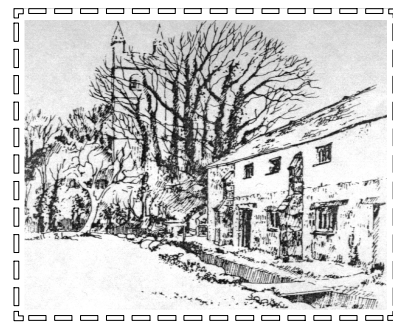




# THE POUNDSTOCK PACKET

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## Summer celebrations – weddings, christenings and birthdays



Sarah Moorwood, daughter of Gail and Charlie, married Jason Burns on 25 July. They emerged from church to an archway of gig oars.

The clergy and people of St Winwaloe's were delighted to welcome the families and friends of four couples who were married in the church in June and July:

13 June Helen Blaise & Jeremy Bailey

20 June Annie Whitford-Gunter & Adam Vickers, from Swindon

11 July Helena Mercer & Christopher Brown, from Aylesbury

25 July Sarah Moorwood & Jason Burns

A very warm welcome to the Menzies family of Bangors Green, especially Cassiddy-Jayne Sarah Menzies, her dad Jason Alexander David Menzies, who is also her godfather, and her godmother Madeleine Alexandra Rowlands, all baptised here on 19 July by Revd George.



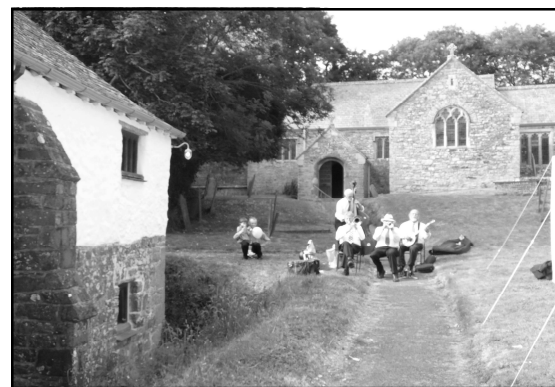
Helen Blaise, daughter of Angela Dunn, married Jeremy Bailey on 13th June 2009. Pictured with Reverend Rob Dickenson.



Pat Rowland wonders whether there's enough food at her birthday celebration . . .

And happy birthday to Pat Rowland and Pat Moore, who both celebrated special birthdays this summer.

Pat Moore's surprise party was such a well-kept secret that we don't even have a picture. All aspiring press photographers, please apply to the Editor!



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- 9 Bangors Chapel Anniversary Concert, Bangors Hall, 6.30pm
- 12 At the Gildhouse: Cornish World Heritage sites talk, 7.30pm
- 13 Family Tudor Day, Gildhouse, 10am–4pm
- 14 Cream tea, Summerhouse, Widemouth Bay, 3pm
- 15 Bude Carnival
- 19 Poundstock Churchyard Memorial Day, 10am–4pm
- 27 Holsworthy and Stratton Agricultural Show
- 29 Bude Jazz Festival opens (continues to 5 September)
- 31 Bude RNLI Lifeboat Day
- 31 Bude Horticultural Show

**September**

- 8 Marhamchurch WI: Ellie's Doll Workshop
- 9 At the Gildhouse: Quiz night, 7.30pm
- 10 Jacobstow WI, Autumn in the garden
- 11 Parchment craft, Summerhouse, Widemouth Bay, 2pm
- 16 Widemouth Bay Residents' Association, Summerhouse, 4pm
- 28 Poundstock Packet meeting, Treskinnick Farmhouse, 7.30pm
- 29 Bangors Chapel Council Meeting, 2.30pm

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Meetings

No meeting in August

September 8 Ellie's Doll Workshop: Lesley  
Edwards

Competition: An old family toy

**JACOBSTOW W.I.**

Meetings

No meeting in August

September 10 Autumn in the garden – plant  
propagation: Nick from Trelawney

Competition: Something beginning with N

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Jacobstow WI

### Thank you from Jean Corne

The coffee morning in May in memory of Ron Sharpe raised £470.64, which has been donated to Cornish Hospice Care. Thank you to all who helped, attended and gave so generously. It was an amazing morning, and Ron made sure that the sun was shining.

### Have you lost an earring?

Found near the Gildhouse, a crystal drop earring with a screw fitting. Contact Liz Jones, 361147.

### From the church visitors' book

Our farthest-travelled visitors so far this summer have come from Western Australia, the USA, Canada, Jerusalem and Brazil. Comments in the book include:

'What happened to the pews?' (a regular query)

'Delicious jam!'

'Beautiful bell-ringers!'

'My parents were married here in 1947.'

'A wonderfully eerie place.'

'A place for peace and contemplation.'

'Something here for all religions.'

'My ancestors loved this place and so do I'

'We are glad we came.'

