

PARISH NEWS

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VERYAN AND RUAN LANIHORNE JUNE 2013

RUAN LANIHORNE *a parish with a fascinating history!*

On a fine but chilly evening last month members of Gerrans and Portscatho Old Cornwall Society were taken on a walk of discovery around the village of Ruan Lanihorne by local historian David Hughes.

See page 5 for report

Right: photograph of Ruan probably at the turn of the last century, showing the limekiln, many cottages no longer there and the church tower just visible through the trees. [Many thanks to Tiny Rundle for the image]

Below: examining an old clome oven in a hedge at Ruan



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VERYAN AUTUMN SHOW 2013

The AGM of the Show was held on 15 April and all the committee members were re-elected *en bloc*. It was agreed that 2012 had been another very successful show and it was hoped that this would continue. **The date of this year's Show is Saturday 7 September** and of course the sun WILL shine as it always does and the WI will be there in force with their delicious refreshments. Jacka Jazz will entertain us, so what more could we wish for?

We look forward to a 'bumper bundle' of entries as usual. We have all been watching the wonderful 'Great British Bake-off' and its spin-off programmes, so really there's no excuse, is there? Let's show the lovely Mary Berry and the handsome Paul Hollywood how we do it here in Veryan.

Now, this is for the men to read especially. The men's Pasty class was a little depleted last year so can we please have your best efforts this time? We may offer an incentive to the winner (to be announced at a later date - probably only a posh apron, so don't get too excited) and I shall come knocking on doors if the entries don't come in - you have been warned!

The Limerick competition first line is

'The auction commenced at five'

And I shall be very surprised if we don't get some very interesting entries mentioning our lovely auctioneer!

The photographic classes are as follows:

ADULTS: At the Show
One single bloom
Castles (black and white)
Just Married
Old and New
Mother Nature (set of four prints)
A digitally-enhanced photograph (own choice)

CHILDREN: On holiday
On the Farm
My friend

Get those cameras clicking (oops! They don't click any more, do they? - shows how much I know about photography!)

Because of the available space we have had to **restrict entries to FOUR PER ENTRANT PER CLASS**. It's always a very popular part of the show, so keep the entries coming.

The committee looks forward to seeing 'goodies' from old and new entrants, particularly the children, because we are desperately trying to keep this a special 'community day' for Veryan and with your help we will. See you on 7 September!

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IN YOUR GARDEN this

"I ain't got nothing" he exclaimed in his broad Cornish accent. This was Gilbert's rather loud response to my polite enquiry about how preparations for his Vryan Show entries might be going. Of course he says this every year and yet, miraculously, ends up bringing crates full of prize winning dahlias and the rest! But his ability to provoke a competitive spirit in not only me, but several others might bear closer scrutiny. Recently I offered a mutual friend a few cabbage plants. I explained to her that these were the ones I was growing for the Show and she might want to nurture them similarly. Her immediate response was 'Great, I would just like to beat Gilbert in just one category'. Another friend, visiting the Nursery said 'Just a couple of points more than Gilbert would suit me!'. I can only conclude that he is a very worthy Show committee member who is invoking, single handedly, the desire to win amongst many of you! Of course his biggest ploy to confuse us has also been unmasked. Fortunately somebody told me that the Show this year is on 7 September, at least two weeks earlier than normal. I suspect Gil was going to leave that little snippet of information on the back burner in the hope he could gain some advantage – some of us not being ready in time. The lengths to which some will go are mind boggling!

I suspect like me you may be struggling with the climatic conditions. Many vegetable seeds have been slow to germinate, young growth gets checked by cold night time temperatures and in a glass

greenhouse you do not have the ambient heat that a tunnel produces. I think it's just a case of soldiering on and accepting that some things are going to be a little later than normal.

I would normally be expecting to start picking broad beans in early to mid-June and whilst the plants are covered in flower they are still very short. There is as always some good news though. I picked my first spear of asparagus on 21 April and the next two were picked on 13th May. Ok it looks like it may only be three spears but hey ho.

The apple and pear trees are covered in blossom and I only hope they get a chance to be pollinated before the unseasonally high wind in mid-May wind blew off the blossom. I had daffodils in flower this year from mid-February and still had lovely flowers in mid-May. Different varieties of course.

I freshly plant a load of daffs in two urns and some pots for the terrace in the spring and I did a special order for those last summer.

I think I got somebody else's order because the labels and the flowers don't match. I order short ones for the urns and they are at least a foot tall and have defied the weather. I ordered tall ones for the pots on the ground and they are short and pale lemon and one pot has the frilliest daffodils I have ever seen. Not what I ordered but I am not complaining the season has been nearly four months long!

Eighteen months ago I planted some white ranunculi and last spring a few came up. (Note, I defy the spell checker, still preferring the Latin plurals, 'ranunculuses' is such a mouthful!) This spring they have doubled and trebled and they really are a treat with long life in both the garden and a vase. I shall plant more this autumn, they are very special.

