

# PARISH NEWS

VERYAN AND RUAN LANIHORNE DECEMBER 2012

## *Christmas in our Churches*

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**Sunday 23rd VERYAN 6 pm**  
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**VERYAN 4 pm** Children's service at the Crib  
**TREGONY 9 pm** 'Midnight' Mass  
**PORTLOE 11.30 pm** Midnight service  
**VERYAN 11.30 pm** Midnight Mass

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*Ed.*

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# IN YOUR GARDEN this

The most distressing fact about this article is that as you are reading it may be out of date, so apologies for that!

All our media are putting out information about Chalara fraxinus, a fungal pathogen commonly known as ash die back. I thought it might be helpful to explain some of the facts about this disease without the sensationalism that surrounds so much of the news coverage. Actually that in itself is difficult because this is a hugely serious matter even though as I write the disease has not reached us yet, though I suspect it will not be long.

The pathogen was identified as a new strain in Poland in 1992 but it wasn't actually identified from its asexual activity until 2006 and subsequently as we now know, 90% of Denmark's ash trees were lost. That prompted me to ask why the 10% remaining were unaffected.

Two answers emerge. It is almost certain that it is spread most quickly on the wind and a prevailing wind from its source protected those trees behind the wind and secondly some species of ash (and there are tens of species) seem less affected or able to recover. Equally we know that some species of ash are definitely less affected and older trees take longer to be affected than saplings.

Initially there were reports that diseased trees were brought in from Europe, particularly to one Nursery in Buckinghamshire; whilst that may be so, it now appears more likely that it is wind carried and a predominance of easterly and north easterly winds in late October and November have transported

the spores to our shores and very quickly we saw the spread from Norfolk into Leicestershire, Essex and Kent. Disease has been found in the West Midlands and we must be vigilant.

But be in no doubt that a form of the pathogen has been in this country for hundreds of years; this is just a strain that is more virulent and destructive.

So what are we looking for? Identification of Chalara is tricky especially when the leaves are falling anyway, but healthy ash leaves go yellow and fall to the ground in autumn. Diseased leaves are dying to dark brown on the stem looking dead and crinkly, almost burnt. The forestry commission web site has pictures and videos that are incredibly helpful and I think if you check the bark of a tree for diamond shaped lesions this is the easiest way to detect a problem. I am more than happy to visit a tree if you suspect a problem but in any event the disease is notifiable and the Forestry Commission or FERA must be informed. See [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara)

So why are we worried about it? There are estimated to be 2.25 million ash trees in the UK, the wood on commercial plantations used for tool handles and furniture. Ash is a huge component in mixed forests and so the concern is that we will lose millions of trees and denude forests. Actually there are also much greater concerns than just the loss of trees and woodland views. Many rare species of insects, birds and bats depend on ash woodland. In the Peak District there are 900 hectares of managed ash woodland and the light shade created by the emerging leaves makes a home for Enchanters nightshade and the white letter hairstreak butterfly, both endangered.

100 species of insect live on ash trees and 27 of those are totally dependent on them; further, 225 species of lichen grow on ash trees. The ash woodlands in the Wye valley are a specific home to the greater and lesser horseshoe bat and white admiral butterflies.

Of the more common birds known to make their homes in these forests are the bullfinch and redstart; the effect on these birds would be devastating if the forests are lost. I don't believe that now is the time to ask why we didn't do something sooner. The legislative system in Europe makes this difficult when trying to make oneself an island from diseases and it takes everybody's will, understanding and cooperation to stop the spread.

It has been rampant throughout Europe and it might have been helpful to do something sooner but that's hindsight and not learning from previous lessons. If I had been quicker myself I might have realised there was an issue about ash which at the time was not in the news. At the Autumn Show in Vryan, Phil Tregunna took Stuart to the ash tree by the bench outside the Village Hall.

This was an ash we had supplied for the village from a local grower and was meant to be pendulous. Phil asked if we thought it might one day 'weep' as it was meant to do. We very quickly agreed that its tall upright stature rather gave us the answer – no! I spoke to the supplier and told him he had sold me a pup and indeed it is difficult to identify when young but it was labelled incorrectly. I assured Phil we would find a replacement.

That is when I hit a wall.

