

WITHIEL



Eddie on Tregirls Beach

NEWS AND VIEWS

JANUARY 2023

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January 2023

Sunday 25th December 2022	9.30 am	Christmas Family Communion Service taken by Revd Michael Adams
Sunday 1st January 2023		No Service at Withiel
Friday 6th January 2023	3pm	Thanksgiving Service for Helen Mary Bull
Sunday 8th January 2023	11.15 am	Plough Sunday Service taken by Don McQuillen -Wright
Sunday 15th January 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer CW Page 62 taken by Alan Coode
Sunday 22nd January 2023	11.15 am	Communion Order One, CW Page 167 taken by Revd Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 29th January 2023	11.15 am	Fifth Sunday Joint Benefice Service at St Wenn taken by The Revd Canon Jane Kneebone
Sunday 5th February 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecliff

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th January 2023	12.15	Plough Sunday Lunch in Church Room – Bring a plate!
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Flowers

December J. Hoskin

January J. Cherry February S. Thomas

April A. Davey May C. Malone

From the Rectory

I write this before Christmas, but, at St Clements, we have just held our Christingle Service which is all about Light. John 1 v5 says “In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Light is an important analogy to life in the Christian Faith, and that is one of the reasons why the Church building is lit externally at Christmas, the Tower has its illuminated Cross. If you think it looks even better this year it is because we are using LED lights. We are very grateful to Ed Piper for giving us these, and, with Chris Rickard, for putting them up. Not only do they look marvellous, they also use a lot less electricity.

But that also causes us to ask “what is light”? While it may seem obvious, and is something that we all take for granted, it is actually a very good question. Wikipedia defines it thus “Light or visible light is electromagnetic radiation that can be perceived by the human eye”. The wavelength of the light determines the colour. However, the speed of light is a constant. That is important because an Einstein equation then has time as a variable which is very hard to grip. Time is experienced differently depending on how fast you are going! It has to be said that you have to be going very fast to make much difference. Nevertheless a trip to Mars (and back?) could add a minute or two to your life. Light can be analysed as massless elementary particles called photons, as well as waves. Why does this matter? Because now we turn on a switch and we get light. But it is only 150 years since Rutherford “discovered” electricity, and before then we were down to fire in the form of candles and lamps, and of course our Sun, daylight. The Sun derives its energy from the process of nuclear fusion which will eventually allow us to generate carbon free electricity without using uranium which is a “good thing” but not, sadly, in my lifetime. You will recall in 2022 Scientists at Oxford for the first time created fusion generating more power than it took to initiate. This very significant event will keep future generations going when all the carbon has been used up. That is also why the Sun was seen by many as a God because of its power over nature. It will last another 5,000 billion years, and is thus half way through its life. At that point it will grow in size to envelop the planet Earth. Indeed, Jesus’s analogy of Light as Life is laterally true.

Have a very happy and safe 2023!

Simon

*Just a little note from Joanne and Nigel to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.
As you may or may not be aware we have experienced a bit of an eventful year.
We would like to send our special thanks to all around the village and further afield who have been so kind and caring by keeping in touch and offering help and a listening ear; you probably have no idea how much it means but we both feel blessed to live in such a loving community.
Best wishes for 2023 to you all, Joanne and Nigel*



WITHIEL WI

For our December meeting members met up for Christmas Lunch at Lanhydrock Golf Course, we try and go to a different venue each year and here we enjoyed the full festive fare with all the trimmings and plenty of Brussels Sprouts -lovely. It was a glorious sunny day and the view out across the golf course was stunning.

We ran the regular competition which this month was to make a Christmas cracker, there were a good number of entries which were judged by Ruth who waited on our tables and the results were 1st Angie 2nd Felicity with all the other entries being equal 3rd which was very diplomatic.

