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*Veryan
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preparing to
perform a
Maypole dance
- at the
Church Fête
in the 1950s*

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A very successful tea party at Ruan!

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IN YOUR GARDEN this

Oh, the spring weather!! Like most of you I became sick of easterly winds and biting cold. I suppose we should be grateful that the wind veered south easterly and temperatures in mid-April soared from 3 degrees to 10 within days but enough is enough!! As a friend of mine said yesterday 'Global warming – bring it on!'

I made a conscious decision to cut down on summer bedding this year. I shall be supplying very little and am confining baskets and tubs that I do to trailing pelargonium and verbenas. Both seemed to take the weather quite well last summer. Any spare space that I have in the garden this year will be devoted to vegetables.

I suspect that nobody has yet realised how sharply the price of vegetables will rise. The wet summer and autumn played havoc with crops and vegetables and this cold wet spring has delayed so much planting, my new potatoes went in the ground 5 weeks later than usual and the soil still wasn't warm enough. Someone in Veryan (who shall remain nameless) told me that the soil is warm enough for sowing when you can take your pants down and sit on the bare soil. Wonder if he's done it yet?

Many of the winter crop sowings in our fields did not happen or were washed away. One of my fields looked more suitable for rice! Maize that should have been harvested in autumn is still standing sadly in Somerset, winter wheats and barleys have had to be re-sown into cold spring soils and I wonder what happened to the Jersey Royal potatoes under a blanket of 4ft of snow?

Food and animal feed will be expensive so there is no stronger reason to grow your own! We are better off than most!

I am nurturing the very lovely sweet peas that Gerald gave to me, they look so sad and I am terrified he might turn up to inspect. Equally I keep giving encouraging words to my broad beans which I am sure haven't grown an inch since I planted them, late, six weeks ago!

I was detailed off to do the weekly shop this week. I don't often have that trust put in me as I spend ages looking at the price of veg on super-market shelves. A measly cauliflower at £1.80, imported green beans and a tub of parsley for £1.50 – one packet of seeds at £2 would grow a lot of parsley.

And yet there are tardy shoots of spring emerging because to most plants it actually hasn't been so cold. I lost a couple of succulents that I stupidly left outside but other than that I have lost very little. The woody shrubs like camellias and rhododendrons are blooming well and my fruit trees are showing leaf and emerging buds of blossom. Last autumn I moved a crab apple that didn't like its location and the leaves are unfurling and I am looking forward to a good crop this year.

In fact for us, it really has been quite a good winter. The planting season hasn't stopped with damp soils and sufficient cold weather to extend the bare root season right to its natural end in March. The soil has become workable and I have been weeding and clearing and the few sunny days that we have enjoyed have warmed up the polytunnels sufficient for the emerging tomato plants and to encourage my cucumber plants and yes, the pumpkin and the show leeks!

I am determined to take on those veg growers at this year's show and I can hear Gilbert suggesting that pride may come before a fall!

So it's May, the weather tide must be turning and when it does it will come so quickly. This really is the month when whatever you haven't done must be done or you will miss the whole season! If you do not have a large garden and do not have a veg plot try sowing vegetables in containers. Ensure that the container is sufficiently large for the type of vegetable.

Root veg such as carrots need a long pot whilst beetroot sits higher in the soil and will manage in a shallower container. Shallower pots are also suitable for salad plants and a pot full of cut and come again lettuce is good for the whole summer and not unattractive on the patio. Big plants like tomatoes and courgettes need big pots to accommodate their roots and sufficient goodness in the soil plus the feeding to keep them going. A soil based compost is better for these plants that are going to be growing all summer.

Once you have chosen your container good drainage is essential. Cover the bottom with some old crocks (no particular old crock springs to mind...) and raise the pots on pot feet so that excess water can escape. The potting compost needs to be moist at all times and do not rely on rainfall as the leaves often stop water reaching the soil. Water retaining gels can help but follow the instructions. Too much gel and you will find your plants rising out of the pot. These gels swell with the water and release water slowly back into the compost.

The heavy plants like the tomatoes and courgettes need a soil based John Innes No 3 but salad crops and plants quick to mature will

do well in a multi-purpose compost. There are limited nutrients in a small pot of compost so remember to feed either with a controlled release fertiliser or my preferred food, a seaweed fertiliser or tomato food for salad crops. Lots of the baby veg can be grown this way so too french and runner beans.

