

WITHIEL



Tony Liddicoat 1938 - 2023

NEWS AND VIEWS

JANUARY 2024

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Sunday 31st Dec 2023	10 am	Fifth Sunday Joint Service at St Wenn.
Sunday 7th Jan 2024	11.15 am	Plough Sunday Service taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 14th Jan2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 21st Jan 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 28th Jan2024	11.15 am	Communion Order One CW Page 167 taken by TBD
Sunday 4th Feb2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 7th Jan 2024	12.30	Plough Sunday lunch in Church Room. Bring a Plate
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Flowers

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

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Jenny, Joanne and their families thank you all so much for your kindness, support, cards and flowers since dad passed away on the 12th December.

This has left a massive gap in our family and Withiel. The friendships dad shared will never be forgotten, and we thank each of you for this.

His home, family, Withiel and the wider community meant so much to him and he enjoyed life and the activities he participated in.

We would like to share with you a poem written by Mel Millett, a dear family friend.

What a Man !

*Dear Tony Liddicoat, where do I start?
strong of head and soft of heart!
That cheeky smile, those twinkling eyes
nobodies fool, and so very wise!
A more loyal friend, you could not find,
so thoughtful, so loving, so caring, so kind.*

What a Man!

*As solid as the granite from which was made,
His beloved Withiel, in which he stayed,
To put down his roots, to make a life,
to raise a family with his beloved Wife.
He was so very special, loved by all that he met,
such morals, such passion, such standards, and yet-
In his heart he would say that he was just a Man-
living his life the best that he can.....but..*

What a Man!

*The sun will rise, and the birds will sing,
the flowers will bloom, but know this one thing....
The tears that we cry for the loss that we know,
will form a great river, and on it will flow...
Tony- into the arms of loved ones once more
And up he will jump, and take to the floor..
and start entertaining- microphone in hand,
with jokes and humour- (his own special brand!)*

What a Man!

*What a party they will have- all together again,
Jokes by Tony- Catering by Gwen !!
Such love and such laughter, a 'tongue-in-cheek' tale,
to light up a room- he never could fail!
So however sad we are all feeling right now,
Just think back- and just think-----WOW!!!!*

WHAT A MAN!!!!

Mel Millett.



WITHIEL WI

WI member, Judy Lobb, has taken on the task of organising outings and events to get other members enjoying days out in Cornwall. In November six ladies signed up to go for a swim in the outdoor pool at Penzance which isn't as bonkers as it might sound, we were going to enjoy the geothermal pool which remains at a constant 30 degrees all year round.

We caught the train from Bodmin Parkway down to Penzance which is a very interesting journey passing through Lostwithiel, St Austell and Truro before going on and arriving in Penzance 1hr 15 minutes later. I love to stare out of the window and try and work out exactly where I am as well as looking into people's gardens. The view of the roads I find especially pleasing when traffic is slowed down by heavy lorries or tractors and trailers and we are speeding along unhindered. Leaving St Erth and it's only a few minutes before St Michael's Mount comes into view, what a lovely sight that is.

We were then soon coming to a stop at the end of the journey after which it is only a short walk past the harbour and along to the Jubilee Pool. The lido was first opened in 1935 to celebrate King George V silver jubilee, over the years it fell into decline and then in 2014 a terrible storm caused catastrophic damage to the sea wall at which point the Council were going to close it down for good. An appeal was launched and money raised to buy it when it was bought by the community for the community. Part of the pool then underwent a lot of work to instate a geothermal heating system which uses energy from the rocks deep below ground to heat the saltwater.

Although three members didn't get in the water those that did had wonderful time swimming or just floating in the very buoyant water, there are even concrete benches underwater around the edge of the pool to sit on. We stayed in for approaching an hour and although I don't swim from one year to the next this was a really enjoyable session.

The Jubilee Pool has a cafe where we met the others and had a light lunch before walking through the town and back down to the railway station to catch the return train back to Bodmin.

So WI isn't just 'Jam and Jerusalem' it was a great day out and I look forward to more WI trips next year, well done Judy.

Erica

WITHIEL HALL

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STRIDING OUT

A recent WI outing to Penzance brought to mind the same journey I did the year before when I came down with a friend and, without calling into the pool, went for a walk around the town looking at some of the very old buildings and soaking up the history, exploring side streets and walkways and this walk is a good one to do when the weather is not so good and given the conditions underfoot currently it seemed a good idea to use it for a winter walk.

