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VERYAN AND RUAN LANIHORNE JANUARY 2014

TRANSFORMATION!

Once again the members of the Lights Committee have excelled themselves with the wonderful array of Christmas sparkle and colour in Veryan and Portloe.

Every year there's at least one new feature - thank you all so much for the time, the energy, the creativity and the sheer hard work that is needed to produce this amazing display.



Trumpeting angels beside the pond at Veryan

In this issue...

Our usual mixture of regular features (Nicola's gardening advice, church reports, a bit of local history) and special articles, this month the second part of Malcolm Craven's vivid description of a round-the-world trip, and, closer to home, Ella's thoughts on her first term at her new school. And don't miss the 'Hera' commemorations on 1 & 2 February - see page 5.

New contributors welcome - we are a church magazine, but we do publish items of general and local interest.

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IN YOUR GARDEN

this month

If you have been sitting on your laurels over the festive season (and I don't mean literally!) then now is the time to get going. The days are lengthening thank heavens and it really is time to think about the seasons ahead. But whilst I jest about the laurels there is a serious point here. December was generally a dry month. I wish I had a quid for everybody that said 'I don't mind it colder but at least it's dry'. Actually the dry weather is something we need to think about even if we get rain in buckets this month or next. Our hedges really do need rain this time of year and the camellias too. I have had to go out and water in December to ensure that all the herbaceous perennials that I split and moved are surviving and some of the larger shrubs began to look a bit sad too, particularly when dry weather is accompanied by drying winds. Shrubs and trees that have been moved in the dormant season need what we call available water. Once they get their roots down and established they will find water for themselves. But just think of the poor plant. You dig it up, chop it in half and replant it. What a shock! It is trying to support the few remaining leaves, put its roots down and get used to a new position. Take some of its stress away by giving it some water that it can easily access whilst it becomes accustomed to its new space. Tubs of tulips and daffodils carefully planted need water and I still have marguerites flowering their little heads off from last summer but I have had to keep them watered. Sounds daft watering tubs in December and January but don't neglect 'available water'. Of course all our gardening this month will be dependent on the weather conditions. No point in treading down wet or frozen soil and lawns. No point in getting ourselves too wet or cold

either but there are jobs that need doing. Tidy the shed, take the lawn mower for a service, in fact have all garden machinery checked over this winter so that you are good and ready and safe for spring. It's a good time to buy compost if you have space to keep it dry. Stored in a greenhouse or shed it will warm up ready for seed sowing. Check our seed trays and pots; give them a good clean even if you did it at the end of last season. You will be amazed how many critters have made a home in the cracks and crevices, particularly young snails and slugs. Also check those fading packets of fertilisers and chemicals. If you left the lid loose they will have gone damp and lumpy and if you have lost the labels or instructions they should be disposed of safely. *Not* down the drain or in the bin!! The council will advise if necessary. Have a look at the vegetables that are available now. Sprouts, leeks, parsnips, swede, turnips, celeriac, cabbage, cauliflower and kale to name but a few. With a bit of thought now you could be growing a few of those for yourself rather than paying over a quid for a manky cauliflower (unless you get yours from Mike's stall of course where they are cheaper, freshly cut and have a flavour superior to those that have travelled from heaven knows where.) That's a fiver he owes me! It's time to think about chitting those potato tubers too. If you haven't ordered them get on to it now. I always encourage you to try a few new potatoes just for their freshest flavour but unless you have a massive veg plot it is rarely worth growing main crop potatoes. I say this only because of the space they take up and the disease issues. It's the old story from me really. Grow the veg which are more expensive in the shops and buy the ones that are always in plentiful supply and cheaper. If you want large bulb onions,

January is the month to sow them as seed. For years I bought relatively expensive onion sets and for the last ten years I have been growing them from seed. It's cheaper, easy and I believe the resultant onions store better and grow larger. You also don't need to keep checking that the birds have pulled your sets from the soil. The seedlings need to be kept warm of course at this time of year and need to be in the lightest place possible or they will be drawn.