This year's Britain in Bloom has launched 'Edible Britain' for 2,000 community groups, so look out for veg gardens springing up in unlikely unused parts of towns and cities. This is a bit of a departure for the RHS and Britain in Bloom but for many years here we have had two hanging baskets in the tunnels full of common garden mint. We feed it well with tomato food and split it every spring. We also use a conical basket for a long root run. Not only is it not taking space in or over running the garden but in the tunnel or a greenhouse it comes early and stays late.

Other herbs can be grown in baskets too. Chives, sage, parsley, all do well and can be hung near the kitchen window for ease of picking. So whether it be in a basket or a tub you can join in with the 'grow your own' and 'Britain in Bloom' initiatives and it's a jolly easy way to encourage children to be involved too!

Say goodbye to the begonias and hello to home grown food!

Got to go, runner bean seed to plant, in pots, ready to plant out end of the month! Special seed this year, it's meant to grow very long indeed! We'll see!

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FROM THE VICARAGE

In Terry Pratchett's story 'Wyrd Sisters' the three witches have a discussion about time. Granny Weatherwax claimed that time is like rubber, you can stretch it to suit yourself. The youngest witch, Magrat, was about to say, that's not right, time is time, every second lasts a second, that's what it's for, that's its job... but then she recalled weeks that had flown past and afternoons that had lasted for ever.

I am writing this while I am on holiday, something I had been looking forward to for several weeks. A ten-day break seemed to be quite a

long time. But now it is already halfway through. The days seem to have flown by.

Some people are by nature solitary but most of us enjoy the company of others and being forced to live on your own can be soul-destroying. It can also result in feelings of worthlessness. Those of us, who feel we never have enough time, may like to reflect on what that must be like.

If you have time on your hands and have something to offer you can contact the Surgery. They are running a Time Bank scheme. The idea is that if you give some of your time to help someone else, for instance

by doing some shopping, you will gain a credit so that if you need some help it can be provided by someone else in the scheme. Contact the Surgery at Portscatho for details.

You can help me too. Some parishioners make a point of letting me know if someone is ill or has died. It's better that I am contacted by several people than not at all. You can get me on 01872 501618 or at fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net. If I'm out just leave me a message. I will get back to you.

(By the way Veryan Players will perform Terry Pratchett's 'Wyrd Sisters'

adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs at Portscatho Memorial Hall on 25 and 26 July and 1 and 2 August. Watch out for ticket details.)

With all good wishes,
Fr Doug



Fr Doug draws the raffle at the Ruan tea-party last month

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[501673]*

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The Merry Month of May ...

Sue Truscott describes the background to our cover photograph.

May, the month of the 'obby 'oss, the Flora, and dancing round the maypole. In our case the dancing took place not in May but in July or August at the church fête. The photograph must have been taken in the mid- to late fifties. The only boys invited to perform were from the church choir, no doubt the thinking being that they would be more likely to behave - little did they know!

The Fête always took place in the Vicarage grounds (now Trist House). It was decided that Miss Langan would produce one of her 'little entertainments'. Miss Langan wore picture hats, long gloves and pearls, rather like a well-known TV puppet. She can be seen in the photo in the back row. She lived with Miss Harris, who was always attired in a man's suit, at a time when ladies seldom wore trousers, and some of the boys, no doubt confused, called her "Sir".

We rehearsed in the dining room at the vicarage, bare of furniture, and the main impression I got was one of 'brown'. We had to learn some rather babyish songs, one I can remember began 'Poor teddy bear is awful sick, He tore his head today'. This caused much muttering from the boys who wanted nothing to do with that sort of song, thank you very much.

The Maypole dancing was a riot. Miss Harris held the pole and frequently got tangled in the ribbons when we went wrong. We were instructed to "go over, under, over, under, listen to Miss Langan, children!" We did get it right in the end.

My dancing came to an end when I was told I was to be Alice in The Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The only thing that stands out about that was the sight of Vanessa Johnson as the Dormouse being fed into a large wooden teapot by the March Hare and Mad Hatter, played by Susan Dodds and Stephanie Johnson.