Over the summer last year I cleared a border that was untidy and unplanned and is now next to the terrace where, if we get a chance we can sit for a while. The back of the border had an ugly yet necessary fence and we put in a line of bog standard blue mop head hydrangeas. They will be pink and purple no doubt but have established well with loads of rain water, their main requirement. In front are clumps of huge blue agapanthus with yellow day lilies and interspersed are alliums and wild purple gladioli. In the very front are dark aubrietias and the errant daffodils. This border is the first that I have planted from scratch *and* have actually really planned well.

As the larger plants sprang into early growth the daffodils bloomed. As they went down the aubrietia had spread and flowered. As the aubrietia fades away the alliums have poked up their globes of white and as they disappear the gladioli will still be flowering.

The summer is bright with the heads of agapanthus and day lilies all backed up into the autumn with the hydrangeas. The new border a sea of colour from February hopefully through to late autumn. I am rather proud of it and a little effort in the planning has paid off well. The runner bean plants were carefully hardened off outside and I will be planting out in early June. The soil is perfect, a mixture of homemade compost and well-rotted manure.

I have to thank Gilbert from the bottom of my heart. He brought up his tractor and mixed the great piles of homemade compost with the well-rotted manure (which he had supplied for me a year earlier). The resultant mix is nothing short of black gold and the runners are going to love it. If I was lucky enough to win a prize for my beans then I would have to acknowledge Mr Grigg's invaluable input!

Finally you can still sow loads of seeds and plants for this season. The weather may have discouraged early plantings. Carrot seeds in warm soil will produce a late small crop and in earlier crops keep an eye out for the dreaded carrot fly. Winter caulis, broccoli and cabbage can all be planted now and indeed into next month.

Lettuces can still go in. Watch the caulis though: they can produce nothing but disappointment. They are greedy chaps. They must be transplanted into soil that has been deeply prepared with good compost and well-rotted manure which will not only feed but keep the roots moist too. Very often the flowers start to mature too early - 'premature curding'. Eliminate stress, keep them well watered and don't transplant too late.

Smaller seedlings will transplant well so move them from seed trays or modules when they are just big enough to handle. And certainly before they are six weeks old. Keep the roots covered with soil whilst transplanting, water in well and add a little liquid feed to the water. Then ensure they are never short of water thereafter.

I am weeding constantly; weeds seem to grow whatever the weather. So much so that I have found two people to help me. I am not going to tell you who they are; I want to keep them a secret. They are the best weeders I have ever come across. To be a good weeder you have to have a plan and method and actually you need to be a good gardener as many weeds seem to come up next to plants they look like. These two people are exceptional and I am so grateful. My borders have never looked so good. You know who you are. Thank you!

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Reader's letter from Lincoln

I have been pondering the meaning of words.

My train of thought was prompted by a report stemming from a survey of those who visit cathedrals.

Writing this just after the bank holiday weekend, I can vouch to the huge variety of visitors who come to Lincoln; the words, though, were 'sacred' and 'spiritual'. Looking at my dictionary, the meanings seem very close, but I just wonder whether they are exploring different things.

The report was entitled Spiritual Capital but a colleague talking about it chose the word 'sacred' and this jarred. It felt as if he was limiting its scope. Let me explain.

When I go to the northwest coast of Cornwall I feel a strong sense of something spiritual: the spirit of my ancestors overwhelmed by its awesome beauty. Awesome is another ill-treated word. The Gurnards Head induces in me a sense of awe, so too, of course, does the Nare.

My dictionary used the word soul a number of times whilst seeking to define 'spiritual'. There is something about an intangible sense of continuity: a deep link with the natural world around and what has gone before. A cathedral is made by man; does this make it different?

When looking at the meaning of the word sacred, my dictionary used the word religion, as indeed it had when defining spiritual, but

here it seemed more prominent. Is somewhere sacred because we make it so? And if that is so, is it not also the patina left by generations of our ancestors who thought it so?

The report talked of cathedrals speaking to people of all faiths or indeed none. I am sure this is true. Can we try to guess what they might be saying?

A cathedral surely is moulded by what has happened in it over centuries: the deep layer of Christian prayer and worship. The contrast with the spiritual would seem to me to be that the spiritual is not limited in this way; it is like the Christian idea of the spirit which moves where it will: indeed the free spirit.

Can the soaring gothic of a cathedral induce this feeling, or would that be too dangerous? What about the majesty of St Paul's classical columns? Perhaps better to be safe with the word 'sacred'? I wonder though whether different Christian traditions can help us here? The Celtic tradition with its connectedness sees no distinction between prayer and everyday life and work.

I can think of those who may read these ramblings who could cast sharper light. Perhaps they could appear in future editions?

Wishing you all a lovely early summer

Phil

Would anyone like to take up Phil's suggestion? [Ed]

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There will be a confirmation service with a difference this year. The Bishop of Truro, the Right Revd Tim Thornton, will be coming to Vryan to confirm candidates during the Vryan C of E School collective worship in Vryan Church on Friday 27 September 2013 at 9.15 am.

Confirmation preparation will begin shortly. Children will be prepared after school on days which are most suitable for them, taking into account after-school activities. We may opt for getting together occasionally during the summer holidays as well.

