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
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Hello and welcome to the summer edition of PL24 Magazine. Whatever you enjoy, you will find something here to interest you, be it photography, singing, visiting gardens, enjoying activities at the beach and in the nature reserve. As for poetry, we have three beautiful poems from Jenny, Jon and Barry. You can see lots more on our website at: pl24community.org.uk/

There is also lots of news from both St Blazey Town Council and Tywardreath and Par Parish Council. PL24 Community Association (PL24 CA) volunteers often work in partnership with both the councils as well as other community groups. We all have the same goal in mind – trying to improve the quality of the local environment for the benefit of the community. Sometimes, looking at Facebook comments you can be forgiven for thinking that everything is terrible: the word ‘consultation’ is often met with comments such as “No point in doing this survey. They will just ignore it anyway.” And who knows? Sometimes, that may be true. Cornwall Council consulted on parking fees. And what is the result? Yes, they will be introducing fees at Par Beach and after the first hour at Hamley’s Corner. But St Andrews Wetlands Nature Reserve remains free. So, someone did listen somewhere to at least some of the points made.

PL24 CA carried out a consultation recently with St Blazey Town Council about whether to put benches - donated by PL24 CA - in the field at Old Roselyon Crescent. The proposal appeared in the spring edition of the magazine and gave information on how to make comments. Volunteers delivered 300 leaflets to residents in the vicinity of the field. People could give their views by phone, by email and by coming up to the field one Sunday afternoon. And what was the result?

Well, those in favour were more than equal to those against. But those living closest to the field made some valid comments, and on balance, St Blazey Town Council decided not to put the benches there, a decision with which PL24 CA agrees. Of course, some will be disappointed by this result, but this is the way consultation works. Councillors listen to comments and come to a view on what is right for their area, and PL24 CA would like to give a shout-out to all local councillors for giving their time and energy to decide such matters. Local councillors are volunteers too!

PL24 CA is also run by volunteers, and we are always grateful for all the help given by individuals and community groups. If you would like to be involved with what we do, just get in touch with Alison at pl24community@gmail.com All our volunteers do however much they want, whenever they want. What’s more, it’s a great way to stay positive as the community is so appreciative of whatever we do.

Wishing you a fun-filled Summer!

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Local gardens to visit this summer

More from me in this edition about getting out and visiting gardens. The National Garden Scheme continues to offer a wonderful range of local openings, and 2026 is set to be another brilliant year for exploring some truly special spaces right on our doorstep. Here's my pick of the bunch.

GARDENS COTTAGE, Prideaux: Saturday 13 June, Friday 26 June and Sunday 30 August (2pm-5pm)

A firm favourite on the local garden calendar. Roger and I will be flinging wide the gates of Gardens Cottage once again this year.

Expect the usual relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, with colourful planting, productive areas, inspiration to take home and of course the ever-popular homemade cakes.

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/35584/gardens-cottage

POLRUAN GARDENS (village opening): Sat 27 and Sun 28 June (1pm-5pm)

This much-loved village opening returns with a collection of 8 coastal gardens offering breathtaking views over the River Fowey.

Each garden has its own personality, from steep terraced plots to lush, sheltered corners. Expect a mix of seaside planting, herbaceous borders, and creative use of space, plus a few surprises along the way.

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/47860/polruan-gardens

LITTLE MERMAID, Carlyon Bay: Open by arrangement for groups of up to 8 (Friday afternoons from 1 June to 4 September)

Created from scratch by Tricia and Peter following their retirement from Hidden Valley Gardens, Little Mermaid is a delightful addition to the local line-up. Expect a perfectly curated plant collection together with superb landscaping that makes the most of its setting. A masterclass on how to create a beautiful "smaller" garden with a big personality!

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/49129/little-mermaid-27-haddon-way

FAN COTTAGE, Lerryn: Sunday 10 May and Sunday 16 August (10am-5pm)

Set above the beautiful Lerryn River, Fan Cottage offers a peaceful garden packed with interest. Shrubberies, borders, raised beds, fruit trees, greenhouses and a pond make this a great example of how ornamental, edible and wildlife-friendly gardening can work hand in hand. Plenty of seating invites you to pause and enjoy the surroundings.

<https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/47531/fan-cottage>

BAREPPA, Near Lerryn: Sunday 24 May and Sunday 16 August (11am-3pm)

Bareppa is a hidden gem with a natural feel that perfectly suits its setting. Expect a mix of imaginative planting, quiet corners, and a strong sense of place. It's the sort of garden that feels both established and evolving—ideal for those who appreciate a more relaxed, nature-led style.

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/48702/bareppa

LANJETH NURSERY and WATER GARDENS: Special event on Wednesday 22 July (2pm-5pm)

A unique opportunity to enjoy a private talk and guided tour followed by a cream tea.

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/49176/lanjeth-nursery-water-gardens

So, whether you're looking for inspiration, a peaceful afternoon out, or simply an excuse for tea and cake in a beautiful setting, these gardens offer something for everyone.

Supporting the National Garden Scheme also means contributing to a range of wonderful charities including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Parkinsons UK, so every visit does a little good too. Look forward to seeing you in a garden soon!

Sue



Engaging with the arts

There is new research which suggests that we can improve our mood by developing our creativity into a daily habit. Professor Daisy Fancourt suggests in her new book *Art Cure* that being around art of some sort is good for us. The research says that this can help us enjoy longer, happier and healthier lives. One study showed that those who had regular engagement with the arts had a 31% lower risk of dying following the study even after allowing for socioeconomic, demographic and health factors. Other studies have shown that contact with the arts (which can include visiting museums or attending live music) can make us physiologically younger. A monthly cultural interaction can almost halve our chances of depression.

Engaging with creative activities doesn't need to be confined to going to a museum or a concert. It can also involve doing something creative yourself. This might take a variety of forms which could include:

- Joining a book club or a craft group. This can foster a sense of community and help combat feelings of loneliness and isolation, which has large impact on our mental health.
- Slowing down and really looking at a painting can help us to be mindful.
- Learning a new skill can give us a sense of control and a sense of achievement which can boost our mental health. It also can give us access to a new community again helping to reduce isolation.

