

# PARISH NEWS

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*The success and continuation of 'Parish News' depends on many people, especially those who send regular or occasional notices, articles or pictures to fill our pages. But we need more - please don't be shy!*

*We are especially wanting items of interest about Ruan or Portloe. Fr Doug has asked for old photographs of our parishes for inclusion in our church websites.*

*Why not feature these in the magazine?*

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# IN YOUR GARDEN this

Many of you will have fed your gardens by now, only to find that the compost is still sitting there in clods that were dried or frozen in the March wind or, if you did it earlier, to find that all the nutrients have been washed away in the heavy rains. It's a tricky business this gardening, knowing when to do what, and also fighting against the elements. (I refuse to talk about the weather; it has really got the better of me so far this year!) But all the signs of renewed growth are here and your plants will be hungry.

Now is a good time to spend money on fertiliser and reap the benefits later in the year.

Our plants need three main nutrients-nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous and it's helpful to remember what each of those elements does.

**Nitrogen** helps to produce leaves so it is important for leafy plants, think of spinach and cabbages and all ornamental plants where foliage is the attraction.

**Potassium** is needed by all flowering and fruiting plants and **phosphorous** encourages root growth and is therefore essential to all plants.

These chemical elements are symbolised as NPK and that is the mix you will see on a packet of fertiliser, telling you how much of each element is in the mix and in what proportion. Don't get too hung up about the need to understand the chemical side of it, just remind yourself what each one does.

A bag of something like Growmore will have equal amounts of each so may say N7:P7:K7 or may just say 7:7:7, assuming you know the elements therein. This is an equal balance of fertilisers and is ideal for general use and if you do nothing else then this is the one for you.

Alternatively you could go for special mixes. A rose fertiliser will be high in potassium and suit flowering plants in spring and bone meal is high in phosphorous for when you are planting in the dormant season.

I try not to use too many chemical fertilisers in these special mixes, partly because I try to be as organic as possible and also because I have seen too many accidents. These chemicals have to be applied carefully and in the correct amounts because they are concentrated.

Organic fertilisers release their nutrients more slowly so it is actually quite difficult to overdo it. Pelleted chicken manure is great, fresh is better put in the compost heap first to break down. Similarly horse and pig manure (I have plenty of that) need to break down. Added to your compost heap these are beneficial to generate a worm and good bug colony and create an aerobic mix. If you cannot make compost and if you have some bare ground for say, six weeks before you plant your runner beans, try growing a crop of green manure. Clover, mustard, lupins or the packet green manure mixes you can buy will make a huge difference. When you need the ground, just cut down the crop and dig it into the soil to recycle the nutrients that the crop has brought up from below. These green manures add the nutrients, retain moisture and improve the soil structure.

There are some very time sensitive jobs to do now. If you have a **formal hedge** like box or yew it needs a gentle trim now. This will stop the long leggy growth and whilst keeping the shape will encourage growth—for this is what plants want to do now, grow!

At the end of this month I will put my **runner beans** in pots

in the greenhouse ready to plant out at the end of May once I have hardened them off.

**Dwarf French beans**, which are expensive in the shops, are well worth growing. But they hate cold feet. If you put them out as plants too early their growth will be checked and they will take weeks to get going or if you sow them too soon they will refuse to budge. Sow them indoors or in the greenhouse, preferably with a little bottom heat, give them plenty of light. In mid to late May (depending on the weather, just put them out on the soil where they're going to grow, let them get used to being outside for a while and then plant into warm soil at the end of May.

**Leeks** can be done in the same way – unless of course you started them early, like me, for a show leek!

**Peas** can be sown much earlier if the soil is warm and if it still has not been warm enough put a layer of polythene or a cloche over the area to be planted. The sun will warm up the soil for all sorts of veg done this way. But if you choose to use polythene make sure it is well pegged down or it will end up on the Lizard fairly quickly.

This is also the month to start growing that **pumpkin** for the show. Choose your variety carefully; some of them are not bred to be huge. If you want a big one then choose a variety like Atlantic Giant. Sow one seed in a 4" pot in clean compost and give it 20 degrees of heat. Then plant it on into a bigger pot before hardening off as before and then planting into the ground at end May when all chance of frost has gone. Pumpkins are huge feeders. One of our show champions, Trevor, plants his in the compost heap and lets it do its own thing. I have an old bath that I shall put mine into with compost from the heap. Whatever you do re-

member this is a huge plant and will need loads of space, food and water. I regret I cannot tell you what I feed mine on as this would spoil my chances of presenting the largest! Once the pumpkins start forming choose two of the best and don't let any more appear. If they do, take them off so that all the strength goes into the biggest two and then you can choose which one (or both!) enter the show. You may need to ring your local farmer for tractor transport to get it there!!(I wish).

