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Diary Dates (WRR=Widegates Reading Room)

November

Sun 10: 10.45am Act of Remembrance at Morval War Memorial
then in St Wenna's Church

December

Fri 6: Christmas Bingo, WRR

Sat 7: Switching on the Christmas Tree lights on the Green,
followed by a Disco in the Hall for children and all the family.

Mon 9 - Sun 15: Christmas Tree Festival, St Wenna's Church

Sun 15: Carol Service, 4pm, St Wenna's Church

Hessenford WI

President Jackie welcomed everyone, including two visitors, to our meeting. Miriam told us about the Centenary Memorial Service at Truro Cathedral which she attended with Yvonne. She took part in the Banner parade into the Cathedral where they were met by the Lord Lieutenant. The Dean then gave an interesting address about the history of "Jerusalem" before we sang it with much pride.

Marie, Miriam, Angela B and Jean thoroughly enjoyed Duloe W.I.'s Tea Party which was in support of cancer research, dementia and coeliac disease.

Jackie then demonstrated making Christmas cards using a die cutting machine. She had provided all the materials necessary and we all thoroughly enjoyed creating our own very attractive cards. I wonder who the lucky recipients will be?

Our next meeting at Widegates Hall is on Tuesday 5th November at 7p.m. It is an Open Meeting with Andy Bristow giving a talk and slide presentation entitled "Sailing in the Arctic". So please do come and join us.

Appeal from Morval Parochial Church Council

Morval PCC is trying to contact family members for the following people interred in Morval Churchyard: *Edward Williams, Wesley Crabb and Ruth Ivy, Winnifred Furzeman, John and Maud Allen, Daisy Nudds, Florence Floyd, Raymond Windmill.*

If you are a family member, please contact Val Olver 01503 262808

Ladies at Leisure

As December is a busy month for everybody there will not be any meetings for the Ladies at Leisure. However, they are getting together for the last time in 2019 with the Craft Club on November 26th to kick start their Christmas celebrations with a meal at The Plough, Duloe. Ladies At Leisure was set up for residents of Morval Parish to get together at the Village Hall or for suggested trips out, transport is not a problem as it is arranged between the drivers in the group, also should you need a lift to the Hall please let us know, we look forward to hearing from you.

Jane 01503 240393, Barbara 01503 241169

or Helen 01503 241148

Craft Club

Crafters have been busy making their Christmas table decorations, ivy and holly leaves modelled from clay and set on a base to form a wreath ready to take a central candle. We also had a visit from Mike Hartland from Seaton to explain about Inkle Weaving and showing us items which he has produced in a variety of coloured wool. Could be a craft to bear in mind for future evenings. If you have a craft you would like to share, maybe a change of scene to continue your crafting along with other like-minded crafters or indeed to try something new please come along. Except for December we will be meeting on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of each month. For more information please contact :

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Poppies on the Green

Poppies on the Green are all ready to install on November 2nd at 2pm if you have some time to spare on that day please come along your help would be appreciated.

Copy deadline for December's Outlook is Wed 13th November

Church Services at St Wenna's

November

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

December

1st Advent Sunday

Eucharist 11am

Reader Lesley Brettell

Sidesperson Colin Brettell

8th Advent 2

Christmas Tree Festival

Dedication 3.30pm

Reader Aurea Wilks

Sidesperson Anne Rice

15th Advent 3

Carol Service 4pm

Readers TBA

Sidesperson Ann Williams

22nd Advent 4

Morning Prayer 11am

Reader Bridget MacArthur

Sidesperson Carolyn Burgoyne

25th Christmas Day 11am

29th 10.30am at St Nicholas

Flower rota

November 9th & 16th Marie Bersey, 23rd Janet Gill

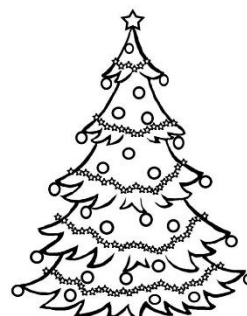
December No flowers during Advent, Christmas Day Carol Jay

Christmas Tree Festival at St Wenna's

9th to 15th December

The church will be full of Christmas trees again this year, representing groups and organisations in and around the parish. The festival will start with an informal dedication service at 3.30pm on Sunday 8th December, and will then be open from 10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, ending with the Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 15th.

Free entry, donations welcome, refreshments available.



Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan - update

The Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee has been working hard to progress the project. This work has included a detailed examination of 27



NDPs that have already been adopted around Cornwall, to give an indication of the approaches and content that are likely to be approved by Cornwall Council. The Macmillan coffee morning at Widegates Village Hall on 28th September provided a valuable opportunity for members of the committee to gather more views from local residents. Given that there will be a certain amount of growth throughout Cornwall, and that new developments within the parish, possibly of up to 120 houses, are already being considered, the questions on this occasion were focussed mainly on the type of housing development that people would like to see. Of those who took part in these conversations, most would like to see small housing developments, using traditional materials and of limited height, of a style in keeping with the surrounding properties. There was also a real enthusiasm for energy saving measures and environmental protection, for footpaths, green spaces and public transport, and provision for children to play safely. These findings were reported to Parish Council at the start of October. The next stage, as soon as Parish Council funding has been approved, is for every household to receive an information pack which will include the detailed questionnaire. Responses to this will form the basis of our own NDP policies, which will be able to influence the type of future development in the parish.

