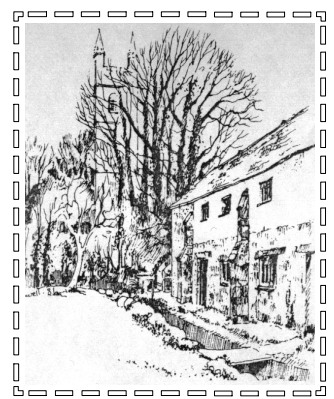




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BLACK THURSDAY FOR POUNDSTOCK

During the early hours of Thursday 20th September our Parish Church, St. Winwaloe's, was broken into, causing considerable damage, and several much valued, precious items were stolen. Those who saw the scene of the crime were greatly shocked and saddened by the extent of the damage and the loss. Police were called to the scene and a forensic examination took place. At the time of writing police investigations are ongoing.

The thieves also broke into the Gildhouse, stole a few items, but fortunately did not cause a great deal of damage. It is believed that the criminals targeted specific items of historic interest and value or valuable for their metal content.

Some years ago a valuable chest was stolen from the Church, but fortunately, as a result of some keen detective work, it was recovered. We can only hope and pray for a similar outcome this time.

The items stolen, holding considerable antique value, were a priest's chair, a barrel-top blanket box, a Jacobean table, an Armada lantern and a brass lectern. If you come across any similar items for sale on the internet or at other antique sales, please notify the police on 101 quoting reference no.

BU / 12 / 668.

All items are security marked and can easily be identified

The antique chest, previously stolen, but this time up-turned and left.



The forensic officer at work on the main, old, oak, studded door, which had been forced open.



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 9 Marhamchurch WI Harvest Festival
 11 Jacobstow WI Visit to Nepal *Katie Zoefftig*
 14 3pm Bude Music Society Coull Quartet St Martins Church
 14 Bangors Chapel Harvest Festival 11am and Lunch 1pm, (see p.21)
 22 Poundstock Packet Committee meeting 7.30pm (see p.3)
 27-28 Poundstock Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival (see p.3)
 27 Duchy Opera *Carmen* Parkhouse Centre

November

8 Jacobstow WI Cookery Demonstration *David Sargent*
 10 Tudor Craft Day at the Gildhouse 2-4pm (see p.21)
 11 Remembrance Day 10.45am at Poundstock Memorial
 & 11am at St Winwaloe's
 13 Marhamchurch WI The Cornwall Coastal Path *Mary Street*
 15 Election of Police and Crime Commissioner
 30 Quiz at the Gildhouse

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The Church door wrenched open by the thieves

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Remembering is one of the themes running through this issue. Usually we remember things because they have a strong impact on us when they happen. The feelings associated with the memory may be painful, sad; or they may be joyful, wondrous, a reason for celebration.

It's with a mixture of great sadness and anger that I will remember the morning I went to open our Parish Church door and found it forced open and the place ransacked. On November 5th some of us will enjoy bonfires, burning guys and fireworks, though I doubt that many will think about the reason for this traditional celebration. It's quite a different matter on November 11th when the vast majority of people in this country will stop and think about the terrible loss of precious lives caused by war.

Don Sutton seems to have a vast store of interesting memories, which he shares with us regularly. How about you? Don't assume that no-one would be interested. Give it a try.

Dudley Moore



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POUNDSTOCK PACKET COMMITTEE MEETING

We have a meeting of the Poundstock Packet Committee on Monday 22nd October 7.30pm at Treskinnick Farmhouse. If you are resident in Poundstock Parish you are welcome to attend (call 01288 361525). We would value your opinions.

Poundstock Craft Fair and Pumpkin Festival

Saturday 27 October 10-5 and Sunday 28 October 12-4

In the Gildhouse and St Winwaloe's Church

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The interview with . . . Sandy Dingle



What brought you to Poundstock?

We sold the farm at Scadghill, near Kilkhampton, where we'd been for over forty years. We were looking for a house with a similar view and we found it here at the Barn House. Also there wasn't a garden, it was a blank canvas, and we both love gardening. Tim had changed his career and I was on the verge of retiring from teaching and we decided we needed a space where we could start a new garden.

