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**OH, OH, OH, WHAT A LOVELY SHOW!**



Prize vegetables and flowers.—lots more on pages 6 & 7

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# IN YOUR GARDEN

## this month

A huge thank you to the Committee of Veryan and District Show. It was the usual triumph, brilliantly opened by Trounce who more than acknowledged the competitive spirit displayed by some of the exhibitors (one particularly).

Whilst I was in Church doing the flowers that morning David Truscott was telling me about the Show in the good old days. How he and his father went to Truro to get the cages for those showing chickens, ducks and geese, all in the Hall and how the school yard was full of turnips, swedes, hay and straw bales all as exhibits, I wonder if any photos exist?

The weather held fair despite the forecast and although I think the earlier date affected the number of entries with so many people away (I hope someone was picking Gerald's sweet peas?) the quality was still very high and Gilbert did a brilliant auctioneering job at the end.

Now my husband had a word with the auctioneer during the afternoon and asked if he could put a £2 reserve on the one and only heavy cake. Only one entry?! What is the world coming to?! Gilbert appeared to agree and when the bidding started there was somebody bidding quickly against Stuart's reserve and the price shot up to £5 when even Stuart, the expert on eating heavy cake, gave up. I was too late to dive in to help and yes, the one and only heavy cake entry was sold...to.... Gilbert Grigg!!! A shocking flout of auctioneering rules but forgiven when he so kindly gave it to Stuart (who ate two thirds of it before he reached home).

Well done to one and all and I for one was delighted to see our three district expert veg growers displaying the most wonderful veg produce – my football beetroot and runner beans (of which I was so proud) put to shame.

I repeat Mrs Grigg's famous phrase 'It's only a bit of fun', well indeed it was, well except for when I saw Christine's vase of herbs, she must trip over them when she leaves the front door!

Now October looms and whilst I love the autumn with its fruits and colours I do confess to becoming a little depressed by the nights closing in so fast and leaves disappearing from the trees. Gone are the sunny days with glasses of wine on the patio in the late sunshine. It will soon be dark by 5pm. Ugh!

We have to make use of the day light as there is plenty to do outside but it is the month when relative calm can turn to tempest and temperatures can plummet without warning.

**Tomatoes** should have their final harvest if they are still in situ. The skins get tough and low light levels delay ripening. Bring the tomatoes in, ripen the big ones indoors and make chutney from the green ones. I don't make chutney, I give all my green ones to Mrs Smith who rewards me with a jar of her most famous and the best I have ever tasted.

**Cabbages and greens** can now be attacked by pigeons looking for food and can be protected by fleece or netting. I suspect they will be less of a problem this year; every Cornish pigeon is in my barn enjoying the stored barley!

**Pumpkins and squashes** should be harvested before a frost. If you intend to store them make sure the skins are firm and give them 10 days in a greenhouse or bright warm place to 'cure' before storing in a cold frost free shed.

**Broad beans** and indeed peas can be sown in the autumn. I don't bother because the mice get mine, but if you put a cloche over the soil where you intend to plant them this will warm up the patch for them.

**Runner beans** may still be hanging forlornly on the plants. Obviously the big thick ones are stringy and inedible but the big beans inside are still edible and make a tasty addition to a stew. Compost the top growth of runner beans but leave the roots to be dug in later. The nodules on the roots are full of free nitrogen for your soil.

**Herbaceous borders** need to be cleaned up, except where you are saving havens for wild life and weeding still needs to be done. Make sure that nothing diseased is composted. That particularly refers to blighted tomato or potato plants.

Like so many I have a love hate relationship with birds in the garden. We have so many now that sing sweetly and adorn the walls and bird table but I had to resort to a fruit cage which will pay dividends over the winter as early buds forming now will be scavenged by birds and affect the spring and summer crops.

Readers of this column will be the only ones to know that within the next month we are retiring. Yes, I am hanging up my spade. Well that's not strictly true; we are retiring from garden retail to give ourselves more time to do some other things.

We have to put more and more time and effort into the farm and also into the wood, or more correctly the plantation, which we hope to restore to its glory days when Mr Trist planted it. We also want to use the garden for more produce and to create a new garden here in the space

which is currently taken up with retail plants. In effect we are releasing ourselves from *having* to be here 6 days a week whilst continuing with supply of plants on request, garden consultancy and of course the floristry which I love.

