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Trewidland Village Hall



Greg Chapman

Next month we return to Trewidland with our new show, and looking forward to being back - and though aimed primarily at adults, the show is suitable for ages 8 and older, so an evening of

live entertainment for the family! Even though Harry Houdini passed away nearly 100 years ago, he remains one of the most famous magicians the world has known. This is mostly because Houdini, as well as being a respected magician and escape artist, was above all a wonderful self-publicist. Never one to let the truth get in the way of a good story, especially one about himself, Houdini created his own legend. Now, modern magician and escape artist Greg Chapman (creator and performer of 'The Non-Psychic 'Psychic' Show' and writer of 'Greg and Felicity's History of Magic') is taking to the stage with a new show, in which he performs effects and escapes inspired by Houdini, and shares some of the stories, both true and... exaggerated... that make up 'The Legend of Houdini'! The show will be coming to Trewidland Village Hall, Liskeard, on Friday 29th November at 7.30pm, and there are still some tickets available! Book your tickets today at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/.../the-legend-of.../e-qlyaa0>

www.trewidlandhall.wixsite.com

Some other events in Trewidland Village Hall

Carols around the tree

on Sunday the 21st December at 5pm



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OPENING TIMES

Friday - 8pm to 11pm

Saturday - 8pm to 11pm

Sunday- 1.30pm to 5.30pm

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Christmas Eve - 8pm to 11pm

Christmas Day - 12pm to 2pm

Boxing Day - 8pm to 11pm

New Year's Eve - 8pm till late

New Year's Day - Closed

Please note that these times are subject to the availability of staff and may be subject to short-notice change.

If you are hiring the Village Hall for a party or other celebration, use of the Club is also available to members - just ask at the time of booking.

Events organised by non-members can also use the bar facilities, but will need to obtain a Temporary Entertainment Notice to do so. Details can be supplied on request.

We wish to remind parents that children under 16 are not allowed in the club
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Church News



Hello from Rev Mark Wade

Hello all I am Rev Mark Wade the new Vicar at St Keyne and at St Martins and Dobwalls.

I arrived in September licenced by Bishop Hugh (acting Bishop of Truro) at St Martin's. Over the last month, I have enjoyed meeting lots of different people. I am going to be at St Keyne every third Sunday as we share in communion. I am also looking forward to connecting with you all in the wider community and looking forward to coming to the famous community breakfast and coffee morning and many other community gatherings, including the Polpero Fisherman Choir in December.

We have also developed our connection with some of our local Schools of Trewidland, St Martins and Dobwalls and will be doing assemblies regularly. Over the next few months, we are looking forward to Advent and Christmas and all the Christingles which we have a School one and community one this year, carol services and then our Christmas services. I look forward to meeting many of you there.



If you have not met me yet here is some of the key headlines about me too.

I am married to Toni we have three children Izzy (10), Asa (9) and Imogen (6). I have been a Vicar in Wigan for last 7 years. I am originally from west Cornwall so great to be back Home!

In my free time I love Sport. I support Manchester united but have been reminded of growing up watching Plymouth! We love the beach and already enjoying going body boarding again! As a family we are excited to be here and look forward to getting to know you all and serve with you all.

If you want to connect my contact details are.

Revmark@smartchurchliskeard.co.uk

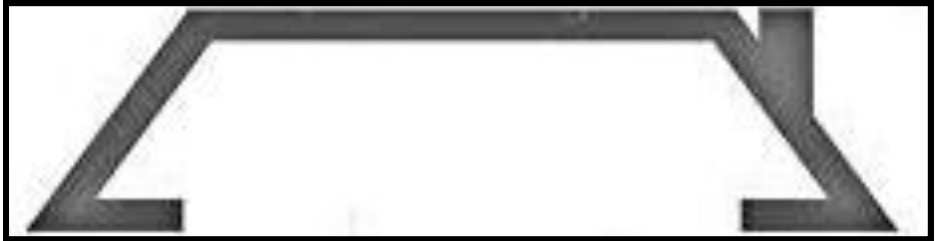
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Rev Mark

**The Informer Team would like to wish a speedy recovery to
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The Gardening Year

Leigh's seasonal tips and things to do in the Garden



Jobs for the coming months:

November is a great month for planting tulips. Where ever you grow them , pot or garden plant them deep - at least 3 or 4 times deeper than their size. Your daffodils and other spring bulbs should be in but don't worry too much if you are late, still put them in and its likely they will just be a little late flowering.