From the harbour turn right up Market Jew St with its beautiful granite steps and old iron railings up onto the street and shops, at the top of the street is the impressive market house which today houses Lloyds Bank. Next to the bank is a statue of Sir Humphrey Davy, the man famous for inventing the miners safety lamp which was a huge step away from the candles which could ignite flammable gases underground with devastating results. The prosperity of Penzance is evident at every turn although there are a good number architecturally fine buildings which today are in a very sorry state of repair.

Going down Chapel St there is an intriguing building on the right called the Egyptian House, it has the most ornate facade I have ever seen and is a Grade 1 listed building. It belonged to a mineralogist/bookseller who apparently bought two cottages and then set about creating what is seen today. It was purchased by the Landmark Trust in 1968 and fully restored with the upper floors now possible to rent for holiday accommodation.

Working our way along side roads and back streets we came to the very pretty Regent Square with attractive houses and cottages which, I am sure, must have been a most desirable place to live being far enough away from the sounds and smells of the harbour area but close enough to the seafront. There is a sign on a wall which is easy to miss and will point you in the direction of Morrab Gardens which is well worth a visit. The gardens are sub tropical and home to a large collection of exotic plants with a path that goes around in loops and gives the visitor the impression of the area being larger than it actually is. In the late 1800's the town bought the property and the gardens then became a public park with the old mansion house becoming the town library.

Returning to the sea front we turned right and walked along the promenade which always makes me think of a very famous painting entitled 'The Rain, It Raineth Every Day' which was painted by Norman Garstin of the Newlyn School in 1889. It depicts a few people walking and taking the sea air along the promenade on a wet and windy day with waves breaking over the sea wall, not unlike the scene of recent weeks! When we were there the weather was very pleasant and people were enjoying their day out.

The broad seafront goes right along to Newlyn and being so flat is an easy walk for most people and also very accessible for wheelchair users. Newlyn is a very busy fishing port with numerous boats landing fish daily and ranked as one of the biggest fish markets left in the UK with constant activity loading refrigerated lorries to enable distribution across the country.

Of course, fish features on most restaurant menus and one of the best eating experiences I had was at an unassuming restaurant called Argoe at the end of the harbour-side car park. It is basically a shack but serves the most wonderful fresh fish having being landed that day within metres of the kitchen, I had a spider crab when I was there and it was such sweet meat which made it well worth the effort of getting it out of the legs and down to it's toes!

In 1937 the authorities set about a slum clearance and a lot of cottages were demolished which provoked irate Newlyn folk to sail up the Thames in the fishing boat 'Rosebud' to the Houses of Parliament and overturn the decision which saved the remaining homes and gives Newlyn the character and charm we see today.

Carrying on along the road towards Mousehole we passed the old Penlee lifeboat station which now stands as a memorial to the crew of the lifeboat Solomon Browne which was lost with all hands in 1981 while going to assist the Union Star which had lost power and was drifting towards the cliffs. In total 16 men, 8 lifeboat men and the 8 crew on the Union Star, perished on that night 19th December making it one of the worst lifeboat disasters of all time.

Erica



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Withiel Village Hall Social Group – Proposed Event Calendar 2024

Saturday 6th January – Tea and a chat 2 - 4pm (Hall already booked in the morning)

Saturday 3rd February – Tea and a chat 10 – 12am

Saturday 24th February – Bingo – 7pm

Saturday 2nd March – Tea and a chat 10 – 12am

Saturday 16th March – Quiz – 7pm

Saturday 13th April – Craft Fayre 10am – 2pm

Saturday 25th May – Bingo – 7pm

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ST WENN GARDEN CLUB

I think we all left 'knowing our onions' after Monday's meeting. Who would have thought that there are over 1000 species of allium in the wild? We learnt that not only are onions alliums, but so are shallots, leeks, chives, garlic, and ransoms. Onions are responsive to the hours of daylight and 14+ hours are needed to develop the bulbs. Traditionally onion growers plant seeds on Boxing Day and sets need to be in the ground by the end of February. Use well-rotted manure and keep them weeded or else yield is reduced. You will get smaller onions if you plant them closer together. Shallots are a good bet as they store longer than onions. Ornamental alliums are great for architectural features as they grow quite tall, and they are perfect as a 'gap-filler' as they flower at the end of May, after the tulips have gone. Plant them deep with spring bulbs in the autumn.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th January when Jim Stephens will be talking about Camellias: using them effectively in your garden – selection, placing, planting, pruning and more.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.
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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.

