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# IN YOUR GARDEN

*this month*

I almost dread writing the June and July articles because there's so much one can be doing that I am never sure where to start!

We expect that the big winds will not reappear now for a few months and that the sun will shine and we will get that welcome drop of gentle rain, but only at night of course. Well, assuming that is the case, then all those tender annual flowers can go outside together with sweetcorn plants, courgettes and all the more tender vegetables as long as they are properly hardened off. I was asked last week what 'hardening off' means. It is simply getting a new young fleshy plant properly acclimatised to the great outdoors by toughening it up gradually.

For example, my sweetcorn plants are about 6-8" tall and have been grown in modules in the polytunnel. So I take them outside during the day, put them in the sunshine on the soil in the veg bed and then if it is too cold at night bring them in. Repeat the process for a week or so, gradually leaving them outside at night and behold, the plants are toughened up and can survive whatever June throws at them.

Because of the diverse nature of our weather and the altitude at which I grow, I always have some spares, not planted with the others. Therefore if I lose a runner bean plant to the wind I have a spare to plant later. Because of mice I don't plant the beans directly into the soil although this is perfectly acceptable if you are mouse free and means the bean should grow up self-hardened. Well, that's the theory anyway.

It's a great month for us for a clear out in the tunnels. Up until now I have had hanging baskets dangling from the roof

supports upon which we both bang out heads regularly, mangers on the floor and my own tomatoes in tubs. It's a lot less than the last few years as I am only doing very local work now and only one blocked up tunnel not three.

This year has been exacerbated by a bride! I am doing the flowers for her wedding in June but rather than spend a fortune on short lived cut flowers she has decided to put planted troughs on the tables and window sills at her reception. So this year there are 15 extra troughs which I am moving regularly to make sure they all get the same light and will hopefully emerge looking vaguely uniform for the event later this month.

All bedding plants grow so fast in May and need more and more room, not only for growing but for moving out to harden off, until finally June arrives and everybody arrives to remove their baskets and mangers. I can now move in the tunnel, stake the tomatoes and cucumbers properly and the tunnel feels like my own again with space to move. Bliss!

Of course it's like anywhere, the more space you have the more you fill. It won't be long until there are more herbs sown, more lettuce, soft cuttings and seeds from those hardy perennials. I collect the best seeds from oriental poppies as I tidy them up and indeed lupins. Cut both down to the ground once they have begun to look straggly, collect the seed and in cutting them down you may well be rewarded with a fresh lot of flowers later in the summer.

It seems that timing in the garden is of vast importance and indeed it often is. But you can still find veg plants for sale, you can still plant caulis and several veg will still come from seed, namely carrots, brassicas and beetroot. Try all the quick maturing

salad crops too, radishes and spring onions for example. Runner bean plants will still be available but do bear in mind that a little forward planning always helps. Some people seem to buy so early these days. I ran out of tomato plants here by the end of the first week in April. The view of a nursery man will be that you can only sell them once and they won't resow for late comers!

Now, about four years ago one of my plant suppliers turned up and on the back of his van were two plants that he said he had been sold as cordyline. We all knew that they were not cordyline because the leaves were much thicker and stronger. I paid for them both at cordyline prices and set about trying to identify them. They have been looked at by RHS officianados and we believe that they are a species of *Nolina* having originally guessed that they may be *dasylirion*, apparently an easy mistake to make. Now there are 43 species of *nolina* and we believe this one to be *macroensis*. The easiest way to tell is if it flowers. However I was then advised that it was unlikely to survive here (it managed the two cold winters despite its Mexican heritage) and would probably never flower but that a flower would finally identify it. Hence the photo! It is flowering- it is certainly performing as a member of the asparagus family would and I think the flowers are going to be blue whereas the officianados told me they would be white. Well whatever this plant may be, it is a joy, right outside the conservatory window and hopefully his brother, not planted too far away, may be encouraged for next year. Anybody out there who can help with final identification (or is just curious) would be welcome to look. I expect it to be in full flower or going over by the time this article gets to you.



I do know of one Cornish gardener who adores *nolina* and told me not to let it get wet in the middle, no chance of an umbrella for it last winter! I shall ask him to inspect!!