And finally, rather more down-to-earth:

'Came for a wedding. Could have done with a coffee lounge.'

Well, I suppose if we'd known the bride was going to be fifty minutes late ...

*Liz Jones*

### TEAMWORK

This seems a good time to remind you how much the production of your parish magazine depends on teamwork. Our assistant editor, Liz Jones, always makes an invaluable contribution, but she has been responsible for putting together the whole of this issue, while I've had a rest.

She is not the only indispensable member of a large 'packet crew' who make sure your magazine gets to you every two months. There's a long chain of activity from securing advertising to contributions to editing, then printing and sorting ready for the first round of distribution to the 2 dozen or so local distributors. Every link in this chain is vital and the parish owes its gratitude to every single volunteer, forming part of the chain.

If you think we could do anything better (and we have no doubt we could), you have the opportunity to come along to our management meetings, open to anyone resident in our parish. The next one is on Friday 28th September (see below). Even if you're just interested and haven't got a point to make, you'd be most welcome.

*Dudley Moore*



### Poundstock Packet Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Poundstock Packet Group is at Treskinnick Farmhouse on 28 September at 7.30pm. It's open to everyone living in Poundstock, so come along and add your views on your magazine – you'll be very welcome.

### At the Gildhouse

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|-------------|--|
| 12 August   | Cornish World Heritage sites: an illustrated talk by Adam Paynter                |
| 13 August   | Family Tudor Day: £5, including lunch. Tickets from TIC Boscastle (01840 250010) |
| 9 September | Quiz night   |
| 14 October  | Friends of Poundstock Gildhouse annual social event                              |

And don't forget that the Gildhouse continues to be open every Wednesday for visitors to drop in and look around. Opening times are 10am to 4pm. All events begin at 7.30 unless otherwise stated. For more details, phone 01288 341537 or go to [www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk](http://www.poundstockgildhouse.co.uk)

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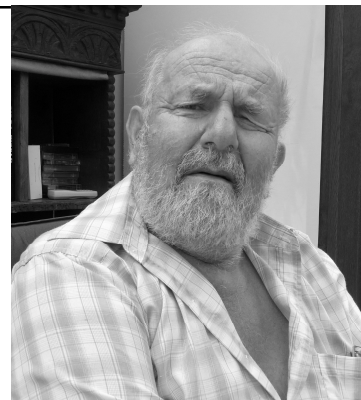
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## THE INTERVIEW WITH ... JOHN BAKER



*When did you come to Poundstock?*

We moved here from the other side of the Tamar in about 1973. I'm not a local, I come from near London Airport – Slough. We farmed here from 1973 for about twenty years and milked a big herd of cows.

*People will know you as the man who started the youth club*

I didn't start it completely on my own, I was one of the founder members. I got involved because we'd moved into the village, and we were part of the village, I suppose. It was the youth of the village that came to us and asked us to start the youth club, not us adults – they came to us and said, 'Is there any chance that any of the adults in the village would be prepared to start a youth club?' There were about seven or eight of us that took up the challenge and created the youth club.

It was based in the village hall and we split it into two groups, from 6 or 6.30 in the evening until 8 for the younger ones, and then 8 o'clock onwards for the older ones. I think we had ten or twelve to start with. But we ended up, after about twelve months or so, with over seventy.

*That sounds like a success!*

It was a success, it was a great success, and they came from all over the place because there weren't any other youth clubs in the area – word of mouth, I suppose. It went on very well for several years. But in the end, like everything, something else takes over.

*How did you entertain them?*

Well, none of us did the dance! We got together a pool table, table tennis, dart board, that sort of thing. And at the time there was a great resurgence of skittles. A couple of the boys came to us and said, 'Why don't we put a youth club team into the Holsworthy skittle league?' So we raised money, a lot of money in those days, about £200 I think, and had a skittle alley made. It was in five parts and we used to have to put it up and take it down each evening. And we put a team from the youth club in the Holsworthy and District Skittle League, boys – I must admit it was very sexist in those days – and a team of helpers. Because of course the boys couldn't drive and we had to take them, so we had a youth club team and an adult team. From that, the ladies of the village formed a team and they're still going. The men's team went for several years after the youth club lost support, but they've now withdrawn from the league.

Another thing we did, for the Queen's silver jubilee the youth club decided we'd better do something for the village: they thought: 'Every other village in the world is doing something so why don't we?' So we put on a village day, which was very successful. We had novelty sports and fancy dress and all sorts of competitions – throwing wellies and so on. I suppose it was the forerunner of the Revel. From that, the next year we introduced a garden produce show into this magical fun day for the village. It was a typical old village vegetable and flower show, in the parish hall, and to make it of more interest, as well as all the fancy dress and the fun bits we had a local craft show – a painting section and a craftwork section, a kiddies' section, all sorts of things – and we ran that for about ten years. We got good support for it. But I suppose like most things in most villages it always ends up with a few doing it, and I think the few got tired, and to be fair a lot of them moved. In actual fact only two of us live in the village still.