A few weeks later we had to perform at a large gloomy house near Bodmin. It poured with rain and the 'tea party' took place in the billiard room, packed with people, all steaming, leaving very little room for us, but, troupers that we were, we carried on. I can remember being very impressed by the willow-pattern toilet in the bathroom! I suppose the dancing went off well. I didn't see or hear it; perhaps it's a merciful blank in my memory. The audience stoically endured it all, no doubt thinking of the good tea they would enjoy later.

But then, "Twas all for the church", wasn't it?



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Adventure Forsooth!

Shanghai, China. What images does that conjure up in your mind?

As I write this I am sat in my office in the Shanghai American University High School with a cup of coffee, a pile of books to mark and have the air conditioning on as low as it will go. It's 21 degrees outside, and yet I'm still wearing jeans and boots! How things have changed.

As most of you know, I am currently living in China, working as an English teacher, having just celebrated my two month anniversary of being here! If you had told me this time last year, whilst I was cramming for my final University assessments, that I would be doing what I'm doing now...I would have called you crazy!



Since being in China, I have seen and done a lot! I flew into Beijing on the 10th February. "What am I doing here? This was a mistake" I said to myself, almost as soon as I arrived.

The decision to come to China was made at the end of November; it was a pretty rushed job! I forced myself to go out and buy a bottle of water (as the tap water here isn't drinkable) and use as many hand signals as it took until I got what I wanted. It worked and I wasn't afraid anymore. I knew that I would love China as I walked back out of that shop,

Nongfu Spring water in hand (and it only cost me 20p!!)

My two weeks in Beijing were action-packed. The Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Olympic Bird's Nest Stadium and Water Cube, an acrobat show, two days of my final TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) training and lots of partying with new friends.

I then found out where I was going to be living for the remaining 5 months... Shanghai! The most populated city in the world and

at last count, there were 23,019,148 people living in the city...and that was in 2010. I couldn't believe it...an American High School, in Shanghai, and living in a hotel. I had won the jackpot.

The school paid for me and another intern to get the bullet train down to Shanghai from Beijing (Distance: 770 miles, average speed: 190mph, time: 4 hours) and they picked us up that evening.

I live in a hotel about a ten minute drive from school and a twenty minute drive from the metro station. All meals in the week and accommodation are all paid for by the school, so we only have weekends to fend for ourselves. Time off is spent exploring the surrounding areas, eating lots of different and interesting food and just generally having an amazing time.

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I've seen the Pearl TV Tower, been up to the top of the 4th tallest building in the world, met the Artistic Director of Toni&Guy (got a free haircut!) and his partner, the Artistic Director of Ikea (I tried for free furniture but got denied). Anything and everything seems possible in Shanghai.

Every year, Chinese people celebrate their ancestors with the Qing Ming Festival (Tomb Sweeping), so the majority of people travel back to their families on that weekend. A friend and I decided to go to Xi'an (pronounced Shee-ann) for the weekend to see the Terracotta Warriors!

If you ever get the chance to go, please do, it is one of the most amazing and breath-taking things I have ever seen. We also cycled 14km around Xi'an city wall, saw the Big Wild

Goose Pagoda, a musical fountain show, ate lots of mystery meat and spicy noodles, and had a fantastic time.



I even got to see a little piece of Vervan, in the form of Mr Richard Clarke while he visited in Shanghai. We talked for a long time over food and drinks about our different experiences of this Eastern playground I call home. It was great to have a little connection; it made the world feel very small indeed.

So who knows what else China has in store for me!

All I do know is that I love China and I love

being an 'expat'. No ifs, ands or buts. It's diverse, colourful, cultural and amusing. Oh yes, it has its moments of being completely baffling and frustrating, but every day is a challenge to me, and I love that. I enjoy walking into a packed, grubby and totally hazardous family restaurant, and choosing what

someone else is eating... and just trying.

I like approaching a taxi and using my dodgy Mandarin to get home, not using the useful little card I have to tell the driver where to go. Where would the fun be in that?! I'm sure my Mum and Dad will keep you all updated, but for anyone that is interested, my online blog is updated at least once a week and can be found at:

[http://](http://eleanor-)

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So for now, I will say zài jiàn (goodbye) and huítóu jiàn (see you soon)!



