THE PARISH PUMP



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The Newsletter for the Parish of St Ive

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The Christmas tree outside Millennium House, decorated by the children of Pensilva School.

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http://st-ive-parishcouncil.gov.uk/minutes-agendas/

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Phone 07401 295024

From the Editor

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL PARISH PUMP READERS. EVERYONE STAY SAFE AND WELL DURING 2021!

Parish Pump Information and Contact Details

To contact the editor please email: parishpump@btconnect.com or phone the Parish office: **01579 363096**.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy New Year to you all – let's hope things will be better in 2021 and restrictions on family gatherings will ease.

Sam Reilly, one of our Parish Councillors, will be moving away from our Parish and so has tendered her resignation from the Council. Sam was a lifeline for some during the first lockdown when she volunteered to be on the end of the phone for those who had self-isolated and were unable to get shopping or prescriptions. Along with other volunteers she stepped forward to help. Her contribution to the Council and the Parish is much appreciated. She will be missed and we wish her all the best for the future,

I must also recognise one of our other Councillors, Marlene Carr, who has been in talks with the staff of Oak Tree Surgery for several weeks about using Millennium House as the Covid vaccination centre for the population of South East Cornwall. We can now confirm that Millennium House will be used within the next few weeks to administer the Vaccine. Our thanks go to Marlene for her efforts.

The waste ground at the end of Slade Park Road has been cleared by a few of volunteers. The granite slabs have been moved to create seating, and over 100 trees have been planted. It's a bit mucky at the moment, but we hope you will enjoy the area and the views in the spring.

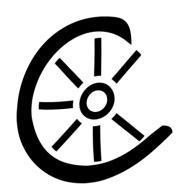
Alan Moss

News from the St Ive Parish Climate Action Group

The group is applying to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which will allow us to undertake more ambitious projects within our parish. At the same time, the group voted on a change of name and will now be known as:

Parish of Saint Ive Community Resilience Project

For more information or if you would like to join the group, please contact Paul Wiscombe on 01579 382341 or pmwiscombe@hotmail.com



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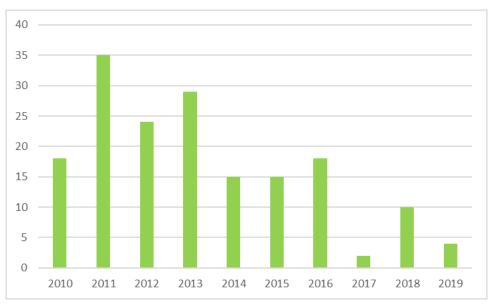
Since moving to the Parish at the end of 2009, I have been photographing and recording the wildlife I see on a daily basis. This month I thought I would share some of my observations of the common frog as we are coming up to the time of year for spawning. Global warming means that this now sometimes starts in January, but the peak is always in February.

THE COMMON FROG



Male frog during the breeding season

As you can see from the chart below, when we first arrived the frogs in our pond seemed to be doing really well, with larger clumps of spawn appearing year on year.



Total number of days sighted per year from 2010 - 2019

Whilst my sightings of frogs may sometimes be affected by visits to family in the short period of spawning, the amount of frogspawn in the pond is a fairly accurate indicator of the health of the population. Over the last three years, that has reduced drastically. Given a global decline in amphibian species and the fact that ranavirus was found in the SE of England in the 1980s and has been spreading across the country since then (the amphibians own pandemic), in many ways Cornwall has been lucky to escape this as long as it has.

This nasty disease kills common frogs either by causing sores and blisters on the animal's skin, or by causing their internal organs to bleed. Last year we had a very emaciated frog in the garden for a few days before it died. I suspect most crawl away under cover and are never seen.

Until recently, there would have been a week of activity in the pond with 40+ individuals in view at any one time. Although disturbed by us coming out and so bobbing below the surface, I found that if I took a chair and stayed as still as possible, I could observe and take photographs without affecting their behaviour.





As well as seeing pairs coupling up, the pond would be dotted with the male's white throats as they endeavoured to attract a mate with their extended throats and loud croaking. The louder the croak, the more likely he is to be successful.

At the end of the week there were large patches of spawn around the edge of the pond. They tend to all lay on top of existing spawn and only move somewhere else when there is no more room. There is safety in numbers for the developing tadpoles, although the spawn on the top of the heap is vulnerable to frosts.



In 2015 we watched a very strange behaviour during breeding. Frogs were pairing up in the main pond as usual, but then many of them proceeded to travel (still coupled with the male on the females back) all the way up to the small feeder pond above it. This is a distance of about 10ft, but very steep and even precipitous in places.