Finally, another triumph up on windy hill. I planted a white clematis *montana* to go over my shed about 8 years ago and stupidly thought it would be a good idea to plant a wisteria too. The *montana* romped away and is beautiful every year but it very quickly smothered the wisteria which was never to be seen again. Until this year. Finally the wisteria has made it through. I noticed a few branches emerging over the shed in January, pruned it and I now have eight flowers. You can't rush gardening can you? No, but with a little forethought you can plan it better!

After last month I thought Gilbert wasn't speaking to me. I waved as his van passed but no acknowledgement. Now I find out he has traded vans with another local person so I have been studiously waving at the wrong person – sorry if this has caused confusion on the roads. Gilbert might have told me!

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## Letter from Lincoln

### Phil Williams asks 'What's the Church for?'

What is the church for?  
What should it do?

These are some of the questions Father Doug was asking during Lent in the 'sermon slot'. One purpose of a sermon is to provoke thought and, certainly for me, this is exactly what the questions did.

The thought that kept returning concerned the difference between 'church' and 'Church': the building and the body.

So it is a short step to tell what it should be: Christ-like. If Jesus Christ typifies anything, It must surely be love.

At the Church's heart then is quite simply love. In a sense everything that is Christlike stems from this. A welcome to everyone; a concern for the excluded and disadvantaged, but then also action, like healing.

The church (with a small 'c') is a building, the product of human history. Perhaps in the early Church the church was simply where the community of believers met. I was reading about the origin of Venice and found this:

*"Venice began life as a host of separate island communities, each clustered around its own parish church".*

I love this image of a church that is both central but also protective, like a mother hen.

Human history has added much: churches are symbols of glory, of wealth, of excellence, of power, but also of beauty, art and creativity. They have as many uses as buildings can have.

Veryan, Portloe and Ruan Lanihorne are blessed by both Church and churches; Church though is visible in more than the church buildings.

Veryan School has done a good deal of work to identify and then live Christian values, to be Christlike. Anyone visiting will be struck for example by the depth of caring: staff for children, children for each other, and all for those less blessed in the things of this world. It is a wonderful example of Church.

I write this as the Archbishop of Canterbury praised the rôle of the Church of England in its work with schools; he should visit Veryan to see a great example. Church is alive and well in so much that goes on in the wider community as well as in church.

In his letter in the May magazine Father Doug suggested that the church building could have within it a space for a library.

This is a use of a church that goes back many centuries.

The School of Lincoln in the twelfth century was based at the cathedral and the 'library' of manuscripts was stored in a chest in the Chapter House where they were available for study either there or to be borrowed for study elsewhere.

Interestingly, in time it became necessary for borrowers to lodge one of their own manuscripts as a pledge, since it seems that not all manuscripts were returned - not something that would happen in Veryan! I very much hope that there is support for the use of Veryan church in this way, not just for religious books but for a broad spectrum of good writing. I look forward to seeing it.

So, what else? Can the Church be in other places in the parish? Can the church be used for other community activity?

I look forward too to see what emerges. It is a very important initiative.

With best wishes

*Phil*

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### **Veryan Church Heating Appeal Forthcoming events**

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**18 June - CREAM TEAS AT 'CONIFERS'**

**Saturday 12 July - CHURCH FETE**

**Saturday 16 August**  
**Bell tower - open afternoon**

**December - Christmas Tree Festival**  
**Details later!**

## VERYAN CHURCH FÊTE *Saturday 12 July 2 pm*

*This year's event is being masterminded by Sue Truscott  
Sue writes:*

This year's church fête will take place on Saturday 12 July from 2 pm.

There will be the usual stalls, a great raffle and yummy cream teas. Stalls include

Books - Helen Robins  
Cakes - Sue Truscott  
Plants - Marilyn Veness  
Bric-a-brac - Shelagh Kester  
Jigsaws - Dorothy Ball  
Raffle - Julia Pound  
Teas - Ann Craven.

Any items for any of the stalls would be much appreciated. Bric-a-brac and books can be left in the back pew of the church [by the vestry door] or brought to the Parish Hall on the morning of the fête.

All proceeds are for the church heating fund.

**For information, or if you can help in any way, contact  
Sue Truscott [501609].**

*Sue says "I hope we shall still have a phone - at the time of writing our line is resting on the roof of the new house in the coal yard!"*

### ***Veryan 'talk and tour'***

St Gerrans & Portscatho Old Cornwall Society had a very successful visit to Veryan last month for a 'talk and tour' evening led by Christine Edwards and Sue Truscott.