Adults are very welcome to be prepared for confirmation as well. One lady has already expressed her interest. Separate sessions will be arranged for adults (and teenagers if there are any who are interested) and sessions will probably take place at the vicarage during evenings. Please let Fr Doug know if you or your children would like to be confirmed on 01872 501618 or at fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net



VERYAN WI
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[501673]*

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Ruan Lanihorne's hidden past

Did you know that Ruan Lanihorne was once a busy port? That it had a massive castle with seven towers? That you can still see, if you know where to look, clues to what this now quiet Cornish village used to be like? Around thirty members of Gerrans and Portscatho Old Cornwall Society were taken on a walk that was short in distance but long in duration and full of snippets of fascinating information, thanks to local guide David Hughes. Thoughtfully providing the group with copies of old photographs of the village, he led a walk which took the group to the locations shown in the images and pointed out surviving relics of the past as well as commenting on more recent changes to buildings.



Starting at the Reading Rooms (formerly three cottages) the group walked past the site of the old lime kiln {its stones recycled into a neat garage) up to the old school with its bell intact, via the forge (now a tiny holiday cottage) and the mill and mill house. Returning past the King's Arms David explained the changes in its construction in the late nineteenth century necessary because of a fire caused by an upturned candle.

The lane leading from the lych gate down to the river used to house the parish water supply, with, as he demonstrated, a still-working pump: the photograph above shows the cottages that once stood there, just above what used to be the coal yard.

The church was visited - a welcome chance for some to sit down! - with time to admire the many features which survived the usual Victorian 'restoration': but as David remarked, without it the church might not still be standing. One could have wished that the old Tortoise stove had been working!

The final stage of the walk took the group round the north of the church past St Rumon's well and the remains of the old rectory, and along the road to David's own cottage which stands on part of the site of Ruan Castle.

Ruan Lanihorne is a parish that deserves a far better history than that produced by John Whitaker, rector from 1777 to 1808, whose often fanciful tales are superfluous when so many records survive to tell us of the past of this lovely part of Cornwall.



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Family Fun Day at Veryan & Roseland Tennis Club: Susan Dew reports

The 'Fun Day' attracted 47 non-members, from toddlers under three to the over-seventies. Three coaches were on hand to assist juniors and adults, and a separate short court for the very young was set up to enable them to be coached in safety. Club members were on hand to act as ball boys and net practice partners.

A delicious lunch was provided with many cakes and goodies. A prize draw was held, with the New Inn sponsoring a family lunch and the junior prize, a tennis racket, being sponsored by a club member. Many thanks to both!

The main aim of the day was to introduce juniors and adults to the fun of tennis and to attract new members from the Roseland area. The club has applied to 'Sport England's' Inspire Facilities programme for funding towards the upgrading of the shelter to include court-side changing and viewing facilities and floodlights to increase playing time for working members.

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For information about the club call Linda on 501783



FATHER DOUG'S SPONSORED SLIM!!

Father Doug Robins, chairman of the Veryan and Roseland Tennis Club, is embarking on a sponsored 'weight loss' as a fund raiser, to raise money for the tennis club project to improve amenities and facilities, initially by upgrading the court-side shelter and viewing facilities and installing floodlights.

The 'weigh-in' will be on the first Sunday of Wimbledon.

The 'weigh-out' will be at the Barn Dance on 14 August.

At the Barn Dance there will be a competition with a prize for the person who guesses the correct amount of weight lost.

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VERYAN CHURCH FETE NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to help bring the warmth to Veryan church?

If you have recently attended a service, wedding, christening or funeral in the church you may have found it a bit chilly. Unfortunately after 100 years of sterling service our old heating system finally broke down last year. A temporary form of heating has been installed but in order to keep the congregation warm, and to keep the fabric of the church in good order, we need to raise funds for a new heating system.

On Saturday 13 July the annual Church Fête will be held in the Parish Hall and Old School Gardens and the proceeds will go towards the new heating system.

Now, this is where you come in.

We need volunteers to help with setting up and taking down and to man the stalls in the afternoon. We would also appreciate items for the stalls: they will include plants, cakes and produce, nearly new, bric-a-brac, books, and the raffle. The tombola stall will take on a new format this year with every prize being a mug with a small gift inside it: so we would appreciate donations of mugs (not cracked or chipped!) and small gifts.

If you can help in any way please contact the Fête Coordinator Mrs Ann Craven (01872 501731) or at annattreviskey@tiscali.co.uk



Ladies at the Church Fête probably in the 1920s: sadly we don't have names: can anyone help?

[Thanks to Sue Truscott for the photograph]

The children at Veryan School are already playing their part. They are busy designing posters to advertise the fête. Prizes will be awarded to the posters judged to be the best.

Finally, don't forget to put the date in your diaries and come along to enjoy the fun on the day. The fête will be opened at 2 pm by the 32nd Regiment of Foot who are part of the Battle of Waterloo Re-enactment Society. Entertainment will be provided by 'Steel Roses' from Roseland Community College and, for the children, by Mr Wacky. Cream teas will be served in the Parish Hall.

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Letter from India

Ann & Malcolm Craven continue their travel diary

In my last letter from Kerala I have said that we stayed at Homestays as opposed to hotels, a new venture for us. These were all inclusive of breakfast and evening meal, plus things like cups of tea if you happened to be in at the right time. Like all India States Kerala has its own 'brand' of food, heavily oriented towards fish and vegetarian.

