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

7.30 pm: An evening of song and story to commemorate and remember, with Du Hag Owr, Philleigh Shout, Trounce Guy and others.

Retiring collection in aid of Missions to Seafarers, RNLI and the church heating appeal.

Sunday 2 February

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

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



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

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE FOR THE HEATING FUND

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

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IN YOUR GARDEN

this month

If you have been sitting on your laurels over the festive season (and I don't mean literally!) then now is the time to get going. The days are lengthening thank heavens and it really is time to think about the seasons ahead. But whilst I jest about the laurels there is a serious point here.

December was generally a dry month. I wish I had a quid for everybody that said 'I don't mind it colder but at least it's dry'. Actually the dry weather is something we need to think about even if we get rain in buckets this month or next. Our hedges really do need rain this time of year and the camelias too.

I have had to go out and water in December to ensure that all the herbaceous perennials that I split and moved are surviving and some of the larger shrubs began to look a bit sad too, particularly when dry weather is accompanied by drying winds. Shrubs and trees that have been moved in the dormant season need what we call available water. Once they get their roots down and established they will find water for themselves. But just think of the poor plant. You dig it up, chop it in half and replant it. What a shock! It is trying to support the few remaining leaves, put its roots down and get used to a new position.

Take some of its stress away by giving it some water that it can easily access whilst it becomes accustomed to its new space. Tubs of tulips and daffodils carefully planted need water and I still have marguerites flowering their little heads off from last summer but I have had to keep them watered. Sounds daft watering tubs in December and January but don't neglect 'available water'.

Of course all our gardening this month will be dependent on the weather conditions. No point in

treading down wet or frozen soil and lawns. No point in getting ourselves too wet or cold either but there are jobs that need doing.

Tidy the shed, take the lawn mower for a service, in fact have all garden machinery checked over this winter so that you are good and ready and safe for spring.

It's a good time to buy compost if you have space to keep it dry. Stored in a greenhouse or shed it will warm up ready for seed sowing.

Check your seed trays and pots; give them a good clean even if you did it at the end of last season. You will be amazed how many critters have made a home in the cracks and crevices, particularly young snails and slugs. Also check those fading packets of fertilisers and chemicals. If you left the lid loose they will have gone damp and lumpy and if you have lost the labels or instructions they should be disposed of safely. *Not* down the drain or in the bin!! The council will advise if necessary.

Have a look at the vegetables that are available now. Sprouts, leeks, parsnips, swede, turnips celeriac, cabbage, cauliflower and kale to name but a few. With a bit of thought now you could be growing a few of those for yourself rather than paying over a quid for a manky cauliflower (unless you get yours from Mike's stall of course where they are cheaper, freshly cut and have a flavour superior to those that have travelled from heaven knows where.) That's a fiver he owes me!

It's time to think about chitting those potato tubers too. If you haven't ordered them get on to it now. I always encourage you to try a few new potatoes just for their freshest flavour but unless you have a massive veg plot it is rarely worth growing main crop potatoes. I say this only because of the space they take up and the disease issues. It's the old story from me really. Grow the veg which are more

expensive in the shops and buy the ones that are always in plentiful supply and cheaper.

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

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

And something I mentioned earlier, if you are overwintering crops, even mature ones, check regularly for slugs and snails that love to hide under the leaves and munch their way into spring!

If by any chance you have forgotten to plant your sweet peas in autumn (only Gerald is disciplined enough to remember) then they can be planted now. Always put them in deep pots so that they get a good root run. Most sweet pea seed doesn't need soaking overnight as we always used to, but the older varieties still appreciate a good soak first to soften the very hard seed coat. Plants with big fleshy roots like Japanese anemones may be propagated now from root cuttings. The anemones particularly don't much like being propagated by dividing them up and can sulk for several years. Just dig up part or all of the plant to be propagated and wash off as

much soil as you can from the roots so they can be separated. Cut off sound roots about the thickness of a pencil and divide into sections about 2" long. Trim off the thin fibrous roots from the sides, cut the bottom diagonally and the top straight across, that way you will know which is up and which is down! Pop them in a pot of compost with the tips just covered water well and keep frost free. Loads of new plants will emerge for not a lot of effort and if you remind yourself that each plant would have been at least £6 to buy you will feel quite righteous! Plants that will propagate in this way include *acanthus*, *brunnera*, *dicentra*, *echinacea*, oriental poppies, *romneya* and *verbascum*, to name a few.