*And these days?*

I enjoy my garden. I claim that wherever you sit in the garden – and I've got quite a few seats all through the garden – you can see about thirty different species of trees, most of which I've grown from seed or cuttings in the last twenty years or so. I do claim to have a garden of trees – if ever I open it to the public, it'll be 'The Garden of Trees'.

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## TALK, TALK, TALK

Regional dialects and phrases seem to be rapidly disappearing and a Cornish dialect is a rarity these days. A few generations ago it was the normal way of communicating between local people who would use more conventional English for new arrivals. If new residents would not, or could not, tone down the dialect they brought with them it could take them quite a long time to be 'welcomed to the club', as it were. Dialects, phrases and grammar (or lack of it) could vary by districts. In the early development of Widemouth, a member of the Poundstock Parish Council referred to the new residents as 'foreigners'. In my younger days relatives from Falmouth would talk about where they lived as 'downalong we'. The use of that phrase 'allalong, downalong, outalong lea' appears in the old Devonshire folksong 'Widecombe Fair', so some of the talk is Westcountry rather than that of a particular county. Poundstock is only a few miles from the Devon border so some overlap is inevitable, especially at market times when farmers had to do business with each other and when a handshake was as good as a signature. Prepositions used to wander about in some local phrases: 'Ware be going to?' is one that comes to mind. Perhaps Winston Churchill was thinking of such a phrase when he remarked, 'That is the sort of language up with which I will not put.'

A few colourful domesticated words that I can recall are: 'wisht' or 'winard' for someone 'not looking well'; 'thicky' for 'that'; 'traipsing around' for 'walking about'; 'maised' or 'flummuxed' for 'puzzled'; 'girt lummo' for 'a great idiot'; 'Cornish fairings', 'biscuits'; 'lambastin' for 'physical punishment'; 'gawking' for 'looking'. Consulting with Cornish relatives, spelling of the above words seems to be optional; the pronunciation is the important thing.

As travel became easier and holidays were more affordable, the Westcountry became a popular destination. Films, radio and TV were also a great influence. An aging population with good retirement packages moved in and locals began to be aware of many 'upcountry' accents and sayings. They may have heard the old Yorkshire song 'On Ilkla Moor Baht At' and that piece of advice, 'If tha ever does out for nowt see that tha does it for thysen'. People from Lincolnshire and areas around may have used the word 'daisy' for something that implies goodness.

Then there is the Birmingham accent, which was the result of the industrial revolution bringing in farm workers from surrounding counties seeking higher-paid factory work.. The resulting dialect was a blend of the dialects they brought with them. The dialect often pronounced the vowel sound of 'ir', as the sound of 'e' in the word 'bed'. Supposedly, a boy in class said to his teacher, 'A bed flew in the window.' In Brooklyn, New York, the same observation was made as the boy in Birmingham, except in Brooklyn the 'ir' would be pronounced the same as the sound of 'oy' in the word 'toy'. The boy in Brooklyn said to his teacher, 'A boyd flew in the window.' The teacher corrected him, saying, 'That's not a boyd, it's a bird.' The boy replied, 'Well, it choyps like a boyd.' I guess the correction was lost on him.

Robert Burns, the Scottish farmer's son wrote much of his poetry in dialect and became famous as the farmer poet. His poem to a mouse having its nest turned up by a plough starts as follows: 'Wee sleekit, cowering, timrous beastie'; it also contains the wise warning that 'The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley.' One cannot imagine the poem would flow so beautifully if it were written any other way than in dialect.

Prior to the Second World War, BBC announcers generally spoke using what was known as an Oxford accent. In an effort to demoralize the British, the German government used the services of someone who became known as Lord Haw Haw to broadcast news over the radio using an Oxford accent. He warned people about which districts were going to be bombed that night, but people seldom listened as it was mostly just propaganda. The BBC came up with a solution and created regional announcers who started by saying who they were, using the local accent. I remember one for a northern area who would say, 'This is Wilfred Pickles and this is the 6 o'clock news.' Lord Haw Haw would have had a problem duplicating that accent.

What must have puzzled foreign translators was the English habit of using phrases that packaged adverbs and adjectives together that were contradictory, such as 'awfully nice' or 'terribly good'. Maybe Shakespeare started it when Romeo said, 'Parting is such sweet sorrow' when he knew he was going to see Juliet tomorrow. A foreign translator may find it difficult to believe that some English speakers end sentences with a rebuke to the person speaking. A person might say, 'I see you are limping today,' intending it to be an expression of sympathy. The person addressed might answer, 'Well, I sprained my ankle, didn't I.' Such an answer would seem extremely impolite to a foreign translator.