So when you receive this, please take the time to read it and fill in the questionnaire as fully as possible. Thank you.

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Last month, we published the first part of an article, written by Peter Cawthorne, in which he reminisced about past times in and around the parish, and in this issue, we print the concluding part of ...

Vanishing Cornwall

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.

Back in those days we had lovely untreated Jersey milk from Palmers on the Polperro Road delivered to our door. Half the bottle would be cream and May Libby would save the cream from her milk and at the end of the week would have enough to make clotted cream in large flat pans on the stove. Roger Palmer, the farmer's son made fudge on the farm from the rich milk and sold it in Polperro at his fudge shop. The Palmers had a large collection of veteran and vintage cars and often enter the famous London to Brighton vintage car rally.

In those days, a very accomplished artist Roy Stringfellow lived in Looe and had a studio in Pennylands on the river. He could be seen at his easel drawing in pastel wonderful harbour and coastal scenes. He renovated several of my father's oil paintings from 1936 which were in need of oiling out and varnishing.

A good many years ago I met a great character, Ernie Ratcliffe who was a deep-sea diver. He had sold land at Barbican, East Looe where Hillcrest Nursing Home now stands and the stylish Barbican Court; properties converted from farm buildings for retirement.

Ernie's place was built next to this and was complete with a gallery, his captain's chair and table with sea charts. He researched and was looking for a Norwegian vessel which had sunk about 200 years ago between Cornwall and the Scillies. From old drawings he had made for him, a museum quality model of the ship, the 'Sea Wolf' and this graced his sitting room at the Barbican. With his son Peter, they renovated an older property in West Looe at Hannafore using carved timbers from a demolished Church on Plymouth; they incorporated these into a stylish bar and restaurant and named it 'Tom Sawyers' Inn. It soon became a popular eating house, well known for its steaks and homemade pies. Some years later they opened 'The Smugglers' restaurant in East Looe, full of character and displaying many artefacts from wrecks. It still provides fine food and is run by Chef Peter Ratcliffe, the owner.

Many years ago, you could pass by 'The Swan' pub in Fore Street East Looe on a Saturday evening and hear the dulcet tones of Ivor Novello or Johanne Strauss played on piano by an old theatrical, Bobby from Malta. He would tickle the ivories every Saturday night and take requests for a brandy or a contribution to the 'Lifeboat' jar. Mr Wilton, the butcher would appear during the evening, complete with Harris Tweed jacket, cavalry twills and smoking a pipe. He would always request 'Stardust', buy a brandy for the pianist, drink down his pint of ale and depart. The audience were invited to sing along which they often did and many of the songs of yesteryear were given a revival. The piano was short by one octave having once been a yacht and short of space.

In addition, Bobby also had a handicap of only 8 workable fingers; two were stiff with arthritis. Living in Malta he had run a nightclub called 'The British Bar' set up for Royal Navy ratings. He performed nightly on stage as 'Bobby and Sugar', his partner in a drag act; my brother remembers it all when his ship called in there. When we went to the 'Swan Inn' my brother remembered him. Bobby claimed to be a descendant from the famous Strauss family of Vienna.

Another character from the old days was Mr Milners who was a bone setter and charmer. He lived on a hill near Lostwithial in an old cottage and milked his goat every morning. His hobby was clock mending and the walls of his sitting room were lined with clocks all ticking away. Anyone with a bone problem would be

shown into the kitchen which was normally full of steam from a rabbit stew on the go. 'Next please' and you were shown into the sitting room. My sacroiliac joint had displaced and with some quick manipulation and a press and back it went; fine and all for a fiver, Mr Milners had again worked his magic. The police force were regular visitors with any bone problems or back trouble. He could also charm warts and cure animals instinctively. He could walk through a herd of cows and know exactly which one need his magic touch. He famously treated a lion in Newquay zoo who suffered a slipped disc; Mr Milner walked barefoot on the back of the sedated animal and pressed back the dislodged disc; it appeared on local television at the time.

In these days of over development of the land and more of Cornwall disappearing under concrete, together with ever increasing technology, it is important to hold onto the stories and traditions on the area. Tales and legends as portrayed in the books of Daphne DuMaurier, Michael Williams with his large collection 'Bossiney Books and Dereck Tangy who writes about life in a cottage near to the Minack Theatre such as 'Cat in the Window' and 'Donkey in the Meadow' etc., bringing back magical and romantic memories.

Let us hope that Cornwall doesn't VANISH altogether.

Peter Cawthorne

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