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.

Sharron Lobb

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St Wenn Christmas Lunch 7th December 2023

Returning again after a 3-year break post covid the event was well attended and very well received. The function saw 54 people attend and St Wenn hall was full with people from St Wenn parish joined also by attendees from Tregonetha, Withiel and beyond.

Guests attending enjoyed meeting up with friends old and new, and the atmosphere was buzzing

with enjoyment. A four course lunch was served of Melon to start, a full Turkey Christmas dinner with all the vegetables and trimmings. There was also a vegetarian option as well. After this was a choice of Christmas pudding, Trifle and a sumptuous gâteau. There was also an option of cheeses, finished off with coffee tea and a selection of Cornish fudge.

The event was organised by Jim & Christine Goad who have organised these lunches since they were started in 2015 and have been assisted by an enthusiastic team of volunteers who assist in cooking, serving and entertaining.

Jim & Chris have stepped down from organising future lunches and we are delighted that Marilyn Hawkey will take over with continued involvement from Stephen Chidgey. To recognize Jim & Christine's hard work over the years there was a short presentation and thanks at the end of the function.

A raffle with some fabulous prizes was organised by Vanessa Rescorl.

We would also like to thank all our volunteers as without their generosity and help these events would not take place. We also thank the Head and pupils of St Wenn School who also served on the day and where the choir provided singing at the end of the lunch.

Further entertainment and community singing to end the event was led by Sonia Shipman.

Thanks again to all involved and we look forward to more community lunches coming soon.



SLEEPING BEAUTY AT CHRISTMAS at Withiel Village Hall

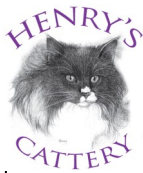
Ruthern Valley Players delivered another enjoyable and successful series of performances over the first weekend in December. This year's show was a typically wacky take on Sleeping Beauty with lots of local flavour.

With seven pantomimes since 2016, the company has developed a dedicated audience. This year, over 400 people of all ages came to enjoy the entertainment – produced by people ranging in ages from 7 to above 70.

The cast benefited from excellent audience participation; loud and cheerful – and ready at any point to utter, 'Oh no, you're not!' or 'Down Mullian Way!' The Saturday matinee performance was enlivened by large numbers of children who helped to create a special atmosphere. And ten days later, some of the cast sang songs from the show for members of Crantock's Women's Institute.

The production would never have occurred but for the efforts and talent of over fifty cast and crew from Withiel and the surrounding parishes. Well done, everyone. See you next year!

And if you are interested in being part of the next pantomime in any capacity, please contact Gail 07875 992442 or any of the members – and look out for auditions this summer.



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Father Christmas, who, with the help of Tiffer, Stephen, and a tractor has been travelling around the parish for some years now. The delight on the faces of the children is clear to see so make sure you don't miss out next year.



WITHIEL SMBC

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WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Apologies were sent by Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer. There were three members of the public present, making a representation for a planning application to be discussed this evening along with Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse.

At the start of the meeting the public forum was addressed by Janine Banks. She was explaining the application that would later be discussed by the council from the Green Waste Company who wish to make amendments at Higher Brynn Farm. She explained that the application was for a large open fronted, single span shed that would house the composting process. She went on to say that it is hoped that this work will allow for better efficiencies on the site as well as reducing the noise pollution created by the processing of green waste. Councillors asked questions with regards to other measures that could be taken by the applicants to further reduce noise as well as improve the biodiversity on the site. These comments were taken on board and will be passed back to the applicant.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse had circulated an email which explained how she complained to Cormac Officers on the way that they had notified the Parish regarding the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation which has recently been set up. She explained that this had come as a complete surprise to all with notices just appearing on posts without any prior warning as had been promised in previous discussions. She went on to say that whilst it was great to see this long-awaited scheme move forward, the way in which it has been handled did not inspire confidence and she felt it was unacceptable. Her report went on to explain that the building works at Lawellen Lane have been deemed as lawful as the works are to repair and replace the existing fabric and create a new roof for the property. She also explained that she has spent quite some time this month visiting the new housing at Treveth and Coastline and the supported housing at St. Annes Close in Dunmere. She explained that Cabinet had passed a new Supported and Specialist Housing Strategy which aims to provide housing for our vulnerable residents who need constant care. She also highlighted a new housing application has come forward from Wain homes for 58 open market houses at Panderosa which is in the St. Lawrence area - reference is PA23/07573. This application is being discussed so we wait to see what this outcome of this is. Finally she reported how lovely it is to see all the villages lit up with Christmas lights and that she had recently attended the turning on of Bodmin lights which was a very well attended and pleasant evening, with lots of families enjoying themselves. It was good to see Bodmin full and vibrant. This is an aspiration for the Town Team and one day we hope Bodmin will be once again a lively vibrant town.