This is not surprising considering its long coastline, and fertile growing conditions favouring crops. The food is more heavily spiced in South India than in the North where the accent is more on meat and the korma, creamy and mild

From this homestay we were also taken deep into the forest to visit a forest tribe at a festival. Apparently in the 1700s a battle took place between the locals and the British, but the Gods were on the side of the locals and joined in the battle, defeating the British. Now, in the same week each year, a festival is held in the village when the occasion is re-enacted and the gods, Shiva and his mates, are all depicted in a dance which takes place one evening.

Shiva is the Destroyer in Hindu belief without whom there could be no life - you have to destroy in order to reincarnate. There are about six or seven basic Hindu gods each with several manifestations, all different names and it gets very confusing. No matter - as one local said to us. If you don't understand it don't worry - we don't either. Only the priests do!

When we got there, about a twenty minute jeep ride deep into the forest, we found an arena prepared. It was dark, of course, and floodlights were on, and in the centre an immense pole had been raised, held up by ornamental ropes. The pole was a nut pine, stripped of its bark and must have been about 100 feet high. I asked how they got it up and was told - many manpower. A feat in itself as they have no machinery.

On one side was a tent which we learned was the actors' dressing room where they dressed and were made up - a process which takes about an hour. Every actor has had to fast for seven days in preparation for the event

Around the arena was a low bank in two steps. The audience, including us, sat on the top step and put our feet on the lower one and could keep our shoes on. If you put your feet in the arena you had to take your shoes off as it is holy ground.

Then out came the first god. He was dressed in a brilliantly decorated costume with a wide skirt

held out on hoops, but it was not circular but vertical and flat. The costume was basically red and orange, decorated with mirrors, beads and ornaments and he had a head dress which covered his head but left his made up face clear. The makeup was largely black and red.



He had two attendants in normal dress who held his hand as he danced at speed around the arena - I imagine to give him support as he was probably weak after fasting. To the tune of a fast beaten drum they danced over the whole arena which is circular and about the size of a football field, faster and faster, in circles and patterns, then began to go around the arena edge gesticulating at the crowd.

We watched in fascination - but did not notice that the crowds as he passed stood up. Suddenly he was in front of us, gesticulating and shouting and making passes with his wand, and people were shouting to us 'Stand up, stand up'. Panicked we struggled to our feet and he went on his way.

Then the dance led him out of the arena and around the village itself.



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We could hear the music as he went, further and further, then it got louder he came back, danced again in the arena, before going to the 'dressing room'. Then the drum started again and out he came, pausing outside for a new head dress to be put on - and what a head dress! It must have been twenty feet high! It was obviously something like bamboo covered with paper and it was shaped like a feather.



Once more into the dance, round and round for about another five minutes. Imagine this, a dark tropical night, the floodlit arena, the pole rising above the lights into the blackness, the insidious beat of the drum, primitive, hypnotic, getting into your mind, a crowd in a religious fervour and you begin to get the atmosphere.

The god went and sat with his attendants on a throne in the middle. Now he was receiving visitors and the spectators came into the arena to go to him to be blessed. Though they know he is an actor he represents the mystical being, an integral part of their religion. We were asked to go forward - we had our shoes off by now, and were formally presented. His face was now streaked with the black make up which had

run in his sweat and he chatted to us, neither side understanding, of course, then he blessed us and put a dirty finger mark on our heads. We were told this was the first act of three, two other gods to perform but we did not stay as it would go on until the early hours.

We were taken to the village where we were given refreshment - chai and something on a banana leaf which we ate and hoped it would not be too drastic on our stomachs. We were then ceremoniously thanked for coming. It seems the lady who ran our homestay was the local 'lady of the manor' and had come in her official capacity to open the event and we were her honoured guests.

Well just one more thing.

The previous happenings were in the Wayanad Forest which is in the foothills of the Nirigiri Hills. From there we went to Ooty which is high in the hills, an old British hilltop summer resort where they went to escape the summer heat. It is over 2500 metres high. After we had been there for three days we came down to the plain again by bus. I have driven and been driven over many mountain roads in my life but never one like this. It snaked down the mountainside, hairpin after hairpin and I gave up counting them at twenty six! In several places one hairpin went straight into the next with no straight section between! There were signs on every bend saying 'Take Care' etc and 'Phone ***** for free ambulance.' Then a couple which said 'Phone ***** for free mortuary'!

CORNWALL HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Our parish churches need regular maintenance and sometimes major renovation. Grants are available from the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust (Veryan and Ruan have both benefitted recently) but the Trust depends on fundraising to replenish its grant fund.

One of the major annual events is what used to be the 'bike ride' when determined (and fit) cyclists sped round the county 'collecting' churches for which their friends and neighbours sponsored them. Half the money raised goes to the local church, the other half to the Trust.

This year's event has been re-named 'Cornwall Historic Churches Day' to allow for events other than cycling! - and will be on Saturday 14 September.

Our local area organiser is Jeanne Hitchings from Portloe and Christine Edwards is a member of the Trust's executive committee. Next month's magazine will contain more information and ideas for you to think about, but do contact either of them if you want to know more.

