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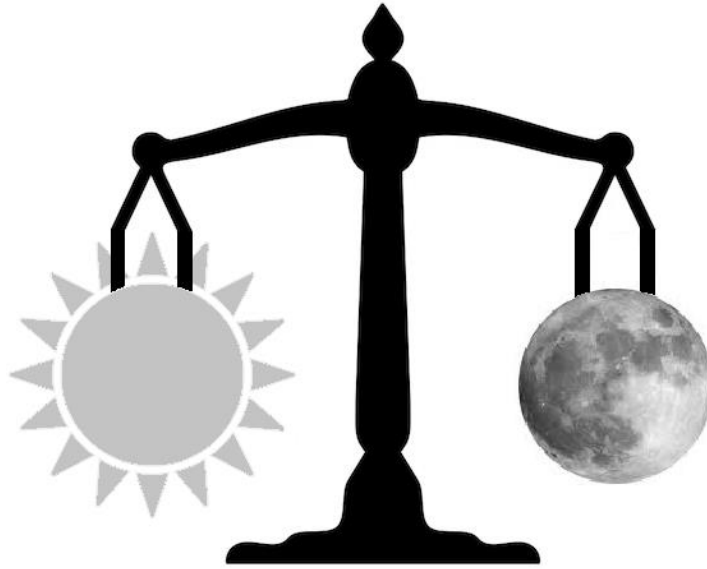
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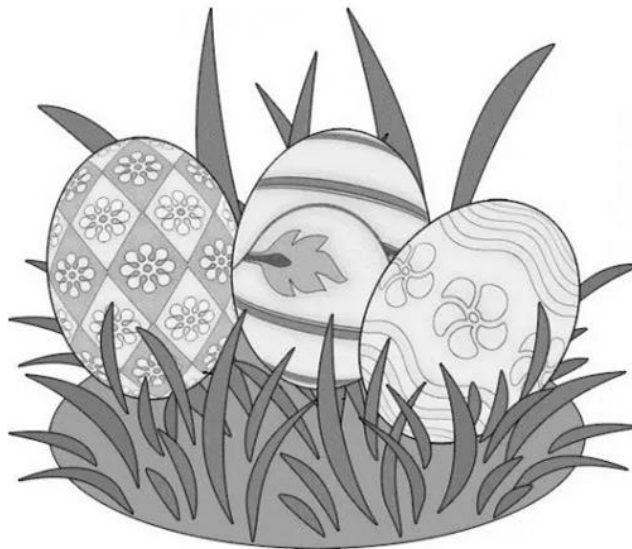
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**Spring Equinox (equal day & night)
Wednesday, 20 March 2024 (3:06 am)**



**Easter Sunday
Sunday 31 March 2024**

News and Views from around the Parish

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**Copy deadline for the April 2024 Outlook
is Thursday 14th March 2024**

Key dates in Morval Parish

March dates (Widegates Village Hall unless otherwise stated)

- Tue 5: Widegates Reading Room and Village Hall AGM, 6.30pm
- Wed 6: Morval Parish Council, 7pm
- Fri 8: Fairtrade Big Brew **at Trenode School**, 2-3.30pm
- Fri 8: Easter Bingo for 7.30pm
- Fri 22: Trenode School Quiz (in the Village Hall). 7pm
- Wed 27: Widegates Garden Club: Speaker Emma Gunn:
Never mind the burdocks + year end AGM, 7.30pm
- Fri 29: Good Friday Coffee morning/Easter Egg Hunt,
47, Morview Road, Widegates, 10am – 12noon

Widegates Village Hall AGM Tues 5th March 6.30pm

Everyone in the parish (and beyond!) is welcome to come along for a cuppa and a friendly chat. The current small and dedicated committee will warmly welcome new members and new ideas as events are planned for the coming months. Do you have a particular interest or skill that you would like to share, or are you looking for opportunities to meet more people in our community? Please come along to the meeting and make your voice heard.

First outreach meeting with our local police team

PCSO Dave Billing was pleased to meet 10 residents of the parish at his first 'surgery' in Widegates Village Hall on 16th February. A number of general issues were discussed as a group, and he was able to offer one-to-one advice on a couple of individual concerns. Dave hopes to offer these sessions on a regular basis.

He confirmed that Looe Police Station is open for walk in advice and reporting Monday to Saturday 10am to 3pm.

Answers to the Spot the difference puzzle on page 6:

Top of tent, cloud behind left tree, upper part of left tree, upper part of right tree, peak of boy's cap, girl's fringe, tent pegs, backpack pocket, centre of flame, flower next to fire

Fairtrade Big Brew Friday 8th March 2.00 – 3.30pm Trenode School



Everyone is invited to Trenode to learn from the children about Fairtrade principles, to celebrate the difference Fairtrade can make to poor communities and to find out more about how to support and engage with it. There will be puzzles and quizzes and a raffle of Fairtrade items, and plenty of wonderful goodies baked with Fairtrade ingredients (with Fairtrade tea and coffee, of course).

