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Diary Dates (WRR=Widegates Reading Room)

October

Sat 5: Pasty lunch 12-1.30pm WRR

Congratulations to eight close neighbours and friends

Three couples, all living within a stone's throw of each other in Morview Road, Widegates, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversaries within six weeks: John and Celia Duncan on 16th August, Barbara and Chris Neller on 20th September and Carol and Malcolm Barber on 27th September. On 17th October, Ken and Diane Burt, who live just around the corner, will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to them all on reaching, between them, two hundred and ten years of marriage!

Hessenford WI

Vice President Marie welcomed Jane Butcher who had come to talk to us about spinning. Jane had brought pieces of washed wool for us to handle and draw out the fibres. We also had the opportunity to use a drop spindle and some members also tried their hand at the spinning wheel. A fascinating craft.

In August some of us had enjoyed a walk in Cardinham Woods. So much so we have agreed to make walks a regular extra activity.

Our next meeting on 1st October is a members' evening with President Jackie demonstrating how to make cards.

Nomansland Village Hall

At Nomansland Village Hall on 26th October at 2.30 we are having a HUGE Jumble Sale in aid of The Children's Hospice SW. Any donations gratefully received, and collection can be arranged.

Many thanks

Kate

Ladies at Leisure

After a short break Ladies at Leisure are back September 23rd for a Ploughman's Lunch at Widegates Village Hall 12 - 2pm. Plans are being made for 29th October for a Cream Tea at Talland Bay Hotel approximate cost will be £10 and November 26th a Christmas meal details of which are to be confirmed, so watch this space. This social group was set up for residents of Morval Parish for getting together at the Village Hall or trips out so please come along, partner or friend welcome. Transport is arranged for trips out also should you need a lift to the Hall please let us know, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Craft Club

Meeting at the Village Hall 7 - 9pm on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of each month this group shares their crafting ideas and knowledge along with a chat and the obligatory tea/coffee refreshments for a cost of £2.00 to cover the hire of the Hall plus costs of any materials used. An early start in September was made on producing Christmas table decorations but it is not too late to join in this activity or come along for an evening's chat and a cuppa

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Poppies on the Green

Ladies at Leisure and Craft Club have been working together, with help of Brian Viney, who made the templates and assisted in the painting, also Ken Winter, who made several trips to Bond timber and spent many hours cutting out, to produce a display of over 100 poppies and silhouettes of soldiers for Remembrance Day. These are to be placed on the Village Green during the afternoon of 2nd November for 2 weeks, any help in doing this would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrating our history

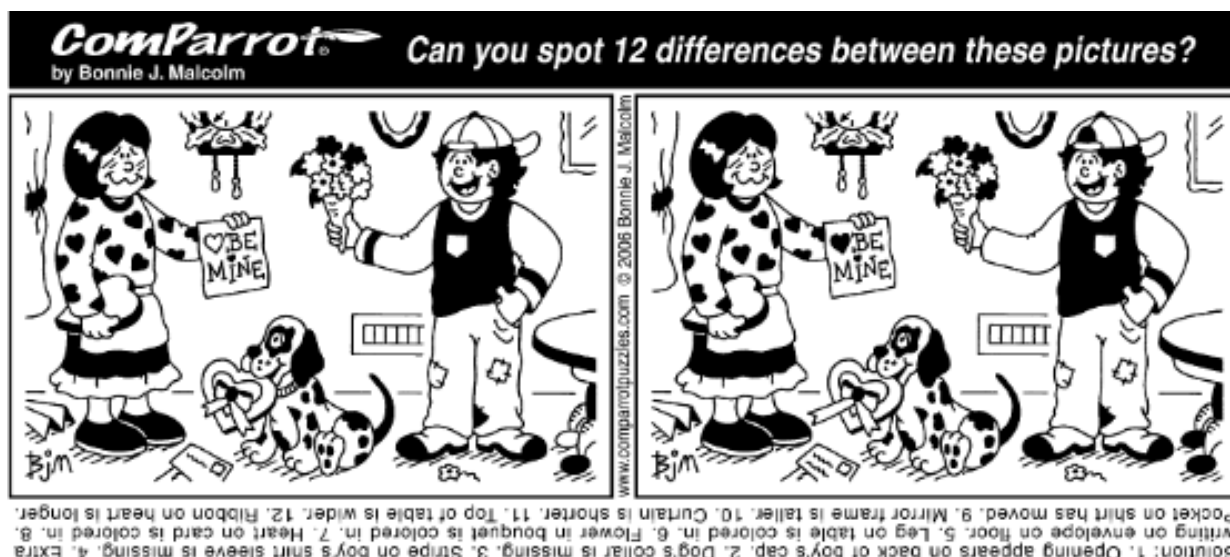
Thanks to a chance discovery in a charity shop in Liskeard, the congregation of St Wenna's church have a very good reason for a party.