I've just walked through your garden and it's absolutely beautiful

My dad was a very keen gardener but he didn't encourage us to help in the garden. The only time he did I dug up the dahlia tubers and he banned me from the garden ever after. When we were first married I barely knew a buttercup from a daisy. One morning when Tim was really busy on the farm he left me a bag of tulips and a bag of onions to plant, and when he came back he said, 'Where have you put the onions?' I said, 'Well, they're in there,' and he said, 'No, those are tulips, where have you put the onions?' The onions were scattered all over the flower bed and I'd got a lovely bed of tulips! I learned by my mistakes. I'm interested in wildlife and caring about the area. I think I'm a sponge: if there's something I'm interested in I've got to find out about it, I want to know about it.

When did you first find out about the Gildhouse?

We used to go there very occasionally on a Sunday after a service for a cup of tea, but with great reluctance because it was not a very pleasant place at that time. The building looked charming, but it was a charming ruin really, wet and cold. Our involvement is all Rob's fault! He advised us when the church was left some money to use it to redecorate the building and hope that people would start using it. It wasn't until the cob fell out of the wall that we realised we were on a much bigger restoration project. When we involved English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund, and Jo Mattingley did all the research, it made you feel we are actually doing something that has been going on for over 450 years, we are reviving the life of the Gildhouse and unfolding a historic precedent that goes back a long period of time. Then it took over our lives, really. From just repairing the Gildhouse to what it is now is just an incredible journey.

Then there's the Europa Nostra award

I'm still gobsmacked by the whole thing. I really didn't appreciate what a treasure we had. I knew I loved the building but I didn't know what a gem it is. It was amazing that we got through the early stages and then to get to Lisbon and win the Grand Prix award against all this major opposition . . . Even then it really didn't hit home until I said to the judges, 'Why did you choose Poundstock above these other palatial projects?' And they said, 'You ticked all the boxes': the restoration was done with great sympathy to this rare building so it didn't lose its integrity, we had to really work hard to get the money, and what we've been doing since, involving the community and the education programme and getting everybody to come and love the building – that really thrilled me more than anything else, to be told that. To me, my baby is the education project. I just love teaching and I've always enjoyed teaching by doing, because to me that's the best way to learn. To put that into practice in the Gildhouse is still the most thrilling thing.

I know the Gildhouse takes up most of your time, but what else do you like to do?

I always liked doing practical things. I love cooking, I love entertaining and I love eating, so that's always been part of my life. My mother-in-law was a very good cook and a WI judge and taught me a lot. She used to take me to the WI when I was a young wife and I learned a lot there. I made clothes for the children when they were little, and then I went to a patchwork class in Bude and got hooked on patchwork. I just love making things. And having the kids and the grandchildren as well, I always like showing them things, so it just keeps going on.

How did you come from the north-east all the way down here?

I think my life has been a series of happy accidents really. I wanted to go to PE college and liked the Bedford prospectus so I applied and got an interview. I had a nice interview suit, grey dog's-tooth check, very Mary Quant, very trendy, and I accessorised it with bright orange patent shoes and bright orange gloves! In Bedford there were three or four all-male agricultural or engineering colleges, and I met Tim. When we got married, that's when the family decided we needed to move. Although we had a family farm in Hampshire, it couldn't support three families. At the time land in Cornwall was cheaper and for 100 acres in Hampshire we were able to buy 200 acres here.

We lived in a cottage just off the farm in Stibb and I taught PE at the secondary school at Stratton for two years. Then when our children were tiny I started helping at primary schools and finally taught full time. I had a good fourteen years as a primary school teacher. I really enjoyed it, and I left while I still enjoyed it. I didn't like, still don't like, the way the government is politicising teaching and lots of other jobs.

I've been so lucky in coming to Cornwall and having an incredibly supportive family here and up north, surrounded by people who care about us. I should count my blessings!



