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



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Letter from The Editor

Last month was hectic, to say the least. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Carnival week what it was: moving tables, manning stalls, donating prizes, creating rosettes, performing on stage, running the dog show, or organising the raffle. I think that covers just about everyone. And of course, Vanessa—without whom none of it would have happened.

Congratulations, too, to the Quiet Ones, who once again triumphed at the Carnival Quiz Night. Considering it was my first year entering, I don't think my team did too badly coming third out of thirteen. I'll take that.

Earlier in the month I had to head to London for some admin, so I dragged my son along to see the essentials: the LEGO store, and the big Tesco Express. Just kidding—we also swung by the multilevel M&M megastore. Oh, and some fancy house called Buckingham Palace, which apparently the king lives at, but he didn't want to hear my thoughts on how to fix broken Britain.

The whole trip reminded me exactly why I moved to Pensilva.

So many people, all in a hurry, all disconnected. Seventeen different languages before we'd reached the end of the road. The eye-watering prices. The smells—so many clashing perfumes, each more aggressive than the last. Sketchy American sweet shops that clearly aren't there for the sugar trade. Looking over my shoulder in every crowd. Even the Science Museum, once gloriously free, is now pockmarked with paid-only add-ons.

I love that in Pensilva I can be completely isolated in my cottage, and still part of a thriving community. I love that the only smell I'm likely to be assaulted by is whatever the neighbour's spreading on the fields. There's no rush. There's space to breathe. We'll get to it dreckly. And as I drove home, weaving through the familiar hedgerows, I felt a genuine sense of relief. I belong here.

That warm feeling was slightly interrupted by a spray-painted message on the back of a motorway sign as we approached the nearly-home trees: "climate lies."

That's right, mate—the weather is lying to you. Do people still believe this stuff? Do they genuinely think it's normal to break heat records every year? (Well, technically yes, it is normal now—that's the whole problem.) I once saw someone on the local Facebook dismiss global warming because it was snowing. Checkmate, climate scientists!

Sometimes I wonder how long we can keep this little corner of sanity safe from the nonsense creeping in from all sides. But for now, I'll take it.

As we head into August, my "No Mow May" has turned into "Just Leave It June" and "Jungle Appreciation July." I like to think I'm doing my bit for the environment. I even threw out that plastic straw I'd been reusing for years and replaced it with a metal one-crafted, no doubt, in a factory powered by burning human dignity, and oil.

Little things, right?

James

Chairman's Column

I hope you all had a great time at the Carnival - as I write this so far in advance, I have no idea whether you would have been roasted alive or soaked to the skin!! As long as you enjoyed yourselves, that's what it's all about.

Following my rant last month about the government's decision to withdraw all funding for all Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs), things may not be as black as we had first thought. We are so far advanced with our own particular plan that most of the "heavy lifting" regarding costs have already been met. Whilst there are further costs such as printing and distribution of the explanatory booklet (which every household will receive later in the year) we are hopeful that along with some additional consultancy fees, these can be met from additional funds that Parish Council has access to. The Plan itself is more or less complete and just requires proof reading before submission to Cornwall Council for their input. So, all is not lost.

Keeping with civic matters, the subject of the state of our weed-strewn pavements was brought up at our last Parish Council meeting. Whilst pavements are clearly the responsibility of Cornwall Council, their finances no longer stretch to keeping pavements tidy. Already, the ladies of Pensilva WI (and probably others) organise and get stuck in with litter picking throughout the village so maybe we need to turn our attention to the weeds. Let's show Cornwall Council just how proud we are of our village by getting rid of the weeds in the pavements in front of our own properties. If we all do a bit, then the job soon gets done. Result? A weed and litter free village to be proud of.

The Parish Council is very much like Parliament in as much that we have a "recess" in August and do not meet. Fear not, though, this gives us to opportunity to charge our batteries ready to take on whatever challenges we'll face when we return in September.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!



Steve

Millennium House

Hi Parish Pump Readers,

I would like to say a massive thank you to Martin, Carol, Colleen, Lynda Tony and Emma from Millennium House! James, Hui, Charlotte, Keith, Nigel, Janey, Chrissie, and Andy from the Events committee, as well as Jan, Karen and Trish from the coffee shop! Each and everyone of you has helped make Carnival Week and Carnival Day a success, thank you for giving your time and effort to make it all happen!

This August at Millennium House we have ...

Friday 1st - Penmill Art group welcomes you from 10am to 1.30pm weekly. You can join Slimming World with Hayley from 5.30pm weekly.

Saturday 2nd - you can also make Slimming World with Hayley at 8am or 9.30am weekly.

Sunday 3rd - NO MARKET DAY this month. Next Market Day will be on Sunday 7th September 2025 from 11am to 2pm.

Monday 4th - Peri Pilates with Sarah (smilodge@hotmail.co.uk) is from 9.15am to 10.15am weekly. Mims Gentle Exercise is on from 10.30am to 12 noon weekly. Kixx Summer Camp is on from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Coach Contact lames to book (jamesurie@kixx.org.uk). Bring your Yoga mat and join Laura Louise Yoga weekly from 5.30pm, book quick before she fills up (<u>millenniumhouse.org.uk/yoga</u>) Swing Badminton weekly from 7.30pm!