The evening was over-subscribed and there were several who would have liked to come but were too late to book.

We have agreed that if enough people would like to come along, another evening tour can be arranged.

**The provisional date is Wednesday 23 July at 6.30 pm and the cost is £5 (to include a cup of tea afterwards). All the proceeds will be for the church heating fund.**

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## SORRY I CAN'T STOP - CATCH ME UP

*Malcolm Craven  
continues the saga...*

Back in Tamanrassat we organised ourselves for the next stage, the beginnings of serious desert. We had long left the comfort of tarmac, useless to drive on but a good guide, and had been using tar barrels as wayside markers. This would continue for the next 225 miles.

We would be on piste, true desert track through the sand to the border with Niger. The softer sand grabs at your wheels and as you try to avoid your predecessors' wheeltracks and the piste gets wider, it's easy to follow, but getting stuck in sand becomes a real problem.

It is not sand like we see on our beaches. This is very

fine, the stuff that blows on our cars when the wind is in the right direction, so fine it offers little support to a wheel. It is important that your wheels should not spin as this digs deeper into the sand, the forward resistance grows, the wheels dig deeper and the van goes down into the sand and stops. When that happens you get out and dig.

I carried three items to deal with this problem – shovels, sand ladders and a wife. You know what a shovel is and a sand ladder is a length of metal track wide enough for the wheels to run on and short enough to go between the front and back wheels. The wife is a valuable addition to the labour force.

Once you feel the van stop going forward and the engine revs slow you must stop and get out of gear. The back wheels, the drive wheels on the van, will have started to dig.



If you are lucky all that will be needed is a quick smooth out of the trench they have cut to give a gentle runway, put the sand ladders down to that they go as far under the back wheels as you can push them, then get in and gently drive forward.

The wheels should pull themselves up onto the ladders and the vehicle start to move forward – you are away. If you did not stop quickly enough when you felt it start to dig then the van would be down on its belly or, in our case, the bottom of the engine.

You have no space to get under it so a big dig is necessary, pulling the sand away by hand until you can get the shovels in and make the necessary ramp.

Once you have the vehicle moving the driver must not stop until he is on firm ground. The driver was me. I would keep going, leaving Ann as my representative in charge of sand ladders which, in the course of being used as a ramp, had disappeared down into the soft sand.

Having reached firm ground I felt honour bound to go back and help but usually by then she

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had dug out the ladders and was towing them back towards me. All in all a system that worked well.

Asamakka – the Niger Customs Post. Infamous in travellers' circles as it is surrounded by the 'Sea of Sand', not really sand at all but bull dust. It is the ultimate sand trap, so treacherous that one needs to drive the 20 miles between In Guzeem in Algeria to Asamakka in Niger without stopping, charging along, hoping that your momentum will carry you through.

Wilma made it, though the area has been known to bring many a Landrover down to its wheel arches. We were lucky. But Asamakka itself had another claim to fame. It was notorious for the actions of its Customs Officers and was our first lesson in the vagaries of African Customs Posts.

Here we joined several other vehicles in a compound all waiting to go south, all with their goods strewn around them. The office was a tin roofed shack, the officials dressed in an assortment of clothing that ensured you could not tell who was what. We took our papers to the shack, had them grudgingly accepted, then a man sauntered over to Wilma and said, 'Open it up'. All doors open he said, 'Get it all out'. So we did, the biggest unpack since leaving home.

Once on the ground a couple more men came over and began picking over our belongings, muttering to themselves, opening boxes, looking in cupboards, prodding bedding, asking if we had whiskey or cigarettes. We carried neither, a dry ship of non-smokers, very disappointing for them. We carried nothing in the way of radio, it was the days before electronic gadgetry.

Disappointed they told us to put it back. We did so and then went back to the office to get our papers. Surprisingly there was a fee of about eight U.S. dollars to stamp our passports and vehicle documents. No receipts were given, nothing accounted for. But we were in. We paid up thankfully, got back into Wilma and then set out to tackle the remaining 20 miles of bull dust. Our first African country was completed.