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When the NHS came into effect in July 1948 some people started visiting the doctor for the most trivial things. Previously they had to be prepared to pay the doctor a fee but with the NHS it cost nothing. There is that old story about the two elderly ladies who met every Thursday in the doctor's waiting room and exchanged the week's news and gossip; it was a kind of social occasion for them. One Thursday one of the ladies did not turn up, so the following week the lady who was there the week before asked the other lady what was the matter last week; she answered, "I was sick".

Before the NHS, people did not go to the doctor if they could manage to keep going. A small example was when I was overtaken by a teacher one morning, when I was walking to elementary school; I suppose I was slow and not too tidy because she looked me over and told me to do up my tie. I said I couldn't because my neck seemed too big. More looking over and she said go back home and tell your mother you have Mumps.

Most country children learn some of nature's cures at an early age. Boys in those days usually wore short trousers so one cure we found very useful was using dock leaves after getting stung on the knees by sting nettles. Close by there always seemed to be dock leaves growing; when a dock leaf was rubbed into the stung area it was cured quite quickly.

I remember one local man who suffered from pains in his legs and would not see his local doctor even though it cost nothing. He found that horse liniment from the nearby veterinarian did an excellent job at relieving the aches and pains in his legs. I thought it odd when he first told me, but since I have found many farmers consider topical horse liniments superior to human liniments at relieving aches and pains.

Warts were a problem in the old days; some thought boys would get them by handling toads. Cures were many and varied and some were unbelievable. It was a kind of cottage industry and most villages had an expert in getting rid of them. Again dock leaves were recommended by some, rubbed into the wart and it would eventually go away; a raw potato was supposed to work also. One procedure practiced by an elderly lady who lived near Canworthy Water was rubbing the wart with a piece of meat or bacon. You were given the pieces and told to bury them and as the pieces rotted away so the wart would go away. Warts often come and go by themselves within a year, so their disappearance often coincided with the cure the 'patient' was using at the time and that cure took the credit.

Another cure people believed in was last practiced in England about 1712. It was known as the King's touch and was used to cure Scrofula an unsightly disease of the lymph nodes in the neck. One famous person who had the disease was Samuel Johnson of dictionary fame. When Samuel was born his mother could not produce enough milk to feed her child so a wet nurse was hired. It is thought that the wet nurse's milk gave the disease to young Samuel. The Johnson family lived in Litchfield, Staffordshire and when Samuel was about 2 or 3 years old his mother decided to journey to London to get the King's touch. In this case it was the Monarch's touch as Queen Anne was on the throne (1702 -1714), however, Queen Anne discontinued the practice in 1712 after touching a group of 200 people. About that time I imagine people would much prefer to being touched to cure a health problem rather than go to a doctor as doctors' cures were often more dangerous than the disease. A famous poem by Matthew Prior (1664-1721), titled The Remedy Worse than the Disease, sums up the situation in the last two lines: "Cured yesterday of my disease, I died last night of my Physician".

I have heard of an old Somerset saying that "Running Water is a holy thing". There is an enormous number of Holy Wells all over the British Isles most of which have existed since pagan times. When the Roman Church tried to abolish the people's pagan ideas about the curative properties of the well water and its mystic ability to foretell the future, people refused to abandon their beliefs. However, renaming the wells with a Christian Saint's name seemed acceptable to the Church so the wells continued to exist as in the past. Different wells had their own reputations. St. Agnes Well in Somerset became famous because King Charles I wife Henrietta wished for a child there and soon became pregnant. Girls could dream about future husbands and invalids often found a cure. Modern science has analyzed some well waters and discovered the waters contained salts and minerals that could be beneficial to people suffering from certain diseases. Therefore the reputation of those wells was a fact.

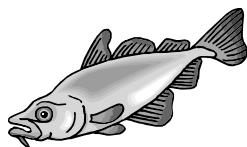
The Rev. Edwards excellent book titled the Story of Poundstock Church and Parish tells us the story of the Church from its very beginning to the present day. Nowhere does it mention our Holy Well. We must conclude it was constructed over a nearby spring later in the history of the Church. I am not aware of any curative properties being claimed for its water.