As the month progresses you can really get going sowing vegetables outside, spinach, carrots, turnips, radishes, kohlrabi, lettuces, spring onion, summer cabbages and cauliflowers. Remember to sow those that are expensive in the shops.

And think about Christmas, yes, Christmas! If you want big cauliflowers, savoy cabbages and sprouts for the Christmas dinner table, sow the seeds now. Transplant all green veg when the plants are still young and before the stems go woody, otherwise they will not transplant well.

I do not have gossip for you this month, just an apology. You may enjoy hearing the church bells ring on a Sunday, I know I do. I am still learning to ring and usually ring No 3 bell so if you count the bells from 1-6 and hear No 3 rather mucking up the pattern of our very professional seasoned bell ringers, then yes, it's almost certainly me! The regulars are all so tolerant and supportive. I apologise if I offend your ears but I refuse to give up trying. If you think you can do better (not difficult) come and join us, it's good fun and has done my poor gardener's back the world of good!



## Letter from Lincoln

Someone asked me the other day to write about developments at Lincoln Cathedral. I pondered whether, in an institution that is over nine hundred years old, there is anything that hasn't been done before. So, I asked if a recycled development would do?

It is one what causes me much agony, the concept of membership. Part of me is passionate that the Church of England is there for everyone and so, in sense, everyone, or is it no one, is a member. The other part has been moulded by many years of raising money with parish churches.

Here membership becomes more tangible: I will give to keep my church. Note the use of the first person singular and, indeed, lower case 'c' denoting the church building. There is of course the strong and honourable Free Church tradition of Church membership; it is just not where I have come from.

The Cathedral embraced the idea of membership during my time in Verman. When I first saw it on my return I shuddered. The subsequent passage of time, though, has caused the shuddering to slow; I can now see how it makes sense. It is about being part of the Cathedral.

We have on the Cathedral website, centre stage, a section that says 'Become part of our Cathedral.' But should it be 'our'? Would it be better 'your' or, perhaps, simply 'the'? Possibly better than all three, 'Become part of Lincoln Cathedral.'

And I am continually struck by just how diverse a group the supporters of a Cathedral are, yet they/we all have one thing in common: a building, Lincoln Cathedral.

I tried to think more widely about membership. What about other institutions? I had been talking to a prospective parliamentary candidate and she lamented a little on the few not very young people who were

active in her constituency association. It is the same elsewhere; it seems that people do not like to join organisations anymore; membership is of yesterday.

Where does this leave the Church, not least, in Verman, as you compile a new electoral roll? Can I rejoice in a Church that has no members, but is here for everyone? Can I be relieved that quite few good people actually do sign up? To me it is the opposite to Groucho Marx's famous remark; I do want to join, be a part of this organisation that will have me as a member.

I hope you do too.

**Best wishes**

*Phil*

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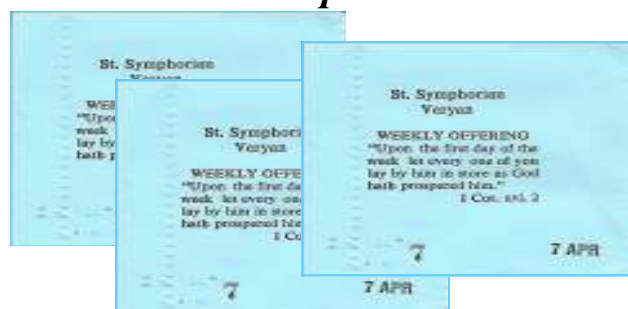


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## VERYAN WI

Tuesday 2 April 7 pm



*Sophie Curtis*

**THE CHANGING ROLE OF  
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**[501673]**

*Visitors and new members welcome*



## ST SYMPHORIAN CHURCH, VERYAN

### NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2013

Every Church of England parish has an Electoral Roll. For anyone who wants to play a part in local church affairs and/or to vote at the Annual Parish Meetings it is necessary to be on the Church Electoral Roll.

Every year the parish electoral roll is revised to keep it up to date but every sixth year, across the whole country, old Church Electoral Rolls are deleted and completely new Church Electoral Rolls are prepared.

This year, 2013, is a year when a completely new Electoral Roll will be prepared.

Under the Church Representation Rules a formal notice has been placed on the Veryan Church notice board to say that a new roll is being prepared and giving the terms of eligibility. To be eligible an individual has to be over 16 years of age, baptised, be a member of the Church of England or a member of a church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, be a parishioner and have signed a form of application for enrolment.