Tuesday 5th - Clare (O1579382341) welcomes you to Singing for Wellbeing weekly from 10am. Join Badminton weekly from 7.30pm.

Wednesday 6th - Baby & Toddler Group with Tammy will have a Summer Edition Group from 9.15am to 11.15am. You can bring older siblings along too! Coach James is ready for you weekly with Kixx at 9.40am. PT James is ready at Boxercise and HIIT Class from 6pm weekly. Make sure you book in at gymcatch.com/app/provider/8638

Thursday 7th - Join Baby & Toddler with Tammy Summer Edition where you can bring older siblings along from 9.15am to 11.15am. Book in with Laura Louise Yoga weekly from 10am to 11am. Come along to Ladies Walking Netball from 4pm to 5pm, just £2. Have fun with your children at The Art Workshop weekly from 4pm to 5pm at just £3. No Aikido during the holidays, they will be back on 11th September 2025.

Saturday 9th - come along to Tess' Tea Party from 2pm to 4pm.

Monday 11th - join Coach James at Kixx Summer Camp from 9.30am to 3pm.

Thursday 14th - join in with Pensilva Folk Dance every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 7pm.

Wednesday 20th - Bingo Dabbers get you dabbers ready for eyes down at 7.30pm.

Friday 22nd - Pensilva Film Club open their doors from 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm; this month they're showing Conclave.

Wednesday 27th - come and enjoy a delicious meal presented to you by M2 Catering. This month they will be dishing up a taste of Italy! Check the poster for the menu. Doors open at 5.30pm. Please book the meal by Friday 22nd August 2025 at Millennium House reception or call 01579 363 096.

Friday 29th - Kids Quiz! Starts at 1.30pm. £1 per child with teams up to 6 people. Get your Team Names ready! Let's have a little fun before school starts back up!

We hope you all enjoy your Summer holidays and stay safe! If you have any bookings you would like to make please email:

ness.mhouse@gmail.com or call 01579363096

Have an awesome August!

Vanessa

Pensilva WI Meeting Report



The enthusiastic team (including Bailey the dog!) from Clark's Auction rooms got the evening underway by explaining how they pride themselves in finding new homes for treasures old and new. Attracting a worldwide audience of buyers and sellers, often items find their way back to their country of origin. Clark's offer the complete service from valuations, dating and lotting items, photographing, cataloguing through to the excitement of the viewing and sale days.

There are various ways to bid - on commission, online, by phone or in the room - all are welcome! The message to us all was not to dismiss anything it's always worth enquiring and we are lucky to have this service locally! Mr Clark was then on hand to provide valuations of curios that had been brought in - some nice surprises and interesting information

shared. Meanwhile, the staff brought a variety of silverware to the tables for the

ladies to identify hallmarks, dates, letters etc and work out where and when the items were made - a fascinating challenge, which motivated everyone to look a bit more closely at items at home!

The business part of the meeting included plenty of events that members could involve themselves in, as well as some which had been completed during the month of June - a village litter pick, a walk up Tregarrick Tor and watching cookery demonstration (not all at the same time!)

July's Competitions both had a record amount of

entries Flower of the Month winners were: 1st lill Pascoe; 2nd Sue Turpin; 3rd Jo Hodkinson. The judge was delighted by the array of beautiful treasures to choose winners for An item of old jewellery: 1st Christina Tubby; 2nd Sue Hill; 3rd Jo Hodgkinson.

Pensilva WI Horticultural show is on September 13th. We look forward to your entries!

Next meeting: Wednesday 13th August, Annual Mystery, trip who knows where it will take us for the afternoon and evening!



Allotments Aren't Needed?!

I've been elected as Chair of the Parks and Open Spaces Committee on the Parish Council for the coming year, and there is an issue we, the committee, would like know your opinion about.

St Ive and Pensilva is just about the only parish around here that hasn't got any allotments. It would appear that

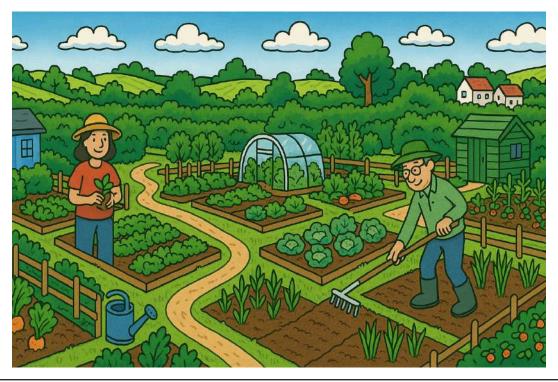


there is no demand. It could be that unlike a lot of Cornwall's housing we've all got big enough gardens. Most of Pensilva is within the World Heritage Site which is noted for the feature of long back gardens, used by the Victorian miners to grow vegetables. This is a feature that has to be preserved by planning decisions, and the reason back garden development isn't allowed. Maybe this means that enough of us have sufficient garden space.

If just **six people** on the electoral register demand that the council provides allotments **then we have an obligation to do so**, either ourselves or through Cornwall Council. The process of identifying appropriate land and buying or leasing it, then managing the allotments won't be easy, so needs those who want allotments to band together and really drive the project forward.

