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*Lest we forget...*

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE for our two parishes**

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# IN YOUR GARDEN

*this month*

**Tulips** – I hope you haven't planted them yet! The first two weeks of November are the very best time to plant. Yes, I know the bulbs have been available since mid- August but if planted too early you run the very real risk of tulip fire disease for which there is no cure! I usually plant mine in pots for the terrace with plenty of grit under the bulbs as they do not tolerate soggy bottoms. When they have completely died down I put them in a space in the garden. The choice of that space is actually critical if you want a display from year to year. Even if you are planting now into the garden think carefully. They come up and flower when there is little else around in the border but they need to bake during the summer so if they are surrounded by vegetation throughout the summer months they may just rot or give a poor display very often consisting of leaves only! If you can plant them next to irises which will not shade them and enjoy similar conditions then you are on to a winner for years to come. Many summer bulbs can be planted now too including lilies and don't forget those fabulous spring alliums, still time to get them in.

That description of tulips and irises reminds me of a lecture I was asked to give to St Mawes Garden Society last month. ('Lecture' is a rather grand description, a talk followed by questions is more apt).

The subject was **companion planting**. I have been fascinated by this since being given Bob Flowerdew's book on this subject as a valued Christmas present some years ago. Now is the time of year when you are shifting stuff in the herbaceous borders and planning next year's veg and you can really give some consideration to companion planting for next season. Some of the informa-

tion I have gleaned and passed on in St Mawes is scientifically proven, some is just tried and tested methods which work for some and not for others and some of these methods work but the scientists do not know why just yet.

The whole essence of this type of planting puts plants together that may assist each other. That may be by attracting beneficial insects, naturally regulating pests, repelling harmful insects, providing nutrients and perhaps just by providing the correct climate. For example, for every one foot of vertical hedge you will achieve about ten foot of protection for plants from the wind. So a six foot hedge will provide protection in its lee for about 60 foot. Quite impressive. You also probably know that by planting a member of the allium family (onions) next to fruit trees tomatoes, peppers or any brassica and probably carrots, you will repel, or at least distract slugs, aphids, carrot fly and cabbage worms. But avoid putting beans, peas or parsley near to the alliums, your yield and quality will be affected. If, like me you have cabbages heavily chewed by caterpillars then plant hyssop next to the cabbages next year – the cabbage white butterfly apparently detests the smell – I must try that one!

Runner beans and beetroot stunt each other's growth but beetroot leaves as they die add 25% magnesium to the soil. Remember therefore to compost them carefully. Geraniums or pelargoniums planted near to brassicas help to repel cabbage worm.

Tomatoes are often planted with marigolds in the greenhouse. But don't bother with those horrid little bedding marigolds. They are so highly bred even the bees avoid them. Use good old fashioned pot marigolds or French marigolds and they do deter whitefly and aphids. Marigolds are actually the wonder drug plant of companion planting. They produce a pesticidal

chemical in their roots so are best planted in the ground where it can exude into the soil. The chemical is so strong it can last for years after the marigolds have gone. The only harm is that they can be too strong for some annual herbs. An old wives' tale that planting basil with tomatoes enhanced the flavour of tomatoes has been disproven, however, growing tomatoes and basil 10" apart can increase the yield of tomatoes by a significant 20%. (Michael, take note, and prove me right or wrong next season).

Probably second only to the marigold is any type of mint but particularly the common type. Slugs, aphids, butterflies caterpillars, virtually any common garden pest you can think of dislikes mint. However we all know that it is invasive when planted. I put rows of potted mint up the paths next to the veg beds but I have been told that it is more effective to pick the leaves regularly and scatter them about the veg garden.

If you have a herb garden be sure to include chamomile. Whilst it can be an unruly little menace it will increase the oil content of many herbs including basil and lavender. But dill planted near to carrots or tomatoes will decrease their yield but increase the yield and quality of cabbages, corn, lettuce, onions and cucumber. And do not plant parsley next to lettuce or onions, they really don't like each other. Indeed parsley is well known to inhibit the germination of many veg plant seeds. Put parsley next to tomatoes, asparagus or corn, they all seem to get on well together. Phormium, so prevalent in our gardens has an oil in its root that protects nearly all root vegetables from underground pests like wire worm. Wire worm often attacks newly planted potato patches. There was a time when Mike grew potatoes on a vast commercial scale. He

had so many wire worms we wondered whether they could be sold as a deep fried delicacy to local restaurants. If only we had known, surrounding the whole field with Phormium would have saved the day!