Before we left home we had read up about Border Crossings throughout the world and realised that not all met the high standards of H.M. Customs. We knew often 'fees' were demanded and had taken the advice of others that the limit we would pay anywhere was about five U.S. dollars or its equivalent.

You have to remember that in many of these out of the way Border Posts the Officers may not have been paid for weeks. 5 dollars was a lot to them but peanuts to us. We decided that eight, while over our limit, was cheap for the experience and what could have happened. Tales were told of Asamakka about expensive radios, jewellery, souvenirs etc being confiscated or just 'disappearing'.

Later there will be more about the experiences of Customs Posts, a subject on which we became experts. But that is the future, for now we were only too glad to be in Niger, still safe and sound, and heading for the capital, Niamey.



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## *Last month Portloe church celebrated its Anniversary and held the annual Blessing of the Sea service.*

*Carol Sherwood reports:.*



The drizzle did nothing to dampen the 'spirit' on the occasion of the Blessing of the Sea at Portloe on Monday 19th May at 7pm - with Revds Doug Robins, Mark Dunn-Wilson, Derek Collins and Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White.

The unplanned appearance of the craft 'Del Buoy' coming into harbour couldn't have

been more appropriate in the circumstances - giving the ceremony credence to the strains of 'Will your Anchor Hold' as well as bringing a smile to many.

Around 50 people enjoyed a splendid feast in the Church, after the Blessing, amidst amusing stories from the clergy. The evening progressed with a sweet rendition from Gena of two Polish songs, telling stories of the sea and romance. Trounce followed in his distinctive idiom with a hilarious tale 'You Know What Vicars Are Like!'. Well, if we didn't - we certainly do now!!

The evening was buzzing and fun with fine food and entertainment. Thanks to those who made it possible but more than that, thanks too, to all who attended and enjoyed the moment.

Until the next time.....

*And many thanks to our photographers Joyce Gilbert  
and Rodney Towers [Ed.]*





## *'In Olden Times'*

Among the many and varied fund-raising events for Veryan church's new heating system are 'talk-and-tour' evenings where after a brief background talk about the history of the parish we walk about Churchtown to look for evidence of past generations. The whole thing takes about an hour and a half, and we don't even have time to get up to the Green...

One of the regular discussions has been 'how people lived' - not necessarily in the distant past, but in years which for some of us are not yet 'history' - which in my definition is 'time beyond which the memory of man (or woman!) goeth not', but which for our school's pupils is most certainly 'historical'. I still can't get over being asked by a curious child what it was like to live 'in olden times'!

One of the most fascinating documents in the Record Office which relates to Veryan, in that context, is a file of typed pages recording the thoughts and activities of Miss Colborne, a schoolteacher from London, who with her school was evacuated to Veryan in 1940. Anything more different from her London life would be difficult to imagine. Yet the 1940s for some of us are just within memory...

Miss Colborne arrived in Veryan on 18 June 1940, with a group of 46 children from Haringay in London, after a fourteen-hour journey which ended in a bus ride from Truro deep into the country. The effect on city children was immense, but she was also aware of the impact made by the evacuees on the local community. "The invasion...must have meant a terrible upheaval. Old ways of thinking, old ways of living, had been challenged. A hundred town children whose standards of life were so different had come to disturb the peaceful countryside which to

many of these town-bred boys and girls was so boring with its lack of shops and cinemas - nothing but grass and trees".

*She describes her first impressions of Veryan:*

"It did not seem a reality.

Surely I had fallen asleep like Rip Van Winkle, but instead of awakening twenty years ahead, I had gone back a hundred years."

*Miss Colborne was billeted in Rose Villa, the home of Mrs Couch.*

"In my billet I found a dim lamp burning and was given a candle to go to bed. There were no taps, no sink, no bath, no drains, and next day I saw people pass the window with pails and large metal ewers to draw water from taps in the village. There was no wireless in the house, and no newspaper, and it took me nearly a week to find out how a newspaper could be obtained."

*In a letter home she wrote*

"I really think I shall have to find a small portable wireless. It's dreadful to hear nothing and I cannot get newspapers..."

*The diary continues:*

"When at last the paper was ordered I had to be content to read the news at teatime, as it is four or five o'clock before papers reach this distant spot...Last Sunday Mrs Couch had 'The News of the World' so I read it right through..."