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October

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- 14 No service at St W.; united service at Bangors
- 21 No service at St W.: united benefice service at Whitstone
- 28 No service at St W.: Craft Fair

November

- 4 Holy Communion, 9.30
- 11 Remembrance Sunday: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.45, followed by service in church at 11.00
- 18 No service at St W.: united benefice service at St Gennys
- 25 Morning Prayer, 9.30

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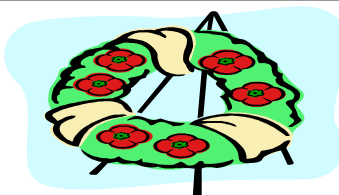
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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October

- 7 D Moore
- 14 J. Hawkins *Harvest Festival*
- 21 P. Craig
- 28 W. Cleave

November

- 4 M. Aicheler
- 11 Remembrance 10.45 at PC
- 18 N. Street
- 25 P. Kyle *Sacrament*

October 14 Harvest Lunch 1pm

October 15 7pm N. Street followed by supper and sale of produce

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Sorry, no further details available for this issue

20th September, officially the last day of Summer with autumn waiting in the wings.

I reflect that this damp and heavy morning, the sky to the south-east operatic and thunder growling somewhere over Dartmoor, is so appropriate to the early morning call that I have just received from Peter Marfleet our churchwarden at St Winwaloe. Poundstock's ancient church and Gildhouse have been broken into, much damage done and objects of great value stolen!

So, Diocese and Deanery having been first informed, I set out early on the road to Poundstock, apprehensive as to what I might find. Upon my arrival I find the lower car park full, several concerned persons having preceded my visit to give their support to Peter, Sandy and Tim. And, as I might have known from my long experience of these faithful members of our church, common sense has prevailed, evidence untouched and photographs of the damage taken.

As one who loves his church, Peter has already indicated to me that there is one unknown man upon whom he would love to be able to lay his hands at this time. On the other hand, especially at such moments as these, I reflect how wise a choice we have made in the ministry of such dedicated and efficient churchwardens. Indeed, having held this church's festival here only four days ago, they are probably one of our best reasons for celebrating the harvest – a harvest of hope for the future of their parish. I reflect, too, that these ember days, these celebrations of the vocation of our church, are not appropriate only to those who wear a 'white collar', but to *all* those who so unselfishly maintain our church and community life.

One of the great pleasures of being an 'incumbent' is not as an autonomous individual floating above the plains of ordinary life, but as a member of a team of active and agreeable people who are motivated by a selfless concern for their community and their church. And that is exactly what I have enjoyed here during the past fourteen years and which has been so clearly emphasised today; here, in this United Benefice, is a corporate community where many of you make such generous gifts of your time, your energy, your resources and your integrity that at such challenging moments as these, and maybe because of them, I find the sharing of my ministry with yours to be such a privilege.

RevdRob



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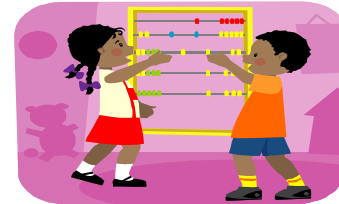
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2. Who was the leader of the plot? A) Guy Fawkes B) Robert Catesby C) The King of Spain
3. Who did they plan to assassinate? A) King Charles 1 B) King James 1 C) King Henry V
4. Why did they want to kill him? Because he was A) a Catholic B) cruel C) a Protestant
5. Where did they put the gunpowder? Under A) The throne B) The House of Lords C) Big Ben
6. Did they A) fail to kill the King? B) Kill the King ? C) Kill the King's soldiers?
7. Guy Fawkes was caught on A) November 6th B) November 4th C) November 5th
8. Guy Fawkes died when he A) was hanged B) was beheaded C) jumped and broke his neck