TRURO FOOD BANK

As you probably know Truro Food Bank is becoming increasingly busy as more and more people find themselves in a situation where they need help to feed themselves and their families. At present the parcels are distributed from All Saints, Highertown, and Truro Methodist Church. This is a long way from the Roseland - nearly 15 miles from Veryan!

The Truro Food Bank would like to make the food parcels more accessible to Roseland people. To do that they need to have a place to store some food. This does not need to be a large space and the corner of a dry barn or garage would suffice. Once the storage is in place food vouchers will be given for distribution to agencies who are likely to come into contact with people in need. Once a voucher is issued a volunteer will arrange to get the food parcel from the store to the recipient.

If you have a space that the Food Bank could use please contact Fr Doug on 501618 or fatherdougrobins@talktalk.net

Dr. Donald Craig 1929 - 2013

Graham Salmon sent us this tribute. The Craigs were neighbours of the Salmons in Veryan.

Donald Craig died on 28 April after a short illness. He had a very happy life. He had a quiet Scots father and an ambitious mother. He was evacuated in 1939 to relations on the Isle of Arran but returned to a grammar school in Sheffield and won a scholarship to Balliol College, Oxford, where he met and subsequently married Jill. Holidays camping and sailing at Percuil in Cornwall complemented his professional work as a police surgeon, school and hospice doctor. He moved mid life to Gallions Reach Health Centre where pioneering work at Thamesmead involved teaching students from Guys Hospital Medical School. In semi retirement in Cornwall he ran a colposcopy service in Plymouth and regarded this as his most rewarding and socially useful work. He loved mathematics, sailed into his 70s, skied and cycled into his 80s. In later years he became proficient at a variety of indoor crafts including weaving, basketmaking, embroidery and needle point. He loved music and was a keen member of his local recorder group. His first marriage lasted 51 years until the death of his first wife Jill in 2005. He had 4 children, 11 grand-children and 2 great grandchildren.

His second wife Juliet who survives him gave him great joy and cared for him in his last years. The last 6 months of his life were complicated by mobility issues which frustrated him greatly. He died in The John Radcliffe Hospital of septicaemia and renal failure. His room was within sight of Balliol. He was surrounded by the girls and Juliet. In typical Donald style he left numerous and complicated instructions for his funeral including writing the entire service. He was a magnificent man and a bit of a show off. We loved him.

Henry Blamey

Caerhays church was full to overflowing last month for the funeral of 84-year-old Henry Blamey, a Veryan boy through and through, who married a Veryan girl, and although they went to live in Gorran neither Henry or Jean ever lost their love for their native parish.

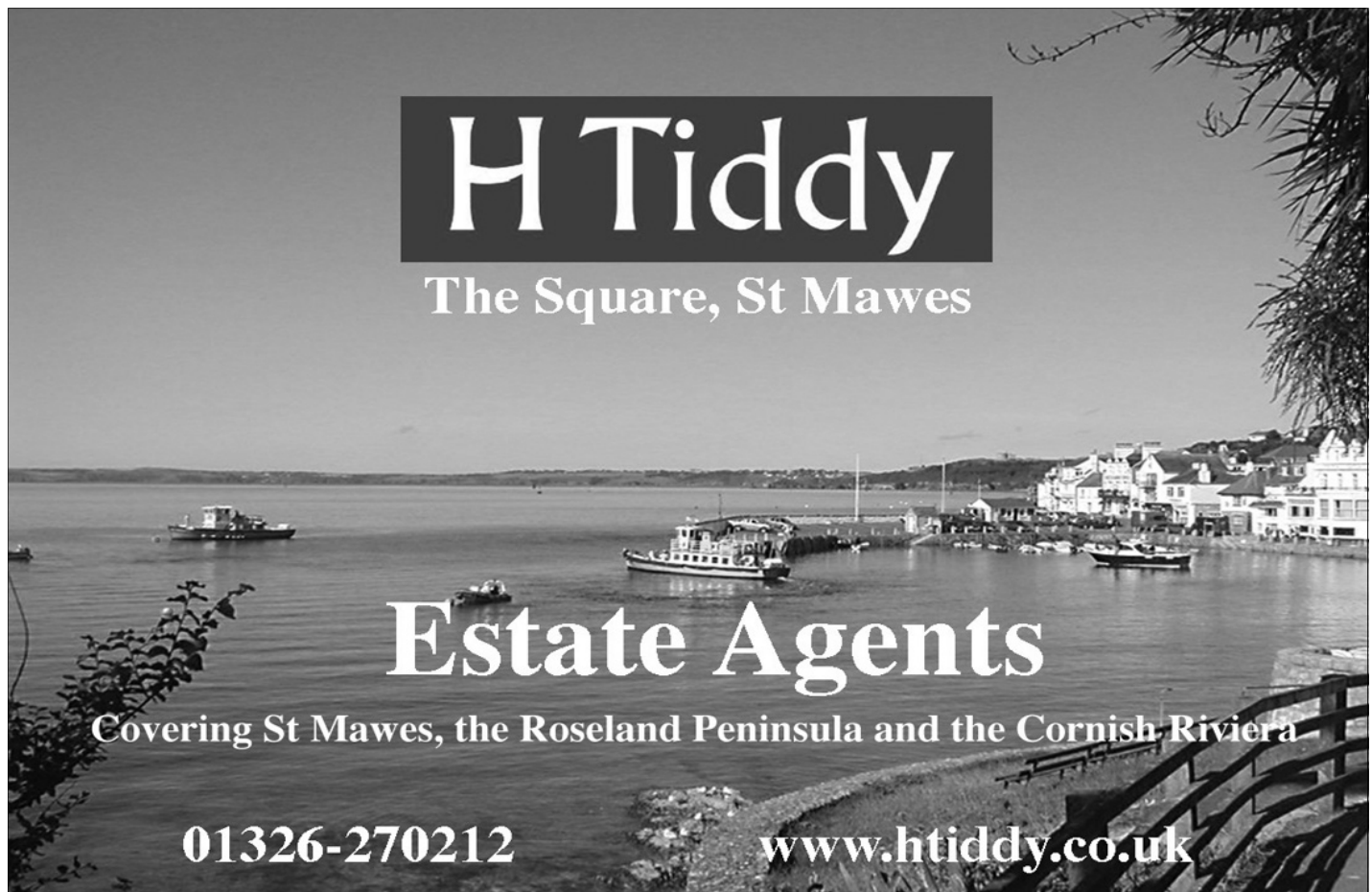
Henry was a fine ringer, often appearing in the tower doorway at Veryan almost apologetically, but always welcomed with warmth as 'wan o' we'. He was tower captain at Gorran and at

