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NEWS AND VIEWS

OCTOBER 2023

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October 2023

Sunday 1st October 2023	11.15 am	Harvest Festival taken by Betty Jarrett
Sunday 8th October 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Allan Coode
Sunday 15th October 2023	11.15 am	Communion Order One CW Page 167 taken by The Revd Canon Michael Adams
Sunday 22nd October 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt
Sunday 29th October 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Don McQuillen-Wright with the Revd Cannon Chris McQuillen-Wright
Sunday 5th November 2023	11.15 am	Morning Prayer on Sunday CW Page 30 taken by Julie Barnecutt

Dates for your Diary:

Wed 15th November	7.00 pm	In the Church. Lisa Cooper will speak on her grandparents experiences of growing up in Ukraine. Collection in aid of Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
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Flowers

October J. Brackenbury November R. Coy
December/January J. Cherry February J. Thomas

FROM THE RECTORY

The Churchwardens will start a debate on “re-wilding the Church Yard” at the Harvest Festival Service on Sunday October 1st. Indeed, this debate may have happened by the time you read this. For as long as anyone can remember Tony Liddicoat has kept the Churchyard in excellent order, in his own time and without reimbursement for materials. We are very grateful to him. However the time has long since passed when he should hang up his strimmer, and this year the moment came when new arrangements have had to be made. Withiel Parish Council, taking account of the service the Churchyards provides to the Parish, and not just the Church, have paid for six cuts this year. Five have taken place, and the sixth is about to happen.

However there is another way. Amelia Lake (of the Real Food Garden) will speak at the Harvest Festival Service of the advantages of re-wilding and the way the technique could be used in our Churchyards. The exact detail of how this could be done have yet to be worked out, but I have some personal knowledge of the process. I let my large lawn grow on past the time when the Primroses had gone over and waited until August before I mowed the now hay field. In the event I did not mow it, but put someone else’s flock of sheep to work who did a very good job to our mutual advantage.

However, I do not expect sheep to be acceptable in the Churchyards, and it will be more difficult to carry out a single cut in September than if the grass had been cut regularly. Others may well think that re-wilding is just an excuse for an untidy Churchyard. Many who have relatives resting there may well regard it as “disrespectful”.

Times are changing, and the Church at large is anxious to support the Climate Change debate in any way that is possible and practicable. This may be a way! There is a debate to have, and all contributions will be very gratefully accepted!

Betty and Simon

WITHIEL WI

Our September meetings are always to celebrate Harvest and this year our speaker was Mary Trace whose talk entitled The Wonderful World of Honeybees was enjoyed by all members.

Mary started her talk by making us aware of the dreaded Asian Hornet which is a real threat to our native bees, there have been 2 nests destroyed in the Plymouth area this summer and we should be on our guard for these pests.

Mary then went on to tell us about the year and life cycle of honeybees explaining how they work, breed and very importantly how they survive the winter. It was so interesting to learn about the hierarchy within the hive and the supremacy of the queen. The most surprising fact was that when bees swarm they become very docile and won't attack or sting though I think I will still give them a very wide berth if ever I see a swarm.

Mary then judged the competitions with a drawing of a pollinator as the main competition

1st Angie Richardson

Flower of the Month

1st Angie Richardson joint 2nd Brenda Harris and Barbara Varcoe

October is the birthday of Withiel WI when we go out for a cream tea instead of a regular meeting but we meet on Friday 3rd November at 7.15pm in the village hall when Maggie Rawlings, a florist, will be demonstrating how to make a seasonal display, do come along if you would like to know more, you will be made very welcome.

Erica



WITHIEL SMBC

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

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Withiel Parish Council September report.

All Councillors attended the September meeting. Also present were two members of the public and Cornwall Councillor Mrs Jenny Cruse.