If you want to warm the soil up more quickly so that plants can go out earlier under protection then put your cloches, fleece or polythene on the soil now. This does trap some heat but also allows the soil to dry out rather than planting into wet cold mud. So if it stays dry think on.

And something I mentioned earlier, if you are overwintering crops, even mature ones, check regularly for slugs and snails that love to hide under the leaves and munch their way into spring! If by any chance you have forgotten to plant your sweet peas in autumn (only Gerald is disciplined enough to remember) then they can be planted now. Always put them in deep pots so that they get a good root run. Most sweet pea seed doesn't need soaking overnight as we always used to, but the older varieties still appreciate a good soak first to soften the very hard seed coat. Plants with big fleshy roots like Japanese anemones may be propagated now from root cuttings. The anemones particularly don't much like being propagated by dividing them up and can sulk for several years. Just dig up part or all of the plant to be propagated and wash off as much soil as you can from the roots so they can be separated. Cut off sound roots about the thickness of a pencil and divide into sections about 2" long. Trim off the thin fibrous roots from the

sides, cut the bottom diagonally and the top straight across, that way you will know which is up and which is down! Pop them in a pot of compost with the tips just covered water well and keep frost free. Loads of new plants will emerge for not a lot of effort and if you remind yourself that each plant would have been at least £6 to buy you will feel quite righteous! Plants that will propagate in this way include acanthus, brunnera, dicentra, echinacea, oriental poppies, romneya and verbascum, to name a few. January can be a very busy time, other jobs to do if you feel so inclined include, but are not limited to:

Check stakes on trees haven't worked their way loose and are damaging the bark

New trees with low side shoots can be pruned up whilst they are young and dormant.

Prune the wisteria to 2-3 buds; it's a bit easier than when you took the long shoots off in August as now you can see more of the framework.

Prune hazelnut trees now, shorten the new long growth by half and keep the trimmings for pea sticks.

Invest in a propagator or heated bench, it allows you to get going more quickly next month and beyond particularly if we have another cold spring.

Wow, plenty to do then, I shall be thinking of you toiling thorough wet and windy weather, possibly with ice and snow, whilst I take a break in warmer climes!! A huge thank you to my Nursery and pig sitters who make this possible!

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From the Vicarage

May I wish you all a Happy New Year? For some people the New Year is a time to look ahead and consider what the future has in store.

One of the most pressing issues for the people of Veryan parish is to upgrade the church heating. Several loyal members of the congregation feel unable to come to services because the church has been cold.

We have now received faculty permission from the Diocese to have new heating installed.

The church wardens have spent a lot of time investi-

gating what will be most suitable for such a large building.

There will be some fan-assisted storage radiators to raise the overall background temperature and more efficient under pew heaters to provide warmth where people sit.

The PCC has accepted a tender and we hope that the work will soon be put in hand.

However, there is the major issue of funding the project on top of continuing to meet all of the regular bills.

Because of this it may be necessary to stage the work to enable money to be raised.

Applications will be made to various grant-making bodies but there will still be a need for most of the cost to be raised locally.

I know that many people were very generous in their support of the appeal to repair the windows of the church just a few years ago, so I am aware that it is asking a lot in appealing to you again.

I will be writing to every parishioner inviting their contribution, whether large or small.

If anyone has any ideas how we can make fund-raising fun the PCC will be glad to hear from you.

So in the circumstances, in addition to wishing you a Happy New Year, it should also be a Prosperous New Year so that you can afford to be generous. May you know God's blessings in your lives,
Fr Doug.

Thank you!

...to our school, who donated the collection at their Carol service last month to the church heating fund - £88-92, a wonderful effort.

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The wreck of the 'Hera'

On the night of 1st - 2nd February 1914 the German barque 'Hera' was wrecked on the outer stones of the Gull Rock just off Nare Head.

Only five of her crew survived. Fifteen bodies were eventually recovered and are buried in Veyan churchyard. The captain, and the three men whose bodies were never recovered, are commemorated on the memorial stone that marks what is reputed to be the longest grave in the country.