If you want to join a team of volunteers to provide allotments contact the Parish Clerk as shown at the start of this magazine. If we get enough enthusiasts then we'll organise meetings to plan it.

Martin Corney



Millennium House Community Transport

Do You Require Transport for an appointment, shopping or any other?

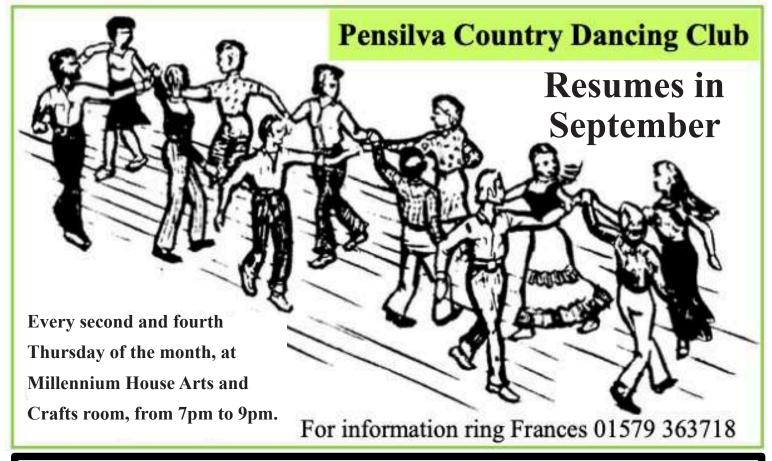
Our Parish has a number of volunteer drivers who have agreed to help those who do not have transport, by using their own vehicles to help those in need.

Our aim is to connect local communities and reduce social isolation. We do need more volunteer drivers to cope with the demand. If your retired and would like to volunteer please contact us.

or if you require transport to Hospital; Doctors, Vaccination etc, and have mobility issues and are unable to drive to your appointment. The more volunteers we have the less frequent we'll be called upon.

Please contact Marlene on 01579 362919 or 07896 994947 and we will endeavour to help.





Badminton at Millennium House

Monday and Tuesday at 5 - 7:30pm - Informal badminton. £10 per hour per court.

Call 01579 363 096

Mondays and Tuesday from 7:30 - 9:30pm - Pensilva Badminton Club - ±5 per person. Contact Richard 07925 642 938 or Nigel 01579 936594

Wednesday 5 - 10pm - Informal badminton. £10 per hour per court.

Call 01579 363 096

Please bring your own rackets and shuttles, or you can rent some for a small charge.

WEDNESDAY CLUB, PENSILVA

Meeting in the village hall every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Entry £2.50 which includes raffle and refreshments, 2-4pm. Last month we raised £110 for Cornwall air ambulance - thank you!.

August 20th - Cream tea, bingo, and quiz!

September 17th - Craig Lang from cyber and fraud squad

Everyone Welcome. For further information please contact:

Cherry Woodhouse (Chairperson) 01579 363674

Jane Hall (Secretary) 01579 363379

Mobile Library

Did you know that Cornwall County Mobile Library Service visits the village once every four weeks? Now, here in Pensilva, we are very fortunate to have a good library at The Millennium Centre (which I also use) but other out-lying villages do not have such a facility which is why some of our residents continue to use the library van regularly in an effort to help "keep it on the road". There is also the advantage that as well as choosing from the selection on the van it is possible to pre-order books using the library website and then pick up when the van visits. This is a great service if there are books you particularly want to read. If you don't currently have a library card you could either come to the van when it next visits or pop into the Liskeard library when in town and you can be signed-up in minutes. The dates the mobile library will visit until the end of the year are:

Fridays - 22 August, 19 September, 17 October, 14 November, and 12 December at 10.25-10.45am outside the old Victoria Inn at The Cross.

If you like reading please think about using this facility - the saying "use it or lose it" really does apply to this one.



Pensilva and St Ive Food Hub

The idea of the food hub is to serve as a bridge between supermarkets and the local community, redistributing surplus food that might otherwise go to waste.

Every Wednesday morning from 8.00 am until 5.00 pm the hub is open and food can be collected from the above address.

Donations for food are always welcome and will go towards purchasing more food for the following week. A pink bin will be placed by the wooden box on the driveway. If you have any surplus in-date food and would like to make a donation, please place it here. If you are donating homemade cakes, please list the ingredients used.

If anyone is experiencing financial hardship or would like benefit advice, we can take referrals and signpost you to the local Food Bank in Liskeard.

If you know anyone who is vulnerable, or needs support in the Pensilva and St Ive area, please contact Janey Bryson on O78 O866 3749. Thank you



Free Entry

Featuring local sellers, craft stalls, indoor carboot, baked treats, and live plants.
Refreshments available and bar!

£5 per table



PENSILVA MARKET DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH; NEXT MARKET DAY IS...

7TH SEPTEMBER

SELLERS FROM 10am; BUYERS 11am-2pm

Call Vanessa on 01579 363096 or email ness.mhouse@gmail.com to book your table or other enquiries

Fancy something spicy for lunch instead of the usual pasty? Hui will be selling Kimchee Noodles (and jars of homemade Kimchee and chilli oil if you want more!)

PRINCESS ROAD, PL14 5NF

All Being Well

We are still open for three mornings a week. A maximum of six members can now attend at one time.

