

OUTLOOK

**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM MORVAL
AND WIDEGATES**

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EDITORIAL

One of my favourite times of Year. Leaves to catch and kick up. The smell of wood smoke, talkative Owls at dawn and dusk. Trees a rich palate of colours and still a few warm days before the onset of winter.

MORVAL NEWS & EVENTS

A very BIG thank you to Yvonne Greenaway, who will be resigning in January 2014 after eight years as secretary for Widegates Hall and Reading Room. The committee and all who use the Hall/RR are immensely grateful to her. The Committee are looking for a new secretary, please contact Yvonne on 01503 240 343, for further information. The Post is honorary, and might suit someone who has recently retired or moved into the Parish. An individual thinking of returning to work might find it use full experience, and it would help to build up a Curriculum Vitae.

WIDEGATES NEWS & EVENTS

November 8th Quiz Teams of 4 or come along to make up a team £4 a team.

November 9th Coffee Morning 10am (proceeds for Xmas Meal)

November 29th Xmas Bingo 7-30pm.

December 7th Lighting up the Christmas Tree, Christmas Carols, & a Nativity Tableau, Parade. 6pm. (A few eccentric members of the Parish are going back to happy childhood memories of marching in the wrong direction with tea towels on their heads) Please come equipped with tea towel & dressing gown unless you would rather wear a crown. Sheep, Donkeys and Angels all welcome. A wild rumour is circulating that a real sheep may arrive, possibly even an Ass. Anyone daft enough to bring a camel could find themselves at odds with elf & safety, remember there are a lot of elves around at Christmas.

December 14th Xmas meal 1pm.

WIDEGATES GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday October 30th at the Hall/RR 7-30pm talk on Japanese Gardens

Wednesday 27th November Gardening with Grasses

Saturday 30th November Christmas Bazaar 2 till 4 pm

PARISH NEWS

Hello Everyone.

Councillor Chudleigh and Councillor Candy met with representatives of Cormac recently to discuss a number of issues relating to traffic and the highways throughout the parish. Whilst there are no easy overnight solutions, the meeting proved positive with Cormac having actually seen the areas of concern. Efforts to resolve the problems identified remain on-going.

Councillors Spencer and Kitson continue to lead the Neighbourhood Planning for the parish. Anybody wishing to be part of this working party can express their interest by contacting me or either of the Councillors mentioned.

Representatives of the council will be meeting with the council's solicitor to discuss the draft lease for the "Green" at Widegates. In the coming weeks Hi-Line will be trimming back some of the branches of some of the Sycamore trees at the "Green" on behalf of Western Power.

Finally, the council, at its meeting at the start of October, agreed that it would start its meetings at the earlier time of 7.00 pm. This will continue until April 2014 when the meeting start time will revert back to 7.30 pm.

Lynne Sutton . Clerk to Morval Parish Council"

WIT & WISDOM

Take time to think... it is the source of power.

Take time to play... it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read... it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray... it is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to love and be loved... it is a God-given privilege.

Take time to be friendly... it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh... it is the music of the soul.

Take time to give... it is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to work... it is the price of success.

Take time to do charity... it is the key to fulfillment.

AMOS

Early fifties. Dark brown hair, peppered grey. Open, honest face, tanned and weather-beaten from a life spent outdoors. A ready smile. A deep, kind voice.

I have spent my whole life living out of doors. Shepherds are rarely at home for long. My father and his father before him were the same. Always away from home keeping watches in the night over their flocks. Actually, with my father and grandfather, they didn't own the sheep. I'm lucky. I have my own farm and own my flocks. My sons are the same. They were both quick to learn as children and intelligent with it, too. Got their heads screwed on, my boys have. My wife, Sarah, is the same. I couldn't read or write when we married, but she helped and encouraged me. I thank God for the wife I was given. Without her my life wouldn't be what it is now.