I know that I enjoy being creative by undertaking crochet and knitting and also going to some craft groups. Other forms of being creative could include being in the garden and planting up pots or border and looking forward to seeing the results.

So why not give one of the above activities a go and it could make a real difference to your mental health.

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Tor to Shore: A New Project for Nature in Our Area

Tor to Shore, one of the UK's largest and most ambitious nature recovery projects, has just been launched by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, and it's happening in our area. The project aims to connect landscapes from Helman Tor, through the Par River catchment, down to St Austell Bay. Over the next five years, the project team will work closely with farmers, landowners, local groups and volunteers to create healthier landscapes and seas for both nature and the community.

In our local area, the focus will be on the Par River catchment and surrounding countryside, working with farmers and landowners to improve the health of the land and rivers, and create space for wildlife to thrive. A dedicated farm adviser is available to support with sustainable land management, helping to access government grant schemes, improve soil quality, reduce run-off and protect water quality as it flows downstream. Already, over a quarter of landowners in the area are ready to get involved, with recent projects including new tree planting and habitat restoration.

At the heart of this project is the local community, and anyone can play a part in Tor to Shore. Whether you're out walking, visiting your local green space or watching wildlife in your garden, you can help by recording what you see. Sharing sightings through the ORKS website or app helps build a picture of how nature is changing across Cornwall. It's a simple way to get involved, and no experience is needed.

Volunteering with Cornwall Wildlife Trust is a great way to help monitor wildlife across the area. From birds and butterflies to marine life along the shore, these surveys help guide how the project supports nature recovery. There will be opportunities throughout the year to get involved and learn new skills,

whether you're completely new or have experience.

Local volunteer groups are also central to this work, with people already coming together to care for wildlife across the area. From practical conservation to community events, these groups offer a welcoming way to get involved. They are open to anyone who would like to meet others, spend time outdoors and support nature locally.



To find out more or get involved, visit cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/tor-to-shore#get-involved. You can also start today by recording wildlife sightings at ercis.org.uk/share-sightings or download the ORKS app.

Together, we can all play a part in helping nature recover across both land and sea in the heart of Cornwall.



Tor to Shore is made possible with the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, this unique project will link a mosaic of habitats, creating a bigger, better and more connected home for nature.

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Badgers

Are you interested in Badgers? Would you like to help a new local Badger group?



You don't need prior experience with badgers or wildlife to get involved. There is a place for everyone: some may enjoy surveying and fieldwork, others may have skills in design, social media, website management, school engagement, events, publicity, fundraising, or organisation.

Committee roles such as secretary (organising meetings and taking minutes) or treasurer (managing accounts) are also essential.

Everyone will naturally learn about badgers along the way. If you are interested or feel that you could help in any way please contact Phil philctn@proton.me



Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's du Maurier Fowey Literary festival such a wonderful week. From our volunteers and performers to local businesses, sponsors, and every single person who came along to take part — your enthusiasm, generosity, and community spirit brought the whole event to life.

We're so proud of what we created together, and we are already looking forward to 2027 when the festival will run from 7th to 15th May. This will be our 30th year with lots of celebrations planned.

If you have any suggestions or would like to get involved, please contact me at paula.pearson@foweyfestival.com – I would love to hear from you.

Paula Pearson
Du Maurier Fowey Literary Festival Chair

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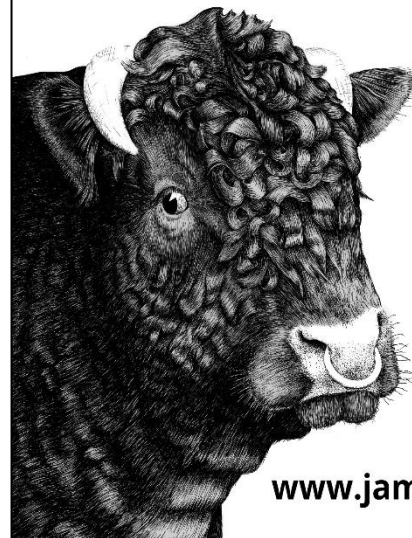


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Cornish Charity, Active8, Receives Royal Recognition at The King's Garden Party

Representatives from Cornish youth disability charity, Active8, were honoured to attend a **Buckingham Palace Garden Party** on Wednesday 6th May, and speak with King Charles about the charity's incredible work within Cornwall.

The invitation was in recognition of the charity's recent award of **The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS)** granted in the King's Birthday Honours at the end of last year. The King's Award for Voluntary Service aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to support their communities and, **equivalent to an MBE**, it is the **highest award** that a local voluntary service group can receive in the UK.

Founded in Cornwall in 1990, Active8 has empowered hundreds of young people living with disabilities. The transformative programmes build peer connections, confidence, independence, life skills, and future aspirations. Through carefully tailored, accessible activities, aspirational experiences, peer mentoring, and support, the charity empowers young people to be bold, embrace opportunity, and be unapologetically themselves.

Active8's volunteer Chairman, and former Active8 member, Mark Stevens, said:

"It was great privilege to meet King Charles and talk with him about the amazing work of our Active8 staff and volunteers. To be congratulated for winning the Kings Award for Voluntary Services, by the King himself, was extremely surreal. I feel so proud to be a part of Active8 and I'm honoured to represent the charity on such a prestigious occasion."



Active8 CEO John Sweeting, who first joined Active8 as a volunteer over 15 years ago, said:

"It was a great experience to visit Buckingham Palace, meet some brilliant people, and talk with other award winners from across the country. It was an added

bonus to attend alongside Molly who is an Active8 member, invited to attend on behalf of SMA UK. To have the King speak to Mark about Active8 topped the day... the food wasn't bad either!"



Presentation of the award crystal and certificate will be made by Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho of Cornwall at the charity's Friends and Family Summer Fete, to share the celebration with Active8 members, their families, volunteers, and supporters of the charity. The Friends and Family Summer Fete will take place on **Saturday 1st August at St Erme Community Centre** and is open to all who support the work of the charity.

