

OUTLOOK

**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM MORVAL
AND WIDEGATES**



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EDITORIAL

My thanks to everyone, in particular Richard Kneebone our printer, for their help getting the June edition of Outlook printed & distributed. I was gadding about round Iceland and was very excited to see two humpback whales at close quarters. We also went to an area where thousands of puffins nest down holes. Fulmars and arctic terns were two of the many seabirds which flourish in the area. I would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous grant, which together with the support of our advertisers keeps Outlook solvent.

WIDEGATES NEWS & EVENTS

Friday 1st July - Beetle Drive/Pasty evening 7pm

Weds 6th July - Craft Evening 7pm

Friday 22nd July - Garden Club Flower Show, at Hall this year not the School

Friday 29th July - Bingo Eyes Down

MORVAL NEWS & EVENTS

Aunt Sally was a real hit!

Aunt Sally landed in Morval on Wednesday June 6 – and was played and enjoyed by 20 local residents for the first time on the “green” opposite the war memorial. It was a beautiful summer evening and everyone had a chance to play in two teams against each other. One or two star players emerged (meaning that they actually managed to *hit* the Aunt Sally doll with hefty sticks thrown from 30 feet) but that didn’t deter everyone else from persevering. A lot of cheering, groaning and laughter ensued and everyone went home happy.

It was agreed that a regular Aunt Sally evening through the rest of the summer was a good idea with players and spectators bringing their own picnic suppers. A fee of 50p per player will be collected and set aside in a fund to replace sticks and Aunt Sally dolls as necessary.

The first meeting in July will be on Wednesday 6 – starting at 7pm. Come and join in. See if you can be an Aunt Sally champion (or just enjoy the fun!)

To find out more, call Steve or Jenny Bailey on 01503 240506

PARISH NEWS

Hello Everybody: The Parish Council has been informed that a recent speed check was carried out in the parish with approximately 5% of the cars tested found to be breaking the speed limit. Warning letters were sent to the owners of the offending vehicles by the Police.

Potholes in the Tregastick Lane and Tregarland areas of the parish have been reported to Councillor Candy.

Information received from Hastoe surrounding issues remaining on the Shortacross Residential Estate suggests that it will be responsible in the future for any repairs needed to the road but that it would look to residents and major users of the road for a contribution towards the costs. If you are a resident and were not aware of this, please let the clerk know.

Following a meeting with St. Martin's Parish Council, a further site meeting is being planned so that the erection of two bus shelters at Nomansland can be progressed if all is found to be favourable to both Parish Councils.

Regards, **Lynne Sutton**. Clerk to Morval Parish Council

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The annual Flower Show this year will be on Saturday 6th August at 2.30pm. Please contact Tracy 01503 240704 nearer the time for schedules and information.

If you wish to hire the Hall, please contact Mrs R. Powley 01503 240650. We also have a billiard/snooker room with a full size billiard table if anyone is interested in starting a club.

Later in the year there will be a Remembrance service and a Harvest Festival, dates to be arranged.



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- July 17th** Join us and Morval for a joint Country Fete and Dog Show 2pm at Morval, get your dogs spruced up ready.
- July 22nd** Garden club and Trenode School Show now in the village hall. Entry forms should be with the outlook if not give Marie a ring on 240478.
- July 27th** Talk by Richard Sneezby on judging at the Main RHS shows. 7.30 in the hall.
- July 29th** Car share visit to Wildside Gardens and The Garden House, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, if you wish to go please give Margarite a ring on 241275.

I hope to see you at our events and you are most welcome to our evening talks, cost £2.

LAMENT (PART 1)

Let Cornwall turn to gladness!
Oh let the light of long-forgotten skies
Dilate the mind and rest upon her eyes.
But this vast night
And lean twilight
Enshrouds that once supernal light,
Ellas! with cares and sadness.

That trackless world of dreaming!
That wheal-song-world with huer-cry-hope, more real
Than any dream-gold wealth or rich ideal!
For in the dark
Men made their mark,
A purer, fiercer, white-song spark,
Such ore that's brightly gleaming.

Too swift the vision shatters,
For stark moonlight traps in a swirling rush
Those wheals that keep a stern perpetual hush,
While slow time hides
Like ebbless tides
All things that this fine nation prides,
Eyghan! and all that matters.