Everyone who is on the present roll will be receiving an enrolment form in the very near future. The new roll will be drawn up on the basis of the existing roll plus any new enrolments.

New enrolments would be extremely welcome and additional enrolment forms can be obtained from Sarah Rundle, Trevarthen Cottage, Veryan Green.

Tel (01872) 500950. Email address [sarahmrundle@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmrundle@gmail.com)

As the new electoral roll has to be completed at least 15 days prior to the Annual Parish Meeting of the PCC (24<sup>th</sup> April 2013), all completed enrolment forms should be returned to Sarah by 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013.

Thank you.



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## ***It's Book Sale time again!***



*The Book club continues to sponsor the school fees of children recommended by the Spotlight Women's Group Kapenguria, NW Kenya, where we have a direct link through Liz's daughter Gabrielle and Cecilia Nalelia, who heads up the group.*

The Veryan Ladies' Bookclub annual sale will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, as usual at Beruppa Farm, Ruan-highlanes, between 10am and 12.30pm.

This event is proving to be so popular we have chosen the end of April again so that weather permitting we can spread out into the lovely courtyard and garden.

It has been a privilege to follow the progress of these children. Idipo and Morgan are in their fourth year of secondary school, Matthew is at Masinde Muliro University.

This year we have also helped Chelsea Chepkosgel, aged thirteen. Chelsea and her two

brothers were in education, supported by their parents, until 2007. After the election their home was burnt down and they had to flee. The family now has no work and can no longer pay for education. (The Spotlight Group is paying for her two brothers)

We have also been asked to help a boy named Douglas Otipo, who lives with his whole family in one thatched grass hut in Karenga village.

Last year the total raised including cakes, donations and raffle was £785. We would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who helps us to support these children by coming along to the sale. We look forward to seeing you again!

***Books very welcome, please - in advance if possible!***

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## POTHOLE REPAIR; A THING OF THE PAST?

Councils up and down the country are being taken to task over the state of the highways and the ever-increasing number of potholes that are appearing, especially on rural roads. As we know to our cost, Veryan and Ruan Lanihorne are no exception. Temporary repairs with dollops of tarmac are not the solution, and according to a spokesman, 'a whole new approach' to highway maintenance may be needed, with local input.

Hardly a 'new approach', though; ever since 1285 legal obligations have been placed on communities to ensure that wheeled traffic, riders and walkers have been able to travel the public (or 'the King's - or Queen's') highway.

In 1555 the 'Great Highway Act' came into force which placed the responsibility for highway maintenance firmly in the hands of the parish. Everyone with vehicles and horses was required by law to use

them for a certain number of days each year to help mend the roads in their parish, while everyone else had either personally to do the same number of days' labouring on the roads or pay to send a substitute. The parish appointed a Highway Surveyor or 'Waywarden' to oversee the work.

Although the 1862 Highways Act established groups of parishes known as Highway Districts, not every parish was included, and the 'power of the parish' (and its associated responsibilities) have never been abolished.

The 'proper method' of securing the repair of a road is still apparently to indict in a criminal court the inhabitants of the parish through which it passes.

[Tate, *The Parish Chest*, p. 250]. This anomaly has apparently been brought to the attention of a number of parish and county councillors.

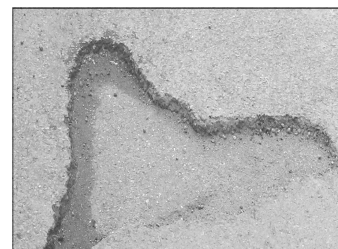
And who pays? The parishioners, of course: in the past a special local 'highway rate'

was collected to pay for the stones needed to mend the roads. Today this would mean an increase in the precept to cover the necessary costs of repair. And of course Carne quarry would re-open to provide the necessary quality of roadstone.

Given that parish councils are increasingly being expected to take control of, and responsibility for, services previously supplied by district and county councils, this residual parochial responsibility for highway repairs could, according to our informant, be next on the list of 'delegated powers'. Likely candidates for the (unpaid) posts of Highway Wardens for Veryan and Ruan Lanihorne may even now be investigated, and a short list could be published on Easter Monday (1 April).

Whatever you may think of this potential new arrangement, it must be better than the current maintenance of our local roads!

*Recognise these?*



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## ***Anne Meering tells us about GODFREY AND FAMILY***

The owner of the handsome pedigree Siamese cat carried her pet, in a cat basket of equal quality, into the waiting room at the veterinary surgery. All eyes turned in her direction, especially from the other end of the room, where a large, youngish bloodhound had surged forward to the full extent of his lead.