Wenna, we already knew, was one of the earliest Celtic saints. She was one of the descendants of Brychan, a Welsh king who, in the late 5th and early 6th century, sent his followers out by sea and on foot to spread the Christian message. Wenna travelled across the Bristol Channel on a coracle, landing at Hartland Point in Devon and continuing on foot in search of a source of clear water.



Her search brought her to a spring in a clearing, which we now know as the well in the private grounds of Morval House. Forty paces from there, she would have built a simple wooden hut, where she prayed quietly and spoke with anyone who met her there. Whilst the foundations of the current church building were laid in 1281, the first evidence of a building on the site dates back to the year 504. Wenna is depicted in the centre of the beautiful Millennium Window which was created by local artist Julian George.

The chance in discovery Liskeard's British Heart Foundation shop of a little book called 'The Cornish Saints' by Paul Beresford Ellis has now provided us with the date of St Wenna's feast day. It is on 18th October, so the service on the 20th will be a special Celtic Communion, and there will be cake! All welcome



Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan - please read

Firstly, many thanks to those who took the time to respond to the initial open questions. The responses, some giving the opinion of more than one person, represented a total of 81 residents, and have provided a good basis on which the project can continue. The committee is hoping that more people will respond to the more detailed questions, which will be distributed soon. The low response rate to the open questions might have been due to some misunderstandings, so please read on:

- The Neighbourhood Development Plan relates to the whole of Morval parish, as shown on the map, not just Widegates.
- The NDP, once completed and adopted, will be able to impact on future planning applications, hence the urgency and the need for everyone's input.

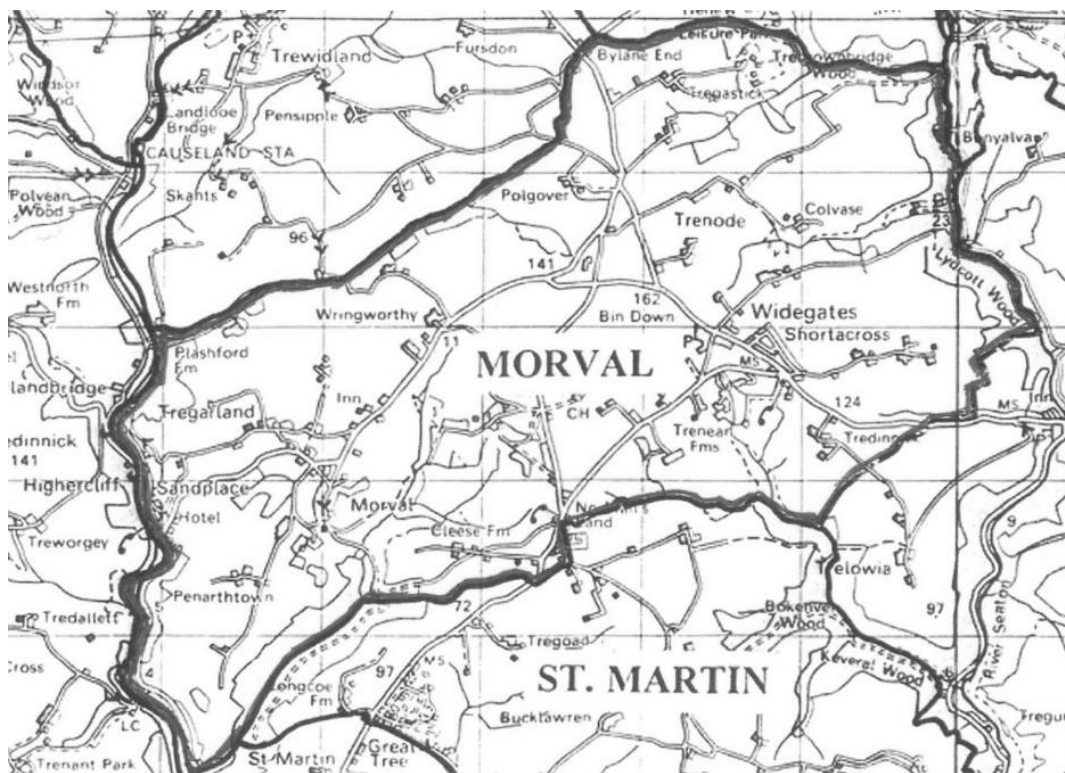
The main points raised by those responding to the initial questions include:

- Huge value placed on the quiet rural nature of the area, and the need to protect it
- Anxiety about the size, style and number of new homes being built, particularly in Widegates
- Concerns over increased traffic, speed, pollution, parking, dangerous junctions with poor visibility
- The need for more central meeting points, including pub, post office, play areas for children etc
- The necessity for more footpaths and safe walking routes, specifically to Tredinnick Farm Shop

The committee has met again, together and in smaller groups, in order to move on to the next stage. It is crucially important for as many people as possible to engage with the

project, because it is only valid and ultimately enforceable if it truly represents the views of all members of our community. We only have one chance to get this right, it must run until 2030 (in line with Cornwall's Local Plan), and can't be updated before then, so please raise any issues now that you can see becoming more urgent over the coming years. This current community of Morval Parish is responsible for putting policies in place for the future.

We owe this to our next generation!



If you live within the parish boundary shown in bold on the map, the Neighbourhood Development Plan includes you, and needs your input.

The current committee is a small and dedicated group with a huge workload. If you are passionate about protecting our parish, please consider joining this group. Another way to get involved is to help distribute leaflets to keep everyone up to date. Please ring Sam on 07773 062174 or email ndp@morvalparishcouncil.org.uk if you can help in any way.

Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee

Full details of the steering committee will be circulated shortly, but in the meantime, here are a few contacts:

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Church Services at St Wenna`s

October 2019

6th Proper 22
Eucharist 11am
Reader Brian Young
Sidesperson Bridget MacArthur

13th Proper 23
Family Service 11am
Reader Linda Harrison
Sidesperson Anne Rice

20th Proper 24
Eucharist 11am
Reader Aurea Wilks
Sidesperson Ann Chudleigh

27th Proper 25
Morning Prayer 11am
Reader Bridget MacArthur
Sidesperson Val Olver

November 2019

3rd Proper 26
Eucharist 11am
Reader Anne Rice
Sidesperson Ann Williams

10th Proper 27
Remembrance 10.45am
War Memorial then in Church
Reader Hayley Moore
Sidesperson Brian Young

17th Proper 28
Eucharist 11am
Reader Mary Howes
Sidesperson Ann Chudleigh

24th Christ the King
Morning Prayer 11am
Reader Ann Williams
Sidesperson Hayley Moore

Flower rota

October

5th & 12th Sue Auger
19th & 26th Ann Williams

November

9th & 16th Marie Bersey
23rd & 30th Janet Gill

This month, we publish the first part of an article, written by Peter Cawthorne, in which he reminisces about past times in and around the parish, and helps make us aware of aspects of a...

Vanishing Cornwall

Over 50 years ago there used to be a pantomime held in the Riverside Hall in Looe. It was performed by well-known locals such as Jeanne Dingle, Ann Toms, Margaret Fiddick, Nancy Pope and many others. It was put on by the Looe Friendly Wives Club and was eagerly looked forward to every New Year. It was great fun with local events and characters who all gained a mention. When the Riverside Hall was sold in the late 1990s it came to an end; sadly another venue was not available.

At other times the Friendly Wives would put on other shows such as Music Hall, where local talent was on display; Alan Dingle would play his accordion, Nancy Pope would sing and stories of Old Cornwall would be retold by Auntie Minnie, an elderly lady who remembered the time, back in 1923, when a whale was beached on Looe Island. The poor creature had died and started to decompose and smell. Minnie's father and other local fishermen decided that the only way to get rid of it was to blow it up. So with dynamite it was blown up and it rained blubber in Looe for hours! June Duke has a photograph of the event and it shows her uncle in the picture stood by the whale.

In the old days, it was still possible to buy fish straight off the boat. I remember mackerel at one shilling each (5p). The ferry across the Looe River cost two pence, old money, and our neighbour, May Libby, whose husband Clarence was a ferryman, would sit in her bay window overlooking the river and count the customers on the ferry, she then knew how much was made that day.

I recall another character; Jack Soady whom at one time owned his own fishing boat called 'Valhalla' and named his house on West Looe Hill by the same name. After he retired from the sea Jack could be seen by the quayside mending fishing nets. He always had plenty of fish in the freezer and Ruby, his wife, would often supply us with fish for running errands for her. Jack lived a long life, going well into his nineties and he put this down to having a nip of whisky with his late evening drink. *(continued next month)*

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