We look forward to another bulletin from Ellie soon! [Ed]

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Malcolm and Ann Craven wrote letters home about their latest expedition - *India again!* and have been persuaded to share them with our readers.

Yes, India again – two years since we were last here. We are now in Kerala, in the south, and it is hot.

We have been staying at Homestays which are like bed and breakfast, except that many do three meals a day. It was while staying in one at Kunoor that we arranged to go to a martial arts club - a bit like karate club except that Kerala they have their own special type of martial art.

We arrived just as the kiddies session was ending and found that these were boys and girls aged about ten to twelve and most of what they were doing was exercises.

However, when they finished the real stuff started. There seemed to be two age groups say 13 - 15 and 16 upwards. Now they did not only exercise but used weapons. Against the wall were stacked fighting sticks, metal shields, swords, spears and battleaxes, plus an assortment of knives - real ones! They started with the fighting sticks, about four feet long, which the younger group slashed and hit at one another.

Obviously they were going through the exercises they had learned



earlier but nevertheless they were in earnest and would have given a nasty bruise if contact was made other than on the stick. Then the oldest group came on and looking at their faces you had no doubt that they intended to try to beat down one another's guard.

All this time the instructor was out on the floor for each bout and even took part against the oldest - a young man of perhaps twenty plus.

After the sticks they tried the spears. One had a spear, his opponent a metal shield and a sword. Obviously the spear was blunt but it still had a point and there was no doubting the force of the blows as they were fended off by the shield and sword. They took turns as they tried different weapons and at one point two of the older ones had a go at each other with knives - we could see these close up and they were conventional kitchen knives - pointed and sharp!

The instructor took part in some of these exercises as often there were four men fighting each other at one time.

His specialty showed when to took the floor alone and walked around. suddenly a young man leapt at him with a knife. We had not noticed but the instructor was carrying a length of red cord. He fought off the youth, tied him up and left him helpless on the floor.

The oldest youth tried to get him but, with another piece of cord he was also put out of action. Two together had a go. First he tied them in knots with their own arms and legs then finished the job with another cord, so that they were helpless, tied together in a mess of limbs. His knots were real, too.

After this bout finished the 'victims' had to be untied by the others in the class as they were well and truly helpless. They could not even undo the oldest youth but had to get the instructor's help.

Then the finale. On the wall were two long metal whips, handles with several long strips of steel attached. Each length of steel was about four or five feet long and about two inches wide and there were perhaps four strips to each handle. They cleared the floor of the hall and the instructor and the oldest



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man came and sat in front of the visitors holding long bamboo pole up as a shield for us. Then two of the lads took the floor with a whip each, as far apart as possible, and began a dance, whirling the whips around their heads and sides, and as the metal strips struck the floor sparks flew!

As a fighting weapon these things would have been lethal. They danced at speed, using special moves, no doubt, but left us breathless. The whole thing rather put karate to shame..

I don't think health and safety would allow such things in England! These weapons, the knives and the whips, could kill, and even a blow from a blunt sword

would have given an nasty headache, given the enthusiasm with which they entered into the game - I suppose it was a game!

This was all while we were at a Homestay at a place which was practically on the beach, set in a coconut grove.

While we were there the coconut man came. It seems that as the nuts grow they are green and it is when in this state that you get the drink, As time goes on they harden and turn brown and hairy, like the ones you see in a fair-ground, in which the milk has gone and become the coconut we generally see, hard and crumbly and white.



However at this stage they also fall to the ground. Seeing as the house with its visitors is underneath, about every 40 days they call in a man who comes, climbs the tree, and cuts down all of the ripe nuts which would otherwise fall unannounced and could be lethal.

The palm has a trunk that is horizontally ridged and the man puts his ankles either side of the trunk and ties them with a cloth or cord. He does the same with his hands, then gets a grip on the trunk and pulls himself up. 'walking' up the trunk ridges. When he gets to the nuts he hangs on, unwraps his wrists, takes the machete from his belt and hacks off the nuts

He then comes down and goes to the next palm with ripe nuts and does the same. When we were at the next homestay it had a proper commercial palm grove and I asked the farmer if the nuts were cut in the same way.

