

WITHIEL



Withiel WI plus. Wheal Martyn

NEWS AND VIEWS

APRIL 2024

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Sunday 25th Feb 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	Mothering Sunday. Special Service and distribution of Daffodils taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 17th March 2024	11.15 am	Communion Order One CW Page 167 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 then Witness Walk to St Wenn Soup at St Wenn taken by Churchwardens
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 14th April 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 10th March 11.15 am Mothering Sunday Service

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

Soup at St Wenn

Flowers

**April A. Davey May O. Faul
 June J. Rundle July R. Coy**

From the Rectory

In an effort to supplement the weekly collections at St. Clement's, we have traditionally relied on parish events which help to pay for the upkeep of the church, the annual insurance bill, utilities and our contribution to the Diocese

As Withiel is very conveniently situated, last year we started welcoming pilgrims, who were walking the Saints' Way and the Celtic Way, to spend the night in the church for a donation of £10. We offered them a roof over their heads, tea and coffee making facilities and water for drinking and washing. As we have no shop in the village we asked them to bring something to eat.

Our first pilgrims in 2024 will be arriving very soon and we should like to make their stay a little more comfortable by providing some basic bedding. If you are updating your camping equipment, would you consider donating your previous camp beds or inflatable mattresses or futons to the church? We should be very grateful, as would our pilgrims!

In a couple of months' time, we shall be bringing you news of one group of pilgrims who will be walking the Saints' Way from Padstow to Fowey, embarking on a tall ship for the voyage to Spain, and then walking the Camino Inglés to Santiago de Compostela. They will be spending the night in St. Clement's, holding a short service the following morning to which we are all invited, before continuing on their pilgrimage.

Happy Easter!

Simon and Betty

WITHIEL WI

We had our AGM at the start of the month and now have some new officers, these being,

President Judy Lobb 01208 831207
Vice President Kay Leaney 07812 901917
Treasurer Kay Leaney
Secretary Erica Simpson 07774449377

also on the committee are Joyce Rundle and Felicity Penneycard.

Please feel free to contact any of these members if you have any enquiries about the WI.

We meet on the first Friday of each month at 7.15pm in the village hall

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Withiel Village Hall Social Group – Proposed Event Calendar 2024

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
News and Views
The Mill House Coddles
Withiel Bodmin
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Ruthern Valley Players
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St Wenn Village Hall
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Saturday 13th April @ 7.30 pm

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Carne To Cove Paganini and Qow Trio

Just a thank you to St Wenna and her church for all she has given over the hundreds and hundreds of years. To folk and our community. Christenings, Weddings, Events, Funerals and in more recent times recent years enfoldng our wonderful school with treasured children and “Carn to Cove” events. A meeting place, a place to find peace, a place to share,... A space “for the good of all” Paganini- a wonderful evening of classical music education and recently a Jazz trio all the way from Brighton, just for our venue, they were fab. Folk for the events came from St Ives, Falmouth, Truro, Plymouth and even Australia, and honeymoon couple from Hungary, just wonderful fun. and a goodly sum was raised for church and community which helps all to continue for many years to come. Thank you to everybody who supported and helped.

Love from Joanna



Withiel Short Mat Bowls Club

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

If you would like to try your hand come along to a free taster session, no age limit, no equipment necessary, Wednesday afternoons 2.00—5.00 and Thursday evening 7.00—10.00
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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!

This weekend Tony Jago is competing in the Cornwall Champion of Champions, We wish him all the best.

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Taking a well earned break in the quiz

QUIZ

The social group organised a quiz night which invited teams to exercise their brains and our question master, Rob Wilson, put together questions from a wide range of subjects which did just that and the winning team was 'Three + One' from Tregonetha.

£357.50 was raised for the village hall, some of which will go towards flowers and boxes to be placed around the parish. We would like to thank everyone who turned up and made it an enjoyable and successful event,
Erica on behalf of Withiel Social Group

Withiel WI went to Wheal Martyn museum recently and enjoyed a very interesting guided tour. Despite the heavy drizzle we were taken along the wooded trails and saw the water wheels and great long connecting rods which are all in full working order. Our guide explained how things worked when clay extraction was at its peak and the output was huge as was the number of workers. Husbands were invited along and after the tour we all went to the cafe and had lunch which was really good value and most welcome.

Judy Lobb is planning our next outing to Trerice near Newquay in May, if you would like to come along without being a WI member please contact Judy on 01208 831207.

