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TOP ARTICLES

- **Meet the Editors of the News**
- **Striding out**

Meet the editors of what makes the news and views possible, then set off on a scenic coastal walk with breath taking views and a four-legged companion!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **WI Updates**
- **Withiel Parish Council Report**

News from local Paramedic Norman Trebilcock and his fund raising

Went out last night and had a pelican curry, the food was all right but the bill was huge!

The Parish Church of St Clement, Withiel

The Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel

withielchurch@gmail.com

Priest in Charge

Position Vacant

Church Wardens

Mrs E A Jarrett, The Mowhay, Withiel, PL30 5NN 01208 832872

Mr S J Coy, Dipper Bridge, Ruthernbridge, PL30 5LU 01208 831906

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Mr S J Coy, Dipper Bridge, Ruthernbridge, PL30 5LU 01208 831906

April 2025

Saturday 22nd March	2.30 pm	Raymond Peter Francis Funeral Service taken by Simon Coy
Sunday 23 rd March	11.15 am	Morning Prayer taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 30th March Lent 4	11.15 am	Mothering Sunday. Special Service and distribution of Daffodils taken by Betty Jarrett
Sunday 6th April Lent 5	11.15 am	Morning Prayer taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday	11.15 am	Morning Prayer taken by Allan Coode includes
Friday 18th April Good Friday	11.00 am	Witness Walk St Wenn to Withiel followed by Soup in Withiel Village Hall
Sunday 20th April Easter Day	11.15	Easter Day Communion taken by The Ven Clive Hogger
Sunday 27th April Easter 2	11.15 am	Morning Prayer taken by Don McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 4th May Easter 3	11.15	Morning Prayer taken by Julie Barnecutt

Dates for your Diary

Monday 31 st March	2 pm	PCC Meeting Church Room
Saturday 12th April	10am to 1pm.	Spring Coffee morning in the Village Hall, 10am – 1pm. Including a fun cake competition and Raffle. Funds to Church Heating System
Friday 18th April Good Friday	11.00 am	Witness Walk St Wenn to Withiel followed by Soup in Withiel Village Hall
Monday 28 th April	2 pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting Church Room

Got a Story, Picture, Advertisement, or Joke?

We'd love to feature your contributions in our little newsletter! Whether it's a news story, a memorable photo, a local advertisement, or a fun joke, for everyone in the community.

Please send your articles by the 15th of the month to:

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The Parish Council will administer this fund in line with their agreed objectives to support local projects which will benefit the community or environment of Withiel Parish.

Applications will be reviewed quarterly.

Please contact the Parish Clerk for details, guidance notes and an application form clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk.

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From the Rectory

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Easter and the Baptismal Boards We are fortunate indeed to have The Venerable Clive Hogger, Archdeacon of Cornwall, to take our Easter Day Service at St Clement's Withiel at 11.1. During the Service he will bless the Baptismal Boards which will have been returned to their place behind the Font after six months with the restorer, Laura Karoniemi. The overall picture at the time of writing (16 March 25) is that the Boards have been with Laura since 14 October 2024 and we expect them to be returned by the end of March 2025. They will be blessed by the Archdeacon during our Easter Day Service at 11.15 on Sunday 20th April. There was a price increase during the 3 years it took us to raise the necessary funds, from £22,164.00 to £27,684.00 (Including VAT).

We have been fortunate to receive the following Grants

- Wren 2022 Baptismal Boards £3,135.82
- Wren 2023. Baptismal Boards £6,225.00
- Withiel Parish Council September 24 £4,566.43
- Listed Places of Worship £4,545.00

We have currently paid Stage Payment Invoices to a total of £22,020.00, of which £3,547.75 came from Church Funds and the rest from the Grants detailed above. We anticipated paying the final £4,730.40 from Church funds. However, during the restoration, Cliveden Conservation suggested that we spend a further £1,750 plus Vat. This will "improve" the job by applying a further finish on the boards to ensure that they will last another 200 years. Withiel Parochial Church Council accepted the suggestion but will be pressed to fund the additional cost. We have made an application in the 2025 round of Grant Bids to St Breock Wind Farm Community Fund 2025 for a concluding grant of £2,100. Spring Coffee Morning Saturday 12 th April Village Hall for the Church Heating System.

