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IN YOUR GARDEN

this month

Life in the garden is returning to normal. A few dry days and I can hear the steady hum of lawn mowers, trimmers and hedge trimmers. The swallows have returned and birds are nesting so leave any hedges now until the babies have fledged.

If you really have to cut something then now is the time to look at ornamental flowering cherries. I was reminded of this both by my errant cherry about which more shortly, and also by the recent visit to Veryan of Graham and Brenda. Before they left Veryan, Graham very kindly gave me a lawn mower which he didn't want to take with him and I often go to the shed, get her out, (she starts first time) and say 'come on Brenda we have lawns to cut.' What a legacy having a lawn mower named after you! But I was also reminded of Brenda asking me when to prune the ornamental cherry trees. I don't know why this has stuck in my mind, possibly because I had not long planted one before we had the conversation or more likely that I was astonished to be asked for advice by one of the most competent and knowledgeable gardeners I have ever met! Mine is a small weeping variety, a beautiful pink and it has grown substantially. Most ornamental cherries are grafted so you can see a big nodule at the top of the trunk and that's where a slow growing root stock has been grafted onto the ornamental top. If you let any branches grow beneath the graft then they tend to be typical of one of the parents of the root stock and may not weep but become very upright or overly strong and spoil the look of the tree. Equally some of the weeping branches can soon touch the floor or cross over each other and damage the bark in the wind. Now is absolutely the right time to trim up the tree to the shape you require. Once the

blossoms have gone over and the new leaves are there, this is the time to cut and will avoid any disease taking hold particularly silver leaf which is unsightly and very damaging. The same treatment applies now to camellias and forsythia and anything that has flowered. Trim now and you will not spoil next year's buds which are getting ready to form. The upright branches on my tree pictured here are not below the graft but are reverting or at least not performing as a weeping cherry should, so I shall carefully trim those that are crossing over each other or rubbing against another branch or are not showing signs of weeping.

I always plant my runner beans in pots at the beginning of May. I get them going in 4" pots in the tunnel ready for hardening off 3 weeks later and planting into the ground at the end of May. It is perfectly acceptable to plant the beans straight into the ground towards the end of the month but I then risk the mice finding them. Also this month I shall be planting out onions that I have grown inside from seed and lettuces. The new potatoes started to emerge quickly in the sunshine and so they are being regularly earthed up to increase the yield.

I am following my usual rule of growing vegetables that are more expensive in the shops or those that just taste better when picked really fresh, hence different types of beans, sweet corn and hopefully we will enjoy a few asparagus spears during this month.

In the flower borders I am regularly tackling weeds but they are diminishing in beds where I have kept good soil coverage. Perennial planting and the emergence of day lilies, allium and the good cover of agapanthus tends to keep the soil covered and deter the weeds or prevent seed getting in. This is not the case in the herbaceous border. These are the plants that come



up every year, flower and then die down. As they emerge the weeds come with them and it is a fairly constant and thankless task trying to keep them in check. But I have not given up with the herbaceous border. There is something very satisfying about seeing these plants re-emerge and I am so glad that I planted so many more last autumn. Gardening is very much about planning ahead.

As I said last month, I have been interested to see which plants really enjoyed the winter wash out. Certainly the trees and hedges enjoyed the water, so too the camellias but I thought I might lose a few herbaceous perennials, thinking they might literally have drowned. Very little seems to have been adversely affected and I am amazed by the growth on the Japanese anemones which are coming up much more strongly than they have ever done, they have spread widely and look very healthy indeed, this must be the water that they enjoyed. The drier weather gave me an opportunity to scarify my lawn. I have a small rotovator, light as a feather, which has an option to attach tines which scarify the lawn quickly. This takes out all

the dead thatch and as always I was amazed just how much dead grass there is. I raked it all up and the lawn initially looks dreadful but with a feed and some drizzle it was looking much healthier in a week or so. Now I am not desperately keen on lawns or their constant maintenance. I think that we have so many huge patches of unkempt and uncared for grass that there is always something more interesting to grow. I begrudge spending too much time or effort but I have to say that when you see the perfect swards of turf at Gilbert's it does provoke an element of lawn envy. But his lawn is this good because of the work he puts in. So when he arrived in my drive I had the opportunity to ask his advice. 'What should I treat the lawn with, Gilbert, to get it looking as good as yours?' (I am very reluctant to succumb to these 'weed and feed' concoctions which are overpriced and overhyped, in my opinion.) 'Lawn sand will do it' he said confidently. 'A shame really,' I replied, 'the daisies look so pretty.' And his response? 'So make a daisy chain and hang yourself with it!' Bless him, with friends like that....