Venturing into foreign phrases, the meaning can often get lost in translation. Take a French lady being told her new dress '*C'est formidable*': she would be flattered. An English lady, being told her dress is 'formidable', would be off to the bedroom to change. However, meanings being lost in translation is a whole new 'kettle of fish'!

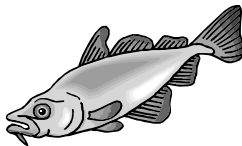
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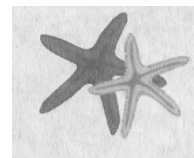
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27 9.30 Routly

30 9.30 Paynter

### Ruminations from the Rectory

Dawn, Wednesday morning. It is another drenching day and, even when the rain stops, a soft wind rattles torrents from the beech trees that make a sopping border between the garden and the glebe. This morning, I have nothing to do except go. Newly priested, it is Richard who will celebrate the Quiet Mass at Widemouth today. Will he talk about the weather, I wonder, for today is St Swithun's day.

A modest but very holy man, Swithun's last will and testament was that he was to be buried under the minster path, with his friends walking over him on their way into church. How furious he would have been with the bishop who later dug him up and put him inside in a shrine, and who is therefore to blame, of course, for all this July rain. He has much to answer for.

At the church, Rupert's much tended garden is sodden, the roof of its summerhouse glittering in the early morning light. Inside, however, the sometime oratory glows with its customary warmth, whatever the weather, complimented by Richard's smile. St Swithun receives a brief mention and we are all appropriately censured by St Matthew's Gospel reminding us that our Heavenly Father 'sends rain upon the righteous and upon the unrighteous'. No chance for a reprieve, then, for even the most pious amongst us this morning.

Yesterday, as with appropriate piety the Deanery Chapter came to the Rectory to pray and study together, the weather had been no better. Nudging the Saxon rainmaker, Swithun, the lectionary presented that day's celebration as a remembrance of John Keble. Unlike Swithun, Keble did not have a struggle in avoiding preferments that would play havoc with his personality, for only one was offered to him – the archdeaconry of Barbados. So he stayed in his parish to write a few lasting hymns like 'New every morning is the love' or 'Blest are the pure in heart'.

And yet, in the late nineteenth century, it was this a small, shy young priest who, with a single sermon, had denounced the nation for turning away from God and for regarding the Church as a mere institution of society – which is probably why he was offered Barbados! The sermon was a nationwide sensation. It set the Church of England in flames and engendered a massive change in both its identity and its mission.

Similarly, like Keble, our new young Bishop, Tim Thornton, has preached a revival for our economically anxious Diocese and, far from putting a damper on our mission, has exhorted us to begin seeking new and adventurous ways forward for our churches. In *his* already famous inaugural sermon he said: 'We, fellow pilgrims, can be confident in our faith. We need to speak out in the face of the storms that beset us. We need to speak out, and speak up, so that the world can hear again the message that God is here and that God loves us.'

Outside again, a rainstorm besets the garden and the birds sing a little louder as they do in noisy downpours, prompting those departing to distract themselves from this new and worrying responsibility with a more acceptable and seasonal anxiety: 'It is July,' they complain, 'and we haven't had a summer, and it will be winter before you turn round!'

*Revd Rob*

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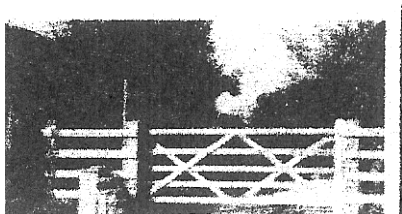
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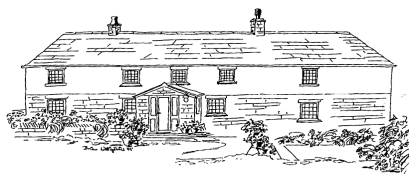
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### **Bishop Tim's visit to Widemouth Bay**

The Diocese of Truro's new leader, Bishop Tim, is becoming a familiar figure as he seeks to acquaint himself with the northern bounds of his See. It was Widemouth's turn on Tuesday 18 June when he came to bless five beautiful new altar-cloths made by local resident Hazel Bullen. He spent a large part of the afternoon of his whistle-stop tour sharing the company of a churchful of people for a special service of hymns and readings conducted by the Rev. Rob Dickenson, afterwards attending an informal tea party on the lawns and in the Summerhouse when everyone had the chance to chat with this unassuming but dynamic new force for Cornwall.

Bob and Hilda Walter are retiring after many years as churchwardens and one of two (as it happened) surprises was the presentation of a bouquet of flowers from the parish and, from the Bishop, a personally signed certificate of appreciation. This was accompanied by a pre-prepared speech from Bishop Tim, who insisted on a reprise when Hilda's self-effacing husband, Bob, appeared later in the proceedings, having got wind that something was up! This time, the flowers were replaced by a Harry McConville framed print as a token of the parish's appreciation of all that he and Hilda have achieved over the years. Judy McDonald is now taking over Bob and Hilda's work.