January can be very busy time, other jobs to do if you feel so inclined include, but are not limited to:

- Check stakes on trees haven't worked their way loose and are damaging the bark
- New trees with low side shoots can be pruned up whilst they are young and dormant.
- Prune the wisteria to 2-3 buds; it's a bit easier than when you took the long shoots off in August as now you can see more of the framework.
- Prune hazelnut trees now, shorten the new long growth by half and keep the trimmings for pea sticks.
- Invest in a propagator or heated bench, it allows you to get going more quickly next month and beyond particularly if we have another cold spring.

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

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Letter from Lincoln

One of the best loved Lincoln stories is that of St Hugh and how this saintly Bishop rebuilt the cathedral in the late 12th century after it collapsed as a result of an earthquake. The restored Cathedral far outshone what was there before.

There is much today about how the religious structures that once supported society have collapsed. Fewer people go to church, fewer people confess to faith. Of course some people confess to a fiercely strong faith, but perhaps that is different.

What of the collapsed structures? I don't want to imagine a collapsed cathedral; I'd rather take a metaphor from the box of Duplo (Lego for toddlers) I bought my youngest granddaughter for Christmas. I built some finely engineered structures and she took great delight in striking them down. We looked at the pieces, she laughed and I began to rebuild.

The problem with a Duplo metaphor is that the Duplo bricks were completely undamaged. So, still steering clear of the collapsed cathedral, I will take a metaphor from a partially collapsed medieval wall

that has been lovingly rebuilt by a master brick-layer nicknamed Wiggy.

There is no real risk of someone coming along and striking it down, so I can focus on process. Wiggy would sort carefully through the collapsed stone, rejecting those too damaged to be of use and stacking carefully for later use those which had withstood the test of time, and indeed the fall itself.

Where stone needed to be replaced, it would be carved new from the cathedral quarry. If it was brick, the replacement would be selected from the store of eighteenth century brick reclaimed over many decades from various projects.

The trouble with metaphors is of course that they can run away with themselves! So, let me return to broken religious structures.

I look at the collapsed pile and, just to make a start, pick out...

It's a good question. What do I pick out and more so why? You see, I would pick out familiar pieces of writing for their intrinsic beauty, their resonance and I hope their content.

I offer four. The prayer of General Thanksgiving, the Collect for Peace that comes at the end of evensong, the alternative post communion prayer and the bidding prayer from one of Cornwall's great gifts to the nation, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

What would yours be?

With warm wishes for 2014

Phil

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All welcome: more information from Sue Day [501673]



...and a letter from Joyce

*[*written on 10 January]*

Here's to 2014!

Here it is - the New Year!

Have you done your thinking about our Church in 2024? And given your ideas to Father Doug? I think it was two days ago* that he went to discuss the future with Bishop Tim. What will transpire?

The same question applies to me. At the moment my long-lived and trusty computer has sighed into internal complications, and this letter is being hand-written. My mind is in internal complications too - what happens next?

It really has surprised me how much I miss the magic powers of the PC (Personal Computer). Checking up on the latest technology is *so* easy when the PC works.

As ever I have been very lucky, and had plenty of help from daughters, grandsons, and knowledgeable friends.

Putting the details together has been fun, and now it is even worse not to have a PC. That means that I cannot simply dial my request to the best market for it, when it would arrive by post in a day or so. No, I have had to ask one of the girls to do it for me. (One of the others is already doing my on-line shopping, and time just slips away, surely not as fast for them as for me?)

I made a decision, anyway, and a Google Nexus 10 Android is being tracked down for me - at least, I hope so.

Every New Year I like to learn to cope with something new, so here is my task for 2014.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Joyce Goldie

A request from the Meerings

Ralph used to play chess years ago at school, and took part in County competitions at the Winter Gardens in Ramsgate.

Now with plenty of leisure time he thinks he would like to take it up again, although he realises that he is very rusty, and not up to high standards.