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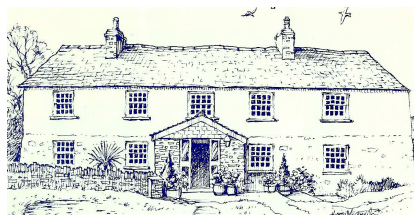
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Now that Curiosity is safely down, it will start to carry out the most sophisticated experiments ever attempted on another planet – the main aim being to discover whether Mars ever had the conditions to support life. Some of the instruments include a laser which can vaporise rock and an instrument to analyse the result; the rover will be able to scoop up material for on-board analysis, and its high-definition cameras will enable it to navigate safely as it moves across the surface in search of interesting outcrops. Unlike the previous rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, Curiosity does not rely on solar power for its energy requirements, but has a plutonium decay unit whose heat is converted into electricity. It is hoped that this incredible machine will last the two years it is expected to roam over the planet, and I hope to bring you news of its findings from time to time. Meanwhile, we should congratulate all those associated with Curiosity on a truly outstanding achievement.

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:

	August	September (to 22nd)
Wettest day	11.9 mm (24th)	3.8 mm (12th)
Total rain	96.0 mm	12.5 mm
Days of rain (>1 mm)	19	4
Highest temp	26.5 °C (10th 15:11)	24.5 °C (8th 15 :24)
Lowest temp	7.1 °C (31st 02:33)	2.4 °C (22nd 06:10)
Average max temp	20.4 °C	18.7 °C
Average min temp	13.2 °C	9.8 °C
Max wind gust	33 mph (15th 16:22)	28 mph (14th 08:42)
Windiest day	8.6 mph (15th)	10.5 mph (11th)
Total sunshine hours	111.5 hrs	81.9 hrs
Sunniest day	12.1 hrs (10th)	8.6 hrs (5th)

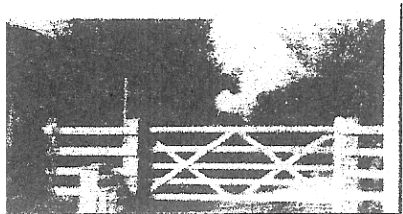
August continued the pattern of the summer, it rained! We had 135% of the Met Office 30 year average for Bude and for the so-called summer months of June, July & August there was exactly twice as much rain in 2012 compared with the average and 56 days when there was at least 1mm of rain, the average being 30 days.

To compensate for the rain in August, both the average maximum and minimum temperatures for August were about 1°C higher than the 30 year average, however the total sunshine hours for the month were only 60% of the average.

We are now 2/3rds of the way through September but have had only 15% of the average rainfall but it is hardly an 'Indian Summer' because even though the temperatures are about average, there have been some dull days and, in total, about 55% of the average sunshine hours.

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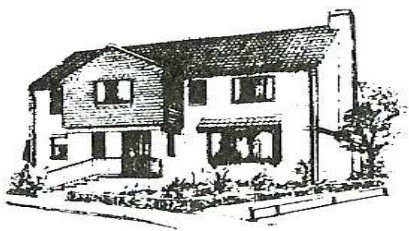
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Dan Rogerson's Report

I recently called a meeting between Cornwall Council's portfolio holder for economy and regeneration, Chris Ridgers, and representatives of the council's community network areas in North Cornwall, including Bude, to discuss the best way to get investment in our area.

For a long time I've been concerned that funding and the focus of efforts to create jobs in the Duchy have been directed towards development in West and Mid-Cornwall. Here in North and East Cornwall there is a lack of large employers and institutions to help develop larger-scale plans and get them off the ground. We also have a sparser population and weaker transport and communication links, but that doesn't mean we should be missing out.

We have since had a second meeting to discuss how we can work with local schools, colleges and universities to see what they can offer, and how education and training can help with getting investment to our part of Cornwall in order to grow local businesses. We are obviously in the early stages, but I am glad that I was able to bring people together and get the ball rolling.

A lot of people have been contacting me recently about the future of Post Offices, and I have been backing the campaign to increase the range of government services that can be offered by Post Offices. I have been urging government ministers to support the Post Office's bid to get contracts to provide services such as those for the DVLA like tax discs and driving licenses. Local Post Offices are at the heart of our communities, and it is right that we do all we can to support them.