No - it seems he hires a team of experts who come and do the whole grove in one sweep. Because the palms, about eighty feet high, are thin and pliant, when one tree is finished the climber gets the tree to sway until he can swing from one tree to the next to repeat the process. In this way the whole grove will be cut in one morning by a gang all swinging and cutting. Then the gang moves on to the next farmer who wants his grove harvested.
[to be continued...]



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Who's been in my taxi?

It's an interesting occupation, driving a taxi - and you never know who you're going to meet!

Various men, women, children and dogs get picked up and taken to their destination, either on the Roseland or further afield. Some people are walking 'our' part of the South West Coast path which runs from Minehead in Somerset to Poole harbour in Dorset - 630 miles in total. Not my idea of a relaxing holiday! Some do a week's walking at a time, others fit in a weekend here and there, but all are determined to go out in all winds and weather.

Others are here for a more relaxed stay - chilling out for a few days and delighted (and amazed) that in a lot of locations there is no signal for their mobile 'phone. "How do you manage?" is a frequently asked question.

With the better weather (we hope) the wedding season is starting and people from 'up country' come down to enjoy what we have all year, beautiful countryside and sea views, fresh air and clear night skies where you can actually see the stars.

A particular 'pick-up' was for me one of amazement and I will remember it for a long time. I had a call at about 7.45 pm from a gentleman asking to be collected from Gare farm. "Over by Trewarthenick?" I asked. "Not too sure, you'd better speak to the farmer"


This I did and established that yes, it was where I had to go. I got to the destination and the man got into the taxi with a small rucksack and a large map. "Been staying long?" I asked (a general question to many customers). "Not really" he replied, "I've just landed my glider in a field here". "Oh! Where have you flown from?" expecting the reply to be Peranporth airfield. "Norwich" he said.

He explained that he had taken off at 11 that morning having driven from his home in Essex as the airspace around there was too busy with aircraft using Gatwick and Heathrow. His aim was to fly to Dunkeswell in east Devon. Because the weather had been so good he had just kept flying, keeping his partner up to date with his progress by mobile 'phone, while she drove along with the trailer waiting for him to land.

He said that his glider had been built in the 1950s (All that way in an old plane with no engine!) and that he thought that he had probably set a new record for distance, about 390 miles, the previous record having been about 330 miles.

I dropped my passenger off at Fraddon where his partner was due to meet him. They would go back to the farm in the morning and collect the glider, which had been pegged down in the field to prevent it from blowing away, after which they would drive back home to Chelmsford. What some people achieve in a day!

Judith Rundle



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11 May Roche [H]
18 May Newquay [A]
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[A]

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Three notebooks among the documents held at Cornwall Record Office contain notes made by Custom Officers and circulated to local stations along the south Cornish coast from Fowey to Falmouth, in the very early days of the service. [ref: RS/10/1-3]

The coastguard service was established in the 1820s, with stations at most local harbours, Gorran Haven and Portloe being two. Each station had a Chief Officer, a Chief Boatman, Ordinary Boatmen, and Riding Officers, whose task was to ride between stations with the written messages.

The Mevagissey officer rode to Gorran Haven whose officer rode to Portloe; Portloe took the message to Gerrans from where it was sent to St Mawes. The uniform consisted of blue jackets, white breeches and brown boots. Some were armed, but one note mentions 'blank cartridges', presumably to frighten rather than to harm, and probably safer all round.

There are instructions, complaints, and warnings about potential smugglers, as well as descriptions of how the goods could be concealed from view.

In 1821 it was recorded that 'it is a practice at the Preventive Stations when a seizure of spirits is made, to distribute a small portion thereof among the crew for their private use...such practice is extremely improper and highly injurious to the Service...' In 1825 Mr Fuller, the chief officer of the Gorran Haven station, 'having ordered one of the crew to breach a jar of spirits part of a seizure, and take a glass of the contents, ...' was 'removed' from his position, warned to be more careful, and kept on only because of previous good conduct; however, the rest of the crew were 'dispersed to other stations'.

Contraband goods included brandy, tobacco, and silks. Stones used for ballast could be hollowed out, with kegs of spirits concealed within; boats were fitted with fake bottoms; silks could be contained inside hams hollowed and lined with calico; small casks were covered with 'cement and seaweed' and 'have every appearance of being stones, sunk by the rocks close to shore', while tobacco was 'made up to look like rope'.