A chance private remark gives an insight into Bishop Tim's exceptional outlook: 'I almost feel guilty of having enjoyed myself so much! – but then I think "If I have enjoyed myself, others have too."' And that was certainly the case. Thank you.

*Rupert Powell*

### **Art and Crafts at Widemouth Bay**

August – the holiday month – is traditionally a quiet time for activities and so it was natural that the Art and Crafts Group in Widemouth Bay should recently turn their attention to planning ahead for the autumn and (perish the thought) up to the New Year! (Membership is casual and unrestricted.)

The Summerhouse in Leverlake Road now has a full programme and some dates are given below, but new ideas and new faces are always welcome. A glance through the Summerhouse window will reveal a mixture of landscapes, portraits, still life and even a bit of Chinese painting which the Art side has done, and there has been much else besides. No interest is excluded, be it gardening (volunteers needed!), photography, travel or anything. No one is an expert, but hidden talents can be revealed and everyone has the chance to develop a skill in friendly surroundings with a chat over tea and biscuits. Attendance costs nothing, only your time – and you never know, just being there might rekindle an interest which you could share, and not necessarily confined to artistic handicrafts.

In addition to a Cream Tea in aid of the RNLI on 14<sup>th</sup> August from 3 to 5pm costing £3, other events include:

September    11 and 18 Parchment Craft (£2 towards materials please); 25 usual activities.

October        9 Patchwork theme and 'The Amish'; 23 usual art and crafts.

November     6 Collage (fire and fireworks) make your own picture; 20 Barbara Lake on 'Whitstone Head'.

December     4 Christmas Medley: make and taste a seasonal recipe, church service poster design, Christmas poems, 'Who is it?' (picture on the wall competition); 18 tea, mince pies and mulled wine will follow the church carols and Evensong Service.

Meetings are generally on alternate Fridays at 2pm and are advertised in the Summerhouse window.

*Jenny Powell*

### **Widemouth Bay Residents' Association News**

The residents' barbeque was voted a success and we raised £120. We will decide at the September meeting how the money should be spent – one suggestion is to use it for a community notice board and the remainder to go to the Air Ambulance. Next meeting 16 September at 4 pm in the Summerhouse. If you have a view, please come along!

*Nicky Vereker*



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You are more than welcome to call in to discuss your requirements at any time and view various small items for sale in the showroom section of the workshop.

#### Three Bees of Bude, Unit 2, Lower Wharf

Hello, I'm Adele and I work at Unit 2. I live locally with my partner Jason and dog Willow.

I've been designing and making jewellery since my teens. I have an A level in art and a teaching certificate in silver clay technology; this helps me to teach my skills to others, which I enjoy.

I have now ventured for the first time into selling. I make many different and unique styles of jewellery. This winter, I am looking forward to having time to develop my skills in different mediums – beads and silver have been so popular that I have concentrated my time on that at the moment. The silver fingerprint jewellery is proving to be very popular.

I am now starting to develop a formal and wedding jewellery range to include tiaras and hair combs and pins. I do many one-off orders and commission work as well as mending jewellery for customers. I like a challenge! The three Bs are for beads, buttons and bags. I look forward to your visit to my unusual studio.

*Adele*

#### Bleujen, Unit 1, Lower Wharf

I took on the shop at Unit 1 in December 2008 after the council had finished its redesign of this area. I went to Jacobstow CP School and Budehaven Community School. I did a three-year floristry course at Camborne College and became Student of the Year. I am off to Bicton College in September 2009 to do a higher floristry course for a further two years. I did my apprenticeship with Joan Trewin here in Bude.

Competitions are a great part of my work, showing people my unique style and design. In June, for the first time I entered three classes at the Royal Cornwall Show and won first, third and fourth. I also received a special cup from the Farmers of Cornwall Agricultural Association. I have just won through the semi-finals of the British Young Florist of the Year competition at Tatton Park, and will be off to Birmingham for the final. Meanwhile I have also entered classes at the Holsworthy Show in August. I look forward to seeing you down at the wharf at our row of fantastic, wonderful, amazing, fab shops!

*Erica Tippett*

### Bishop Tim comes to Poundstock

The new Bishop of Truro visited the Gildhouse and St Winwaloe's Church in early July as part of his 'get-to-know-you' tour of North Cornwall. On Sunday 5 July he celebrated Holy Communion at St Winwaloe's with Revd George, and then enjoyed coffee and a chat with the congregation after the service.

His visit to the Gildhouse was quite a contrast with his usual duties, as he enthusiastically joined in with a range of Tudor activities. Great fun was had by all!