He thrust his nose against the basket, his tail waving like a flag, and snorted in a friendly manner. His owner, a typical middle-aged lady, jerked him back and gently pushed him down beside her, while the poor cat, recovering from paroxysms of fear, emerged from the back of the basket.

"He won't hurt your cat" said the dog's owner, "he's very friendly".

"What breed is he?" asked Mrs Pedigree Cat. "He's a bloodhound" replied the dog's mistress. That was all, as dog and mistress were called in.

Several days later, the cat and its owner returned to the surgery. To her surprise, there was the hound and its owner again, but what a difference. Today, a sad-looking animal, no greeting to anybody, no tail waving, merely trying to get his large body squashed under a chair.

A large dribble wandered round his nose, and the whole of him drooped. He was pulled reluctantly to his feet and dragged through the door to the horrors beyond.

"What a difference in a dog" commented the cat's owner to the receptionist.

"Oh, that's Godfrey" said the receptionist, "he's always like that".

A week or so later the cat needed another visit, and yes, there they were again, but cheerful this time, and somehow the dog looked darker than Mrs Pedigree Cat had remembered from her previous visit. And this time he again tried to make overtures to the cat, snorting gently through the basket.

"Godfrey looks happier today" the cat's owner remarked to the dog's mistress.

"Oh, that's not Godfrey. That's Rhubarb" came the reply.

Oh, you have more than one, I see".

"Yes, one or two", and that was the end of the conversation.

One day a little later Mrs Pedigree Cat came across an article relating to the forthcoming event at Cruft's, with information about who might be showing this year.

The article mentioned past entrants, including a west-country breeder of bloodhounds and her successes in previous years.

And there was a photograph of the lady in the waiting room, surrounded by a crowd of bloodhounds, all heads up, tails waving, full of life and excitement, all except one, which was slightly apart from the others, lying down fast asleep. Of course, it was Godfrey. So that explained it: not "one or two" but ten.

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*Illustration from an 1884 issue of 'Chatterbox', which tells its readers that 'the Bloodhound is remarkable for his tracking sagacity, and therefore it has been used in many... ferocious wars ...especially by Queen Elizabeth in the Irish wars where the Earl of Essex had no fewer than eight hundred dogs in his army. Happily these dogs are now kept for the sake of their beauty and not for hunting down the poor fugitive'.*



## LEARNING ABOUT THE PAST

Way back in the 1940s St Michael Caerhays school acquired what was then known as a wireless. It must have been soon after electricity came to the parish. When it was switched on, miraculously we heard, on the Home Service, the BBC's Schools Broadcasts. I don't think we listened to them all, but some I remember especially well.

There was a long series called 'How Things Began', where two children were transported back into prehistoric times as 'observers', to watch the gradual evolution - creation - of the world, from primeval swamp to early man. Another favourite (for me and my friend Pat at least) was 'Music and Movement', in which a Joyce Grenfell-voiced instructress commanded the listening groups of juniors to 'kneel on the floor, curl up tightly and pretend to be a flower growing out of the earth into the sunlight', all accompanied by appropriate music. Fine for imaginative little girls of 7 and 8, but misery for the hob-nail-booted sons of local farmers.

What the schools broadcasts did however was to bring history to life.

Until the advent of the wireless, the only history taught at Caerhays was from a text book which must have dated from around the time the school was built, in the latter years of Victoria's reign. It featured 'Stories from English History', appropriately illustrated: Alfred and the Cakes, the defeat of Richard III at Bosworth (with a crown hanging forlornly on a thorn bush), Drake placing his cloak over a puddle to prevent Queen Elizabeth's feet getting wet, the Civil War (Cavaliers and Roundheads) and a good deal of 'Empire': Clive and India, Wolfe and Quebec, the Boston Tea Party, the Boer

War, and ending I think with Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

I enjoyed the stories, but still had no concept of 'the past' nor in which order these events had happened. The only understanding I had of 'long ago' was when gran used to tell me what going to school was like in Vryan 'when she was a little girl'. I only knew however that she had once been little from photographs where she pointed out a small child in a white pinny, and trusted her to tell me the truth.

History on the wireless was quite different. There were still 'episodes' from the past, rather than a continuous narrative, but I think that they were in some chronological order. They were dramatised, using fictional characters - including children - to explain 'real' events, so that we felt a natural affinity with the participants.