Finally, please come along to our Spring Coffee morning on the 12th April in the Village Hall, 10am – 1pm. We'll be holding a fun cake competition too, so please get your bowls and baking tins out and enter a creative cake. Cakes will be judged on 'The most beautiful cake', 'the cake the judge would most like to eat' and 'Children 12 & under'. We'll also have a raffle so you'll have the opportunity to take home a delicious bake too. It's all in aid of the Church Heating system. Look at some of our radiators and you will see that they have modern copper pipes instead of Victorian Cast Iron. A lot of the work is under the vestry floor! -Simon

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CHAMPIONS !!



Withiel Short Mat Bowling Club are delighted to announce that in the last fortnight we have won the Cornwall Central (Winter) League. After a strong start to the season we faltered after Xmas and it seemed that one of the two favourite teams from Newlyn East or Luxulyan would win comfortably. We rallied and in the last fixture, home to Luxulyan Maroons our fate was in our own hands and we prevailed. Withiel has always had a strong team but in the last few years we have lost some key and founder players so this seasons win is all the more poignant.

The team picture was taken at our post season, In-Club doubles tournament which was won by Ken Horrell and Tony Jago who beat Nigel Tamblin and Lorraine Davies in a competitive final. Please remember, if you fancy trying your hand, and maybe becoming a champ yourself one day we are always looking for new members.



Withiel Short Mat Bowls Club

If you would like to try your hand, come along to a free taster session, no age limit, no equipment necessary

**Wednesday afternoons 2 pm- 5 pm and
Thursday evenings 7 pm – 10 pm at**

Withiel village hall

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Crazy Crafters

Withiel village Hall

Every Wednesday

10:00 am - 12:00

£3.00 a session

Including coffee/tea and biscuits
for further information-

Anita 07903575228



All Councillors were present and were joined by five members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse.

One member of the public complained that the quality of resurfacing repairs to roads in the parish was very poor and inadequate in some cases. He said that chipping had been sprayed on badly and the repair was thus very temporary. The Chair, Councillor Martin Davies, said the Parish Council would send a letter of complaint to Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse for her to make a formal statement to the Highways Department.

A member of the Ruthern Valley Players - the largest community group based in Withiel - described lighting equipment that it was hoped could be purchased with some of the cost being paid for by the Voltaise Fund held by the Parish Council. She explained that the lighting could be hired out to others at very reasonable rates and that owning lights instead of hiring them, would reduce the costs of putting on their performances such as the highly successful annual Withiel pantomime. Two Councillors queried the application stating that they understood that money from the fund should be solely for the benefit of residents in the parish and that these lights might be used outside of the parish at the players touring performances in surrounding parishes. Three Parish Councillors declared an interest in the Ruthern Valley Players and so voting was left to only four Councillors, one of which was a temporary Chair for this motion. As there was a split vote, the Chair decided he would seek advice from CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) on how to best resolve the matter and so the decision on whether to allocate the money was deferred until CALC have responded.

All Councillors were appreciative of Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse's tour and inspection of the local road network, accompanied by Councillor Rob Wilson, and her subsequent efforts to highlight the defects and get the Highway Steward out to Withiel for an urgent local survey. Councillor Simon Coy mentioned a bridge which was damaged by a fallen tree near his home at Dipper Bridge and hoped that this was included in the inspection. As it has been missed, the Chair suggested that the list of sites needing attention be shared so that it can be added to, monitored and updated as repairs were undertaken. It was also decided that there would be a designated Highways officer appointed in the new Parish Council which will convene after the elections in May.

All Councillors supported extending the rolling contract for maintaining the footpath network to Max Simpson whose price has always been very competitive and his work of a high standard. The monthly payments amounted to £403.46, including funding for Remembrance Day wreaths, bank charges and the Clerk's salary and expenses.

There was some discussion about the Neighbourhood Development Plan which may need updating to keep in line with changes in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Local Cornwall Plan, which is still in the making. The Withiel Plan has been in use since 2017, although it technically runs until 2030. Councillor Simon Coy remarked that very little needed changing in Withiel as our infrastructure will not support much house building.

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It was agreed that the Parish Council's monthly report, currently written by Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer, before approval by the Clerk and Chair, be included on the village website as well as the News and Views. Councillor Mrs. Amelia Lake was concerned that in future, after the report has been accepted by the Chair and Clerk, no member of the team who produce the News and Views should use their privilege to try and edit the Parish Council's report before publication.

*Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer, Withiel
Parish Council.*

Meet the Team

The Team Behind News & Views

Hello I'm Charlie, one of the editors of *News N Views*, and I'm thrilled to introduce the fantastic team who help make this newsletter happen **Rob Wilson, Wendy Symons, and Camilla.**

A little about me I have a passion for sharing stories and keeping our community connected. Growing up in the Philippines, I spent many hours watching my dad and his friends play short mat bowls, which gave me a deep appreciation for the way communities bond through shared experiences. Now living in Withiel, I'm excited to be part of a project that brings people together and celebrates the wonderful things happening around us.



Wendy Symons is a parish councillor, and editor with a wealth of knowledge from working on national and regional publications. Her sharp eye for detail and dedication to quality insure that *News N Views* remains polished and engaging.

Camilla Osborne is our trusted proofreader with a great deal of experience in reviewing and refining content. Her meticulous attention to detail helps ensure that each issue is accurate and professional.

Rob Wilson handles collating and distributing *News N Views*, ensuring that each edition reaches you on time.

If you'd like to contribute a story, photo, joke, or advertisement, we'd love to hear from you! You can reach us at:

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Thank you for being part of *News N Views*—we're excited to keep sharing Withiel's stories with you!

WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL 2025 Social Group Events



Saturday 26th April – Craft Fayre

Saturday 24th May – BINGO

Saturday 21st June – Village Fun Day

Friday 19th September – QUIZ

Saturday 1st November – BINGO

Saturday 6th December – Craft Fayre

Withiel Playing Field Association AGM

Thursday 24th April 2025 - 7pm Prompt Start

All are welcome to attend, but if you wish to vote you must live within the *Area of Benefit* and register with WPFA secretary your Name, Address and postcode, by midday Friday 18th April 2025
You can register by calling and speaking to :-

Rob Wilson on 01208 831637, Or Email: secretarywithiepfpa@outlook.com
You will be required to bring photo ID with you on the evening,
and arrive by 6.30pm to sign in.

The *Area of Benefit* map can be viewed at
Withiel Noticeboard (Beside the Bus Shelter) or Withiel Village Hall

Gwenton!

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Gwenton – Spring. As we get out and about during spring perhaps it is a good time to introduce some Cornish greetings. For hello in Cornish, we say **Dydh Da**. Literally “Day Good” (and I am sure it was the Cornish Cousin Jacks who took this out to Australia to become “G’day”). Y is pronounced “ee” and dh a slightly hard “th” so *Deeth Da*. In the same way we have **Myttin Da** for good morning as you will hear on Radio Cornwall each morning. No excuse not to try that one out!



One of the events that marks Easter in Withiel is the “Walk and Witness” on Good Friday which this year starts at St Wenn and finishes at St Clements Church. I am mindful of our late neighbour Eileen Eddyvean who described a similar event from her childhood in the 1930s. The annual Sunday school walk from the village up to St Gundred’s Well on the parish boundary with Roche. This was a Cornish Well Procession; a custom that still takes place at St Ives and St Cleer to this day. Once at the well they would throw a pin into the water and make a wish. All of which was followed up by a picnic including the traditional Cornish Tea Treat buns.

The legend is that St Gundred (sometimes St Gomonda, St Gonand or St Gonandas) was the daughter of a leper who lived as a hermit at Roche Rock. Like many holy places the well was thought to have healing properties and in 1894 the Cornish historian Quiller Couch noted:

“It retains its repute and is resorted to on Holy Thursday and the two following Thursdays, before sunrise, for the cure of eye diseases, in children chiefly, but not exclusively, and, the neighbours tell me, with great benefit. The favour of the tutelary saint is first bespoken by the offering of a pin, sometimes bent before being thrown into the water.”

As they complete the St Austell distributor roadworks nearby it will be good to see St Gundred’s Well back on the list of interesting places to visit in the parish. -Merv Davey

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****Advance Notice****

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CAKES TO ARRIVE BY 10AM.



