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NEWS AND VIEWS

OCTOBER 2022

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October 2022

Sunday 2nd October 2022	11.15 am	Harvest Festival taken by Betty Jarrett
Sunday 9th October 2022	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Churchwarden
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Sunday 23rd October 2022	11.15 am	Communion Order One CW Page 167 taken by The Revd Canon Jane Knee- bone
Sunday 30th October 2022	10 am	Fifth Sunday Joint Benefice Service at St Wenn: Healing Ministry taken by Alan Coode
Sunday 6th November 2022	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Revd Hilary Spong

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd October 2022	11.15	In the Church: Harvest Festival, Coffee with cake and the Auction of Produce
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Flowers

October J. Brackenbury
November R. Coy December J. Hoskin
January J. Cherry

Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

It was with great shock that the Nation heard of the late Queen's illness followed very shortly afterwards by the news of her death. It was shocking simply because only two days earlier she had been dealing with the handover of Prime Ministers, and there were many photographs showing her in excellent form, but frail. Not for her Queen Victoria's 40 years of isolation in mourning on the Isle of Wight; she died doing what she did so well in life – acting as our Head of State with energy, style, tact and compassion. As we all were paying rapt attention to the cortège's progress through the highlands through Aberdeen to Edinburgh, the reality that a beloved Monarch of over 70 years was no more, and that Charles III as King was obvious, but still unreal.

The Nation was unified in grief and the work of very many people to bring together, with pace, the plans for the late Queen's lying in state and funeral were accomplished marvellously and with the style that we as a Nation are very good at.

As a village we too mourned with services, a book of condolences and by showing the funeral on a screen in Church. We read in Church the Proclamation of Charles III as King, and drank also to the health of Prince William, Duke of Cornwall. We ate marmalade sandwiches.

Many, many words have been written in praise of the late Queen's dedication, loyalty, and spirituality. She embraced her religion with a gentle fervour that was wholly in keeping with her position as supreme head of the Church of England, a position the Monarch has held since 1558.

Her Funeral at Westminster Abbey and her Committal at St Georges Chapel Windsor reflected her deep faith. Her epitaph may be found in the words from the first lesson at her funeral, taken from 1 Corinthians 15:

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

God save the King

Withiel Parish Council Report, September 2022

Five Parish Councillors and Cornwall Councillor Mrs Jenny Cruse attended the meeting. Five members of the public joined us - two of whom were there to make a representation regarding their planning applications for a roof over a silage clamp at Great Brynn Barton, Roche. Stephen Horrocks, the Chairman of the Withiel Playing Fields Association, outlined improvement plans for the village hall enquiring of Cornwall Councillor Mrs Jenny Cruse whether possible funding could be procured from the Shared Property Fund - which she explained in some detail. Other suggestions may come forward for applications which will ideally encourage prosperity in the area.

The resignation of Anna Hoyle has left a casual vacancy on the Parish Council, and we plan to find a suitable replacement to co-opt rather than have another election as this will cost the Parish approximately £1600. Her long service to the Parish was acknowledged and Councillor Ms J Shearer will write to her with thanks.

A feasibility study by Cormac has begun into the on-going problem of HGVs getting stuck in the village and it is hoped that proposals to prevent unsuitable traffic from attempting to negotiate tight corners will follow soon.

An impressive temporary bridge has been installed on the Saint's Way between Tregustick and Blackhay, prior to installation of the permanent bridge, the delivery of which has been unavoidably delayed.

The aforementioned farm planning application is covered by 5 applications, all of which were supported en bloc by all. The additional height of the roof above the existing building is to allow tractors to drive on top of the clamp.

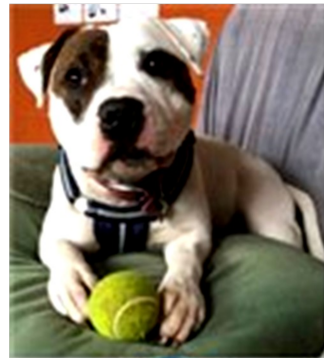
Another planning application at Higher Bosneives was not supported as it is outside the Neighbourhood Development Plan and the whole parish council agreed that the development was unsuitable.