Most of the crew were German, a few were Swedish, but one of the youngest on board was an English lad, 17-year-old Walter Smith.

On the centenary weekend next month Veyan church will remember those sailors who perished in such terrible conditions that at first even the lifeboat sailing close by could not see or reach the vessel.

Saturday 1 February

10 am: the exhibition of photographs, artefacts etc will be opened in the presence of Bishop Chris Goldsmith, Bishop of St Germans, Revd Steve Wild, Chairman of Cornwall Methodist District, and Councillor John Wood, chairman of Cornwall Council. We hope that there will be press and other media coverage.

7.30 pm: An evening of song and story to commemorate and remember, with Du Hag Owr, Philleigh Shout, Trounce Guy and others Retiring collection in aid of Missions to seafarers, RNLI and the church heating appeal.

Sunday 2 February

11 am: Requiem service with the Roseland Churches' Choir. Preacher: Revd John Robertshaw, at one time Missions to Seamen Port Chaplain in Walvis Bay, Namibia, and a 22 32 member of Falmouth Flying Angel Mission Committee.

3 pm: Rededication of the memorial and laying of memorial wreath at the grave by the Dean of Truro Cathedral, the Very Revd Roger Bush

A display of photographs and memorabilia will be on show in the church and the booklet recording the story of the wreck will be on sale.

At the funeral in 1914 it was recorded that over 600 people attended; while we can't emulate that number, we hope for a full church to remember and reflect.

In 1914 the chaplain to what was then known as 'Missions to Seamen', the Revd J C Badger, wrote the verse which is inscribed on the memorial stone.

THE FOG HID THE LIGHT OF THE HARBOUR
WITH DANGER UNSEEN ON THE LEE;
THE CREW BRAVE AND TRUE DID THEIR DUTY
IN THE FACE OF A TERRIBLE SEA.

MISSING THE LIGHT, SAILING HOMEWARD,
THE "HERA" WENT DOWN IN THE DEEP.
MISSING THEIR FACES, WE MOURN THEM,
SACRED THE SPOT WHERE THEY SLEEP.

ALL HONOUR TO BRAVE BROTHERS RESTING,
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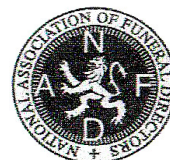
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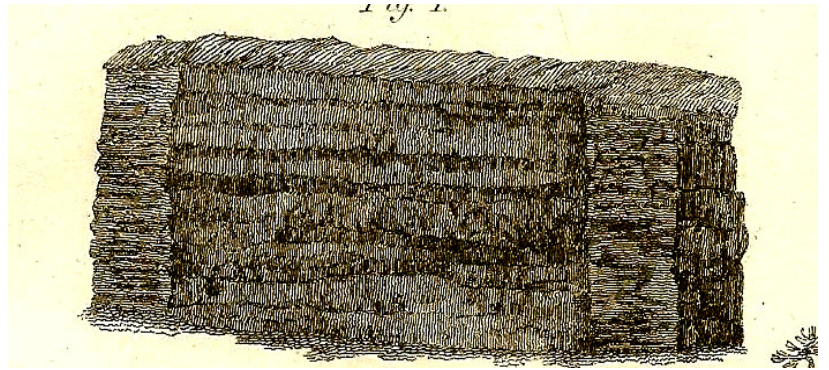
On the left, the newly-built hedge adjoining the Homeyard Homes in Veryan. Readers may have seen Trounce Guy working here before Christmas. Trounce maintains one of the oldest of rural skills, that of hedge-building.

Below, an illustration from the 'General View of the Agriculture of the county of Cornwall' published in 1811.

Hedges in Moor Launder and by the War Memorial are also built in this fashion.

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First term at the Roseland

Ella's report

My first term at The Roseland Community College

I've been at The Roseland for a whole term now and I thought I'd look at some facts;

Number of times I've missed the bus	1
Items lost (purse, PE top, PE jumper, tie)	4
Items found (purse, PE jumper, tie)	3
Clubs joined	7
New friends made	32.
Favourite subject/s	English, Science & Art.
Least favourite subject	Maths.