Caerhays and taught the art to many who remember with fondness his skill, his patience and his humour.

As a tribute to this fine and good man a band of ringers from Gorran, Caerhays and Veryan rang after the funeral, a set of eighty changes originally composed to celebrate Henry's 80th birthday.

RIP, Henry.

In heaven the bells are ringing



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Thank you !

From the PCC at Ruan to Vikki and Andrew at the King's Head for the very successful 'Paella Evening' which raised an amazing £650 towards our windows restoration Project.

And another thank you...

From the Veryan Ladies' Book Club to everyone who supported the book sale at Beruppa.

"We are delighted to say that £842.50 was raised for the Kenya Educational Initiative"

And yet another...

To our Cornwall Councillor Julian German for ensuring that some at least of our potholes were filled in...just before the election!!

CRICKET FIXTURES

Jolly's Drinks Cornwall League

Division 3 East
[all Saturdays unless otherwise stated]

1 June Bugle [H]
8 June Werrington [A]
15 June Bude [H]
22 June Wadebridge [A]
29 June Tintagel [H]
6 July Bugle [A]

Division 7 East
[all Saturdays unless otherwise stated]

1 June Roche [A]
8 June Launceston [H]
15 June Grampound Road [A]
22 June Werrington Exiles [H]
29 June Milton Abbot [A]
6 July Gunnislake [H]

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Day trips by coach are being arranged for 2013 with an experienced driver . If you would like to book, or need more information, please contact Judith [01872 501582]

**Cream teas
in aid of
Parkinson Disease
Thursday 18 July
Rosevallon farm
Tregony**

Coach trips
23 June
ROSEMOOR GARDENS
For 'Rose Weekend' £25
21 July
TIVERTON CANALS £30

**Old Cornwall Society
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VISIT TO PADSTOW**
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2 November
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info@veryanchurch.org.uk,
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'DISASTERS ALWAYS COME IN THREES...'

So said my gran, and it often seems to happen - things that go wrong never come singly. We experienced a series of 'events' in the last few weeks which gran would not only have appreciated but probably anticipated.

The first thing was the 'fridge-freezer.

One day we found that the milk had 'gone off': the refrigerator part had ceased to work. The freezer section still seemed OK, fortunately, as it was pretty full: some of last year's fruit, several pheasants, pasties etc., but clearly we needed a replacement. We investigated options in

Truro. A pleasant, and very young, assistant asked 'Is it still under guarantee?' We produced the receipt, dated 1986. 'Before I was born' he spluttered, obviously viewing us as antediluvian peasants.

We selected the most suitable model. 'When would madam like the delivery?' offering us 'tomorrow'. Gulp. What needed to be done? We have a pantry the size of a small bedroom, which is consequently full of 'stuff' from three generations as well as groceries, cake tins, jam pots, our 'wine cellar', gran's flat irons and a motley collection of vases. In order to remove the old freezer we would have to half empty the room.

We settled on a week's time, meanwhile planning some unusual combinations of food

from the freezer. Milk and butter would sit happily in a cool bag outside the back door in the teeth of the prevailing easterly winds. Two days later we had moved out, boxed up or otherwise dealt with most of the contents, and the removal of the old freezer revealed a quantity of cobwebs and a suspicious patch of rust on the floor. 'Might as well decorate' and so we did. The new model arrived, was installed and worked well.

A few days later we noticed a strange smell in the bedroom, which clearly came from the Rayburn in the kitchen below. Evidence of sticks in the damper box confirmed the existence of a nest. A frantic call to our friendly chimney sweep revealed the alarming news that he was 'retiring', but mention of the fumes brought him and his brushes swiftly to the rescue.