Anna Hoyle will still lead the initiative to restart the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, despite a lack of support from the police which makes us pessimistic about the usefulness of the idea.

We will try to resolve the issue of dog mess in the bin by the bus shelter. The bin is emptied by a volunteer who prefers not to be dealing with it! This will be further discussed in the futures

The next meeting will be on October 5th. All are welcome.
Please contact the Clerk (clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk) with any issues you would like to discuss.

Cllr Ms Janet Shearer, Chair Withiel Parish Council



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Working at the job centre has to be a tense job: knowing that if you get fired, you still have to come in the next day.'

WITHIEL

It's been quite a summer in Withiel. During the last couple of months, we have been delighted to have attended various activities in the village raising funds for the church or village hall. We started off with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations held during June where we had something for everyone followed by the Fete and Dog Show. Who can resist a cake from Joyce's stall and the fun of Erica's dog show. I finished that afternoon by winning a coconut from Simon.

And then there were the four days Flower and Art show. What an exhibition from the talent in Withiel (and George) it was amazing, hours were spent studying the flowers and the art work, accompanied by a cup of tea and a cream scone.

Then welcome to the Garden Show and Supper. Again, lots of talent on show, the flowers were magnificent, the garden produce looked delicious, the craft displayed put me to shame and what clever and imaginative children put their work on display. Ted has not stopped bragging about his wins in the veg and fruit sections. Bridget, Charlotte and families worked all day and excelled themselves with the displays and where else can you have a delicious supper for £7.

All followed by the Quiz well put together by Rob and Wendy. A very enjoyable evening. Won by Michael Liddicoat and his Oaks team....after a tie break!

Of course, these activities took a lot of hard work to organise by a few people in the social group namely Erica, Wendy, Rob & Stephen (with apologies to anyone I missed.) They deserve our thanks and praise.

Those of you who did not attend any of the above missed a treat so please come along next time. We don't bite.

Jenny.

St Wenn Garden Club

We are delighted to be restarting our 2022/23 programme of meetings on Monday 3rd October at 7.30p.m. in St Wenn WI Hall. Our speaker will be Gary Long. Entry is totally free and refreshments are provided. We are always grateful for donations for our raffle or our Cuttings Table. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, let me know at sharronlobb@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there,

Sharron Lobb (interim chairman).

WITHIEL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

People of Withiel (and surrounding areas) If you would like to try your hand come along, no age limit no equipment necessary, for a free taster session on:

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When I lost some fingers on my right hand in a freak accident I asked my doctor if I would still be able to write with it. He said "Probably but I wouldn't count on it"

WITHIEL WI MEETING

September is when we have our harvest meeting and our speaker for the evening was John Bennallick who spoke about the old tradition of Crying the Neck where the last handful of corn was cut and held aloft with a hearty cry in thanks for the harvest. Throughout history farmers have celebrated the end of harvest and the gathering of crops to see them through the lean times of winter. The ancient Egyptians were some of the earliest to record the importance and celebration of the harvest and the word cereal derives from the Roman god Ceres.

There is a carved bench end in Altarnun church which depicts Crying the Neck circa 1590. John had brought with him an old book from 1947 written by Lady Vyvyan, whose family had strong links with Withiel, in which she describes the custom of Crying the Neck on local farms. In the 1970's the St Columb branch of the Old Cornwall Society resurrected the tradition and each year celebrate the safe gathering in at a different farm within the parish of St Columb.

John then spoke of his memories of the harvest when he was a boy and how horses were still being used prior to mechanisation along with the large numbers of people and children involved. He could recall thrashing time when the corn from the ricks was thrashed to separate the grain from the straw, and prior to that how the ricks were built and thatched. One thing which is now noticeable by it's absence was the large numbers of harvest mice and barn owls to be seen at harvest time.