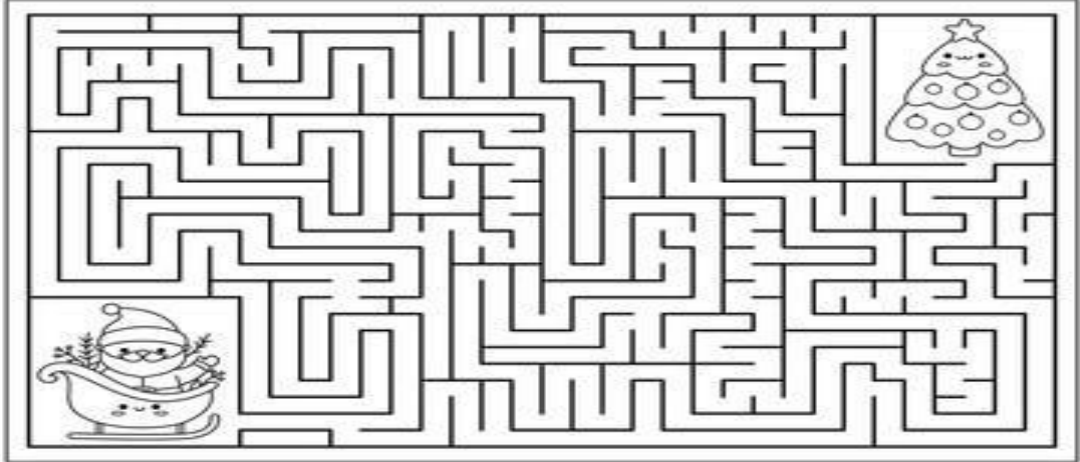
You can start cutting back faded perennials, don't forget to leave some for wildlife to shelter in over the winter and any that have good seed heads the birds will appreciate.

By December you should have moved any tender plants to the conservatory or greenhouse and lift any dahlias in cold and wet areas after the frosts have knocked them back. Remove old leaves on hellebores, you will be able to see the flowers more clearly and prevent disease taking hold. Wear gloves as they can often irritate

There is time in January to enjoy some winter gardens that are open with dazzling snowdrop displays. Continue your clean up in the garden and of your tools and equipment. Best of all plan ahead, order your seeds for vegetables and flowers and sow those that allow.

Why not take advantage of the garden club seed scheme, all members can enjoy a 50% discount on seeds and a 20% discount on other items from Suttons seeds. Just come along and join us for the details.

Kid's Corner



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Quiz

1. Who is the new Vicar for St Keyne Church
2. When is the best time to plant Tulips
3. On what day is the coffee morning in St Keyne Village Hall
4. When do farmers plant winter wheat

*Answers to the Quiz
in Informer No. 4*

1. *During the day*
2. *Small Insects*
3. *Between Lower Town Farm and the lane at Lake*



ST KEYNE GARDEN CLUB



The garden club had a break from normal club meetings over the summer, instead visiting some of their own gardens as a group and followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

July saw the garden club support the national garden scheme visiting Trevina House, St Neot and in August ran a successful produce show.

Members displayed many of the vegetables and flowers that they had grown and all visitors had the chance to judge what they thought were the best in class. Congratulations to our overall winner Dawn Culver who triumphed for the second year running.

Autumn meetings began in September with Nick Bacon demonstrating how best to plant a seasonal container and in October we learnt how to plant a wildlife friendly garden.

Our next meeting is November 21st **7.00pm** in St Keyne Village Hall where we will be making a Christmas wreath.

The club does try and support the communities of both Trewidland & St Keyne and this year has purchased 1000 daffodil bulbs from club funds with some support from the Parish Council. They have already been planted in several locations throughout both villages and should be a welcome sight in spring.

Don't forget new members are always welcome at the club regardless of where you live, just turn up at a meeting. You can get in touch stkeynegardencclub@btinternet.com or look for news on our facebook page.

Leigh Woods



UPDATE FROM CORNWALL COUNCILLOR

20 MPH TREWIDLAND AND ST KEYNE

You may know that Cornwall Council are trying to introduce 20 mph speed limits in towns and villages across Cornwall. Both Trewidland and St Keyne will be getting these in their residential areas, Trewidland through the village, and St Keyne in the residential areas. A 21 day public consultation will take place soon with the detailed plans for you to consider and comment. A link below for information.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/20mph-speed-limits/Community