One episode in particular must have made an impression. Some time ago I found an old notebook in which I used to write little stories of my own creation. It contains a 'poem' which I made up after one dramatic history programme about Bartholomew Fair. Set in the middle ages, the drama involved a seller of cloth who damped his wares and stretched them, so giving short measure (when it dried, it shrank back to its proper length). The rogue was taken to a special court (Pie Powder, from 'Pied Poudre', = 'dusty foot' because of the state of the market ground, something which I have never forgotten). This doggerel began  
*'In our history notes today  
We learnt of Bartholomew Fair  
In London it was, in a dusty place  
Hundreds of people were there'*  
and continued in a similar strain for several verses.



Caerhays school juniors and seniors, 1949

At St Austell Grammar school we were taught local history: for the first time I realised that 'history' had happened where we lived, that people whose names were on the headstones in the churchyard had been involved, and that in time we too would be part of the 'historic past'.

What really got me into history was an exhibition at the museum in Truro when I was about 13, which showed documents 'from the County Record Office' relating to the Civil War of the 17th century. There were letters from Grenville, Basset, and most miraculous of all, John Trevanion who had lived at Caerhays. In time I discovered the joys of the Record Office, and went on to read history at university.

I have doubts about the present proposals for teaching history as a chronology beginning with 'earliest times' with very young primary school pupils. How will 5 and 6-year olds debate 'the concept of nation' - and are Key Stage 2 pupils well placed to learn about ancient Greece and Rome? Who will do the teaching?

You need to make some connection with the past to be able to understand and enjoy it. When I worked at the Record Office school groups used to be fascinated not by

'events' but by the sheer good fortune of the survival of the documents which we showed them. Give a child a piece of parchment, tell him or her that it was once a sheep, show a parish register with their family's name in, produce an old map of the parish in which they live, let them try to read 'old handwriting' and have a go themselves with quill pen and hand-made ink, and they will have some understanding of the past.

And begin with what you know and work backwards, uncovering the 'layers' of the past: it makes more sense than talking to 11-year-olds about 'the middle ages' - the middle of what?

We have a major concern now however, that while the survival of records from the past will allow us to listen to 'voices from the past', future historians could be hard pushed to find any records of the 21st century. Digital and electronic records do not last. They are intangible and impermanent. The life of a CD is 20 years, Remember floppy discs? What do you do with emails? These records are the memory of our family, our parish, our county, our country: but the 'paperless office' may well result in 'the end of history'.

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## Veryan Parish Council

From April householders within the parish will notice that their contribution to Veryan Parish Council will have risen. This has been a very difficult decision and process for the parish council, but one which will be of benefit to the whole community and be a continued service to the visitors to the parish.

Presently the parish council is responsible for the maintenance and general well being of our villages' community spaces – Moor Launder, Veryan Green, The Jacka; and looks after the network of footpaths within the parish and along the coast. The council also lobbies the local authority on Highways, planning and community issues and is presently looking into safer speed limits and road safety for our villages.

However, last year Cornwall Council decided to close a number of village toilets across the county, and the parish council learned that Veryan and Portloe toilets were amongst those proposed closures. After a lot of discussion and investigation Councillors have taken the decision to take on the running of the toilets as it is felt they are necessary amenities to keep within the parish.

They have also decided to take over the running of Portloe car-park from Cornwall Council and allow the revenue to be put back into the upkeep of this important facility and the parish. Unfortunately these extra responsibilities will increase the expenditure of the parish.

The Parish Council needs to increase the parish contribution (or precept) of the council tax by approx £9,000, which will be reflected in your council tax contributions. This is taking into account grants and extra revenue which will be required to keep these projects running. The parish council will continue to make savings, whenever possible, across the rest of its expenditure

In May of this year there will be elections held for Parish Councillors of every parish. These are held every four years. This is a great opportunity for anyone in the parish who wants to contribute to parish life and has an interest in local affairs. Parish Councillors must be aged 21 years or over and reside or work within the parish and be a British subject.

More details can be obtained from the Electoral Registration Dept., Cornwall Council – 0300 1234 0000.