For further information, please contact:
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Par Churches Together

Par Churches Together will be holding its usual Songs of Praise on Sunday 16th August at 3pm in the Community Garden opposite Cornubia. All are welcome to come and sing some favourite hymns.

On Sunday 18th October at 3pm at Leek Seed Methodist Chapel, we will hold a service for the week of prayer for world peace.

Par St Mary's Methodist Church

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 18th July at 6pm: Beetle Drive

Sunday 19th July at 6pm: Carnival Songs of Praise

Saturday 22nd August at 3pm: Cream tea

Saturday 26th September at 3pm: Making floral baskets

Everyone is welcome to these events and also to our Warm Welcome coffee mornings on Tuesdays from 10.30am to 12 noon; no charge for refreshments, although donations are welcome. Come for some company and chat. For details of any of these events contact the church by email:

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We also have a Facebook page: [parmethodists](#)

Welsh Speakers ~ 'Croeso' - Welcome

Any Welsh speakers in PL24? Would you like to meet up with others for friendly chat over a cuppa in 'yr hen iaith' ?

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Champagne Cornwall Chorus: A Harmonious Start to 2026

Champagne Cornwall Chorus has made a joyful and purposeful start to 2026, bringing music, friendship and community spirit to audiences across Cornwall and beyond. The chorus continues to go from strength to strength, combining a love of singing with a strong commitment to supporting local and national charities.

The early months of 2026 have already been busy and rewarding. Performances in Roche, and at various care homes across the county have been particularly special, allowing the chorus to share music with audiences for whom live singing brings real comfort and happiness. These visits remain a cherished part of the chorus's work, reinforcing the belief that music truly connects generations.

A standout event was the concert in Tywardreath, where Champagne Cornwall Chorus was delighted to perform alongside Mevagissey Male Voice Choir and the much-loved Harry Glasson. The evening was not only musically uplifting but also meaningful, raising funds for the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Bristol Children's Hospital, and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Supporting Our Chosen Charities

A big part of everything Champagne Cornwall Chorus does is fundraising for good causes. For the 2025–2026 season, the chorus is proud to have raised money for two wonderful local charities:

Cornwall Blood Bikes, providing a vital volunteer courier service for the NHS and Cornwall Youth Choir, nurturing young singers and supporting musical education across the county

One of the most memorable moments so far this year was the joint concert in Newquay with Cornwall Youth Choir a true celebration of community, collaboration and the power of music across generations.

Looking Ahead: Torquay Beckons

As well as performing and fundraising, Champagne Cornwall Chorus knows the importance of friendship and fun.

Excitement is already building for the 'annual Champagne Cornwall Chorus mini break', which this year takes the chorus to Torquay. These trips are a highlight of the calendar, offering a chance to sing, socialise, and strengthen the bonds that make the chorus such a welcoming and supportive group.

Join the Journey

With a packed programme of performances, meaningful fundraising, and plenty of laughter along the way, 2026 is shaping up to be another memorable year for Champagne Cornwall Chorus. Whether performing for local communities, supporting charities close to home, or sharing music with new audiences, the chorus continues to prove that singing together really does make a difference. Throughout the summer we're performing in Par, Fowey and Launceston.

We always welcome new members.

We meet every Tuesday at 6.45pm in Par (St Mary's Methodist Church).

www.champagnecornwall.co.uk/

Par Knitwits

Come and join us at one of our sessions in Par.

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We meet Monday in the café in Par Garden Centre, Par Moor Road from 10 to 12.

We also meet on Tuesdays in the community room in Cornubia, Moorland Rd, Par from 10am to 12 noon.

There's no obligation to come to every session - just pop in whenever you feel like.

Well behaved dogs with well-behaved owners welcome! Donations of yarn / patterns / needles / hooks etc also very welcome.

Any queries ring Marie on 07702015927 or email meercottage@hotmail.com.

Tywardreath Royal British Legion

The monthly meetings are well attended by committee members and others. This month several members were attending the annual conference, and a large group have booked to go to Normandy to attend the Annual Service in the week of Remembrance Sunday. They will take The Tywardreath Standard with them.

A Legion stall will be at Par Carnival and other events during the summer, and it is hoped to put a Float in the carnival with some members on it.



The Tywardreath Standard, as shown held by Mike Philp who has been standard bearer for over 25 years, needs to be replaced. It has been taken on parades, funerals and other events for longer than any member can remember. It has been decided to order a replacement, which will cost between £800 and £1000. If anyone would like to donate specially remembering a former member, please contact a committee member.

The monthly meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month in the New Inn at 7.30 pm. New members are very welcome.

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Par Carnival Events 2026

<p>Saturday 11th July Cornubia Hall PL24 2AQ</p>	<p>Produce Competition Home grown vegetables, homemade cakes and produce. 2.00pm to 4.00pm</p>
<p>Sunday 12th July The Ship Inn Polmear Hill Par PL24 2AR</p>	<p>Carnival Fete 11.00am Opening / Queen Crowning 11.15am St Dennis Youth Brass Band 12 noon Children's Entertainer 1.00pm Newmania Dance Troop 2.00pm St Dennis Brass Band A selection of stalls, games, and pastimes</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th July Par Canal PL24 2AD</p>	<p>Great Duck Race From 5.30pm Racing Start 6.15pm approx</p>
<p>Thursday 16th July Gott Hall PL24 2AF</p>	<p>Art Exhibition ** 2.00pm to 4.00pm</p>
<p>Friday 17th July St Blazey Cricket Club PL24 2JH</p>	<p>Children's Sports Children 11 years and under £1 Entry 6.00pm start</p>
<p>Saturday 18th July Par Track Sports Field PL24 2PB</p>	<p>Classic Vehicle 2.00pm – 4.00pm Display</p>
<p>Saturday 18th July Par Health Centre Entrance PL24 2AJ</p>	<p>Par Carnival Procession 4.30pm Arrival / Registration 5.30pm Judging 6.30pm Procession</p>
<p>Sunday 19th July Par Scout Hall PL24 2PA</p>	<p>Fowey Fuchsia Festival 1.30pm to 4.30pm</p>
<p>Sunday 19th July St Blazey Railway Club PL24 2JG</p>	<p>Grand Carnival Draw 3.00pm start Including live music</p>
<p>Sunday 19th July Par St Mary's Chapel PL24 2AE</p>	<p>Songs of Praise ** 6.00pm start</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd July St Blazey Railway Club PL24 2JG</p>	<p>Carnival Prize Bingo 7.15pm start Sorry no children under 5 years</p>

All events subject to change and weather permitting.

