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## **Diary Dates** (WRR=Widegates Reading Room)

### **August**

Tue 8: Handicraft (WRR)

Sat 12: Nomansland annual flower show. Nomansland Village Hall 2:30 For more information and schedules please contact Tracy Chudleigh on 01503 240704.

Sun 13: Coffee afternoon in aid of Alzheimer's and MS from 2pm at 26 Morview Rd.

Sat 19: Sclerder Family Festival at Sclerder Abbey, Talland.

Tue 24: Handicraft (WRR)

### **September**

Tue 12: Handicraft (WRR)

Sat 16: Salad Lunch (WRR)

Thu 28: Handicraft (WRR)

Fri 29: Bingo Eyes Down 7.30 (WRR)

## **Clubs/activities.**

**Aunt Sally Evenings:** Every Wednesday from 7:30pm in the grounds of Metherell Gard. All welcome!

**Bridge Club:** Tuesday & Wednesday mornings 10am all welcome

**Carol is having a coffee afternoon** in aid of Alzheimer's and MS on Sunday 13th August from 2pm at 26, Morview Rd, Widegates. There will be tea, coffee, cake, stalls and a raffle. Please come along and support two very worthy causes!

**Meriel Kitson** writes "Liskeard poetry workshop has produced an anthology of members poems including 2 of mine. Launch is Friday Aug 18th 7pm Stuart House Liskeard, free drinks & nibbles please come unless you loathe poetry".

***Nomansland Flower Show*** is on Saturday 12th August at 2.30pm. For more information and schedules please contact Tracy Chudleigh on 01503 240704.

**The Library Service** delivers books once a fortnight to people who are housebound and would like to use the Library Service. Call Val Olver (01503 240439) for more information.

## **Maria's Story – by Annie: Part 2**

*In the first part of Maria's story (which was in July's Outlook), Maria was in Morval Church listening to the vicar, little realising what would happen next...*

The altar was looking very pretty today. The candles were standing like little white lighthouses, their flames twinkling and glowing and throwing out a golden energy that emanates so much. The sun was shining through the stained-glass windows; the colours were beautiful. Blues like sapphires from the deepest seas. Greens bewitching as emeralds from faraway lands. Golds and ambers stolen from a pirate's treasure chest and ruby reds glowing with richness to remind us of our Lords blood spilled to save us.

Voices were dulled around me. I felt as though I was in a different world and as it may be, perhaps I was, because then from nowhere, standing by the lectern, (where lessons are read), appeared this figure.

Looking at me and smiling, a lovely young lady, with blue eyes that would melt into a summer sky, and holding her hands out to me as two friends would do to each other, except she was not of this world. A soft grey robe clothed her, soft and flowing like wood pigeon's feathers, her pretty little curls framed softly around her face, just peeking out from beneath her hood, but the lady's face was full of gentleness, kindness, softness and she just glowed with love. I can't explain it in any other way, she was just there, and then she floated away as though a wisp of mist had passed through and found an exit to go back into the atmosphere.

Well I didn't hear much of this service. I was really in a daze, but really should get grounded, I had to get home, that would sort me out. We all ambled out of church, thanking the vicar for a lovely service. Oh dear! I'll never go to heaven!

So off I went wandering home. The hedges and the countryside looked so pretty. I do love it here, and as I turned the corner, who should be there but Bertie.

Now Bertie was one of those characters you couldn't not love. He was nearly everyone's friend. He could turn his hand to most things, and he also has the sight. I know, you say, load of rubbish no such thing, and that's fine, but me and Bertie well, we swap stories, and

he would argue that his are better than mine and that's how we get along.

Bertie had an enormous smile on his face and greeted me. 'Morning Maria! Fancy a cuppa tea in my shed?' Well, I thought to myself, how could I refuse that? Another half an hour won't make a scrap of odds.

'Well I suppose I could, there is something I want to talk to you about.' He just carried on grinning to himself, his eyes crinkling around the edges. I'm sure his head was full of wicked thoughts but we won't talk about that!

