

WITHIEL NEWS AND VIEWS

MARCH 2024

WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL

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March 2024

Sunday 25th February 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 3rd March 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 10th March 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 17th March 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Revd Canon Michael Adams
Sunday 24th March 2024	11.15 am	The Passion Narrative: Luke 22 And 23 taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Friday 29th March 2024	10.45 am	Short Service at Withiel taken by Church- wardens then Witness Walk to St Wenn. Soup at St Wenn
Sunday 31st March 2024	11.15 am	Easter Communion taken by Revd Canon Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 7th April 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 28th April 2024	11.15 am	What the Lord Requires of us with Revd Can- on Chris McQuillen-Wright taken by Don McQuillen-Wright

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 29th March 2024	10.45 am	Witness Walk to St Wenn Soup at St Wenn
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Flowers

March C. Malone April A. Davey

FROM THE RECTORY

It seems to amaze me less and less as to how time flies. As families get bigger we are catapulted into birthday after birthday, Valentines, Mothering Sunday, Easter, the May bank holidays, Summer, Halloween and Christmas. I was asked at the beginning of December was I ready for Christmas?and of course the answer was I wasn't ready for that day, but we found a way to muddle through.

Expectations now a days also come just as quick. You acheive and more is demanded. It harkens me back to my late Uncle who I once asked why he never cooked; to which he replied "I tried it once, Auntie didn't like it so she never asked me again.". And then gave the biggest smile and wink having escaped the thrice daily chore in that household. A dichotomy of everyday life particularly in the 50's. So much has improved where social roles and labels are less identified as being the norm. And yet As I write once more the horrors of the past are once more rearing their ugly heads; of antisemitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, racism. As economically across the world life gets tougher as the extremes of socio-economic culture become polarised, so then does the culture of identifying and disassociating from others. Rather than celebrating difference within unity I lament that we have become an ego based culture where the novels of the "hunger games could soon become a reality". So what does the Christian Message of the Easter story bring to this dangerous reality?

That no one is outside the love of God and that therefore we are all equal. No one can earn God's love and therefore no one can lose that love; not Peter who disowned Jesus, not James who fled from danger, not Paul who persecuted the early disciples. Not us, not them over there. Therefore, as we observe the world we recognise that no one is immune from disaster, in fact often it seems the nicest of people are afflicted with tragedy after crisis after heartache.

Martin Niemöller, executed by the Nazis, wrote thus;

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

We must, in these challenging times, take these words to heart. How can we expect help from others if we are unwilling to give of ourselves?

The basis of the cross of Jesus is that God loves us that much, we therefore ought to love one another. And if we only love those who we think are the same as us, that is no credit to us at all. The cross teaches that we love everybody particularly those who we don't identify with , those who desert us and even those who persecute us.

Chris McQuillen-Wright

WITHIEL WI

For our February meeting we welcomed Ben Jobes a police dog handler who joined the force in 2007 before applying to become a dog handler in 2014. He gave us a detailed insight into the selection and training of the dogs, a lot of the puppies are from Europe and bred especially for the job. Basic training begins with everyone making an angry crowd to test a dog's nerve as there is no place for a shy or timid dog in that sort of circumstance. Then followed the teaching of dogs to seize an offender by the arm where the trainer wears a thickly padded sleeve and the bite can still bruise the arm despite the protection.

After being paired with Ash, a young German Shepherd, she and Ben had to go on an intensive 13 week course away from home after which man and dog both passed out (not literally) with flying colours and their life together started with Ash becoming a full time member of Ben's family. The dogs are usually retired at about 8 years old and Ash is now enjoying her well earned retirement in Scotland.

We were then introduced to Barney a larger than life black Labrador who is trained as a victim recovery dog when his main job will be to find missing people and bodies. Obviously scenting is key to this role and Barney, after meeting each individual member, then used his nose to home in on the biscuits that we have with our cup of tea!

It was a really good evening with Ben giving an excellent talk but the star of the show had to be Barney with his wonderful personality and enthusiasm.

Competition: A good name for a police dog

Joint 1st Margaret Fryett and Erica Simpson 2nd Brenda Harris 3rd Rosanna Marks

Flower of the month: 1st Angie Richardson 2nd Heather DeBoer 3rd Brenda Harris

Erica

Someone asked me what the ninth letter of the alphabet is. It was a complete guess but I was right

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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 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.

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STRIDING OUT

The cold spell in January was really welcome and provided a good opportunity for walking so off we went to Cremyll on the opposite side of the Tamar to Plymouth. It was below freezing all the way there and the path alongside the river was frozen hard which made for good conditions underfoot after having to walk through mud for most of the winter, Eddie was delighted to be somewhere fresh and set about leaving messages for any dogs that might come by later in the day. Due to the steepness of the hillside from Cremyll to Maker Heights the path was in shade all the way along to Millbrook and even walking at a good pace I was frozen and I could feel my face and gloved hands getting colder and stiffer. The water was like glass with the only ripples being created by the ducks and gulls as they swam by. It was a really high tide that morning and had only just started to recede but at it's highest it had flooded the road in places and was freezing which made things quite slippery for walking on. Once I got to Millbrook the sun was visible again thawing the ice and raising the air temperature considerably which was greatly appreciated. I hadn't seen a single person until I reached Millbrook and there there were people walking dogs, getting their daily papers and bits of shopping and I got the impression that it is a really busy little community.