I tried all my usual suppliers and growers and even stopped at two wholesale growers in North Wales on a

trip up there in early October. Not a pendulous ash in sight. Now none of my commercial publications were mentioning ash die back then but it is either extraordinary coincidence or ominous that ash trees were not for sale. Now I think we know why. That said, it is a lovely tree, it has grown very quickly and is obviously happy in its new home. Let's hope we can keep it that way.

The ban on imported trees has been widely publicised now but that ban extends to the movement of trees, seeds and saplings.

So sorry, not a great laugh for you in December in this column. I am afraid my monthly anecdotes of village comings and goings are thin on the ground.

It remains for me to say thank you to everybody who comments on the garden column, please continue to ring or send comments or questions, they always help with content for the column. Thank you to all my unsuspecting, volunteer contributors this year for their sense of humour.

Finally I am sure you will join me in thanking our hard working Editor, Christine, for yet another year's hard work and without whom this fantastic parish magazine would not exist.

Get out the seed catalogues; we are off again next month! Happy Christmas and New Year.

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## Letter from Lincoln

*'While Quirinius was governor of Syria...'*

Later this month, at a carol service, the chances are that we will hear these words as St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. I suspect that St Luke saw this little known man as crucially important to the ordered account he was offering to his friend Theophilus.

The simple reference to Quirinius set the life of Jesus in the annals of history. It was for St Luke an event in the world of people who conducted worldly things like a census. It is perhaps important also for us when the church gets a bit churchy to remember that Jesus was of

the world every bit as much as he was of God.

The date of Quirinius is important for us as well; it was, by virtue of the life of Jesus, a time in history when the chasm between earth and heaven became gossamer thin.

We can look back at other times when for whatever reason mankind became close to God. One of these was the time of Buddha, Socrates, Confucious and Jeremiah. In her engaging book, *The Great Transformation*, Karen Armstrong argues that something happened to mankind over a very broad sweep in the time we know as the Axial Age. Following centuries of religion based on sacrifice and the need to ap-

pease a vengeful god, the penny at last dropped, that God, by whichever name called and by whichever way worshipped, only ever wanted mankind to empty of self-interest and to truly care for his companions in creation, not just the family or tribe but the worldwide family of man. It was religion founded on ethics.

Armstrong's argument is that the same grounding is what is needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it has been since the beginning of time. This grounding was needed by Quirinius's subjects and they were offered it in the teaching of Jesus. They rejected it, as mankind always has.

The television comedy 'Rev' was first made when David Cameron was Prime Minister of Britain, a period, neither any worse nor any better than any other;

just a moment in time. The programme is about a vicar striving to follow the calling he has heard. The Rev'd Richard Coles (often heard on Radio 4) was the adviser to the programme and said of it that the way to engage with Christianity is not about grappling with its doctrine, but much more to seek to understand those who have dedicated their lives to its teaching.

Such people are in the world at particular points in history. They are not imagined. They are in that place and in that time where the gap between earth and heaven is so very thin. I pray that this Christmas, when Barack Obama is once again President of the United States, may be such a time for this world that so needs it.

*Phil*

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The Neighbourhood (LSOA) profile for the parishes of Vryan, Ruanlanihorne and Pilleigh reveals the following statistical information:

There has been an estimated fall in the total population between 2001, (Census), and 2010, (ONS estimate), of 101 people from 1401 to 1300, (-8%). In Cornwall as a whole there has been an estimated increase of 7%, (35,363 people).

As at June 2011 there were 420 people of pensionable age living in the area, (32.3% compared with 24.7% for the whole county). The estimates also show that there were 134 people aged 60 to 64, (10.25% compared with 8% for the whole county).

The estimated number of children under the age of 16 living in the area amounted to 106 (8.2% compared with 13.9% for the whole county). Up to 4 year old infants were estimated at about 2.5% (about 30) compared with about 5% for the county.

The index of multiple deprivation 2010 ranks the area 114<sup>th</sup> out of 32,482 having most barriers to housing and services, (in the bottom 0% in the country), and 374<sup>th</sup> having most geographical barriers, (in the bottom 1% nationally). The area also scored badly in the living environment, (rated 2086<sup>th</sup>, bottom 6%) and indoors living environment, (rated 667<sup>th</sup>, bottom 2%).