SALTASH TUNNEL WORKS START SOON

Works are due to start soon on replacing the infrastructure in the Saltash Tunnel which will continue well into next year. These works will cause delays as the central lane in the tunnel will be closed to traffic during February March next year. National Highways are expecting delays of up to 45 minutes at peak times, you will need to plan your journeys giving extra time to get to destinations. At this present time full details are not available but will keep you informed as and when they are via the parish facebook page. Updates will be place on the link below

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/a38-saltash-tunnel-technology-upgrade/>

HOW TO REPORT POTHOLE

Every year I report hundreds of potholes in my area, but like all councillors I cant find them all so need more eyes on the ground to find them. Cornwall Council has a simple system that can be found on the link below so that everyone can report issues to the council. This includes potholes, hedges, verges and many other problems. You can include pictures or send it to me at the email below and I will do it for you, the link is

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

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St. Keyne and Trewidland Green Team

Last month, we had the launch meeting of the new St. Keyne and Trewidland Green Team. Fifteen people came along which was great and both Kevin and I were very pleased to see so many people interested!

Even more impressive was the number of ideas that were shared and discussed. We all agreed to concentrate on the following ideas to take forward or get involved with at our next meeting:

- A planting project in Jubilee Park, for herbs, wildflowers or even food
- Rewilding and planting of an area of the St Keyne Village Hall grounds
- The possibility of working with St. Keyne church to develop an area of the grounds which is currently unused, creating an area which could be used by the local community, such as Forest School activities with Trewidland School pupils.
- Identifying an area of land that could be used as a shared public green space in Trewidland
- A skills/knowledge exchange, where members of the community share or swap their knowledge of a specialist area with others
- A community composting project – either a practical project or as a possible knowledge exchange project

It's also worth underlining that this Green Team is not just intended to focus on growing and gardening! There is lots of scope for looking at energy or climate change projects (for example); however, the projects listed above were the ones put forward by those who attended on the evening. If you have other ideas, why not come along and put them to our next meeting?

We will be having another meeting at 7.30pm on 18 November at St Keyne Village Hall, where we will aim to put together a plan/timeline for the projects above: we would love to see you there, whether you came to the first meeting or not!

If you are unable to join us on 18th November, then we would still love to hear from you:

You can email us at greenteam@stkeynetrewidlandpc.org.uk

Thank you
Martin Cluer and Kevin Shovelton



CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JANE PASCOE LISKEARD SOUTH AND DOBWALLS

We are approaching the winter and I am very worried that the decision to stop Winter Fuel Payments to all pensioners will bring hardship to people living in rural areas. So many of our elderly residents live in older properties, they are more expensive to heat because they do not have efficient heating or double glazing. Many pensioners will try to make do and will be too proud to ask for help, or unable to use the internet to apply for Pension Credit.

Many others will have underlying health conditions and it is essential that they are kept warm, I worry they will not be able to afford to heat their homes to an adequate temperature. I am advising all pensioners to apply for the Pension Credit, if you only qualify for a few pence, it may open doors to assistance such as loft insulation, council tax reduction and other benefits. There is help available to assist with the application form in the Citizens Advice Bureau and Library in Liskeard. I know you will be kind neighbours and look out for signs of hardship, please mention it to someone or contact me at any time.

Now for some good news. Further to my strong objections, the decision to accept Household DIY Waste at Conon Bridge HWRC has been reinstated. The consequences of the previous decision were widespread with a notable increase in fly-tipping in the countryside and longer journeys for residents to use an alternative facility. Without charge you can now responsibly dispose of plasterboard, tyres, tiles, toilets, sinks from households but not commercial waste.

You do not have to book a time to visit Conon Bridge HWRC. I attended the Public Inquiry for the revision of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Tolls on the 15th October at the Copthorne Hotel Plymouth.

I lodged a written submission objecting to an increase because I strongly disagree with the punitive charge to access secondary healthcare, employment, and education imposed on the residents of SE Cornwall. The Inspector will write up his report and present it to the Secretary of State to decide.



National Highways will be commencing essential work on the Saltash Tunnel at the end of November. The current tunnel and lane control is at the end of life and this massive investment will future proof the tunnel. As the work progresses into the New Year there will be lane closures and we anticipate some delays. In recent meetings with National Highways, I have made them very aware that the residents



Saltash Tunnel Technology upgrade

National Highways is starting the next phase of a major modernisation upgrade of the A38 Saltash Tunnel in Cornwall this autumn.

This represents a £25 million investment from National Highways to improve journeys and maintain the safe operation of the tunnel for many years to come.

These essential upgrade works will help to:

- keep everyone using the tunnel safe
- provide more reliable journeys
- reduce the risk of unplanned closures.

Work is currently due to start at the end of November 2024 and should finish in autumn 2025.



