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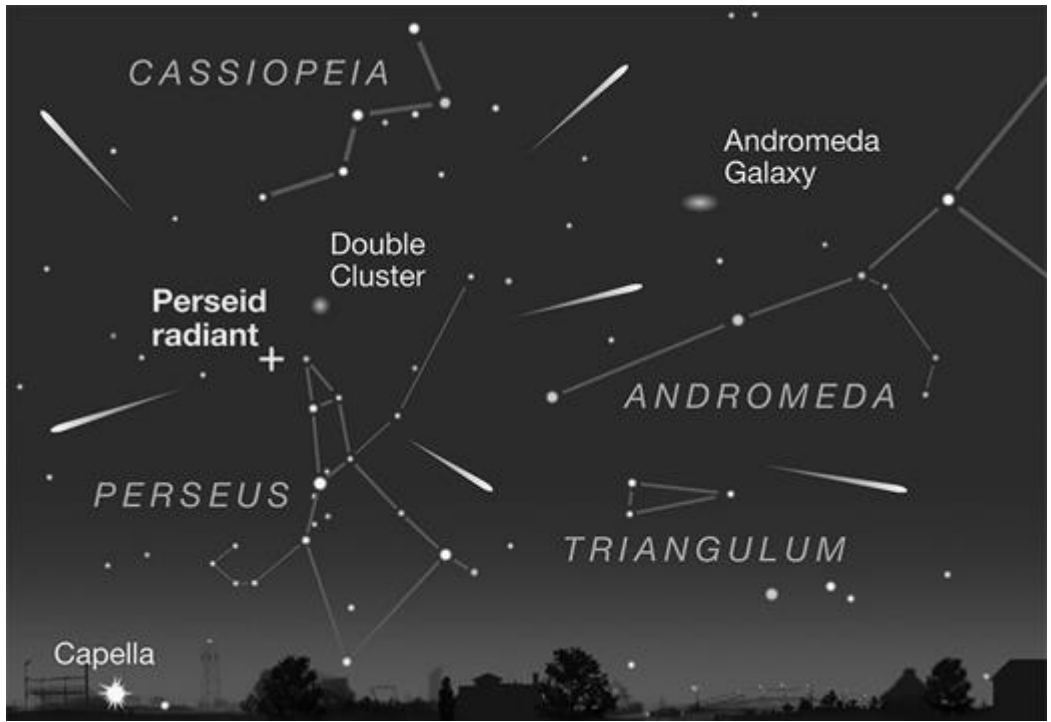
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**News and Views from around the Parish
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**This month is a double issue, so our next Outlook is October's
The Copy Deadline is Thursday 14th September**

Key dates in Morval Parish

August

Wed 17th: Informal Outdoor Worship, 7pm, Widegates Village Green

September

Fri 1st: RNLI Bingo, 7pm, Widegates Village Hall

Fri 8th: Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Widegates Village Hall

Fri 15th: Games Night, 7 – 9pm, Widegates Village Hall

Garden Club future dates

Wednesday 27th September

Speaker Mandy Barber: Incredible Vegetables

Saturday 7th October Coffee Morning,

Widegates Village Hall, 10.30 – 12.30

Wednesday 25th October

Speaker Carol Horsington: Workshop – Willow bird feeders for fatballs or for use as lanterns with lights.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - COMMUNITY LIFE ST WENNA'S CHURCH MORVAL 19TH – 22ND OCTOBER 2023

We hope you will all be able to join us as we celebrate our Parish Community Life with a Flower Festival.

All the exhibits are being done by Parishioners and friends of the Church and Parish and the displays are always beautiful to see.

This year we will have a dedicated area for Refreshments, so make a date to meet up with your friends while you sit and enjoy all the amazing food that will be on offer.

We also hope to have some craft stalls as well as the raffle, any of the table arrangements, (which will all be made with artificial plant material) will also be for sale.

On the Saturday evening of the Flower Festival, there will be a special evening to celebrate Saint Wenna, one of the earliest Celtic Saints, and Harvest Festival, with a bring & share Harvest Supper.

Please make a note in your diary to make sure you do not miss these lovely events in the Parish.

Widegates Village Hall

Widegates Village Hall dates back to 1907, when it was built as a Reading Room Library and Working Men's Club, and has served the local community in various ways since then. For many years, the only time that women were allowed in was when the hall was being used as a polling station. Fortunately, a determined group of volunteers decided that the hall should be available to everyone, and in 2003, with the aid of lottery and other grant funding, it was refurbished, the roof repaired and the outdated restrictions lifted.

Nowadays, the hall is used by a number of groups for regular activities, and is available for anyone to hire for private events. It has a well equipped kitchen, a toilet with disabled access, and a good sized area with a well sprung floor for tables and chairs as required.

Regular events include **Bingo**, either run by the hall committee or by visiting charities (like the RNLI Bingo on 1st September), **Quiz Evenings**, which are informal, lots of fun and really not seriously competitive, **Family Games Nights** which give an opportunity to try out new skills or just chat with friends, **Widegates Garden Club's** very interesting monthly meetings, a weekly **Art Club** (more about this below), and regular meetings of **Morval Parish Council**, which all residents of the parish are welcome to attend.

Coffee mornings, lunches and afternoon teas are held from time to time, again organised by the hall committee or by other organisations and charities. Some events, like the recent Coronation Celebration in May and Summer Craft Fair in July, take place on the Village Green and in the Hall.

Do look out for events in the hall that you would like to attend – everyone is welcome – or get in touch if you would like to hire the hall for your own event, at £8/hour for new bookings. Phone Ann on 240470 or visit our Facebook page: Widegates Reading Room and Village Hall.