Heather S. Taylor

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ALL start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

Date	3rd July	Date	7th August
Service	Eucharist	Service	Eucharist
Reader	Mary Howe	Reader	Brian Young
Sidesperson	Val Olver	Sidesperson	Hayley Moore
Flowers	Carolyn Burgoyne	Flowers	Angela Dennis
Date	10th July	Date	14th August
Service	Family Service	Service	Family Service
Reader	Hayley Moore	Reader	Mary Howe
Sidesperson	Children	Sidesperson	Ann William
Flowers	Bridget Macarthur	Flowers	Julia Tamblyn
Date	17th July	Date	21st August
Service	Eucharist	Service	Eucharist
Reader	Bridget MacArthur	Reader	Hayley Moore
Sidesperson	Carolyn Burgoyne	Sidesperson	Anne Rice
Flowers	Marie Bersey	Flowers	Avril Cole
Date	24th July	Date	28th August
Service	Morning Prayer	Service	Morning Prayer
Reader	Val Olver	Reader	
Sidesperson	Ann Williams	Sidesperson	
Flowers	Marie Beresy	Flowers	
Date	31st July	Date	4th September
Service	Eucharist	Service	Lammas Service
Joint Service	Looe Sea front at 10.30am		at 4pm

Please note that the list with the Bible readings on it will be given to the above people individually and will also be pinned up in the Porch of the church. Thank you for reading and being sidesperson. If you need to change your date or have any queries, please contact Val Olver: 01503-240439. Any problems with flower rota contact Sue Aunger 01503 241 063.

OUTLOOK – THE HISTORY OF AN IDEA AND HOW IT WAS BROUGHT TO FRUITION

The first issue of Outlook was delivered through parish letterboxes on 1st July 1991, which means that this month's issue is the 25th Anniversary edition. And it's fair to say that those of us who set it up are delighted that it has reached this mile-stone (even if none of us were thinking this far ahead 25 years ago!).

Nevertheless, that date 25 years ago had real significance. Many of the older members of the parish will remember the infamous Poll Tax of the late 1980s, and efforts of the legislators to come up with an alternative. Unfortunately, one of the side-effects of all this was the increasing difficulty of running a small village post office & shop, such as there was in Widegates. So, in June 1991, it had to close. This was a real blow to the community, because it provided much more than merely a shop and post office; it was the heart of our community, where people met, and could pass the time of day. It was a real lifeline for some people as a way to keep in contact with what was going on. Widegates Post Office therefore had a subsidiary role; it was in no small way the communications hub of the community – remember, this was years before Widegates had a reading room that was open for the whole community to use.

In the lead-up to the Post Office's closure, a group of members of St Wenna's Church got together to see if there was some way to keep the 'channels of communication' open around the parish. That group consisted of Mary Howes, Joyce Higman, Mike Perrett, and Mike and Maggie Willmott. It was Mary who suggested a parish magazine. It might seem logical that this would be a church magazine – after all, many other parishes had one, and Morval didn't. However, the feeling was that what was really needed was a community magazine for the whole parish.

Mike Willmott had previously been involved in setting up a new magazine from scratch, which had needed to be financed, written, edited, printed and distributed. Granted, this was at school, but the underlying principles still should apply. And our first issue needed to be in people's houses by 1st July.

Firstly, we determined our guiding principles. We had to ensure that

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everybody could have access to the magazine, which meant we never wanted anyone to have to decide whether they could afford the magazine or not. Hence Guiding Principle (GP) 1: the magazine must always be free to parishioners.

Finance: As there were printing costs, we needed to generate some income, but costs should be kept to a minimum, hence GP2: nobody took a salary, time was given for free, although essential expenses could be reclaimed.

Income: Local businesses would be invited to sponsor us in return for their business cards to be advertised in the magazine, There might be opportunities for additional income if local businesses wanted to include inserts in the magazine; GP3: we would encourage readers to ‘think global but act local’ and to support local businesses.

Scheduling: Try to ensure that magazines are delivered by the first day of the month they are for; GP4: get the magazine ready for printing and distribution with enough time so if things ‘went wrong’ they should still arrive though doors on-time. And that essentially was that!

And GP5: don’t forget to cope with and manage everything else!

Mary took the role of finding and working with our sponsors. Joyce sorted out the magazine distribution with a team of distributors. Mike Perrett took responsibility for getting the magazine printed, whilst Mike and Maggie Willmott dealt with formatting and editing the magazine. Everybody got involved with producing articles, which involved finding things that might be of interest to our readers, and writing the articles themselves if they couldn’t persuade those suggesting the ideas to do the writing. And everybody also encouraged one another, offering help and support as and where it was needed!

So it was that the first edition of Outlook (the name we chose, given that our working title had been ‘the magazine’ wasn’t really a candidate), dated July 1991, issue number 1, was duly delivered on time.

The editorial started ‘WELCOME!. Welcome to the first edition of Outlook, your FREE community magazine. We want it to be about Morval Parish and the people in it...’. There was also a short article from Malcolm Griffiths, our parish priest. Across the centre pages was an article about Trenode School and Phil Hewlett, who had been the Head but had moved to another school. The next page was called ‘Around the Parish’ although it had had the working title of ‘Over the Counter’,

because the idea was to pass on information that might have been discussed in the Post Office, had we been lucky enough to still have one. We also included a parish map, so people would know just how big the parish was, and our final section was for our business sponsors.