The meeting moved onto its general business with no members reporting any interests with regards agenda items before last month's meeting minutes were approved and signed off.

Next onto highway matters where three matters were discussed: firstly the local flooding which has been seen in many areas around the parish. The Chair expressed disappointment that his recent report of a persistent flood covering the road by Beanie Farm had only seen signs put up by no action to actually solve the ongoing issue. Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse reminded us to call 0300 2345 222 and report any flooding emergency with lesser matters to be reported through the 'report it' system. Next we went on to discuss the TRO mentioned above. Whilst there was general upset at the lack of care in the way this has been progressed without the promised level of engagement and consultation by Cormac all agreed that the proposal was good and despite concerns over the 7.5 tonne weight limit raised by Councillor Wilson the Parish Council voted unanimously to support this proposal. We would encourage as many members of the public as possible to respond to this consultation, either to support or object, before the deadline.

And finally, Councillor Piper reported a Parishioners concerns at having been contacted by the County Council advising them they needed to take action to address the visibility issue at the Withiel crossroads, this area has been discussed at many previous meetings. They feel that this is not their issue as the land was compulsory purchased by the Council some years ago in an effort to improve the visibility. Councillor E. Piper will pass the details onto Cornwall Councillor Mrs. J. Cruse to follow up on, so watch this space.

Planning came next with short discussion held around the planning application **PA23/03571** by The Green Waste Company, previously presented in the public forum. The outcome of these discussions were to support the application. The next application **PA23/08612** was seen as more challenging. This was a private application to convert an existing garage into annexed accommodation for the applicants elderly parents to move into. Whilst in principle there was agreement for this type of development, there were concerns around the accuracy of the application as well as what the accommodation would be used for in later years. It was felt that due to these issues we could not support the application at this time with all but one Councillor, who abstained, voting this way. Full details of our comments can be found on the planning portal or can be obtained from the Clerk. Finally in this section we reported last month's planning results, these were both approvals one for the new field access **PA23/07292** at Retire and the other being the construction of a new utility shed **PA23/07450** at Inches.

The meeting moved on to discuss the precept, Councillor S. Coy had done much work preparing a proposal and justifying the need to set next year's precept at £8,000. The reason for this jump is mainly down to inflationary costs and the need for the Parish Council to maintain both a general and election reserve, combined at £4,000. The Parish Council agreed that this was prudent and voted in favour of this motion.

Following this, but still within the financial monitoring element of the meeting the Clerk reported that she has now set up a separate bank account to hold the Voltaire monies, this currently amounts to just over £28,000. This money is being held by the Parish Council and will be distributed to applicants who can show a benefit to the Parish. The application process for these funds was discussed and a draft application form agreed. It was agreed that applications could be made annually, unless there were exceptional circumstances, with suitable projects receiving their funding in April. Projects would need to match fund their projects to the tune of 25% but this could be in kind funding?. More details of eligibility criteria and how to apply will be made available in the coming weeks but keep your eyes peeled as we look forward to assisting with suitable projects that will enhance the Parish.

The final report was one circulated by Councillor Ms. J. Shearer. She updated us on the activity of the Camel Valley Community Area Partnership (CAP). Her main comment was one of disappointment at the lack of notice given to CAP members to comment and ultimately vote on expressions of interest for funding. She has raised the issue but has been told that this is just how that group works and as such we agreed that we must trust her judgement as our representative to make the most appropriate direction in the limited time available to her.

As I am sure all are aware that following the meeting the Parish lost one of its long-standing servants in Tony Liddicoat. Words cannot express how much Tony has done around the Parish including time served on the Parish Council and it is with great sadness we will mourn his passing.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. All are warmly welcomed!