Cornwall Councillors Mrs. J. Cruse has expressed her concerns about Q Class being used as a 'fall-back' to enable planning permission for new builds in the open countryside, when often these permissions do not fit in with the local neighbourhood plan. Q class is a type of permission which allows redundant buildings such as barns, stables and other agricultural buildings to be developed into residential homes and is intended to ease the pressure on housing in rural areas. She has supported the application by Withiel Village Hall for funding from the Cornwall Levelling Up Scheme via CAP (the new Camel Valley Area Partnership).

Impaired visibility at the Withiel crossroads has been reported by the Chairman, Councillor Martin Davies. This is a recurring issue and it seems that gorse has grown where a post and rail fence had replaced a hedge to improve views of oncoming traffic. The Highways Department have responded that they do not consider this a problem. This has been further challenged and the council will keep residents updated. Please remember that members of the public are free to report such things via this link: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/report-issues-with-hedges-or-verges/> Following the monthly meeting, there has been a site meeting with engineers from Cormac at which new signage plans previously discussed for the parish, were further developed. Once the ideas have been firmed up, there will be a public consultation to follow and we will be sure to publish and promote this so that all residents of the parish are aware of it.

Stiles on the footpath between Brooklands and the bottom of Withiel Hill have been reported as needing attention and Cormac are going to visit the site to ascertain whether improvements can be made to that stretch of footpath, in line with current specifications.

Councillors supported a planning application for a new field access in Retire Lane.

Parish Council spending totalled £966.46 for the two months since the last meeting in July and included the Clerk's salary, training fees for the Chairman and the annual contribution to the News and Views publication. The Clerk will look into securing a new savings account for funds received from Voltaire Solar Energy, so that the amount remains separated from routine spending. It is hoped that Withiel Parish Council can establish written guidelines for local applications to this fund and a suggestion from Councillor Rob Wilson that members of the public be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the funding was greeted with enthusiasm.

Councillor Simon Coy explained that Withiel Parish Council is the Trustee of the Village Hall and its role is to ensure that the Withiel Playing Fields association carries out the terms of the Trust Deed and to make sure that the Hall is not sold.

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Councillor Ms. Janet Shearer reported on the early stages of the new CAP area which will meet on 18th September 2023. She had also attended a Teams meeting of a sub group which is working to identify 'Quiet Lanes' - routes which link up for cyclists, walkers and horse riders without heavy traffic. This initiative is in partnership with Sustrans - <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>. The plan is to have maps of such routes accessible by all.

There are conflicting views within the Council on solar farms: Councillor Rob Wilson was disappointed that a planning application for a new solar farm on what is currently agricultural land had been rejected which, he said, seemed at odds with their ambition to make Cornwall carbon neutral by 2030. The Chairman, Councillor Martin Davies, felt that this was not necessarily a bad thing and that agricultural land should be preserved wherever possible.

The next meeting will be on 4th October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Withiel Village Hall. All are welcome!

On 6th September 2023 along with Eddie and Stephen Horrocks I completed the South West Coast Path for the 2nd time. Initially Stephen and I set out to walk the coast of Cornwall on 23rd January 2020 starting from Cremyll on the western side of the Tamar opposite Plymouth and walked clockwise around the coast finishing at Marsland Mouth just below Hartland Quay in June 2021. We then decided to go to Poole and do



the entire path and I was surprised at how different things looked realising that I had missed some spectacular views on my first walk.

We mostly did day trips as things were a little difficult with 2 lockdowns and then all the social distancing that followed. Lily the black Labrador accompanied us on a lot of days and then on more recent trips Eddie came along.

The last days walking from Porlock Weir to Minehead was one of the hottest we experienced when even the little bits of breeze were hot on top of Selworthy Beacon so it was lovely to drop down through the woods to walk alongside the Bristol

Channel and into Minehead where we celebrated the finish not only with an ice cream but a cream tea as well.

Erica

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 Home visits  Beginners welcome

Withiel Women's Institute

We meet the first Friday of the month at 7.15pm in Withiel Village Hall.