The local index of child wellbeing 2009, (which includes variables not related to deprivation), reveal the area to be in the bottom 13%, (rating 4114<sup>th</sup> nationally), in respect of housing, and in the bottom 16%, (rating 5271<sup>st</sup> nationally), in respect of environment.

*Fr Doug*



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## CHRISTMAS GAMES

*Remembered by  
Anne Meering*



Being an only child, in fact the only child of the immediate family, I experienced quiet and very boring Christmases, with only a walk in the park and a few new books, so it was with absolute delight to marry into a large family which enjoyed Christmas games. The adults would start their secret preparations and quiz questions in very good

time. Little caches and locked cupboards held secrets to be revealed as the festive season drew near.

We had charades, with a theme, and a mass of suitable clothes; sometimes we played 'Murder' with clues hidden about the house, but there were two favourite games which made their annual appearance, the 'Train Game' and 'The Operation'.

This latter needed a thin sheet or old net curtain hung across the corner of a room, with a long table or stout ironing board placed behind it, close to the curtain. The action took place by silhouette, with low lighting to magnify the actions, played to an audience in a darkened room.

The 'actors' were the 'doctor' and his assistant, dressed in white coats, heads covered with large handkerchiefs and masks. The nurse would wear a

nurse's uniform - there were several nurses in the family, so that presented no problem.

They displayed their implements behind the curtain with suitable gestures - a hammer, a small saw, a hook, a very large meat knife, and an old cut-throat razor.

The patient was usually a boy of about eight or nine wearing a housecoat belonging to Grandma, who took up his position on the table. A jam-making funnel was placed over his face with a length of hose pipe attached, filled with air from a blown-up balloon operated by the 'assistant'. Then the 'doctor' would start operating.

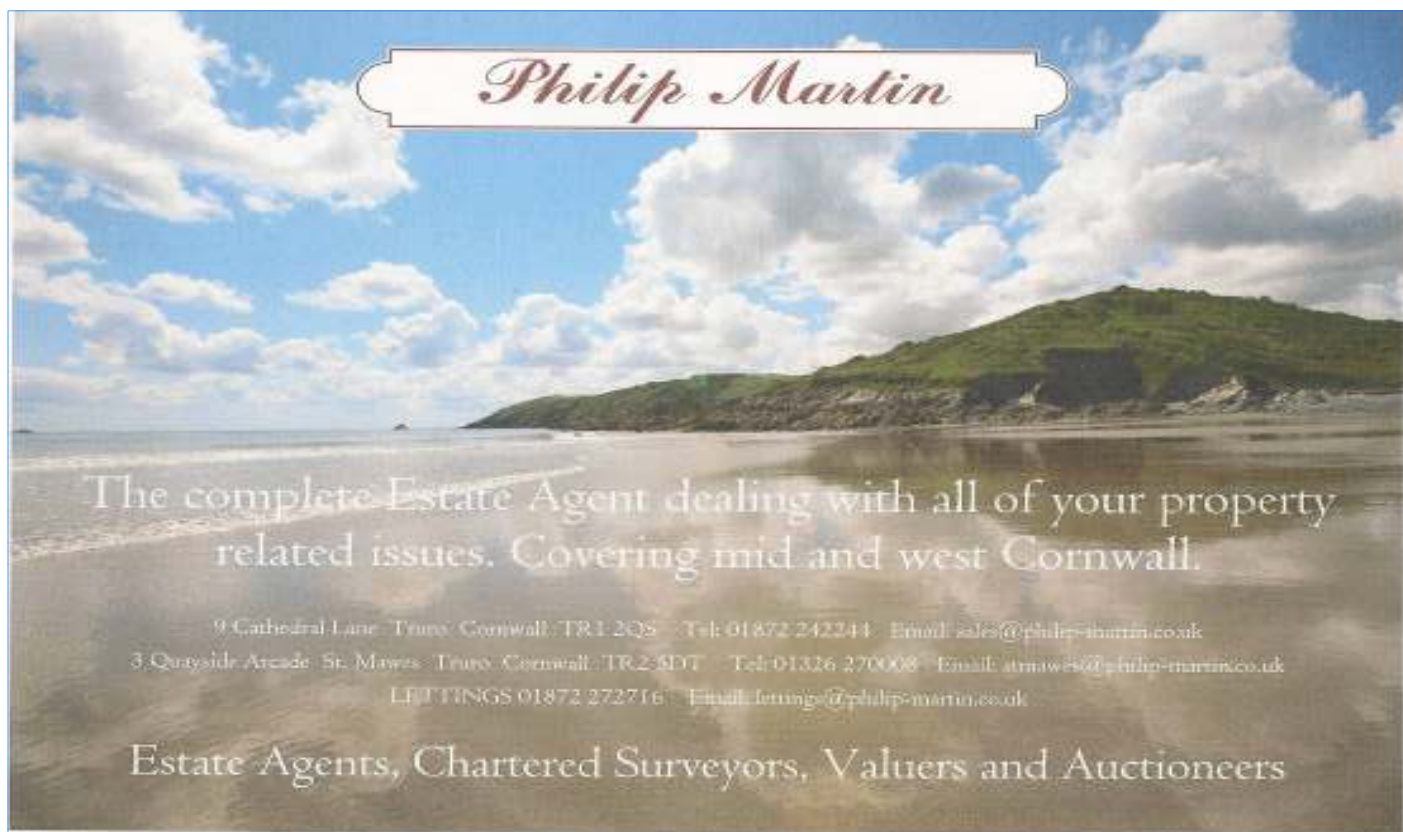
As each part was extracted from the patient it was handed round by 'Nurse'.