More details about the works including weeknight tunnel closures, lane closures, and speed restrictions, will be available on the National Highways webpage as the scheme progresses: nationalhighways.co.uk/saltashtunnel

If you have any questions call us on 0300 123 5000 or email info@nationalhighways.co.uk

of SE Cornwall have critical medical appointments to attend in addition to employment and education across the Tamar. It is crucial that delays are kept to a minimum and that advanced information is essential for residents to be able to rearrange medical appointments outside of peak hours, others may help crossing via the Torpoint Ferry or using the train or bus services. The reduction of traffic on the A38, when there are lane closures will be paramount to shortening the time spent in queues. This is going to be a difficult time, but I hope we can work together with National Highways. The investment in the tunnel will be beneficial in the long term. There will be regular updates in the press, on facebook and on the National Highways website: www.nationalhighways.co.uk/SaltashTunnel.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and that you all have a peaceful and enjoyable time with your families over the festive period.

Lametton Mill

Whilst looking for a property in Cornwall we stumbled across Lametton Mill in September 2017. Ignoring the dilapidation, rot, mould and decay we fell in love with the building and decided we could make this 'home'. After a very long-winded sales process we finally moved from Derbyshire in January 2019 to start what would be a long two years of bringing the mill back to life.

The building has a long history and is documented as a manorial corn mill from 1610. Whilst owned by the 'Lord of the Manor', it was leased to a miller and all tenant farmers had to bring their corn here. However, an archaeological survey identified masonry of medieval or early post medieval date; this pre-dates the main masonry of the current mill 17th and 18th-century. In the mid-late 19th-century production was increased and the single waterwheel originally sited on the roadside was replaced with two new wheels in different locations. The water originally was



diverted from the river by a weir at Trussel Bridge and flowed through a leat overland. The mill continued in use until 1966 when milling ceased and it closed; all the machinery including the mill wheels was then removed and sold.

Supported by a great team of local craftsmen building work started in March 2019. Scaffolding was erected and the concrete

render which had been suffocating the building was removed. Water ingress and woodworm had caused the timbers to rot so a major part of the works was to replace the oak lintels, insert over a 100 new floor joists and tie the building together with 150 stainless steel rods in place of traditional tie bars. The exterior stonework was all repointed using lime mortar.

A priority was to make the mill watertight and in replacing the roof we were able to reuse all the original slates, the scaffolding came down in August to reveal a beautiful and imposing building back to her former glory.

Internal work continued until March 2020 when the COVID lockdowns severely disrupted the supply of raw materials and significantly delayed progress. Plaster became the 'Holy Grail' and many hours were spent

searching for it!

The mill has been given a new life and purpose with a future. Solar panels, biomass boiler and internal lime render insulation have made it a warm and comfortable home.

We were able to move in June 2021 and finally said goodbye to a very small caravan which had been home for too long.

The experience is one which we will never forget, we have learnt

many new skills and completed a large amount of work ourselves but will always be grateful to the time, encouragement and advice that everyone we worked with gave us.

Being filmed for Grand Designs was an eyeopener into the world of TV production. Never believe everything you see; careful editing often created the drama needed for ratings! It did make us work harder and focus on the tasks needed to complete the project and has given us a very detailed history and account of the renovations. Twenty days of filming is condensed into a 40-minute programme.

The local community has been very supportive and welcoming and that will always be appreciated, we've made some great friends along the way. As a result of the TV show we've also been contacted from people as far away as Canada and New Zealand, they are living relatives of the millers who leased the mill. This has enabled us to piece together a more detailed history of the lives of the people associated with Lametton.

The garden at Lametton is as important as the mill to us, over the last 3 years we've worked to clear the scrub and debris and for the first time this year opened it to the public through the National Garden Scheme to raise money for charity and we hope to see some of you in 2025.



"I have only to close my eyes and think of home, and there comes to my nostrils the well-remembered scent of hay, hot with the sun, blown by a lazy wind; and I see the great wheel thrashing the water down at the mills at Lametton, and I smell the fusty, dusty golden grain"

Extract from 'The Kings General' by Daphne Du Maurier, 1946.

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Trewidland Local History Group - update 2024

The Summer of 2024 saw members of the History Group meet up in Trewidland Village Hall (opened by the Mayor of Liskeard in 1933) to check out the Trewidland Local History Archive which has its home there.

The Archive contains copies of all the information that members of the group have gathered (or had donated), including photographs, census information, tythe and other historic maps and information on listed buildings and land use. In the ten years since the group was set up, we have focused on four areas covered by our Local History walks over the years.