He wonders if anyone might be interested in joining him on wet cold afternoons for a game, and a cup of tea?

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SPRING IS ON THE WAY!



On a cold and damp walk in January we were greatly cheered to see in the hedges between Four Turnings and Camels these catkins ('lambs' tails' - and how much more spring-like can you get than that?) as well as gorse or furze, and as we all know, when the gorse is out of bloom, kissing's out of fashion...

And at home in the garden, the first primroses.



Gorse was a main source of fuel for bakers, brick-makers, lime-burners and housewives: the furze was cut and bound into faggots to fire cloam ovens for baking.



The hazel is a magical tree - the best wood for the tool of the water diviner, and said to offer protection from evil spirits and abduction by fairies.

There is nothing that evokes spring so much as the scent of the first primroses: 'prima rosa', the 'first rose'.

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Keeping in touch

Joyce's article on page 5 reminded me how dramatically our ways of keeping in touch have changed in only a few years. Emails and 'texting' now seem to be the preferred method of communicating: I never knew, when working at County Hall, whether to be amused or perturbed at the way in which younger members of staff seemed to prefer to send each other emails, rather than speak, even when seated at the neighbouring desk.

One of the joys of the Christmas post (delivered by a real-live postman, through the letter-box) is the - usually annual - missives from old (in both senses!) friends. Not for them the typewritten circulars, addressed to nobody in particular, but suitable for so many: no, we exchange real letters, written with fountain pens on good quality writing paper.

We were also brought up to write our 'thank you' letters soon after Boxing Day, and we were thrilled this past Christmas to receive hand-written letters of thanks from both god-daughters (aged 16 and 6) and

one (presumably dictated to her mother, but also written by hand) from our littlest neighbour who is not yet two.

One of the joys of being an archivist was to discover correspondence among the boxes of family and estate records: so many documents are formal, public, written for others to read: but a letter is usually intended only for the recipient, and will therefore contain much more personal - and probably honest - comments.

Some are love letters, others written home from wars.

Especially poignant at this time are those from a young Sawle son to his mother in St Austell, in the trenches in Flanders, asking for 'warm vests' and declaring that he'd be home soon. Also in the bundle of letters was the one that every mother dreaded - he didn't come home.

Letters from earlier centuries often contain a good deal of gossip - no telephones in those days. One from an Arundell at court in the 1530s reported that 'the King has gone to York Place with Lady Anne...' and went on to

speculate how soon the Pope would agree to the divorce of Henry VIII and Queen Katherine.

One bundle of papers, also discovered among the Arundell archives, was labelled 'a parcel of old letters of Queen Elizabeth's time, of no use'. Fortunately nobody had thrown them away - there are nearly 50 letters describing the wreck of a treasure ship off Newquay in the 1580s and the attempts of the locals to salvage the cargo and then rescue the crew.

A series of early 20th-century letters home to parents in St Agnes, from two brothers working abroad, describe in immense and entertaining detail the differences between prospecting for minerals in America and for oil in Baku: gun-fights over women and much drinking and revelry on the one hand, snow, frostbite and sleeping on the stove on the other. And these letters have lasted because they are written with materials that last: emails are ephemeral, short

and pretty impersonal. What of the archives of the future?

For my part I have over the years thrown away many letters that I now wish I had kept: but I still have a few that I treasure, mainly from my father. He was not a demonstrative man, nor on the whole very communicative in speech: but he wrote well and often, especially when I was away from home or in need of comfort. When someone very dear died at the age of 24 (we were engaged) he wrote to tell me how much it grieved him, and how he understood: he wrote about the battle for Cornwall Hill, which he had never talked about. 'I lost many good friends that day'; and about how he felt when my mother had to have what was then a serious and potentially life-threatening operation.

Perhaps best of all are those written to me during the war telling me to be 'a good girl' and saying 'Dad will be home soon'. Fortunately he did come home.

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PITILESS BUT BEAUTIFUL DESERT



I used to think of the desert as hundreds of square miles of golden sand, with dunes and oases.

An oasis was sand and a clump of palm trees growing around a water hole, with camels and men in Arab dress.