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Heavy Transport Bowling Club

We're into the season now so friendlies have been played, club nights underway, leagues started, competitions progressed and unfortunately a few ended, Cornwall Trials attended, representative matches represented and even a trophy won already. The old saying is a bad workman blames his tools, well that was certainly no excuse for Rene Sweet as she used borrowed bowls and still managed to retain the Mrs Bennetts Pairs she also won last year,

A busy time as it always is at this time of the season and plenty of choice for the competitive and non-competitive amongst us. On the competitive side our men's team has had a mixed start with 2 wins and 2 losses from their opening four matches, that's two more wins than the entire season last year.

It's been great to welcome some new players, including one returning after a 30 year hiatus, and we'd love to welcome some more. Every Friday we have our club night (weather permitting) and if you want to come down and give bowls a try then please pop along for a 6pm start, you just need some flat shoes, the bar will be open.

Remember by joining you also become members of Heavy Transport Social Club and don't need any connection with Imerys or heavy transport.

James Wombwell

For more information contact:

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Annual report for Tywardreath and Par Parish Council

As another council year ends, I would like to thank our clerk Mrs Vincent, Cllr Wilson and fellow councillors for their support. This year we welcomed Phil Oxenham and Renay Rickard as councillors. Cllr Roy Taylor resigned for health reasons; we would like to thank him for his many years of service and wish him well. We are able to co-opt an additional councillor. If you are interested, please let the clerk know.

Polmear Orchard - after many years of waiting this has been devolved to the parish. If you haven't been there, it's a quiet green space with view of sea and free apples later in the year. We got the trees with a grant from Forresters 6 years ago, so are starting to have apples. Thanks to PI24 Community Association for maintaining this space.

Par Beach toilets - These were damaged by anti-social behaviour last summer including a fire on one occasion. Please make sure you know where young people are. This is just one place where expensive damage has been done. The toilets are maintained by APS Construction who have done a great job keeping them open. Please make sure that toilet doors are locked when you leave them. Leaving them open just makes it easier for damage to be done and increases the financial burden on the parish budgets. The shop space is vacant again. If you have ideas for use, please let us know.

Vine Place - after lengthy negotiations, we were unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion. With large business rate charges, it would have been a very expensive acquisition each year, with significant work needed if devolution went ahead. The land behind Vine Place has been barriered off after a parishioner was lucky not to be badly injured. The fly tipping has continued and the boat that the council wanted moved has not been removed from the site. If you have any issues with this area, please report to Cornwall Council.

Tehidy Road - After consultation with Cornwall Council and Cormac there is agreement that Cormac will put in yellow lines and bus stops at the top of Tehidy Road. Yellow marks are on the road so I expect this to happen soon, and it will make it safer for vehicles to go up and down Tehidy Road.

Tywardreath Hill - This has reopened at long last after the works finished. Please take care on this road as people are not used to traffic particularly after such a long closure.

20 mph Consultation - Cornwall Council have a consultation currently about extending 20mph. One area is Par and it's worth having a look to make sure that they haven't missed anything obvious. Neighbourhood Planning Statement. People will remember the Neighbourhood Plan, and we now need to do more work to ensure that our planning views are still taken seriously and our needs understood. If you are interested in being involved, please get in touch.

Allotments - The dangerous trees on Wood Lane allotments have been reported to the school as they are on their land, and the school have agreed to remove them. If you would like an allotment, please get in touch with the Clerk who will let you know when one becomes available.

Anti-social behaviour - Last year's problems seem to be starting again. Please make sure that you report to Cornwall Council or the police or to Crimestoppers if you don't want to give your name. They can't help if they don't know it's taking place. The damage inflicted affects the community and costs taxpayers money, diverting money from other projects.

Emergency Plan - Councillor Adrian Wildish has written a plan for us to enhance the existing plan. It is on our website if you want to read it. We are looking for more flood and emergency wardens; please get in touch if you are happy to help with this. Training and protective equipment will be supplied.

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Parking - We objected to the council's plans to charge for parking at Hamleys Corner, Par beach all year round and St Andrews nature reserve. Despite numerous objections Hamleys Corner car park will have first hour free and charges after that. No signage has gone up yet but one to be aware of. At Par beach, they have decided to charge for parking all year which is very disappointing and is likely to increase parking in Par. They did agree not to charge at St Andrews Nature Reserve.

Beach huts - We were offered the beach huts with very tight conditions including maintenance of them and told it was a commercial opportunity. After discussion, the councillors agreed that this would not be a good use of our funds and Cornwall Council have said they will be removed.

Caroline Wildish, Chairman



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News from St Andrew's, Tywardreath with Tregaminion

Pilgrims walking the Saints Way, summer tourists, and locals seeking a quiet place to pause all make up part of the regular visitor group passing through our churches. We are always pleased to welcome everyone, so do make sure you encourage any of your own family and friends who are visiting you this year to spend a moment or two in church as they take in the history of St Andrew's and our wonderful community.

It hardly seems possible that it is now a whole year since we began our monthly Family Service in St Andrew's. It has been fun getting to know families and spending time together as we worship and learn together in an informal and contemporary style. Do take a look at the website if you want to see the things that happen at that service (there is a tab at the top of the home page).

We were glad to support a charity fundraising concert in church just before Easter when Champagne Cornwall Chorus, Mevagissey Choir and a special appearance by Harry Glasson performed to a packed house. The acoustics and setting of the church made for a great evening.