Lupins are a member of the bean family, they host bacteria in their roots which fix nitrogen in the soil from the air. They therefore provide the nitrogen required for their surrounding plants – no artificial fertilisers therefore being needed.

Nasturtiums act as a companion trap crop. Plant them near to anything that you want to keep aphids away from. And caterpillars prefer nasturtiums to cabbages any day! Now sunflowers we know attract beneficial insects, but if you have a nest nearby of ants they will herd aphids on to sunflowers thus probably destroying the sunflowers but keeping them off neighbouring plants. Sometimes you just can't win!

If your space is short grow runner beans up the sweet corn stalks, tricky to pick either, but they seem to like each other and the corn provides a terrific support. Plant marrow or pumpkin underneath and you are back to the 'three sisters' planting practised by the indigenous Americans thousands of years ago.

The detail of companion planting is vast and discoveries are constantly being made and I have only had a small opportunity here to give you a flavour of advice and pit falls. But it is a fascinating subject and it isn't long before you realise how much companion planting we do without really realising it. Just planting a white border is a form of this type of planting – companions of colour - or a clematis or rose up a tree as support. The best advice I can give is to read up on it in detail and never plant a walnut tree, apparently virtually every other plant in the garden would rather avoid it!

NB

# From the Vicarage

A few weeks ago we were fortunate to have Bishop Tim here to spend some time with the School and visit the Friday Market, where his experience of life was broadened by Gerald and Billy!

I took the opportunity of asking him to give some thought to ministry in the future in the Benefice and the Cluster. I suggested that we need to talk but that before that he might wish to consult with other members of the senior staff, the Rural Dean and others.

Under the present rules licensed clergy have to retire at the age of seventy, which is interpreted as not being 71! After that it may be possible for the priest to be granted an annual licence.

I reminded Bishop Tim that I will be 69 next January. I believe that it is sensible to plan for the future, from the parishes' points of view as well as from mine.

The current practice is to wait until the priest retires before starting a procedure to deal with

the vacancy. This seems to be deeply unsatisfactory.

As we have seen from the ongoing saga of the heating there are many matters affecting the life of the Church which take a long time to come to fruition. The present system creates uncertainty. An annual licence suffers from the same disadvantage.

I have suggested that the Church Wardens and PCCs

might like to start the process of drawing up a parish profile and giving thought to what shape ordained ministry in this Benefice might take – would it be to

seek another priest on a house for duty basis; to explore whether a part-time stipendiary priest could be funded; to merge with a neighbouring Benefice or whatever.

They will need to know what you, the parishioners, want. This is your chance to have your say. In the mean time I am still here, still enjoying what I am doing, still available to help in whatever way I can.

May God guide us and bless us,

**Fr Doug.**

## EXPLORING SPIRITUALITIES

The Portloe 2013 Autumn Series 'Living to the Full - Exploring Spiritualities' got off to a great start on 16 October with an insight into the way of the Society of Friends - the Quakers.

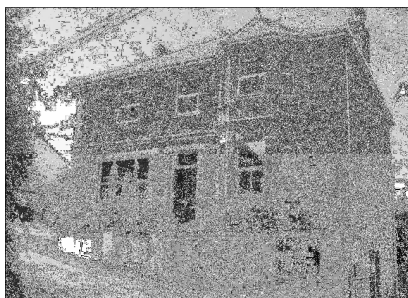
Wendy Franklin explained how the Quakers came into being following the Civil War in the seventeenth century. The increasing availability of the Bible in the vernacular - the 'King James' Bible - through the expansion of printing had resulted in some people questioning the need for a church establishment with priests and bishops. After much soul-searching, led by such people as George Fox, they began to meet together in societies in which all members were treated as equals, all of whom were in direct communion with the divine.

Wendy went on to outline the form that the Friends' Meeting for Worship took and how silence became important. She read some extracts written by modern Quakers telling what such a form or worship means to them and then invited the gathering to enter into a period of Silence.

Revd Sister Ann-Marie Stuart helped to facilitate conversations in groups of two or three in which people shared what they felt about the Silence which was followed by a general discussion with questions and answers.

Father Doug rounded off the evening by giving a brief introduction to the other speakers and subjects for the rest of the series. He emphasised that people would be very welcome even if they were not able to come to all of them.