The **Art Club** is a small group of men and women of varying ages. We have no fixed rules, which means any medium can be used, i.e., water colour, acrylic, pastels, charcoal, or pencils, to name a few. We are a friendly group and help one another when it's needed. Recently one of our group gave a demonstration on how to

use pastels, which was very enlightening. We choose a topic to paint or draw, and over either one or two weeks, we each have a go, some are good others need a little more practice, but it's fun. New members are most welcome. We meet on Thursdays 2pm till 4pm paying £2 each. We meet again on September 7

Informal Outdoor Worship

Widegates Village Green 7pm Thursday 17th August
Celebrate the beauty of creation through Celtic spirituality.

Relax ~ Reflect ~ Pray

Savour the beauty of a sunset, or the music of birdsong.

Everybody is welcome to watch and listen, join in,
or just pause as you are out walking the dog.

Benefits of an International Dark Skies Landscape

Cornwall Council, with Caradon Observatory, have set up a Steering Group to identify & promote the economic advantages of Bodmin Moor being an International Dark Skies Landscape.

Summer is obviously important to Cornwall, and other similar areas elsewhere with Dark Skies sites have found that there can be a significant uplift in the local economy during winter months. These benefits extend to peripheral areas as well, and Morval is peripheral to Bodmin Moor. This is good news for those offering visitor accommodation and those offering ancillary services and other attractions.

Ideas put forward to the Steering Group include

- advertising winter holidays for 'dark skies' visitors,
- running half-day courses for hotels/B&B's etc to help changing tentative Dark Skies enquiries into confirmed bookings,
- Cornwall Dark Skies Quality mark for pottery/art/jewellery etc,
- outreach in other complimentary areas (in Cornwall & beyond)
- bidding for and hosting conferences (including those for the International Dark Skies Association).

If you have any ideas about things that could/should/might be done to help Dark Skies promote the local economy (directly or indirectly) please contact me on 240218 or email: mikejwillmott@gmail.com.

Mike Willmott (member of the Cornwall Dark Skies Steering Group)

We asked Rev'd Steve Guffick, Morval's new curate, to tell us about

Taking on a new challenge

It is very kind of the editorial team to invite me to say a few words in this double edition of Outlook. My colleague Ben introduced my family and me in the previous edition, and I have now been serving here as curate for three weeks, and I will take this opportunity to thank all those I have met for the very kind welcome that has been extended to us. Perhaps the coming weeks offer a chance to meet some more new friends with the Morval and Widegates country Fete rapidly approaching.

As I sit and write this article to you all we are preparing to move to Looe later in the week, as I am also licenced to Looe as curate, and so I am surrounded by boxes of possessions and empty shelves.

To pack all we belong into a series of various sized boxes and bags stirs a mixture of emotion. It brings, of course, a new wave of excitement, the possibility of new beginnings, new friends and new challenges. It is a chance to clear out some things we had forgotten we even owned, to make space for the new, as we clear our hearts of old worries ready to fill with new hopes.

But, to step out in faith and answer the call of God to serve in a new place also brings anxiety. A new start and a role which is still unfamiliar. To step away from all that is safe and known is a theme that runs throughout the Bible, starting as far back as the book of Genesis, where Abram is called to do just the same, I wonder which removal company he used and if he had as many boxes as us..

And this can be a source of comfort for new beginnings for me, but for everyone reading this too. The phrase 'do not be afraid' is used over 350 times in one form or another in the Bible, and offers comfort to those facing challenges or something unknown.

So as we load another section of our lives into the unknown that is a big white removal box, we take comfort that God is with me in the new start, but we also take comfort from you, the people who we have met and the people we will meet, in the knowledge that as we step into a new thing we are coming to a community that already looks out for each other, helps each other and loves each other.

We very much look forward to joining you all, unpacking our life in a new place and filling the cleared out parts of our hearts with the love of a new community

MORVAL Parish Council is once again trying to get some action to repair an unstable hedge on the B3252

Looe-Liskeard road, just past the entrance to Tregastick Lane.

Previous requests for Cornwall Council to make repairs fell on deaf ears as Highways maintained that the wall was the responsibility of the landowner.

Councillors heard from a resident who has now had to replace two damaged tyres as a result of getting close to the hedge to allow larger oncoming vehicles to pass. The council, which has previously considered the section of wall on a blind bend to be an accident waiting to happen, with motor-cyclists particularly at risk, decided to approach the landowner and also ask Cornwall Councillor Armand Toms to speak again to Highways.



A PLANNING application to build five additional houses on land north of Little Chimneys, Widegates, was opposed by the council.

Members decided to tell Cornwall Planners that the proposal, which would result in a total of nine dwellings on the site, was contrary to the Morval Neighbourhood Development Plan, and should be rejected. The plan contained no provision for affordable housing.

The application, which can be viewed on the County Council's website (Ref: PA23/04709) will be determined by the county in due course.

The Morval Parish **Council corner**

Supporting the Heart of the Community



THESE are your Parish Councillors...

Andy Jackson (chairman), John Collings (vice-chairman), Jasmine Fullalove, Stuart Hutchins, Debra Kirkland, John Kitson, Clive Pearn, Ben Pengelly and Graham Tamblyn.

There is one vacancy still to be filled. Two parishioners have expressed an interest but neither was unable to attend the last meeting, so the co-option process was deferred until the next meeting

The Council usually meets at Widegates Village Hall at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

However, traditionally there is no meeting in August so the next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, September 6 at the Village Hall (7.00 pm).

All meetings are open to members of the public.

The Council also has a website – www.morvalparishcouncil.org.uk – where you can find much more information.

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19th - 22nd October 2023

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SAT 10-4PM

SUN 12-4PM

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