Not having to be on parade every day also means we can do all the things you retired folk do – you always seem so busy, and I would like some of that.

More time for the floristry, piano, (the Church organ??), the garden, golf and painting, (only him, not me), farming, bell ringing, forestry, attempting to act and of course to write the book I have been promising myself for years. (I wonder!)

Most importantly though I need more time to spend with my Mum who has just celebrated 90 years.

There will be no massive 'everything must go' sale because I will use so much creating the new garden but there will be a few bargains to be had for those now in the know!

I began with a huge thank you and I end with a huge thank you to all my genuinely treasured customers, past, present and indeed, future.

Now get out there and start the autumn clear up.

**NB**

## Letter from Lincoln

### Living without the gospel

The Anglican cycle for morning prayer can, I have discovered, leave weeks when the readings come from the Old Testament and the Epistles. The effect is intriguing, or perhaps disturbing.

For the Old Testament, naturally much depends on which part or more particularly which genres. Passages with a great many names are my true dread, especially if there are not enough Canons present and it falls to me to read. Even if I look up the pronunciation first, I still manage to get it wrong. But more than this, the passages can be dull and uninspiring. We then get the passages of

God's perceived anger; and how hard-done-by mankind is. Oddly when we had the book of Job, which lasted over a month, I found myself engaged: it somehow picks up echoes which are perhaps in all of us. Overall, though, I find that Old Testament readings morning after morning leave me less than fulfilled.

So, what of the New Testament: the Epistles? Often they are an attempt at working out what the teaching found in the Gospels meant two thousand years ago. They come over as dry, lacking in life.

So, last month when we began to read St Mark I found myself suddenly refreshed. Here was a story about a man, in a real place, teaching people like us or addressing the problems of life that we all encounter. I wondered, was it

the language or the story? Some language engages more than others, specific words, vivid description all help. But what of the story, does my image of the young man Jesus help?

Then two things happened, I went one Sunday morning to the 8 o'clock Book of Common Prayer Communion Service with readings from the King James version. I felt yet more refreshed.

On reflection I recognised that the very familiar language had enabled me to pray over and around it without taking any particular note of words or meaning.

I then remembered someone to whom I used to take home Communion and how they knew word for word the

whole service long after much else has long been forgotten. The language had entered the heart beat. Is the same true of those familiar Gospel stories? Is it familiarity that brings refreshment?

Reading Doug's letter of last month, I rather think it might. So I am happy for me but sad for my children since they never had that immersion in Thomas Cranmer's words. It is quite exceptionally special language, which along with that of Shakespeare moulded the English we use today. I am just so blessed to have had the 'devices and desires of my own heart....'

*Phil*

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### Exploring spiritualities

**Wednesday 16 October**

Wendy Franklin

*'Hearing the silence': a quietist perspective from a member of the Society of Friends*

**Wednesday 23 October**

Revd Canon Stephen Dawes

*'The Way of Holiness': is John Wesley really dead?*

**Wednesday 30 October**

Dr Tim Lynch

*'On the road again': reflections on pilgrimage*

**Wednesday 6 November**

Professor Anthony Pinching

*'Words, and beyond words'*

**Wednesday 13 November**

Canon Doug Robins

*'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*

## *Living to the full – exploring spiritualities*

Have you ever wondered what makes other people tick; what is their passion or inspiration?

There is a chance to find out this autumn. A wide-ranging series of talks and discussion groups is being held at Portloe Church on 7 successive Wednesdays, commencing 16 October, at 7.30 pm. There is no need to commit to every session, although you will probably find it rewarding to do so.

The sessions are open to everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, beliefs or background. It is hoped to encourage people from a wide area to participate, so tell your friends.

People who have agreed to contribute range from Russell Pascoe, who has composed music for worship despite being an atheist, on how music inspires him, to Revd Canon Dr Stephen Dawes, the Canon Theologian and former Chairman of the Cornwall Methodist District, who will talk about The Holiness Club and the rise of method-ism.

Other speakers will cover such subjects as pilgrimage as a way of exploring spirituality; quietism, the way of the Society of Friends, and the value of silence; the power of words; how theatre allows us to explore life.

Each session will start with a speaker's contribution with opportunities for questions which will lead into more general guided discussions.

The facilitators will be Revd Ann-Marie Stuart and Revd Isobel Keegan, retired Franciscan sisters, who are both very experienced in exploring spiritualities and in leading this kind of discussion group.