Oils were contained in copper cans labelled 'orange flower water'. Outgoing goods included Leicester sheep being transported to France, 'the same being illegal'.

Kiberick was a favourite landing place, and local men [and customs men as well] were regularly arrested, not only for smuggling but for drunkenness, being absent without leave, absconding, or 'riotous conduct' [no doubt after all that sampling of cargo]. What is interesting is that when listing absconders [and there were many] the report books give a description: height, hair and eye colour and so on.

Cargoes were substantial. In 1825 'a man named Trusket belonging to St Stephen near St Austell' was reported as owning a cargo which he had tried to land on the north coast, but had been spotted heading for the south coast. 'He will probably try for Charlestown' and was thought to have on board 700 tubs. A special alert was sent to officers at Gorran Haven and Portloe. There is no report of his capture!

Our own Mr Trist was very aware of what was happening in his parish, and recorded his opinions in his parish registers. Burials of men who died after drinking too much brandy, or of men and boys who drowned while trying to rescue kegs of spirits, got no sympathy, especially if, as in one entry, it was 'on the Sabbath!'

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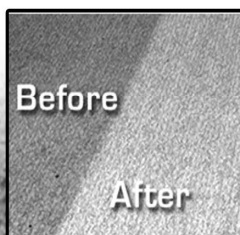
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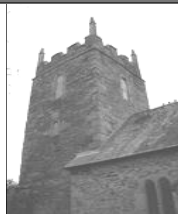
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Round the Churches...

Ruan Lanihorne



Our Easter services started on Good Friday with a service of Meditation and Veneration of the Cross. One Easter Day we celebrated the Risen Christ with a service of Holy Communion. The church was beautifully decorated and grateful thanks go to all who helped to make it so.

A social afternoon held on 2 April and organised by Mrs Jean Wasley raised over £365 towards St Rumon's Window restoration project. The event was well attended and we all very much enjoyed the magnificent refreshments that were served. Many thanks are due to Jean and her family for bringing about such a successful event.

PF

Roseland Churches' Choir diary 2013

- Sunday 26 May
Trinity evensong,
Gerrans 6 pm
- Sunday 11 August
Patronal festival
evensong, Gerrans 6 pm
- Sunday 25 August
Patronal festival
evensong, Ruan 6 pm
- Sunday 6 October
Harvest evensong,
Veryan 6 pm
- Sunday 13 October
Harvest evensong,
Ruan 6 pm

NEWS FROM PORTLOE



Our Easter services this year seemed especially memorable, beginning with Canon Doug's moving Meditation and Veneration of the Cross. Leaving church in the wind and rain it was comforting to be given a delicious home-made hot cross bun! The next day, the church was transformed with the most wonderful lilies, camellias and daffodils ready for Easter Day when Rachel Carbis led a glorious service of Morning Worship.

The first of our Tuesday teas was, perhaps fortunately, a somewhat low-key affair, as, that same evening, we celebrated Gerald's life with a concert given for him by his beloved Jacka Jazz. We had seating for 85 though there were still some standing, and it was lucky that we had 100 hot pasties to hand round in the interval! Mike wove in anecdotes about the band and Gerald's part in it. He would have been as pleased as Punch to see his family there, together with so many friends from all over the county, and delighted in the great music played for him. He would also have been pleased that it was possible to give £100 to church funds.

The Open Meeting on 8 April went well, chaired by the Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson in under an hour! The Minutes are available in church.

We're looking forward to a busy and happy Anniversary weekend beginning with a visit on Saturday 18th by 50 members of the Cornish Methodist Historical Association. Over coffee and biscuits Jeanette and Canon

Doug will be talking about our Local Ecumenical Partnership and the history of Methodism in the village. Morning Worship on the Sunday will be led by the Revd Ian Haile, who was involved in setting up the church in 1992. Monday 20th at 7 pm is the annual Blessing of the Sea, followed by supper at 7.30 - £6 on the door - do come!