**The April parish council meeting will be preceded  
by the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held  
on 15<sup>th</sup> April at  
Veryan Parish Hall at 7 pm.  
Everyone is welcome.**

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## ADDITIONS TO THE DIARY

**Tuesday 31 July 7 pm Ruan Lanihorne parish church**  
**ORLANDO JOPLING & FRIEND**  
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 Tickets £12.50

**Saturday 31 August 2.30 pm**  
**CREAM TEAS, Home made produce, raffle**  
 Ruan Lanihorne parish church

**VERYAN SHOW - 7 SEPTEMBER**

## ALTERATION TO THE DIARY

**VERYAN PLAYERS' AUTUMN PRODUCTION**  
 Now on 21-23 November  
 NOT as previously advertised.

## VERYAN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Prize Bingo

11 April 7.30 pm

## NARE HEAD BUNKER open day

Friday 12 April  
 at 11 am & 1.30 pm

**BOOKING  
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 Museum

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 Holmes 01872 278234

*Old Cornwall Society*  
*Gerrans Memorial Hall*  
*Wednesday 10 April*  
*7.30 pm*

*THE  
HISTORY OF CORNISH  
BRASS BANDS*  
*Tony Mansell*

*Details 580540*  
*ALL WELCOME*

## CREAM TEAS

*In aid of Veryan  
church  
'after service' coffee*

**CONIFERS**  
**WEDNESDAY 24**  
**APRIL**  
*from 2.30 pm*

## IT MUST BE SUMMER! CRICKET FIXTURES!

**Jolly's Drinks Cornwall Cricket League**  
**SATURDAY 27 APRIL**  
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*Division 7*  
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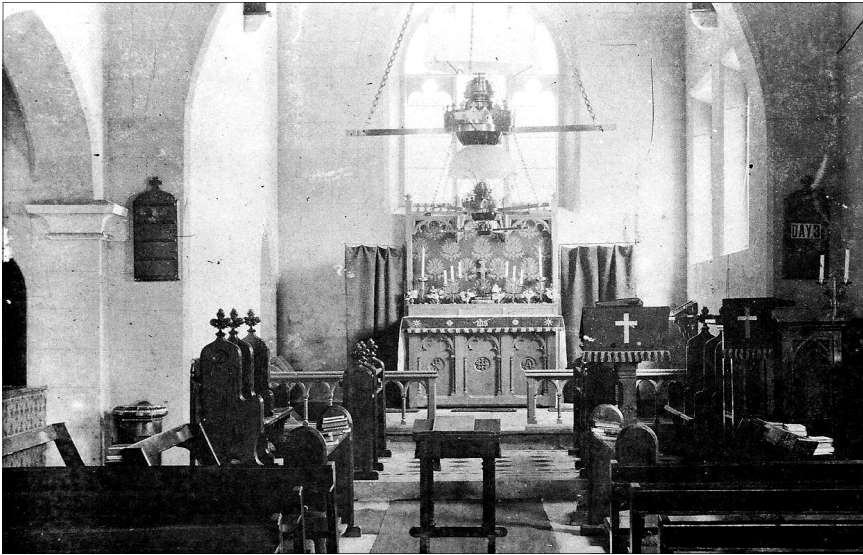
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*An early photograph of the interior of Portloe Mission Church, not dated but probably taken in the early days of the 20th century.*

*Note the eight candles on the altar, with six vases of flowers.*

*Riddle posts support curtains around the altar and the chancel is full of furniture.*

*The hymn board announces 'Day 31', presumably so that the congregation would know which psalm to sing.*

*The congregation at Portloe has asked us to include this poem by Lynda Platt which was prompted by the parable of the Prodigal Son.*

### PRODIGAL GOD

How dare you behave like this, God?  
Such lavish, extravagant, reckless loving,  
Giving and *always* coming.

You dare. You dare because you love us  
And only 'love of this kind' can do it.

The cost of this prodigal behaviour?

*Everything*

Nothing, no thing have you withheld  
Not even your only Son.

We were far off,  
Sunk in the more of sin & shame  
You sought us, you came.

You raise us up  
Your arms are open wide  
And blood and water flow from your side.

As far as the East is from the West  
Do you remove our sin and guilt  
When we turn to you

And cry Abba! Father!

You love us!  
More than words  
More than actions.

In all that is, and is to come.

You explode all around us  
You cannot help yourself.

We can receive this love,  
This light, this smiling and smile back  
And our relationship warms your heart  
Though you created the sun!  
Reflecting the light of the Father of lights.

God says, 'I love you;  
Let me love you'.

Help us to respond. We will! Come, Lord!