We have a new Churchwarden – Paul Fearon – who has taken over from our longstanding Churchwarden David Hughes. David had served as Churchwarden for the better part of two decades and we are very grateful for all that he has done in that time in ensuring the church is available for all who wish to worship and the grounds are kept open and tidy for all to enjoy.

Sunday 30th August – BBQ at 12.30pm in the church grounds – eat inside if wet. Burgers and hotdogs (from our very own Tywardreath butcher) with some delicious puddings. No charge but donations welcome. Games and family fun as well as a time to chat and meet friends.

Every blessing
Shona

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Tywardreath Tots at St Andrew's for 0-4s with their carers

Every Monday in church 10am to 11.30am in term time.

Free play, story time, singing and healthy snack. £1 per family. We look forward to seeing you!

St Andrew's is open daily (10am to 3pm approx. except Monday when it opens at 12 noon)

Regular Services – please join us.

Everyone welcome. Please check website for weekly details.

Every Sunday 11am Service of Holy Communion or Morning Worship with choir except 3rd Sunday 10am Family Service – informal and contemporary worship with craft in the month, activities and refreshments

Benefice services - Golant and Tywardreath churches meet together for 5th Sunday in the month

30th August 11am

St Andrew's, Tywardreath

No service in St Sampson's

Followed by a BBQ in the church grounds at 12.30pm

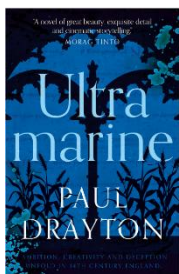
Tregaminion – monthly services usually at 10am (please check website)

Sunday 21st June 10am Morning Worship

Sunday 19th July 10am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August 10am Morning Worship

All are welcome to this small and friendly gathering. Parking and wheelchair accessible but please note we have no facilities available as there is no water supply. Tregaminion is opened by request only on all other occasions. Please contact Nigel on 07813 041602.



Ultramarine

A young chorister enters a world of alchemy and betrayal in the debut novel by Cornwall-based pianist and composer Paul Drayton.

"Set in a golden mediaeval time... informed by a wealth of technical, spiritual and social detail – a complete and wonderful world which will surely delight the reader" **John Nettles, Actor and Historian**

"Drayton understands atmosphere..." **James Henderson, Director of Music, Sherborne Abbey.**

A tale of ambition, creativity and deception unfolds in 14th century England, where three brothers seek their places in a world of strict social divisions.

Oswin, the youngest brother, possessor of a rare musical gift and a vivid imagination, dreams of escaping the daily grind of life on a farm. Sent to the city to be "cured" by alchemist and philosopher Jocelyn Lacey, the boy becomes his apprentice. His remarkable singing voice takes him further into this new world as he joins the choir of a great abbey. At the same time he must navigate a web of commerce and hazardous experiments.

It is only when Oswin is forced to return to his family that he is confronted by a startling revelation that threatens to change their lives forever...

Paul Drayton is a pianist and composer. His music, performed worldwide, has been praised for its "ingenuity" and for its "direct communication of human feeling." As well as performing solo recitals and concertos, he has written and lectured on a broad range of musical topics. His previous publication, **Unheard Melodies**, is a light-hearted introduction to classical music for the non-specialist. **Ultramarine** is his first novel. Find out more via his website

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Helen (Clare Foy), who, after the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together and turns to the ancient art of falconry – rooted in European tradition – training a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss. But as she teaches Mabel to fly and hunt free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of resilience and healing.

Thursday 16th July **The Pianist**

A man survives the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto and the concentration camps of WW2.

Film starts 7.30pm Licensed bar
Entrance £5.00

Poetry Corner

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Never a cool dad
Never down with the kids
Or one of the lads
Never a smart ass

Never a fashion leader
Never a popular girl
Or one for the lads
Never a cutting word

Never a sporting hero
Never a beauty queen
Or a couple love unseen
Never any other

Never did I forget
Until I did
Never did I feel the pride
I felt I had to hide

Old fashioned in appearance
Behind the times
Never retorting witty lines
But the Good People
Now I can define

Never was a day
They did not love and care
Never was a time
They held back, failed my needs

Never was a time
We weren't a family
Never was any time
For flamboyant, strut and swagger
To pose and dance like Jagger
But now I was opening my eyes
And starting to understand
The embarrassing couple
Stood tall in quiet dignity
A future honed by their hard work
They dug my foundations, hard labour free

Briefly I felt true shame
For my lack of respect
Quality in kindness
Wisdom I may learn yet

I looked up and looked around
Green-eyed monster made the sound
Now I could see good natured jealousy
Smiles all around shone with truth to see

My parents the real deal, how had I not seen
No fantasy no costume no medals from the queen
Far greater honour in my veins and in my genes
I needed to grow up so my family pride was seen

About a young boy who grew up with
wonderful parents, but he could not see it.

By Jon Best

News from The Creation Works

As the weather improves and the swifts return our hedgerow is springing into life with wildflowers: marigolds, vetch and oxeye daisies are framing the building beautifully.

Over the next few months we have residencies booked from artists including Cornwall's Keron Day rehearsing for a trip to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, supported by Hall for Cornwall, a Frozen themed summer intensive for aspiring young performers, 2nd Hand Dance creating a new show with local children, the Jasmine Cole production Hello Beach for 0 - 2 year olds on 10th June, and some prehistoric puppets preparing for their summer at the Eden Project.

Before all of that:

You are invited to The Creation Works on 2nd June at 4pm when we'll be presenting the findings of **the first cultural census of Par Bay**.

We asked, you answered! Now come and hear what the community said - and how we'll be responding with a programme of work for Par, St Blazey and Tywardreath.

Join our mailing list - visit
www.thecreationworks.com

St Blaise Town Council – Mayor - Tony Nethercott

I have enjoyed representing the people of St Blaise as Mayor for the third year and again I say it has been a great honour to represent you and have enjoyed my role, working with residents and supporting the Community. I will be standing down at our Annual Meeting on 28th May but will continue as a Councillor.