NB

From the Vicarage

By the time you read this the installation of Vryan's new church heating system should be completed. It is somewhat ironic that it has been done just in time for the warmer weather! However, we should all feel the benefit next winter. The PCC is grateful to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising to help pay for this work.

Several events have been planned over the next few months in support of the heating appeal. It would be nice to think that people have enjoyed participating in events such as these, in any way, that we may continue to hold them even after the new heating has been paid for.

I've made the point before that I believe that fundraising can be fun.

Another reason for carrying on with fundraising is that the next big project will probably be the repair of the roof. I hope that it will not need doing for a few years but it would be sensible to build up the Fabric Fund so that there is some money in the pot to help pay for it when it is needed.

Parishes are being asked to consider how their church buildings can be used for other purposes, the most recent asking if churches in rural areas could house 'mini-libraries' if the mobile library service is curtailed.

At present the van has several stops within our parishes. I don't know how many people use the service but it would clearly be a loss for those who do.

How would you feel if a section of the church were to be used to hold a selection of library books which would be changed on a regular basis? It would mean that readers could access books whenever the church was open, subject to how the lending system would work.

If you have any views on the matter please let me know at: fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net or by letter to me at Vryan Vicarage.

With all good wishes,

Fr Doug.

..and a note from Joyce

This week the sun has been shining and the garden looks glorious filled with flowers. There is no doubt this nicer weather lifts my heart, Palm Sunday hymns really make me feel like singing. However, I am still lacking complete power over my Tablet and find it takes so long to send an email, then several of them return to me anyway, so guess what? I am using the telephone a little more.

Like Margaret Cortis, [see the February magazine], I will get there in the end, but it is certainly taking longer than I expected. Something that is also unexpected is the struggle that I am having with a jigsaw puzzle. Lovely picture of two robins, one plastic on a slice of Christmas cake out in the garden, the other a real one, pecking at the crumbs and keeping his eye on his strange rival. Add about 10 glorious fat red rosehips, a few leaves and branches, scattered frost over all. Blue sky, shadowy patches, you can imagine. But I cannot get it together, so if you're passing, please drop in and give me a hand. There is nothing like a bit of encouragement to spur me on. The annual PCC is now over, so what surprises will we have had by the time you read this? I hope you were at the meeting to find out. D.V. I shall be.

JG

Vryan Church Heating Appeal

Forthcoming events

May & June - 3 'talks and tours' evenings booked for visiting groups

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A NIGHTMARE JOURNEY

Malcolm and Ann Craven continue their round-the-world trip

Charles Eugene de Foucard was an officer in the French Foreign Legion in the late 1800s, serving in North Africa. He left the Army in 1890 to become a Cistercian Trappist and, from there, became ordained in 1901. He chose to serve in the Sahara among the Toureg people and eventually moved to the Hoggar area where he lived for ten years, learning the Toureg language and writing a dictionary and grammar.

He was accepted by them and founded a Hermitage at Assakrem, high in the mountains. In 1916 he was attacked and killed by a bandit group, possibly Bedouin. He was beatified by the Pope in 2005.



The Hoggar Mountains rise 9000ft in the middle of the Sahara. Great sharp volcanic plugs, they can be snow-covered in winter, a bizarre sight above the desert heat. Assakrem is on the highest plateau where his hermitage still exists, a place of pilgrimage.

It is difficult to get to, 60 miles of rocky track across a desert which is largely black, in places just areas of football sized black stones as far as the eye can see, other places simply rock and narrow gulleys, sometimes short staircases of rock which called for care to preserve our tyres. So we went there.