In the darkness familiar objects assumed a very sinister character: a piece of liver became a very realistic tongue, two pigs' ears

were human ears, half a grape represented an eye, uncooked chipolata sausages were fingers, long strands of cooked spaghetti were of course intestines, a lamb bone, sheep's heart and kidneys, acquired from a very accommodating local butcher, completed the collection. Assorted vegetables and nuts were also used, the latter making marvellous 'teeth'.

After the performance the patient would appear from behind the curtain to take his bow.

The other game which came high on the popularity scale was the 'Train Game'. This could involve up to a dozen participants. Sheets of stiff paper or card had already been prepared and were pinned up on doors, furniture and mirrors all around the house. Each notice had two columns: on the left were the names of departure towns, opposite, on the



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right, was the name of the next station on a journey. The next notice had the right-hand list of towns moved to the left column, and the 'next stops' opposite.

There were usually about twelve stops. Each contestant was issued with a different 'journey' which had to be completed in the correct order. This entailed a mad rush round the house trying to find one's next stop: each person started and ended at a different station. The last instruction said 'go home now!'. This game was only recommended for the hale and hearty, and the elderly gathered round the fire to gossip.

After this game the house looked as though a high wind had blown through. We would also push back the chairs and enjoy some of the old traditional dances like 'Sir Roger de Coverley' and 'the Gay

Gordons', so beloved of our Victorian forebears, and of course someone present could play the piano: most houses had some form of musical instrument.

At this stage in our lives we look back with fond nostalgia to those pre-television days when families at Christmas met and made their own fun. Bring back the 'twelve days', I say!



## 'KEY FOR TWO'

Veryan Players' latest production was a farce (intentionally!) which relied on fast action, slick timing and a demanding control of dialogue full of *double entente*. This was delivered with great aplomb by a well-cast team of experienced actors.

The action centres around Harriet (Julia Pound in fine form and some classy garments), a 1980s 'modern' girl with two lovers and a complicated diary. The unexpected arrival of her friend Anne, and, later, Anne's estranged husband Richard, still in love with Harriet, leads to ever-increasing confusion and conniving in order to avoid the inevitable confrontation, with husbands unwittingly having to masquerade as each other. The plot also involves a drunken vet (John Veness in a characteristic 'cameo' rôle), a fictional mother and a halibut.

The brilliant set used every inch of the stage to great effect, and the play was superbly directed by Coral Pepper, with the usual excellent support from the skilful 'back of stage' team.

Congratulations to all the cast - Peter Lloyd and Graham Webb as Harriet's two lovers, Jackie Hancock and Nicola Bush as Mildred and Magda, their increasingly confused wives (and mention must be made of Magda's extraordinarily complex hair-do) and especially to Julia and to Louise Taylor (Anne) for their brilliantly sustained 'double act' as 'matron' and 'sister' of a non-existent nursing home.

