

News and Views from around the Parish
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Diary Dates (WRR=Widegates Reading Room)

May

Sat 4: Jumble Sale, 2-4pm, WRR, Trenode PTFA.

Sat 11: Plant Fayre 10am-noon, WRR, Widegates Garden Club Sun 19: Aunt Sally Afternoon, 2pm, The green next to Morval War

Memorial

June

Fri 7: Quiz Night, WRR

Into the future

Sun Sept 1: Fayre on Village Green

GOOD NEWS - The Defibrillator on the side of the Widegates Reading Room and Village Hall is now **Repaired and Fully Functional**.

Reading Room and Village Hall.

There are many Charity events held at the hall, but everyone seems to forget that the Reading Room itself is also a Charity, so donations are always appreciated.

Hiring the hall is a large part of the income so why not save your carpets and have your get togethers at the hall. I don't think they do Tupperware parties any more, but maybe you could hold the equivalent events at the hall. The Hall charges have not increased this year, so it is still only £6.00 an hour.

The Committee looks forward to meeting you at our fundraising events and hope you can support them if it only by buying a raffle ticket or donating a raffle prize.

The events are advertised in the Outlook magazine and also on our Face book page, ably administered by Sam Pengelly.

Ladies at Leisure

Ladies at Leisure's get together was nearer home in April at Windy Ridge for lunch. With the weather being very changeable we are looking forward to sunnier days and our trip to Fowey for lunch and a sail along the river. If you have ideas for days out that you wish to share and have company please let us know by ringing one of the following ladies, we would love to hear from you.

Barbara 01503 241169, Helen 01503 241148, Jane 01503 240393

Crafty Chat enjoyed their evening trying their skills(?) at canal boat painting not on barges (too big for the Village Hall!) but on slate hearts to hang at home. The following meeting was spent chatting and discussing ideas for crafts we would like to try such as glass painting, using air dry clay, cake decorating using sugar paste and many more. If you find yourself at a loose end on the second Tuesday and/or last Thursday of every month and would like to try a craft or just watch and chat then please join us, we look forward to seeing you at Widegates Village Hall at 7 pm.

Barbara 01503 241169 or Jane 01503 240393

Hessenford WI

As expected, our talk by Sarah Cummings on behalf of the charity "Medical Detection Dogs", whose patron is the Duchess of Cornwall, did not disappoint. Their research is based on a dog's ability to detect minute odour traces created by disease. They train the dogs to detect signs of illness and infections in breath, urine and sweat samples.

They are aiming to assist scientists in the development of electronic systems (E noses) that will give an earlier detection of some cancers and neurological diseases. The charity also trains Medical Alert Assistance dogs which can give an early warning of an emergency situation. An extremely interesting and informative talk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th May, when we will be discussing the two Resolutions ahead of the NFWI Annual Meeting in Bournemouth in June.

Morval Aunt Sally starts again!

Weather permitting, we welcome everyone to join us for a tasty sausage fest and some lively competition on the Aunt Sally pitch opposite Leyland Lodge, close to the Morval War Memorial, on Sunday 19 May from 2pm onwards.

Any other food contributions will be welcome. Bring your own drinks.

This will get the playing season started, followed by weekly games, starting at 7pm on Tuesday evenings and we welcome all newcomers to join in the friendly competition and fun!

Bring a weekly contribution of £1 if you wish to play. Spectators free. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

For those who've never played this ancient

Pub game - come and find out! (Or ring us on the number below and we'll tell you all about it.)

Steve and Jenny Bailey 01503 240506



Solution: 1. Helr on right is missing. 2. Snow on mountain is missing. 3. Pack pocket detail is missing. 4. Top of nut is missing. 5. Stripe on pocket is missing. 6. Tree knothore is colored in. 7. Top on boot is colored in. 8. Flowers have moved. 9. Bush detail above boot has moved. 10. Slick is forger. 11. Stump knothore is tilipped. 12. Pack flap is longer.