Amen

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| 7<br>10.34  | 8<br>11.24  | 9<br>12.10  | 10<br>12.51 | 11<br>13.27 | 12<br>13.59 | 13<br>14.27 |
| 14<br>14.51 | 15<br>15.13 | 16<br>15.38 | 17<br>16.13 | 18<br>17.10 | 19<br>18.39 | 20<br>7.29  |
| 21<br>8.41  | 22<br>9.41  | 23<br>10.34 | 24<br>11.23 | 25<br>12.10 | 26<br>12.55 | 27<br>13.38 |
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Times are BST

New moon 10 April Full moon 25 April

## CARPET KNIGHTS

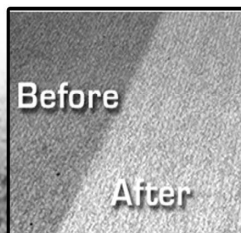
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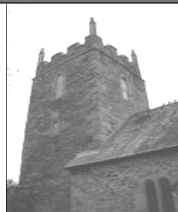
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# Round the Churches...

## Ruan

## Lanihorne



The Annual Church Parish Meeting and Vestry Meeting will be held in the vestry on 23 April at 7 pm. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

It is some time since we gave the church a good spring clean, so on 20 April that's what we plan to do. Anyone who would like to help please come along from 10 am onwards. Cleaning equipment will be provided!

Finally, don't forget the Musical Afternoon on 2 April from 2.30 to 4.30 pm, in the Reading Room, with the Roger Miners Duo. There will be light refreshments and a raffle. Entrance by donation to the Windows restoration Appeal.

PF

## NEWS FROM PORTLOE



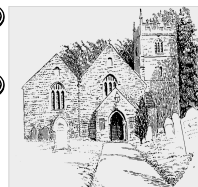
Soup lunches ended in March: they seem to have been particularly enjoyable this winter.

From 2 April we shall be 'back in the old routine' of cream teas on Tuesday afternoons. Please come and join us (and hopefully our many visitors) from around 3 o'clock.

Our monthly Anglican Informal Worship services, which initially I think we thought of as a somewhat daunting prospect, are in fact greatly looked forward to, and very special. Last month it was the turn of Joyce and Lynda to lead the service and we thought you might like to read Lynda's poem (on page 12) prompted by the parable of the Prodigal Son.

JH

## VERYAN PARISH CHURCH



### Electoral roll

You will see on page 5 that our church electoral roll is to be entirely renewed this year. If you are already on the roll, please complete and return the form which will shortly be delivered to you; if you are not, and would like to be, do contact Sarah.

### Envelopes

You may not know about our scheme of 'blue envelopes', which Marilyn features on page 4. It's an easy way to support our parish church even if you can't get to a service very often. Just slip a contribution in one of the blue envelopes when you can and bring or send it to church. It's amazing how this can help, especially as your donations can be gift-aided, however modest! Just think, £1 a week for a year, gift-aided, will also bring in an additional £13 'refund' from the government.

### Heating

We're making some progress in ensuring that the power supply to the church is significantly increased (an essential preliminary) and we are applying to the Diocese for a faculty to allow Western Power to do just that. This could take a few weeks, but it's the first stage in the process! And...we had always assumed that the old heating system was part of the 1897 restoration of the church. But a note in Canon Kempe's 'church log book' at the Record Office says that it was installed in October 1913 and cost £120! Not bad service, for around £1 a year... And a good time to replace it at its 'centenary'.

### Annual meeting

Don't forget that our annual meeting [the 'APCM'] will be held in church at 7 pm on Wednesday 24 April.

### Roseland Churches' Choir diary 2013

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Sunday 19 May      | Pentecost evensong, Gerrans 6 pm         |
| Sunday 11 August   | Patronal festival evensong, Gerrans 6 pm |
| Sunday 25 August   | Patronal festival evensong, Ruan 6 pm    |
| Sunday 6 October   | Harvest evensong, Veryan 6 pm            |
| Sunday 13 October  | Harvest evensong, Ruan 6 pm              |
| Sunday 24 November | OR                                       |
| 1 December         | Advent evensong, Gerrans                 |
| Sunday 15 December | Nine lessons & carols, Ruan              |
| Sunday 22 December | Nine lessons and carols, Veryan          |

The choir is available to sing at other services: contact the chairman, Graham Pauncefort, at [o@crdrecords.com](mailto:o@crdrecords.com) or on 01872 580001.



Veryan church decorated 'over all' - for Easter or harvest? You may be able to make out the commandment panels either side of the altar, which is also covered with vases of flowers. Note also the box pews, the font very close to the back pew, and the 'poor box'. Probably around 1900?