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**Wednesday 13 November**  
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'Let's pretend': life through drama

**Wednesday 20 November**  
Russell Pascoe  
'Music to soothe and stir'

**Wednesday 27 November**  
Revd Sister Ann-Marie Stuart  
The spirituality of the Advent antiphons

*All at 7.30 pm*

*There is no need to book but if further information is needed please contact Fr Doug Robins: [fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net](mailto:fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net), 01872 501618 or at The Vicarage, Veryan, Truro TR2 5QA.*



***Church Fete, Gala Week, Autumn Show,  
Christmas Craft Fair, St Piran's Night, um-  
ble Sale, Book Sale, etc, etc. ...***

Whether you are one of the many people who have had to organise any of these events, or have been 'persuaded' to help 'on the day', or have even just attended such an occasion you are likely to appreciate the humour in **Veryan Players' next production.**

**'Day of Reckoning' by Pam Valentine** opens with a meeting in the village hall, where arrangements for the summer fete are being discussed. The events of the day itself, the 'Day of Reckoning', with all its twists and turns, culminate in some startling revelations in the second half.

When I first read this well written play, even before I'd finished the first few pages, I felt this was a "must do" for us in Veryan. In addition to the comedy it explores the issues and dynamics of life in a small community. There are eight very realistic characters, including a hapless vicar!

**Performances will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 7.30 pm.**

**Tickets, priced £6.00, may be booked by email: [tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@veryanplayers.org.uk) or by phoning 01872 501670 or purchased from Veryan and Portloe Stores.**

**Pre-theatre suppers may be booked directly with the New Inn, Veryan 01872 501362.**

*Shelagh Kester*

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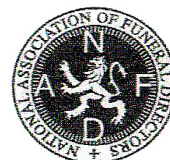
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## JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND DAYS

In 1985, when I retired, Ann and I decided to try and drive round the world. This is something that many people had done – in a straight (or nearly so) line – across Europe and Asia to the Chinese coast, then ship to America, across America and ship home. We, however, decided to do it the difficult way. Down through Africa to Cape Town, ship to South America, down to Tierra del Fuego, turn and drive up to the Arctic Ocean. We would have to ship the middle bit of the Panama Isthmus as there was, and still is, no road through the Darien Gap. From Canada we would ship to Singapore and then drive through Asia home. Again we would have to skip Burma – no entry, but we could ship to India and finish the journey. We had done a lot of research and knew it had been

done once before, but only once. People have done most of it in several sections with time gaps in between but not an all in one journey. That was to be our aim.

There had to be much planning beforehand but two factors were paramount. (1) the timing for entering Africa. and (2) what vehicle to take. The importance of time is governed by the fact that a Sahara crossing was necessary, north to south. This means serious desert work in places. The distance from where we turned south on to the Sahara proper to where we would regain inhabited civilisation on the south side was 2740 miles. A road is shown on the map for much of the distance but it is in two sections with a 40 mile gap in the middle. There it is pure sand. The vehicle needed to be simple, tough and good in sand. The era was pre-electronics but even so whatever we chose would need to be Mickey Mouse

stuff, simple to work on for a 'bush mechanic' and with world wide available spares. After much research we came to the conclusion that only two vehicles fitted the bill – a Land Rover or a Volkswagen Kombi. The Land Rover had the advantage of four wheel drive, a big plus point. It was known throughout the world – but even the long wheel base was small and we were going to have to eat and sleep in it in all weathers. Any schedule would mean that somewhere we would be in deep winter. The Volkswagen has a proven ability in sand – not quite up to Land Rover standard but well capable of a desert

crossing. More important it was big enough to live in and could be had in a caravan version. I love my wife dearly but nearly three years in the back of a Land Rover might try the patience of a saint. So VW it was.

The importance of timing is that no European wants to cross the Sahara in the height of summer. But after the Sahara comes the Congolese Jungle where roads turn to mud in the rainy season. No vehicle likes mud. This meant that we must enter the Sahara in the Autumn and be in the jungle by January – well before the rains.



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This worked out at starting in the desert in September and being in the jungle by just after Christmas.

