



# WITHIEL



## NEWS AND VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2023

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**November 2023**

Sunday 29th October 2023	11.1 5 am	<b>Joint with St Wenn at Withiel</b> taken by Don McQuillen-Wright and Revd Cannon Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 5th November 2023	11.1 5 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 12th November 2023	10.5 0 a m	<b>Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial</b> (Bus Shelter) taken by Simon Coy
Sunday 19th November 2023	11.1 5 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 26th November 2023	11.1 5 am	Communion Order One CW Page 167 taken by The Revd Canon Jane Kneebone
Sunday 3rd December 2023	11.1 5 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt

**Dates for your Diary:**

Wednesday 15th November	7.00 pm	In the Church. Lisa Cooper will speak on her experiences of growing up in Ukraine. Collection in aid of Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
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**Flowers**

**November R. Coy**  
**December/January J. Cherry February J. Thomas**



## **From the Rectory**

### **Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

We meet at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, at 10.50 once again to pay tribute to those named on the Withiel War Memorial who gave their life for their country. We expand our thoughts to encompass all those who died for their country. We particularly will remember those killed or injured in the recent conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and Ukraine. We look with foreboding at the turn of events in Gaza. A collection will be taken for the Royal British Legion. There will be refreshments in the Church Room after.

"An Irish Airman Foresees His Death" is a reflective poem written by William Butler Yeats in 1918 about his friend, Robert Gregory, a talented artist and cricketer, who was killed in 1918 while on flying operations in Italy.

I know that I shall meet my fate,  
Somewhere among the clouds above;  
Those that I fight I do not hate,  
Those that I guard I do not love;  
My country is Kiltartan Cross,  
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,  
No likely end could bring them loss  
Or leave them happier than before.  
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,  
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,  
A lonely impulse of delight  
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;  
I balanced all, brought all to mind,  
The years to come seemed waste of breath,  
A waste of breath the years behind  
In balance with this life, this death.

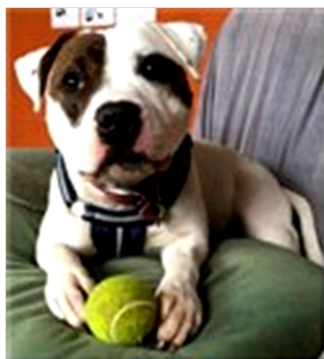
### **A Forgotten Land. St Clement's Church, Withiel, Wed 15 November 2023, 7.00 pm**

Lisa Cooper will speak about her book in the church on Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.00 pm. Her subject is "A Forgotten Land", based on her grandmother's recollections of growing up in Ukraine in the early 20th century.

She will also shed light on the current war through a historical lens.

All welcome. Donations in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

**Simon Coy**



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## STRIDING OUT

At the beginning of September I decided to take Eddie and have a short break on Exmoor after seeing the dramatic scenery from the taxi rides when getting to and from starting points when walking the SWCP, I had also taken notice of the numerous footpath signs along the road-sides.

The first day after driving up and going through a busy looking Lynmouth I continued up the main road onto the high moor and parked near one path that my map told me went right down to the sea at Glenthorne Beach. I had read about the shifting and making of continents and was aware that North Devon has some of the oldest rocks and one of the best places to see this ancient geology is at Glenthorne. The Devonian period spanned about 60 million years and occurred 350 – 420 million years ago and that is as scientific as I am going to get.

The top part of path was fairly straightforward down to the coast path but then things got became a little more overgrown and under used with trees fallen across the narrow track with very loose stones underfoot. Eddie was far more confident than me and was soon investigating smells and scents of the forest wildlife. I did find things a little creepy under the thick cover of trees and not seeing anyone once I left the main path but I was determined to get down to the beach. Beach is not really an accurate description as it was made up of large, smooth round stones and boulders which proved really tricky to walk on and I was a little worried about twisting my ankle and not sure if there was even a phone signal should I need rescuing! I felt dwarfed by the vertical cliffs but was fascinated to see the old red sandstone rock pillows under the cliff of solid rock known as Hangman Grits, there was also a beautiful waterfall which cascades down onto the beach. We sat long enough to have a bite to eat before the long climb back up through the woods again, it is about 1000ft above sea level at the road where I had parked so it was strenuous to say the least though easier in the shade of trees. Coming out into the sunshine again was suddenly very hot and we had to keep stopping and looking across the Bristol Channel to Wales while getting my breath back.