Our research focus for 2025 will be on the northern section of the Trewidland Ward including the areas around Brimboyte, Rosenun, Houshey, Polmena and the Gormellicks- where there is evidence of prehistoric enclosures and current settlements dating back to the 13th Century.



1690 Joel Gascoyne map



1809 First Edition OS map

We hope that the information to be gathered with the help of Kressen Kernow (the Cornish Local Records office in Redruth) will contribute to the Fifth Trewidland Local History Walk in the Summer of 2025, and to the archive documents. Look out for further details and do join us if you can!

For more information on the group and dates of meetings please contact Mhairi Mackie mhairimackie.23@outlook.com

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Parish Council News



Well, I'm sorry to report that Roger Cook, one of our Parish Councillors, has decided to resign from the Parish Council. Roger has made a great contribution to the work of the Parish Council, and we are very sorry that he has decided to leave. Roger is also involved with other volunteering work across the wider region and will be concentrating his efforts there – we wish him all the very best for the future!

Roger's resignation creates a vacancy on the Parish which will have been advertised by the time you read this. Your Parish Councillors are all volunteers making a welcome contribution to your local community by getting their sleeves rolled up to make local improvements, generate new ideas and deliver local projects. We're a good team and if you'd like to join us as a Parish Councillor, please do get in touch with our Parish Clerk.

Is it just me or are the trees and bushes hanging on to their green leaves later this year? Perhaps it's the mild and wet weather we've been having? Whatever the reason, bushes trees and undergrowth are still overhanging our roads and pedestrian paths. They can create a nuisance and a hazard for pedestrians and other road users, and everyone would be very grateful if you could please keep your hedges and overhanging trees and shrubs cut back. We are beyond the nesting season now so you can afford to be cutting vegetation right back off the pavements and roadside. Thanks for your cooperation!

GRIT BINS

We installed more big yellow Grit Bins across the Parish last year so we should be ready when a cold snap comes this winter. They contain industrial salt and everyone is welcome to help themselves to clear away ice from any public path, pavement or road. Spread it thinly and evenly and give it time to work on melting the ice. If the salt is running low, contact the Clerk's Office and we'll get it filled up for you. Keep safe!

As this is our Christmas edition of the Informer, I would like to wish you all, on behalf of all your Parish Councillors, a very happy Christmas and a happy new year

Kevin Shovelton





What's on

Regular Events

Monday	Weekly	09.30 - 11.30 17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	11.45 - 12.45	Post Office	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	14.00 - 16.00	Brench Club	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Weekly	mornings	Jay Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Wednesday	Weekly	10.30 - 12.00	Coffe Morning	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Last of the month	19.30 onwards	St Keyne History Group	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	2nd of the month	19.00 onwards	Parish Council meeting	St Keyne VH / Trewidland VH alternate month
Thursday	1st of the month	19.30 onwards	WI	Duloe Jubilee Centre
Thursday	3rd of the month	19.30 onwards	Gardening Club	St Keyne VH
Thursday	Weekly	evening	Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH
Saturday	1st of the month		Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH

What's on in the parish

07.11.2024	19.30 onwards	WI	Duloe
13.11.2024	10.30-12.00	Podiatrist during Coffee Morning	St Keyne VH
16.11.2024	19.00	Curry night followed by a Quiz	St Keyne VH
21.11.2024	19.00	Garden Club Wreath making	St Keyne VH
28.11.2024	18.30 eyes down 19.30	Bingo	St Keyne VH
29.11.2024	19.30	Psychic show	Trewidland VH
07.12.2024	10.30-13.00	Big Breakfast	St Keyne VH
12.12.2024	18.30 eyes down 19.30	Christmas Bingo	St Keyne VH
20.12.2024	15.00-17.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
21.12.2024	17.00	Christmas Carols around the tree	Trewidland VH
22.12.2024	13.30-17.30	Christmas Raffle	St Keyne Social Club
01.02.2024	10.30-13.00	Big Breakfast	St Keyne VH

The Farming Diary

As a community that is surrounded by agriculture, but for the most part having little involvement in it nowadays, we thought it might be useful for the people of St Keyne and Trewidland to have a brief insight into the agricultural calendar, how our work changes through the seasons, and why we can be seen doing what we do in the fields. Every farm is unique, and things will happen differently depending on where you look and which farm you drive past but, this is what happens at Pensipple Farm, a small, mixed family farm on the edge of Trewidland.