*Come Dancing!*

**VERYAN PARISH  
HALL**

**Sunday 7 pm  
7 & 21 April  
contact Ann [501035]  
or Pat [501479]  
for details**

**MEDITATION GROUP  
VERYAN**

**Third Thursday in the  
month 2.30 pm**

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Details**

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for everyone and we can  
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**The parishes of  
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RUAN LANIHORNE**  
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The Vicarage, Veryan TR2 5QA  
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(St Symphorian)  
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Robin Hill  
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[501229]  
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Mr Clive Farr  
[501599]

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR April**

| Veryan   | Ruan   | Portloe   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Sunday 7 April Easter 2</b><br>11 am Eucharist<br>Canon Doug  | 9.30 am<br>Holy Communion[BCP]<br>Canon Doug | 10.30 am<br>Morning Worship<br>Linda Baines         |
| <b>Sunday 14 April Easter 3</b><br>11 am Eucharist<br>Revd Anne Shaw   |  | 10.30 am<br>Informal Anglican Worship               |
| <b>Sunday 21 April Easter 4</b><br>11 am Eucharist<br>Canon Doug   | 9.30 am<br>Mattins<br>Canon Doug             | 10.30 am<br>Morning Worship<br>Steve Nicholson      |
| <b>Sunday 28 April Easter 5</b><br>8.30 am<br>Holy Communion [BCP]<br>Canon Doug<br>11 am Eucharist with baptism<br>Canon Doug |  | 9.30 am<br>Eucharist<br>Canon Doug                  |
| <b>Sunday 5 May Easter 6</b><br>11 am Eucharist<br>Canon Doug  | 9.30 am<br>Holy Comunion [BCP]<br>Canon Doug | 10.30 am<br>Morning Worship<br>Revd Dr John Johnson |

*Please note - no Mattins at Veryan in April because there's a baptism on the 4th Sunday.*

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# Church Rotas

## Veryan

### READINGS AND READERS Services in April

#### Sunday 7th Easter 2

Acts 5, 27-32  
Liz Wright [628]  
Revelation 1, 4-8  
Luke Dunstone [713]

#### Sunday 14th Easter 3

Acts 9, 1-6 ONLY  
Robert Pepper [670]  
Revelation 5, 11-14  
Coral Pepper

#### Sunday 21st Easter 4

Acts 9, 36-43  
Blair Jobson [530288]  
Revelation 7, 9-17  
Julia Pound [741]

#### Sunday 28th Easter 5

**with baptism**  
Acts 11, 1-18  
John Veness [704]  
Revelation 21, 1-6  
Marilyn Veness

#### Sunday 5 May Easter 6

Acts 16, 9-15  
Reg Woodward [275716]  
Revelation 21, 10 & 22 to 22,5  
Joan Woodward

*Please exchange with someone if  
you can't read on the day  
allocated.*

*If you're not on the reading list  
but would like to be, contact  
Christine [501727]*

### Veryan Flowers and Brass

**6 & 13 April**  
High Altar Mrs S Truscott  
Font or porch Mrs B Lumley-Savil  
**20 & 27 April**  
High Altar Mrs M Truscott  
Font or porch Mrs S Fallick  
**4 & 11 May**  
High Altar Mrs M Veness  
Font or porch Mrs H Robins  
**BRASS** - Mrs J Pound

### Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

**7 Apr:** Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley  
**21 Apr:** spring clean - all help  
appreciated!  
**5 May:** Mrs Mihalop/  
Mrs Hamblett

**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  
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FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL  
SERVICES WILL BE  
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## 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]

## April Diary

### Tuesday 2nd

Cream teas, Portloe 3 pm  
**CONCERT AT RUAN** 2.30 pm [page 1]  
Veryan WI, Parish Hall, 7 pm [page 4]  
**JACKA JAZZ concert** 7.30 pm [page 1]

### Sunday 7th

Come Dancing, Parish Hall 7 pm [page 15]

### Wednesday 10th

Old Cornwall Society Gerrans 7.30 pm [page 11]

### Thursday 11th

Bingo at Social Club 7.30 pm [page 11]

### Friday 12th

Nare head bunker open [page 11]

### Monday 15th

**SCHOOL TERM STARTS**  
Veryan parish council annual public meeting 7 pm [page 10]

### Thursday 18th

Meditation group meets [page 15]

### Saturday 20th

Ruan church spring clean [page 14]

### Sunday 21st

Come Dancing, Veryan parish hall 7 pm [page 15]

### Tuesday 23rd

Ruan church annual meeting 7 pm [page 14]

### Wednesday 24th

**CREAM TEAS Conifers**

[page 11]  
Veryan church annual meeting 7 pm [page 14]

### Saturday 27th

**BOOK SALE Beruppa** [page 6]  
**CRICKET SEASON BEGINS** [page 11]

Every Friday

10.30-11.30 am

**VERYAN MARKET**  
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**CREAM TEAS AT PORTLOE**  
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