On another day, which turned out to be even hotter, I parked at Simonsbath and walked about 5 miles on a footpath that runs high above the valley of the River Barle. The footpath ran alongside hedges with beech trees which obviously suit the soil and grow almost everywhere on Exmoor and I was really grateful for the shade they offered. The path went steeply down to the river where Eddie could have a drink and I could enjoy the sounds of the water and admire the damselflies and butterflies. I was at an area called Picked Stones before coming along to Pickedstones Farm, it's easy to see how some places got their names and the trackway was evidence of a lot of stone picking! We then had to cross a tract of open moorland where there was no respite from the heat but were soon able to walk along another shady lane with tall beech trees on either side before dropping down to the lovely village of Withypool. This is a small village with a shop/post office where people were stopping to pick up their newspapers and chat with friends while opposite the cafe was doing a good trade at crib time and as it was that time of day a pot of tea and coffee cake and a Bonio for Eddie seemed like the right thing to do. The cafe was originally the village garage and the old petrol pumps are still there, it felt like being in a time warp.

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Suitably refreshed we picked up the path by the playing field which ran alongside the river and was absolutely beautiful with crystal clear water and plenty of shady trees, such a perfect place to be. The path comes out onto moorland and then to the road where, turning right, we came along to Landacre Bridge which is a grade 2 listed building of medieval origin. People were making the most of the glorious weather and the river and it seems to be a very popular place to swim. We then climbed up the hill away from the river and back up onto the moor again where Exmoor ponies with their foals were stood happily dozing and catching what breeze there was. Following markers for the Two Moors Way we dropped down to the river again and walked without seeing a single person, stopping now and then for Eddie to get in the river and cool off and for me to get my boots off and soak my sweltering feet – how refreshing!

I was amazed at the number of fish, from an inch up to about 4 inches long, in the superbly clean water, I don't think I have seen a more healthy river. The river wasn't the only place for wildlife as I lay on the grass and watched a pair of red kites high above riding on the thermals without so much as a wing beat. These birds of prey are becoming a more common sight again and are easy to identify by their large size and distinctive 'V' shaped tails.

I know I was favoured by the glorious weather but the few days I had on Exmoor made it one of the best holidays I have ever had and I will definitely go again to enjoy the fantastic walking.

## Erica



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 ~ Quizmaster: Simon Malloni ~  
 ~ Proceeds in aid of the local pantomime group ~

*I've just successfully bred a cross between a crocodile and a homing pigeon....  
 I bet that 'll come back to bite me....*

## **Withiel Parish Council Report from meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

There were apologies from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse and from Councillor Simon Coy. The Chair, Councillor Martin Davies, started proceedings by announcing that he would be holding future meetings in accordance with Parish Council Standing Orders, and explained that reports which were circulated prior to meetings should be read beforehand and Councillors were permitted one question on each report and a maximum of three minutes in which to obtain their answer. These reports are always available to the public in the minutes, both online and on the village noticeboard.

One member of the public attended the meeting and said he preferred the acoustics in the Committee Room at the Withiel Village Hall, where meetings had routinely been held in the past, as it was easier to hear what was being said. He also wanted to understand the process for reporting breaches in Planning Control and the Chair explained how to contact the Planning Enforcement Team, which any member of the public can do via this link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-enforcement/report-a-breach-of-planning-control/>

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse had sent a report outlining her meeting with Cormac engineers, also attended by the Chair and Vice Chair, during which it was agreed that notice will be given to residents of any proposals to limit HGV access through Withiel Village so that they can attend Parish Council meetings during which the matter will be discussed. She also mentioned that during her attendance of the meeting about the Local Energy Plan, she picked out that it was easy for residents to pinpoint areas of environmental interest on the interactive map and people can register any that need protection via this link: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/have-your-say/maps/nature-recovery-locally>. She had submitted information about Halgavor Moor in Bodmin which she hoped would be useful in a disputed planning application.

The Clerk said that efforts have been made to locate the Deed of Trust for the Village Hall which had been lodged with Barclays Bank in the past and was proving difficult to find.

Councillors discussed two planning applications - one for a new access to agricultural land, which was supported, and the other, for a new utility shed for the scaffolding company at Inches provoked a considerable discussion and some reference to the Cornwall Local Plan. It was finally decided to go with the recommendation of the Planning Officer.