Mistress Dingle instructs the Bishop in the art of making bread trenchers



Students from Stratton and Bude Junior Schools provided a great demonstration of Tudor dancing, and had no trouble persuading Bishop Tim to join in.

### Wild about Poundstock: summer sightings – or not!

It's been a funny old month, with some good things and some not so good, like the weather. When it was warm and sunny, the butterflies were numerous in my valley and it was lovely to see the emergence of meadow browns, ringlets and my favourites, the marbled whites and silver-washed fritillaries.

The meadow browns, ringlets and marbled whites make full use of my flower-rich meadows. All three require old meadows with plenty of 'wild' grass species rather than valueless rye grass. There have been drifts of blue tufted vetch and of yellow bird's foot trefoil. This is the food plant of the little red and black six-spot burnet moth and the common blue butterfly, which should be flying when you read this.



I do have to announce a death, though! It would seem that we have lost the nationally scarce small pearl-bordered fritillary from the Millook valley. There had been a colony further down from my property, but nothing has been seen of them for two years, probably because of the scrubbing up of the previously grazed land.

Good to see recently was a barn owl. These are now becoming very scarce but one flew out of a shed I had to visit not too far away. Sure enough, there was evidence that the owl had been roosting there, with quite a lot of the tell-tale bone-filled pellets that owls regurgitate after a meal, usually of voles. More importantly, will it find a mate and breed there next year, or is it already doing so somewhere else?

Also good to see here on my property this month were seven stems of broad-leaved helleborine. This is an orchid, which, although not rare, is confined to the eastern part of Cornwall. Standing at about 1 foot high, with dark red and green flowers, it likes shady woodland sites, often close to a stream, and flowers in late July and August. Let me know if you come across them anywhere.



*Tim Dingle*

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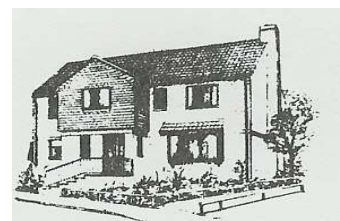
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### Our Sky in August 2009

Saturn is now lost in the sunset, but Jupiter is rising in the south east before midnight, and is prominent low in the south all night. Mars and Venus rise in the east before dawn, the latter being a brilliant morning 'star' throughout the month.

NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) has transmitted its first images since reaching lunar orbit on June 23rd. The Orbiter is the latest of many spacecraft returning images of the Moon's surface, but this one has been specifically designed to search for potential landing sites for future explorers, locate potential resources, describe the Moon's radiation environment, and demonstrate new technologies.

The spacecraft has two cameras, a low resolution Wide Angle Camera and a high-resolution Narrow Angle Camera. As the Moon rotates under the spacecraft, the cameras will build up a map of the total surface. The satellite also has started to activate its six other instruments. The Lunar Exploration Neutron Detector will look for regions with enriched hydrogen that potentially could have water ice deposits. The Cosmic Ray Telescope for the Effects of Radiation is designed to measure the Moon's radiation environment. Other instruments include the Lunar Orbiter Laser Altimeter, designed to build 3-D topographic maps of the Moon's landscape; the Diviner Lunar Radiometer Experiment, which will make temperature maps of the lunar surface; and the Miniature Radio Frequency, or Mini-RF, an experimental radar and radio transmitter that will search for subsurface ice and create detailed images of permanently shaded craters.

The final instrument is an ultraviolet-light imager that will use starlight to search for surface ice. It will take pictures of the permanently shaded areas in deep craters at the lunar poles. These craters offer the best chance of finding water ice deposited over billions of years of comet bombardment; the discovery of water ice in a crater would be of the greatest importance since it would obviate the need to carry water to the Moon for future explorers; it would also provide a source of oxygen and hydrogen – the former for breathing and both, when separated, to provide fuel for further interplanetary exploration.

Some people question the huge amounts of money being devoted to space exploration; however, once humans lose the will or the interest to try to understand their surroundings, including the vastness of the Universe, they will become no more than foraging animals, content only to exist. – discuss!

*Bill Turnill*

### The weather report

Since the last *Packet* report our weather station in the north-east corner of the parish, two miles inland, has recorded:

	<b>June</b>	<b>July (up to 25th)</b>
Wettest day	0.31in (6th)	1.38 in (16th)
Total rain	0.64 in	5.49 in
Days of rain	6	17
Highest temp	28.2 °C (12:30 30th)	29.3 °C (12:20 1s t)
Lowest temp	4.4 °C (01:20 7th)	9.7 °C (01:20 14th)
Max wind gust	2.4 mph (16:50 19th)	33 mph (11:40 17th)
Windiest day	9.4 mph (19th)	13.7 mph (17th)
Dominant wind direction	WNW	W

*Graham Jones*

### Mapping the churchyard

The Cornwall Family History Society have an ongoing project recording all the memorials in the county, including all the inscriptions on gravestones in our churchyards. The aim is to provide a full record that can be used by people tracing their Cornish ancestry, so every last detail is carefully noted. Eventually a map will also be made of every graveyard, showing the site of all the memorials.