Back when I first started work, things were tough. Many people were struggling to make ends meet. Things were expensive. Some couldn't find work. I was glad to be in the family business, so to speak. When someone works the land, growing crops or looking after animals, it tends to get passed down the generations, father to son. To begin with I looked after other people's sheep, like my father and grandfather did. I remember that we weren't terribly liked as a family. We were looked down on. It was because we had to work every day and couldn't observe the Sabbath like everyone else. It didn't help that everyone around us was either a priest or had a relative who was a priest. I'd like to know from where they would have got their lambs for the sacrifices without shepherds like us. It wasn't as if they kept a flock at the back of the Temple for such purposes.

It never ceases to amaze me how rude people can be, and they're usually the ones who call themselves religious. It comes from not thinking, Sarah says. She's right. We were forever being told that we were breaking the law. It wasn't just the priests, as well.

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That's one of the things I like about being a shepherd. The peace and quiet. Out there on the hills, a man doesn't have to talk, even when others are there working with him. There's just the land, the animals, the sky. Not many get to experience the peace and wonder of a night sky brimming with stars. Those small flecks of light often seem to me part of a bigger light that is hidden behind a great veil. There was one night, years ago now, when that veil was twitched aside briefly and a handful of men were allowed a glimpse of what was beyond. I was lucky enough to be one of them.

I can remember that night so vividly it's like it happened yesterday. I hadn't yet met my Sarah so was still living with my parents in their house in the suburbs of Jerusalem. The night started out like one of the usual watches, a group of us and our great flock of quiet sheep. Most of the animals were Temple property; others belonged to local wealthy landowners. It was my friend, Benjamin, who first voiced what we'd all been feeling. Ben and I were practically raised in the same crib together. Our families lived next door to each other. My father and his, both shepherds, both friends. Another thing to go down the generations. Ben was never one to say a dozen words when one would do. But that night, well, Ben was eloquent to the point of being poetic. I smile on it now but back then, what he said seemed sort of fitting for the occasion.

The day had been gentle and calm and the night was too. All the stars were out and a moon, big and bright and brilliant. The sheep were dozing. They never do a whole lot at that time. It's the early morning when they start getting troublesome and frisky. We'd all had our supper and had something to drink and were as sleepy as the sheep. It was then that Ben noticed that the sheep were getting a little restless and that everything seemed somehow brighter. I thought the sheep had got confused thinking it was dawn already. But there was nothing to account for that brightness. Then Joel, one of the other shepherds, pointed up at the hilltop. A man was standing there, goodness knows how long for. He didn't approach us and we didn't go up to him. Truth was we were a little afraid. Silly to admit, I know. There we were, a group of strong men used to hard work, surrounded by hundreds of sheep, and there he was, one man alone.

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MESSY CHURCH

A lovely time was had by all at our Harvest Messy Church and it's great to be back following the Summer hols! The next session on Friday 22nd November will be Christmas Messy Church at the usual time of 3.30pm until 5pm in the school hall. The children will have a drink and snack before we start the session which will be filled with fun festive crafts, song and prayer. All families (included extended family members) within the Parish and those who attend the school are welcome.

For further info please contact Helen Priestley Tel 241188,
email: hpriestley.78@btinternet.com

ST WENNA'S NEWS

Walk Cornwall 2

Many thanks to everyone who made the Walk Cornwall team welcome during their visit to Morval, Widegates and Nomansland in October. They met some of us over dinner in Widegates Village Hall, some in St Wenna's and Grace Churches, some in Trenode School and some on our doorsteps and in our homes. They thoroughly enjoyed their time here, and many of us learned a lot from them.

Advent Windows

Would anyone like to host an Advent Window this year? It simply involves decorating a window, porch, drive etc with your chosen Christmas theme, inviting friends and neighbours to sing a Christmas song or carol, and sharing a mince pie and a drink. Please let Maggie Willmott know on 240218 if you would like to publicise your window.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Wenna's Church is getting ready for its first ever Christmas Tree Festival! It will run from Monday 9th to Sunday 15th December, and will include a Christmas Concert by Liskeard Lady Singers on the evening of Saturday 14th. Local organisations are being asked to consider sponsoring and decorating a tree, and there will be a special tree for dedications in memory of loved ones. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Chancel Repair Liability - the sequel!