This month's expenditure was £319.46 and £3,000.00 has been received from Cornwall Council, being the second half of the due precept.

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It was resolved to open a Business Money Manager Bank Account alongside the Withiel Parish Council Current Account and transfer the funds from Voltaire Solar Energy into it. This money will be held until suitable applications are received for local projects. Councillor Ms. Amelia Lake has reviewed the criteria for the scope and eligibility of projects and this matter will be debated at the next meeting when Councillors have had a chance to read the guidance set out by other organisations, e.g. WREN (the Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network, who hold funds from the St. Breock Windfarm).

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer submitted a report on the recent Camel Valley CAP (Cornwall Area Partnership) meeting, the details of which are in the October minutes online at: <https://withielparishcouncil.org.uk/>.

The report includes a summary of presentations made by the Strategic Intelligence Team, the Climate Team, and the local Police Inspector Adam Stonehill.

Details of Councillor Rob Wilson's attendance at the Local Area Energy Plan meeting are also available on the website. He has joined the Withiel Playing Fields Committee and has suggested that some research is done into the feasibility of fitting 2 or 3 EV charging points in the Village Hall car park.

Councillor Ed Piper will pursue a recent police contact for more details of setting up a local Neighbourhood or Farm Watch Scheme.

The next meeting will be held on 1st November. All are welcome!



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## **Henry Kendall**

Henry died at home on the 12th October. He was a valued member of Withiel SMBC and represented Cornwall on numerous occasions. He was also chairman of Cornwall SMBA.

Henry's other passion was beekeeping, he had several hives, and was a go to expert on all things bees. He belonged to Bodmin Beekeepers and was chairman of Cornwall Beekeepers Association. We will miss Henry for his bowling but most of all for his ready wit and kindness.

Funeral service Blisland Church, Friday 3rd November at 11.00 am, followed by interment at Temple Churchyard.

## **ST WENN GARDEN CLUB**

I hope you have had a lovely summer and your gardens are looking great. Here is our programme for the coming months. All are welcome to attend and you don't need to know anything about gardening to come along. Subscriptions are £7 for the year (paid in full in October) or £2 per session to pay as you go.

6<sup>th</sup> November – Sarah Donoghue – Alchemilla. The Medicine of Weeds.

4<sup>th</sup> December – Mike Stephens – Know your Onions / All about Alliums.

8<sup>th</sup> January – Jim Stephens – Camellias

5<sup>th</sup> February – Kate Dibble – All About Compost

4<sup>th</sup> March – Cornwall Bee Society

8<sup>th</sup> April – TBC

We meet on the first Monday of the month from 7.30-9.00p.m. in St Wenn WI Hall. Refreshments are provided. We welcome any donations for the raffle and for the cuttings table.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

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## **Local Area Energy Plan**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September I attended a workshop at Chy Treavail about the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (CloS) Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP). This is a study commissioned by Cornwall Council in partnership with City Science. City Science are an Exeter based engineering company dedicated to decarbonisation who use technology to help public and private organisations to reduce their CO2 emissions.

The LAEP is an ambitious project to decarbonise energy systems across the Duchy working towards achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2030. It is a detailed study of how energy is used, supplied and managed across 7 major sectors ; transport, housing, electricity supply, renewables, industry, agriculture and aviation. The study is at a very early stage and it is expected to take between 6 to 8 months to produce the plan.

At the workshop several members were present as well as Cornwall councillors and an environmental advisor. There was no main presentation but there were many information boards displaying various statistics, strategic challenges and ambitions. The most telling statistics being that Cornwall currently produces 37% (926/Gwh) from renewables, however actual consumption is over 12,000/Gwh, 70% of which comes from fossil fuels which highlights the scale of the challenge.