STRIDING OUT

Having waited for what feels like an eternity to get out and have a good coastal walk the opportunity finally arrived during the cold and dry period in the middle of April. I always wake early and listen to what's going on outside whether it's the birdsong or the wind and rain and it's so lovely to have the lighter mornings and the return of the dawn chorus especially the beautiful song of the blackbird, I'm awaiting the distinct call of the cuckoo although I have been told that he has already been heard locally which is good to know.

This particular day, with a good weather forecast, I had sandwiches and a flask packed along with a Bonio for Eddie and set out to brace myself for the tortuous drive down the A30 to Chiverton roundabout where we headed for St Agnes and Chapel Porth. There were several people surfing and two early dog walkers but the downside to starting early is that the public toilets don't get unlocked until the National Trust staff turn up to open the cafe at 10.am but at least there's a lot of bracken and brambles everywhere! We crossed the footbridge and followed the path up the valley and away from the coast passing an old mine building on the right. The steep sided valley was covered in dead bracken with the occasional path going away from the valley floor which I felt would be an ideal sunbathing spot for adders when the sun got higher in the morning – beware. Before long we came to a fork in the path where we went left into the trees beside a stream, there are plenty of way markers all around but I always carry a map just to double check my route, Eddie doesn't care where we go as long as we keep going somewhere but if he goes too far ahead it's only a minute or two before he comes back to take the lead again. There are some lovely old cottages tucked away up this lane with the stream running at the edge and passing by the front gates. Follow the lane up hill until it meets with another track where I turn left before shortly turning left again and coming up to the tarmac road. More or less directly opposite is a track that passes between properties and then beside a wire fence for a short way before coming out on another council road, turn left and a short way along on the opposite side is a lane with a sign at the end which says something like Tramp send? but I can't be precise about that. Go up the lane to the first corner and a path goes through the brambles on the left hand side and comes out on the downs.

Up until now the walk had been fairly enclosed and cool amongst the trees in the shady lane but coming out into the open and bright sunshine was wonderful with the view getting better as I went higher. Eddie was now at either a flat out gallop or stopped altogether sniffing where other dogs had been. It was quite a climb up to the summit of St Agnes beacon but worth every scrap of effort on such a beautiful morning, the views were far reaching and clear, I could see the clay burrows to the east and Brown Willy and Roughtor even further away, also Godrevy Lighthouse and St Ives to the west and nearly every dwelling in between it seemed, it felt so exhilarating to be up there and back outdoors with all this again after such a long spell of splashing around in all the winter rain.

It wasn't too long before other dog walkers started to appear and a pointer ran up to say hello to Eddie who promptly shot off playing tag while trailing his lead and left me to recover the stopper to my flask which had been catapulted down the slope into the brambles. With both dogs panting hard and back on leads again I set off again and headed for the coast path which is easy to find with so many well walked paths all around. Once at the cliff edge I could hear the distinctive call of the choughs as they were flying around, they are paired up by now and probably nesting to raise another brood to further increase the numbers of these iconic birds who became so rare until fairly recently.

Taking the path closest to the cliff edge (which isn't actually that close) we came along to the much photographed former tin mine Wheal Coates after which the path soon brings us back above Chapel Porth and then down to the car park. So both Eddie and myself are extremely happy again and looking forward to our next day out.

Erica

WITHIEL WI

Judy welcomed members and visitors and went on to introduce our speaker, Norman Trebilcock who, for many years, was a paramedic as well as a marathon runner, fund raiser and an all-round good guy. When he retired from the ambulance service he and five colleagues needed a project and bought a redundant garden nursery near Sticker. With 13.5 acres of overgrown land and ponds they rolled their sleeves up and with two years of hard graft they transformed the derelict site into a wildlife oasis which attracts numerous frogs, newts and dragonflies and of course the water lilies, which were thinned out, now bloom to make a beautiful garden scene. Our WI is planning a visit later in the year to admire the efforts of Norman and his team of volunteers.

Norman went on to judge the competition which was a daffodil grown from bulbs that were handed out to members at Christmas time.

1st Angie Richardson 2nd Brenda Harris 3rd Kay Leaney

Flower of the Month

1st Kay Leaney 2nd Brenda Harris 3rd Angie Richardson

Our next meeting will be on Friday 4th April when Ben Jobes , a police dog handler will be our speaker accompanied by his canine colleague. It will be an open meeting and everyone will be welcome to come along. -Erica



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