Several curious implements and an assortment of brushes later he triumphantly produced a huge pile of sticks (including blackthorn twigs - poor nestlings!), sheep's wool and straw. 'Lucky there weren't any eggs' he remarked, casually. As we cleared up afterwards, we did wonder 'what next?'

It wasn't long. A couple of days later the husband had gone into Truro equipped with a shopping list. At noon there was a phone call. 'Broken down, have called the AA'. Several hours later he arrived home. The thermostat had failed and had to be replaced 'without delay'.

Garage contacted, appointment arranged, repair effected. As we collected the car the mechanic remarked 'You've got a bit if a split in the exhaust, but it'll do for a little while'.

As we drove home I did comment that if it had been me I'd have got the repair done then and there.

However, all seemed well, and that was gran's 'third thing'.

A few days later we were getting ready to go to separate meetings, when there was a sudden panic and a good deal of 'scuffling' among papers, bags and files. 'Can't find my phone - will have to go without it'. 'When did you last see it?' 'When I phoned the AA'

With visions of the phone having been left on top of the car, we continued to search. The phone was eventually found in the pocket of the jacket that the husband had been wearing on the day of the rescue...

He departed for his meeting, only to return five minutes later with a tremendous clattering. Yes, the exhaust had come adrift in dramatic fashion, fortunately only a few yards up the road.

It was the Saturday before the bank holiday. The garage couldn't help, and suggested calling the AA (again). The nice AA man arrived, fixed the exhaust 'very temporary, mind', advised against going anywhere until the weekend traffic had calmed down, and left. My meeting went off without incident (including a very good cream tea) and the next few days passed by without incident. Our local mechanic came to the rescue and repaired the car, so all was once again well.

Or was it? A couple of days later I gave the kitchen curtains a gentle pull and the pole collapsed, complete with curtains. Oh well, that's another three...

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16 17.15	17 18.21	18 7.02	19 8.11	20 9.18	21 10.22	22 11.23
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30 17.52						

New moon 8 June Full moon 23 June



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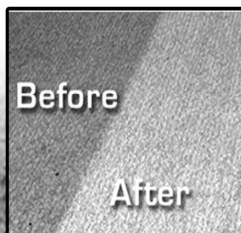
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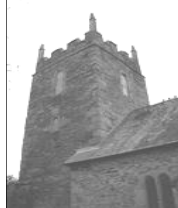
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Round the Churches...

Ruan

Lanihorne



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting were held on 23 April. Sadly Mrs Joy Evans decided not to stand for nomination as churchwarden. Joy has been churchwarden for many years and has given invaluable service to St Rumon's. Father Doug thanked her on behalf of us all. She has agreed to remain on the PCC. Mrs Pat Farr and Mr David Hughes were nominated as churchwardens

There were three resignations from the PCC and one new member, Mr David Hamblett. The treasurer Mr Clive Farr presented and proposed the acceptance of the annual accounts, which was seconded by Mr David Hughes.

The morning of 20 April was spent giving the church a thorough clean. Thank you to everyone that came to help.

On 22 June from 2 pm we plan to clear weeds from graves in the churchyard,; all help will be welcome!



NEWS FROM PORTLOE



The merry month of May has seen more visitors to Portloe, either staying here or nearby, or walking through on the coastal path. The warm and dry 'tea room' is obviously a blessed relief, especially when it's cold, wet and windy! Do come and join us - a warm welcome awaits, whatever the weather.

JH

29 June Feast of St Peter and St Paul

'Petertide' is the time in the church's year when new priests are ordained. To mark the ordination of Angela Cooper there will be a 'cluster' Eucharist at St Just on Sunday 30 June at 11 am, and no services in any of our other churches. Please come to support Angela.

Sketch of Ruan church from a drawing by Charles Henderson

[from 'Saint Rumon and Saint Ronan' by Canon G H Doble, 1939]

VERYAN PARISH CHURCH



Heating update

We have submitted a faculty application to upgrade the electrical supply that serves the church, an essential preliminary to any new heating system. This will take a little while to process but you should soon see some activity in the churchyard.

PCC news

Our treasurer Robert Pepper has retired after five years' sterling service. He brought the church accounts into apple-pie order, simplified the bank accounts and explained the complexities of church finance in a way which we could all understand. Thanks, Robert!

Thank you too to Reg and Joan Woodward who for many years have been regular Sunday morning readers. They also consider that it's time for them to retire, though we shall still see them occasionally at special services and events.

New Bishop to visit Ruan Lanihorne and Veryan

Bishop Chris Goldsmith will be preaching at St Rumon's on 25 August at Choral Evensong and at Veryan on 6 October at Harvest Choral Evensong. Both services will be sung by the Roseland Churches' Choir.

New readers will be welcomed - don't be shy! You would only be committed three or four times a year, and the rota is circulated well in advance, with plenty of opportunity to swap with someone else if the dates aren't convenient.

Church fête

Don't miss the feature on page 7 - and do come along to help, to enjoy yourself and to support our fund-raising efforts towards our new heating.

Organ on Sundays

We have managed so far while Joyce has been recuperating to find willing souls to play for us on Sunday mornings. However, at present we have nobody available for Sunday 16 June or Sunday 18 August. If anyone out there would like to volunteer - organ or piano - simply to accompany the hymns do contact Fr Doug [618] or Christine [727].