The howls of laughter from the audience as the action became madder and faster were clear evidence that the choice of this play, and the casting, were well justified. Coral says that farce can be one of the most difficult of all the acting disciplines to pull off - well done indeed - another triumph for the Players!

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## Memories...

I was taught that history was 'time beyond the memory of man': events which nobody alive could remember, and for information about which we have to rely on written sources. I find it difficult therefore to accept that the years which I can remember are now being studied as 'history' in our schools.

I wonder how many of us realise that we may have quite close connections with names recorded for example in census returns of over a century ago? Recently I was able to work on the 1911 census for St Michael Caerhays, where I grew up, primarily to investigate who was employed at the Castle and on the estate, but I soon realised that some of the names on the list, young men and women then, were people that I had known well when I was going to school in the village.

The enumerator for the parish was Mr M W J Mingo, who would have delivered the forms to each house and collected them on the prescribed day. The largest household was of course Caerhays Castle, where J C Williams lived with his wife Mary and three of their children, Robert aged 32, May aged 21 and Peter Michael, then a seven-year-old.

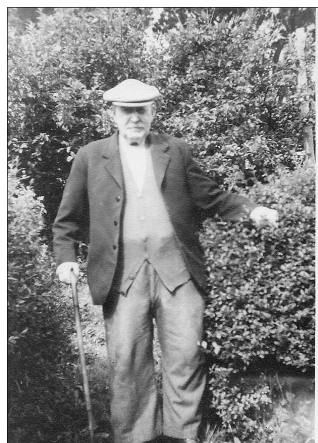
Among visitors listed are George Engelhart and Edmund Loder, both well-known horticulturalists, who would have been visiting the gardens.

'Living in' staff comprised a secretary, a nursery governess, a cook, four housemaids, three laundry maids, two ladies' maids, three kitchenmaids, two

waiters, two footmen and a hall boy.

In charge at the Barton farm was the farm bailiff, Tom Mannell, and the herdsman, John Morrison, born in Aberdeen.

'Labourers' included Fred Uglow, originally from Merther. I knew him as an old man who had been the farm shepherd for many years.



*Fred Uglow aged 83 in 1959*

His wife Louie was a Londoner from Pimlico, and never lost her 'London' accent. I remember 'Granny Uglow' as a gentle, white-haired old lady with a lovely sense of humour: in 1911 she was 33 with two small children.



*'Gran' Uglow aged 82 in 1956*

William Charles Beard [my great-great-uncle] is listed as 'horseman'.



*Uncle Will Beard with Mrs Mary Williams, Mrs Jobson and the infant Mary, on the Castle drive*

When I knew him he lived in retirement in a flat over the Castle stables, occasionally still driving Mrs Mary Williams in the pony trap drawn by the black pony Jezebel.

The dairy manager was Walter Parsons, who had come from North Petherwin close to Werrington, another Williams house. Listed next in the census is the Blandford family. John, the head of the household, gamekeeper, had been born in Wiltshire. He and his wife Annie had a family of five: Fanny, 'mother's help', Hugh, 'gamekeeper's help', Maurice, aged 7, at school, with his younger brother Bertram, and the youngest, Nesta, then aged four.

Many years later Nesta married Jim Trudgeon. When I first knew them they lived at the Pound where we used to call for their son John on our way to school. 'Aunt Fan' lived with them.

Maurice was a long-time Castle 'retainer' - valet, butler, general factotum who in his latter years had his own set of rooms in the Castle.

Also at Pound was the butler, Walter Wills, whose son Ken worked for a time in the gardens at Caerhays but after army

service went to Wiltshire to become a forester.

In the school house was Joseph Treneer, father of the more famous Anne, author of [among other books] 'Schoolhouse in the Wind', describing her childhood years at Gorran and at Caerhays.

There were Yellands at Tubbs Mill and Kerkins at Polgrain - still there when I went to Caerhays school. Portholland had eight occupied houses with a few empty properties.

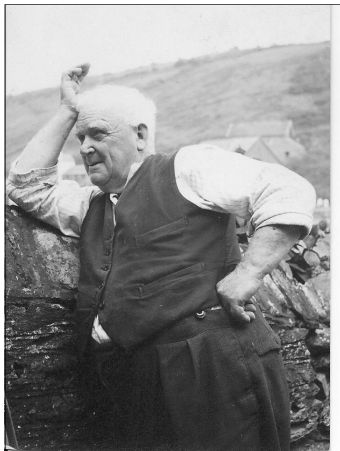
Tommy Johns and his wife Caroline lived there with their son Preston, aged 26, described as a self-employed cabinet maker. Years later he ran a very successful business I think in Redruth.