I have attended many events including the Town Council Carol Concert and the Community Event held in King Edward Gardens in August. I presented the good citizen award at St Blaise Town carol service. I laid the remembrance wreath in November.

We have as a Council achieved many goals this year. New seats have been installed in Trailblazer Park along with a swing for the disabled and 2 new air walkers. We have also installed CCTV. We have put new seats in Polgrean and had the footpath adjacent to Biscovey School relaid with hard core. Other jobs that many of you will not have seen include replacing the kissing gate on the footpath from Cornhill Farm to St Blazey Church and two others on Carvear Moor. The public toilets have also been painted and are much more welcoming.

St Blaise Town Council have taken on the telephone box at the end of Station Road which now has a defibrillator and a blood pack. There are now four defibrillators in St Blazey: two in Station Road; one at the Four Lords pub; and one at the doctor's surgery. There is also one at the football club which we can't take credit for.

Now that we have responsibility for the War Memorial at St Blazey Church, we have repainted the granite memorial stone.

We welcomed Pete, the new assistant Community Warden, in April. Pete has assisted Mike well, especially during the storms we suffered in January. Unfortunately, King Edward Gardens came off badly during the storm Gorretti and we lost several trees.

But the various works have been carried out and the park is looking good again.

The whole of St Blazey has looked excellent over the past year, and I would like to thank Mike and Pete for their work which includes town maintenance, planting of the planters, and maintenance of the play areas among many other duties. They worked really hard after Storm Gorretti and Storm Chandra when they had to deal with flooding. They are a true asset to the Town.

We continue to hold Councillors' Surgeries. However, they are now bi-monthly on the first Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November at St Blazey Community Rooms for one hour from 10am, followed by an hour at Alexander Hall.

Our next Community Event will be on 23rd August at King Edward Gardens, where we will have St Blazey Fun Day. Jonny Inder will play and there will be a bouncy castle, and we will be serving refreshments. Let the Clerk know if you would like to bring some additional entertainment. Last year the Brownies made bracelets and offered face painting and Dog World had a naming competition.

Councillor Billings has updated the St Blazey and Par Emergency Plan, and you can get a copy from the Clerk.

I would like to thank all the Town Councillors for their commitment to making St. Blazey a better place in which to live. Finally, I must thank Gaynor, our Town Clerk, for her sterling work and guidance over the last year.

The Council can be contacted on 01726 816595 or E-mail townclerk@stblaisetc.co.uk or write to: - Town Clerk, St Blaise Town Council, Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey PL24 2JH. The office is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 9.00am and 1.00pm

Friends of St Andrew's Wetlands Reserve (FoSAWR)

Discover Our "Bunny Field" Meadow

If you've ever visited the Reserve, you've probably heard our meadow lovingly called the 'Bunny Field'. We now like to refer to it as 'The Wildflower Meadow' as the bunnies completely disappeared a few years ago.

But did you know this popular spot has quite an unusual history? It isn't a natural meadow at all. Back in the 1970s, this area was once a landfill site that was carefully covered over. Since then, nature has worked its magic, transforming it into the beautiful open space we enjoy today.

Now, the meadow is one of the most important parts of the Reserve. It's a perfect place for a family picnic, a gentle stroll, or simply relaxing outdoors—but it's also bursting with life. Throughout the seasons, you might spot colourful orchids blooming, see bats swooping at dusk as they catch insects, or even catch a glimpse of deer quietly grazing along the edges before bounding away.

A Meadow That's Always Changing 🌿

Nature never stands still, and our meadow is no exception. Over time, the ground has settled and shifted, and the rabbits have gone. These changes affect which plants and flowers grow here, helping shape the meadow year after year.



To keep everything thriving, Cormac on behalf of Cornwall Council, who own the land, give the meadow a careful mow each autumn and collect the cut material, dumping it at the side of the meadow. This helps prevent the grasses from taking over and gives wildflowers more space to grow and shine in the following spring.

Exciting New Wildflowers on the Way 🌸

This year, there's even more to look forward to! We've been lucky to team up with **Buglife**, a charity dedicated to protecting insects, as part of their 'Kernow Wyls project'.

Earlier this spring, Buglife planted seeds from local wildflowers right here in the meadow. Over the next few years, we hope to see an even richer mix of native flowers blooming. Not only will this make the meadow more colourful and beautiful, but it will also provide food and shelter for bees, butterflies, and many other insects—and who knows what new wildlife might be attracted in!

Come and Be Part of the Adventure

Why not join us and see it all for yourself? Throughout the summer, there will be opportunities to take part in fun events where families can help spot and identify flowers and insects across the meadow. We plan to hold the following events on the meadow:

Sunday 7th June– Bug Hunt Session with **Buglife** (will be moved to Sunday 21st if unsuitable weather)

Saturday 8th August– Bio-Blitz Day with **Buglife** and **Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Tor to Shore** team (to be confirmed).

Would you like to support **Friends of St Andrew's Wetlands Reserve**? You can join our Facebook Group for free. Even better, you can become a paid-up Supporter for only £5 a year (individual) or £8 (family at the same address); this will help us to look after the reserve for the benefit of our community and its wildlife, improve access and pay for insurance and equipment

In return you will have free entry to activities run by the Friends, have your say in plans for improvements and activities, receive news and notifications for our events and members newsletters, find out more about wildlife on the site and feel good about helping nature!

Please, preferably, contact us on **info.fosawr@gmail.com** for an application form, or call John on 07990 862783.

Best wishes to all

John, Becky, Marianne, Clive and Jason
FoSAWR Committee

The Parish of Par - part of the Clay to Coast Benefice
Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin St Blazey Gate and the Mission Church of
The Good Shepherd Par Green

Priest in Charge: Revd Canon K Paul Arthur chapartrebla@gmail.com

In April, we held a Celebration Event to mark the **Listing of grade 2*** by the British Institute of Organ Studies of the **organ at the Church of the Good Shepherd**. It was a memorable event with talks by people with extensive knowledge on the process of listing, the history of the little organ as well as an extensive, entertaining 'maintenance' talk. We were then able to listen to some chosen organ pieces played by distinguished organists from around the County. The event ended with a lot of chatter and conversation over an excellent buffet lunch.