We bought a 10 year old VW in Bristol. Age did not matter but condition did and she had good bodywork and chassis. We were going to change the engine in any case for the very simple 1600cc which was fitted to the VW Beetle, Micky Mouse in the extreme but of proven reliability. Air cooled it had no water system to worry about and, for the technical, horizontally opposed cylinders which may not give much power but lots of torque (the twisting power given to the rear wheels). We found a vehicle, bought it and I changed the engine in a friend's workshop. We gave it all a try in UK, Scotland and back, to see what we need to do inside and in July, 1985, set out to start with a couple of months on the Continent to see if our marriage would survive. By September we were still able

to converse long enough to say, 'Yes – let's do it'

We crossed from Spain to Africa, which seemed very little different to Europe. We were in Ceuta, a Spanish enclave carved out of Morocco, ironically directly opposite Gibraltar, which along with Melilla, Spain refuses to return to Morocco, a mirror of the Gibraltar/UK situation.. We made our way to the Spanish border post, crossed without hitch, and bumped our way into Africa proper.

The change was dramatic. We passed from orderly European custom, good roads, neat queues, smart uniformed Customs Officers to a disorganised bun fight, a street out of a Wild West movie populated by an undulating mob rushing hither and thither, dodging camels, goats, chickens and rats. There were signs which we could not read,

people shouting in a language we could not understand and no idea where to go next. But help was at hand. A tall gentleman

in sort of robes detached himself from a group of men and came to us. In passable English he asked if we needed help to go through the system. Normally I am a 'do it myself man' but I know when I am beaten.

He produced forms for us to fill, sorted papers and directed us from window to window.. Cutting a long story short it took us about half an hour to go through the formalities and then we were waved to the barrier, it was lifted and we were in Morocco. 28 years ago this was real Africa, a land of few tourists, road



signs in Arabic and road traffic a mixture of camel carts, herds of goats, ramshackle lorries, bicycles and hand carts. Pedestrians came in all shapes and sizes, tall fierce men with daggers at their belts, short fat men waving and shouting, small boys rushing about, ladies swathed from head to toe in black, street traders crying their wares – a typical African scene. We made our way warily to our first camp site, were signed in, found somewhere for Wilma to park and settled back with a sigh of relief.

[to be continued...]

**Malcolm Craven**

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## **CIRCLES...**

Life goes in that way, so we are told, and I have recently found  
three particular instances of this happening to me.

When Derek and I were young we belonged to the Burnham-on-  
Sea Operatic Society, and spent many happy weeks each winter  
rehearsing, until in March we were on stage in some light oper-  
etta, usually Gilbert and Sullivan, in those days. There were of  
course lots of other people in the choir, but everyone knew every-  
one else, and as 'Gareth' (of TV fame) would say 'singing brings a  
great sense of community'.

A family by the name of B\*\*\* belonged as well, and their daugh-  
ter Joy sang contralto as I did, so we were quite often partnered,  
and danced together. We left Burnham in 1961, and I never saw  
or heard of them again. About three years ago, I bought a hand-  
painted greetings card, view of a Cornish bay, because it was so  
attractive. Later, choosing a card to send  
away, I studied that one again, turned it over and it was signed  
Joy B\*\*\*, with a Cornish address. Could it be the same Joy I  
once knew. . . .

Among our neighbours were T and Joyce S\*\*\*. Joyce had had  
polio as a child, and she had continuing trouble with one leg,  
which possibly made them sympathetic to Derek's long-standing  
ill health. Anyway, at this point he was put onto a Gluten and  
Dairy free diet. It was 1958 by then, and these products were not  
easy to obtain. The bread we could get by post, the milk substi-  
tute had to be collected from the dairy early in the morning. With  
two little ones and third baby well on her way, it was really try-  
ing for me, and when T. suggested collecting it for us when he  
took their dog out, I was delighted to say 'yes please.'

Unfortunately Joyce was upset by this arrangement, and it caused  
an end to our friendship. It transpired that too many neighbours  
had asked why T was leaving our house 'so early in the morning!'  
In hospital in February this year, in the six-bed ward, four of us  
were named Joyce, and diagonally across from me was Joyce  
S\*\*\* who had a limp. She was a great character, very outspoken  
and did not mind who heard her say whatever she liked, com-  
ments on all our ward mates included. There was something fa-  
miliar about her when I first saw her, and as I got better and able  
to clarify my thoughts and vision, I began to feel sure it was J  
S\*\*\* from long ago. We were both due for discharge at the same  
time, and when she heard I was going she said 'I shall miss her. I  
quite like her!' As it happened she left before I was able to...so I  
guess I shall never know.