As you can imagine, this is no small undertaking and the CFHS need some help. They've already listed the inscriptions in Poundstock Churchyard, but the information needs to be thoroughly checked – and that's where we come in. If you're interested in local or family history, or if you just enjoy pottering about in a beautiful and peaceful churchyard, come along on Wednesday 19 August between 10 and 4 (refreshments provided), and help to create a resource that will be useful to people the world over.

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## **Councillor Report**

Just over a month since the election there have been meetings of most directorate areas of the council.

**Highways:** Generally too much money has been spent of reactive road treatment throughout Cornwall rather than a proactive plan of resurfacing and improvement. At present most of the highways resource is spent on reactive (often short-term) repairs. It has been decided that this cannot continue.

**Communication:** It has been decided to scrap the monthly Cornwall Council Newspaper. The costs were very high and the benefits of using the weekly newspapers would both reduce those costs and be more up-to-date.

**Finances:** Cornwall Council is not in a good position financially. It has debt of some £550 million pounds. At the moment this debt can be financed at a favourable interest but interest rates are likely to rise shortly and at 5%, for instance, the £27 million interest payments will have to come out of services for that particular year. This debt has the potential to be a real drain on resources which is why we need to address it.

**Human Resources (staff):** Most staff have now been integrated into their new role. There is much to do as, because of the changes to unitary, the morale of staff is low and this does impact on to customer services.

**Other issues:** Something the District Council did very well was helping support village projects with match funding. As yet I have found no funding streams for parish initiatives. There appear to be no funds available and it seems, worryingly, that there is no money allocated for any funds that are started. We had a great team at North Cornwall who could find grants and match funding. There is a person allocated for this job but as I write this she has no desk, phone or grant fund software to find the grants. I have said this should be sorted with high priority as I have four parishes wishing to improve their village halls and others working on similar projects and I am getting no help.

I have to end this report by adding that I have found most new processes, from planning to highways, frustrating and the public are reporting the similar for adult social care and housing. The structure set up before the election seems to have created an organisation that does everything but nothing particularly well. All of these things will improve.

If your usual avenues of help have met with difficulty or if I can assist you or your family in any way please don't hesitate to call me. Cllr Phil Tucker 01288 341617 philip.tucker@homecall.co.uk

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- Unmarried partners and civil partners who have not registered may be frozen out. Without a will they cannot inherit from each other. If you leave no will, are you remotely happy that someone so close to you may get nothing?
- What about the children? If you leave no will, you run the risk of someone bringing them up that you might not approve of. By doing a will, you can appoint a guardian – even someone outside your family. If they are challenged, they have the legal status through your will to apply to the court for an order allowing them to look after your children. Without a will, they have very little – if any – legal rights.
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- People might want to make a claim on your will. It might be a second wife. It might be children of a first marriage. Expert help will assist you in dealing with these complications.
- You may not be a UK citizen; your permanent home may be overseas. Most of your property may be overseas. How do you deal with it? A will and expert advice will be paramount.

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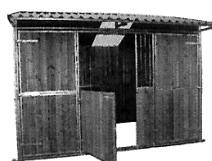
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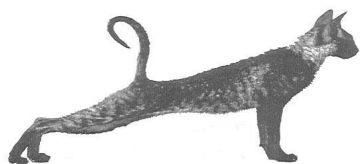
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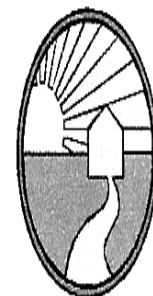
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## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009

A meeting of the parish council was held in the parish hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. Cllr C Gilbert was in the chair, also present were Cllrs Miss A.R. Rowland, R. Powell, W.G. Rowland, Cornwall Councillor Mr. Philip Tucker and the Clerk. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. W.K. Stacey, G.W.J. Pluess, P.J. Marshall, R.S. Hopper, B.W. Furse and G.N. Orchard.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – The chairman suspended the meeting for a 10-minute period giving members of the public an opportunity to address the council following which the chairman reconvened the meeting. The Chairman spoke of the hard work and achievements of the outgoing Cornwall County Councillor Mr. Bob Booker then welcomed the new Cornwall Councillor Mr. P. Tucker to the meeting.

**PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT** (i) Architects Correspondence – In the early stages of research the architect will need to check the survey of the building. Cllr. P.J. Marshall agreed to meet on site with the architect as arranged. (ii) Recommendations – No further recommendations. (iii) East Cornwall Council for Voluntary Service – Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009 received inviting members to an event 'Making your Hall Sustainable' at Blisland Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 9:30am to 3:30 pm. Cllr. Powell and Clerk to attend, Clerk to make arrangements.