We are also protecting the long-term future of the Post Office network, by securing funding and – importantly - giving a firm commitment that there will be no further closure programmes.

I am also encouraged that the Coalition wants the Post Office to become a genuine 'front office' for services on behalf of local and national government. Whilst any government must secure its services in line with European procurement regulations, to make sure it offers the best value for the tax payer, I am pleased to see that the Post Office has recently been chosen to provide services for the likes of the UK Borders Agency and the Skills Funding Agency, and I am confident that it can win more contracts to help secure the future of business for local Post Office branches.

Finally, I should add a word on milk prices. Over the past few months I have heard the concerns of local dairy farmers and I have been pressing the Government to take action to make sure that farmers get a fair and sustainable price for their milk and dairy products. A voluntary 'Dairy Code of Practice' has been published recently, which should mean a sustainable future for the dairy industry, as the contracts for milk will be freely negotiated, fairer, more transparent, as well as making it easier for farmers to leave a contract if they are unhappy with the price they are receiving. I think everyone wants this voluntary Code to work out, but I am pleased that the Government haven't ruled out changing the law if this is the only thing that would lead to a solution to the problem. I am continuing to meet with local farmers to make sure that their voices are heard loud and clear in Westminster as the Government looks to make sure that the voluntary code of practice provides a sustainable, long-term solution which guarantees customers, dairy farmers, and local producers a fair deal when it comes to the price of British milk.

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WIDEMOUTH BAY RESIDENTS' GROUP

The Widemouth Residents held a well-attended meeting on September 17th at the Summerhouse. The main point of the event was to give people the information about the two proposed wind turbines which will affect Widemouth Bay. Councillor Phil Tucker came along to give us facts from the Council. He pointed out that the Council have to follow guidelines set down by central Government, so to that extent their hands are tied.

The overwhelming feeling seemed to be that we live in a special place, and to that end, our coastline should be protected from any development that will detract from its beauty. The two proposed turbines, one near the A39 at Coppathorne, and one on Creathorne Farm will be the same size as the one that is already in operation at Otterham Station. This came as a surprise to most people. All that can be done at this stage is for residents to write to the relevant planning officers for each application.

Following on from discussions at past meetings about the vehicles camping overnight in the beach car park, and that the signage in the car park now indicated this is allowed, Councillor Tucker has now had the signs amended, because they didn't in fact reflect a change in Council policy. We were worried that allowing this would damage the business for local camp sites. The signs are now changed, but the problem is that websites are still saying the camping is allowed, so it will take some time before the message filters through. One wonders why the signs were changed in the first place!

We are working on planning an evening for the residents to meet before Christmas, so will try to inform everyone when this is sorted out.

Nicky Vereker



HARVEST AT ST WINWALOE'S

On Sunday 16th Sept. we held our Harvest Festival Service at St Winwaloe, Poundstock Parish Church. It coincided with us hosting the United Benefice Service so we had a congregation with members of our other Benefice Churches, plus some holiday makers, it was nice to see so many in Church.

Our "Harvest" was tinned food and packet food, the response was tremendous, together with flowers and greenery all grown by members, decorated the Church and it did look great. During the service, which the Revd Rob Dickenson took, he told us that all the food and the collection will be taken and given to the Bude Food Bank to help

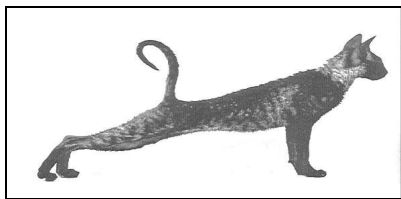
the needy families within the local community, that in this recession and economic down turn have fallen on difficult times, our service gave us, who are able, to help those who need it.

The comments from our visitors was very heartening, as they were so impressed with our service they were going home to encourage their own Church to do the same and support their own local Food Bank.

After the service we held our bring and share lunch in the Gild House, it was a good social gathering and good to talk to people from a wider area.