There's certainly a lot going on at Secondary School! At the moment I am in rehearsals for the School production of "We Will Rock You." I have a small dance part which is glittery! I have made a bug house in RM (Resistant Materials) with drinks cans for a roof. I've also made a lantern for Truro's City of Light Parade, but I had to play in the Samba Band instead. The most difficult thing is trying to remember what day is what thing – as I hate to admit I've joined too many things! One of my favourite things is the potato wedges in the canteen for £1 – Christine probably didn't have these when she was at school.

Ella Brigg

No, I didn't - and we didn't have chips, either! May be an article on old-style school dinners sometime? **CRE**

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OUT INTO THE DESERT

Malcolm Craven

continues the story of the round-the-world trip



We woke next morning to our first full day in an African camp site, the shape of things to come. These are not the standard of German ones it is true, but friendly enough if you were tolerant of the ablution systems.

By the time we got home my daughter was accusing us of having a loo complex as our progress around the world seemed to be charted by our assessment of what was on offer.

Africa as a whole was a rude shock to our westernised customs. It seemed universal that, while taps and basins might be provided, water and basin plugs were not always delivered on site.

There was water on tap it is true – usually a large tap in one corner of the block from which you filled a variety of tins, usually baked beans or, perhaps, peaches. You would then move this to your selected basin, try to bung up the plug hole and get washed.

We rapidly started doing all that in the privacy and comfort of Wilma.

Loos themselves worked the same way. Sometimes a tap in the cubicle, more often a large water bucket, again with a tin. Toilet paper there was none – Africans did not use it, so it was bring your own.

In one site we were shown by the proud owner to his new ablution block. An immaculate building, pristine cubicles, a line of fine new sanitary ware, each with its own cistern. A newly painted water supply pipe ran along overhead.

The only problem was that no one had connected this to the individual cisterns! It ran through a series of walls to a tap at the far end, but each cubicle had a fine new bucket that you could fill there and carry to your selected slot.

This system does require a certain amount of pre-planning.

We made our way westwards along the coast, a good modern road through vineyards and fields. This coastal strip of Morocco and Algeria has been cultivated for centuries, as witness the frequent Roman ruins, usually in better condition than in Europe because of the dry climate.

It is farming country, vines, cereals and olives, fertile as it has plenty of moisture, the rainfall and the sun supporting large farms. We would often pull off into the shade of the groves for lunch.



At one an elderly gentleman riding a donkey came up to me and we tried to converse in French. He was interested in the van and what we were doing, speculatively eyeing my wife. 'Is that your woman?' he asked. 'Yes', I replied, hoping that Ann had not registered the terminology. 'How many do you have?' came next. I was a bit floored by this. 'What do you mean?' He looked at me as if I was an idiot. 'Wives – women,' he said. 'Only this one', I replied apologetically. He looked at me in pity, kicked the donkey and rode off in disgust.

I had clearly disappointed him. Possibly, if I had had a few to spare, he would have traded the donkey for one!

Our goal was Algiers where a road ran south, 1400 miles to Tamanrassat, well down in the desert. Algiers itself was quite a challenge. A modern city laid out in squares, main streets parallel.

Between the lines, however, was a network of alleys, twisting and narrow, which spewed their human

and animal content out onto the boulevards. Someone had taken humans in all shapes and sizes and dress, added camels, donkeys, dogs, goats, sheep, and sprinkled thereon a good mixture of carts, cars, lorries, bicycles, motorbikes and buses. The whole mixture had



then been well shaken and poured, like your cornflakes, over the once orderly streets and squares.

Our passage was slow and painstaking, the last thing I wanted was an accident and confrontation with a screaming Arab mob.

Following signs in Arabic, which we could not read, French which we could not understand, we used our map, scale all wrong for towns, and a sense of direction. Amazingly the traffic thinned, offices became houses which in turn became more spread out and, at last, we found a sign we could read. – Ain Tata, the first small town on our way south.