Living in Glastonbury about the same time as we did, was PP,  
With a small shop full of interesting objects, very old clothing,  
and buttons. More buttons than I had ever seen, and these were  
her chief interest. Apart from politics, of the local kind. She was  
great at writing to the papers about all the normal things, uneven  
pavements, rights of way etc. and did a lot of good thereby.  
Reading The Coracle, last month, and there is a mention of a PP.  
So is she in Cornwall as well? How strange life is, and so inter-  
esting. I have not made contact with any of the three Joyces. I am  
sure that they all have full lives down here, and not everyone  
welcomes the re-appearance of people from the past. So I just  
enjoy thinking about the circles of life.

A member of our congregation actually lived in the road next to  
where I spent my first 10 years. And attended 'my' school, though  
quite some time after I had left.

*Joyce Goldie*



# HOST

What is HOST?

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To find out more, please see  
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Margaret Stevens on [mstevens@btinternet.com](mailto:mstevens@btinternet.com)  
or on 01736 719090

## Another Veryan centenary!



In 1913 the well outside the school was restored and railed.  
These pictures show 'before' and 'after'.



## Hawthorn berries? Haws? Aglets?

What do you call them? Locally the fruits of the may tree are known as 'aglets'. No, not an ancient Cornish word, but an English one derived from old French.

What does it mean?

'Aglets' were - and still are - the little tags made of metal or other material at the end of laces to prevent them from fraying. In the 15th and 16th centuries particularly they were ornamental as well as useful, being the way in which doublets were joined to hose. They were often of gold or silver and cut into little shapes which sometimes resembled the fruit of the hawthorn. And the French derivation? From *aiguille*, a needle or bodkin: *aiguillette* being the diminutive form.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to the school for helping the church to celebrate Harvest Festival. The church looked lovely, with the school decorating the font and displaying gifts.

These have been gratefully received by the Truro Women's Refuge who are always grateful for support. Gifts were also given to some of Veryan's senior citizens.

Year 6's 'Odd Socks' day - supporting St Petroc's winter appeal - raised £30 and gave people lots of laughs with children and adults showing off their Odd Socks.

Last month saw a 'playground tidy' party - weeding, brushing, cutting and picking-up! Thanks to everyone who helped.

There will be another 'ragbag' collection after half-term: please start collecting! More information from [secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.uk) or on 501431

Our new chairman of governors is Mr Luke Dunstone, with Mrs Pam Wright as vice-chairman. Many thanks to Mr Tony Webster for all his hard work and dedication as governor and as our chairman.





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## Macmillan coffee morning Broom Parc

*Lindsay Righton writes:*

Thank you to everyone who either came to the coffee morning or made a donation.

The weather was not kind to us but we felt the party atmosphere which everyone created more than made up for it. Father Doug's gazebo barely kept him dry: perhaps next year his dress code should be oilskins and wellies?

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
*St Piran's celebration*  
*Sunday 2 March 2014*  
7 pm

### FUTURE DIARY DATES

**December  
Chrsitingle**  
Parish hall 1 December

**Christmas lights**  
switch on  
8 December

**Pensioners' Party**  
Veryan parish hall  
11 December

**Ruan church**  
Carol Service  
15 December

**Celebration of  
Christmas**  
Portloe church  
17 December

**Veryan church**  
carol service  
22 December

**Children's crib Service,**  
Veryan  
24 December

### COME DANCING!

#### HOE DOWN

**Veryan Parish Hall**  
**Sunday 3 November**  
7-10 pm

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**Tickets: Ann 501035 /**  
**Pat 501479**

**Monday 4 November**  
**SOUP LUNCH**  
**Portloe church**  
**from 12.30 pm**

**ALL WELCOME!**

*Additional information about forthcoming events can be sent  
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[info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk)

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**'Old Cornwall'**  
**Society**  
*Gerrans Memorial Hall*

*Wednesday 13 November*  
7.30 pm

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# THE MANOR OF RUANLANIHORNE AND ELERKY

What exactly is - or was - a manor?

From before the Norman Conquest (the one date that we all know?) right up to the early 20th century a manor was an area of land comprising a number of holdings, owned by a landlord who received from his tenants rents for the property which they occupied, as well as certain services or 'dues'. These might include providing labour at harvest time, grinding corn at the manor's mill, or taking a turn as one of the manor's (unpaid) officials.

It was the usual method of ensuring that land was cultivated, stock was pastured, and that the families who did not transgress the manor's 'customs' or rules were provided with homes and employment. It was in short a community. Since landlords could own several manors, there was not always a 'manor house'.