Wilma coped in her usual competent way until, on the second day, we reached the mountains. There, faced with a steep twisting uphill track she said, 'I ain't no Landrover' and refused. It was too late in the day to climb on foot so we decided to camp for the night and try tomorrow. We had not been there long when we were aware of the deep rumble of an engine and a huge piece of earth moving machinery arrived. A man called Salar descended and came across. We chatted and he told us he was with a work gang on the road higher up the mountain and we

told him we wanted to get to Assakrem. He promised to come and get us later and take us to the top so we could see the sunset. At about 4 o'clock there he was, complete with immense JCB type vehicle which was to be our taxi. Unfortunately, like most of its type, it had only one seat, - for the driver. He shoved across and we climbed up, Ann sharing the driver's seat while I hung in at the back of the cab, standing on the engine and holding on where I could as I was rattled around in the lurches and bumps. The track wound steeply upwards and we passed the workers camp where Salar lived, a brief flat spell, then again upwards, dizzying drops on one side, sheer cliff on the other, throwing me around until we arrived, bruised and breathless at the top, a sort of plateau with a view on all sides out over the mountain tops to the desert beyond.

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The sun was now low in the west, throwing long shadows on the peaks around us, starting to turn the west to a soft golden hue, while away behind us, the far desert was already dark with the earliest star just a pinpoint of light. There was no wind, so the world was completely silent. You could imagine a slight rustle as the sun sank against its background, a descent which became faster the lower it got. It touched the horizon, the world turned a hundred shades of gold and the great orb sank slowly from sight. It was almost as if we had been holding our breath till it disappeared.

It was time to make the most of the disappearing light to get down so we clambered again into our taxi and Salar set off down the hill. He, however, insisted that we stop to meet his mates and have some supper, an offer it would be churlish to refuse. So there we were, seated in a hut with a dozen or so Arab men, chatting nonchalantly about this and that. My French is school-boy, my Arabic nil. Their English was about the standard of my Arabic, but we managed with signs and many repetitions of 'Maggie Thatcher', 'Kevin Keagan', 'George Best' and 'Manchester United'. A sort of stew of beans, goat, and various spices

was consumed, much water drunk, and a convivial evening was had by all. Then it was time to go.



By now it was pitch black outside, no moon, only starlight. Then began what I believe to be the most frightening ride of my life. When you go uphill at night you can usually see the road rising in front of you. When you go down you see nothing but space. At night it is black space. Ann, in front, could at least see the headlights reflected down on to the road. I could see nothing except two beams of light going out into black space.

The machine rocked and lurched, twisted and turned, and I hung on and prayed. I could see nothing around me, a void, nothing on which to orientate. Then, to my amazement, the engine slowed and suddenly a rock wall in front of me – we were down – shaken but not stirred. Salar, his usual cheerful self, helped us down and made sure we could still stand. Then away he went into the night, climbing apparently to Heaven as all we could see were the set of headlights seeming to go up into the black sky. We crept back into the safety of Wilma, completely shattered. I told Ann I had seen nothing but blackness on the way down, Neither had she – she had had her eyes closed!

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VERYAN AUTUMN SHOW

The Show's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 14 April with all committee members willing to stand again (with a little persuasion!).

THE SHOW THIS YEAR WILL BE ON SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - put the date in your diaries now! We look forward to old and new entrants bringing lots of wonderful things to exhibit.

This year, because of a very vital committee member being on holiday (and because it makes everything so much easier for all of us), IT IS IMPERATIVE that **entries** come in ON TIME, i.e. **by Wednesday 17th September please!** The odd one or two arriving at the last minute (perish the thought!) won't of course be turned away, but please play nicely this year and enter before the official deadline! There will be monthly reminders in the 'Parish News' just to keep everyone on their toes.

Due to lots of unavoidable circumstances last year we were very short of **helpers to erect and dismantle the staging** for the show so we are urgently seeking big/small strong men/women who would like to join our merry band. This is a serious plea - it takes a great deal of time to set up and take down all the staging: it doesn't happen on its own! If you would like to help, please contact Margaret on 501256 - we promise that we won't ask you to come to meetings, not that we have many, but we could use the extra help.

Also we are looking for **stewards** to help on the Friday evening, when some of our entries arrive, and early morning on the Saturday. It's great fun and you would enjoy it. Do contact Margaret if you'd like to give it a try.

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

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

CHILDREN: Young and Old; Poppies; Animals.

It was suggested that we 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 rhyming poem, incorporating the following words (the committee had a brainstorming session!): VERYAN, AUTUMN, PUMPKIN, PASTY, SEPTEMBER, DAHLIA. 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. You have lots of time to think about it so we look forward to bumper entries from adults and children.