It's not like that at all. True there are vast trackless wastes of sand but an equal proportion is simply rock in all colours of the rainbow. There are great areas where, as far as the eye can see, it is simply round black stones. It is all unforgiving, hot and pitiless.

Oases, however, are often three or four mile stretches of habitation along a sunken river which seldom shows itself above ground. Here are cultivated fields surrounding a town and, in the market, one can buy vegetables of such quality and variety that rival the best the western world can do. A lot of most deserts is very fertile and you only need to add water to see it bloom – hence the seasonal flowers of the Atacama, Arizona and the Negev.

When planning we had worried about two things – water and fuel.

We carried a sophisticated water purifier but that was little use unless we could get the basic ingredient. The Michelin map 153 which covers the heart of the Sahara shows water points and they were well marked along the road we were to travel. These and the towns about every two days would keep our supplies up and, in fact, we never had to worry.

In towns it was usually a communal tap or well – out on the road it was sometimes more testing. A roadside well was not always clearly marked. Nothing said 'Here be Water!.' You just looked for a couple of lone trees and a circle of stones and probably a cover of some sort. The water was some way down, a true well.

While there might be a rope there was seldom a bucket so you used your own and up it came – surprisingly clear – perhaps a bit of grit in the bottom. More often than not we managed to make it from

town to town as we carried several water cans with us.

We did the same with fuel – every town had a garage though not always with petrol. We were warned that sometimes we might have to await a delivery – in fact we never did.

Before we left home the books had told us the value of taking ‘trade goods’. Children everywhere wanted pens and sweets but we had not thought about such things as old ‘T’ shirts and jeans – no matter how worn. So we raided our children’s wardrobes, added our own, and left with a fair supply of used clothing. It wasn’t till we got into the desert that we found that a pair of jeans was more acceptable than the Central African Franc, the local currency.

Several time while filling up I was aware of the pump operator eying up my jeans or shorts but it wasn’t until well down in the desert that, because we were short of ready cash, I completely filled Wilma in exchange for a pair of rather tatty size 44’s.

Two days between towns meant every other night out in the desert. Even where we live now without streetlights I find it hard to remember the absolute blackness of a desert night. Yet it was not black. Lack of cloud meant that every night had its own heavenly illumination, a myriad of stars, every constellation clearly visible and a frequent display of heavenly bodies burning up as they shot across arena of the night. Spooky, sometimes as well.

I went outside the van one evening to hear myself addressed from above in a language I did not understand. Prepared to fall on my face in adoration I looked up – straight into the eye of a camel!

The outline of a figure was black above it, a curious desert traveller come to see who had invaded his domain. A friendly if fruitless conversation ensued, neither understanding the other, till, with a wave, he turned his mount round a disappeared soundlessly into the night. I went back inside, relieved that our visitor had not harboured any ill will, just a neighbourly act.

One problem of camping out in the desert is the fact that, as I said before, the ‘carriageway’ can be a mile or two across. If you are any distance away from the tarmac the best guide is the steel pylons carrying the telephone communication dishes, having long taken over from wires which proved so much of a temptation to the Bedouin looking for a handy toothpick or wire for his ornaments.

You were, in fact, camping without lights in the middle of a desert Motorway and it was not unknown for night time collisions to happen.

The best spot was right up against the lattice towers, thus giving some protection from a carefree Arab driver hurrying to get home. Far out in the desert, 170 miles from any habitation, used to stand l’Arbre de Tenere, (the Tenere Tree) a desert marker for a cross roads of



two long distance tracks. The tree was probably centuries old, long since dead but preserved in the dry atmosphere.

It stood there, minding its own business, doing no-one any harm until, one day in 1973, a drunken Libyan truck driver managed to hit and demolish it! The only upright thing for 170 miles in any direction! So revered was it in desert folklore that the authorities have recovered the casualty and it now stands, forever protected, in the Museum at Niamey. The marker was so important that it has been replaced by a concrete facsimile.

And so we made our way south. By now we had adopted the habit of driving a couple of hours in the morning, resting during the heat after lunch, and another couple of hours late afternoon.