We meet again on Friday 6th January 2023 7.15pm in the village hall when we will be hosting a games evening and inviting along members of Roche and St Wenn WI

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St. Wenn Garden Club

Dear all, thank you for coming to our December meeting where we had mulled wine (provided by Felicity) and mince pies (baked by Deborah) alongside a great quiz compiled and compered by Wendy. Thank you, ladies, for your time and effort to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Our next meeting is on January 9th 2023 (as the 2nd is a bank holiday). Starting at 7.30p.m. in St Wenn WI Hall, our speaker will be Trevor Wiltshire, an experienced and knowledgeable gardener from Wadebridge who opens his gorgeous garden to the public every year.

As always, raffle prizes and donations for the Cuttings Table are very welcome. Entry continues to be free and everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you,
Sharron. Chairman.



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"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender The bear shrugged "I'm not sure; I was born with them"

WITHIEL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB



Club Christmas lunch at Stepping Stone

Congratulations to Tony Jago on winning the Club Singles, Tony now goes on to represent Withiel in the all Cornwall Champion of Champions at Carnmoggas.

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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Withiel village hall

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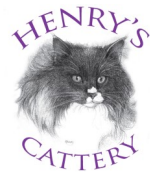
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December Withiel Parish Council report.

Six Councillors and three members of the public were at the December meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Ms. A. Lake and Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse. Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J Cruse sent a monthly report, circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, in which she said that signs were being prepared to discourage lorry parking at Lower Brynn following complaints by residents. She also confirmed that Withiel will have more time to study the options offered by Cormac which seek to alleviate the long running problem of HGV vehicles getting stuck or causing damage in and around Withiel village. The results of a feasibility study, (which has cost £6000 so far - money provided by the Highways Improvement Scheme, via the Bodmin Community Network Panel) - have been eagerly awaited for a long time and no options have yet been presented to the Parish Council. This is in spite of repeated requests for a speedy conclusion to the matter and complaints from the public. Withiel Parish Council will have to apply for further funding once the options have been considered, hopefully including input from local residents who may have an interest. Residents are invited to attend meetings to discuss these options. Members of the public were offered for the report to be read.

A member of the public raised the difficult issue of people living in caravans locally without planning permission. Whilst Councillors are aware of several breaches in the parish, Councillor S. Coy explained that this is a civil matter and residents can report anonymously to the Planning Officer on Cornwall Council Website or privately to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse.

There were some minor repairs needed on two parish footbridges and a way marker and these will be reported to Cormac by the Chair.

Expenditure for the month was £515.46 to include extra salary for the Clerk back dated to April 2022 when her wages were increased in line with the NALC/CALC pay scale. £730.00 was received to cover extra work done by the footpath contractor to make significant repairs to the footpath network.

Councillor S. Coy suggested that we should increase the precept to £6000.00 to cover future maintenance of the churchyard, which has been hitherto looked after by Tony Liddicoat for decades at no cost to the parish and this was agreed by all.

Withiel Parish Council's approach to Climate Change and Environmental issues was discussed. At the last meeting, Councillor M. A. Lake, who has headed a sub-group to look into any issues concerning Withiel Parish Council, wanted climate change to become a mainstream matter as the topic affects nearly every part of the Parish Council's agenda. This was agreed and actioned. Councillor R. Wilson expressed his interest in attending any meetings on the subject and this was welcomed by the Chair, as well as the rest of the Councillors present. Climate Change and Environmental issues will remain on the monthly agenda in the future.

It is hoped that Councillor E. Piper will manage to move the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme forward and that Councillor M. Davies will continue to work on the Emergency Plan.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 4th in the Withiel Village Hall and all are welcome. We all wish residents all the best for 2023.