Also in Portholland was Tommy Johns's elder son John Thomas Blamey Johns, always known as 'Johnny Johns'. He is described in the census as 'carrier'. His household comprised his wife Jessie and their baby son Howard. I remember Johnny Johns running the post office and shop at East Portholland as well as a tobacconist's shop in St Austell, and a thriving taxi service in Mevagissey. His car had a number plate with the letters 'JJ'.

We knew the shop well as Dad's half-sister was Mr Johns' housekeeper. Her life had been a series of



tragedies: her three children died in a house fire in 1926 and her husband, a Royal Marine, was lost when the 'Repulse' was sunk by the Japanese.



*Mr Johns in retirement at Portholland*

The shop as I remember it could not have changed much since 1911! Wooden drawers held loose currants, sultanas and raisins, smaller ones contained spices. Lard and cheese were cut by hand and weighed on antiquated scales, and sugar was delivered in large blue paper bags. Goods were weighed out for each customer, and shopping could take ages. The final page of the census return lists Edwin Mannell from Probus, aged 39, described as 'electric light attendant' - the Castle had been equipped with a generator in 1910. Boarding with Edwin and Bessie, his wife, was 26-year-old Harold Nicolas, 'chauffeur'.

Wallace Michael, with no address given, is described as 'motor car driver'. They would have driven the first 'AF 25', the number plate retained by the Williams family to this day. All these people, remembered by me as 'old', were young once with their own memories of the past. Not listed in the Caerhays census, since he lived in the adjoining parish of Gorran, but nevertheless employed at the Castle, was William Jago Allen, carpenter. Dad was apprenticed to him before the war, and worked with him until Mr Allen retired at the age of 90. He lived next door to us at Tregavarras. He died in the early 1950s just short of his hundredth birthday.



*William Jago Allen on his 95th birthday*

He had been born in the 1850s, the time of the Crimean war. His grandfather had been born in the eighteenth century and could remember the battle of Waterloo in 1815. A link with history, indeed.

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## ***Mrs Beeton's Roasted Pheasant***

*From the 1913 edition*



*Mrs Beeton suggests plucking and drawing the bird but leaving its head on; placing a quarter pound of 'beefsteak' inside the bird 'to improve the flavour and keep it moist'. The breast should be covered with bacon and the bird 'roasted in front of a clear fire or in a moderate oven for 40 to 50 minutes, 'according to size and age'.*

*It should be basted frequently with butter and when almost cooked, the bacon is removed, the bird dredged with flour and basted.*

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*We are deeply grateful to Paul Robins for his expertise in creating and managing these new websites for us - and let us know what you think!*

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*Do contact the editor if you have any queries! [01872 501727]*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### SCHOOL NEWS

15th December - XMAS FAIR 2 pm  
18th December - SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT 6 pm  
21st December  
END OF TERM - Service in Church 1.00pm  
7th January 2013 START OF SPRING TERM

### Veryan Parish Hall SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday 12 December

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## John Bennett

'Parish news' doesn't usually contain obituaries, but very occasionally we feel that a local 'personality' deserves mention. John Bennett, who was buried at Veryan on 26 October, was a 'Veryan boy' through and through.

Born at Calendra in 1922 he was the youngest of nine children. He went to school at Miss Ellory's in Portloe until he moved to board at Truro school. He left school to work on the farm at home and after his father's death took over its management.

He was active locally and in the county; in Veryan he was a member of the PCC for many years, churchwarden for over 40, trustee and sometime chairman of the Homeyard Homes Trust, vice-president of the Autumn Show, chairman of the Cricket Club and an enthusiastic member of the bowling club.

When he and his wife Joyce moved from Calendra to Tirva at Carne beach, they hosted many fund-raising events for Veryan church.

He was a Justice of the Peace, became county chairman of the NFU, a council member of the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association and a grandstand steward at the Royal Cornwall Show.

A move to Truro after Joyce's death saw him nevertheless returning to Veryan regularly, often in the company of Canon Geach, and always for the annual church fête where they both 'held court'.