Autumn

With the fever of harvest behind us and the grain and straw safely in the shed, obligatory harvest festivals attended, we look to the next farming cycle. Autumn means we have to quickly take stock of what went right and wrong last year, and see what we need to alter for the coming year. The weather is increasingly playing a major part in decision making. We've had two horrendous harvests in a row now with incessant rain and cool weather making the harvest of an already compromised crop tricky. As weather patterns change, how long will growing cereals in this part of the country still be viable?

Our winter wheat went in in mid-October. We always aim to drill in this time slot as it means we avoid the pests that arrive on earlier drilled crops and has allowed us to dispense with the use of insecticides on our crops for the last 5 years. Although this has resulted in a marked increase in insects across the farm, the pay off with later drilling is we roll the dice with the weather and, this year, we got nearly all of it in but, rain stopped play with 3 acres to go. Hopefully there will be a break long enough to get the last of it in in the next week.

We use a strip till drill which means we very rarely have to plough these days. This reduces costs and time but, crucially, it preserves the soil structure, saves the soil biology from being churned around by the plough, and helps protect organic matter. This in turn helps the soil cope much better with the wetter weather, reducing run-off and erosion, and allowing vehicles to travel on the ground more easily when required.

Autumn is also a key moment in the ewe's calendar. In the first week of November "Rocky" the ram will go in and start doing his work. Prior to him though, there is a "warm up act" in the form of Max,

our "teaser ram". As a vasectomised ram, his job is to encourage the ewes to cycle closer together so that we have a tighter lambing period in the spring. This will mean, all things being well, we will start lambing on (or very close to) 1st April and finish a month later. Lambs have been shorn and are busily grazing our herbal lays at the moment. All being well, they will begin to be sold in the next few weeks. They've been slow to grow this year for some reason and further investigation is required to figure out why that might be.

Antony Ellis

Wednesday Coffee Mornings in St Keyne Village Hall



This is a great chance to meet others in your community held every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Whether you are new to the village or have lived here for some time, please come along and join us, meet your neighbours and have a chat about anything and everything!

A range of coffees are available from the Hall's machine and hot water to make your own tea if required all for the price of £1.

Tracey Mustoe, a podiatrist, visits every 6 weeks during the Coffee Morning and takes bookings to see her privately in the bar area.


Her next visit is on Wednesday 13th November.

We also have regular visits from our local Police Community Support Officer, Steve Edser, who visits to discuss any issues or queries regarding matters that might be of concern to you. He is happy to arrange a private meeting if that is needed or appropriate.

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St Keyne Village Hall



It's been another good few months since the last update namely that the hall is now fitted with it's Solar and battery array. It's providing a great deal of power through out the day and due to the batteries, comfortably into the night. This wouldn't have been possible if it were not for the commitment of the Village hall committee and YOU! our patrons. The increased use of the hall over the last few years has seen a great deal of events and revenue, making it possible for upgrades and maintenance of the hall. But now for the down to earth part of the update; the Village hall needs you, all of you that can help. To put it bluntly it's the same handful or so volunteers that are running all of the events. It's a mixed age of comfortably retired and young families. If you're able to help on a regular basis or even if it's only for a couple events through out the year.

We would be very grateful to hear from you; without more active members of voluntary staff, the hall will have to meter it's amount of events. We felt that this year as two burger and banger nights had to be cancelled due to a lack of staff.

We have had an amazing time with the recent bingo's, breakfasts and themed burgers and Bangers night. With the burgers and Bangers night coming to a close we do carry on with the traditional big breakfast and bingo's and the Curry & quiz night!

Moving to November we have a few events including this year's curry and quiz night which is on Thursday 28th November 7pm curry followed by the quiz.

December! starts off with the big breakfast on Saturday 7th December 10am till 1:30pm

We have a Christmas bingo on Thursday 12th December. Doors open at 6:30, eyes down at 7:30. This year we have a different way of doing things. We will have the regular bingo participants have a chance to book their tickets first. Followed by the village then moving out. We are limited with seats and availability. So on the night if you haven't pre ordered your seat unfortunately you might be turned away. But there is always the next bingo that will be going into January.

The Christmas raffle will be in the social club on the 22nd December. Tickets are £1 and available prior in the social club during opening hours.

To hire our village hall please contact us via our FB page or email Dom: stkeynevsecretary@gmail.com

Home sweet home.

This time I am writing about another hobby of mine which I also like to combine with my love of nature. In my last article you will have seen a picture of the Tawny Owl box that I made for my garden, this is just one of many bird boxes that I have made over the years. Well I do like a bit of woodwork.



