up she always wanting to know where the boys were and what they were doing? She enjoyed nothing more than taking the grandchildren shopping and buying them things that perhaps she was not able to have in her childhood. She was a great friend to us all but with all the energy and enthusiasm she gave us and all the work she took on at her heart was the family.

Julie was christened in Mount Chapel, later married here and now all of us here today say thank you to Julie for enriching our lives. Thank you Julie, Julia & Liz.

John Keast
16th January 2025

Julie was a great help to the Open the Book Team as well which went into Cardinham Primary from 2007 - 2020, helping get the volunteer pupils dressed up and rehearsed in 15 minutes plus reading the Bible Stories twice a month until too ill to continue. Cardinham resident Lorraine Pollard remembers Julie saying when she learned her Dad was dying, she quickly asked Colin to marry her, they got engaged & their wedding was hastily arranged so her father could walk her down the aisle!

Lizzy Smart



News from MILLPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

The village Christmas tree was ably turned on by Ryan. This was followed by singing around the tree, a short **Christmas concert by the Chorale** and some refreshments to end the evening.

Rod Harrison led a lovely service on the Sunday before Christmas and Shirley organised and led an excellent **Candlelit Carol Service** on Christmas Eve. This was one of many services Shirley has taken or led over the past year, for which we are very grateful.

Once again we are to hold a service for the **World Day Of Prayer**. This year it is **on Friday March 7th 11.00 am**, to be followed by a soup and roll lunch. This is an ecumenical service shared by Christians all over the world. This year the service is prepared by women of the Cook Islands and the title is '*I made you Wonderful*'. It will be celebrated in over 120 countries, starting in Samoa and travelling through Asia, Africa, Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. Anyone is welcome to join us.

We continue to hold our monthly **Ecumenical Services** and were pleased to welcome our friends from St Meubred's to the first one of the year. The service was ably led by Des Gardiner, a good friend of Millpool Chapel who, although lives in Exeter, enjoys coming to Millpool where his late mother grew up. As well as being an excellent preacher he is pretty good on the guitar. (You can see him in action in the photo). We look forward to two more services led by Des: **March 23rd and May 11th.**

A date for your diary:-

Saturday May 10th, Millpool's Big Breakfast (more details in the next Magazine)



Cardinham & District Gardening Club

January 2025

We have just held our **Annual General Meeting** and it was a chance to look back on the previous year. How fast these years go and how we always seem to have the weather as our main complaint? Despite that, and all the other problems we face as gardeners, we still have a very active club here, with over fifty members. The committee works hard to produce an interesting programme and every year we visit some new gardens and hear new talks on a wide variety of topics, gardening like everything has a fashion and we try to include someone to speak on the latest, whilst maintaining our interest in the staples.

Fiona Hammond is one of those speakers who we all enjoy as she brings her great expertise and knowledge to creating beautiful arrangements that don't cost a fortune and we can all replicate. We were delighted she demonstrated at the December meeting and we all went home inspired and a few lucky ones went home with an arrangement they won in the raffle!

The AGM in January was well attended and was followed by a talk from *Richard Woods*, at **Lametton Mill**. He charted the gardening careers of himself and wife, Leigh, as they started to sell plants they propagated in very low key way in their home in Derbyshire, this hobby developed into a business as they took over a 4 acre field to grow more plants for sale. They now live in St Keyne, where they have restored the old mill and have, and are, developing a lovely garden using many of the plants they brought down from Derbyshire, quite a story! The garden is open under *The National Garden Scheme* and is well worth a visit. Lots of tempting delights in their nursery too!



Our next meeting on February 10th, is from *Nicky Gilmour*. Nicky will give a talk on **growing flowers for cutting**, very apt as we try to reduce the carbon footprint of cut flowers by producing more at home. Everyone is very welcome, we would love to see you and share our gardening interest with you. You can come as a visitor for a small contribution and test the water!