So we wandered, side by side to his pride and joy, to Bertie's shed. 'After you.' Bowed Bertie and opened the door. I ducked my head as you always do, but don't really need to, and soaked up the atmosphere, once I got inside.

I spied the old armchair. It had been there so long that it looked as though it had grown into the earth, rooted never to be moved. I half brushed the seat off and plonked myself into it. The big old arms seemed to hug me as I sunk lower into the seat and the back guarded me from all unknown entities lurking outside, protecting me like a huge invisible cloak.

Bertie's shed was filled with potting compost and old pots and stuff. I think that's how the walls stayed up, because of the lining of compost had settled and was just living there, and the aromas, well you just breathe and the herbs and spices take over, it's like, well a warm fuzzy feeling to make your soul feel good.

Anyway, Bertie upturned a couple of potato boxes and sat precariously whilst lighting a little gas stove and clanking down his old kettle, he rummaged out a couple of mugs and blew them out. I pretended not to notice as I didn't really want to know what he'd blown out!

'Well my Maria, what do you want to tell me?' He asked. 'Ooh yes now, I don't know if you can help me. This morning in church, I saw a very lovely lady, dressed in a long grey robe. She was not of this age and I wondered if you might have seen her or know who she is?'

*(continued in next Outlook)*

## **Morval Parish Council News**

Thank you to residents who have returned the forms enclosed with the last edition of the Outlook. Anybody wishing to submit a completed form can still do so by returning it to the clerk or passing it to a councillor. Both matters will be given full consideration by the Council at the September meeting.

The Council will be holding a public consultation event at The Reading Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> September between 3.00 and 4.00pm and 7.00 and 7.25pm. This is to give residents the opportunity to have a say about two matters:

1. Street lighting for the Lyd Lane Estate and
2. Applying to have the bus route changed permanently to that used by CityBus during the recent diversion.

Please do come along and make your thoughts known on these matters.

The Council will be discussing at its September meeting highways issues that could be included as part of a Road Traffic Order. If you have any suggestions that you wish it to consider, please pass them onto the clerk by the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

Morval Parish Council

## **Morval and Widegates Aunt Sally Club News**

Despite a couple of wet Wednesday evenings, the Aunt Sally players have enjoyed the fine weather meetings and some players are improving rapidly – hitting the “doll” with increasing accuracy, while others aren’t quite so good at it yet – but time will tell! Whatever their skill level they all agree that it’s a lot of fun.

Do come and join us all on the Green by The Old School in Morval. You’ll be made very welcome. Bring your own tippie and snacks. It’s free on your first evening, then 50p a head to go towards replacing the dolls and throwing sticks at the end of the season.

Our thanks go to friends in Trewidland who have invited us to an indoor bowling challenge whenever Aunt Sally is rained off. We look forward to accepting their invitation on the next wet Wednesday evening.

## Church Services at St Wenna`s

### AUGUST 2017

6th August 11am

Service Eucharist

Reader Hayley Moore

Sides person Ann Rice.

13th August 11am

Service Family

Reader Victoria Kitson

Sides person Children

20th August 11am

Service Eucharist

Reader Bridget MacArthur

Sides person Val Olver

27th August 11am

Service Morning Prayer

Reader Mike Willmott

Sides person Val Olver

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Date 3rd Sept: 4pm

Service Lammas

Reader TBA

Sides person TBA

Date 10th Sept: 11am

Service Family

Reader Sarah Cawrse

Sides persons Children

Date 17th Sept: 11am

Service Eucharist

Reader Carolyn Burgoyne

Sides person Ann Williams

Date 24 Sept: 11am

Service Morning Prayer

Reader Mary Howes

Sides person Hayley Moore

## FLOWER ROTA

August 5th Angela Dennis

August 12th Angela Dennis

August 19th Julia Tamblyn

August 26th Avril Cole

July 29th Val Olver

September 2nd Ann

September 9th Ann Rice

September 16th Sue Williams

September 23th Sue Williams

September 30th Ann Williams

### Brilliant concert at Morval Church.

Many thanks to all who supported the Ilow Splann concert at St Wenna's on 15<sup>th</sup> July. The audience was treated to a dazzling repertoire of music, spanning the Elizabethan era to modern Cornish music. Funds will go towards the re-ordering of the church

## Dark Skies – Great News for Cornwall

On 7<sup>th</sup> July, it was officially announced that Bodmin Moor and the peripheral areas had been designated as an International Dark Skies Landscape. This was the culmination of three years' arduous work collecting vast amounts of data which led to a comprehensive application, jointly submitted by Cornwall Council and Caradon Observatory to the International Dark Skies Association, in Tucson. Significantly, this was the first time that an Area of Outstanding National Beauty (AONB) had been successful.