He will be missed.



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Very low tides on 14, 15 & 16 December

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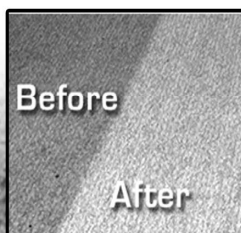
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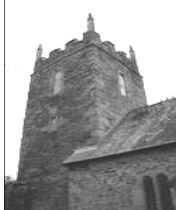
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# Round the Churches...

**Ruan**

**Lanihorne**



Our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held on 16th December at 6 pm, when we will be joined by the Roseland Churches' Choir. Mince pies and coffee will be offered after the service.

*Please note that there will not be a service of Mattins on that day.*

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday 15th from 10 am onwards. All help and/or donations of greenery and flowers will be gratefully accepted. *On Christmas Day there will be a Communion service at 9.30 am.*

The churchwardens and PCC would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

**PF**

## NEWS FROM PORTLOE



We got off to a flying start with the first of our winter soup lunches in November. Do come and join us for the next one - MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER at 12.30 pm and catch up on all the news - it's amazing what can happen in the space of a month even at this time of year!

Christmas in Portloe starts with our usual CELEBRATION on WEDNESDAY 19th at 7 pm with carols, readings, music and of course mulled wine and mince pies! And as always the Revd Aubin de Gruchy will lead MIDNIGHT WORSHIP on Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm. We would love to welcome you on these two very special evenings.

**JH**

Our PCC in November discussed at some length the urgent need for a new form of heating in Ver-yan church - the c.1897 pipes and radiators have at last expired. The system had not been working with full efficiency for a couple of years, but we aim to replace this antiquated arrangement with something up to date, efficient, and less costly to maintain and run. 'Under-pew' heaters are being trialled over the next few months, which will provide direct warmth for the congregation, but will not help the ambient temperature of the building, with a consequent potentially adverse effect on the fabric, so additional temporary sources of heat will be used until we can raise the money for a completely new system. Please don't stay away because you think the church may be cold over the Christmas period - temporary heating will be in place - and there'll be a very warm welcome!

We were pleased to see so many in church on 11th November, Remembrance Sunday, and thank you to all those who helped with the organising, the 'sound effects' and of course those who took part in the service at the war memorial. Sadly Don Dunlop has said that that would be his last time as reader of the names of the fallen; he has served us well for ten years and we thank him for his involvement.

Next year's events are already being planned! Dates for your 2013 diary include Saturday 13 July for the annual church fête, and Sunday 13 October for the celebration of our lovely organ's centenary. It's also a hundred years since Mr Pendarves Trist 'restored' the well outside the school, and 200 years since his forebear Jeremiah built a parish school on the site of our present school building so we have plenty to celebrate in 2013.

**Advent service at Truro Cathedral  
Sunday 9 December, 6 pm**

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## While Shepherds New Tregoney

This characteristic setting of the popular Carol is from a very old and tattered MS. book in the possession of Mr. W. C. Dunstone, of Portloe. Judging from the appearance of the book and the nature of its contents, it dates from about 1800 to 1810. The Alto part is missing—perhaps there was never one, as three-part singing was so common in Cornwall—but the other parts are surprisingly correct. Not a single alteration in the Treble, Tenor, and Bass was necessary.

*♩ = 63*

1. While shep-herds watch'd their flocks by night, All seat-ed  
on the ground, The An-gel of the Lord came down, The An-gel of the Lord came down,  
And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.  
And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.  
And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.

2. "Fear not," said he; for mighty dread  
Had seiz'd their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring

4. "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view display'd,  
All meanly wrapp'd in swaddling clothes,

## 'While Shepherds watched' from Ralph Dunstan's Cornish Song Book published in 1929

The tune, called 'New Tregoney', was found in "a very old and tattered MS book in the possession of Mr W C Dunstone of Portloe...dating from about 1800 to 1810. The alto part was missing - perhaps there never was one as three-part singing was so common in Cornwall - but the other parts are surprisingly correct. Not a single alteration in the treble, Tenor and Bass was necessary"

Another 'Portloe' tune in the same book is for the carol 'Awake ye nations...' Does anyone remember them?