Although there is no charge for the sessions donations to cover expenses will be welcome.

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, Veyan, Truro TR2 5QA.

Veyan Parish Hall



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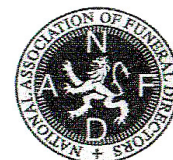
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### **A 'THANK YOU' FROM THE SHOW'S PRESIDENT**

What a super day - as always. My special thanks to everyone involved, especially Margaret, who takes time to thank everybody else but is perhaps someone we tend to take for granted!

Trounce wrote to me after the show, thanking everyone who contributed to the 'memorable day' he and Annie had had; they are aiming to enter next year. "I might" he says, "even enter a pasty. A good winter project to learn how to crimp".

What he did also say was "It's good to share our memories, past incidents can come to mind so vividly, as well as the personalities involved. As somebody said, it's not that we live in the past, it's that the past lives in us. Fewer and fewer of us are linked to those days now, and several can only get around on walking sticks. Given twenty five years they'll write our history as blood-thirsty pirates or straw-chewing idiots, with round houses built to keep out the devil, but as for now they'll have to put up with the niggling reminders of the reality of what we are and what we have been".

I for one have many childhood memories of the Show and after Trounce's wonderful opening speech so many people were heard reminiscing about shows 'way back in the last century': let's record these memories before we're all too ancient to remember.

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*Mr Trounce Guy opened the Show*



*We all bought raffle tickets*



## VERYAN AUTUMN SHOW 2013

### ***I TOLD YOU IT WOULD BE A NICE DAY!***

Mary Symons is convinced that I sold my soul to the Devil so that we always get good weather for the Show. Everything went surprisingly smoothly, except for one mishap, which we won't dwell on, shall we, Julia?

The weather was a little wet on Friday night and awful on Saturday morning and our valiant 'runners' got a little damp hiking back and forth from the school to the Hall with the judging slips, but they did a superb job - many thanks, girls, you are stars.

A few down on the cookery and vegetable entries this year but we knew that people were away on holiday and the change to the earlier date caused a bit of confusion but we shall be back to our old date next year - 20 SEPTEMBER 2014 - if we are all still standing. Please make a note and start your entries early just to please Tony.

The Judges were very impressed with the standard, as usual, and we all felt very proud when we opened up for the public to see our efforts. Jacka Jazz were with us as usual with their lovely mellow sound coming over to the tea gardens where the WI did their usual wonderful job of feeding us. Trounce made us all laugh recounting his family's history of entering the Show and it was lovely to hear that people were just as competitive then as they are now.

Thanks also to the school for their efforts in getting the children involved with so many entries which were wonderful. The 'Power House' in the office did a splendid job, documenting the entries and dishing out the prize monies.

It was especially nice to read the limericks, with so many of them finishing with the line 'To help keep the Show alive' - and so say all of us!

We enjoyed Tiny's hospitality and were able to sit outside at 'Conifers' for pasties and puddings. Judges and Committee love the familiarity of it with every plate and cup in the kitchen being used, and 'the girls' doing a fantastic waitress-ing job - thank you all.

It only remains for me to thank the Committee for 'doing their stuff' as they always do, also those non-committee members who valiantly helped to put up the staging, and the 'mature ladies' who helped Gil and Terry to trundle it all back through the trap-door into the bowels of the Parish Hall. Needless to say, we all slept VERY WELL on Saturday night.

Here's to the next time!

*Margaret Cortis*

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*Joyce Goldie writes*

## A Letter from a Grandmother

A few weeks ago, one of our grandsons-in-law was ordained as Deacon into the Anglican Church. His determined decision to make this his way of life has given me plenty to think about. He is 21, and doing what his Lord is calling him to do.

At the other end of the line is our own priest, Father Doug; and I cannot think of either of them without wondering what life will be like for Jonathon in, say, 60 - 65 years' time.

We have seen so many changes in our own lifetime in the church, and perhaps we handled them better when we were younger.

It is tempting to allude to my enjoyment of words (see a previous article) as they were in my time and what they mean now. But there are plenty of other examples of changes in our church life.

We belong to 'a Cluster'; yet a short while ago it was 'a Team', when once it had been a Parish Church, and we had a Priest all to ourselves. Now we hear of Lay Ministry, Part-time Ministry, Self-Supporting Ministry, House-for-Duty Priests: a bewildering array of new titles now necessary to accommodate the present changing circumstances.

