

WITHIEL



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NEWS AND VIEWS

MAY 2024

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May 2024

Sunday 28th April 2024	11.15 am	What the Lord Requires of us taken by Don McQuillen-Wright with Revd Canon Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 5th May 2024	11.15 am	Special Rogation Sunday Service taken by Julie Barne-cutt. Includes walking in Fields. Bring a plate lunch after in Church Room
Sunday 12th May 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode. Revd Canon Chris McQuillen-Wright to take Eucharist afterwards.
Sunday 19th May 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Don McQuillen-Wrightt
Sunday 26th May 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer CW Page 62 taken by Churchwardens
Sunday 2nd June 2024	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 5th May	1 pm	Rogation Sunday Bring a plate lunch in Church Room
Sunday 12th May	12.15	Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church Room to elect Church Wardens, the PCC, Church Officers and to receive reports..

Flowers
May O. Faul
June J. Rundle July R. Coy



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10.00 am - 12.00

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For further information -

Anita 07903575228



We would like to thank Stephen and the committee for the refurbishments to the toilets in the village hall, they are now in keeping with our superb hall which is so bright and clean nowadays thanks to the caretakers.

Withiel Village Hall Social Group – Proposed Event Calendar 2024

Saturday 25th May – Bingo – 7pm

Saturday 26th October – Bingo – 7pm

I told my boss I needed a pay rise as three companies were after me. He asked which ones. I said “ Gas, Water and Electricity.



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
Withiel village hall

813611—831186

Phone 01208

A warm friendly welcome awaits plus a cup of tea /coffee and biscuits.

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!

Congratulations to Tony Jago who reached the final of Cornwall's Champion of Champions, no mean feat when competing against the top singles players in the county.

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Withiel Parish Council Report April 2024

Six Councillors attended the meeting, with three members of the public present.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse sent her apologies but reported that a grant of £2.4 million has been provided by the government for the Camel Valley area phosphates mitigation programme. This funding will go to small builds and priority will be given to community projects. Developments within the parish have been affected by the embargo. Mitigation measures include riparian strips, upgrading septic tanks and buying land credits. Details can be found [River Camel phosphates mitigation strategy and policy - Cornwall Council](#) She also stated that extra funding has been made available for applications to the Community Capacity Fund and that the fund is still open for bidding.

Flooding has continued to cause problems all over Withiel and roads have been impassable at times - even to the extent that vehicles have been abandoned and, in one instance, the emergency services being called out to rescue a stranded driver near Ruthernbridge. Please continue to report problems online to the Highways Department of Cornwall Council whenever possible.

In discussion about the local footpath network, it was proposed that a community walk of the area might be organised soon to ascertain whether any issues have arisen from the recent adverse weather conditions. Please feel free to report anything you notice to the Clerk and get in touch if you would like to be included in the plan to walk the footpaths. (clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk)

The three members of the public attended the meeting to answer any queries about a pre application proposal they have to build five affordable homes on the south-east side of Retire. Mr. Steve Martin has asked the Parish Council to support the idea of an affordable led housing scheme offering low-cost homes for local individuals on his land at Retire. All six Councillors present, although they applauded Mr. Martin's admirable initiative, felt that they could not support the idea in this location as it is not specified for development in the current Withiel Neighbourhood Development Plan (<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/media/szvng34u/withiel-neighbourhood-development-plan.pdf>). The plan may be updated in the future in line with the Cornwall Plan which will also be revised, but at present, there is no appetite for building in what is described as 'open countryside' by the case planning officer, albeit close to the settlement of Retire. Councillors cited concerns about places for children in schools and play schools, services, lack of public transport and lack of policy support in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chairman said that Withiel Parish Council has a duty to review the Neighbourhood Development plan in the future, but the current version runs until 2030. The Parish Council has also received a letter of objection to the scheme signed by 8 Residents of Retire who are all very unhappy about the proposal.

Expenditure for the previous month totalled £434.95 to include, the annual McAfee subscription, bank charges, salary for the Clerk and expenses and there was a receipt of £47.97 interest on the Voltaire funding held by the Parish Council.

Councillors resolved to prepare a set of guidelines for applications to the Voltaire Solar Fund so that residents can apply soon.

Councillor Simon Coy announced that he will shortly be resigning from the Parish Council and hopes that a replacement can be co-opted. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council and supporting your community, please get in touch with the Clerk for some information and she can inform you once the post is advertised - Mrs. Julie Burdon clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk You will be made very welcome!!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May and will include the AGM and nominations for Chair, Vice-Chair and Officers. Please join us at the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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Withiel Craft Fair

Withiel spring craft fair has become a popular event with both crafters and visitors and on Saturday 13th April the hall was busy at 8.30am as people were turning up with cars full of boxes and trolleys crammed with goods for sale. When all twenty tables were full and all the displays laid out it was such a room full of colour and vibrancy and the quality of the various items was fantastic, there are some very talented people around. There was art, knitted items, needle felted birds and animals, jams and chutneys, honey and beeswax candles and so the list goes on.

Tea, coffee and cake proved popular throughout the morning and at lunchtime there was a choice of leek and potato soup or a spicy lentil soup served with a bread roll. The raffle table also did well and a total of £342.50p was raised which was a great result so thanks to all who attended in whatever capacity, when we get a good turnout it really makes the effort of putting on such an event seem worthwhile.