*However, the children seem to have settled into country life pretty well. She writes:*

"The children are having the time of their lives. They milk the cows, ride horseback, eat cream. Some of them are in beautiful homes and all are most carefully looked after. The Cornish farmers are all well-educated people. In spite of being shut away from civilisation here, there is a strong intellectual strata. The people here do not talk rubbish. Their attitude towards the children is human. They understand psychology. The billeting officer is a lady who has travelled a good deal and worked abroad. Many

of the homes where the children are billeted are the homes of well-educated, cultured people.

My 'old dear' is a true Cornish woman: she has a kind heart and is very sensible in her conclusions..."

*She was also impressed by the Misses Bennett and by their shop, the 'Roseland Supply Stores'.*

"To go 'up shop' usually means a chat and a meeting with customers. The Misses Bennett have a large clientele, for they serve customers over a wide area. As most of the village people must pass our window to reach the shop we can usually see something to attract our attention.

On Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock one has quite an entertainment as people come with their baskets to fetch the communal pasties brought on the bus from Probus.

In 1940 when we arrived in Veryan the stores were well stocked with various commodities, mainly groceries. But drapery, boots and shoes, hosiery and stationery were all amongst the goods to be bought there.

To be in the company of the Misses Bennett is as good as a tonic. They have the Cornish sense of humour and their tact in dealing with customers is wonderful".

*Christmas away from home would be difficult for the children, but also for their teachers. However, the description of Christmas Day 1940 reveals a day of unexpected pleasure.*

"A stocking had been prepared for Mrs Couch, cards and presents arrived in the post, and the Christmas service at the church was more helpful than I had expected..."

Christmas dinner was "the conventional Cornish Christmas dinner of goose followed by plum pudding. Mrs C, ever witty, showed us the wishbone lying on a paper in her kitchen, remarking 'He's

looking wisht sure enough', 'wisht' meaning peaky or miserable".

*The King's broadcast was listened to on the Vicarage wireless, and the teachers went back to Rose Villa with bunches of holly and bay with which to decorate their rooms. "At teatime Mrs Couch produced iced fruit cake and mince pies."*

*Soon after Christmas there was a sharp frost and all the taps froze, so water had to be fetched from the shute beside the shop.*

"I filled some pails for washing purposes from the water-fall, as that was the only unfrozen water I could find. The tap by the shop had to be thawed out with the flame from a blow-lamp, and we set out with pots and pails...In normal times the water supply is in the garden and the filling of water jugs, bottles and kettles is an important daily ritual. Washing and bathwater is drawn from a huge rain water butt, and is emptied in pailsful over the garden as there is no drainage."

*Another time-consuming activity was collecting wood for fires.*

"When the weather began to grow cold we thought of making fires. On every walk we noticed twigs and broken branches on the ground, so to gather our own firewood seemed the natural thing to do. This appears to be the most usual procedure in the village...We set out ... armed with bags, brown paper carriers and string, we do not go far afield for there are so many trees around that the ground is strewn with broken twigs and branches..."

*[The diary contains many other descriptions of local activities - look out for these in forthcoming issues! - Ed]*

# Veryan Country Market

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## SCHOOL NEWS



We had a special concert last month when the Welsh harpist Elen Hydref came to school to play for us and to show us how the harp works.

More musical news: our woodwind students will be playing at Collective Worship on Monday 30 June. School Arts Week will be 30 June to 4 July, and we are already practising for our school production 'ZOOM!' for performance on 9 and 10 July - more details next month!

Some of our pupils will be going to the Adventure Camp at Okehampton in June and our sports day at the Sports Club is on 16 July.

(We do have 'ordinary' lessons as well...)