The application itself ran to 148 pages, with technical data about air clarity and the wonderfully dark night sky. It also says that *'feedback from residents, businesses, landowners, farmers, astronomers, educators, environmental bodies and other statutory and charitable organisations has helped shape the proposals. Enthusiasm is such that there have already been calls to widen the buffer zone'*.

This last point is significant, because other areas of Cornwall will find it somewhat easier to gain corresponding status for themselves by being peripheral to an already established International Dark Skies Landscape. Penryn has already stated that they wish to use the designation of Bodmin Moor to assist them with their own application, and other areas of Cornwall will also want to follow suit.

One key fact that may not be immediately apparent is the benefits that International Dark Skies status can bring to a local economy like Cornwall's, with a significant seasonal summer tourism period.

In conversation with someone involved in the successful bid for Galloway Forest in Scotland to become an International Dark Skies park, they remarked that they also had had a reliance on summer tourism to sustain them through other times of the year, but, by focusing on using and protecting their night skies, they had seen an increase in bed-nights during Autumn, Winter and Spring; for every 1000 bed-nights pre-IDA designation, there were 2,400 bed-nights post IDA designation. This was not only good for hotels, guest houses and b-&-b's, but also for the businesses providing support services and the like, and the whole local economy benefitted.

Cornwall Council say in the application that the *'dark night sky is a tremendous natural asset'* and that *'residents and visitors ... tell us*



*that they cherish the clarity of the sky over the moor and agree that international status would offer great potential for the local area and Cornwall'. To 'maximise the enhancement of an International Dark Sky Landscape ... we believe a true partnership approach is essential. This is central to the management plan'. They add that the designation of Bodmin Moor would become 'an inspiration for other places. We already know that communities elsewhere in Cornwall are becoming increasingly interested in protecting the night sky and eager to see what can be achieved.'*

Cornwall has a perfect opportunity to play to its strengths here. It may be that the disposable income of London and the Home Counties may exceed that of Cornwall, but their extra income can't buy the air clarity and beautiful dark skies that we have in Cornwall.

The only way Cornwall be effectively challenged by other areas that don't have dark sky advantages is if Cornwall manages to negate those advantages, and these come into three broad categories:

One way would be to over-inflate the prices for staying in Cornwall. In 1999, there were stories in the press of holiday lets being offered at £5000 for eclipse week, which had a hugely negative effect.

A second way would be to try to entice into Cornwall industries which are major air polluters, and so adversely affect the very air clarity needed for the IDA designation.

A third way would be to increase light pollution, whether it be huge neon signs, or floodlit sports arenas, or unnecessary street-lighting in rural areas.

Our wonderful Cornish environment, plus the unstinting work of many people over the last three years, has given a real opportunity to boost the local economy, and the people for whom Cornwall is home. Let's focus on welcoming the many Dark Skies visitors we could get if we offer them the natural night beauty of air clarity and low-level light pollution. The combination of beautiful Cornish landscapes by day, and the glories of the constellations and the Milky Way by night, should make visitors want to experience this again and again and again.

Other areas of the world have done this, and so should Cornwall.

Mike Willmott, Caradon Observatory Director and Dark Skies Bid signatory

## **Sclerder Family Festival – 19<sup>th</sup> August 10am-10pm Sclerder Abbey, Looe, PL13 2JD - An Ecumenical Event for All Ages**

### **Home is a place where the heart is"**

Since August 2014, the Chemin-Neuf Community has established itself within Sclerder Abbey. The Chemin-Neuf are a Catholic Community composed of members from many different walks of life (couples, singles, priests, consecrated brothers and sisters) of different Christian denominations...