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It is December and yes, it is very very cold, the arms of global warming have held us in the belief that we won't be hosting freezing weather certainly not in December. How wrong! The gritters were straight out working 24hours through the night and the A and B roads treated the first day. I called into CC (5th in phone line) and emailed area supervisor and asked for all the villages and some danger points in my Bodmin area to be gritted urgently and (as far as I know) they were all completed by the second day. Thanks to our area Supervisor and all the drivers working nonstop. The Salt bins will be filled (twice at the Councils expense) and please let me know if you want one put in place and if appropriate, I will put that forward. Though in my

opinion it is not feasible to expect members of the public to grit or salt steep hills or long stretches of road, salt bins are probably more suitable to compressed danger points. As we are in winter it is always a good idea to keep dried milk and tins of soup in the cupboard, and baring hospital/doctor appointments it should be fine to stay at home and stay safe. Huge thanks to our voluntary services that help with transport in this way.

The Cornwall Devolution Deal is now open to the public for consultation. Visit the Cornwall Council site and there is a full and clear explanation of the history and the final deal offer and its finer details which are all available to members of the public. Everyone can have their say and make comment, and shortly there will be open meetings for the public to attend and ask questions of the Officers and Leader. I remind everyone that the Conservative councillors have been given a free vote on this. I have, for the last 6 months, been looking very carefully at the deal. Happy to discuss or share my thoughts with my ward members, and indeed already had some full and interesting conversations.

The situation with the Ambulance service remains critical and subsequently I have supported the installation of two new Defibrillators at Temple and Lanhydrock and will support any additional ones in your area with Community chest funds. Given the length of time for ambulances to arrive my concern is for cardiac emergencies and therefore the importance of having as many defibrillators as possible available in my ward is essential. Furthermore, the statistics are that these machines are 70% effective as opposed to the 3% for CPR. I cannot emphasis enough getting familiar with your nearest one. A call to 999 will give the code needed to unlock and from there on the machine gives prompts to aid the procedure.

I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year and stay warm and safe. I am always happy to help with Council matters or anything that concerns my ward members.

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In a freak accident today, a photographer was killed when a huge lump of cheddar landed on him. To be fair, the people who were being photographed did try to warn him

STRIDING OUT

This month I have walked in the Padstow area which has given me a blast of fresh air in my lungs and a good run for Eddie. Although there are still people visiting the area there are by no means the numbers we see in the summer months and Eddie can have a gallop on the beach without being troubled by too many dogs or maybe I should rephrase that and say that there aren't too many dogs to be troubled by Eddie! I think if he were human he would have a job in Asda being a 'meeter and greeter' as he just loves everyone and has to say hello.

I like to park at Crugmeer or Lelizzick, away from the town and then from Crugmeer go in the lane by the postbox on the left and head across the fields back towards Padstow. This footpath will bring you to the lane that goes to Tregirls Farm, turn right on the track and this will bring you to Prideaux Place, one of the most attractive houses in Cornwall but one that I have never seen inside. Withiel WI had the opportunity to visit this summer but unfortunately we got balloted out due to the large number of County WIs who also applied to visit, hopefully that trip will work in our favour next year.

At the bridge over the road here turn left and follow the path alongside the deerpark in front of the big house and head for the war memorial, this stretch gives some beautiful views of the Camel estuary. The deer in the deerpark are one of the oldest herds in the country and can be seen very easily from the path. Just on the town side of the war memorial the last time I walked this close to the town in November I saw something which appeared to be floundering on the edge of the sandbank. Initially I thought it was a cormorant that had Avian Flu as affected birds appear to be drunk and trying to get on their feet but the longer I stood and watched I began to realise that what I was watching was not a bird at all but an otter. When I was talking to a fisherman later about what I had seen I was told that it happens more often than people realise and last year one got itself shut inside the harbour when the gate closed. I thought it was surprising that they came this far down the river to the salt water but several years ago one was found drowned inside a lobster pot below the cliff at Stepper Point.

Back to the walk, at the war memorial follow the coast path and head away from Padstow. When the tide is out there is a lovely stretch of beach going around to St Georges Well and then on to Tregirls beach and Hawkers Cove, a favourite with dog walkers and energetic children. When there is a spring tide the sand stretches away and the Doom Bar is revealed, a sandbank that has caught many a ship unawares over the years.