August and September's editions followed, although we soon realised that trying to provide an August edition was troublesome, due to people's holidays, which led to a change. Instead of producing an edition every month, we subsequently decided that a July/August double-issue and a December/January double issue was much more manageable, establishing the idea of 10 issues a year. We evolved a way of running editorial meetings. At least once a month, we'd meet to (i) finalise the next edition (ii) rough out the contents of the issue after that, to be finalised at next month's meeting (iii) canvass for ideas for future editions (iv) anything else we might need to consider!

We did find that a potential problem might arise on the July anniversaries each year, as this was the time for the new sponsors for the following year. And sometimes it wasn't possible to get the full set in place ready for the next year. The possibility of a financial shortfall was always a possibility. At this point, Morval PCC stepped in. As technically, they were the owners of the magazine, they offered us a deal which continues to this day; that they would financially support any shortfall in income due, for example, to there being insufficient sponsorship for a period. We're pleased to say that rarely have we needed it, and then only to a limited extent, but it is so reassuring to know that that financial support is available, as and if it's needed. Having the PCC as owners, albeit passive ones, is very important, as it takes some of the burden from the editorial teams. There is, in fact, some similarity with the position of the Queen and the Army. As was taught in schools, it's not so much the power the Queen has because she is head of the Army, but the fact that nobody else can be head of the Army that's the really important thing. And so it is with the PCC and Outlook.

Over the years, there have been many interesting and/or unusual things to do with Outlook, and here are a couple that spring to mind.

Guiding Principle 4 (concerning trying not to be late) proved difficult to juggle. It was a balancing act – do you send to the printer early enough to cope with any delay, and possibly miss the arrival of an expected new article? Or do you wait an extra day or so for the article, and hope the

timings still work? Of course, sometimes, particularly in the early editions, we got it wrong. Were people upset with the delivery being late by a couple of days? Difficult to know.

Then we heard that somebody had mentioned/complained at parish council that Outlook had arrived late that month. This raised two emotions with the editors. One was a determination to try to reduce the chances of it being late again. And the other can only be described as 'quiet elation' that Outlook was so important to at least some of our parishioners that its non-arrival warranted it being brought to the attention of the council. 'Hurray' we thought 'People really care about the magazine!'

Another memory is the day a fox was knocked over and killed right outside Trenode School. As the school didn't want their pupils to be greeted with the mutilated remains of a fox at the end of the day, they contacted the relevant council department, but were told that the van only went out once a day, and they missed out.

Now, it so happened that the magazine was being completed that day, ready for sending to the printer, and here was an opportunity to be a crusading magazine. A short article was written, and the council's head of publicity was approached for a comment. We read out the article about the carnage on the road outside a school, and the council unable to help, because the fox hadn't organised to be knocked over to fit in with the council's van schedule. Would the council care to comment? Twenty minutes later, he rang back with a comment that somebody at the council should have realised this was a case needing an prompt response. Furthermore, the van not only should be dispatched but actually had been already, tasked to ensure that the remains of the fox would be removed before any children left the school. And credit to the council, this did happen. Success!

After 18 years of editing the magazine, the editors felt it was time to pass over the 'reins' to others. The matter was duly considered by Morval Church PCC, who agreed that new editors could be sought. The editor(s) would have full editorial control provided it didn't conflict with the guiding principles and ethos of the magazine. The editor(s) would continue for as long as they wished to undertake this somewhat onerous task, secure in the knowledge that when they had done 'their stint' they

could pass it back to the PCC, who could appoint new ones.

Mike and Rosie Woodcock, Andrew Williams and Caroline Parkinson offered themselves as a transition team of editors, who would edit the magazine until a new editor could be found. This took the burden off the shoulders of the original editors. And within a relatively short period, Meriel Kitson, with the assistance of some of her family, took up the editorial challenge. She has edited and extended the magazine over the remaining years, and everyone is grateful for her continued editorship.

So, that's the history of Outlook, 25 years old and counting. Who knows what the future holds? But one thing you can be sure of is that Outlook will endeavour to keep you in the picture about this, and other parish matters.



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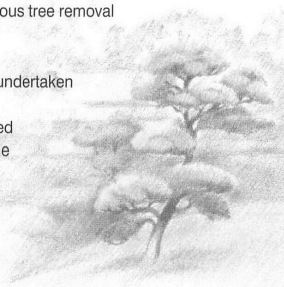
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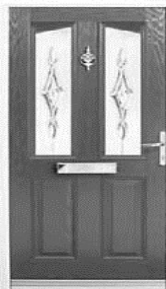
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