



WITHIEL



NEWS AND VIEWS

DECEMBER 2023

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December 2023

Sunday 3rd December 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 10th December 2023	11.15 am	CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 17th December 2023	11.15 am	Book Service taken by Betty Jarrett
Sunday 24th December 2023	7 pm	St Clement's Candlelit Carol Service on Christmas Eve The traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Bring a candle! Taken by the Churchwardens
Sunday 24th December 2023	9 pm	Midnight Mass at St Wenn taken by Rev'd Steve Weston
Monday 25th December 2023	9.30 am	Christmas Family Communion taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 31st December 2023	10 am	Fifth Sunday Joint Service at St Wenn
Sunday 7th January 2024	11.15 am	Plough Sunday Service taken by Julie Barnecutt

Flowers

December/January J. Cherry February S. Thomas
March C. Malone April A. Davey

Christmas at St Clements 2023

Book Service Sunday 17th December 11.15 am.

The Withiel Book Group hosts a service of Carols and Readings:

Carol Singing round the Village Monday 18th December. Meet in the Church Porch 6 pm. Singing round the village.
Queries to Betty 01208 832872

St Clement's Candlelit Carol Service Christmas Eve 7pm.

The traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Bring a candle!
Taken by the Church Wardens

Christmas Eve "Midnight" Mass at St Wenn at 9.30 pm.

The Service will be taken by The Rev'd Steve Weston.

Christmas Day Family Communion 9.30 am.

The Service will be taken by Alan Coode.

Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday collection in Church raised £100 which has been forwarded to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Ukraine

The collection following Lisa Cooper's talk in Church, in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal raised £150

Betty and Simon wish you all a Very Happy Christmas!

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Appalling weather on 1st November prevented Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse from joining the meeting and apologies were also received from Councillor Simon Coy. There were three members of the public present.

One resident raised the matter of speeding tractors causing damage to their roadside hedges and walls, suggesting that either a speed restriction or a width restriction might be desirable on narrow stretches of highway. They have reported the damage to Cornwall Council, who have stated that landowners are responsible for repairing the damage but the Chair, Councillor Martin Davies, will discuss the matter with Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse and see what can be done to alleviate the problem. It was also reported that an orange coat left hanging in a tree over the Tremore Road (apparently to warn high vehicles of an overhanging branch) should be removed.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse had sent a report in her absence, in which she said she had not yet received any information about the upcoming Traffic Regulation Order involving HGVs driving through Withiel.

It was resolved to purchase 7 copies of the Cornwall Plan to assist Councillors when making consultee comments on local planning applications. Planning decisions are based on information contained within the Cornwall Plan.

Expenditure for the month was £319.46 for the Clerk's salary, expenses, HMRC and for bank charges.

Councillor Ms. Amelia Lake is going to put together a draft application form to be used to apply for Voltaire funding - money held by the Parish Council from the Solar Farm, which will be distributed in the new year to relevant organisations who apply for it.

Councillor Rob Wilson reported on his visit to the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre (CERC) which is operated by Suez in partnership with Cornwall Council for the purpose of incinerating all non-recyclable waste and converting it into electricity, said to be enough to power 21,000 homes. The plant is self-powering, although diesel is used to ignite the burners and the ash residue from the incinerator is converted into aggregate used in the construction industry - primarily as a substrate for new roads.

The date of the next meeting will be 6th December 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall. All are very welcome.

The Withiel Parish Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank residents for their attendance and support in 2023.



Are you looking for a new pet to join your family? Do you need advice or help to find a new home for your companion animals? Are you suffering from pet loss or pet bereavement?

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Report for Withiel December 2023

The Green Valley Road in Bodmin is now open and I have spent some time investigating the situation to make sure it does not happen again and as part of this I have visited all the new estates in Bodmin St Lawrence. The new estate at Treveth is progressing, thanks to a 5.6 million government grant, with the first phase being occupied in the New Year. These houses have air sourced heat pumps and solar panels and a fascinating and huge attenuation tank that spreads the length of the estate and will certainly be needed in all this very wet weather. These houses will come forward for local tenure and 10 have been allocated for NHS staff. During this very wet weather I have had numerous calls regarding flood-

ing, and most have been looked at by Highways. If there is an emergency flood it is useful to call 0300 1234 222 to report this which helps me to push for urgent action. Blocked drains and minor flooding can be reported as normal on the 'report it' page of the Cornwall website.

The phosphates issue continues to rumble on with funding coming forward to Local Government for mitigation strategy. Some smaller applications have been approved by committing previously development land to be left in an undeveloped state for a period of 80 years to compensate for the phosphate burden. A Supported and Specialist Housing Strategy was signed off by Cabinet last week. This is an aspiration to provide housing which specifically supports our more vulnerable residents and those in need of wrap around care.