The committee hopes that it will be a great day out for everyone, in perfect sunshine (as usual). Please enter for the fun of it, if you win a prize that's a bonus. Send your entries to Tony as usual and we'll get the schedule out extra early.

The WI will as usual provide wonderful teas, Jacka Jazz will entertain us - what more could we wish for?

Margaret Cortis
[Hon. Sec]
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‘Grow your own!’

At a recent visit to the dentist I picked up in the waiting room a copy of ‘Country Living’. Like TV programmes and the Sunday supplements, it seems to encourage us to create a fantasy rural idyll with ‘cottage garden’ flowers, ‘mini-veg’ in ‘fun’ containers in our gardens, and artistically ‘distressed’ furniture in our homes. The latest fashion seems to be for artificially rusted supports for a tasteful column of ‘heritage’ sweet peas.

You can even buy ‘plug plants’ to save you the bother of sowing seeds: fifteen ‘garden-ready’ pea plants for £8 - that’s over 50 pence - ten bob - each! Three courgette ‘plugs’ for £6 - surely it’s cheaper to buy the courgettes.

We are also enjoined to save air miles, cut the carbon footprint, and ‘buy local’. Yet it is possible for us to produce all the food we need (or expect to be available, which is different) and for everyone to be able to afford it?

Look at the produce offered in our supermarkets. You can buy all-year-round asparagus (Peru), strawberries (Egypt), cherries (Turkey), samphire (Israel), sugar peas (Kenya). How many of us without thinking assume that if we need blueberries, ‘new’ potatoes, watercress, out of season, that there will be, somewhere, a shop that can provide?

Farmers’ markets are justly popular, with those of us who have time and resources to buy and cook locally produced meat, bacon, fish, fruit and veg. in season, but they can’t provide the whole of our population with enough affordable food to sustain us all. Grow and buy local - but many of the items we take for granted wouldn’t be available at all without imports from all over the world.

It remains a problem: what difference will switching off a couple of lights make to climate warming when our ‘fresh’ veg are flown in from Africa? How can we expect farmers to produce more food when green fields are being used for houses and ‘solar farms’?

If you are fortunate enough to own a plot of land you can, in true ‘Country Living’ fashion, plant an elegantly designed vegetable garden where appearance seems to take priority over production. The vogue for growing your own seems to be led by fashion rather than necessity.

We have always grown our own vegetables. When Dad came out of the army we moved to one of the Caerhays estate houses in the Row at Tregavarras. Each house had a decent-sized back garden as well as a similarly-sized ‘off-piece’ at the end of the lane. In addition every house had a pear tree and several apple trees, both cooks and eaters.

Dad was not a keen gardener; I imagine that after a nine-hour day in the carpenter’s shop the last thing he wanted to do was to clear the ground for planting. He was however thorough, and tried to remove every last piece of strol (couch grass) before ‘tealing’. Mother regarded this as ‘mission impossible’. She was less thorough but much more enthusiastic. I too was encouraged to grow radishes and lettuce and the joy of picking and eating peas fresh from the plant has never left me.

At Tregavarras we grew main crop potatoes for keeping (now we grow only ‘first earlies’ for the unforgettable flavour of *real* new potatoes). Onions were, and still are, grown for stringing up to keep and use ‘until they come again’ (not always a success nowadays, but we try).

Carrots, parsnips and beet-root were kept in the ground until they were needed, while peas and beans (broad, French and scarlet runners) were eaten as they cropped - we had no means of preserving them, except salting, and Mother refused to do this as she said it spoilt the flavour - all you could taste was salt.

We grew winter greens - cabbages, purple sprouting, and spinach beet, while turnips (swede) and broccoli (cauliflower) were taken, with permission, from the fields belonging to Mr Michell who farmed at Boswinger. Curly kale, now so fashionable, was regarded as cattle food and eaten only when there was nothing else. (I have seen advertised in garden catalogues 21 ‘plugs’ of curly kale for £7! How mad is that?)

Blackberries and mushrooms grew in abundance in the fields near the house, and there was also sometimes watercress from the little stream that flowed along the bottom of the Tregavarras ‘off-piece’.