*Come Dancing!*

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**CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER**

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
<b>Sunday 2 December ADVENT</b>		
11 am Eucharist & baptism	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning worship Roger Joll
<b>Sunday 9 December Advent 2</b>		
8.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] 11 am MATTINS		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
<b>Sunday 16 December Advent 3</b>		
11 am Eucharist	6 pm Nine Lessons & Carols with choir	10.30 am Morning Worship Linda Baines
<b>Sunday 23 December Advent 4</b>		
11 am Eucharist		10.30 am Informal Anglican Worship
6 pm Readings and Carols with choir		
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
4 pm Crib service for children		11.30 pm Midnight Worship Revd Aubin de Gruchy
11.30 pm Midnight Mass		
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Canon Doug	
<b>30 December The Holy Family</b>		
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## Veryan

### READINGS AND READERS Services in December

#### Sunday 2 December ADVENT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 33, 14-16  
*Blair Jobson [530288]*  
1 Thessalonians 3, 9-13  
*Barbara Carter [649]*

#### Sunday 9 December Advent 2

Isaiah 64, 1-7  
*Margaret Cortis [256]*  
Matthew 11, 2-11  
*Liz Wright [628]*

NB USE OWN BIBLE OR ASK  
FOR TYPED COPY

#### Sunday 16 December Advent 3

Zephaniah 3, 14-20  
*Reg Woodward [275716]*  
Philippians 4, 4-7  
*Joan Woodward*

#### Sunday 23 December Advent 4

Micah 5, 2-5a  
*Vacancy*  
Hebrews 10, 5-10  
*Luke Dunstone [713]*

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

##### Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9, 2-7  
Titus 2, 11-14  
CHURCHWARDENS

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52, 7-10  
*Ann Craven [731]*  
Hebrews 1, 1-4  
*Margery Truscott [302]*

#### Sunday 30 December Holy Family

1 Samuel 2, 18-20&26  
*John Veness [704]*  
Colossians 3, 12-17  
*Marilyn Veness*

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

## Veryan Flowers and Brass

### FLOWERS

No flowers in Advent

SEE CHRSTMAS LIST

BRASS Mrs S Luxton

## Ruan Lanihorne

### CLEANING & FLOWERS

2 Dec: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley

NB no flowers in Advent

16 Dec: Mrs Evans/Mrs Farr

6 Jan: 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, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays:

11 am Parish Eucharist

2nd Sunday 8.30 am

Holy Communion [BCP]

2nd Sunday: 11 am

Mattins [BCP] OR Eucharist  
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### PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH All Saints

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Sundays at 10.30 am

2nd Sunday: Eucharist  
at 9.30 am

4th Sunday: Service of the Word  
[Anglican] at 10.30 am

### RUAN LANIHORNE St Rumon

1st Sunday:

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]

3rd Sunday:

9.30 am Mattins [BCP]

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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]

## December Diary

### Saturday 1st

Christmas Fair Parish Hall 10-4 [page 11]

Christmas Fair Caerhays [page 5]

### Sunday 2nd

Christingle workshop 10 am

Christingle 6 pm both in Parish Hall [page 11]

### Monday 3rd

SOUP LUNCH, PORTLOE 12.30pm

### Sunday 9th

Veryan lights switch-on 5.30 pm

Mevagissey choir in Veryan church 7.30 pm [page 4]

Advent service, Truro Cathedral, 6 pm

### Wednesday 12th

Seniors' party Parish Hall 2.30 pm [page 11]

Old Cornwall Society at Gerrans 7.30 pm [page 11]

### Thursday 13th

Bingo at Sports club 7.30 pm [page 11]

Saturday 15th School Fair In school, 2pm

### Tuesday 18th

School carol concert 6 pm

### Friday 21st

School end of term service Veryan church 1 pm

### Saturday 29th

Carn to Cove Christmas Show Parish Hall 7 pm [page 11]

Every Friday

10.30-11.30 am

VERYAN MARKET parish hall

### JANUARY

Monday 7th NEW SCHOOL TERM STARTS

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## From the Registers

### BURIAL AT VERYAN

Friday 26 October

Alfred John Bennett  
Aged 90

## A CHRISTMAS GREETING

From Bill Hunkin

"To all my friends  
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For Christmas  
&  
The New Year"

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