If you would like to receive our newsletter please email [secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@veryan.cornwall.sch.uk)

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### CRICKET FIXTURES JOLLY'S DRINKS CORNWALL LEAGUE

#### Division 3 East

7 June Bude [A]

14 June Boconnoc [H]

21 June Roche 2 [H]

28 June Pencarrow [A]

5 July Werrington 3 [A]

#### Division 7 East

7 June Launceston 3 [H]

*Sunday* 15 June St Blazey 3  
[A]

28 June Gunnislake [H]

5 July Grampound Road 4  
[H]

### CREAM TEAS

*In aid of Parkinson's research*

*Rosevallon Barn, Tregony*

*Friday 25 July*

*MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH -*

*MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!*

### VERYAN WI

#### JUNE AND JULY MEETINGS



*Tuesday 3 June 6.30 pm*

*'Veryan walkabout' with Christine Edwards*

*Tuesday 1 July 7 pm*

*RODDA'S CREAM - TALK BY Philip Rodda*

*All welcome: more information from Sue Day [501673]*

### Carnival Time!

*Well, almost...*

**VERYAN CARNIVAL WILL BE ON  
SATURDAY 12 JULY**

*Assemble on the Sports field at 4 pm  
for judging, followed by a procession led by Fairy  
Queen Mia Glover and attendants Phoebe Em-  
mett and Mia-Rose Vincent, to the Old School  
Gardens for presentation of prizes,  
Followed by live music in the garden of  
Elerky House.*

*More details from Judith [501582]*

*Additional information about forthcoming events can be sent  
to our church websites for inclusion in the on-line diary:*

[info@veryanchurch.org.uk](mailto:info@veryanchurch.org.uk)

[info@portloechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@portloechurch.org.uk) or

[info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@ruanlanihornechurch.org.uk)

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## **Horsemen of the Apocalypse**



*...in concert at Veryan Parish Church*

*Shelagh Kester reports*

What a treat for us all, to have the privilege of hearing a live performance from this trio in Veryan church recently. With the lovely church setting, a gorgeous evening, and such skilled musicians, we felt very fortunate indeed.

Ben Salfield (lutar), Jon Salfield (guitar) and Simon Stanton (percussion) form a unique trio, whose blend of Latin, Flamenco, North African and new rhythms and themes has brought them international acclaim.

They have played to venues and festivals all over the UK and Europe. In fact pinning them down in order to put the programme together and make the necessary arrangements meant emails were coming in from Athens, Chicago and Bulgaria!

Clearly news of the success of first concert by Ben at the beginning of April had spread, with many more people attending this time. We were delighted to hear Ben say that he intends to "kidnap" Veryan Church, and return on a regular basis. We will be very willing hostages!

Thanks go to everyone who has helped organize this fund-raising event, and in particular of course we are truly grateful to Ben, Jon, and Simon.

They are clearly much in demand and is heart-warming that such skilled and busy musicians will so generously give their time to entertain us and help our church fundraising efforts

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## TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO...

*...a new school was built in Veryan .  
It stood on the site of the present building and some  
of its stones were re-used in the 1870s when the  
present school was erected.*

*The 1814 school was paid for by the vicar, the Revd  
Jeremiah Trist. It was thatched, and comprised a  
school room and a smaller adjoining room which  
was to be used as a parish library.*

*Building began in March 1814 and by early  
November it was completed. It opened with 56 boys  
and girls attending.*

*The schoolmaster was Mr Digory Polkinghorne  
who had been trained at the Central Schools in  
Truro. His salary was £50 a year, with an  
additional £5 'for teaching Sunday School'.*

## VERYAN AUTUMN SHOW

**PHOTOGRAPHIC CLASSES** (you have plenty of  
time to take wonderful pictures!):

ADULTS: Stormy weather (of course!); My Favourite  
Cornish View; Sunset; Wild Flowers (a set of four  
images); Shadows (black and white);  
digitally-enhanced photograph (own choice).

CHILDREN: Young and Old; Poppies; Animals.

It was suggested that we should include a **class for a  
POEM** rather than a limerick. This will be divided into  
Adults and Children. The format will be an 8-line rhym-  
ing poem, incorporating the following words (the com-  
mittee had a brainstorming session!): VERYAN, AU-  
TUMN, PUMPKIN, PASTY, SEPTEMBER, DAHLIA.  
(but not necessarily in that order!)

The children's class will (if there are enough entries!)  
attract a prize kindly donated by our President. The  
poem can either be written at school or at home but  
*must* be certified by an adult as the *bona fide* work of  
the entrant.