While some manors remained in the possession of the same families for many centuries, Ruan Lanihorne and Elerky changed hands many times. By the 1790s it was owned briefly by the Molesworths of Pencarrow who in 1790 sold it to Francis Gregor of Trewarthenick. He was in need of cash to fund his election campaign and sold off several of the farms almost immediately (he was duly elected one of the County MPs).

Properties in Ruan which were part of the manor included Barn tenement, Higher and Lower Demain, Besowna, Nancemellin, the parsonage and the right of presentation to the rectory, the mill, the castle and Lanihorne wood. Veryan properties comprised most of the western part of the parish, including Camels, Calendra, Carne, Gwendra, Polcuta, Polcreek, Penare and the Gull rock, Tregamenna, Trewartha and Tre-

thennal as well as most of Portloe.

What can we find out about these properties and the people who lived there? Because the manor changed hands so often there is no one archive of manorial records but a search among the archives of some of the families who owned the manor has produced documents dating from the fourth year of the reign of Elizabeth (15420 up to the catalogue of sale of much of the former Gregor (later Welman) estates in the early 20th century.

Most of the properties named were hamlets with several individual settlements. What the surviving records show is not only how these little groups of houses and land were divided but the names of the families who lived there.

One particularly detailed document [CRO: G/247] is the deed of sale to Sir William Morice of Werrington in 1735. He paid £11,969 for 'the complete purchase of the absolute estate of inheritance'. The document has a detailed schedule of all the properties - 84 are listed - with tenants' names, acreages, values and rents, dues to the lord of the manor and the ages of the lives' on the leases: a huge amount of information with which to reconstruct a snapshot of much of our two parishes in the early 18th century. Many surnames are familiar ones: Blamey at Carne, Penare, Tregongon, Trewartha and Ruan; Dowrick and Johns at Trewartha, Curgenven and Langdon at Calendra, Ball at Veryan Green and so on.

Leases for tenancies can provide additional family information. In Cornwall and parts of Devon leases were for 'lives' rather than for a fixed term of years. The tenant would name three people,

usually members of his family, as 'lives' on the lease; as long as all three were alive the tenancy was secure. For a sum of money paid to the lord, you could 'add a life' if one died, so creating an almost perpetual tenancy. The leases record the names, ages and relationships of the 'lives': a potted family history.

At Little Trengrouse in 1769 James Lagor was tenant, the lives named were his children Dorothy Lagor junior aged 28, presumably her mother was Dorothy senior). There's a note in a later hand 'wife of William Barclay'. James Lagor, 22, was the second 'life' and the third was John Lagor with no age given. That's enough information to check the parish registers to confirm and expand the Lagor family tree. Little Trengrouse is described as 'only a cottage and garden, ¼ acre in all'. There's a note 'sold to Captain Kempe 1797' [lease book at CRO: G/1835/1].

In the same document Lanihorne Mill and Namellyn were held by lease by Samuel Blamey. The lives are Lucy Wright, 65, with a note 'widow, now in Ireland'. Nicholas, son of Samuel Blamey, 47, and John, son of Benjamin Blamey, 41. Again, enough information to make a search in parish registers.

Because none of the owners of the manor lived locally they had to appoint officers to supervise the manor and collect rents and dues. This was not always easy. Each family was expected to provide 'a capon or 12d' at Michaelmas, a harvest 'journey' (a day's work, from the French *jour* = a day) or 4d, and a 'best beast' or 40 shillings on the death of the tenant. Between 1620 and 1636 the collector recorded in a notebook [CRO: BU 15] that James Langdon at Calendra owed for 24 capons; James Ball at Polcreek owed 4d a year for 'work money' since 1612; and a t

Camels Pentecost Gay 'never paid any capons or due days sithence [since] his lease of 11 Feb 18 Eliz [1576], so due for capons 5-8d, for 58 harvest journeys at 4d, and more due for a best beast on the death of Robert Scoble £1-6-8d...'

Occasionally it's possible to find out more about families through their wills. Not everyone made a will but we have several relating to the tenants of the manor. One example must suffice here, that of Pentecost Langdon of Calendra. Made in 1725, it was proved in 1736. He requested that his body should be buried 'in a Christianlike and decent manner'. He left £6 to his son, Pentecost, a shilling each to daughters and sons in law, and an annuity of £20 to his daughter Jane. Everything else - crops, stock, contents of the house - was to go to his son Richard, but on one curious condition.