Leaving the village the road went up a steep hill where at the top the views across the river to Plymouth were stunning and the sound of gunfire from H.M.S Raleigh was the only thing to disturb the tranquil scene, I had heard the gunfire when I set out from Cremyll and it continued for most of the day and I suppose the only ones to take much notice were the visitors for the day. The next little village I came to was St John, a place I had never heard of but what pretty place it is, though it is more 'expensive residential' than affordable rural. It has a tiny church situated at the bottom of yet another steep hill with the smallest tower I have ever seen, almost stubby and unlike anything else in Cornwall. Climbing steeply again up a deep sided lane a footpath marker took me into a wood with a sharp drop down to the water and mud and a well situated bench where I had my sandwich and Oxo while Eddie had Gravy Bones and then sat there staring and trying to make me feel guilty about his short rations. On the exposed mud were countless birds feeding including oystercatchers, curlew, herons and egrets while in the trees a group of busy little long tailed tits were about their business too. I have a feeling that in my dotage I will probably take up birdwatching as I find them all fascinating but I find that any attempt to feed them usually results in rats turning up so I have given up buying bird food.

A footpath sign took me away to the right across last year's maize fields where plenty of different birds were feeding in the stubble before Eddie spooked them. The path hugs the double chain link fences around the perimeter of H.M.S Raleigh, the Royal Navy training facility where recruits are put through their paces and trained for Naval careers. It is a big establishment covering a large area and as I passed along the road the armed sentry was on guard at the main entrance and the gunfire sounded even closer.

Leaving the main road the route goes through housing estates and a small industrial area before coming out to the waterfront again and continuing right along to the Torpoint ferry landing. There were a number of vehicles queued up ready to drive onto the ferry when it arrived and I made my way to the slipway. Foot passengers and dogs travel free and we went to the seated area with a most welcome toilet – phew, at last! The heating was just too hot to stay there so we went upstairs to take in the fantastic views up and down the river and it was great to see so much activity and industry taking place though years ago the industry would have been on a massive scale in comparison to today.

We caught the bus just outside the terminal and went to the Royal William Yard, Eddie loves riding on the bus with so many people in close proximity and him being so nose-y about everything in general. The Cremyll ferry departs from a jetty close to the Royal William Yard and as we got on the boat the sun was getting low in the sky and the temperature was falling rapidly so it was time to go home again and reflect on another great day out.



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Withiel Village Hall Social Group – Proposed Event Calendar 2024

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

Saturday 26th October – Bingo – 7pm

Please send articles, by the 20th of the month at the latest, to:

Ted Pentland
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The Mill House Coddles
Withiel Bodmin
PL30 5NW Tel.01208831186 E.mail; miniashe7@gmail.com

The other day I bought a thesaurus, but when I got home and opened it, all the pages were blank...

I have no word to describe how angry I am

JAZZ

QOW TRIO

Friday 8th March

show starts 7.30pm and 6:30pm for tapas

St Wenna's Church, St Wenn PL30 5PS

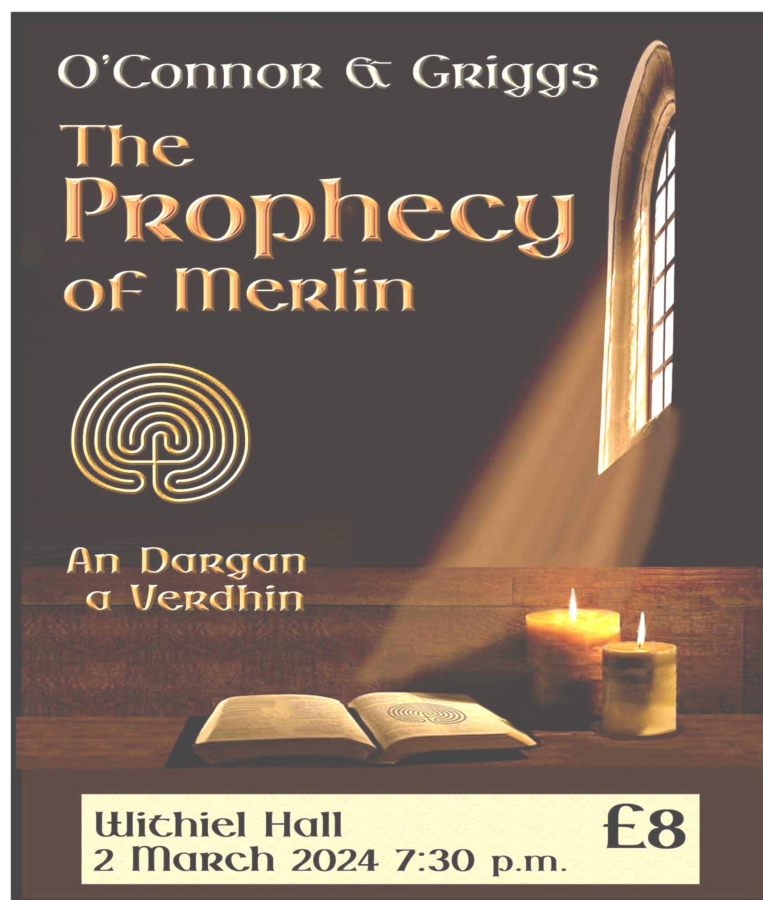
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WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL

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Stephen: stephenhorrocks574@gmail.com

Wendy's email :

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For the second year running we finish runners up to St. Newlyn East in the Central Premier League, congratulations to them. Over the past year or so we have recruited some very talented “younger”? Players so the future looks bright for Withiel SMBC. If you would like to be part of that future come along and join us. We don't bite!

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Withiel Parish Council Report 7th February 2024

Five Parish Councillors attended the meeting with one member of the public. Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Davies, Councillor Mrs. Wendy Symons and from Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse who was attending an Extraordinary Planning Meeting to discuss the Wainhomes outline planning permission for Halgavor Moor. She is liaising with the Highways Department to discuss the Withiel TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) which aims to limit HGVs from attempting to drive through Withiel Village.

We had expected PCSO Tom Cornwell to join us but he was unfortunately unavailable.

Rachel Tatlow from Cormac who reported that the flooding issue near Great Brynn Farm is being closely monitored during rainfall. When the water subsides it will be possible to ascertain the level of silt in the ditches to see what needs to be done. The Environment Agency may be involved as the source of significant quantities of muddy water on the road has to be found. She has also assessed the hedge growth at Withiel crossroads which was reported by the Parish Council to have obscured the view of oncoming traffic. Having checked the records since 2018 and found that no accidents have occurred, she maintains that no action is required.

The Clerk reported that £398.75 had been received as the annual contribution to footpath maintenance from the LMP (Local Maintenance Partnership) and that this month's total expenditure was £354.86 to cover Clerk's salary, expenses and bank charges, plus £36.00 for Councillor Planning Training.

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer had contacted Cormac again about the pipe and cable now in the middle of the Ruthern River near the footbridge from Brooklands to Lawellen and been told that BT should have removed it in 2022. Chris Monk, who is in charge of footpaths in Cornwall Council, will pursue this matter

Councillors decided to make no comment about an amendment to the original planning application at Penrose Cottage.

Councillor Ms. Amelia Lake recommended updating a previous application form for future applications to the Voltaire Solar Fund, which has received a further £28,978.00 which will soon be available to residents of Withiel for community projects. The fund derives from the Voltaire Solar Park near Inches and Retire. The purpose of the fund is to enable residents and organisations in Withiel to undertake actions which will either benefit the community of Withiel or enhance the environment for the benefit of the community. Projects must leave a lasting legacy, and will also be enjoyed by visitors to the Parish. The fund is open to all residents of Withiel who feel they may have a project which will benefit the community or environment of Withiel. So, if you have been waiting for support to start a new community group or event, or wish to make a Parish service more environmentally sound, create space for nature and community on your property the Parish Council would like to hear from you. If you are unsure if your project could be supported please do not hesitate to contact us via the Clerk

on: clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer reported on the recent Camel Valley Area CAP meeting (Cornwall Area Partnership) and her detailed account can be read on the Parish Council Website. The CAP meetings are very well attended at Wadebridge Town Hall and are open to the public. Issues, for example the 'Quiet Lanes' project - which seeks to identify linked routes in North Cornwall with less traffic for safe travel by vulnerable road users, such as cyclists, walkers and horse riders, the Voluntary Sector Forum, support for young women with mental health problems and the new draft, revised Cornwall Local Plan (due to be in use by 2025) - all of which affect the wider community of North Cornwall were openly discussed.

Councillor Rob Wilson is exploring possibilities for electric vehicle charging points at the Village Hall. Although the Committee are interested in receiving information, there is a resistance to losing any parking places.

Councillor Ed Piper reported that there has been a farm robbery locally and two cases of fly tipping.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall and as always, all are welcome.

Withiel WI are organising extra days out and trips within Cornwall and sometimes we have space to include a few more people so it has been agreed to invite people other than WI members to join us.

If you would like to put your name down on the list please contact:

Judy on 01208 831207 or judithhembry@hotmail.com

Rosanna on 07941 355066 or rsmarks101@gmail.com

Trips for this spring

February 22nd Guided tour of St Austell Brewery

March 14th Wheal Martyn museum St Austell tour booked for 11am

We are proposing to visit Trerice nr Newquay and to have a guided tour of Delabole Slate Quarry

The pollen count, now that's a difficult job. Especially if you've got hay fever.

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Spring Concert



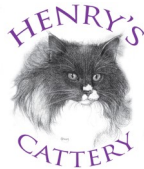
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