If you are interested in joining us, please phone our Secretary Erica Simpson 0777 444 9377 For more information.

New members will be welcomed

*I went to the barbers and said I wanted a haircut like Tom Cruise.....
So he put a cushion on the chair*

Autumn report 2023

The closure of the Green Valley Road at Borough View has had a huge impact on the local community and surrounding villages, particularly residents accessing Bodmin Hospital. I have met with the Designer, Developer and Contractor to determine exactly why four years after being built the road needed significant repair. Essentially the road was not built to specification and failed to the point it became urgent to repair (right in the middle of the holiday season). The work is being completed but in total will have caused 3 months of disruption. Lessons must be learnt, and therefore I am particularly concerned about future large housing developments in my ward. The Levelling up Bill which is likely to be adopted in October will have an impact on the Camel Special Area of Conservation as the phosphates embargo appears to be lifted. The unsatisfactory state of the river Camel, the lack of Hospital, Doctor, School, and Dentist amenities, along with the added number of cars on our over-stretched roads and parking gives me great cause for concern. Plans to improve the water treatment works at Nanstallon and Scarlett Well need to be satisfactorily in place before any further building takes place. Concern lies around the siting on valuable carbon sequential wetlands and endangered species habitat. Cornwall Council has declared a Climate and Ecological emergency and it simply cannot be acceptable to destroy areas of such value to the community. I also am uncomfortable with proposals to build on valuable farmland, as food security and supporting our farming community is also supported by this administration.

It is therefore very important that we as a community have our say about these matters. It is my understanding this will now become part of the planning process and I urge all members of our community to take part in consultations regarding planning. Currently there is an exhibition of the Bodmin Neighbourhood Draft Plan at the Shire Hall open for public consultation, this plan will affect the surrounding villages and it is important to have your say and the <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk> site is a valuable place to visit and keep abreast of current planning consultations and all manner of plans which will affect the environment.

As I sit here on the hottest of days I can hear the tractor in the next field bringing in the hay, a comforting and reassuring sound and one I hope we all hear for many years to come.

As always happy to help and hear your opinions at any time.

Best wishes Jenny

Cllr.jennifer.cruse@cornwall.gov.uk

*I hear they are developing a mind controlled air freshener.....
Makes scents when you think about it.*



Garden Show and Supper

The Show this year really was a treat. There were over 650 entries with fantastic displays of local talent that must have made some of the judging extremely difficult. The Show certainly did Withiel proud. After the viewing and when the exhibits had been removed it was time to prepare the hall for the evening Supper dance.

Outside in the brilliant sunshine Tony Liddicoat was presenting the cups and trophies. It's really gratifying to see so many children taking part. Next David Harris took centre stage with his inimitable style of auctioneering, afterwards you could see people wandering around in a daze muttering things like "How did he make me pay £5.00 for four carrots" or "£3.00 for a cucumber and I don't even like cucumbers" It's all for a good cause. The evening supper had, as always, tables piled high with food with everyone forgetting their diets, the puddings were to die for.



Bridget Rundle and Charlotte Matthews are two amazing ladies who provide all this for us each year. They are helped by their families, husbands and children who pitch in from Friday night set up to Sunday morning clear up but of course the organisation starts weeks before. I think they all deserve medals.

The grand sum of £1040.00 was raised for the village hall.



Jenny



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Withiel Village Hall Social Group - Upcoming Events 2023

Saturday 14th October Bingo. 7pm for 7:30pm start. Tea,
Coffee and biscuits

Saturday 11th November Christmas Craft Fayre. 10am Tea,
Coffee, cake biscuits.