The new Household Waste Service will be coming to a small part of Withiel in phase 1 of the rollout. Households should be getting letters now and their wheelie bins and food caddys/bins in the new year. I have residents in phase 1,2 and 4 in my ward so an interesting situation. Residents can find out more by visiting the 'Cornwall Recycles' facebook page and there is more information on the Council website under 'New food waste, recycling and rubbish service'.

This Remembrance Sunday I laid a wreath at Lanivet and had time to reflect how much we owe those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. How lucky we are to live in a peaceful and beautiful part of the United Kingdom and how we owe it to those lost souls to be kind and thoughtful to those around us.

I wish all my residents a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Joyous New Year

Jenny Cruse : cllr.jennifer.cruse@cornwall.gov.uk: 07710219465

Advice Needed

My children keep finding their Christmas presents that I've hidden around the house. Someone suggested that I should just keep them in the loft. So I tried last night but their constant crying and whining kept me awake. All the "I'm afraid of the dark" or "I don't like it up here, there are spiders" really got on my nerves. Any other suggestions?

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*I took a job as the head of Old Macdonald's farm.....
I'm the CIEIO*

WITHIEL WI

We have welcomed some new members recently which is good news as Withiel WI has now been going for well over 70 years and we would all like to it continue well into the future.

Judy Lobb has been working on organising day trips and events for our WI which she told members about and for which there was a lot of enthusiasm. One day out she proposed was catching the train from Bodmin Parkway to Penzance and enjoying a dip in the Geothermal saltwater pool heated by the hot rocks in the ground. After we had had a swim we would then have lunch before catching the train back to Bodmin in the afternoon, that sounds to me like a great way to spend a day.

Our November meeting had to be changed at the last minute and Angie Richardson, a talented member who brings some stunning creations for the competitions, kindly stepped in and brought along boxes of crafting materials and embellishments from which we all made some beautiful Christmas cards. Everyone got involved and enjoyed the evening, it's nice sometimes to have informal workshops and just try something we wouldn't normally do and we also felt it was great to create a personal, handmade card for someone special.

There were a good lot of entries on the table for the competitions with some lovely autumn colours and berries being used to make a posy.

Competition: A posy

1st Gail Burnett 2nd Angie Richardson 3rd Barbara Varcoe

Flower of the month

1st Angie Richardson 2nd Barbara Varcoe 3rd Brenda Harris

In December we always go out for a Christmas meal and this year we are going back to Lanhydrock Golf Club where the ladies can eat, drink and be merry without having to do the cooking or the washing up!

*I got a book from the library about oils and lubricants.....
It was in the non-friction section*

WITHIEL CRAFT FAYRE

Withiel hall was buzzing when the Craft Fayre took place, there were over 20 stalls full of a diverse range of quality goods on offer for people to start their Christmas shopping. We were kept busy all the time on the raffle table and in the kitchen and at 11am everyone stood and observed a minute's silence for Armistice Day.

At 12 o'clock a gentleman in a red suit arrived and there were some very happy children and a big girl delighted to see him!

The event raised a total of £359 before expenses, thank you to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Erica



Withiel Village Hall Social Group - Upcoming Events 2023

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



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ST WENN GARDEN CLUB

What another great turnout for our November meeting! We had a fascinating talk by Sarah Donoghue who is a herbalist and an ambassador for the British Herb Society.

If you weren't able to come, we learnt about the medicinal properties of common herbs and weeds like rosemary, garlic, chamomile and nettles. We sampled a shot of Rosemary infusion which is said to be the herb of remembrance and an excellent liver tonic. Nettles are rich in vitamins A, B, C, D, E and calcium, magnesium and iron. Chamomile is good for anxiety and gut health. There was so much more that Sarah talked about but this gives you an idea.

Our next meeting is on Monday 4th December and our speaker is Mike Stephens who will be talking about 'Know your Onions and All about Alliums'. Mulled wine (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and mince pies will be provided at this pre-Christmas meeting and, as always, your donations for the raffle and cuttings table are gratefully appreciated. Everyone is welcome, gardeners and non-gardeners alike. It's £2 per meeting or £7 for the year. We meet in St Wenn WI Hall at 7.30p.m. on the first Monday of the month.

Thank you for such great support,
Sharron. Chairman St Wenn Garden Club



CORNISH EVENING
Withiel Village Hall PL30 5NN
Saturday 9th December

7 pm

A Good Old

Cornish Christmas Celebration with Dancing, Music,
& History of Carols

Pasties & Saffron Buns Available

Entry £5

Children under 15 FREE

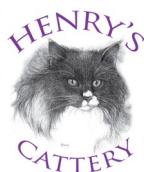


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Since the website started to post News & Views during lockdown, Ted and Jenny's print run has been more than halved. it is now down by 150 copies each month - that's a lot of paper, and a lot of folding, boxing and delivering, all saved.
Jo Brackenbury does an excellent job of keeping the online diary up to date - a useful reminder of all that's happening in Withiel and nearby - but we could do with more input. If you could help to add local news - photographs, births, deaths, jokes, road-works, whatever, plus updates too late for that month's News & Views - please let us know at info@withiel.com

