

Springtime is coming, (and the Spring Equinox)



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### Copy deadline for April 2023 Outlook is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

### **Key dates in Morval Parish**

### **Dates Widegates Village Hall**

March 3rd 7.30pm Quiz

11th 10am-12 noon Fairtrade Baking Challenge - see Page 7

17<sup>th</sup> 7- 9pm Games evening

24<sup>th</sup> 7 for 7.30pm Easter Bingo

28th 7pm Widegates Village Hall AGM

**April**: 1st Easter Fair,

3<sup>rd</sup> 3-5pm – "So what's it all about?" – See Page 5 for details

24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Quiz

May: 7<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Bring and share Coronation Tea

June: 3rd Summer Fair,

9<sup>th</sup> Quiz evening

**July**: 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Quiz,

28th 7 for 7.30pm Summer Bingo

September: 1st 7 for 7.30pm RNLI Bingo,

2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Fair,

8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Quiz

October: 27th 7.30pm Quiz,

28th Halloween event

**December:** 1st Christmas lights switch on,

2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Fair.

8<sup>th</sup> 7 for 7.30pm Christmas Bingo,

15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Christmas Quiz,

16<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Christmas afternoon tea.

### **Garden Club dates**

<u>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March</u> 7.30pm at Widegates Village Hall End of our year. We will be having our AGM before our talk. We are looking for new members and people to serve on our committee.

Speaker Mike Stephens "A Gardener's Look at Local Wild Flowers"

<u>Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</u> 10.30am Coffee Morning at Marie Bersey's 47 Morview Road. Easter Egg hunt, Hot Cross Buns, Raffle **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April** Robin and Edwina Hill: Dormice on North Dartmoor

### **Future Garden Club dates for your diary**

<u>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October</u> Coffee Morning 10.30-12.30 Widegates Village Hall <u>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November</u> (*Note change of date*) Christmas Bazaar – stalls, raffle, refreshments

## THE Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was adopted by Cornwall County Council at the end of last year and must now be used when considering all planning applications.

There haven't been that many plans submitted since, so you can probably imagine your councillors' disappointment and frustration when two decisions were made by Cornwall Planners which went against the wishes of the Parish Council and, councillors believe, were also contrary to their NDP.

The first was to remove a planning condition on the Tudor Lodges (between the Snooty Fox and Grace Church) so that seven units could be sold off as individual dwellings following the retirement of Mr and Mrs Tudor.

The second concerned an extension to the only house on the Morview bungalow estate in Widegates.

The Parish Council favoured freeing up the Tudor Lodges for housing if no-one were prepared to take on the business, but felt that the Morview Road application amounted to over-development of the site, among other objections.

In fact, so concerned were your local councillors that they took the unusual decision to ask Cornwall Planners to 'call in' the application, so that the parish's views could be presented to the planning committee in person. However, Cornwall Council ignored that request and granted permission for the extension.

In the case of Tudor Lodges, the County Council rejected the application, saying they did not believe that the business had been

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offered for sale at a realistic price. Both decisions were reported back to the Parish Council whose members have now asked their Cornwall councillor, Armand Toms, to register their disappointment with the county.

Said Parish Council chairman John Collings: 'Our NDP was drawn up by a dedicated local committee, working on feedback from residents. It was then prepared by professionals and worded correctly to become a workable document for planning purposes.

'NDPs can cost in the region of £8,000 of Government money (ultimately our money from taxes etc), and are supposed to give parishes more clout in local decisions.

'So to say I am disappointed with the County Council is a massive under-statement.

'What is the point in spending thousands of pounds on an NDP which is supposed to reflect what local people want, when the county does not listen? And in one case, they even refused us the chance to put our case in person.

'Some of the decisions made by Cornwall Council really make me wonder if they want parish councils' input at all.

'They certainly don't seem to want to listen to them.'

### Holy Week and Easter at St Wenna's

Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April
11am Family Service
3pm The Path ~ the Easter story told in music

### Monday 3rd April

3-5pm Widegates Village Hall

"So what's it all about?" ~ an informal chance, over saffron buns and drinks, to quiz local Christians about their beliefs.

### Good Friday 7th April

3pm Meditation ~ readings, hymns and prayers, followed by Hot Cross Buns and fellowship.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April Decorating the church

Easter Day 9<sup>th</sup> April 11am Holy Communion ~ He is Risen!

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation in memory of loved ones, please contact Val Olver on 262808, and your lilies will be part of a beautiful Easter display in St Wenna's.

Everyone is welcome to all events and services, to come and see, and to join in as much or as little as feels comfortable.

### **Calling all crafters!**

Flowers needed, created in any medium, to decorate the pillars during the 'Community Life' flowers and crafts festival at St Wenna's in October. All sorts welcome, the more variety the better – what can you create with wool, fabric, wood, recycled materials, etc etc? Marie Bersey will be gathering the flowers, and is happy to collect – please ring 01503 240478.



Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February - 12th March

There will be two Big Brew events in the parish to celebrate the difference Fairtrade can make to poor communities and to find out more about how to support and engage with it.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Trenode School 2.00 – 3.30pm

Everyone is invited to Trenode to see Fairtrade displays, see what the children have learned about Fairtrade principles, take part in puzzles and quizzes and a raffle of Fairtrade items, and enjoy the wonderful goodies baked by school families with Fairtrade ingredients (with Fairtrade tea and coffee, of course).









Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March Widegates Village Hall 10am – 12 noon Another opportunity to see a range of resources and take part in puzzles, quizzes and raffles. There will be cakes, biscuits etc made with Fairtrade ingredients (with Fairtrade tea and coffee, of course) but most importantly, everyone is invited to take up the **Fairtrade Baking Challenge**, to see how many Fairtrade ingredients you can include in a recipe, and bring your goodies along to share, in exchange for a donation to Fairtrade charities. You might use Fairtrade sugar, cocoa, chocolate, bananas, dried fruit, even tomatoes – just look out for the logo.

### The Church and Lent – What's that all about?

I wonder if you have thought of life as a journey – one with a beginning and end and an unfolding path in front of you? There is a great Christian tradition of pilgrimage, a physical journey with a spiritual purpose.

The Christian Church is now into the season of Lent – a time of fasting and remembering, of journeying with Christ on the road to Jerusalem and eventually his crucifixion. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, when old Palm Crosses from previous Palm Sundays, are burned and the ash to mark the foreheads of those at the service.

As the priest makes the sign of cross, these words are said to each person:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

This is a powerful reminder for all of us that, through Jesus, we can turn our backs on our brokenness and thoughtlessness, and instead walk in Jesus' footsteps to a life with God.

That is the invitation at Lent – to journey towards the cross with Christ and have eternal life with him.

Revd. Ben Morgan Lundie

(Invert the page for Answers to 'Spot the Difference')

More snow prints at bottom, chick has extra scart end, bigger carrot nose, hen's wing overlaps other, hen's tail, hen's eyelids, extra twigs near tree, extra tree branch, snow shapes on fence.

### **NDP Information Notice**

Everyone is reminded that any new planning applications (or any changes to ongoing ones) must comply with the Morval NDP's policies, including:

- Housing Design Requirements
- Small Scale 'infill
- Biodiversity
- Rural Exceptions
- Flood Risk
- Transport & Accessibility
- Sustainability
- Climate Change
- Green Spaces
- Communities Facilities
- Employment

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