Looking forward to seeing you at a meeting soon. **Libby**

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Venus and crescent moon

Taken by Sue and Peter Crier, 2nd January, 2025
The shadowed side of the Moon is illuminated by Earthlight

MUSIC AT LAVETHAN

Tuesday 11 Feb 14.30 - Blisland Church

Concert of music for solo viola (Bach and more) by talented students from UK conservatoires. Retiring collection for church

Wednesday 12 Feb 14.30 - Lavethan Barn, Blisland

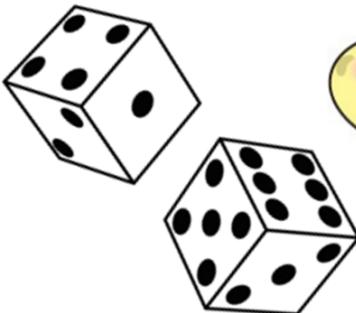
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Saturday 8th February 2025

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Saturday 29th March 2025

The Remains of the old Burnt Heath Clayworks

Travellers heading west along the A30 just past Temple may occasionally glance left across Cardinham Moor to the old flooded clay pit of Burnt Heath. It is actually a fairly well preserved example of a small clayworks of the mid-19th century. Nature has long reclaimed the site and it is now a picturesque pond and watering hole for moorland cattle, the tranquil setting marred only by the constant hum of the nearby dual carriageway.

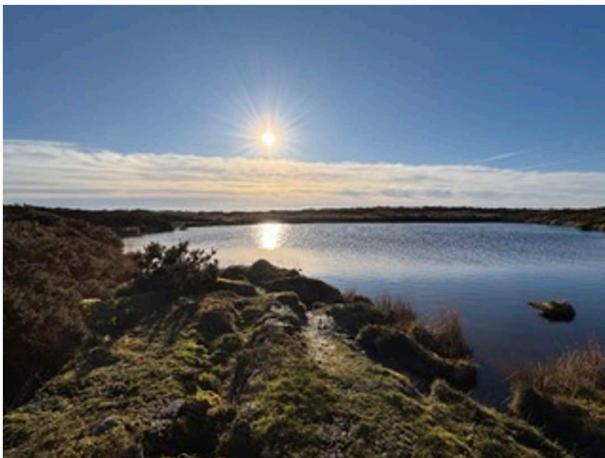


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The workings date from the 1870s. It is one of the 20 or more pits which flourished on the moor in 19th and 20th centuries during the peak of the china clay industry.

In 1893 Burnt Heath was leased by Frank Parkyn. He was a major clay manufacturer in the area, born in Lerryn in 1850 and recorded as having built up a business employing 29 men and 4 boys by the time he had reached the age of 30.

The Burnt Heath clay works were short lived, in operation for just 30 years or so and were marked on the OS map as disused by 1907. Now it is possible to scramble across the remaining banks formed by the old dumps and spot the old process area of granite lined settling pits and tanks and the channels created to form the sand and mica drags. A waterwheel in the valley below powered a series of flat rods to pump from the pit to surface. The area where the pump and shaft were located is shown on the 1880 OS survey but is now flooded and inaccessible.

¹⁸ The aerial shot on the following page shows the main features of the site.



Arial view of Burnt Heath Clayworks

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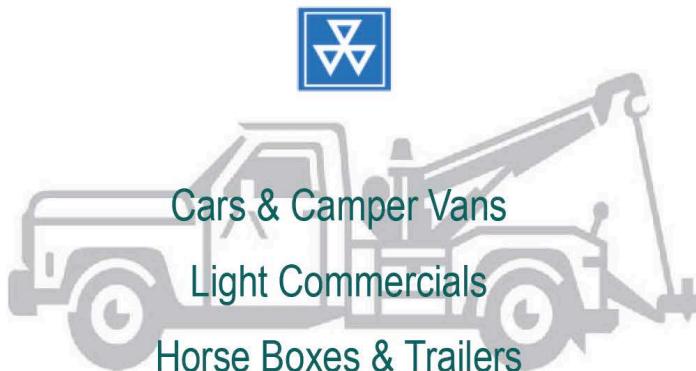
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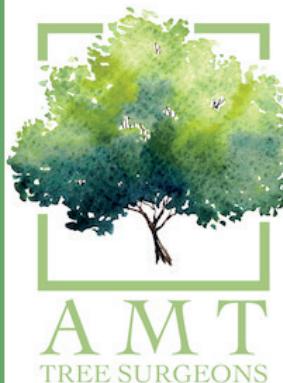
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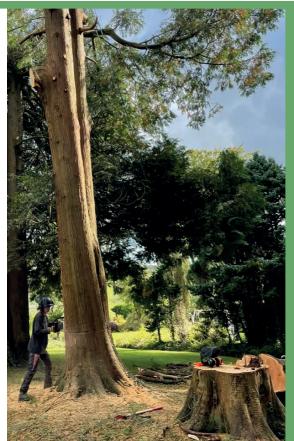


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Retired Bishop Graham, the (soon-to-be) Bishop of Truro David Williams & Bishop Hugh of St Germans after surprising St Meubred's Congregation at Evening Prayer last December

Thanks Lizzy for the photos.