'I doe bind my son Richard Langdon that he shall not buy but ten gallons of French brandy a year for his use and if the said Richard shall buy any more than ten gallons a year this will is to be void and of no effect and what I have shall be equally divided amongst my childring only my daughter Jane shall have her twenty pounds'. The value of his estate was calculated at £82-7-0. It doesn't sound much in today's terms but in the early 18th century he would have been one of the better-off farmers in the parish.

Why the condition: did he want Richard to inherit, but feared that without the 'penalty clause' he would drink away his inheritance? It seems that he did inherit: Richard's will was proved in 1741.

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10 16.47	11 18.06	12 6.38	13 7.58	14 9.03	15 9.56	16 10.42
17 11.24	18 12.03	19 12.38	20 13.11	21 13.40	22 14.07	23 14.34
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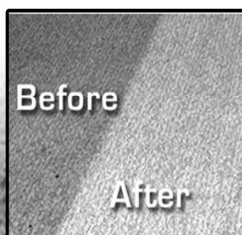
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# Round the Churches...

## Ruan Lanihorne



We celebrated our Harvest Festival on 13 October. We were pleased to welcome back the Roseland Churches' Choir to sing choral evensong. A big thank you to all who helped to decorate the church with flowers. It looked marvelous.

We have been fortunate to have received a grant from the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust for our window restoration project. To support the good work that they do a member of our congregation undertook a cycle ride around the Roseland churches to raise money for the Trust and the church. He visited six churches covering 26 miles and was sponsored in the sum of £132.50. well done, David.

We like to keep the church open for visitors during the summer, but now that the days are shortening the church will be closed from 3 November until 2 March 2014. Anyone wishing to visit the church during that time can do so by contacting either Mrs Hughes p501855] or Mrs Farr [501599].

Thanks are due to Carol and David who manage the opening hours of the church during the summer months.

**PF**

## NEWS FROM PORTLOE



A wedding here in Portloe is always a treat and the recent one was no exception. It was also, for us, unique in that the Lord's Prayer and readings for the marriage of Kasia and Mark were read, and printed in the service sheet, in English and Polish. And Fr Doug rose to the occasion splendidly with a greeting in both languages! The church itself was transformed as if by magic - and a lot of imagination, design flair and hard work - with a totally white interior. The church was full to capacity and violins added an extra musical dimension. How blessed we are to have such a lovely, and loving, wedding here.

The next excitement came with Harvest Thanksgiving, the church decorated overall and displaying the huge number of items donated for the Food Bank. It's always a joy to have Rachel Carbis here to preach, and yet again she was inspiring.

It was good too to have Rachel and Michael with us the following evening for Harvest Supper. A full house enjoyed hot pasties and various fruit crumbles, together with 'liquid refreshment'. The entertainment was kicked off by Fr Doug telling us about various Cornish songs, familiar and unfamiliar, and we happily

joined him in singing some of them. Mike played 'Tea form Two' on soprano sax - enjoyed by everyone, including Luke (who loathes jazz!). Then as usual Trounce entranced us with more of his wonderful stories - what a gem he is! We ended with a rousing rendition of 'Bringing in the Sheaves' led by the Portloe Duo (Jeanette and Mike). Another splendid evening.

The first soup lunch was great and it's good to be looking forward to the next get-together on Monday 4 November, 12.30 pm - see you there!

**JH**

### *Roseland Churches' Choir diary 2013*

Sunday 24 November 6 pm  
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 weddings or other services: contact the chairman, Graham Pauncefort, at [info@crdrecords.com](mailto:info@crdrecords.com) or on 01872 580001, or contact your parish priest.*

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## VERYAN PARISH CHURCH



Our organ's centenary was marked in fine style last month when Bishop Christopher re-dedicated the instrument at our Harvest Evensong, using the original prayer from 1913. We managed to find not only the special hymn that was sung then but also a tune that would fit, and choir and congregation gave it their all. It was a wonderful service altogether: as well as the Roseland Churches' Choir singing an anthem by John Rutter (not the easiest!) we were joined by members of the Cornwall branch of the Prayer Book Society, swelling the congregation to well over 100.

Two weddings were celebrated in October: one was memorable for the bridegroom clad in a kilt and saying 'I will' first in Cornish then in English: we are so happy for Liz and Howard. It was a lovely service. Ben and Helen's marriage was also memorable partly for the string quartet's lovely music and also because it was the third generation of the Rawling family to be married in Veryan church.