For the first time we were to strike out into genuine wilderness.

There would be small towns every couple of days or so, linked by the road we were to follow, but it would be over 2500 miles before we would reach areas where, once more, there would be places where we could always guarantee someone would be about.

The Sahara is huge – bigger than Australia. You could drop that continent

into the Sahara and still be left with a border of sand all round.

The road we were to take ran, fairly straight, north to south, and would be our guide, little chance of getting lost, but every chance of breaking the vehicle and having to abandon her. A deep breath and we were on our way.

As the houses thinned the countryside became less fertile until they stopped altogether and the tarmac ran across sand – not beach type stuff, but coarse and gritty.

The road had been laid on this without deep foundation so that the passage of heavy lorries, plenty of them, had broken it up till the point when the tarmac was unusable to drive on.

Traffic then moved off to one side and drove alongside the road, using it as a guide and creating a parallel dirt track.

After a while this track became unusable so they moved off on to another parallel track beside it.

The whole process continues like this, the road gets wider and wider until the highway may be over a mile across and the dust cloud out to the side of you, perhaps a mile away, is the fellow on the other carriageway going north.

Oh,- did we have to learn quickly!

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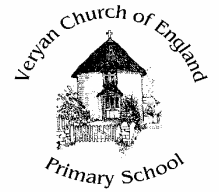
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And thank you to everyone who made all our Christmas events so special. Lots of hard work from everybody, but well worth it!

A new term this month and a new phase in our school's life, now as part of the St Piran's Cross Multi-Academy Trust along with Bishop Bronescombe school in St Austell, Grampound with Creed, Grampound Road, and Ladock. Our new Principal is Mr David Rushton, and we look forward to working with him to develop our school both educationally and pastorally.

And - a diary date already - HALF TERM will be 17-21 February.

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JANUARY - Looking forward, looking back



The month of January, 'the gate of the year', gets its name from the old Roman god Janus, depicted as having two heads, one looking back, one looking forward to the future. It's a new year, and a time to reflect on the past.

Coincidentally I've been doing just that, for two different reasons. The questions posed by the team masterminding the 'Roseland Plan' asked what the future of 'the Roseland' should be.

A search for information about the men who in 1914 left Veryan to fight in the 'Great War' involves a study of the census returns for 1901, a snapshot of the parish in that year. It occurred to me that without some knowledge and understanding of our community's past, we can neither understand the present nor plan sensibly - sensitively - for the future.

I thought that our readers might be interested to learn something about that time - now well beyond the memory of any of us - if only to realise how different that world was from ours, but how it might have helped to shape our present.

I have to admit that I found the questionnaire hard to answer. 'What is 'quality of life'? What do I think about 'local jobs for local people'? What are my views on 'second homes' and on the option to 'reclaim' them for permanent occupancy? How 'valuable' is 'the landscape'? If you had asked those questions of any one of the people living and working in Veryan in 1901, I doubt if any would

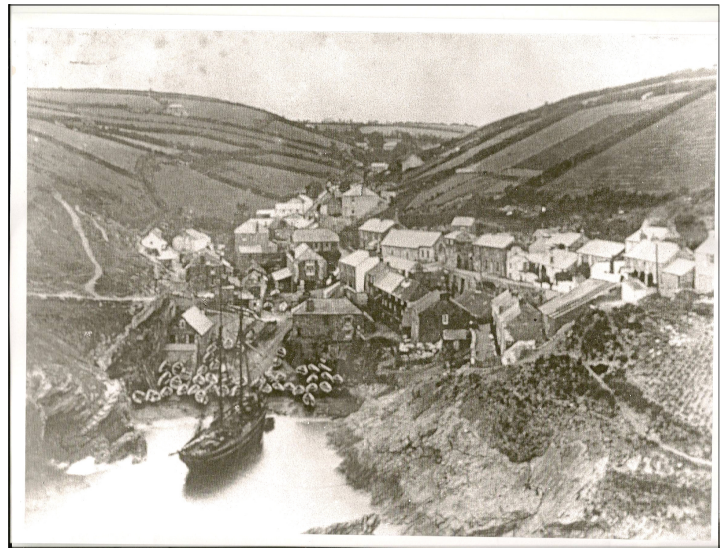
have been able to offer an opinion. What was their 'quality of life'? What work did they do? How did they view the landscape around them?