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 9am to 1pm.

Maximum six members at a time for each of three slots within each session: 9:00 to 10:20, 10:20 to 11:40 and 11:40 to 13:00

Prior booking is essential

To book yourself in or for any enquiries, call in at the gym or telephone on 01579 363890, during the opening hours listed above.

23 years working in our local community to improve health, fitness and well being.

PENSILVA MEMORY CAFE

If you have memory problems or you are a carer for somebody who does, come and join us at StJohn's Mission Church for a cuppa and some cake.

We'd love to seeyou and hope that you will enjoy yourself.

Guest Speakers

Activities 2.00 Quizzes

2.00 to 4.00 pm

Thursday 28th August

Contact Geoff on 07475 920142



Games

MILLENIUM HOUSE COFFEE SHOP RUN BY VOLUNTEERS OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9AM TO 1PM (POST OFFICE OPEN 9AM - 11:30AM)

Come and join us for coffee and a chat, tea and a toasted teacake, freshly baked Cornish pasty, or sausage roll — and we even have delicious cakes!

Thank you to everyone for the support you have given us over the past 8 years.



St. Ive Village Hall
The Cross, St. Ive
PL14 3LZ

1st Monday of the month 7.30pm

New members welcome Email: stivegardeningclub@gmail.com

St. Ive Village Hall PL14 3LZ COFFEE MORNING



10.30 until 12md
Tea/Coffee and cake

St. Ive Village Hall PL14 3LZ

Snooker Club



Monday and Thursday Evenings

Contact Ray Bunkum: 01579 382315

Small, fun and friendly fitness classes in St Ive

Join Jem Fitness on Monday evenings at St Ive Village Hall

6:15 pm - Fit and Flow A mix of Barre, Yoga and Pilates inspired movements set to music. This class will help you stretch out any aching muscles.

7:10 pm - Groove -it Fit A full-body toning dance fitness class in an interval style. This class is great fun and maximises calorie burn.

For further information or to book, contact

Jayne at Jem Fitness

07597 383171

jaynemartin769@gmail.com

St. Ive Village Hall, The Cross PL14 3LZ

HALL HIRE

£5 an hour

Includes use of the kitchen and electric (except wall heaters, which are on a £1 coin meter)

For bookings ring Amanda Eveson

Or 07703393070

Regular Group and Activity Timetable

Gardening Club	1 st Monday monthly	01579 382762
	7.30pm	
St. Ive Snooker	Mondays and	01579 382315
Club	Thursdays 7pm	R. Bunkum
Coffee Morning	Wednesday	
	10.30am – 12	

Fit and Flow	Monday	Jayne
Barre, Yoga	Evenings	07597383171
and Pilate	6pm to 8pm	
	(2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th	Facebook@jemfitnessliskeard
	Mondays)	Instagram jemfitnes_

Service	Check timetable in Parish Pump for	
	services	01579 382334

Pensilva Community Association and C-Fylm Present



FRIDAY, August 22nd Doors open 7pm, film Starts 7:30pm

CONCLAUE

£4 for C-Fylm members

Non-members can join on the door for £6, which includes your first film.



Cardinal Lawrence has one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, participating in the selection of a new pope. Surrounded by powerful religious leaders in the halls of the Vatican, he soon uncovers a trail of deep secrets that could shake the very foundation of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mystery / thriller / drama 2 hours, rated PG. SCAN FOR TRAILER ---->



Film Club

It's a while since I've written as dates of our films have not left enough time for me to submit a review to The Pump Editor before copy date. However, July's film was shown quite early in the month leaving enough time for me to ramble on about our lovely film club.

We have just watched "Battle Of The Sexes" which, if we didn't have enough of tennis during July, tells the story of Billie Jean King's fight to gain equal recognition and reward for the women's game at a time of deep ingrained sexism in the USA (and elsewhere of course). I think it surprised most of us and we agreed that it was a really good film, one that had bypassed us all when released. Many of the sexist remarks made us really cringe and it helped highlight just how far things have moved on in this regard.

On 22 August we are showing Conclave, a much more recent movie which follows the process of electing a new Pope which, of course, was particularly relevant as earlier this year we went through that exact process. I've heard nothing but good accounts of this film so I'm expecting great things. Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci head-up the cast of this Academy and BAFTA Award winning film. Not to be missed!

We have a wonderfully committed and faithful audience group but are hoping to attract new (or lapsed) members in order to grow our numbers just a little.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 kick-off during which time the Mel Bar is open (and after the screening). Members pay just £4 per film, new or renewing members £6 which includes the film for that evening. We use subtitles whenever possible. Hope to see you there.

For further info - **Judy on 01579 208836 07888 178 739**

or judy.two@outlook.com

Pensilva Film Club, in conjunction with C-fylm, part of Creative Kernow



PENSILVA WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

To be held in

Millennium House, Pensilva

On

Saturday 13th September 2025

To be opened at 2.15 pm

By

CFWI Joint Chair Liz Baker

Please return cups awarded in 2024 to either Trish Thomas or Alison Willis by **Monday 18th August 2025.**

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PRINTS MAYBE COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE NOT LARGER THAN 7 x 5"/18 x 13 cm
MOUNTED ON WHITE CARD 8 x 6"/20 x 15 cm

NEIGHBOURHOOD Ne DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ST IVE & PENSILVA PARIENT OF THE PARIENT

Hats off to the people of Pensilva & St Ive! Members of the NDP Working Group were delighted to speak to so many people at the Pensilva Carnival. It's very evident that that many residents are aware of our endeavours and aims with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Thank you for being so supportive, we really appreciate it. We are really going to need you over the next few months as we work towards the Referendum for the NDP.