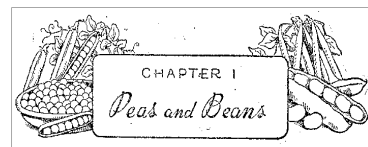
We were not entirely self-sufficient. Every fortnight we were visited by my gran’s brother Henry Morse (‘Uncle Har’) who had a greengrocer’s shop in Portscatho. He travelled in a battered green van around the countryside, Gorran and Caerhays being his furthest delivery area. He would often not arrive until well after dark: I can’t imagine what Auntie Beat said when he eventually got home, but he was a great talker and never in a hurry.

I don’t remember my mother buying much fruit and vegetables in town, until Mr Stanley Rowe opened his first stall, open to the street, in St Austell. He was one of the first to

take a lorry to Covent Garden to buy cheaply in London to sell at home. It was fresh and reasonably priced, and a novelty in those post-war days.

I suppose the need to grow vegetables had been instilled in every family during the war: ‘dig for victory’ was a powerful campaign, and gardening manuals provided guidance for the new generation of gardeners.

The ‘Vegetable Grower’s Handbook’ was written in 1941, and published in 1945 by Penguin. It cost ninepence. It informs the reader that in 1939 ‘this country imported 8,500,000 tons of food from overseas. In 1942 we imported only 1,300,000 tons. No wonder the Government urges us, for safety’s sake, to grow more food at home’



We still grow a good variety of vegetables. Modern strains may be larger, more prolific, but having grown up with the taste of Kelvedon Wonder and Early Onward peas, Scarlet Emperor runners, and Canadian Wonder French beans, we still use some of the older varieties. Those that are not commercially profitable can be found in the Organic Garden catalogue, and we get a few free really old varieties from the Heritage Seed Library.

And if, as we usually are, too late to get hazel sticks to support our peas, we still have the supports used by my great uncle when he was gardener at Broom Park some seventy years ago - but naturally, not artificially, ‘rusted’!

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Veryan Country Market

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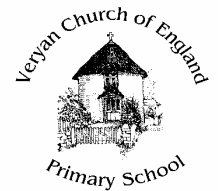
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SCHOOL NEWS



Not much school news this month - we've been on holiday for most of April!

But we thought you'd like to know that we've been busy fundraising for charities: we made £110 for Marie Curie from selling pots of daffodils, and £52 for Sports Relief. We've raised altogether so far this year over £600 for the British Heart Foundation, Macmillan, Somerset Community Foundation, Children in Need, St Petroc's, and the Truro Women's Refuge.

Summer term began on 22 April, and half term is on 26-30 May. Earlier this month (12-16th) is SATs week - spare us a thought!

And the school will be closed on 6 June for an INSET day.

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CRICKET FIXTURES JOLLY'S DRINKS CORNWALL LEAGUE

Division 3 East

3 May Newquay 2 [A]
10 May St Stephen [H]
17 May Tideford [A]
24 May Tintagel [H]
Monday 26 May Saltash [A]
31 May Werrington 3 [H]

Division 7 East

3 May Launceston 3 [H]
17 May St Blazey 3 [H]
24 May Newquay 4 [A]
Monday 26 May Roche 3 [H]
31 May G'pd Road 4 [A]

'Old Cornwall' Society

Wednesday 14 May 6.30 pm

EVENING VISIT TO VERYAN
with Christine Edwards and Sue Truscott
Please book in advance - places are limited!
Details from the events secretary on 580540

VERYAN WI MAY MEETING

VERYAN PARISH HALL

Tuesday 6 May 7 pm

RESOLUTIONS MEETING

All welcome: more information from Sue Day [501673]



ADVANCE NOTICE!

Saturday 12 July

Promises to be a really eventful day for Veryan!

PARISH CHURCH FÊTE in the afternoon

followed by

CARNIVAL
(provided there's a Fairy Queen)
& live music in the evening

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

info@veryanchurch.org.uk
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Ben Salfield at Veryan



*A very
relaxed
performer!*



And we think
that Ben's recital
was the first
ever, anywhere,
to have been
arranged entirely
on 'Facebook'!

*If you missed this recital,
don't miss the next
concert - our reviewer
was, like the rest of the
audience, clearly
impressed.*

My wife and I were lucky enough to attend this concert in Veryan church in aid of the heating fund (a need clearly brought to the mind of the audience on a very cool spring day) to share an evening with Ben Salfield playing his lute (a unique cross between the lute and the guitar). The first part of the concert saw Ben play five pieces of renaissance music by John Dowland, and after an interval with wine/juice and nibbles available, the second part had three longer pieces of baroque music by Silvius Weiss from a slightly later period at the beginning of the 18th century.