Let's look at Portloe.

In 1901 the permanent population was 254 souls, with an additional 35 in the coastguard houses, and 26 more living at Sunny Corner. There were only 7 unoccupied houses, with 129 occupied. Of these, 42 had 4, 3 or 2 rooms only. Was the community self-sufficient? There was certainly a good assortment of trades and occupations: fishermen, of course, 38 listed, with associated occupations (fishmonger, fish salesman, fish merchant - were there subtle differences?) and a boatbuilder. The coal merchant would have depended on cargoes being delivered and landed on the beach.

The community was well served with three grocers, two butchers, each with an assistant, a publican, two bootmakers, two dressmakers, a builder, four masons and three carpenters. The post office had its sub-postmaster, an assistant, and a telephone clerk. Three 'bus proprietors' provided transport in and out of the village. Two schoolteachers, two nurses and a 'knitting machinist working at home' represented women's occupations. Along with a few domestic servants and a handful of 'general labourers', that was Portloe in 1901.

The houses may not have been well-equipped, or even warm, but the place was busy all year long. Church, chapel, school, shops, the post office and pub provided the framework for this little community.



Most of its population was born in the parish, many in Portloe itself. A few had moved in from other Cornish coastal villages - Millbrook, Looe, Gorran Haven - but it was only the coastguard families who had moved from outside the county.

Veryan Green's 'profile' was quite different. Forty houses are listed, 37 with five or more rooms, 7 with two rooms only, 14 with 3 or 4 rooms. Two major farmers, Alpheus Hearle and Sam Spry, provided work for five labourers, four horsemen and a carter. Tradesmen included masons, carpenters, a shoemaker, blacksmith, stonemason and saddler. Two dressmakers and two laundresses with a couple of domestic servants, and a 62-year-old travelling pedlar, represented female jobs. One man is described as a trapper, one as a gardener, there were two roadmen and a bargeman (presumably working on the Ruan river). Also living in the Green were a post office assistant and a police constable, and, most unexpectedly, a 'maker of jewellery' who had been born in Clerkenwell, London

Of the 133 names listed as living in the Green, most were born in Veryan; others came from further afield in Cornwall: Redruth, St Agnes, Truro, Grampound, Probus, and the more local parishes of Gorran, Caerhays and

Cuby. Two were born in London, two in Devon and one in Sussex.

Looking at the landscape today, the pattern of roads, fields and paths had hardly changed in 150 years (look at the 1840 tithe map for the parish) and some remain much as they were in the late 17th century; but the use of the land has changed. In 1901 there were 36 working farms employing many local men and boys, as agricultural labourers' but also as horsemen, waggoners and cattle-men.

What is notable throughout the parish is the ages of those men who were employed, or who were engaged on a craft or trade. Men worked well into their 70s: the blacksmith, stone mason and several fishermen were in their late 70s and still working: no pensions, no retirement, no leisure for them. Only those who managed to survive into their 80s - a mere dozen - were 'retired' or 'living on own means'.

So what was their 'quality of life'? A roof over their head, work and some sort of income, no guaranteed employment, no pension; basic education for their children but no prospect of improvement. Nevertheless it was a close-knit community.

The landscape as we see it today was moulded and shaped by those who worked the land, quarried stone for

building or roads, planted and used trees for shelter, timber and fuel.

How would we survive in that world? Hard physical labour on land or at sea, or in the home; a house of 3 rooms occupied by a family of 5? Ironically those little houses, condemned in the 1940s as 'unfit', were 'rescued' and converted into holiday lets and are now 'listed'. How many families today could fit their possessions into three or four rooms?

It has been a salutary exercise to look at that Vryan of over a century ago. I doubt whether any of those listed had any inkling of what would happen a few years later; nor did they have any control over their future.