We were averaging about 120 miles a day, dodging the worst of the ruts and corrugations. These are hard ridges of sand, exactly like corrugated iron plate laid across the road, caused by the constant pounding of lorry wheels on the sandy surface.

The effect is an eternal traffic calming device and the vibration enough to shake the fillings from your teeth.

Often there was no escape from them – they just had to be endured, hoping that all of Wilma’s nuts and bolts would still be in place at the end of the day. Our target was now El Golea, a small town where the tarmac would end and the serious business begin.

Malcolm Craven

Portloe update

Following last month’s article on Portloe in 1901 we have been sent an update by Mike Hitchings:

“ I think it’s worth noting that Portloe now has only 89 houses, including the Coastguard Terrace and Sunny Corner but excluding Treviskey Hill, 47 fewer than in 1901. This despite the fact that several new houses have been built since then. Apart from the six cottages that were demolished on the site of the Lugger car park, this seems to be mainly due to the amalgamation of as many as three small cottages to make one dwelling...It’s also a fact that only 28 of the 89 are lived in permanently, the rest being holiday homes and/or holiday lets”.

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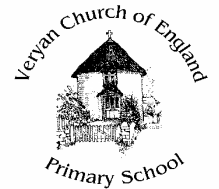
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SCHOOL NEWS



As part of their Spring term Project Carne class had a walk through the village of Veryan; they made maps and planned their journey.



The school has been asked to be involved in the special centenary commemorations to mark the loss of the German ship 'Hera' in February 1914. We are helping with the display in our church.

And Half Term is 17-21 February - as if any of us would forget!

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THE WAY OF THE WIND?

January winds were destructive, but they were also creative! And damage to the church tower weather-vane was obviously noted by a passing rook...



Any visitor looking for Camels. Carne Beach, St Mawes or Portloe would have become hopelessly lost after the gales re-located three arms of this signpost!

A new weathercock for Veryan church tower? Thanks to Fr Doug for the photograph



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Parish of Veryan adopted the NHW scheme in the 1980s and paid for and had erected the Neighbourhood Watch signs which are still in prominent positions around the villages. Since that time the parish has grown and there are some areas that are not represented.

Many of you will not know that there is still a team of people who receive messages from the Police of likely crime coming our way which are passed on to neighbours asking them to be vigilant and safeguard their own property.

In Devon and Cornwall NHW offices are housed in Police stations or offices – last year one was set up in Truro which replaced the Falmouth base which was closed some years ago. The offices are manned by volunteers and provide a ‘hub’ for all the ‘Watch’ family, Horse Watch, Farm Watch, Boat Watch, etc. Surrounded as we are by farm land, and with the coast not too far away we are ideally placed to be eyes and ears for all these watches. These days no area is exempt from crime of some description. Last year items were stolen from properties under renovation where tools disappeared. We know there was an increase in the marine crime too.

If you would be prepared to become involved, please telephone the office in Truro and leave a message if no-one is on duty (01872 261931) or email watchoffice-

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...

Later this year the PCC aims to publish brief biographies of the men who went to war from Veryan during 1914-18 and who never returned.

The late Tom Johns compiled much of this information from many sources and it was always his wish to make it widely available. This year, when the commemoration of the Great War begins, seems an appropriate time.

What would make the information of even greater interest and impact would be photographs of these men, either before the war or in uniform: can anyone help, please?

Tom listed them in the order in which they are recorded on the war memorial, and the order in which died:

Charles Dungey, Portloe, HMS Monmouth

William John Grebell, Portloe, HMS Princess Irene

Edgar Arthur Hugh, Veryan, Canadian Regiment

Frederick Henry Dowrick, Veryan, 6th DCLI

Philip John Durnford, Portloe, Canadian Regiment

William Thomas Johns, Portloe, 10th DCLI (Pioneers)

Charles Percy Trudgian, Tretheake, Devonshire
Regiment

Percy Carhart, worked at Trevilveth, 1st DCLI

John Arthur Johns, Portloe, HMS Nina

George Charles Ford, Tippetts, New Zealand
Regiment

Albert [*recte* Arthur] GV Taylor, Royal Flying Corps

Ernest Johns, Veryan, Somerset Regiment

Charles Henry Douglas Cook, Portloe, Royal Navy

Harold Hammond, Veryan, Royal Garrison Artillery

Lewis Davis Johns, Canadian Regiment

Wilfred Thomas Channon, Veryan, Royal Garrison
Artillery

Not on the memorial:

William John Dean, Reskivers, DCLI then Somerset
Light Infantry

Any information welcome: contact Christine [501727]

HOW MANY ROBINS ON YOUR MANTELPIECE AT CHRISTMAS?