Two ladies who kept their hats on (see what I there!) did were Hannah Curnow and Daria Dabal (pictured above at the Carnival) from Cornwall & the Isle of Scilly Historic Environment Record. We were extremely pleased to welcome them once again to support us. We thank them very much for taking time to speak to so many residents and guide them through their heritage mapping



site. We know how much people enjoy discovering the history of where they live and how the area has evolved – map.cornwall.gov.uk/heritagemapping

You can keep up to date with how we are getting on by going to our dedicated website: plan4stive.co.uk

Patricia Steer

St Ive & District Gardening Club Report

On Monday 7th July we visited Pendower House in Lanteglos by Fowey. On a perfect summers evening we parked out cars in the National trust car park and walked the short distance to Pendower House.

Our gardening club visited the gardens back in 2019; lan and Roger were delighted to welcome us back to show us the changes they have made.

We were warmly greeted by Ian who led us into the first part of the

garden. An immaculately cut lawn with a charming centre piece of an armillary sphere stood proudly on a equally smart column.

lan said he remembered our members visiting in 2019 and noticed we had a few new members so He started with the history of the garden and house.

The house and gardens are both steeped in history and have had several different lives through the years. Nestled in a previous Glebe estate one of the garden's lives was thanks to the vicar who resided in the house. The vicar

had 13 children and it is said he was a very keen botanist. He tended to the garden with love using his interest and knowledge to create an outdoor space full of natures

delights. It was very easy to imagine 13 children running around, playing hide and seek and enjoying the outdoors here – it is like a real life secret garden.

The house has enjoyed many lives, once a B&B welcoming visitors with each room having a view of the surrounding garden. Daphne Du Maurier visited the house



and garden, and was so intrigued by its past and charm that she featured it in one of her novels!

Ian explained that the house was, for many years, the holiday perfect home, peaceful, tucked away, an escape from a busy life. But nature doesn't politely wait until the owners of the house seized returned: it opportunity to take over the garden. When lan and Roger became owners nature had claimed the garden, they

lovingly have worked with nature to tame it back to a garden which can be enjoyed – like

the vicar had intended.



The garden has an orchard with planted beds of fruit and vegetables keeping an eye over proceedings. Around the opposite side of the house the path winds through trees and through a natural amphitheatre.

Ian and Roger still have plans, now working towards the greenhouse having a much needed facelift so they can use it to its full potential.

This is an idyllic, proud, charming, and historic garden complete with lovely people and very tasty cake!

Next visit:



Monday 4th August to First Park, Kelly Bray

Meet at St Ive Park car park to leave at 6:45pm

£5 per person, £4 refreshments per person (going towards the National Garden Scheme)

Car share 50p

Plants and flowers will be available to purchase

FIFTEEN + YEARS OF WILDLIFE WATCHING IN THE PARISH OF ST. IVE

Since moving to the Parish at the end of 2009, I have been photographing and recording the wildlife which I see at my home on the edge of Pensilva on a daily basis. This month, I am revisited an animal I first wrote about in The Pump 4 years ago. As well as having some interesting experiences with them in the last couple of years I felt it would be good to catch up on the situation with one of our most depleted species over recent years...

THE HEDGEHOG REVISITED



Firstly, a big thankyou to all those who got in touch after the last article to offer sitings in the parish, as well as taking part in the hedgehog tunnel survey. This helped to confirm that there *were* hedgehogs across the area, although perhaps not in the numbers we would have hoped for. A low number of sightings is not surprising as hedgehogs will not choose to appear before dusk unless they are in trouble and in need of extra food. You may, however, be able to spot hedgehog poo in your gardens. These are dark, cylindrically shaped with rounded ends, typically up to 5cm long. As beetles make up much of a hedgehog's diet, their poo is full of crunched up and undigested wing cases which often catch the light and can sometimes be colourful - glittery poo! They also eat invertebrates such as slugs and snails and worms. They occasionally also eat small mammals, eggs, frogs and carrion when the opportunity arises.

Hedgehogs hibernate from about November to April, though they may come out occasionally when the weather is mild. In this way they conserve their energy until the spring when food becomes plentiful again. They can lose up to a third of their body

weight over winter, so plentiful food supplies when they emerge are essential for a successful breeding season.

Mating largely occurs from May to June but can carry on until tailing off in September. Both sexes are promiscuous with both having several partners during the season, which may mean that a litter contains young from several fathers. The young are born 30 to 35 days later, pink and without spines. 3 -7 hoglets in a litter is fairly typical. The female alone raises the young in a nest she makes of leaves and twigs called a 'herbinaculum'. At about 4 weeks old, the hoglets start to emerge from the nest to forage with their mother. By 6 to 8 weeks, they become completely independent. Although females will sometimes have a second litter in a year, these often do not manage to survive the winter.