Over 120 young men from Vryan parish went to war in 1914. Some never returned.

The turn of the year gives us an opportunity to reflect. An alternative to Janus, the two-headed Roman god, is offered

in a poem by Minnie Haskins, written in the early years of the 20th century. We may plan for the future, but we cannot know what it will bring.

*'And I said to the man
who stood at the gate of
the year,
"Give me a light that I
may tread safely into the
unknown".
And he replied,
"Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the
hand of God. That shall
be to you better than light
and safer than a known
way".
So I went forth, and find-
ing the hand of God, trod
gladly into the night...'
If you want the whole poem
Google 'The Gate of the
Year'.*

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Daytime LOW tides at CARNE in January

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11.18	2 12.08	3 12.56	4 13.42
5 14.28	6 15.14	7 16.03	8 16.56	9 5.23	10 6.31	11 7.44
12 8.51	13 9.47	14 10.33	15 11.13	16 11.49	17 12.24	18 12.57
19 13.30	20 14.02	21 14.36	22 15.12	23 15.54	24 16.46	25 17.51
26 6.31	27 7.53	28 9.08	29 10.11	30 11.06	31 11.55	

New moon 1 January Full moon 16 January



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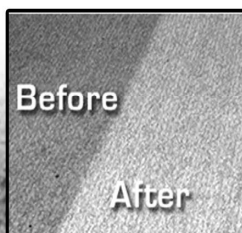
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Round the Churches...

Ruan

Lanihorne

In 2013 the church was surveyed for the Quinquennial Report. The report highlighted several issues which need immediate attention. It was agreed at the November PCC meeting that with the necessary permissions from the Diocese these repairs should be put in hand.

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NEWS FROM PORTLOE



Soup lunches for 2013 ended with a flourish, 27 of us enjoying good food, and of course delightful company. Unusually, mince pies and chocolates rounded off the meal - but it was, after all, the beginning of Advent! Do come and join us for the first of our 2014 winter soup lunches on Monday 6 January, around 12.30 pm - it'll be great to see you.

VERYAN Parish church



A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas services so memorable. It takes time and skill to decorate our church, and we were WARM! thanks to Mr Churchwarden Elliott's efforts.

HEATING UPDATE

The PCC invited, and received, three tenders for the heating contract. We had been of necessity fairly precise about timing for the project (depending on funds being available) and asked accordingly that the work could be phased.

Two of the submissions took this into account but one was considerably more expensive than the other, and the contract has been awarded to Waldon of St. Austell, a firm well-regarded by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and who have undertaken many electrical projects in schools and public offices. A site meeting is arranged for early January to decide priorities and the necessary preliminary work, and the first batch of new heaters will be installed as soon as we have some cash in hand! Grant applications are already being made and we will continue to update you on progress.



December's Soup Lunch at Portloe saw 27 happy people enjoying good food and good company!

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JANUARY
*Otherwise known
as...*

Lauw-maand
['frosty month' in Old
Dutch]

Wulf Monath
[wolf-month, in
Anglo-Saxon, when
the wolves were
hungry and
particularly trouble-
some]

Nivoise
[snow month, in the
French
Revolutionary
calendar]

And 'Yule'?
From Icelandic 'jöl',
the feast of the winter
solstice.

**MEDITATION GROUP
VERYAN**

**Third Thursday in the
month 2.30 pm**

**501650 or 501565 for
details**

**There is a warm welcome
for everyone and we can
arrange transport if
needed.**

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
Sunday 5 January EPIPHANY		
11 am Eucharist	9.30 am	10.30 am
Canon Doug	Holy Communion	Morning Worship
	Canon Doug	Roger Joll
Sunday 12 January BAPTISM OF CHRIST		
11 am Eucharist		10.30 am
Canon Doug	Anglican informal worship	
Sunday 19 January Epiphany 2		
11 am Eucharist	9.30 am	10.30 am
Canon Doug	Mattins	Morning Worship
	Canon Doug	Andrew Richards
Sunday 26 January Epiphany 3		
8.30 am Holy Communion		9.30 am
Canon Doug		Eucharist
11 am Eucharist		Canon Doug
Canon Doug		
Sunday 2 February CANDLEMAS		
11 am Requiem for	9.30 am	10.30 am
the 'Hera'	Holy Communion	Morning Worship
Canon Doug	Canon Doug	Graham Baines