The faculty to replace the old heating system has been applied for and quotations are being sought from local contractors. This is inevitably going to be an expensive project: if you have ideas about fundraising or grants please contact the churchwardens - this may be a chilly winter but we are determined that next year we shall at last be warm in church!

### *Come Dancing!*

**3 November 7 pm  
VERYAN PARISH  
HALL**

**Contact Ann [501035]  
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for details**

### **MEDITATION GROUP VERYAN**

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details**

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### **The parishes of VERYAN and RUAN LANIHORNE**

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[501599]

## **CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER**

### **Veryan**

### **Ruan**

### **Portloe**

### **Sunday 3 November**

#### **All Saints' Sunday**

11 am Eucharist  
Canon Doug

9.30 am

Holy Communion  
Canon Doug

10.30 am

Morning Worship

### **SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

#### **Services at Veryan**

8.30 am Holy Communion  
Canon Doug

10.50 am

#### **Benefice Service of Remembrance**

### **Sunday 17 November**

#### **2 before Advent**

11 am Eucharist  
Canon Doug

9.30 am

Mattins [BCP]  
Canon Doug

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
Steve Nicholson

### **Sunday 24 November**

#### **CHRIST THE KING**

8.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]

Canon Doug

11 am MATTINS [BCP]

Canon Doug

9.30 am

Eucharist  
Canon Doug

### **Sunday 1 December**

#### **Advent 1**

11 am Eucharist

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9.30 am

Holy Communion  
Revd Ken Boullier

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
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## Veryan

### READINGS AND READERS Services in November

#### Sunday 3 November ALL SAINTS

Daniel 7, 1-3, 15-18  
Christine Edwards [727]  
Ephesians 1, 11-23  
Sue Truscott [609]

#### Sunday 10 November SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

1 Thessalonians 4, 13-18  
John 14, 1-8 only  
FR DOUG TO SELECT READERS

#### Sunday 17 November 2 before Advent

Malachi 4, 1-2a  
David Elliott [230]  
2 Thessalonians 3, 6-13  
Luke Dunstone [713]

#### Sunday 24 November CHRIST THE KING

Zechariah 6, 9-15  
Robert Pepper [670]  
Revelation 11, 15-18  
Coral Pepper

MATTINS - READINGS TO BE PROVIDED

#### Sunday 1 December ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2, 1-5  
Ann Craven [731]  
Romans 13, 11-14  
Pat Raine [479]

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

##### High Altar

2 Nov: Mrs M Veness  
9 & 16 Nov: Mrs H Betty  
23 Nov: Mrs E Reece  
3 Font or porch  
2 Nov: Mrs H Robins  
9 & 16 Nov: Mrs B Carter  
23 Nov: Mrs J Elliott

BRASS - vacancy

#### Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

3 Nov: Mrs Mihalop/  
Mrs Hamblett  
17 Nov: Mrs Ward/Mrs Bowen  
1 Dec: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley\*  
\* no flowers in Advent

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]

## November Diary

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Wednesday 6th Exploring Spiritualities Portloe 7.30 pm [page 4]

Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY service at Veryan church 10.50 am

Monday 11 November SCHOOL'S ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 11 am

Wednesday 13th Old Cornwall Society at Gerrans 7.30 pm [page 11]

Wednesday 19th Exploring Spiritualities Portloe 7.30 pm [page 4]

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Sunday 24th Choral evensong Gerrans 6 pm with Roseland Churches' Choir

Wednesday 27th Exploring Spiritualities Portloe 7.30 pm [page 4]

Every Friday 10.30-11.30 am VERYAN MARKET parish hall

Veryan parish website

[www.veryan.org](http://www.veryan.org)

All local news and information welcome: contact is Toby Robinson at the shop

DEADLINE FOR  
DECEMBER MAGAZINE  
17 NOVEMBER

## From the Registers

### VERYAN

#### Baptism 29 September

Oliver Benjamin Kellow & Madison Jane Symons  
Great-grandchildren of Joyce and Derek Goldie

#### Marriage

5 October Howard Curnow & Elizabeth Wright  
12 October Benjamin Rawling & Helen Cairns

### RUAN LANIHORNE

#### Baptism 13 October

Lottie Rosa & Rory James Beetham

#### Marriage 28 September

William Philip Martin & Katherine Elizabeth Dale

#### Memorial service & interment of ashes

24 September Stella Plasom

16 October Grace Austin

### PORTLOE

Marriage Mark Symons & Katarzyna Seifert