Sad to say that on Thursday morning it was discovered that over night, the Church had been broken into, with much damage, and many items of furniture stolen. It certainly brought us back down to earth with a crash.

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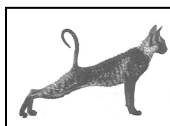
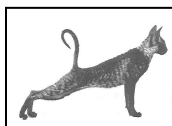
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THE NEW LAW ON SQUATTING

From 1 September, it became a criminal offence to squat in a residential building. The offence carries a maximum term of imprisonment of six months and/or a fine of £5,000.

So what are the essential elements of this new offence? Firstly, it must be a residential building. It is not a criminal offence to squat in a factory or an office, although civil proceedings can be brought to evict the squatter and compensate the owner. Next, the trespasser must enter as a trespasser who knows or ought to know that they are a trespasser. Finally, they must be living in the building or intend to live there for any period.

Occupiers who “hold over” after a lease or a licence expires do not commit this new squatting offence. Their exemption from prosecution will apply even if they have left the property and later re-enter it.

The key to much of the new legislation is whether a residential building has been unlawfully occupied. A residential building is one which is “designed or adapted, before the time of entry, for use as a place to live”. Essentially this means one’s home. The new offence will not therefore apply to trespassers of abandoned or dilapidated non-residential buildings, but squatters in such premises may be liable to prosecution for burglary or criminal damage.

So squatters’ rights effectively disappear under the new law. Landlords, local authorities and second home owners now have a powerful new weapon to call upon if they find unwelcome trespassers in their residential properties.

But consider Irene Gardiner, aged 49 and a mother of four. She has raised her family in Powys in Wales in a 500 year old house for the last 11 years. She has squatted there for all of that time, following a line of squatters who were there for the previous 19 years. She and her children have been part of their local community all that time. Last year she tried but failed to claim lawful possession through the Courts. The owner died some time ago, and an executor has asked her to leave.

She is very conscious of the effect of the new law, and wants to challenge it. Her case has been taken up by solicitors Leigh Day & Co. They are famous for taking on cases against governments on behalf of such people as the Ghurkhas. They will argue on her behalf in the High Court that the new law will breach Ms Gardiner’s rights under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights. This is meant to guarantee an individual’s right to personal and family life.

It will be interesting to see how this plays out. On the one hand the Ministry of Justice says that squatters have been allowed to play the justice system for too long, causing enormous distress to homeowners. On the other hand is a woman with young children who claims a right to a home in a community in which they play a part. She claims she cannot afford to pay rent on her artist’s income and would be made homeless and a criminal under the new law.

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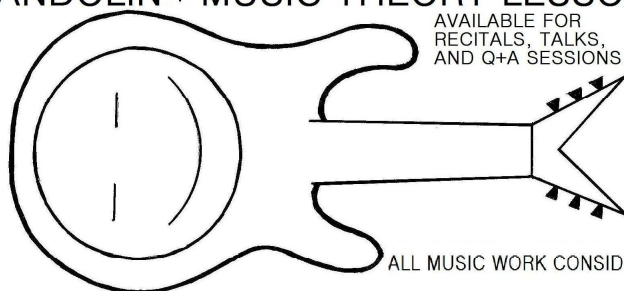
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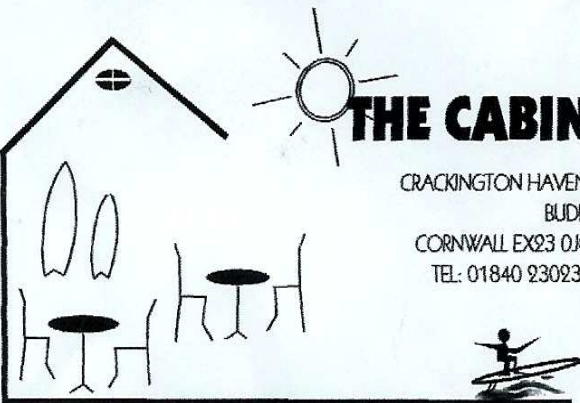
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