A pair of frogs starting their journey up to the feeder

We watched as they toppled back down some of the most difficult parts, only to go back and try again. The feeder pond is not more than 2ft across, so it was difficult to see why they were so determined to lay there. This behaviour has not been observed again.

Although Frogs are mainly sighted during the breeding season, they can be seen at almost any time of the year. Despite living solitary lives for the rest of the year, they can be seen in summer amongst the pond plants patiently waiting for their insect prey to come close enough to feed on. Even in winter, though rarely seen other than when breeding, they can be heard gently croaking.

Strangely, we have found that frogs up on Caradon Hill spawn earlier than down here where it is more sheltered. They also tend to spawn in temporary puddles which will almost certainly dry out before the tadpoles hatch. Despite all this, they have been very prolific. We need to watch and see if ranavirus is spreading there too.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP OUR STRUGGLING FROGS?

- 1. In the past we all remember donating or receiving spawn from friends' ponds, but this may inadvertently assisted the spread of the disease. I note that this advice no longer seems to be given. However:-
 - SHARE FROGSPAWN CAUSIOUSLY AND NEVER MOVE ADULT FROGS!
- 2. There will hopefully be frogs which are immune from ranavirus and will form the basis of a new and resistant population. If you already have a pond:
 KFFP YOUR POND MAINTAINED AND HEALTHY FOR THEIR RECOVERY.
- 3. If you don't have a pond but have somewhere to put one:-

PUT A POND IN YOUR GARDEN.

It doesn't have to be big (an old washing up bowl will do), but make sure that there is a slope to enable the young frogs to leave the pond when they are ready. Don't worry about where the frogs will come from. They will find you!

A pond will provide so much interest. Dragonflies, damsel flies and other insects will hatch from it. Animals and birds will drink from it and bathe in it. There is plenty of advice on line if you want to find out more.



A juvenile frog feeding amongst the duck weed in summer

HAPPY WILDLIFE WATCHING!

Hilary T



Again in 2020, another fun display on Slade Park Road, Pensilva. Thank you for keeping us smiling!

ALLOTMENTS ANYBODY?

We are investigating the possibility of providing allotments within the Parish for people who would like to grow their own fruit and veg but do not have enough space of their own.

If you think you might be interested, please call Paul Wiscombe on 01579 382341 or email pmwiscombe@hotmail.com

Parish of Saint Ive Community Resilience Project



Volunteer Days

Your chance to get involved with helping to look after your Community woodland.

Sunday 24th January Sunday 21st February 11am-3pm

This is a fun and rewarding way to give a little back to a local community project at a time when caring for woodlands has never been so important. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, spend time in the woods and have fun!

Drinks, soup, bread and cake provided (Covid permitting!). Come along and bring family and friends. Those that come along and help get a share of some of the timber (once we have put aside the few loads for sale to raise funds for the years' insurance.)

Accompanied children (and dogs on leads) very welcome. Bring hand tools and work gloves if you have them i.e. loppers, bill-hooks and bow saws. We will have a small supply available.

No experience necessary. Training given. Work to suit all abilities and ages.

Come and share some good company, wholesome, productive work and delicious food!

Please <u>contact us</u> if you would like to come along so that we can make adjustments for social distancing in smaller work groups if need be. Ele and Anthony Waters: 01579 363775 or 07421224422.

News from The Growing Project

The Growing Project is already very well-known to many in our parish, if nothing else from the many articles it has contributed to the Parish Pump over the years. For those who are not so familiar with it, it is a Community Interest Company, founded in 2011 by the late Ruth Wilson, where local volunteers grow and sell organic fruit and veg for the local community. At the same time it provides a safe space for the helpers to enjoy a beautiful, peaceful and healing environment.

About three or four years ago, The Growing Project inherited the one-acre site in Pensilva where it is located, but while the facilities there for growing produce are first class, the facilities for the people involved are very basic. So, The Growing Project has launched a crowdfunding initiative to help to finance the provision of electricity, running water, and some toilets. To find out more go to

https://chuffed.org/project/the-growing-project-fundraiser



Please help this ground-breaking local project!

HELP FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN COLD, DAMP ACCOMODATION.

Residents from households that have never had central heating, who are in poor health, or at risk of poor health, are being urged to apply to make sure their home is warm in the coming winter months.



A scheme that has already helped over a thousand households in Cornwall that have never had central heating stay warm and well, is now open for new applications.

Cornwall Council, supported by Inclusion Cornwall, Community Energy Plus, SSE and other partners, has secured a new 'Warm Homes Fund' programme to help another 400 households - whether privately rented or privately owned.

Are you or someone you know in poor health or at risk of ill health, or with underlying health issues? Are you caring for a vulnerable person and / or worried about your home being cold or damp? Is it affecting your health? If so, then Winter Wellbeing can help.