During the past two years the Chemin-Neuf Community have welcomed several groups for Quiet days, Ignatian Retreats and Cana weeks where Christians from different denominations could experience, all together, the grace and peace in this place.

Following a suggestion from Cornish Mum and Anglican Ordinand, Helen Priestley, and with the encouragements of Bishop Mark (Roman Catholic) and Bishops Tim and Chris (Church of England), the Chemin-Neuf Community has decided to set up **Sclerder Family Festival** in the grounds of Sclerder Abbey on the 19th of August 2017. Both local families and holiday-makers will, during the whole day, experience a variety of workshops including:

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| • Guided historical tour       | Videos Net for God,            |
| • Mimes and Sketches           | Choir practice,                |
| • Face painting,               | Outdoor games,                 |
| • Indoor games.                | Cross production,              |
| • Crèche with sand pit,        | <b>Care of our common home</b> |
| • Making Greeting cards        | Producing Door decoration,     |
| • Cake making,                 | Action songs for the family,   |
| • Pilates for young and adults | Candle decoration              |
| • Pebble painting              | Family spiritual adventure.    |

**This is a fantastic opportunity given to all Christians involved with their own churches, Churches Together, Kingdom Vision, etc. not only to announce the Good News of Jesus, but to testify our faith to one another.** We can share in fellowship with Christians from different denominations, have fun together and, most importantly, pray and worship the Lord our God in unity.

During summer time, we know that we have on our doorstep thousands of holidaymakers. We could expect to welcome, without accommodation, approximately 300 to 500 people. Those coming from far away could hopefully find camp sites and B&B in the area. Chemin-Neuf is in the process of securing a live band for entertainment and worship times. Thanks go to all the many volunteers and donations of time and materials that are helping make this happen along with funding from the Archbishops Council Mission Fund.

Registration on the Web site is highly recommended for the day at [www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/en/home/ecumenism/sclerder-family-festival](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/en/home/ecumenism/sclerder-family-festival)

## **Morval and Wide gates Country Fete and Dog Show**

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped in the planning, organisation, setting-up and running of this year's charity fete at Morval on Sunday 16th July – a repeat of last year's highly successful event. Thank you to John Kitson who opened the fete with his wife Victoria.

A big thankyou goes to all the committee who started their planning early in the year. Their dedication and hard work paid off on the day, with the fete's own fundraising attractions bringing in a total profit of £1105. This will be shared equally by the two chosen charities for 2017 – the British Heart Foundation and the Liskeard Echo Centre.

Gail Knight also deserves many thanks for staging another wonderfully entertaining dog show, which was hugely enjoyed by visitors, owners and dogs alike. She generously donated all her takings to the fete's total. And thanks to our musical entertainers – “Highly Strung” Ukelele Band, Neil Hipkiss, who provided a great disco sound (and also our tea marquee) and “The Duplex” - Steve Bailey and Paul Foster on guitars and vocals.

The Widegates Playgroup and all the many stallholders raised cash for their own businesses, organisations or charities and there was something for all the visitors to enjoy. All-in-all, a splendid day!

## Widegates Garden Club.

Martin Pipe gave an interesting talk and slide show on the plants in his garden, including unusual day lilies and geraniums. He is a member of the Plympton Fuchsia and Geranium Group and has an average size town garden that was full of plants and trees and over flowing pots. It was very beautiful.

In June Derek Spooner took us on a wild life journey around Looe Island and encouraged us all to visit the Island especially to see the seals that are counted there regularly. It was amazing the variety of wildlife found around the island. If you have some time go and visit!

Thank you to all those who supported our bacon butty morning, it was a great success.

September: Jenny Edrich 2000 year history of the English Garden.

October: Velvin Harding on Bee Keeping.

November: John Price Camelia and Cherry Blossom.

December 2nd: Christmas Fayre in the Hall 2pm.

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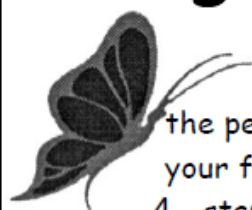
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