Erica

*A man has been found guilty of overusing commas.
The judge warned him to expect a very long sentence.*



WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 25th May

Doors open 7pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm

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won !**



**To Book your table please call Stephen on: 01208 832613,
Erica on: 07774 449377, or Email Wendy on: w.e.symons@talk21.com**

*I changed the labels on my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet but the
thyme is cumin*

STRIDING OUT

With such a wet winter it has become tricky to find new places to explore and walk so we have been using the Camel Trail where it is nearly impossible to get stuck though Eddie usually finishes his walk with filthy legs and undercarriage and needs rubbing dry with a towel before going home.

I park at Polbrock bridge and after crossing the river go down the steps on the left to get on the trail and walk into Wadebridge. It's very interesting to see how much rock was removed in order to create the railway, the side of the hill being very steep I wonder if dynamite was used? The only thing I can be sure of is that when it was opened in 1834 it would have required a huge amount of both men and horses to construct. The Camel Trail was opened to walkers and cyclists in 1983, Crikey! that's over 40 years ago. It has proven to be a very popular tourist attraction with cycle hire and cafes to be found along its length. The bikes are the only annoyance to me and Eddie as very few people ring their bell when approaching from behind and some of the modern bells actually sound like the pingers on a microwave oven, we haven't managed to get run over yet but never say never!

To walk alongside the meadows beside the river is an ever changing picture as we move from one season to another with cattle grazing there in the summer months and flood water spilling over to create temporary lakes though it's not always due to excessive rainfall as very high spring tides cause the river to back up and overflow. There are a wide variety of birds to be seen along the river and in the reed beds from tiny goldcrests to gliding swans and in March/April and September the migrating ospreys who travel from Africa to nest in Scotland amongst other locations. I have seen some stunning photography of barn owls and elusive kingfishers taken by photographers on the Camel with considerably more patience than me.

In the drier times it is lovely to leave the trail at Guineaport where the bungalows start and take the footpath up to the left coming out at Treraven where there is a parking area and people take their dogs for a run in the exercise fields. Though not signed and easy to miss the footpath in an old lane will bring you uphill eventually coming out at Trig the Wheel on the 90 degree corner just along from the Burlawn crossroads but in wetter weather it gets very mucky with large puddles. Trig the Wheel was an old inn, certainly in the 1800's, but despite a lot of searching on my computer I can't find any information about it. It's always very scary navigating the short piece of road from Trig the Wheel to the crossroads but there is no right of way across the fields.

When it's too wet and mucky to use the footpath we have a choice of either catching the Bodmin bus from Wadebridge and getting off at Dunmere before picking up the Camel Trail again and walking back to Polbrock or just walking back along the trail. Another walk we do on the Camel Trail is to park in the long stay car park behind Lidl's supermarket and walk down to Padstow where for £2 the bus will drop us off just outside Lidl's again. This stretch of the river attracts more wading birds, geese, ducks and one of my favourites - curlews. Herons and egrets both roost and nest in the waterside trees near Dinham House, in the last 30 years or so these brilliant white birds have become established and are widespread in estuaries and on the coast around Cornwall.

I am hoping that conditions will start to improve soon and I can get out and about once more before my companion starts putting on weight and taking a liking to his dog basket!

Erica

St Wenn Garden Club

Our April Meeting and Spring Show

Our members managed to find a good variety of flowers for our Spring Show despite the very wet and blustery weather we have had. There were beautiful camellias and daffodils and the 'Best Weed in your garden' did lead a discussion into what constitutes a 'weed'. Best in Show went to Jane Indge for her lovely trio of different daffodils. Thanks go to Charlie Kestell for his judging skills and for his entertaining slide show which featured some of the largest vegetables we had ever seen - pumpkins weighing in at 1000 lbs and parsnips over 3 metres long.

We now have a break until the autumn and we will meet again on October 7th. Wishing you all lots of sunshine and good weather so you can get out into your gardens.

Sharron Lobb

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.

Admission £4 including tea and biscuits.

WITHIEL WI

IN October this year we will be celebrating our 75th birthday which is quite an achievement and we want members to think about how we should mark the occasion. The WI has been an important part of village life and has brought women together forming lifelong friendships both within the local area and the county as well as offering the opportunity to try a variety of activities that otherwise wouldn't have been available.

For our April meeting we welcomed back Sharron Lobb to give another of her brilliant craft workshops. This time we were shown how to prepare photo frames by painting them before applying brightly coloured backing paper and ribbon to create some very decorative items.

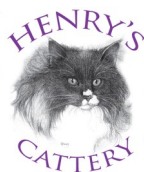
The competition was a favourite coaster which was judged by Sharron
1st Ros Coy 2nd Felicity Penneycard 3rd Wendy Symons

Flower of the Month

1st Gail Burnett 2nd Angie Richardson 3rd Brenda Harris

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd May at 7.15pm when Nicola Wills will be our guest speaker talking about one of Cornwall's most tragic maritime disasters when a 19th century westcountry migrant ship was lost on the Cornish coastline near Newlyn. This will be an open meeting so everyone is invited to come along and hear a very interesting talk.

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