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 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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Withiel Parish Council Report March 6th 2024

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Coy and there was one member of the public present, who was happy to answer any questions relating to his planning application for a single storey extension to his barn conversion and a detached car port at Trenance. In answer to a question from Councillor Rob Wilson, he confirmed that the extension was to provide extra living space. Later in the meeting this application was supported by all Councillors.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse has been out looking at floods all over her ward and has emailed both Scott Mann and the Area Highways Officer to complain about the lack of action in the countryside to alleviate flooding issues. She later urged people to use the online form on the Cornwall Council website to report these matters. When Councillor Ed Piper raised an issue about a particular pothole near Withiel crossroads Councillor Martin Davies said he had reported it and been told that unfortunately smaller potholes are not worth repairing. Apparently, the size and depth of the imperfection seem to be critical for chances of having it repaired. She also reported that the Withiel Lorry Scheme (new signage to prohibit large HGV vehicles from travelling through Withiel Village) has been agreed after a well-publicised period of public consultation produced no objections, and will now go ahead. She also announced that £300.00 had been signed off for the Withiel Playing Fields Association and that an extra £600,000.00 had been added to our Camel Vally CAP Area Good Growth Scheme. (the Shared Prosperity Levelling Up scheme for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly). Details of available funding for any projects which might benefit the community can be found at <https://ciosgoodgrowth.com/funding-opportunities/>

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer said she was awaiting a reply from Cormac about what help might be available to reinstate a washed-out footpath at Lanjew. In the ensuing discussion, Councillor Rob Wilson supported Councillor Martin Davies' earlier idea that money from the Voltaise Solar Farm, currently available via the Parish Council to fund projects in Withiel Parish, could be used to repair water damage to and thus improve local footpaths.

Councillor Rob Wilson and Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer have attended an online briefing about the new Cornwall Plan, which is being updated over the next few years. Councillor Rob Wilson has written a comprehensive report on this, which is included in the minutes of the March meeting on the Parish Council website (<https://withielparishcouncil.org.uk/>)

Total expenditure for the month was £519.96 to include annual hire of the village hall for Council meetings, Clerk's salary and bank charges. The Parish Council received £380.13 from Cornwall Council as a contribution to footpath maintenance and £44.80 in interest.

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There was considerable discussion about the correct wording of the application form which will shortly be available to any residents wishing to apply for funding to initiate a local project which might benefit the community or enhance the environment of Withiel. Guidelines and application forms for this funding will soon be available to any members of the public who are interested. This is a discretionary fund to support local projects to run over a fifteen-year period and will require match funding of 25%. Details of this money can be found on the Parish Council website or please contact the Clerk if you have any queries.

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer reported on funding applications received by the Cornwall Capacity Team, as she is part of the Camel Valley Funding Panel. Details of her report are in the minutes on the Parish Council website.

Both Councillor Rob Wilson and Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer were endorsed by their fellow Councillors to pursue an interest in joining the refreshed Cornwall Planning Partnership. One member from each CAP area will be considered.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on April 3rd at 7.00pm.

All are most welcome to attend.



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*I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart
when they've never actually seen one of his paintings*

STRIDING OUT

Without having a firm plan to do so it seems that I am now walking the Tamar Way coast to coast path from Cremyll on the south coast following the Tamar river up to its source and on to Morwenstow on the north Cornwall coast. In recent months it has received some publicity on Countryfile and local news channels which got me curious. I have now bought a detailed map of the route as the way markers are a bit few and far between away from the more populated areas and where walking the coastpath requires that you keep the sea on either the left or the right, depending which way you walk it, this path switches from one side of the river to the other and can be in Cornwall or Devon. After doing a lovely circular route a week earlier involving two ferries across the Tamar the next stage saw me and Eddie catching the train from Bodmin Parkway up to the Devonport stop in Plymouth. Eddie really enjoys travelling by bus with people speaking to him very often before speaking to me and he has ridden in different taxis when walking the coastpath but had yet to travel by train and I was a little apprehensive how he would cope but I needn't have worried as he leapt aboard and was soon sitting at my feet on the carpeted floor near the vent with the warm air coming through – perfect.