We joined in a **"Brain of Benefice"** quiz recently, which was a fun filled evening, with much brain searching between nibbles and notes! Canon Paul Arthur was the quizmaster, and prizes were given out to the winning team from Treverbyn. A donation of £220 was sent to Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Donations from the community of non-perishable items for **St Austell Foodbank** can now be dropped off at the Gott Hall Par Green on a Friday morning between 10.15am - 11am. Supporting the Foodbank is still so important in the present economic climate.

Creation Care in the Parish. Spring has definitely sprung, and all around our church grounds there is new life emerging from the cold wet winter months. Every year spring always fills me with a sense of awe at God's creation, and this year is no exception. The warmer, drier weather has brought with it a wonderful display of seasonal colour with the primroses and gives us the opportunity to care for and support our natural environment, which provide habitats for grasshoppers and spiders which in turn support bird populations.

Following the essential tree work at St Mary's, the felled logs have been used to create log piles which provide essential

habitats for small mammals. This May we hope to create a new bug house in the grove, to provide shelter and support for insects, creating a biodiverse environment where nature can thrive. Bluebells and three-cornered leeks are in full flourish. With the variety of flora and fauna from foxgloves to grasses, there is much to look at in the grounds. Allowing our natural spaces to flourish wildly, supports a delicate eco-system for both plant, insect and animal life. I love the expression 'Please excuse the weeds, we're caring for the bees!' "No mow May" gives each one of us the opportunity to participate in this growing movement. Please look at our Facebook page, where all future gardening events will be advertised. Anyone interested in taking care of our shared churchyard space is very welcome to join us. Rachel Hopkins

rphopkins68@googlemail.com

The **Pie and Pudding Lunch for Christian Aid Week** was a 'sell out'. Homemade Cottage Pie or Fish Pie, followed by a selection of homemade puddings gratified those sharing in the meal. We anticipate a generous donation being sent to Christian Aid from the Par area.

Soup N Sweet lunches at £7.00pp is served on 1st Monday each month. All the soups and desserts are homemade. The soup is served with bread and butter and the sweets with custard or cream. Hot and cold drinks are included and there is no requirement to pre-book. The Hall has facilities for anyone using a wheelchair. Food served between Noon – 1.30pm. The next dates are 6th July, 3rd August and 7th September.

Visit www.parparish.co.uk or FB **Parish of Par**

Jill Hore and Anne Weaver

Summer Night Sky

June: Hope you have got over the Blue Moon on the 31st May! Night sky, wot night sky?! In fact, it does not get properly dark at all in June, and I like to wait until the second week of August before getting serious with a telescope. Although the Sun does actually set, it is still very close to the horizon in the north-west. This in turn allows rare glimpses of zodiacal light which is the Sun's light bouncing off dust in the upper atmosphere. Noctilucent clouds can also be seen in the north; they resemble cirrus clouds but don't move across the sky in the same way. They are ice crystals and will be 80km high. For all these sights, find a very dark sky site to make the best of them. The Sun is still very active and so we are still getting a chance of seeing the aurora. They are forecast but like the normal weather it does not always come true.

Constellations: It is a good time to look at Hercules with its famous globular cluster. This month it is predicted that the Nova will come upon us in the constellation of the Northern Crown, a star in the centre (ish) will suddenly brighten from mag 10 to mag 2. After an 80-year slumber, it will wake up and shine for us all for a week and then become invisible for another 80 years. So, when it happens, let very young children have a look at it so they can say wise words to their grandchildren. Also, on the 9th you will be able to see Jupiter and Venus very close together and also close to the bright stars Castor and Pollux. The Earth - it is a planet don't forget - is as high in the sky as it can be on the 21st. We celebrate it by measuring the circumference of our planet at Truro High School. The result is sent to Alexandria along with results from a cluster of European schools. The observatory there first did this more than 2000 years ago. The ancients knew about this as can be seen by a quick trip up to Trevethy Quoit - it has a hole in the capstone. I have just worked out that it must record the midsummer Sun and indeed it does at local midday - this is not BST - when

the Sun shines square on to the hole. NB do not check this by looking at the Sun directly - Treliske has enough to do without self-inflicted injuries.

July: This month so far as solar clouds etc. are concerned is much the same as June.

The planets: 6th July sees our planet as far away from the Sun as it can be for the year (which is called the aphelion). Venus is very bright at mag - 4.1 The rest of the planets are above the horizon at various times this month

Constellations: The Milky Way is well placed this month, and the dark rift is worth looking out for. It is a cloud of dust which blocks out a lot of the stars. (Yes, I know it is not a constellation!) The summer triangle is emerging from below the eastern horizon - more next month.

August: Planets - Mercury is in Gemini and is visible at dawn By now you will be able to find the other planets you have been watching this summer.

Earth eclipses 12th August partial solar eclipse in UK, total in Greenland and Spain. 28th August partial lunar eclipse as seen from UK. The Moon will be low in the west ,max eclipse 04.13, so start watching at 03.00

Meteor shower: The Perseids are the best shower of the year in my view, peaking on 13th August. There is a big opportunity to see shooting stars either side of the peak, as many as one a minute in the middle of the month. As usual the peak happens after midnight. It is the shower you always see on film and TV dramas.

Constellations: The Summer Triangle of stars is starting to dominate the evening sky. It consists of Deneb in Cygnus, Altair in Aquila and Vega in Lyra. Once you have got those nailed, you can then check out the special objects using an online planetarium programme. It is actually better placed after midnight.

Brian Sheen

Imerys Mid Cornwall Male Choir

The Choir has been starting afresh after the loss in January of our former accompanist, Dr Marlene Bowden. Marlene had retired early in 2025 through ill-health which even her fighting spirit could not escape, but it was in January this year that it caught up with her. We were proud to sing at her memorial service at St Fimbarrus church, Fowey, on 19th February. The service was understandably well attended as she had made such a contribution to the town, parish and the choir over the years. She will be missed by all parties.