Last year we had a record number of 9 sightings in the garden at dusk, between June and August. One particularly memorable one was when we initially heard a noise which we could not identify. On looking out of the window we saw 2 hogs a few feet from the house, chuntering away for about 20 minutes. It was a complete revelation to me that hedgehogs made a noise at all! Further research showed that they in fact have a number of noises with different meanings. As one hog was significantly larger than the other, I assumed it was a contact call between mother and hoglet. However, given that hedgehogs can vary in size, it may have been a male trying to attract a female. My final 'sighting' of the year on 14th August was also auditory with similar chuntering, but slightly further from the house

This year's sightings have been of a hedgehog which has visited several times and was easily identified by 3 very large ticks. The photo clearly shows one by its left eye and one just behind its ear. The third was slightly further behind its left ear and buried between its spines. The fact that it was out a little early in the evening may be because its strength was being depleted by these blood sucking insects, so making the need for food urgent.



So where is the state of the hedgehog population now? Sadly, despite some improvements, it is still classified as "vulnerable to extinction". In July last year, it was



reported that populations have fallen between 30 and 75% since the year 2000. Populations in towns and cities have made some improvement, largely due to the 'Hedgehog Street' initiative. This is where communities work together, making hedgehog sized holes at the base of their fences so that the larger territories they require can be provided. well providing as as hedgehog friendly gardens. This involves creating some less tidy areas where they can forage (so helping relieve gardeners of some garden pests!). Log piles, leaf litter, making a compost heap and insect friendly

plants can all help. Hedgehog houses will help to give shelter from predators (they will be just as happy with a home-made one). Perhaps your estate can be encouraged to do this? But what if there are no hedgehogs left in your area to move into your gardens? If you can prove to a reintroduction organisation that you have done enough to ensure any hedgehog will have a good chance of survival, you can apply to rehome one. There is plenty of information on line.

However, perhaps surprisingly, it is in the countryside that hedgehogs are doing least well. It is also contrary to other countries where hedgehogs are doing much better than

in the UK. This small island is broken up by many roads. Hedgehogs have been found to be reluctant to cross roads (they must have learnt from the past!). This fragments populations into smaller areas which may lead to inbreeding and consequent weakening of their health. Loss of hedgerows providing safe wildlife corridors is also a problem. Intensive farming and pesticide use may all have paid a part. Badgers may also have paid a part as they compete for the same food, as well as sometimes taking a hedgehog. However, this must always have been the case, so seems unlikely as a major cause. So those of us who are lucky enough to live on the edge of villages or in the countryside bear an extra responsibility to do what we can.



Don't forget to look out at dusk - you may just see one. And don't forget to listen for strange noises as well!

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Hilary



Upton Cross Farm Visit

NEW Micro Anaerobic Digester visit - 24th June 2025

SHARE members and friends were well impressed by the latest technology and innovation now installed at the Cheese Farm at Upton Cross. Ben Stansfield owner of Cornish Cheese Co and Eoin Sharkey, founder and CEO of BioFactory, who designed the installation gave our group a full tour and answers all our questions. We are so grateful for this opportunity and

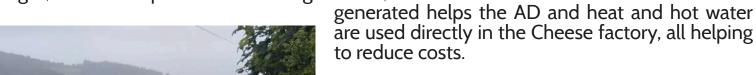
insight into the future, this system being the 1st in Cornwall and only the 2nd in the country... exciting times for both

companies.

Eoin told us how he was originally looking at tackling the sanitation problems in refugee camps abroad, but because of Covid restrictions, meant they couldn't travel to install the IBC system, he turned his attention to farm slurry on a scale that is affordable and ideal for dairy farms with around 100 - 200 cows, the modular system is easily replicated for larger herds.

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Ben explained their journey to a sustainable future to date and goals to net-zero emissions. Future plans to cover the slurry pit and divert waste from the cheese processing through the Micro AD were very much in the pipe line and not a pipe dream.

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Update on Aid for Ukraine

On the 27th of June, the Nightingales team hosted a live streamed online event which featured Ukrainian speakers from the frontline. It was a particularly moving evening, with Kira Smokova, a veteran of the Azov Army regiment, recalling her harrowing story of

being a Russian prisoner of war for 6 months before being released. Her serving husband also in the military, is still being held in captivity where Tuberculosis is rife in the prison.

There were also moving accounts from Olena Vorona and her daughter Liza, who fled Sumy at the start of the war, with tanks literally on their tail. Sumy is an area that is constantly shelled and bombed as it lies close to the Russian border. They

were terrified that they were going to get shot at and what would normally be a 12hour journey to cross Ukraine to get to the border, took 3 days. There was no food left in the shops, no fuel and no money in the cash points. What little they had they shared with strangers also fleeing the country.

From the accounts that we heard during

the evening, each family stated how they had gone to bed like it was any other ordinary day. Only to be awakened in the early hours of the morning by the sound of bombs dropping and their country at war.



The one shining light from the evenings events was the resilience, strength and fortitude of these people; and the gratitude they felt for all the aid we send. The event highlighted on a personal level, life in a war-torn country and showed how Nightingales, our

small UK-based organisation, is trying to support the people of Ukraine. From the proceeds of the evening, we made £750.00, which will be put to good use purchasing our 13th vehicle. There is a link

to follow the event coming soon on the Nightingales website **Nightingales.co.uk**.