I started making bird boxes several years ago and have made many hundred since. Although most people only think about putting these up in their gardens in the Spring, as we approach nesting season, personally I believe that it is far better to put them in place in the Autumn or Winter. If the boxes are sited during the Autumn and Winter it gives the birds more time to find them, get used to them being there and the boxes time to climatize.

The bird nesting boxes that I make follow the size guidance of the RSPB which is very important. We often see these boxes being offered for sale but many are far too small, very often not deep enough for a brood to be successful. I have had blue tits nest a couple of times in our post box at the end of our drive so that will give you an idea of the depth that they like. When the birds are building their nests they add several different layers of materials such as moss, leaves, animal hair, sheep's wool, feathers etc this fills the box by 2-3 inches hence why a good depth is required. If you are thinking of making your own boxes check out the advice given on the RSPB website.

It is also very important that the boxes are sited in just the right place. Yes I know it sounds like the birds are fussy but they know what they need and where they need it. Bird boxes should be sited facing between North and East. This catches the morning sunshine but avoids the hot afternoon sunshine and also out of prevailing wind and rain. More than one person has told me that they have a selection of nesting boxes in their garden but the birds only use



the ones that they have had from me, so guess I must be doing something right.

I have also been know to make hedgehog houses and as we approach hibernation time it is not too late to put one of these in

your garden. I unfortunately am not blessed with having any hedgehogs in my garden at this present time however I know some of you are lucky enough. It's also important to try to fatten up your hedgehogs before they hibernate so leave out some tinned dog or cat food or crushed dog or cat biscuits to help them on their way. If making these boxes it is also very important to follow size guidelines to keep your hedgehogs safe and sound until the Spring, you never know you might even be lucky enough to have some hoglets one day.

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40g Butter
45ml Rum or Brandy or Whiskey or any
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For decorating: Cocoa Powder for dusting or
chopped nuts or 400g Plain Chocolate
melted

Method:

1. Pour cream into a saucepan and bring to boil over a medium heat
Remove from heat and add chocolate
Stir gently until all melted
Stir in butter until melted
Then add alcohol of choice
Pour into a bowl and cool at room temperature, then cover and chill overnight in the fridge
2. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment
Using a tablespoon, form into balls and place on the baking tray
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Recipe supplied by Anne Woolf

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There will be opportunities to be creative through themed art and craft activities, games, songs, a Bible story, refreshments and a shared meal. Attendance is free.

Where is it happening?

Messy Church takes place usually 6 times a year in **St Keyne village hall** or Jubilee Park (summer months) usually on a Wednesday afternoon during the school holiday periods throughout the year. It is run and organised by volunteers who are members of the parish church in St Keyne. The church has an 'Educational Fund' that provides financial support for our Messy Church events.

When is it happening?

The next Messy Church session of 2024 will take place during the Half Term Holiday on

Wednesday 30th October 2024 from 3pm to 5pm. This will also be an occasion to meet our new vicar, Reverend Mark Wade and his family as they plan to join us for Messy Church.

There is also a Messy Church scheduled during the Christmas school holiday period. On this occasion it's planned for

Friday 20th December 2024 from 3pm-5pm.

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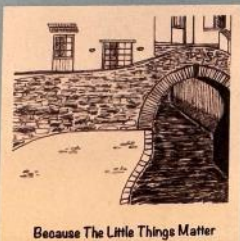
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St Keyne Big Breakfast

Our Big Breakfasts (or lunch or brunch) are held in the Village Hall every two months on the first Saturday from **10.30am to 1pm** and the next one will be on **7th December**. All the food is freshly cooked during the morning and the cost for the hot meal includes as

much toast, tea, coffee and fruit juice as you want.

Please just ask if you would prefer vegetarian sausages and be assured that all the individual items are cooked separately. The full breakfast still costs just £7 (small £4) but we will negotiate the price for smaller or bigger plates if required. We have regular visitors from around the area - from Liskeard and Looe and local villages - as well as from our immediate community. All the profits from each event are passed on to the Village Hall Management Committee to maintain and improve the facility which is so important to the St Keyne community. .

We hope you will be able to join us very soon.

Proposed dates for 2025 are: 1st February, 5th April, 7th June, 2nd August, 4th October and 6th December, so please make a note in your diaries and come along and join us.

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Our meetings are held at Duloe Jubilee Centre in the W I room at 7.30pm

Please come along and see what we do, there is always tea and biscuits and a raffle to enjoy.

If you want to know more, contact

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Hope to see you there.