After John had spoken Erica read a poem from John Clare's The Shepherds's Calendar which described the scene exactly as John had told us.

John judged the competition entries after which he auctioned the produce that members had brought to the Sale Table.

Competition: An animal made from vegetables

1st Angie Richardson, 2nd Brenda Harris, joint 3rd Brenda Harris and Wendy Symons
Flower of the Month

1st Brenda Harris, 2nd Angie Richardson, joint 3rd Wendy Symons and Barbara Varcoe
As the WI birthday is in October it was decided to go to Bodmin Nursery to celebrate the occasion with a meal on Friday 7th October.

Erica

DIARY DATES

Saturday 15 th October 2pm local circular walk followed by Tea and cake. Free

Saturday 3 rd December Craft Fayre 10 -2pm
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Saturday 10 th December Christmas Bingo 7 for 7:30 pm

Withiel Garden Show 2022

It was great to see the Garden Show back after a 3 year absence following COVID. Bridget, Charlotte, families and helpers staged a very professional garden show which was well attended and a great Village get together.

There were over 700 entries for the garden show categories and some friendly rivalry to achieve 1st Prize in the various categories. There were also a good number of craft items, baked items, dairy and even some great photos.

Bridget asked me to record her thanks to Ted and Jenny Pentland, our long standing Parish Magazine editors, who kindly agreed to present the cups winners with their awards.

The tea and cake refreshments were manned by the Withiel Village Hall Social Group and went down well with both the judges and those attending the Garden Show. It was great to see people chatting and enjoying themselves again. The Tombola and Raffles did a brisk trade with some great prizes, kindly donated by locals and local businesses. (See below)

David Harris did a great job as auctioneer at the end of the Show, encouraging rivals to out bid each other for the various show entries.

The evening meal was very tasty with a wide variety of dishes both savoury and sweet to tempt all. It was very difficult to not over-indulge with so much on offer!

There was an opportunity to work off some of those calories with a dance to some well-known music provided by a DJ and several took the opportunity.

As ever, a very well organised and delivered event in aid of Withiel Village Hall.

The event is the main fund raiser for the Hall and raised an amazing £820.66.

A big thank you to Bridget Rundle, Charlotte Matthews, their families and helpers as well as all those who exhibited and supported the event.

Bridget asked me to express her great thanks for the kind Raffle Prize donations from:

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STRIDING OUT

I woke up early on a bright, crisp morning last November with a need to go for a walk and enjoy the day. I planned to go up around Boscastle but had no firm plan and I ended up in Delabole instead. I knew there was a footpath that runs around the top of the quarry so that was my walk for the day.

To get to the quarry turn right down a side road beside the Spar shop and opposite the Bettle and Chisel pub. The name for the pub is taken from the tools that were used to split the slates into the required thickness. A chisel, as we all know, is made from steel and the bettle was a wooden mallet used to softly hit the chisel without smashing the slate.

The road goes down to Pengelly, a hamlet that sits right at the side of the quarry where there is a large car park just outside the quarry entrance. You will see a path to your left which goes past the fire station and continues along the dismantled railway line which once ran all the way down to Wadebridge crossing the main roads at St Kew Highway and Sladesbridge and in the other direction the line went to Holsworthy and eventually on to Exeter.

The path is very clear and level apart from one dip which follows the line of the surrounding field. You can get some idea of the size of the quarry when you look back across at the houses which now look really tiny, completely overwhelmed by the size of the pit. Some of the old workings and the quarry face can be seen from here and a high waterfall tumbles down into the bottom. Continuing around you will come back to the car park just past the workshops where the walk began.

The quarry is still working today producing roofing slates, paving and slate chippings used for decorative ground cover in gardens and it is possible in the summer months to go on tours of the site ranging from a visit to the showroom, a short walkabout tour or a longer tour which includes a trip right down into the pit.

I extended my walk by following another footpath down past the waterworks and into a beautiful beech wood which was an array of orange, russet and gold as the leaves were carpeting the ground and the whole scene looked stunning in the afternoon sunshine.

