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TOP ARTICLES

- **Cake Competition winners**
- **Striding out**

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around Feock

COMMUNITY UPDATES

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

Brilliant evening on Dog training

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The Benefice of St Wenn and Withiel

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Position Vacant

Church Wardens

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

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

May 2025

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| Sunday 27th April Easter 2 | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by Don McQuillen-Wright |
| Sunday 4th May Easter 3 | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by Julie Barnecutt |
| Sunday 11th May Easter 4 | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by Allan Coode |
| Sunday 18th May Easter 5 | 11.15 am | Benefice Communion at St Wenn taken by Rev'd Steve Weston |
| Sunday 25th May Easter 6 | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by Don McQuillen-Wright |
| Sunday 1st June Easter 7 | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by Julie Barnecutt |
| Sunday 8th June Whit Sunday | 11.15 am | Morning Prayer taken by TBD |

Dates for your Diary

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| Sunday 1 st June | 2 pm | Withiel Garden Safari. Join at Withiel Bus Shelter at 2 PM. Five Gardens and Tea at Dipper Bridge. Adults £6 (Includes Tea), Childrn Free |
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Altar Flowers.

April / May – *J Cherry*, **June** – *A Davey*, **July** – *O Faull*,

August – *B Jarrett*, **September** – *R Coy*

Got a Story, Picture, 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.

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Voltaise Funding

Withiel Parish Council would like to invite applications to its Voltaise grant fund.

This money has been given to the Parish Council by Voltaise Limited in connection with their solar farm at Kerriers.

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.

WITHIEL PARISH COUNCIL

Do you care about your local community? If so, why not become a Parish Councillor, have your say and bring new and exciting ideas forward. Withiel Parish Council has four vacancies for Parish Councillors and wish to co-opt new members to these positions. To be eligible to stand as a candidate, you must:

-Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.

-Be 18 years of age or older.

Meet at least one of the following three qualifications:

-You are and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish you wish to attend from the day of your nomination onwards.

-You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of the election.

-Your principal or only place of work during the 12 months before your nomination and the day of the election has been in the parish area.

What is the time commitment?

CALC councillor surveys have found that councillors put aside on average, three hours a week for council work. Parish or town council work often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking to local groups and bodies on behalf of the council. These positions are unpaid and would suit someone who is particularly interested in helping their community and the Parish of Withiel specifically.

For further details please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Julie Burdon clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk or alternatively speak with one of your Parish Councillors. Julie can happily share contact details, if required. Applications should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk at 1 Treburdon Drive, Roche, St Austell, Cornwall PL26 8QB or email clerk@withielparishcouncil.org.uk.



Withiel Craft Fayre was a huge success on Saturday 26th April

From the Rectory

Pope Francis

The Death of Pope Francis at 88 was widely predicted, but came as a shock nevertheless. He was the leader of the Catholic Church and I am a member of the Church of England. However, Pope Francis and I are/were both Christians. He was a direct successor to Saint Peter, the apostle of Jesus and widely held to have been the first Bishop of Rome, or Pope. I respected and admired Pope Francis's views on many subjects. Today's papers have a cartoon of him entering heaven through the back door which reflects his views on prisoners, the under privileged and the poor. A great man.

Some of you will have read Richard Harris's excellent novel "Conclave" and will be familiar with the process of electing a new Pope. One of Pope Francis's legacies was the appointment of a substantial number of Cardinals from Asia and South America which has shifted the balance of Power in the Vatican away from traditional values towards Pope Francis's reforms. This will result in an interesting struggle for power as each camp promotes its candidates who will hold quite different views on the future of the Roman Church. It is quite possible we will have the first Asian Pope.

Henry VIII separated from Rome in 1534 to pursue his divorce and start the English Reformation. At that time Withiel Church had been a Catholic Church for 500 years, and so it could be said that we have a "Christian" foot in both camps. I wish the new Pope well, whoever he is.

Withiel Garden Safari Sunday 1st June 2 pm

This is not a "Flower Festival" year, and so the traditional Garden Safari will be held on Sunday 1st June starting at 2 pm. Betty will be at Withiel Bus Shelter from 2pm to sell Tickets and provide details of the 5 Gardens on show. A Cream Tea will be provided at Dipper Bridge throughout the afternoon.

More information will be on the "Flier" which will be available later in May.

Tickets will be £6, children free, and include Tea. We much look forward to your support.