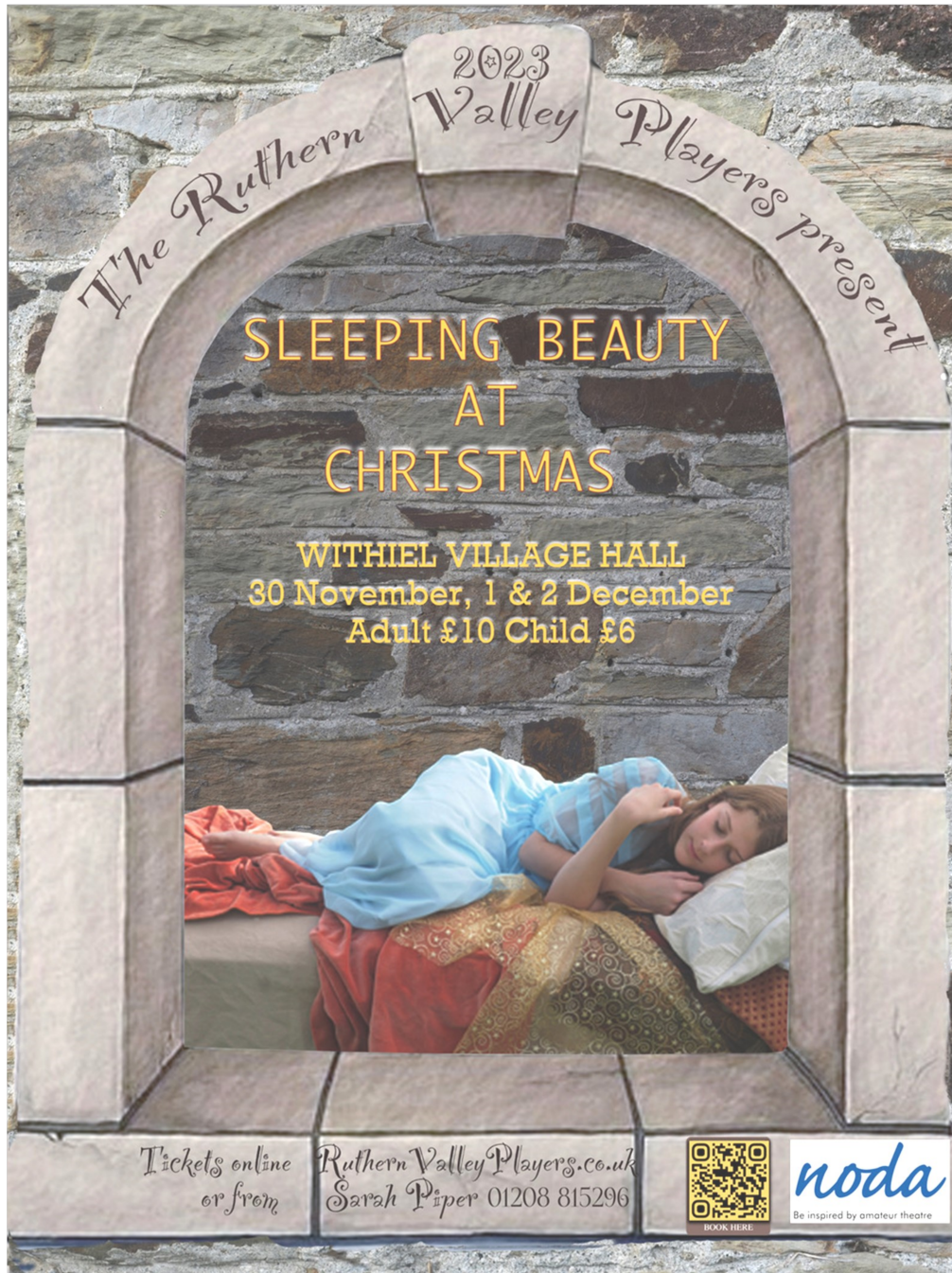
Participants were encouraged to discuss their views with the team, and use the 'post-it' note method to write down their opinions on notice boards concentrating on 3 areas, energy supply, housing and transport. I eagerly engaged with this posting several comments.

Along with myself it was good to see fellow CAP Councillors Leigh Frost and Jenny Cruse in attendance and share their ideas. For my own part I had a very good conversation with Cllr.Jo Banks of the Carbon Neutral Team and she was pleased to hear about the positives Withiel get from the local solar and wind farms and she gave me very useful information about other energy efficiency schemes being undertaken by other parishes.