In an idle moment over the Christmas holiday we amused ourselves by trying to analyse the Christmas cards by theme. We received just over 100, which made working out percentages pretty easy. How does our list compare with yours?

Religious scenes:

Nativity, 22; wise men 5; [camels, 15]; illuminated manuscripts, 4; churches and bits of sculpture, 8; = 38%

'Christmassy' pictures:

Carols [3 ships, 12 days], 6; trees, decorations, holly, 8; snow scenes and snowflakes, 10; Father Christmas, 3; carol singers, 2, = 28%

Animals and birds:

Robins, 4; sheep, 3; dogs, 3; penguins, 2; deer, 1; koala in Santa hat [from Australian friends] 1; teddy bear [ditto], 1; cat, 1; elephant, 1, donkey, 1 = 18%

Scenery, flowers, trees: 8%

Unclassifiable [or we gave up at this point]: 8%

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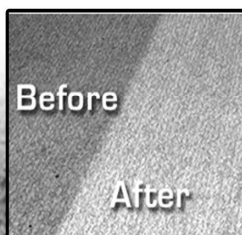
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Round the Churches...

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It was gratifying to see the service of Nine Lessons and Carols so well attended. This year we decided to gift the collection taken at this service to the St Petroc's Society, and were pleased to be able to send them a cheque for £121. Thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for the service.

On 1 March we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Reading Room from 10.30 am until noon. Please some along for a coffee and a chat.

PF

Roseland Churches' Choir

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

Graham Pauncefort, at info@crdrecords.com or on 01872 580001, or contact your parish priest.

NEWS FROM PORTLOE



Our Celebration of Christmas is always a grand occasion, but 2013 was especially memorable. The carols were sung with great gusto, with Pam on organ and Mike on saxophone, and the bible readings told their familiar, well-loved story.

A couple of 'turns' stood out, the first being a somewhat unusual rendition of 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney' by young Henry (with much prompting from Trounce!) and a most amusing 'Do you remember?' conversation between Carol and Jen - a 'must' for another year.

Midnight Worship was as usual led by Revd Aubin de Gruchy - it's always so good to have him with us: Christmas wouldn't seem the same without him so we've already booked him for 2014!

Collections from the two evenings were for St Petroc's and Children's Hospice South West. The soup lunch in January was another jolly affair and, with so many willing hands, provided a splendid opportunity to take down the Christmas tree and put the decorations away for another year.

The next soup lunch is on Monday 3 February, as usual at 12.30 pm.

To enliven February we're showing '**Crooks in Cloisters**' filmed in Portloe in 1964, with Bernard Cribbins and Barbara Windsor. Come and join us for an evening of fun at **7.30 pm on Tuesday 18 February**. £5 on the door to include a drink and a hot pasta.

An amendment for your diary: the Open Gardens planned for Portloe on 28/29 June has now been put on hold until the summer of 2015..

JH

VERYAN Parish church



The 'Hera'

At the time of writing the final touches are being made to the display of photographs, documents and artefacts relating to the loss of the 'Hera' off Gull Rock exactly 100 years ago. The display has taken many hours to prepare!

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way - lending photographs, newspaper cuttings, even parts of the ship - to make the display both informative and interesting. It's an opportunity to remember and celebrate that unique "international brotherhood of the sea".

Church heating

The churchwardens recently met the contractor in church to finalise arrangements for the installation of the new heating system.

There will be four fan-assisted storage heaters to provide background warmth (using mostly off-peak electricity) and additional under-pew heaters (the brown variety) to give instant and personal warmth. The work will of necessity have to be phased, as funding becomes available, but we hope to start the preliminary preparations in early March: draining the old radiator system to make sure there is no water left in the pipes, the removal (and, we hope, sale for scrap) of a couple of iron radiators, and the initial essential electrical wiring.