-Simon

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Dydh Da / Hello

Some Cornish greetings for this month's Withiel News and Views. **Fatel os ta?** Literally: How are you? With the response: **Yn Poynt Da!** Very Well! Both are pronounced as spelt.

Kernewek, the Cornish language is closely related to Welsh and Breton, something that becomes obvious when you drive off the ferry in Brittany or cross the Severn Bridge and find the familiar "Lan", "Tre" and "Ker" placenames. In Cornwall Ker / Car / Caer / Gear is usually found in placenames related to a fort or fortified farm, often on a hilltop. Cardinham is the obvious nearby example. It has much the same meaning in Brittany where some of the first parishes you drive through off the ferry are Kerestat and Kersaliou. Brittany also has a Carhaix like our Caerhays. In Wales "Car" tends to refer to larger places and castles such as Cardiff and Caernarfon.

We have some interesting versions of "Ker" in Withiel. The obvious is Kerriers which was originally spelt Ker-res signifying a fort or enclosed farm by a stream. Less well known are the field names "Gear" in Withiel Churchtown, Gears Hill and Gears Wood. Tempting though it is to think someone left some gear or equipment lying around these also derive from "ker" and tell us that in the distant past there was a fort or enclosed farm here.

Field names are fascinating whether in Cornish or English and tell us the story of Withiel and its people. Perhaps there are readers out there who have more information about field names in the parish they would like to share with **Withiel News and Views?**



Withiel

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Community and Cake

The PCC Spring Coffee Morning provided a great opportunity to catch up and eat cake.

There was a huge variety of cakes entered into the competition and Joyce Rundle was hard pressed to make decisions about the winners. However, as a seasoned patisserie expert, she came to some well-considered decisions and places were awarded as follows:

Best children's cake:

- 1st Margaret (Easter Bunny Cake)
- 2nd Ellie-May (Greedy Horse Cake)
- 3rd Aggie (Springtime on the Farm)



Most beautiful Cake:

- 1st Claire Davies (Sheepie Fun!)
- 2nd Kitty Davies (Chocolate Extravaganza)
- 3rd Jackie Cherry (Springtime)



Cake the Judge Would Most Like to Eat:

- 1st Tessa Cubitt (Strawberry Roulade)
- 2nd Hilary Mann (Chocolate Cream Tea Cake)
- 3rd Simon Coy (Dundee Cake)

All the cakes in the competition swiftly transformed themselves into tombola prizes and the lucky winners were delighted with their winnings.

Our thanks to all who entered the competition and also to those who provided cake for refreshments. We really enjoyed a morning spent in convivial company with a chance to catch up without time pressures.

An additional benefit was raising **£208**.



Expenditure for March was £639.23 and £87.99 for the two days of April before the meeting. The Clerk also announced the arrival of the precept.

CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) had been able to clarify a query about Voltaire funding (funding held by Withiel Parish Council from the Solar Farm) applied for by the Ruthern Valley Players for new theatrical lighting. Two Councillors had opposed the application and two had supported it, with three Councillors declaring an interest. This meant that a temporary chair, Councillor Ed Piper carried the casting vote and so the application was granted and the funds will now be dispersed.

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer reported on the most recent CAP (Cornwall Area Partnership) meeting at Chy Trevail, which focused on information about youth provision and she gave brief details of community organisations represented at the meeting, including Compassionate Kernow the Food Bank, R J Working, the Cornwall Youth Work Collective and the Police. Her full report is included in the minutes—<https://withielparishcouncil.org.uk> Councillor Simon Coy, who announced his intention to retire six months ago, was thanked by the Chairman for his years of service as a Parish Councillor. Following this, Councillors Mrs. Amelia Lake and Ms. Janet Shearer also announced that they would not be standing for election to Withiel Parish Council. Councillor Mrs. Wendy Symons applauded the dedication these Councillors have given to Withiel Parish Council.

As there are now only three Councillors representing Withiel there will be ample opportunity for anyone who is interested in supporting their local community to apply to be co-opted on to Withiel Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details. You will also be welcome to attend the next meeting which will be on Wednesday 7th May in the Withiel Village Hall.

Cllr Janet Shearer, Vice Chair of Withiel Parish Council.

WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL 2025 Social Group Events



Saturday 24th May – BINGO
Saturday 21st June – Village Fun Day
Friday 19th September – QUIZ
Saturday 1st November – BINGO
Saturday 6th December – Craft Fayre

Parish Council Report

An apology was received by Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse and four members of the public attended the meeting.