I also had a long conversation with Lawrence of City Science giving my pragmatic perspective on a 'just transition' to carbon neutrality. I explained the issue of resilience in a rural community where we are particularly vulnerable to storm damage interrupting our electricity supply and why a dynamic choice of energy supply is essential. Given the horrendous costs of retro-fitting our old Cornish cottages, oil and gas are still vital for heating and cooking and there is a continued need for ICE vehicles and equipment. The use of biofuels must be considered utilising vegetable oil and biodiesel/gas technologies. We also spoke in detail about the nuclear option and both agreed that new large reactors like Hinkley point 'C' are such huge national, even international investments they are unlikely be used in Cornwall, however smaller modular reactors, as being developed by Rolls Royce should be in the mix. Whilst this is a nascent industry I urged Cornwall Council to do the groundwork and be ahead of the game when they become available. Also discussed was the fragility of the current infrastructure and the possibility of devolving our own power grid.

All in all it was an interesting afternoon and I made some useful contacts. If anyone is interested in learning more, full details, as well as the opportunity to join the discussion can be found on the "Carbon Neutral Cornwall Hive" and at [www.cornwall.gov/climateemergency](http://www.cornwall.gov/climateemergency) .

**Rob Wilson**



*My friend decided to get a face tattoo of his favourite Star Wars character....  
You should've seen the Luke on his face*



**CORNISH EVENING**  
**Withiel Village Hall PL30 5NN**  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**7 pm**

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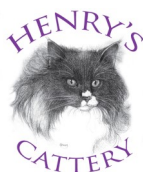


**Please book by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Bingo Evening Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Withiel Village Hall Social Group

It was great to see a good attendance at our recent Bingo evening. A great selection of prizes was on offer, from large boxes of vegetables, to family chicken dinners, cream teas, a full breakfast, fruit baskets, to name but a few.

Lorna Philip, our caller, kept things moving along at a good pace and kept us all in order.

Thanks Lorna!

The raffle, bar and teas and coffees all did a swift trade.

The evening raised a total of £432.45 for the Hall refurbishment. Phase 1 of which is well underway.

My thanks to those who generously donated to both the prizes and the raffle, it was much appreciated. Anne Collings' associates also donated £40 towards the event, which was very kind.

Bingo evenings seem to be popular events, so we have scheduled several for next year. 24<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> October, so make a note in your diaries.

My thanks to the Village Hall Social Group who, as ever, worked hard to ensure a successful evening. Anne Collings has asked to join our group, so we welcome her to the team.

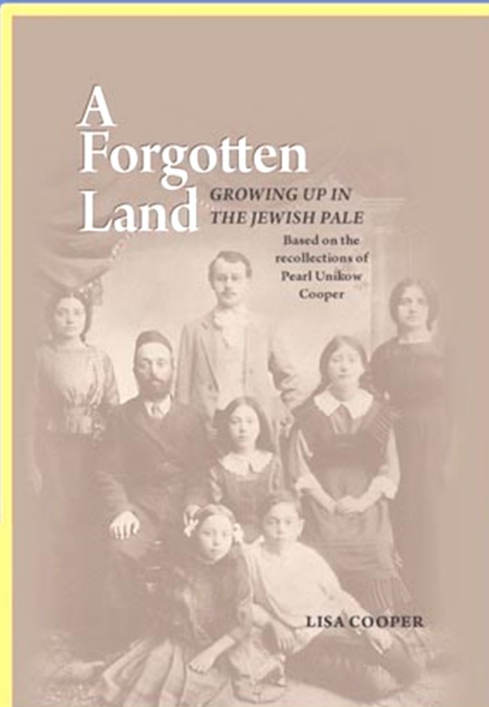
Thanks to all those who supported the event and made it an enjoyable and fun evening.

### Stephen Horrocks

For the Withiel Village Hall Social Group. Erica Simpson, Wendy Symons, Anita Dunstan, Rob Wilson, John Thomas, Anne Collings and Stephen Horrocks.







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All welcome

Donations in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

### **Withiel Village Hall Social Group - Upcoming Events 2023**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Craft Fayre. 10am Tea, Coffee, cake, biscuits.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Cornish Evening. 7pm. Dance, singing, Pasties, saffron buns etc. Entry £5 under 14's free



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Our speaker in November will be Sarah from Achemilla. Sarah is a medical herbalist and her talk will be on the topic of 'The Medicine of Weeds'. She will be bringing some remedies with her that will be for sale. They would make lovely Christmas Presents. Remember to bring a couple of pounds in case you want to buy raffle tickets or cuttings that are kindly donated by members.

**Sharron, chairman.**