Saturday 9th December Cornish Evening. 7pm. Dance,
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WITHIEL VILLAGE HALL

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STRIDING OUT

With the continuous wet and dull days we have had this summer some weeks it has been hard to fit in a long walk and on one such day at the end of July there were some really heavy showers and I was blaming the inaccuracy of the weather forecast for spoiling a walk I had planned for the day. But all was not lost as by 11am the sun was out and a good, drying breeze had got up so food and water were packed and off we went to Lanivet where I parked and then set out to Helman Tor. I was walking the path for the Saint's Way but when I reached Reperry Cross instead of turning left and going past St Ingunger which is the official route I turned right and crossed the road and then took the left hand road up the hill. I occasionally drive along the road past St Ingunger and find that the amount of traffic is quite heavy being used as a cut through to Lanhydrock making it a bit awkward with a car let alone walking along with a dog which is why I go the way I do. The road joins up with the recognised route at Trebell Green and I feel sure that the pilgrims would have used this way too at times. There are a couple of gateways near the top of the hill which give the most impressive views of Bodmin town and beyond as well as back to St Breock downs before carrying on over the brow of the hill and down to Trebell Green where I picked up the official Saint's Way again.

Bearing around to the right I continued along the road to where the Saint's Way splits and where I chose to go left following the eastern route with the western route going to the right along the main roadway on the flat to Gunwen Chapel and then through Luxulyan, St Blazey, Tywardreath and then on to Fowey. I branched off here and took the dead end road uphill and reaching the stile in the fence on my left then climbed up the hill to the top of Helman Tor which provided the best spot to sit and have my sandwich. Some beautiful Belted Galloway heifers were grazing nearby, they are a breed of cattle favoured for their hardiness and ability to thrive on poor ground and are used to graze and tread down the bracken and brambles to create better habitat for various plants, birds and animals. As their name suggests they are black or dun with a broad white belt behind the shoulders.

There were a few people with children on the tor enjoying their picnics and the expansive views while the children had great fun scrambling around on the rocks.

After I had eaten I left the top of the tor and took the old walled track in the direction of Lanlivery from where the Saint's Way follows the eastern route over fields, across the A390 and then along minor roads to Golant before finishing at Fowey. I took a footpath off the track, over a wooden stile on my left and then followed signs for the Wilderness Trail down to and through Redmoor which is managed by Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Passing through tall bracken and plenty of ragwort, ideal for ticks, we left the field and took the path through the moors at the bottom. It's name sums up exactly what it is with very wet, low lying ground with large tussocks and small trees. The streams that run through here are a brownish orange due to the ores that are found in the area.

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Although the site is managed by CWT I was struck by how quiet the moor was with no audible birdsong and only a few wood pigeons flapping noisily to fly away. There was no sign that deer were on this part of the moor as there were no footprints to be seen in the damp mud and no fox or badger paths around.

Following the left hand path and coming to a concrete farm lane that leads up to Tre-
vilmick Farm I went straight across and followed the well defined path passing some
really wet ground and more reddish streams before coming to a stile and into an old
dark lane which brought me out onto the council road where a right turn took me
back to Trebell Green and then on to the road I was on earlier and back to Reperry
Cross and Lanivet.

Erica

ST WENN GARDEN CLUB

I hope you have had a lovely summer and your gardens are looking great. Here is our programme for the coming months. All are welcome to attend and you don't need to know anything about gardening to come along. Subscriptions are £7 for the year (paid in full in October) or £2 per session to pay as you go.

2nd October – Gary Long (head gardener at Trewithen Gardens) – Annual Garden Maintenance

6th November – Sarah Donoghue – Alchemilla. The Medicine of Weeds.

4th December – Mike Stephens – Know your Onions / All about Alliums.

8th January – Jim Stephens – Camellias

5th February – Kate Dibble – All About Compost

4th March – Cornwall Bee Society

8th April – TBC

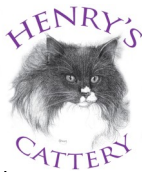
We meet on the first Monday of the month from 7.30-9.00p.m. in St Wenn WI Hall. Refreshments are provided. We welcome any donations for the raffle and for the cuttings table.

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