The first few miles of the walk were on the road which runs alongside the towering walls of Devonport dockyard with no view of what lay behind. Babcock Marine is the company that runs the dockyard making, maintaining and refitting naval ships and is a huge employer in the area though there have been times when its future looked really uncertain. The historical features of the area are all around with some very interesting streets and equally interesting looking houses which would have housed some of the more important naval men of the day. There were tons and tons of cut granite used in making the streets and slipways with some impressive flights of steps, it would have been brought close to where it was required by ships on the river and a huge amount of manpower to lay it would have been available nearby.

I was glad when the route left the heavy traffic and exhaust fumes and went along a wooded path coming out at a little inlet with a healthy looking reedbed despite the amount of plastic bottles and crisp packets in the mud. Rejoining the road I was a little surprised when it came along to a small harbour and almost a hamlet at Riverside nestled right beneath the Royal Albert Bridge. I had noticed some little dwellings from the train window at various times when travelling over the bridge but never gave it much thought, I was delighted to make its acquaintance walking through before climbing up a very steep hill to come out beside the A38 on the Tamar Bridge. I was relieved to find there is a public toilet at the Plymouth end of the bridge which saved a trek into Saltash and it is also roomy enough to take Eddie inside rather than tying him to the railings outside, all little problems that don't occur when walking in more remote areas with plenty of gorse bushes around!

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The next part of the path went along the edge of St Budeaux before going over the A38 and on to Ernesettle before picking up the river again and going around to the Budshhead Creek where there were numerous birds and waders feeding in the mud that the receding tide had exposed. It was a lovely level walk through parkland and woods following the creek around to Tamerton Foliot which is a lovely village with its village green, church and primary school where the children were shouting and running around happy to be out of class for the dinner break. It was raining lightly now so we stopped at the bus shelter and I took my boots off to put some freezer bags over my socks to prevent getting wet feet later which proved to be a good idea. Leaving the village behind we climbed a steep hill to pick up and join in on the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail, we were now walking alongside the River Tavy mostly in a beech woodland and a short stretch on the road where the low bridge over a ford was blocked by sticks and twigs that had washed down and jammed causing a 20ft wide flood of water, oh heck what now?! I got Eddie to go in front of me along the edge of the large stream to where it narrowed enough for me creep along a fallen tree and to take a leap of faith, years ago I may well have jumped clear of the water but one foot went in and the water was over the top of my boot, all I can say is it was a stroke of good planning that I had put freezer bags on my feet!

Continuing along the path passes in front of Maristow House an interesting looking house painted salmon pink, not my choice of colour but not my house either. The path turned off the road and went across a weir where Eddie had to take his chance and pay attention or end up getting wetter than me as there was a good flow of water in the river. When I had crossed I looked behind and saw the ladder for the salmon to get up and over the weir when they are migrating upstream to spawn.

Another steep climb away from the river where up on the road the Tamar Way went to the left and followed the river along the foreshore to Bere Ferrers where we caught the branch line train back to Plymouth. Eddie hated this small train, it was older, very noisy and rumbling, clackety clack, not standard the little chap was used to! But it was a lovely ride back to Plymouth where we changed onto the main line train at St Budeaux and headed for Bodmin and I could let my sleeping dog lie.

Erica

Withiel WI meet on Friday 3rd May 2024 at 7.15 p.m. in Withiel Hall.

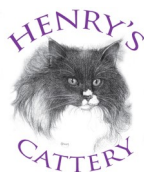
Guest speaker will be Nicola Wills with her presentation on the Barque John, the 19th century migrant ship. One of Cornwall's most tragic maritime disasters.

Non-members welcome.

ST WENN GARDEN CLUB

Our March meeting was very well attended with over 30 people present. It seems that the topic of 'Bees and encouraging them into your garden' was greatly anticipated and Michael and Patricia Grindley from the Bodmin Bee-keeping Group did not disappoint. We learnt all about bee biology - they have no skeleton, veins or a brain - and about the different functions they fulfil depending on their age. There are house bees, nurse bees, and guard bees, and one way they communicate is by dancing (what a joyful place the world would be if we did that too!). Bees especially like bramble, ivy and privet as well as trees like sycamore or oak - it's not all about flowers. Michael and Patricia brought some jars of their very locally produced honey which sold out. Not surprising really when you learn that most supermarket honey is not really honey as you expect it to be - China exports more honey than it produces so you have to wonder what that means. We also learnt about the very serious threat posed by the Asian Hornet which has recently started to appear in this country.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th April when we will have our Spring Show and a talk by **Charles Kessell**.



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