For advice and access to services provided by over 30 partner organisations, call Freephone 0800 954 1956 or email to advice@cep.org.uk to see if you qualify for this scheme or would like independent energy advice.

The £150m Warm Homes Fund was established in 2017 by National Grid and Community Interest Company, Affordable Warmth Solutions, who administer the fund on behalf of National Grid. To date, the Fund has supported more than 10,500 first time central heating installations across England, Scotland and Wales.

More information is available on Cornwall Council's website

Apply now to have a warmer home this winter



Could you or someone you know benefit from this Electric Vehicle?



Age UK Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly has generously provided an Electric Vehicle for use by people in South East Cornwall who have trouble getting around. The vehicle can be used by the public, not just for essential trips to doctors or hospitals, but also for shopping trips or even just for a day out.

This is how the scheme works.

The electric vehicle (pictured) is based at Millennium House, Pensilva, where charging points have been installed, powered by Millennium House's photovoltaic roof panels. The vehicle is wheelchair friendly.

The vehicle can be used by individuals or by groups, such as doctors' surgeries, churches, charities, clubs or societies. Prospective users would need to register with Age UK: this costs £18 per year for individuals and £36 per year for groups. Once registered, the group or individual can book the vehicle at very reasonable rates: £40 for a full day (9 hours). £25 for half a day (4 hours). Or 50p per mile

for short trips, like visits to the doctor or dentist or local shopping trips. These contributions are donations to support the running and ongoing maintenance of the electric vehicle. The rates compare very favourably with the cost of taking a taxi. Users will not even need to pay for fuel and the range of the vehicle is such that recharging would not be necessary except for a very long trip. You just need to make sure that you plug back into the charging point on your return.

The person driving the vehicle on behalf of the registered individual or group must hold a valid UK driving licence. *Age UK* will provide a short training exercise covering wheelchair accessibility and vehicle familiarisation at a location to suit the volunteer. Electric vehicles are very easy and safe to drive. Five similar vehicles are based elsewhere in Cornwall.

More information, including terms and conditions and registration forms, can be obtained from Age UK on 01872 266388 or email@ageukcornwall.org.uk; ask to speak to Lee Davies or Ann Lewis.



Millennium House itself will be registering as a group and is looking for volunteer drivers who could spare some time to help others. Other parish or town councils in the area can do the same. To join the Millennium House volunteer drivers group, contact Millennium House on 01579 363096 or stiveparish@btconnect.com

PENSILVA MEMORY CAFE

Like many village organisations, Pensilva Memory Cafe is unable to meet at present because of the Covid 19 precautions. We do, however, try to keep in contact with our members through the Sparkle, a news sheet telling of events in the past that happened during that month. It is entertaining and informative and guides thoughts back to those previous years, thus stimulating memories. We deliver a copy each fortnight. If you have memory problems, or are looking after someone who does, and

would like to make contact with this friendly group, call Geoff on 362698.





As a result of COVID-19 our monthly meetings are postponed until further notice. We are still available to support anyone who needs us during this period and have members who have experience of various surgical procedures, radiotherapy, and hormone therapy. If you are recently diagnosed and just want to have a chat about your treatment or your options, don't hesitate to make contact.

TAPS membership is free and open to men and their partners. For more information on TAPS please contact Chris Greensted by phone on 01822 834797 or by email to tapsinfo555@gmail.com.

Other excellent sources of support are: -

Prostate Cancer UK (PCUK): 0800 074 8383

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The Chestnut Appeal: 01752 792736

(Derriford Hospital)

The Mustard Tree Centre: 01752 430060

(Macmillan Cancer Support)

Pensilva Post Office

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Opening times during lockdown:

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Friday - 9am to 12 noon

Note - Back open on Wednesdays

The travelling post office at St Ive Institute is open on Wednesdays, 10:30-12 noon.

Saint Ive Parish tree-planting survey

Please let us know about any trees that you plant within the Parish. We will include them in our own survey and we will notify the Forest for Cornwall on your behalf, if appropriate.

Contact us by phone: 01579 383967, or by email: parishpump@btconnect.com, or via the Saint Ive Parish Climate Action Group Facebook page. Pictures very welcome.



Bargain Corner Free Ads up to £50

Ads are free for items up to £50. £5 charge for items over £50. Please ring the Parish Office on **01579 363096** or leave a note at Millennium House reception or email **parishpump@btconnect.com**.

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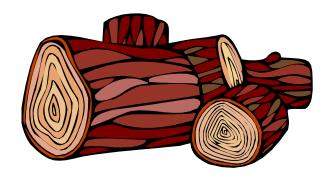
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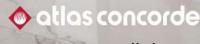
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