Of course, the new names do not in any way lessen the essentials of the work to be done - preaching in other churches, sharing in the life and work of local schools, doing things in the community, and continually trying to be available to all the people who live in the parish yet find Sunday morning taken over by their children and their needs. Forms for baptism, confirmation, weddings and funerals keep coming, and there is plenty from the diocesan perspective which also needs attention.

Perhaps nothing is ever enough for some folk, but I am very thankful for the work our priests do, and the 'public eye' within which they do it. So thanks to all the priests everywhere; and "Dear Jonathon", in 60 - 65 years' time, I shall be viewing everything from a very different angle!

*...and a thank you!*

*From Joyce and Derek Goldie*

*"Thank you so very much to all our lovely friends who helped us to celebrate our special milestone last month. It was great to see you all, and we feel exceedingly lucky to live among so many friends. Thank you and God bless you all".*

**Anne Meering has been considering  
'THE PROs and  
CONs OF OLD  
AGE'**

In my seventies and eighties I just noticed a lessening of my normal way of living, in fact I wondered how people a decade older than I emphasised 'getting old', and its attendant slowing down, and thought that it was a fuss over nothing. Yes, life was getting slower, actions took longer, and the questions on 'Mastermind' took longer to answer. But...

It took a fall downstairs, followed by a bout of 'flu, to realise that I had reached the first signpost leading to Shakespeare's seventh age of man\*, the closing up of the life cycle starting at birth, with many of its similarities.

The first thing to go is memory. Events which happened early in one's life are etched sharply in one's thoughts, but some event from last week or even yesterday fades away into 'where?' or 'when?'. Colours remain bright in the mind, like a favourite party dress or a garden visited in childhood, even my home-sewn wedding dress of (illicit) blue silk, but what on earth did I wear last Christmas?

Next to go is eyesight, the labels on tins and jars, the notices way up near the roof in a supermarket denoting the goods on display beneath, now just a series of indiscernible letters. And there's the problem of sorting out shoelaces, or cutting one's toenails, or opening an envelope when knife and scissors have disappeared; the nightmare of trying to open a tin, or the sudden appearance of yellow blobs on a piece of writing, or an item from one's daily newspaper.

This disability grows rapidly. One is unable to recognise a handful of coins; trying to work out which is the dentist in a block of brass plates with names and floors: which floor? And what a fool one feels having selected a solicitor's office by mistake.

I now have to get my shopping companion - usually my ever-faithful daughter - to dial my 'PIN' at the check-out for me ('never disclose your 'PIN' to anybody'). Just wait until you are ninety.

Lifts and staircases hold their own problems, and escalators are their own horror story. I have seen burly men with tense expressions being borne skywards on the London Underground, getting ready

to 'jump!' when told by their travelling companions. I have also watched an elderly lady seated inside a fork-lift truck being swung from the dockside into the hold of a cruise liner. Mind you, that was a few years ago - probably there is a more genteel solution now.

And the problem of getting one's clothes on the right way round...

My mother-in-law, a most correct and discreet lady of Victorian upbringing walked through a crowded dining room at the 'Ponsmere' hotel in Perranporth, acknowledging friends and family in a most regal way, quite unaware that she had caught her long skirt in the back of her voluminous bloomers, following a quick visit to 'the Ladies'.

But all is not doom and gloom.

Old age brings sweet memories, bright and clear, never to be forgotten. The first kiss, at five years old - what was his name? A birthday present of a much-loved puppy; a beautiful party dress arriving in layers of pale blue tissue paper; an unexpected love letter; a really good exam

result when I had for weeks dreaded the result; an excellent degree in English Literature (in a domestic science college!). And of course, my wedding day, and the arrival of each child, all unforgettable memories.

And the kindness of people when one is old and disabled: a waiter discreetly sorting out one's cutlery, or mopping up a knocked-over glass of wine (only he had noticed it had happened); at nearby Trelissick, being gently guided from the entrance of the 'Gents' to the 'Ladies'; someone carrying a heavy shopping bag to the car.

A very kind neighbourly act, when Ralph (my better half) had fallen over in the garden, who, knowing that I would be a liability, went to A & E with him and stayed until he was safely installed in a bed in a ward - a matter of five hours in all - good Samaritans are definitely still at hand.