With apologies to anyone who was alarmed by last month's report on CRL, we can now give a reassuring update. It was necessary for the PCC to fully investigate the implications of CRL in our parish, because we would have compromised the insurance policy on the church building and our eligibility for possible grants if we had not done so. This was a difficult and extremely time consuming process, but we did manage to complete the task and were therefore able to make an informed decision.

The decision that we made was not to register the Chancel Repair Liability that applies to plots of land in the parish of Morval. The main reason is the negative impact that registration might have on the mission of the church, and the potential hardship that might be caused in some areas of the parish. This does of course have financial implications for the church, but we would rather receive support through goodwill than by legal enforcement.

CHURCH SERVICES

ALL start at 11am unless otherwise stated.

NOVEMBER 2013

Date	3rd November
Service	Eucharist
Reader	V. Olver
Sidesperson	C. Burgoyne
Flowers	J. Gill

Date	10th November
Service	Remembrance Day
Reader	
Sidesperson	A. Rice
Flowers	J. Gill

Date	17th November
Service	Eucharist
Reader	B. MacArthur
Sidesperson	V. Olver
Flowers	V. Pearce

Date	24th November
Service	Morning Prayer
Reader	M. Kitson
Sidesperson	A. Williams
Flowers	V. Pearce

DECEMBER 2013

Date
Service
Reader
Sidesperson
Flowers

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Date	
Service	Morning Prayer
Reader	M. Kitson
Sidesperson	A. Williams
Flowers	

Please note that the list with the Bible readings on it will be given to the above people individually and will also be pinned up in the Porch of the church. Thank you for reading and being sidesperson. If you need to change your date or have any queries, please contact Val Olver: 01503-240439. Any problems with flower rota contact Sue Aunger 01503 241 063.

TRENODE C OF E VA SCHOOL

We are currently very busy raising money to buy some new ICT equipment for the children to use in their lessons. One event that we have organised is the “Walk to Glasgow”. The children, staff and friends of the school are aiming to raise some money by walking and running 1000 miles, which is the distance from Widegates to Glasgow where the Commonwealth Games will be held next summer. This amounts to 5000 laps of the school field!

If you have collected any Morrisons vouchers and were wondering what to do with them you can drop them in to school. In the past few years we have used vouchers to “buy” compost, seeds, tools and raised beds which have been invaluable to the development of our wonderful edible garden. We are also collecting used textiles (clothing, bedding, curtains etc) which the PTFA sell to raise funds for the school. Our last collection raised an amazing £225. Thank you.

We will be restarting a pre school group again next half term. The sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am until 11.00am in the School Hall. If you have pre school aged children please come along and join in the fun. All welcome!

To find out more about what is happening at school go online and find us at : www.trenode.cornwall.sch.uk.

Mrs Lindsay. Headteacher

NOMANSLAND NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday November 10th Remembrance service at 6-30pm followed by supper.

Saturday December 7th Christmas Fayre at 2-30. Teas Various stalls, and Father Christmas.

Friday 20th of December Christmas Bingo, doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

Saturday 21st December Carol service at 6-30 pm followed by mince pies.

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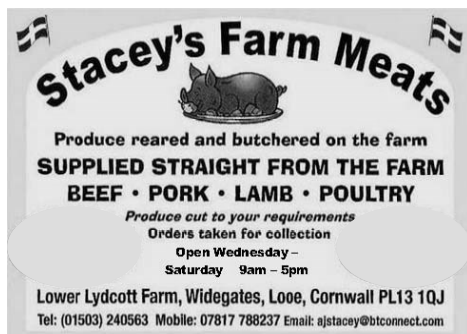
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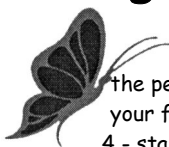
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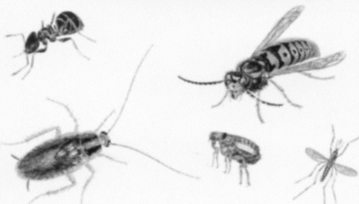
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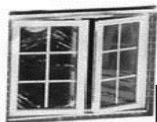
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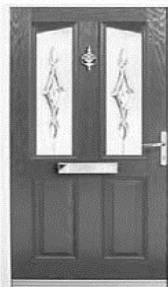
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