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Readings for January

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Sunday 5 January

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60, 1-6
John Veness [704]
Ephesians 3, 1-12
Marilyn Veness

Sunday 12 January

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Isaiah 42, 1-9
Ann Craven [731]
Acts 10, 34-43
Luke Dunstone [713]

Sunday 19 January

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49, 1-7
Christine Edwards [727]
1 Corinthians 1, 1-9
Sue Truscott [609]

Sunday 26 January

Epiphany 3

MATTINS

Amos 3, 1-8
Blair Jobson [530288]
1 John 1, 1-4
Julia Pound [741]

READINGS TO BE PROVIDED

Sunday 2 February

CANDLEMAS

'HERA' commemoration

Malachi 3, 1-5
&

Hebrews 2, 14-18

CHURCHWARDENS TO READ

Veryan Flowers and Brass

High Altar

28 Dec & 4 Jan Mrs N Bush
11 & 18 Jan Mrs S Truscott
25 Jan & 1 Feb Mrs A Preston

Font or porch

28 Dec & 4 Jan Mrs Y Allkins
11 & 18 Jan Mrs Lumley Saville
25 Jan & 1 Feb Mrs S Fallock

BRASS - VACANCY

Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

5 Jan: Mrs Mihalop
/Mrs Hamblett
19 Jan: Mrs Ward/Mrs Bowen
2 Feb: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley

Portloe United Church
FLOWERS AND CLEANING
see notice board

The Parishes of Veryan & Ruan Lanihorne Church Services

VERYAN Parish Church of St Symphorian

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
11 am Parish Eucharist
4th Sunday 8.30 am
Holy Communion [BCP]
4th Sunday: 11 am
Mattins [BCP] unless Eucharist
for special feasts

PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH All Saints

Methodist services 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays at 10.30 am
2nd Sunday: Service of the Word
[Anglican] at 10.30 am
4th Sunday: Eucharist
at 9.30 am

RUAN LANIHORNE St Rumon

1st Sunday:
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]
3rd Sunday:
9.30 am Mattins [BCP]

CHANGES TO THE USUAL
TIMES,
FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL
SERVICES WILL BE
ANNOUNCED IN THIS
MAGAZINE

REGULAR EVENTS

AllStars for ages 7-12 fortnightly in Veryan School 5-6.30 pm [contact school for details]

Brownies meet Mondays in term time, Veryan Parish Hall 6.15-7.30pm

Country Market every Friday in Veryan Parish Hall 10.30-11.30 am

Parish Council meets on third Monday, 7.30 pm, Veryan Parish Hall committee room

Pre-school: at Sports and Social club, Veryan, Mondays 11.15am-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.15am-1.15 pm

Ringin Practice at Veryan: 4th Tuesday most months, but contact 501203 for up-to-date information

Roseland magazine delivery arranged by local coordinator

Roseland Youth Group meets in Social Club Tuesdays 7-9.30 pm for ages 10-14

School open assembly: Fridays at 9.15 am in church

Whist drive: every Friday, Veryan Parish Hall 7.30 pm

Yoga: every Tuesday Veryan Parish Hall 10.am-12 noon

ZUMBA class: Wednesdays, Veryan Parish Hall 7.30 pm [07739 468142]

JANUARY Diary

Monday 6th New school term begins

Monday 6th SOUP LUNCH Portloe 12.30 pm

Tuesday 7th Veryan WI in parish hall, 7 pm [page 4]

Wednesday 8th Old Cornwall society at Gerrans, 7.30 pm [page 11]

FEBRUARY 1/2
'HERA' COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND [page 5]



Roseland Churches' Choir

The choir is available to sing at weddings or other services: contact the chairman,.

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