**PARISH PLAN** – The following policies were put up for discussion and appropriate action taken. Recreation & Leisure Policies 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7; Information Policy 4, 6 & 7; Information Policy 4, 5 & 7; Social Equity Policy 3; The Built Environment Policy 1; Business Policy 3; Transport Policy 1; Road Safety Policy 1,2,3 & 5.

**HIGHWAYS** – (i) Traffic Orders – Stopping-up of Highway Treskinnick Cross – Pending. (ii) Pedestrian Safety – Leverlake Road into Marine Drive – Agreement between Stratton RDC and Edward Mucklow has been forwarded to Mr. Oliver Jones along with the location plan. (iii) Electric Pole at Dimma – Plan identifying the offending poles has been returned to Western Power for consideration. (iv) Bus Shelter – Community Highway Steward Mr. Glen Haydon, under the new system, is to be contacted to discuss making a window in the block wall for better visibility.

**CEMETERY** – Positions of Headstones – Following discussions it was agreed the position of the headstone was to remain at the head of the grave, however members further agreed an inscription could also be written on the reverse of a headstone. The frequency of health and safety inspections was asked, Clerk to investigate.

**ACCOUNTS** – (i) Financial Report – Clerk gave the financial report. (ii) Payments received to date: Hall Hire Line Dancing £64.00. (iii) Payments to be made: (iv) Consider Grant Applications – War Memorials Trust is to be considered at the next meeting. (v) Correspondence – No correspondence received.

**PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE** – 2009/00836 Erection of a conservatory at Trewint Cottage for Mrs. Clarke, application withdrawn.

**PLANNING DECISIONS** – 2009/00424 Lifting of Condition 2 on Decision Notice No. 6/75/0343 (Agricultural Occupancy Condition) at Cedar Lodge for Mrs. T. Hirst – Cornwall Council Decision - Approved. 2009/00527 Erection of extension and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof at Rosemead, Leverlake Road, Widemouth Bay for Mr. Goeff Craig – Cornwall Council Decision – Approved. 2009/00542 Construction of a single dwelling at Querenca, Bangors for Mrs. Margaret Kendall – Cornwall Council Decision – Approved.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – 2009/00856 Single storey one bedroom annexe to existing dwelling at Springbrook Cottage, Helscott Road for Mr. R. Wilbraham – PPC – No Objections. 2009/00857 Listed Building Consent Single storey one bedroom annexe to existing dwelling at Springbrook Cottage, Helscott Road for Mr. R. Wilbraham – PPC – No Objections.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Marhamchurch Parish Council (i) Widemouth Car Park – Marhamchurch Parish Council have received a complaint about the poor state of the car park at Widemouth Bay, Cllr W.G. Rowland will pursue the matter. (ii) Public Right of Way – The progress of the redefinition of the footpath at Helscott to Sharlands was discussed, it was agreed to follow up this matter with the new Cornwall Council.

TRP Southwest Ltd – Letter of introduction was received to supply plastic and rubber products for children's play, construction and landscaping.

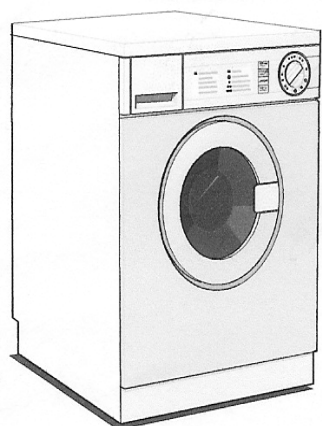
Lakeland Landscaping – Letter of introduction was received to tender for grounds maintenance contracts, it was agreed to write a letter of thanks and include the company in future tenders.

**PARISH MATTERS** – It was reported by Cllr. Rowland that PROW 22 through Causewell is blocked by overgrown vegetation.

**NEXT MEETING** – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

**MEETING CLOSED** – 9:33 p.m.

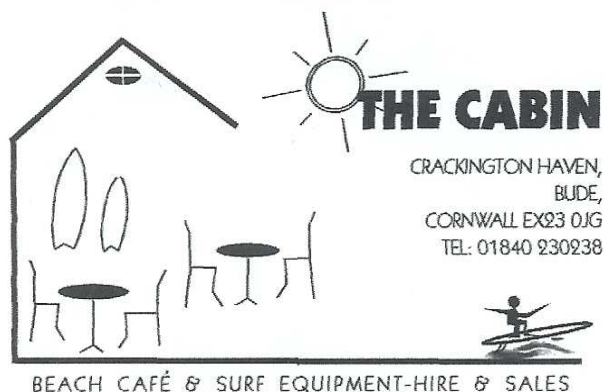
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