### *Players' future performances*

**PORTSCATHO MEMORIAL HALL**  
**7 & 8 August and 14& 15 August**

*[play to be announced shortly]*

**VERYAN PARISH HALL**  
**26-28 November**

*More details on our website  
[www.veryanplayers.org.uk](http://www.veryanplayers.org.uk)*

## Daytime LOW tides at CARNE in June

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 14.49	2 15.17	3 15.47	4 16.22	5 17.10	6 18.13	7 6.53
8 8.00	9 9.02	10 10.00	11 10.54	12 11.45	13 12.36	14 13.25
15 14.11	16 14.57	17 15.43	18 16.31	19 17.23	20 18.21	21 6.57
22 8.04	23 9.16	24 10.21	25 11.16	26 12.04	27 12.47	28 13.25
29 13.59	30 14.29					

**Full moon 13 June, new moon 27 June**  
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# Round the Churches...

**Ruan**

**Lanihorne**



**VERYAN  
Parish  
church**



## ***Service of reconciliation to remember the out- break of World War I***

Veryan church will be holding a special service on the evening of 4th August (the day that the war began).

This will coincide with a service being held at the war cemetery at St Symphorien in Belgium. The theme, nationally and within the Diocese, will be reconciliation.

The form of service will include congregational hymns, biblical and secular readings, space for silence, and items sung by the Roseland Churches Choir. Much more information in next month's issue, but please put the date in your diary - we would love to see a full church for this most important service.

**Annual meeting:** our annual meeting agreed to re-elect David Elliott and Robin Rundle as our churchwardens for the next year.

It was lovely to see the church decorated with flowers for the Easter Sunday service after the bareness of the Lent season. Many thanks to Mrs Wasley, Mrs Abrams and Mrs Evans for all their help in achieving this. It was also appreciated that the window above the altar which had been away for repair was back in time for the services.

Our Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on 24 April. Mrs Patricia Farr and Mr David Hughes were nominated to be churchwardens for the coming year. We also welcomed two new members to the PCC, Mrs Carol Hughes and Mrs Caroline Martin.

On 4 August at 11 am we will be holding a service to commemorate those in the parish who had died in the First World War. We are also inviting anyone who wishes that a member of their family who was lost in this conflict be remembered in this service to contact Pat Farr or David Hughes.

**PF**

*Don't forget to look at the full-colour magazine on our church website  
[www.veryanchurch.org.uk](http://www.veryanchurch.org.uk) or [www.ruanchurch.org.uk](http://www.ruanchurch.org.uk)*

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*We would prefer not to receive material that will be or has been sent to other publications [e.g. the 'Roseland magazine', the 'West Briton'], but please send an alternative version if you are able!*

*Opinions expressed in contributed articles are those of the writer.*

**Please volunteer!** - we would be delighted to have more names on our readers' list [Christine, 727] and there are vacancies on the brass-cleaning rota! [Margery, 302]

## ***The Coracle'***

The 'Coracle' is the newsletter of the Diocese of Truro. For many years it consisted of a double-page sheet full of information and news, and the PCC was able to obtain enough copies to insert one into every church magazine.

A few years ago the format of the 'Coracle' was changed and it is now a full-colour 20-page booklet for which the current charge is 30 pence. We have had to limit its circulation in our two parishes to those people who are willing to pay for a copy [currently around 20].

The April issue asked its readers to 'have their say' on the future of the publication. Apparently there is a shortfall between the cost of production [£29,000] and income [£15,000]. Suggested options included an increase in price, fewer issues each year, or a reversion to the old-style newsletter. Your PCC suggested the last option, when everyone would once again be able to have a copy: we await the 'Coracle' editor's reply!

**NEWS  
FROM  
PORTLOE**



Our Anniversary service and Blessing of the Sea was as ever a wonderful experience, and is described elsewhere in this issue. Otherwise, no news [so good news!] from Portloe this month!

**Portloe's Food Bank is now up and running—there's a box inside the door for any contributions.**

**JH**



**SUNDAY 22  
JUNE**

**CHORAL  
EVENSONG  
FOR TRINITY**

**Gerrans Parish  
Church  
6 pm**

**With the Roseland  
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priest.*

**April 100 Club  
winner was  
Ann Craven**

**MEMBERSHIP  
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*It takes several days' work  
to produce the final  
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(St Rumon) Parish Church**

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Ruan Highlanes  
[501599]

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Castle Towers  
Ruan Lanihorne  
[501855]

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Mrs Pat Farr  
[501599]