At the time of writing this article, we have also just raised another £1,000 from car boot sales and sales from the box on our drive. To date, we have now

raised £4,700 this year. **Thank you**. Your donations make it possible for us to keep on sending vehicles filled with medical aid to Ukraine. I am very humbled.

The list of equipment and aid currently needed has now been revised. We can no longer take Wheelchairs, walking frames or crutches due to using smaller 4 x 4 vehicles. We drove our large van over to

Ukraine at the beginning of the year, to be used for transporting the elderly and disabled to hospital. As space is of a premium, we can only now take the items listed.

As a group we are promoting the message





that we need high spec medical aid and donations, ensuring that we can buy the very specific medical equipment needed to save lives on the front line. Therefore, if you would like to make a cash donation, please go to:

gofundme.com/f/Nightingales-UK

If you would like to donate a long wheel base 4 x 4 vehicle, please email

nightingalesuk@gmail.com

The need for unused and in date medication is as great as ever. If you have any medication that you no longer need or use, please consider donating it to Ukraine. All identification labels are removed and medication is checked by medical staff, prior to transportation.

I would be very grateful to receive any car boot sale items that you would like to donate. There is a pink dustbin by the wooden box on the drive, outside my house where you can place your unwanted/donated items. For those of you who don't know where I live, our house is Rivendale PL14 5PG, located next to the Pensilva Medical Centre. If you would like me to collect any items, please contact me on 07808663749.

The one thing this event has taught me, is to never underestimate the power of people and what they can achieve in times of adversity. Unity is built upon a shared goal, hope or vision and as Wael Ghonim said, "The power of people is much stronger than the people in power". God bless.

Nightingales UK are currently asking for donations of the following aid supplies:

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- Painkillers, (no Codeine or controlled drugs)
- Blood Pressure and heart pills

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- Dressings/bandages
- Tape
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- Scissors
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Surgical Equipment

- Urinary Catheters/bags etc
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- Splints, slings

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- Stethoscopes
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- Clothes, blankets, food.
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Janey

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Services for August 2025

3rd Sunday 11.00 am Morning Worship 10th Sunday Holy Communion 11.00 am 17th Sunday 11.00 am Morning Worship Sunday 24th Morning Worship 11.00 am

Sunday 31st No service at St John's

10.30 am St Ive Parish Church

United Benefice Worship

Thursdays 10.00 am Morning Prayer Fellowship

AUGUST EVENTS Please see posters for full details

Friday 1st 2.30 - 4.00 pm Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 13th 2.00 - 4.00 pm Kowetha

Tuesday 26th 2.00 - 4.00 pm Stitch, Knit & Natter

Thursday 28th 2.00 - 4.00 pm Memory Café

For further details or if you know of any illness or need in the village, please call Geoff, 362698 or Frances, 363718 Please put prayer requests in the box. St John's is open daily 10.00 am - 4.00 pm for personal prayer & reflection.

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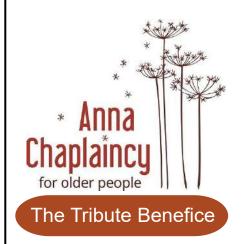
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Sunday 3rd August - United service at St Ive Parish Church 11.15 am. **6pm service** at Unity Bealbury - Noel Morgan



Sunday 10th August - United service at St Ive Village Hall 10.30am - Judith Allen. **6pm service** at Unity Bealbury - Rev Janet Park.

Sunday 17th August - United service at St Ive Parish Church 11.15am.

6pm service at Unity Bealbury - Open Air Songs of Praise

Sunday 24th August - United service at St Ive Village Hall 10.30am
Congregation led service. 6pm service at Unity Bealbury Congregation led service

Sunday 31st August United Benefice service 10.30am at St Ive. **6pm United Greenshoots service** at Unity Bealbury - Rev Stuart Reed with Communion

The Chattermakers craft group will not meet during the month of August.

They will resume at St Ive Village Hall on alternate Thursdays 7.30 pm on September 4th. For details of when please contact Kathryn on O1579 382334

St Ive Church

August 3rd Morning Service 11:15am In Church

August 10th Chapel Service 10:30am In village Hall

August 17th Holy Communion 11:15am In Church

August 24th Chapel Service 10:30am In Village Hall

August 31st Benefice Service 10:30am In Church

Upcoming Events

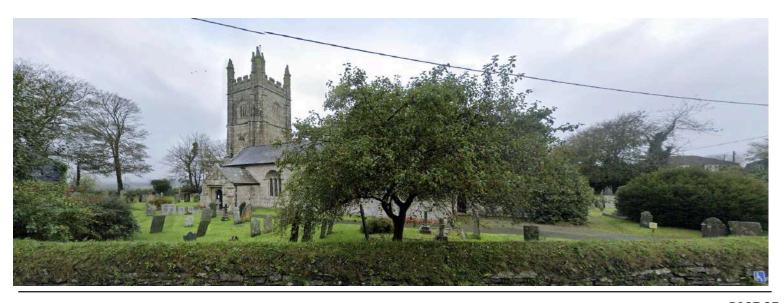
August 10th and 24th: Cream Teas 2-4pm (Scones with jam and cream, and homemade cakes)