After a dogleg turn in the path go left handed down to the river and across the bridge into a field where the path follows the hedge up on your right. After crossing the bridge and when coming up the field do turn around and look at the size of the spoil heap – it is enormous and I felt completely dwarfed by it, there must be millions of tons of discarded stone piled there.

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At the top of the field a gate will bring you into an old lane which runs behind a re-stored farmhouse and stone barn. Turn down to walk in front of the barn and keeping the hedge on your right go to the next gateway where the footpath now goes diagonally down across the next field to a stile and another bridge to recross the river that was crossed earlier. It was quite muddy underfoot where some horses had access to the wetter ground. Entering back into the wood again bear left and follow the footpath uphill to come out on the lane that goes into Helland Barton, stay on the lane up to the cattle grid with an old iron hand gate to the side and where it joins the other lane that goes to some holiday cottages. Continuing up the lane ignore any turnings and just go straight ahead up a narrow footpath between two hedges which opens out onto a lane that will take you back to Pengelly. On the right hand side of the track there is a slate pavement which I imagine has been there for donkeys years and that I can only guess was to keep the boots of men and women clean that went to work at the Helland Barton farm and big house. The pavement comes to the back of the cottages where I found a narrow pathway that ran between the buildings and which I thought would bring me to someone's back door but it turned at sharp angles left and right and out onto the road to the quarry. Turn right and it is only a short way to the car park.

I was really pleased with that walk mainly because the weather was so good for November and also to think that for the first time in my life I had seen into Delabole Slate Quarry.

Erica

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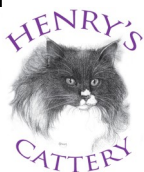
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This is a most sad and sorrowful time; the passing of our dear Queen has surely left a hole in our hearts. Her lifetime of dedication and wisdom has been the bedrock of our Country and has been felt right across the world. Our Queen will be sorely missed by so many. As she would want, we now rally round to support Charles III as he begins his reign. God save the King.

Such is this the time of new beginnings as we also have our new Prime minister in place. It is my belief that we should all be responsible for our own lives and work to improve the society we live in. One of my favourite sayings from John Kennedy 'ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country' We are thankful for all the volunteers in our community who do so much for the improvement of peoples' lives.

What particularly concerns me is the situation with the Ambulance service. Stories of lengthy delays and patients waiting for hours to be taken to hospital is very upsetting. 'Acute hospital and ambulance services in Cornwall are being directly and severely impacted by the current significant shortfall in social care capacity in the Duchy. Over the last two years the number of acute hospital beds occupied by patients who are waiting for social care or other community support [before they can be discharged] has almost doubled ... and this has resulted in over 100 of RCHT acute hospital beds now [being] unavailable for our emergency patients.' I spent 3 weeks in Derriford and saw this only too clearly. Patients unable to be discharged as there are not enough care workers, care homes, and convalescent hospitals. It is a fact that many older people come to Cornwall to retire, not thinking they are moving away from their family. It is not always possible for children to look after their parents when they have jobs and their own children to look after particularly if they are miles away. With an aging population this problem is not going away. We have 4,000 under 18s in Cornwall receiving income support of some kind, surely this army of helpers could be encouraged to do the right thing and become a Care Worker? The news that yet another Care Home in Bodmin is closing is bound to make this situation worse. We need to pay our Care workers more and promote this as a much needed and respected career. When a Care Worker earns less than a supermarket worker something must be wrong. I have previously reported to Officers the lack of support given to the Voluntary Care sector, and there is help now available as a toolkit. We need more small 'convalescent hospitals' where patients who need care and support but don't need ICU can be aided to recovery. We created the Nightingale hospitals, surely, we can be nimble enough to create a solution for this emergency. In the meantime, I would urge you all to familiarise with the nearest Defibrillator, attend a course if available, and make sure you know the initial call procedure, and if possible, attend a First Aid Course. And as always go carefully.

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