Note: Copy deadline for June Outlook is Wednesday 15th May

Church Services at St Wenna's

May 2019

5th: Easter 3
Eucharist 11am
Reader Mary Howes

Sidesperson Ann Chudleigh

12th: Easter 4

Family Service 11am
Reader Lesley Brettell
Sidesperson Colin Brettell

19th: Easter 5
Eucharist 11am

Reader Anne Williams Sidesperson Ann Rice

26th: Easter 6

Morning Prayer 11am Reader Aurea Wilks

Sidesperson Bridget MacArthur

June 2019

2nd: Easter 7
Eucharist 11am

Reader Mary Howes

Sidesperson Ann Chudleigh

9th: Pentecost

Family Service 11am Reader Hayley Moore Sidesperson Val Olver

16th: Trinity Sunday

Eucharist 11am

Reader Lesley Brettell

Sidesperson Collin Brettell

23rd: Proper 7

Morning Prayer 11am Reader Bridget MacArthur Sidesperson Ann Williams

30th: Proper 8

United Benefice Service

Location T.B.C

Flower rota:

May:

4 & 11: Meriel Kitson,

18 & 25: Caroline Burgoyne

June:

1 & 8: Aurea Wilks,

15 & 22: Bridget MacArthur

29: Mary Howes

Easter Lilies in Church

Many thanks to Sue Aunger and her team for creating such a lovely display of Easter Lilies in Morval Church; and such a fitting tribute in memory of loved ones. There were many positive comments about how nice St Wenna's looked this Easter.

The New Shedhouse Boys

Bank Holiday Bash !!

Widegates Village Hall Saturday May 25th 8.30 to 11 pm

Admission Free - Donations please for The Shedhouse Boys



Bring your own drink and something to munch - we're in for a great night

From cool laid-back groves to punchy rock and blues standards from the Rolling Stones, Muddy Waters, JJ Cale, ELO, from The Quo to Robert Palmer, Cream to Albert Collins and many more.

The Shedhouse Boys - Live music in the true sense of the word. Playing their own material along with covers, arranged by the band in a style of their own, giving a unique, fresh appeal to the music. A full live, dynamic stage sound completes their performances.

Why is Easter 'late' this year?

It's a question we've all encountered – 'when's Easter this year?' Christmas is fine, always 25th December, but the date of Easter varies, and the reasons for this go way back into historical times.

Ancient peoples had three basic measurements of periods of time: a day (one spin of the Earth), a month (originally *moonth*, the time for one phase cycle of the Moon) and a year (the time for the Earth to orbit the Sun).

We may learn that 'the Sun rises in the East and sets in the West', this is only true twice a year (21st March and 21st September, the equinoxes; from the Latin Equi (equal) and Nox (night), when night-time and day-time are both 12 hours). On the other 363 days of the year, this isn't true – it's rises either South of East or North of East.

After 21st September, the Sun progressively rises more South of East, and sets correspondingly South of West, with increasingly shorter days and longer nights - ancient peoples knew this foretold the arrival of Winter. The Sun rises the furthest South of East on 21st December (Winter Solstice), after which its rising position slowly tracks northward. It rises exactly East again on 21st March, and continues northward until 21st June (Summer Solstice), then progressively tracks back to rising exactly East on 21st September.

When deciding when Easter should be, Christians knew from the Bible that Jesus's death and resurrection occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first Full Moon following the spring equinox. They decided that Easter Day should be the first Sunday after this, even though this wasn't a fixed date.

Despite our desire that celestial motions should fit nicely into human calculations, there aren't an exact number of days in one year, and the Moon's phase cycle doesn't fit into an exact number of days.

So, if the first Full Moon after 21st March is on the following day (and if that also happens to be a Sunday), then Easter Day will fall at its earliest possible date: 22nd March.

However, if there is a Full Moon just before the Spring Equinox, the next Full Moon won't be until a month later, and furthermore, if that Full Moon is on a Monday, then Easter Sunday won't happen until 6 days later, which will be its latest possible date: 25th April.

St Wenna's well and truly spring cleaned!

Many thanks to all those who were able to give time to spruce up the church and the churchyard. There was a great community spirit as the morning and afternoon progressed and the pasty lunch afterwards was a perfect way to end it!

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