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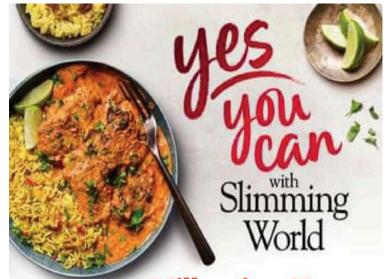
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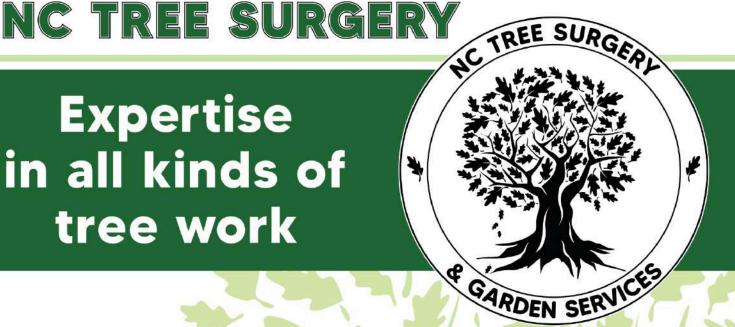
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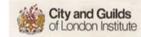




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Pensilva & St Ive Post Office Service

Pensilva: Through the coffee shop on the 1st floor of Millennium House

Tuesdays: 9 to 11:30am

Wednesdays: 9 to 11:30am

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The Millennium House coffee shop is also open on these mornings.

Unfortunately, the St Ive Village Hall drop-in post office has now closed.

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Bus Timetable

Up to date times can be found on the Transport for Cornwall website - PLEASE check before travel if timing is critical. https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/services/TFCN/74

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Callington - Liskeard via Pensilva | St Cleer

Monday to Saturday except for bank holidays

buses towards Liskeard

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Service No	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
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Callington Tesco							1111		1311		1511			1711	1815
Callington Community College												1510			
Callington New Road		0750	0800	0820	0916		1116		1316		1516	1520		1716	1820
Callington Westover Road		0753	0803	0823	0919		1119		1319		1519	1527		1719	1823
St Ive Church		0801	0811	0831	0927		1127		1327		1527	1535		1728	1831
Pensilva The Cross		0809	0817	0838	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1542	1645	1734	1837
Darite Crows Nest Inn		0817	0824	0845	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1551	1652	1741	1844
St Cleer Church	0722	0827	0834	0855	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1602	1702	1751	1854
Tremar Telephone Box	0725	0831	0837	0900	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1605	1705	1756	1857
Trevecca Cottages	0730	0836	0842	0905	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1611	1710	1801	1902
Liskeard School & Community College		0840													
Liskeard Hospital Clemo Road (1)	0733		0845	0908	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	1603	1615	1713	1804	1905
Liskeard A390 opp Morrisons	0736		0848	0911	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1618	1716	1807	1908
Liskeard Post Office arr	0738	0845	0850	0913	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1620	1718	1809	1910
Liskeard Post Office dep	0745			0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1620	1620	1725	1815	
Liskeard Railway Station ©	0747			0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1623	1623	1727	1817	

buses towards St Dominick & Callington

Service No	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
	SD	SSH								SSH	SD				
Liskeard Railway Station 😂					0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1445	1559	1647	1749	1852
Liskeard Lloyds Bank arr					0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1448	1602	1650	1752	1855
Liskeard Lloyds Bank dep	0715	0715		0905	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1515	1605	1705	1800	1915
Liskeard School & Community College											1525				
Liskeard A390 outside Morrisons	0718	0718		0908	0958	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458		1608	1708	1803	1918
Liskeard Hospital Clemo Road (1)	0721	0721		0911	1001	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501		1611	1711	1806	1921
Trevecca Cottages	0725	0725		0915	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1530	1615	1716	1810	
Tremar opp Telephone Box	0730	0730		0920	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1536	1620	1721	1815	
St Cleer Church	0734	0734		0924	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1541	1624	1726	1819	
Darite Crows Nest Inn	0742	0742		0934	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	1524	1551	1634	1736	1827	
Pensilva The Cross	0750	0750		0942	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1600	1642	1745	1835	
St Ive Church	0755	0755		0949		1139		1339		1539	1606		1751	1840	1928
Callington Westover Road	0803	0803		0957		1147		1347		1547	1614		1759	1848	1936
Callington New Road arr	0805	0805		0959		1149		1349		1549	1616		1801	1850	1938
Callington New Road dep	0805		0840	1004		1154		1354		1554	1619		1802		
Callington Community College	0813														
Callington Tesco			0842	1006		1156		1356		1556	1622		1804		
Tavistock Road Ginsters			0843	1007		1157		1357		1557	1623				
Ashton Post Box			0848	1012		1202		1402		1602	1632				
St Dominick School			0850	1014		1204		1404		1604	1634				
Tavistock Road Ginsters			0856	1020		1210		1410		1610	1640				
Callington Tesco			0858	1022		1212		1412		1612	1642				
Callington New Road			0901	1025		1215		1415		1615	1645				

SD Schooldays only

SSH Saturdays and School Holidays only

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