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE**

**Veryan**

**Ruan**

**Portloe**

**1 June ASCENSIONTIDE**

11 am Eucharist

9.30 am

Holy Communion  
[BCP]

10.30 am

Morning worship  
Roger Joll

**8 June PENTECOST**

11 am Eucharist  
and confirmation  
Canon Doug &  
Bishop Tim

10.30 am

Informal worship

**15 June TRINITY SUNDAY**

11 am Eucharist  
Canon Doug

9.30 am

Holy Communion  
Canon Doug

10.30 am

Morning Worship  
Vivian Waters

**22 June CORPUS CHRISTI**

8.30 am Holy Communion

Canon Doug

11 am Eucharist

Canon Doug

9.30 am

Eucharist

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**29 June SS. PETER & PAUL**

11 am Eucharist

Revd Angela Cooper

10.30 am

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# Church Rotas

## Readings for June

*Please, if you can't manage to read on the day allocated, exchange with someone*

### Sunday 1 June ASCENSIONTIDE

Acts 1, 6-14  
Christine Edwards [727]  
1 Peter 4, 12-14 & 5, 6-11  
Sue Truscott [609]

### Sunday 8 June PENTECOST EUCARIST WITH CONFIRMATION

Acts 2, 1-21

### Sunday 15 June TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 40, 12-17 &  
27-31  
Blair Jobson [530288]  
2 Corinthians 13, 11-13  
Julia Pound [741]

### Sunday 22 June CORPUS CHRISTI

Genesis 14, 18-20  
Ann Craven [731]  
1 Corinthians 11, 23-26  
Luke Dunstone [713]

### Sunday 29 June SS. PETER & PAUL

Zechariah 4, 1-6a &  
10b-14  
Margery Truscott [302]  
Acts 12, 1-11  
Margaret Cortis [256]

### Veryan Flowers and Brass

#### HIGH ALTAR

31 May/7 June Mrs S Fallick  
14 & 21 June Mrs H Robins  
28 June/5 July Mrs B Carter

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31 May/7 June Mrs A Preston  
14 & 21 June Mrs M Veness  
28 June/5 July Mrs H Betty

### Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

1 June: Mrs Abrams/  
Mrs Wasley  
15 June: Mrs Evans/Mrs Farr  
6 July: Mrs Mihalop/  
Mrs Hamblett

Portloe United Church  
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## 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]

## June Diary

### Tuesday 3rd

Veryan WI: 'Veryan walk-about' 6.30 pm [page 11]

### Tuesday 10th

Bridge Day at Caerhays Vean for church heating fund [page 4]

### Wednesday 11th

USA visit Veryan for 'walk & talk'

### Wednesday 18th

CREAM TEAS at Conifers in aid of church heating fund [page 1]

### Sunday 22nd

VERYAN PARISH HALL  
MIDSUMMER  
CELEBRATION 7 pm [page 1]

### Sunday 22nd

Gerrans church  
CHORAL EVENSONG 6 pm [page 14]

### Friday 27th

'Antiques Roadshow'  
Caerhays Vean 7 pm [page 1]

## JULY DATES

### Tuesday 1st

Veryan WI talk 'Rodda's cream' [page 11]

### SATURDAY 12TH

VERYAN CHURCH FETE  
2-4 PM  
CARNIVAL FROM 4 PM

### CRICKET FIXTURES - PAGE 11

### Every Friday

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MARKET parish hall

### Our church websites

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

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## From the Registers

### Burial at Veryan

Wednesday 21 May

HELEN KATHLEEN MARY HUGHES

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Aged 86 years

## Roseland churches' choir - services 2014

Saturday 7 June WEDDING at Gerrans

Sunday 22 June TRINITY evensong at Gerrans 6 pm

Monday 4 August COMMEMORATION OF WW 1 Veryan  
7.30 pm to coincide with service at the same time at  
St Symphorien, Mons

Sunday 10 August PATRONAL EVENSONG Gerrans 6 pm

Sunday 31 August PATRONAL EVENSONG Ruan 6 pm

Sunday 28 September HARVEST EVENSONG Ruan 6 pm

Sunday 5 October HARVEST EVENSONG Veryan 6 pm

Sunday 23 November Sunday before ADVENT evensong,  
Gerrans, 6 pm

Carol services to be announced [Ruan and Veryan]