There have been many more acts of kindness; I have found such goodness of heart in so many people, shown to me in my 'seventh age' of living. Chivalry is very much alive today!

*\* If you want to remind yourself of Shakespeare's seven ages of man', look in 'As You Like It' Act 2 scene 7, where Jaques tells us that 'All the world's a stage... And one man in his time plays many parts...' from the infant through the school-boy, the lover, the soldier and the justice, to the sixth age, where he is 'lean and slipper'd...with spectacles on nose...' to the 'last scene of all...second childishness and mere oblivion, sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything'*

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to everyone for their hard work in preparing entries for the Show, and for the standard that the entries achieved. All the judges were very complimentary about the school and the quality of work.

The Parish Council has expressed some concerns about car parking outside school - please could everyone [whether picking up from school, visiting the New Inn or the shop or whatever else you might be doing in Veryan] NOT park in the narrow road outside the Heatley Garden: buses and large delivery vans [and of course emergency vehicles] simply can't get around the corner below the pub if cars are parked there.

And please remember also that the area directly outside the school gate is a public highway, not a car park! People who live behind and beyond the school need to

have access at all times, so please park sensibly.

**SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL** will be on Friday 4 October at 9.15 am.. Please bring non-perishable items. We are collecting for Veryan Senior Citizens, Truro Women's Refuge, and St Petroc's.

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### Harvest Supper



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## THEY BURIED HIM AMONG THE KINGS...

So runs the end of the inscription on the most famous War Grave in the land. 'They Buried Him Among the Kings for He Had Done Good Toward God and Toward His House.' : the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey.

The body was chosen from among four British War Dead, disinterred at random from four separate War Cemeteries in four battle zones of the Great War in France and Belgium. The bodies were taken to St Pol Cemetery in France where Brigadier General Wyatt selected one from among the four coffins which were covered with the Union Flag and of which he had no knowledge. That selected was buried in the Abbey on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1920, in the presence of King George V. The present stone was laid a year later on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1921.

When I last wrote I said that churchyards and cemeteries were like history books or diaries of the village. That is not true of War Cemeteries – they are incredibly sad. Row upon row of white stones, identical in style, stand in ranks just as they did when serving, each one giving, where possible, the name, rank and number and regiment of the man who lies beneath.

Where that is not known the stone simply says, 'To An Unknown British Soldier', or the necessary equivalent for sailors or airmen and different countries. There are stones for women who died as result of enemy action,

stones for every religion or creed, but all look the same. General or Boy Seaman they received the same tribute. The exception, of course, is when there is no known grave, the soldier just disappeared, or was lost at sea. The most famous of these is the Menin Gate at Ypres in Belgium.

A massive structure, bigger than Admiralty Arch in London, it is engraved with the names of over 54,000 men who died in the First World War and have no known grave. The population of Truro is about 20,000. And 54,000 men just vanished.

We have visited War Graves all around the world, from France, where some have a mere handful of crosses, to Tyne Cot where there are nearly 12,000, to East Africa, India and Thailand. Without exception, where the Commission has access, they are kept in immaculate condition. Unfortunately there are countries, Burma for example, where access has been restricted and the condition is not what it should be. Elsewhere the Commission engages a staff of locals as gardeners and the standard is high, the stones kept clean and relatives who visit made welcome. We visited the Cemetery at Kanchanaburi in Thailand where there are over 5,000 stone plaques on the ground commemorating Commonwealth deaths and another 1896 commemorating Dutch casualties. That is nearly 7,000 who died on the Burma Railway buried here out of the 13,000 believed casualties plus an

estimated 80,000 to 100,000 civilians. That works out at one life for every sleeper on the 300 mile long railway.

The idea of gathering one's dead after a battle is not new and has been practised since wars began. Usually the dead common soldiers would simply be collected and buried in a common grave with no particular effort being made to record their names. That would be left to the individual regiments when they had a roll call after the battle to see who was missing and these names would be written in Regimental Records and, perhaps, eventually appear somewhere on a Regimental Memorial.

But on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1879 a battle took place in South Africa which shook the British Army to its core. The might of the world's most modern army was brought low by a 'band of native savages'. Lord Chelmsford, conducting a campaign against the Zulu king Cetshwayo, marched into Zululand and camped at the foot of a hill, Isandlwana.