Roseland Churches' Choir diary 2013

- 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
- Sunday 24 November OR 1 December
Advent evensong, Gerrans

Come Dancing!

**VERYAN PARISH
HALL**

**Sunday 7 pm
2nd & 16th June
contact Ann [501035]
or Pat [501479]
for details**

**MEDITATION GROUP
VERYAN**

**Third Thursday in the
month 2.30 pm**

**501650 or 501565 for
Details**

**There is a warm welcome
for everyone and we can
arrange transport if
needed.**

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Castle Towers
Ruan Lanihorne
[501855]

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
Mrs Pat Farr
[501599]

CHURCH SERVICES FOR June

Veryan	Ruan	Portloe
Sunday 2 June Trinity 1 11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Rachel Carbis
Sunday 9 June Trinity 2 11 am Eucharist Canon Doug		10.30 am Informal Anglican worship
Sunday 16 June Trinity 3 11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Mattins Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship Local worship team
Sunday 23 June Trinity 4 8.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug 11 am MATTINS Canon Doug		9.30 am Eucharist Canon Doug
Sunday 30 June Trinity 5	CLUSTER MASS AT ST JUST IN ROSELAND Revd Angela Cooper	10.30 am Morning Worship Tom Luke
Sunday 7 July Trinity 6 11 am Eucharist Canon Doug	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon Doug	10.30 am Morning Worship
30 June: JOINT 'CLUSTER' SERVICE AT St Just to celebrate the Ordination to the priesthood of Angela Cooper		

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Church Rotas

Veryan

READINGS AND READERS Services in June

Sunday 2 June Trinity 1
1 Kings 18, 20,21&30-39
Christine Edwards [727]
Galatians 1, 1-12
Sue Truscott [609]

Sunday 9 June Trinity 2
1Kings 17, 8-16 ONLY
Liz Wright [628]
Galatians 1, 11-24
Luke Dunstone [713]

Sunday 16 June Trinity 3
1 Kings 21, 1-10 &
15-21
Blair Jobson [530188]
Galatians 2, 15-21
Julia Pound [741]

Sunday 23 June Trinity 4
1 Samuel 4, 12-22
Robert Pepper [670]
James 1, 1-18
Coral Pepper

Sunday 30 June
NO SERVICE—see page 15

Sunday 7 July Trinity 6
2 Kings 5, 1-14
John Veness [704]
Galatians 6, 7-16 ONLY
Marilyn Veness

*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
1 & 8 June Mrs E Reece
15 & 22 June Mrs Y Alkins
29 June, 6 July Mrs B Lumley-
Savill
Font or porch
1 & 8 June Mrs J Elliott
15 & 22 June Mrs N Bush
29 June, 6 July Mrs S Truscott
BRASS - Mrs M Veness

Ruan Lanihorne CLEANING & FLOWERS

2 June: Mrs Abrams/Mrs Wasley
16 June: Mrs Evans/Mrs Farr
7 July: Mrs Mihalop/
Mrs Hamblett

**Portloe United Church
FLOWERS AND CLEANING**
see notice board

The Parishes of Veryan & Ruan Lanihorne Church Services

VERYAN Parish Church of St Symphorian

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays:
11 am Parish Eucharist
4th Sunday 8.30 am
Holy Communion [BCP]
4th Sunday: 11 am
Mattins [BCP] unless Eucharist
for special feasts

PORTLOE UNITED CHURCH All Saints

Methodist services 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays at 10.30 am
2nd Sunday: Service of the Word
[Anglican] at 10.30 am
4th Sunday: Eucharist
at 9.30 am

RUAN LANIHORNE St Rumon

1st Sunday:
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP]
3rd Sunday:
9.30 am Mattins [BCP]

CHANGES TO THE USUAL TIMES, FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THIS MAGAZINE

REGULAR EVENTS

AllStars for ages 7-12 fort-
nightly 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

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Come Dancing, Veryan parish hall
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Old Cornwall Society visit
Padstow [page 11]

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Caerhays church [page 5]

Sunday 16th 'Fun Day' at
Caerhays Castle [page 5]

Sunday 16th Come Dancing,
Veryan Parish Hall [page 15]

Tuesday 18th Veryan WI visit
Wheal Martyn [page 4]

Saturday 22nd Ruan churchyard
clean-up [page 14]

Sunday 23rd Coach trip to
Rosemoor gardens [page 11]

Every Friday
10.30-11.30 am
VERYAN MARKET
parish hall

CREAM TEAS AT PORTLOE
Tuesdays from April onwards
at 3 pm

CRICKET FIXTURES -
See page 11

AND DON'T FORGET

Veryan Church Fete 13 July

Ruan cello concert 30 July

Veryan parish website
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All local news and information
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From the Registers Ruan Lanihorne

Funeral followed by cremation: Stella Plasom, on 21 March

Veryan

Burial of cremated remains: Valery Brown, on 26 April

Burial of Yvonne Stuart Matthews on 1 May

Baptism of Elizabeth Elsie Radmore on 28 April

Wedding of Faye Abbotts and James betty on 17 May

St Michael Caerhays

Burial of Henry Blamey, formerly of Veryan, on 2 May

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