Ben came over as a very warm performer, with an easy manner and gentle humour introducing his music, and I suspect like most of the audience I was impressed that the whole of the first part and most of the second was played totally from memory, and this is not the easiest music to memorise. The one thing that might have additionally enhanced the total performance would have been for Ben to be on a small raised platform so that everyone could also have seen Ben handling the fourteen strings of this substantial 'lute'. All in all a most enjoyable evening, and one which acts as a precursor to his next visit, playing in an ensemble.

Martin Hopkinson

Ben's next visit...

is on 21 May, with his brother Jon and Simon Stanton on percussion. They will play works inspired by Flamenco, North Africa and South America.

This is a 'first run-through' before the trio goes on tour and we are delighted that Ben likes our church as a venue.

**You can reserve a seat - telephone Sarah [500950] or Christine [501727] or send £10 per ticket [£5 for under-16s] to Sarah Rundle, Trevarthan Cottage, Veryan Green, TR2 5QE.
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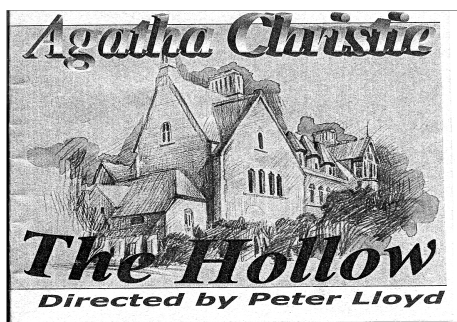
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'The Hollow' was adapted by Agatha Christie herself from the book of the same title, and opened at the Arts Theatre in Cambridge in 1951. It is set in 'The Hollow', the country home, close to London, of Sir Henry Angatell. A gathering of friends and family over a week-end in September has a murderous outcome, with twists and turns in the plot which leaves the audience guessing until the final scene.

Jeanne Hitchings writes...

The Veryan Players' recent production of 'The Hollow' was the first Agatha Christie play I'd ever seen. So, suitably unqualified, I was asked by the editor to write a brief review. Not difficult at all because it was such a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining 'whodunit'.

Peter Lloyd's direction very cleverly kept a seemingly rather wordy play cracking along at a good pace. The actors all excelled themselves and everyone - director, producer, set designers, and the 'techies' (I'm learning!) all contributed to a great evening.

Well done, Veryan Players, and many thanks for all your hard work.

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

Daytime LOW tides at CARNE in May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 14.06	2 14.38	3 15.09
4 15.38	5 16.11	6 16.54	7 17.58	8 6.43	9 7.52	10 8.56
11 9.52	12 10.41	13 11.27	14 12.11	15 12.54	16 13.36	17 14.17
18 14.59	19 15.44	20 16.35	21 17.37	22 18.46	23 7.29	24 8.44
25 9.51	26 10.49	27 11.40	28 12.25	29 13.07	30 13.45	31 14.18

Full moon 14 May, new moon 28 May
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Round the Churches...

Ruan

Lanihorne



Following the recent Quinquennial Inspection we have decided to put in hand many of the recommendations from the report.

This means that there will be contractors working in the church but we are hopeful that the work will not be too disruptive.

Our window restoration project should be finished by the end of the summer. It is surprising how long it takes to get things done, as the repair of the windows was one of the recommendations in the 2008 Quinquennial report!

Please, if there is anyone who can fill the current vacancy in our 'cleaning and flowers' rota [see notice on page 16] we would be delighted to know!

PF

NEWS FROM PORTLOE



The spring soup lunch was again incredibly well supported and a very jolly occasion. However, summer is coming and, with it, cream teas - more on that later.

Church Anniversary - our 22nd - is mid-month and on Sunday 18th the Revd Derek Collins will lead Morning Worship at 10.30am. The following evening, Monday 19th, we celebrate the Blessing of the Sea. A galaxy of clergy will lead the procession from the church to the harbour at 7 o'clock, including Father Doug, the Revds Mark Dunn-Wilson and Derek Collins, and Archdeacon Bill Stuart-White. Please come and join us for this, and for the supper which follows at 7.30 pm - £7 on the door!