JH

VERYAN PARISH CHURCH



The PCC's Annual Meeting was held after this issue of 'Parish News' went to print, but we can report that the magazine is doing well - our loyal advertisers continue to support us as do our subscribers - and thank you all for your subscriptions. We have a few new readers, and while there are 145 names on our distribution list, that represents 145 households in our two parishes, so at least double that



Change of date

Please note that because of the installation at Truro Cathedral of the newly appointed Bishop of St Germans on Sunday 19 May, the choral evensong planned for Gerrans that day has been altered and will take place on 26 May to celebrate Trinity Sunday.

number will read 'Parish News'. Seven subscribers are 'on-line only' readers, which makes a lot of sense if you previously paid for postal delivery, especially with new and higher rates. And don't forget to look at the on-line colour version even if you get the paper copy.

We've also had a blitz in the vestry, and removed a quantity of ancient bits of vestments, linen cloths and a mysterious and ragged 'academic robe' whose provenance was lost in the mists of time (even Margery couldn't work out whose it once was).

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK This year Christian Aid week is 12-18 May.

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New Bishop of St Germans

We are delighted that a new Bishop of St Germans has been appointed.

The Revd Christopher Goldsmith, currently a parish priest in the Diocese of Chelmsford, will be consecrated Bishop in Southwark Cathedral on 14 May, and welcomed to Cornwall at a service in the Cathedral at 6 pm on Sunday 19 May.

His wife Ellie is also a priest, and they will live in Tresillian.

Come Dancing!

**VERYAN PARISH
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**Sunday 7 pm
5th & 19th May
contact Ann [501035]
or Pat [501479]
for details**

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VERYAN**

**Third Thursday in the
month 2.30 pm**

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR May

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
Sunday 5 May Easter 6		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Revd Dr John Johnson
Sunday 12 May Ascension Sunday		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Anglican informal worship
Sunday 19 May Pentecost		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Mattins Canon Doug	21st ANNIVERSARY 10.30 am Morning Worship Revd Ian Haile
Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday		
8.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug 11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
Sunday 2 June Trinity 1		
11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Morning Worship Rachel Carbis

Please note - no Mattins at Veryan in May because we celebrate Trinity Sunday on the 4th Sunday.

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Services in May

Sunday 5 May Easter 6

Acts 16, 9-15
Reg Woodward [275716]
Revelation 21, 10 & 22 to 22,5
Joan Woodward

Sunday 12 May Ascension Sunday

Acts 1, 1-11
Ann Craven [731]
Ephesians 1, 15-23
Margery Truscott [302]

Sunday 19 May Pentecost

Genesis 11, 1-9
Peter Gardner [530591]
Acts 2, 1-21
Margaret Cortis [256]

Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8, 1-4 & 22-31
Robin Rundle [500950]
Romans 5, 1-5
David Elliott [230]

Sunday 2 June Trinity 1

1 Kings 18, 20, 21 & 30-39
Christine Edwards [727]
Galatians 1, 1-12
Sue Truscott [609]

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

If you're not on the reading list but would like to be, contact Christine [501727]

Veryan Flowers and Brass

High Altar

4 & 11 May Mrs M Veness
18 & 25 May Mrs H Betty
1 & 8 June Mrs E Reece
Font or porch
4 & 11 May Mrs H Robins
18 & 25 May Mrs B Carter
1 & 8 June Mrs J Elliott

BRASS: vacancy

Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

5 May: Mrs Mihalop./
Mrs Hamblett
19 May: Mrs Redley/Mrs Bowen
2 June: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley

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]

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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]

May Diary

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Sunday 5th

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Bingo at sports club 7.30 pm [page 11]

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choosing fairy queen, Veryan sports club 6.30 pm [page 9]

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Cornwall Methodist Historical Association visit to Portloe

Sunday 19th
Portloe Anniversary 10.30 am

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Every Friday
10.30-11.30 am
VERYAN MARKET
parish hall

CREAM TEAS AT PORTLOE
Tuesdays from April onwards at 3 pm

CRICKET FIXTURES -
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Veryan parish website
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All local news and information welcome: contact is Toby Robinson at the shop

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From the Registers

Marriage at Veryan
Saturday 23 March
Scott Lloyd & Janancee Jesuthasan

R I P
Funeral at Veryan
Monday 8 April
Winifred Mary Emmett
Followed by cremation

Funeral at Philleigh
Tuesday 16 April
Stanley & Margaret Blight of Veryan
Followed by cremation

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