Need help in an emergency?

We now have access to more medical equipment in the Parish to help in case of a major accident. Thanks to the generosity of FLEET (Front Line Emergency Equipment Trust) we have Bleed Control Kits in each of our Defibrillator Boxes in Cardinham, Millpool and Littledowns, that can be collected if needed in an emergency by asking for the Box access code when you phone 999 for assistance - in the same way as getting a Defib in the case of a cardiac arrest. Duchy Defibrillators have installed and will be maintaining these Kits which have been supplied free of charge by FLEET from Bleed Control UK. Each Kit contains protective gloves, foil blankets, trauma shears, tourniquets and dressings, plus simple instructions, that can be used to control and provide initial treatment of major bleeding injuries until the Emergency Services arrive. Hopefully they'll never be needed but it's good to know they're there. The Parish Council is hoping to arrange a short evening training session in the Spring on what to do to stem major blood loss resulting from an accident, as well as a refresher on how to give CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and use one of our Defibs. So watch out for the date.



Warleggan YFC

There was a quacking evening at St Neot village hall's **Duck Bingo** on Saturday 11th January, seeing the club chairman dressed in an inflatable duck costume on stage pulling rubber ducks out of a box calling the bingo numbers enabled the advisory club members to raise an incredible **£678.00**. Alongside that fundraising event, members of Warleggan YFC & community members also raised a staggering **£3,200.00** through **No Shave November**, a special shout out needs to go to **Jeanette from the London Inn** who, through walking 2k a day, **raised £1,000.00** and **Colin and Jayne Dyer** who also raised **£800.00** for the club's charities: **Oddballs** and **Yellow Wellies**. **St Neot Village Brew** also donated **£100**. **A Massive Thank You to you all**. The fundraising continues into the coming months with the annual **Dung Run on Saturday 22nd February**, £3 per bag or 4 bags for £10. Please call Olly to book your bags. The London Inn is hosting another of their amazing **Fish 'N' Chip Nights on 21st March** raising yet more money for the club. We look forward to an incredible evening as always. Thank you to everyone for their efforts making these events so successful.

In addition to the fundraising the club continues to enjoy their **Monday night meetings with visits to Bond Timber, a trip to Trethorne Leisure Park for a spot of 10 pin bowling and a pasty crimping session with Helluva Pasties**. New faces are always welcome, please visit our Facebook page or contact our chairman Olly on **07455 077498** for any information or updates.



Millpool Chapel's *Lighting of the Christmas Tree* plus Carol Singing by the local community, followed by a warming supper in the Chapel while being entertained wonderfully by *Millpool Chorale*.

Millpool Chapel's nativity scene, and Cardinham School holding their super *Christingle Service* - with the Christingles at the ready. Thanks Lizzy for the pics!



Cardinham Sports Club

www.cardinhamssports.org Facebook - @cardinhamssports

It's a new year, and the days are getting longer.

Tennis continues to be our main focus, with our informal medium ability regular morning group playing once or twice a week, a more talented evening group, our 'rusty rackets' group for those less confident or less mobile on Wednesday evenings, as well as members playing amongst themselves other times. And we continue to welcome non-members who book the court on a **pay-and-play** basis - all in all, it's great to see the court being so well used by members and non-members alike.

This year's other activities begin with **ten-pin bowling on 7 February**, and we hope to organise a cycle ride, at least one open tennis afternoon, a croquet afternoon, pickleball events, maybe a quiz... Any ideas – let us know!

To find out more about the club, or to book a court, go to
www.cardinhamssports.org or call 01208 821409 / 07842 612989



DARTMOOR AWAY DAY & MOORLAND LIVESTOCK NUTRITION ADVICE SESSION

Friday 21st February - all day
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CARDYNHAM CHURCH

What are St Meubred's most precious treasures? What would people come a long way to see? Some visitors are searching for ancestors in our churchyard, but we have two genuinely significant items – **our Cardinham cross**, the best of its kind in Cornwall and **our brass of Thomas Awmarle**, a 14th century Rector, unique of its kind due to Thomas' dress, weapon and inscription, and among the oldest in Cornwall. The actual brass remains covered to protect it from bats, but our modern facsimile can not only be admired by visitors but has gone on its own travels to Cardinham school, several other churches and St Beward local history society.