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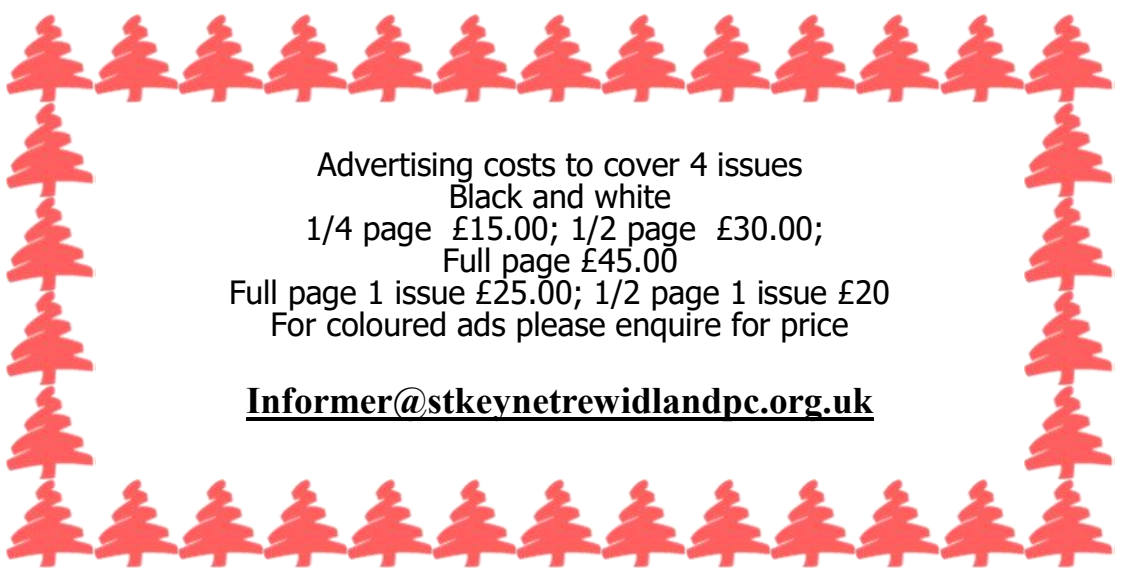
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Did you walk to Trewidland school in the past, using this 'missing' footpath or have you ever used it all ?

If so, please can you call one of us below if you would be happy to complete a statement.

Cornwall Council requests evidence statements from previous footpath users to get it reinstated on the map

Thank you in advance for your help.

Nikk **07516 353210**
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The wildlife friendly garden

Love your slugs and snails



Often misunderstood as mere pests, snails and slugs actually provide a range of benefits to garden ecosystems. Their presence, when properly managed, can contribute significantly to the health and vitality of your garden, making them valuable members of a balanced, thriving environment. They play a vital role as natural decomposers. By feeding on decaying plant material, they accelerate the breakdown of organic matter, enriching the soil with essential nutrients. This nutrient recycling process creates a fertile foundation for plant growth.

As they move through the garden they naturally aerate the soil, creating small air pockets that enhance oxygen and water flow. This improves soil structure, especially in compacted areas, allowing roots to access the nutrients, resulting in a healthier, more resilient garden, with better drainage and moisture retention.

Moreover, snails and slugs serve as an important food source for a variety of beneficial garden wildlife, such as birds, frogs and insects. By sustaining these predators, snails and slugs help maintain a balanced ecosystem, which in turn keeps harmful pest populations in check. This natural predator-prey relationship reduces the need for chemical interventions, promoting a healthier and more organic garden environment.


Their presence also contributes to the overall biodiversity of your garden, which is key to its long-term health and stability. A diverse garden is more resilient to environmental changes, pest invasions, and disease outbreaks. By supporting a wide range of species, including snails and slugs, you foster a dynamic and self-sustaining ecosystem.

In addition, moderate populations of snails and slugs often indicate a well-balanced, thriving garden. Their presence signals healthy soil conditions with adequate moisture and organic content.

Managing snail and slug populations can be challenging, but picking them up and rehomeing them in hedgerows and fields is the kindest way of reducing their numbers. Encouraging natural predators, using barriers such as mulching with rough materials can help keep their numbers in balance without the need for harmful chemicals. This ensures that snails and slugs can continue to benefit your garden without causing harm. Snails and slugs are far from being mere pests; they are valuable allies in creating a vibrant and balanced garden. From enriching the soil to supporting wildlife and biodiversity, these creatures play essential roles in fostering a healthy, self-sustaining ecosystem. So love them or hate them, these slippery creatures are good for your garden.

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