One member of the public raised the issue of what he suggested was an inadequate repair to the edge of the road near the Four Turnings crossroad, which has also been noticed by others. Another parishioner said that he was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor but had not understood the election process. The Chairman and the Clerk explained the election process and that the list of nominations for election to Withiel Parish Council was now closed but not yet published on the Cornwall Council website at the time of the meeting. The person who raised this felt that there was not enough information available to the public. He also expressed concern about the planning application on the agenda and the Clerk relayed clarification from the Planning Authority about Class Q planning applications such as the current one for development of barns at Buzzard's Reach, Withiel. He also asked if it was possible to summarise at Parish Council meetings some of the reports which are circulated to Councillors but only appear later in the minutes, as he felt there was quite a delay in parishioners being able to read them.

Cornwall Councillor Mrs. Jenny Cruse sent a report. The full report is included in the minutes on the website - <https://withielparishcouncil.org.uk> She is not allowed to meet with Councillors during the election run-up, so a meeting with the Highways Steward and Councillor Rob Wilson, who is compiling a list of problems that need addressing locally, will have to take place without her.

Councillor Rob Wilson outlined his list of Highways problems which he plans to draw attention to when he meets the Highway Steward on 10th April, including a 'drop off' on the side of the road between Bosneives and Tregawne, and what he described as a 'sharp drop off' on both sides of the road near Higher Bosneives, Another 'drop off' near the Real Food Garden and, as raised by Councillor Mrs. Wendy Symons, Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer confirmed that between Higher Grogley and Pleasant Streams, the recently repaired road is breaking up again and the Chairman added that there were now some potholes in this stretch of the road. The Chairman also reminded Councillor Rob Wilson that the bridge between Riverside and Dipper Bridge needs repair after being damaged by a falling tree.

Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer outlined Cormac's plans to possibly replace the footbridge at Whitehay which has resulted in the footpath being closed. They may replace the bridge with a pipe to save money and that might happen quite quickly, but there is a long wait for new footbridges.

CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) has clarified that planning applications which have not arrived in time for the agenda but which have been sent for consideration to the Parish Council before the date of the meeting, can now be discussed at the meeting instead of being deferred to the next meeting. Two planning applications submitted by Dr. and Mrs. Ashby for development at Buzzard's Reach as 'Class Q' applications and as such, the Councillors are not required to submit a comment but can do so if wished although comments are of little importance. There are three barns involved - two separate applications - PA25/01803 and PA25/01075. Councillor Ed Piper left the meeting when prior notification of the construction of a new farm building for the storage of agricultural machinery opposite Higher Bosneives was discussed.

10th May

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STRIDING OUT

Since breaking my leg and damaging tendons before Christmas I hadn't done any serious walking but by mid March I was starting to get some miles under my belt again and Eddie was also needing to get walking or he would turn into a lapdog! I wanted to go back to Feock and explore a bit more of the area. Parking in a roadside lay-by we set off to Feock church and had a look at ancient granite crosses in the churchyard and a very old set of stocks in the church porch, a day spent in those things would certainly make offenders think twice about reoffending. Leaving the church behind we walked along the road through the trees with plenty of noisy rooks busy building nests amongst the higher branches and headed for Restronguet Point which must be the most expensive mile in the county. Coming to the little hamlet of Harcourt we turned right and followed a bridleway along a very sheltered track but being so sheltered meant there was also no view of the river Fal although the sound of curlews and oystercatchers more than made up for the lack of scenery. The bridleway joined on to the tarmac roadway to waterfront properties and passed through the middle of a working boatyard on Penpol Creek belonging to Butler and Co who specialise in making wooden boats, when I rang my older brother the next next day to say where I had been he told me that he was parked at the same boatyard waiting to get loaded.

We followed the road along the valley floor which was full of primroses and celandines as well as lush green wild garlic leaves, it was very warm in the sunshine and I knew that spring had well and truly arrived. Footpath signs took us through a farm with ewes and lambs also enjoying the sunshine. Crossing a few fields a handgate led onto the road again and we had come out in front of the Quaker Meeting House at Come-To-Good. I had read about and seen pictures of the chapel but it hadn't prepared me for the beauty and tranquillity of the place with a freshly thatched roof over the old cob building with mullioned windows which was built in 1709 and still holds services each Sunday.