Cutting a long story short, Chelmsford then split his force, taking over half away with him to chase another party of Zulus. The force he left behind was attacked and overwhelmed by a separate Zulu attack. 52 officers, 806 other ranks and 471 Africans died at Zulu hands, an unprecedented defeat.

Later that day Chelmsford returned and found the carnage. He decided that it would be too dangerous to stay on the site because of the continuing Zulu threat

so the field was just abandoned, the bodies still as they lay.

It was nearly two months before attempts were made to go back and remove the dead and then it was decided an impossible task. So they were buried where they lay and the graves covered by a large pile of stones.

Later these were white-washed and have been maintained like this to this day, over 300 cairns scattered over the landscape. Today the site is a Zulu war grave, maintained by them to high standards as they honour not only their dead but also those against whom they fought. It is an eerie experience to stand out on the open veldt, backed by the steep sides of Isandlwana, and see the grassland covered by these white cairns. They stand in isolation, not in groups, and one can imagine the terror struck in the hearts of these men to suddenly see the land in front become black with several thousand Zulus.

I have often asked myself, 'Do men die in battle because they think their cause is right? Do they think they are simply doing a job? Is it simply a matter of self defence? Or because they feel they have a duty? A bit of each I suspect.

**Malcolm Craven**

*Note from the editor:  
Unfortunately the photographs which Malcolm sent to accompany this article have not reproduced in the version which is sent to our printer - many apologies to him and to all our readers*

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20 13.28	21 14.02	22 14.34	23 15.03	24 15.30	25 15.57	26 16.37
27 16.49	28 18.15	29 6.45	30 7.53	31 8.51		

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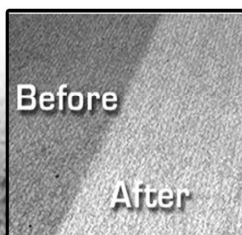
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# Round the Churches...

**Ruan**

**Lanihorne**



We were pleased to welcome Bishop Chris Goldsmith to our Patronal Festival on the 25<sup>th</sup> August. The Roseland Churches' Choir also joined us to make it a memorable evensong. Thank you to everyone who supported the Cream Tea afternoon at the end of August. We raised £107 towards the restoration project.

The restoration of the windows is going on apace, and we are hopeful that they will all be finished by the end of the year. It is amazing how much more light is coming into the church through the windows already restored.

Our **Harvest Festival Evensong** will be on the Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Again the Roseland Churches' Choir will be helping us to give thanks for the bounty of the Lord. We shall be decorating the church on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10am onwards. All help appreciated.

As we come to the end of the summer, we would like to thank the team of volunteers who help to keep the churchyard looking spick and span. Without their help it would be an overgrown jungle. We get many appreciative comments from visitors who come to look for their relative's graves on how nicely the churchyard is kept.

**PF**

## NEWS FROM PORTLOE



The main social happening in Portloe in September was the very welcome return of Janette Eathorne and Strike Sound. There were even glimpses of blue sky on the evening of the concert, enabling those filling the church to arrive in the dry - always a blessing! Strike Sound were 15-strong and they were on absolutely top form, singing a wide variety of music featuring a number of lovely solos from different members of the choir. As usual, Janette was simply irresistible, conducting with supreme professional skill, and Margaret, her accompanist, was superb. Janette also delighted us with the funniest yarn which she's written (Trounce, you may need to look to your laurels!) the moral of which seemed to be - never, ever, wear someone else's false teeth! It was an exceedingly happy evening and we very much hope to welcome Janette and Strike Sound here again

October sees the first of our **monthly soup lunches**, so please come and join us from around 12.30 pm on Monday 7th.

The first of the seven weekly talks and discussions organised by Fr Doug will be held in Portloe church on Wednesday 16th at 7.30 pm. **JH**  
*Details of all the talks are on page 4.*

## VERYAN PARISH CHURCH



Have you ever felt things were going against you rather fast when you thought all was well? Well, the Churchwardens at Veryan have!

The new trench was being dug for the cable to upgrade the electricity in the Church in preparation for the new heating. Everything started well enough, but when most of the trench had been dug events took over! Late in the day, just as the light was failing, bones were found; perhaps not a surprise in a graveyard, but somewhat strange as the trench was only 19" deep.