For my most recent walk in the Padstow area I parked on the road near Lelizzick and walked down the stony track to Tregirls beach before coming along to the old lifeboat station which is now a holiday home but retains most of its original features and like many converted chapels will always look like what it was intended for. Following the path uphill the views across the estuary towards Brea Hill at Daymer, Trebetherick and Polzeath all in the foreground with Brown Willy and the moors beyond are beautiful on a crisp and sunny morning. Rounding the point at Stepper you will come across the National Coastwatch Institution lookout, these stations are all manned by volunteers and provide a priceless service to all vessels on the otherwise dangerous waters around our coast. Just a bit further along is the daymark, a stone tower that was originally whitewashed and served as a marker for ships to find the mouth of the estuary and then navigate to Padstow.

The path is fairly level along this stretch and the cliffs are high and sheer so young Eddie is back on the lead as a number of dogs have been lost over the years when running loose or taking off after rabbits, I wonder if the rabbits ever lose their footing and fall off?

All around the coast different coves have been given names that refer to events that they were remembered for, we pass Butter Hole and Pepper Hole and I was told by a local historian years ago that these names were used after barrels of butter and pepper were washed into the coves from a shipwreck in the area and, of course, being much prized items were salvaged by local fishermen.

At Gunver Head the path comes back to where I park the car or to extend the walk follow the coast path along towards Trevone where there is the Round Hole, a collapsed sea cave where the sea can be seen washing in and out at the bottom. Before coming onto the beach at Trevone turn left onto the road which will come back to Crugmeer.

Erica

*A man walks into a lawyer's office and asks, "How much do you charge?"
The lawyer says, "£1,000 for three questions."
"Wow, that's pretty expensive, isn't it?" The man asks.
"Yes," says the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"*

Withiel Village Hall Social Group

Craft Fayre 3rd December

The Craft fayre was another successful event for the Village Hall. We raised a total of £452 for the refurbishment of the hall. A big thank you to all those who supported the event and the stall holders who came and displayed a great selection of wonderful crafts.

It was good to see locals and visitors chatting over soup and a roll. There was also mulled wine, mince pies and teas and coffees on offer.

The raffle did a swift trade, my thanks to Barbara Varcoe and Margaret Warren for running that for us.

Bingo 10th December

The Bingo went ahead despite an unfortunate conflict with the England, France football match, very icy road conditions and the White Hay hill closure due to a stuck camper van.

A big thank you to all those who braved the conditions and attended the event. Those who attended were rewarded by an enjoyable evening. The teas and coffees were particularly welcomed to warm everyone up.

Our caller, Lorna Philip, did a sterling job of moving proceedings along and keeping us all in order.

There were a wide variety of prizes on offer, so a big thank you for all those who donated.

The event raised a total of £158.70 for the Hall refurbishment, which was a very impressive performance under the circumstances. A big thank you to all who attended and generously supported the evening.

Future Events

We haven't planned any events for 2023 yet but will be doing so early in the New Year, so keep an eye out in the Parish Magazine, website and social media.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous 2023!

Stephen Horrocks

For the Withiel Village Hall Social Group

PROUD TO CARE CORNWALL

We are eager to link up with you in the hope that we can help support our local communities in Cornwall with work opportunities. You may already be aware but we are a free service providing recruitment support for adult social care providers all over Cornwall. We have a new website here www.proudtocarecornwall.org.uk We run a jobs board on our website where employers in care settings are uploading current vacancies and job seekers are able to find out more about working in care and what types of roles are available.

We are reaching out to our Parish Councils in the hope they can spread the word and create awareness for those in search of work. Would you perhaps have any thoughts on how we can reach out to your community? Maybe you have a newsletter or can advertise our website on your own? I have attached a few different posters that might be useful to display on any notice boards also. Any suggestions would be much appreciated thank you so much.

We send a monthly newsletter full of local information and resources that you are welcome to subscribe to, just let us know and I can set this up. We are also on social media so if you are able to follow us and share any posts that would be super!

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Thank you!

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