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

JH

VERYAN

Parish church



Update on heating

We are making progress! Scottish Power have fitted a new three-phase meter; Storage heaters are now working with time-controlled fans; More work is in hand to fit under-pew heaters in the south and central aisles; We have raised enough money to pay for the first instalment of storage heaters in the main body of the church, the vestry and the belfry; Our architect is monitoring the effect of the heating on the fabric of the church.

Progress indeed! BUT we have a long way to go to raise all the money we need to fund the entire project, and we are so grateful to everyone who has organised, offered to help, or contributed in any way to our fundraising efforts.

Please support all the forthcoming events - see page 11 for details.

Church Fête

Our church fête will be on Saturday 12 July - make a note in your diary!

We will be hoping to get offers of help - and of course of items for the wide range of stalls, and for the all-important raffle. More information in next month's magazine, but note the date in your diary and think how you might be able to help in any way. This is our most important fundraising event for the year, as well as being a great 'community' day for our parish.

Confirmation at Veryan

Bishop Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro, will be with us on Pentecost (Whit Sunday, 8 June) to preach, and confirm candidates. We already have four adults who are 'desirous of confirmation', as the Book of Common Prayer puts it. Anyone else who would like to be confirmed, children from year 6 onwards, or adults, should let Fr Doug know as soon as possible.

Thank you... to everyone who made our church look so beautiful at Easter. It takes time, devotion and skill and is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to look at the full-colour magazine on our church website

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Opinions expressed in contributed articles are those of the writer.

Roseland Churches' Choir

The choir is available to sing at weddings or other services: contact the chairman, Graham Pouncefort, at info@crdrecords.com or on 01872 580001, or contact your parish priest.

March 100 Club winner was Liz Skelton

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS FROM SARAH RUNDLE 01872 500950

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

	Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
4 May Easter 3	11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]	10.30 am Informal worship
11 May Easter 4	11 am Eucharist		10.30 am Informal worship
18 May Easter 5	11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Mattins [BCP]	10.30 am Morning worship Church anniversary Revd Derek Collins
25 May Easter 6	8.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] 11 am MATTINS [BCP]		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
1 June ASCENSIONTIDE	11 am Eucharist	9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]	10.30 am Morning worship Roger Joll

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Readings for May

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Sunday 4 May Easter 3

Acts 2, 14a & 36-41
Ann Craven [731]
1 Peter 1, 17-25
Luke Dunstone [713]

Sunday 11 May Easter 4

Acts 2, 42-47
Margery Truscott [302]
1 Peter 2, 19-25
Margaret Cortis [256]

Sunday 18 May Easter 5

Acts 7, 55-60
Robert Pepper [670]
1 Peter 2, 2-10
Coral Pepper

Sunday 25 May Easter 6

MATTINS
Job 14 verses 1,2,7-15, 19, 23-27a
John Veness [704]
1 Thessalonians 4, 13-18
Marilyn Veness
READINGS TO BE PROVIDED

Sunday 1 June

ASCENSIONTIDE

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

Veryan Flowers and Brass

HIGH ALTAR

3 & 10 May Mrs Y Allkins
17 & 24 May Mrs B Lumley-Saville
31 May/7 June Mrs S Fallick

FONT OR PORCH

3 & 10 May Mrs N Bush
17 & 24 May Mrs S Truscott
31 May/7 June Mrs A Preston

BRASS - vacancy

Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

4 May: Mrs Mihalop/
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18 May: vacant
1 June: Mrs Abrams/
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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

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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 6.15-7.30 pm

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]

May Diary

Tuesday 6th
VERYAN WI parish hall
7 pm [page 11]

Wednesday 14th
OLD CORNWALL
SOCIETY visit Veryan
6.30 pm [page 11]

Sunday 18th
PORTLOE ANNIVERSARY
Service at 10.30 am [page 14]

Monday 19th
PORTLOE BLESSING OF
THE SEA 7pm and supper
[page 14]

Wednesday 21st
CONCERT AT VERYAN
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Tuesday 22nd EUROPEAN
ELECTIONS

Tuesday 29th
WI QUIZ NIGHT [page 4]

CRICKET FIXTURES -
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Every Friday
10.30-11.30 am VERYAN
MARKET parish hall

*This October sees the 200th
anniversary of our school on its
present site.*

*We need to think of ways in which this can be
celebrated!*

Roseland churches' choir - services 2014

Saturday 7 June WEDDING at Gerrans
Sunday 22 June TRINITY SUNDAY 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]

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