You are all 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.

Welcome to my Swim22 story for Diabetes UK.



As many as 5 million people are living with diabetes in the UK right now. So, I'm swimming towards a healthier me, and a better future for people living with diabetes.

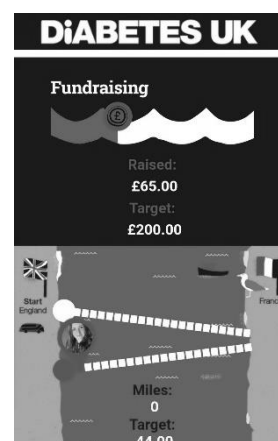
I have never done anything like this before - it will be a stretch, but I know I can do it with your support for a great cause!

Toni Patterson

I will be swimming 44miles which is the equivalent of the

English Channel and back again to support this fabulous charity to help a better future for people living with diabetes. Support my challenge by hitting the donate button on my profile page..

<https://swim22.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/toni-patterson2024#share-page>



Easter at St Wenna's



Palm Sunday 24th March

11am Communion Service with palm crosses

3pm The Path ~ a dramatic and moving retelling of the Easter story in words and music by Steve Bailey. Steve is joined by fellow musicians Paul Foster and Jim Berry on a journey that takes us through a variety of musical styles ranging from boogie to ballad. There will be an opportunity to chat over refreshments after the performance. If you missed this last year, do come along to experience something quite extraordinary. If you did come last year, do come again.

Good Friday 29th March

2pm Meditation ~ readings, hymns and prayers, followed by Hot Cross Buns and fellowship.

Saturday 30th March

Decorating the church, planting the Easter Garden

Easter Day 31st March

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.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, at which reports are received and Churchwardens elected, will follow the Communion service on 28th April.

New Housing Development in Widegates: update

Many parishioners attended the recent Morval Parish Council meeting, in order to contribute to the discussion about this potential development. Their case was concisely summarised by Steve Murdoch, with contributions from other parishioners.

George Shirley, Cornwall Council's Principal Development Officer has recently published his assessment of this project (25 pages). It can be accessed from the Planning page of the Morval & Widegates Parish website. The article below refers to some key points in this assessment.

It identifies the Morval NDP Policy 7 (small scale development) as relevant, commenting that this development would be considered to be out of keeping with the scale of the settlement and would represent a significant expansion to the village.

It references other matters, including Visual impact, Design and layout, Affordable Housing, Impact on neighbouring properties, Ecological Context, Highways (access) and Drainage.

The first part of the Conclusion states *'In principle, the location of the site could be acceptable as rural exception site, however the scale of development proposed is inappropriate and out of scale with the settlement. The proposal in its current format is unlikely to be supported by Officer and needs to be much reduced to reflect the aspirations of the NDP for smaller scale development sites. The highway access ... also needs further assessment'*.

It should be noted that the assessment refers to only the current pre-application (and not necessarily to any amended versions)

Spot the Difference

Can you find the 10 differences between these two drawings?

(Answers are at the bottom of page 3)



WITHIN hours of being advised of yet more problems relating to water pressure in Widegates, Cornwall County councillor Armand Toms was calling on South West Water to take action.

It was during a Morval Parish Council debate on the prospect of more housing development in the village that residents raised concerns over existing water supplies.

The next day, Cllr Toms, the independent member for the Looe East and Deviock ward, which includes Morval Parish, highlighted the issue with South West Water (SWW), telling the Exeter-based authority's chief executive Tracy Symons that the problems of low pressure had still not been resolved, despite being reported on previous occasions.

"The low pressure relates to an intermittent pump problem," replied Ms Symons.

"This usually occurs if there is a power surge, or during adverse weather. The village is supplied via a pump set at Bindown service reservoir; Morview is at the highest point on this system and, as such, the top six or eight properties may notice a drop in pressure when the pump trips."

But she assured Cllr Toms that SWW would always respond to any pump failure as soon as possible, to ensure the continuity of supply.

Cllr Toms also heard from Richie Adams, the head of the company's Drinking Water Supplies (DWS) Network, who apologised for any inconvenience that may have been caused and promised to get his team monitoring the issue.

Said Mr Adams: "The main

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causes for interruption to the Bindown station will be loss of electric supply and power blips which can be affected due to adverse weather, such as the recent storms."

He described the Bindown facility as a water booster station "which, in essence, boosts the water pressure to the higher elevations of the network which cannot be fed by gravity means.

"For obvious reasons, when there is an interruption at this station some of the customers will experience low pressure and the highest elevation properties could experience no water."

Mr Adams said that he had studied the pressure graphs for the system and (outside four recent specific situations to which he referred) he was satisfied that there was regular and sufficient pressure.

But he promised: "I will continue a review with my team to ensure we look at any improvements that can be made and specifically around communication."

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