The following morning we sought advice and were directed to the Historic Environmental Service at Cornwall Council. At every turn the relevant person had to be brought out of a meeting. Then we were told to refer to the Police to establish whether there were any suspicious circumstances. With fear and trepidation we contacted 101. Then the fun started. At one point there were five members of the police from different departments standing round the trench.

Finally after many hours of standing around waiting for senior staff to come out of meetings, finish other problems and with the threat of bringing out an archeologist, common sense prevailed and the decision was taken by some unknown person that the police had no cause for thinking there were any suspicious circumstances and work could carry on.

The bones will be re-buried in consecrated ground, as close to the point in which they were found, after the new cable has been installed.

All is now well. The next stage in the new heating for the Church is to obtain a faculty to continue with our plans and find the money to pay for it!



Our organ, unlike the 100-year-old heating system, is going strong and we celebrate its centenary this month. The original dedication service was held on 7th October 1913, and we have asked Bishop Chris if he will re-dedicate it (for the next 100 years, perhaps?) at the Harvest Festival Evensong on Sunday 6th October 2013.

In addition, a recital by Chris Gray, musical director of our Cathedral, has been arranged for 22 October [see details on page 1] and all the proceeds will be devoted to the heating fund. If you haven't yet got a ticket, there's a form enclosed with this magazine - early replies get the best seats!

As preparation for this great event, Lance Foy will be carrying out a major service [no pun intended] of the instrument on 10 October, some 20 years since its last complete overhaul so that it will sound as good as new.

### **Roseland Churches' Choir diary 2013**

*Saturday 5 October  
Wedding at Veryan*

*Sunday 6 October 6 pm  
Harvest Evensong,  
Veryan*

*Sunday 13 October 6 pm  
Harvest evensong,  
Ruan*

*Come Dancing!*

**6 & 20 October  
VERYAN PARISH  
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**CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
<b>Sunday 6 October Trinity 19</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Roger Joll
6 pm Harvest Evensong Bishop Christopher & Canon Doug		
<b>Sunday 13 October Trinity 20</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Informal Anglican Worship
<b>Sunday 20 October Trinity 21</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Mattins Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Revd Derek Collins
<b>Sunday 27 October Last after Trinity</b>		
8.30 am Holy Communion Revd Anne Shaw		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
11 am MATTINS Revd Anne Shaw		
<b>Sunday 3 November</b>		
<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship

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

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#### Sunday 6 October Trinity 19

Lamentations 1, 1-6  
Robert Pepper [670]  
2 Timothy 1, 1-14  
Coral Pepper

#### HARVEST EVENSONG

Deuteronomy 26, 1-11  
Robin Rundle [500950]  
John 6, 25-35  
David Elliott [230]

#### Sunday 13 October Trinity 20

Jeremiah 29, 1, & 4-7  
John Veness [704]  
2 Timothy 2, 8-15  
Marilyn Veness

#### Sunday 20 October St Luke

Isaiah 35, 3-6  
Margery Truscott [302]  
2 Timothy 4, 5-17  
Margaret Cortis [256]

#### Sunday 27 October SS Simon & Jude MATTINS

Wisdom 5, 1-16  
Blair Jobson [530188]  
Luke 6, 12-16  
Julia Pound [741]

#### READINGS WILL BE PROVIDED

#### Sunday 3 November

##### ALL SAINTS

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

*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  
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##### SEE HARVEST LIST

12 & 19 Oct: Mrs M Truscott

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### 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

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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

Ringling 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]

## October Diary

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Friday 4th School Harvest Festival

Saturday 5th wedding at Veryan

Sunday 6th  
HARVEST FESTIVAL  
EVENSONG, VERYAN  
CHURCH 6 pm [Page 1]

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Wednesday 9th Old Cornwall Society meeting, Gerrans 7.30 pm [page 11]

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Wednesday 16th Talk at Portloe church 7.30 pm [pages 4 & 5]

Sunday 20th Come Dancing, parish hall 7 pm [page 15]

Tuesday 22nd ORGAN RECITAL, VERYAN CHURCH 7 pm [page 1]

Wednesday 23rd talk at Portloe church, 7.30 pm [pages 4 & 5]

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Wednesday 30th Talk at Portloe church 7.30 pm [pages 4 & 5]

#### NOVEMBER DATES

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Sunday 10th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY service at Veryan church 10.50 am

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Benjamin Johns  
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