Before I had got to the Meeting House I had spotted a bridleway going into some trees and this was where we headed next though with a lot of ewes and young lambs just over the hedge Eddie had to remain on his lead as being a terrier his instinct is to chase and I wasn't prepared to take a chance with him. After a steep climb up the lane we came to some fallen sycamore trees which offered a spot for sitting and having a bite to eat, the ewes were grazing and the lambs running around playing, a multitude of birds singing, enjoying everything that was going on I sat and counted my blessings for being able to be out walking again.

The bridlepath reached the busy main road where we had to walk 100yds along to the famous Punchbowl and Ladle Inn, with no pavement on either side of the road it was a bit unnerving when cars coming along and 30mph felt like 90mph!

Picking up a footpath that ran between two cottages it was good to be in open fields heading away from any traffic and looking down to the heavily wooded riverside but being up on the hill I was walking directly into the cold east wind which was making my nose run and my ears ache, it felt totally different to the warmth of the valley though typically springlike. Passing Penelewey Barton with it's beautiful farmhouse and complex of converted farm buildings we soon came to a neighbouring farmhouse and more conversion work to turn redundant buildings into yet another holiday establishment but I had noticed two separate owl nest boxes in trees not far from the original stone barns and I hoped that they would have visitors before the barns.

At the end of the lane I was unsure which way to turn and struggling with the combination of the local wildlife which was distracting Eddie and the wind which made things tricky to open out

Walking along quiet roads and following the directions I had been given we soon came to another bridleway down a steep slope before crossing a stream and going uphill into a beautiful beech wood known as Delabole Wood the track eventually bringing me back to my van.

-Erica

WITHIEL WI

Judy introduced Ben Jobes as our speaker for the April meeting, he spoke of the Belgian Malinois as being the preferred dogs for training. They are similar to German Shepherds but of a lighter build and very athletic as well as being intelligent and loyal. It usually takes about 13 weeks on an initial training course to determine whether a dog is cut out for the job, they have to be firm but not at all aggressive and strong enough to apprehend criminals without turning into a jelly and wanting a cuddle! There is also the job of sorting out the handlers and assessing their suitability for working with dogs. The cost of training a pup up to about 18 months including the officer and routine vet bills can be around £15k but considering that one dog can do the work of several men on the ground it's a good investment.

Ben brought along his now retired canine colleague Barney, a handsome black Labrador who demonstrated the power of his scenting ability. Ben had a cloth with blood from a DIY accident done two weeks previously and hid it amongst a stack of hall chairs before bringing Barney into the hall and setting him to find it which he did fairly quickly. His next task was to locate a human tooth which ben tucked away between sections of the hall stage, Ben guided him to the correct area and Barney worked backwards and forwards until he found the tooth which he indicated by standing perfectly stil and lowering his head. It was a great demonstration of teamwork and an evening we all found fascinating.

Ben went on to answer a lot of good questions before judging the competition which was

'A Photo of your Pet'

1st Camilla Osborne **2nd** Ros Coy **3rd** Karen Pearson

Flower of the Month

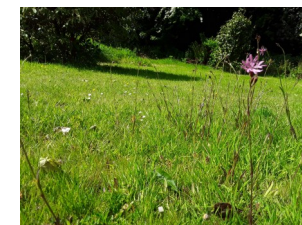
1st Heather DeBoer **2nd** Margaret Fryett **3rd** Angie Richardson

The May meeting is our AGM followed by a Beetle Drive -Erica

No mow May

If you like a vibrant green lawn looking like Wimbledon on day 1 with mowed stripes, then dont read this!

We like a good deep green as a backdrop to our cows grazing, with lush palatable grass producing low cost milk, but we are lucky to have a low maintenance garden with an abundance of natural flora. Of course we have plenty of docks, stinging nettles, bindweed and couch grass, I could go on. There are also bluebells, wild garlic, purple loose strife, hawksbit, knapweed, self heal and some ragged robin, to name just those that come to mind, and of course dandelions and daisies!



I have, with Charlie's help, given the lawn a good tight mow and raked out a lot of moss, having enjoyed the celandines and primroses and I have left a few patches of these behind. It will have another mowing before the end of April using the grass box. This depletes soil fertility which increases diversity of flora. Then it will be left as long as possible. When it looks like it is really getting out of hand I will mow the heavily grassed areas leaving behind patches of Hawksbit and Ragged Robin. When these have set seed I will tidy them up. Every season is different; in a really dry year the ragged Robin may not flower so it's impossible to be prescriptive about the timing. Tune into nature and go with its flow. -Mike Cherry