In normal lighting it's hard to appreciate the patterns on our cross. You need to see it when the sun is bright but low to the east or west. However thanks to the wonders of technology you can see it in all its glory on the Bodmin way website <https://www.bodminway.org/st-meubred-heritage>

The official *Historic England* listing says it has several rare features, including the inscription on the shaft and the interlaced knot decoration on the head. It hasn't always been appreciated. It was built into the east wall of the chancel during the 15th century rebuild, the head was positioned below the window and the shaft was lower down, towards the south side of the wall. When the church was restored in 1872 the cross head and shaft were removed from the wall, reunited and re-erected in their present position.

The side facing away from the porch is divided into three panels, the top panel bearing the lower part of an inscription incised in an early medieval form of script derived from Roman style capitals. The inscription reads 'arthi' or 'arahi'. Below the inscription is a small incised equal limbed cross. The middle panel bears an interlaced knot, and the long bottom panel is decorated with an interlaced design. The side facing the porch has a continuous panel of scroll work. The east side a continuous panel of interlace and the west side an upper panel of square key pattern and a lower panel of interlaced. The inscription and design suggests it dates to the early to mid 10th century. Cornwall was still separate from England at this time. In 936 Athelstan fixed Cornwall's eastern boundary as the east bank of the Tamar. Although Athelstan's successor Edmund styled himself 'King of the English and ruler of this province of the Britons.'

Are these are only treasures? When you visit the church is there anything you look for like an old friend? Maybe a particular benchend? While most are quite standard, I love the man with 3 faces. Have a look for him next time you are passing or maybe you love the little window of Mary and Jesus up by the altar.

Whatever you value most, it's wonderful to have such an interesting building so close at hand.

Ann Kerridge

Cornwall Councillor Jenny Cruse

We had a very sad start to this year with the loss of **Julie Best** the Chair of Cardinham Parish Council. Julie was the Chair of Cardinham for twenty years and her steady and caring guidance in her many roles within Cardinham Parish made her the most respected and valued member of our community. Over the last four years she has been a great help to me in many ways and always given me such good advice. Thank you Julie for all your wisdom - we will all miss you so very much.



Storm Darragh arrived in full force with some properties remaining without power for 4 days. This revealed the serious lack of connectivity created moving to digital. Most land lines as well as the mobile phones had no signal. The worry then being how could a 999 call be made? I immediately contacted our Leader to make my concerns known and a letter has gone to the Minister as Emergency Management.

Millpool was without power for 4 days and National Power failed to support the vulnerable and this is not satisfactory, and I will be bringing this up as a priority with National Grid. It makes sense to have plenty of torches, candles and even a Powerbank kept fully charged along with a good supply of long life milk and tinned food. It is also possible to get a dual SIM mobile with a roaming data SIM which would roam to the best available network automatically. But to me it does not seem a safe situation and concerns have been escalated to Local Emergency Services. It is also a good idea to click the link through to the compensation form on the National grid update messages as every household can receive £85 cheque for any power cut over 48 hours.

At **Full Council** on 21st January, we are discussing the **Devolution Deal**. This is a very important matter which will affect everyone in Cornwall. It is my opinion that we are being held to ransom to join with Devon, Plymouth, and Torbay to make a Mayoral Strategic Authority with a level 3 deal. Essentially this entitles members to more funding, however as we would only represent one sixth of the overall demographics it is possible we will be ineffectual in getting what we want or even our fair share. We currently are a Foundation Strategic Authority without a Mayor and level 2 deal, which looking at the financial grant format gives us very little funding and means we go cap in hand to central government. In other words, starving Cornwall of funds. All in all, the situation is about as bad as it could be and the very worse we expected. There is a strong possibility that even if we delay matters and continue as we are with our geographical boundaries our hands will be forced. It is my opinion that we should stay as we are and fight for our cause to be a special case and campaign for a Cornwall only footprint with a much-improved financial agreement. The uncertainties are worrying, and I must admit hugely depressing, but unfortunately not surprising. Still spring is around the corner and the spirit of our identity runs strong within our community and that is something that counts for a great deal.

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 (3rd in month)	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	CPH
Tue (last in month)	10.30am	Millpool Coffee Morning & Book Swap	CRM
Wed (2nd in month)	2.30-4.30pm	Crafternoon	CRM
Wed (4th in month)	7.30pm	Warleggan History Group	JHM
Thur	7.00pm	Bell Ringing	St. Meubred's
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

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