The installation of storage heaters will be the first priority, followed by under-pew heating in the nave and choir stalls, then in the north aisle pews (Green Side) as funds are raised. The vestry and belfry will each be fitted with a heater, and we are assured that electricity will be available for all services, and that work will be flexible to allow for funerals etc.

The design of the new system is very similar to that of St Minver church which has proved successful over several years.

To avoid an expensive call-out it is proposed to disconnect the church clock for the duration of any part of the work that will require a number of interruptions to the power supply.

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TRURO FOOD BANK

An update

It's possible to give the Food Bank money by direct debit if anyone is so inclined - the Truro Food Bank website has information on what to give as well as a direct debit form that can be downloaded.

**MEDITATION GROUP
VERYAN**

**Third Thursday in the
month 2.30 pm**

**501650 or 501565 for
details**

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for everyone and we can
arrange transport if
needed.**

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
Sunday 2 February		
CANDLEMAS		
11 am Requiem for the 'Hera'	9.30 am Holy Communion	no service
Canon Doug Revd Jon Robertshaw & Roseland churches' choir	Canon Doug	
Sunday 9 February 4 before Lent		
11 am Eucharist Revd Ken Boullier		10.30 am Anglican informal worship
Sunday 16 February 3 before Lent		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Mattins Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Daphne Webber
Sunday 23 February 2 before Lent		
8.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug 11 am Mattins Canon Doug		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
Sunday 2 March 1 before Lent		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship

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Sunday 2 February

CANDLEMAS

'HERA' commemoration

Malachi 3, 1-5

&

Hebrews 2, 14-18

CHURCHWARDENS TO READ

Sunday 9 February

4 before Lent

Isaiah 58, 1-9a only

Margery Truscott [302]

1 Corinthians 2, 1-12 only

Margaret Cortis [256]

Sunday 16 February

3 before Lent

Ecclesiasticus 15, 15-20

Robert Pepper [670]

1 Corinthians 3, 1-9

Coral Pepper

Sunday 23 February

2 before Lent MATTINS

Jeremiah 33, 1-11

John Veness [704]

Acts 8, 4-25

Marilyn Veness

READINGS TO BE SUPPLIED

Sunday 2 March

Next before Lent

Exodus 24, 12-18

Christine Edwards [727]

2 Peter 1, 16-21

Sue Truscott [609]

Wednesday 5 March

AS H WEDNESDAY 7 pm

Joel 2, 1,2,12-17

2 Corinthians 5, 20b to

6,10

READERS TO BE CHOSEN ON THE NIGHT

Veryan Flowers and Brass

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25 Jan & 1 Feb Mrs A Preston

8 & 15 Feb Mrs M Veness

22 Feb & 1 Mar Mrs H Betty

Font or porch

5 Jan & 1 Feb Mrs S Fallock

8 & 15 Feb Mrs H Robins

22 Feb & 1 Mar Mrs B Carter

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Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

2 Feb: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley

16 Feb: Mrs Evans/Mrs Farr

2 March : Mrs Mihalop/Mrs Hamblett

Portloe United Church
FLOWERS AND CLEANING
see notice board

The Parishes of Veryan & Ruan Lanihorne Church Services

VERYAN Parish Church of St Symphorian

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays:

11 am Parish Eucharist

4th Sunday 8.30 am

Holy Communion [BCP]

4th Sunday: 11 am

Mattins [BCP] unless Eucharist
for special feasts

PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH All Saints

Methodist services 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays at 10.30 am

2nd Sunday: Service of the Word
[Anglican] at 10.30 am

4th Sunday: Eucharist
at 9.30 am

RUAN LANIHORNE St Rumon

1st Sunday:

9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]

3rd Sunday:

9.30 am Mattins [BCP]

CHANGES TO THE USUAL 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]

February Diary

FEBRUARY 1/2

'HERA'

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Every Friday 10.30-11.30 am VERYAN MARKET parish hall

From the Registers

BURIALS AT VERYAN

16 December

LESLIE OWEN CLARKE aged 100

8 January

FRANK SYMONS aged 77

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