Taylor Swift

My teachers' advice was to choose a catchy title for your stories; make the reader read on. I'm a self-confessed "Swiftie". I'm reckoning on there being no age limit. Taylor Swift was born in 1989 and grew up on a Christmas tree farm in Pennsylvania, USA. Her musical talent became apparent at an early age and her parents moved the family to Tennessee in order for her to pursue a career as a singer/songwriter. She's a lyricist and composes her own music, playing guitar and piano. A generous philanthropist, Taylor is gracious, quirky, a competent orator, (check out Youtube for her 2022 speech on receiving an honorary doctorate in Fine Art at New York University. Witty, she speaks and writes from the heart. Her catalogue of songs and albums is quite incredible. Unsurprisingly, her success has earned her "billionaire" status.

You might wonder where all this is leading. Well, we are coming up to the season when the school children will be performing concerts and carol services. It could be the fact that in your younger days, there was no opportunity to attend these events, due to work commitments. Now with a little more time available, you might just have a second chance. Do go along and support your local school or community musical event. We must encourage the youngsters in their hobbies. Who knows what their futures hold? We might even have some budding "Taylors" in our midst. A perfect role model with her elegant costumes, her fitness and work ethic. She will never go out of Style!

Nicola Wills 9.11.23

*I'm addicted to seaweed.
I must seek kelp!*



STRIDING OUT

I went a number of years ago, before I started writing these essays, and did this walk and thought it would be a good idea to do it again and share it with you.

The name of Withiel church is St Clements and I was always curious about the St Clements on the signpost at Trafalgar roundabout in Truro and ended up having a really good walk there but I needed to refresh my memory before writing about it.

In a spell of glorious autumn weather I went off with Eddie on a really misty morning and when I got to Tresillian it had turned into a really foggy morning! The early dog walkers had filled the lay-by at the end of Tresillian before getting to Woodcock Corner so I had to drive into Truro and go directly to St Clements village where there was plenty of room to park down by the river. It is a lovely waterside village and feels quite remote with only a

few old cottages, a church and a village hall. The church is worth a visit and is found a short way uphill from the water amongst some pretty cottages and it has an unusual slate hung lych-gate with a room above which may have been a schoolroom at one time.

Leaving the church behind come back to the road and turn right to go uphill passing the village hall and public toilets. Following the road along there will be a road turning to the left, there is a public footpath sign in the hedge but when I was there it had been hit and was laying back in the bushes and hardly visible. Take this road and continue along and you will eventually come to a brow of the hill where there is a bridleway to the right. It is a very old deep and shady lane cut down into the rock with a footbridge over a stream at the bottom and best of all it too far off the beaten track to have any litter. Going uphill in the lane the path goes behind an old stone farmyard with a round house that I have always understood was where a horse or donkey would have been harnessed to a shaft attached to a millstone and walked around the edge of the shed to grind corn. The right of way bears around to the left passing the entrance to the farmyard and the house where it goes into a short lane giving access to a field. The footpath keeps to the top of the field and then through a hand gate by some modern houses which have been built using a lot of timber and look very environmentally friendly. Dropping down under the trees you will emerge onto the Malpas Road, go straight across the road and into Boscawen Park. This was doggy heaven for Eddie with no end of unread peemails which all needed answering! Where on earth does he store that much pee?? It is a very popular recreation area with tennis courts, cricket pitch, exercise machines a cafe and a tarmac path all the way around the edge close to the water and the view up the river to the city was beautiful. The

tide was out and there were plenty of wading birds including a good number of curlews which are in decline throughout the country though it wasn't particularly evident here. There were also large groups of mullet disturbing the water while feeding in the mud.

Across the water is Newham Quay with lots of businesses about their jobs though in times past it would have been bustling and doubtless very noisy and extending right into the city centre at Lemon Quay.

Following the path right around the park come out onto the road, turn right and walk along the rivers edge where there are numerous boats moored, this path will eventually bring the walker to Malpas. There is an old cobbled slipway where once a passenger ferry ran across the river but this, I was told, stopped running about 10 years ago. The ferry was originally used to take people and goods across the river to and from Tregothnan and at one time was run by a woman known as Jenny Malpas who was born in 1754 and when asked what gave her most trouble running the ferry she replied "Women and pigs". I know from experience just how awkward pigs can be to move let alone having them in a boat!

Keeping your eyes open you will find a footpath signpost in a hedge with the narrow path passing beside a house before entering the woods and this will bring you along to a very old wrought iron kissing gate with the main path going uphill over the field although there is a sign stating that the path to the right is a permissive right of way along the river and back to St Clements. I chose to take the permissive path and Eddie had the time of his life going through the woods chasing grey squirrels as they scamp-

ST WENN GARDEN CLUB

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.

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

8th January – Jim Stephens – Camellias

5th February – Kate Dibble – All About Compost

4th March – Cornwall Bee Society

8th 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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Jenny & Ted wish everyone a very merry Christmas