A new year is always a fresh start, and our programme has relaunched with some testing pieces in readiness for a concert crowning the Cornwall International Festival of Male Choirs, at the beginning of May. In St Johns Methodist Chapel, St Austell, we and three other choirs entertained a large audience of aficionados and our programme was reckoned by many to be the most enterprising. It started ambitiously with a selection of songs from 'Les Miserables', and included solos, ensembles and numbers with guitar, bongos and shaker accompaniment. Solos were sung by Steve Bradbury, Malcolm Stallard and Chris Sweet. This was a measurable departure from the familiar programme we have sung in earlier concerts, starting with the Exeter University Institute of Cornish Studies festival of Cornish-Welsh culture, at St Austell parish church on 7th March. After this we were also invited to perform at the opening of the new harbour lock gate at Charlestown on a damp evening on 4th April, and at Trewoon Village Hall on 12th April.

We look forward to singing at the harbour again on a weekly basis in August, displaying the Cornish tradition of choral music to visitors who expect to see Cornish things on their Cornish holidays.

The new photograph shows some of the choir with our new accompanist, Hannah Hawken, at St Denys parish church, ready for the new season.



Hannah has had to miss a few of our recent practices because she is also a star in the brass band world, playing trumpet solos with St Austell Band and occasionally guesting with others. This means that in our concerts she is able to change seats and appear centre stage at a moment's notice, bringing in-house variety to the programme.

Looking ahead we are singing at Hayle on 16th May, with Kowethas in Harmony at St Elwyn's church, and at Gunwen Chapel at the request of Imerys for the initiation of a new County Nature Reserve on 27th May. June sees us entertaining the Friends of the Choir at a cream tea at Nanpean Chapel at 3pm on the 28th, and in July we expect to be at Drinnick, Nanpean. Things really hot up in August (including the weather, we hope) and we will spend our Thursday evenings on the quay at Charlestown instead of our usual practices at St Dennis. Into this we will squeeze a third annual visit to entertain visitors to the Imerys-sponsored Vintage Car Rally at Fowey in Regatta week, on the 20th, dashing off from there to Charlestown.

How do we keep so fit? We practise each week at the St Dennis Working Men's Club, singing from 7pm to 9pm and then going below to the bar to recover. It is a welcoming scene, and we welcome any man who has at some time lifted his voice – no need for reading music, just wanting to get the joy of harmony singing which you can't do alone. For any questions, just phone Barry Hawken on 07816 182891.

Fowey River Camera Club

Our club winter programme (where we meet at Squires Field Community Centre) has now ended. And it has been a busy old season! We started our club year with trips out, our Exhibition in July, had a very social club BBQ, then into the winter programme of talks, critiques (which also includes Photoshop editing), lessons and competitions. In January we decided that Storm Goretti seemed a bit menacing, so erred on the side of caution and cancelled our meeting. Very glad we did, and there was no point in risking people driving just for a club meeting! Better to be safe.



The end of our season was very busy with new ideas and suggestions for meetings. The short version is that we will continue to meet at Squires Field CC, continue with critiques and competitions which all enjoy, to meet up with another club, and to reduce the number of practical lessons in favour of going out taking photos.

So our first meeting of our new season starting in September, will be a "Photo Hunt": meet in a pub, then go out taking/hunting photos and end up in the pub again. If wet, we'll stay in the pub for a social! How awful!

Over this summer (when the weather plays nicely) we hope to go to the beach for a Fire photography evening, which will be learning photographic tricks to fool the eye. Sort of 'How did you do that?' photography.

We have already had our annual trip to Newton Abbot, Devon to view the WCPF Members Exhibition. Two of our members have won Acceptances in this competition, which gets over 2500 entries from all over the south west, so to be in the top awards is a big achievement. Congratulations to Janet and Kim. The Exhibition photos were stunning and fantastic to see. Well worth the trip.

Afterwards, we went to Buckland Abbey (home of Sir Francis Drake) and had a leisurely afternoon, viewing the house and gardens and stopping for cups of tea and cake. In the Abbey there is a spiral staircase and from the top you look down to see a very abstract view of the spiral. But it was decided we needed someone at the bottom to give photos a point of focus, so Sarah nipped downstairs and draped herself across the bottom stair and played dead. Photos were taken from the top, but a lady came rushing over to Sarah to ask if she was OK. I guess she didn't see all the cameras pointing at Sarah!

We are also planning on more outings over summer to go places to take photos. These tend to be very social and fun, but also all help each other with camera techniques, so are a good way to learn.

Our club has now set up a Fowey River Camera Club Facebook account, which anyone can join, just click on Join now. We have set it to Private, so only our FB members can see the photos and make comments and upload their own photos. We are suggesting that photos be reduced in size (resized) and have a watermark of your name or logo on (to try to help protect your copyright), but this is optional. We have all heard of photos being stolen from FB and sold on as the thief's own, hence our suggestion. Adobe Express Photos is a good free editing software, or many mobile phones have built-in editing.

All the latest info, including next season's programme, on foweyrivercameraclub.co.uk
Kim Pilkington
(Secretary, Fowey River Camera Club)

Thanks to everyone who helps support Friends of Par Beach, we continue to thrive! Our core focus is to protect, enhance and promote interest in the unique ecology that makes up Par Beach and Local Nature Reserve. Protecting the dunes from invasive species and dense scrub formation has been hard work and the proliferation of native dune plants takes time. However, we can see increased Marram Grass, Bird's-foot trefoil and Frosted orache already increasing and we'll soon be harvesting Kidney vetch from near Spit Beach to sow in the rear dunes. We have literally been Making Space for Sand to move, allowing natural increases in dune height and letting more light reach dormant seeds. It is exciting to see the dunes prosper.

Since our last summary for the Spring issue of PL24 magazine (and thanks to better weather!), we've been all systems go for activities, and it shows no sign of slowing down! The Easter Rubbing Post Nature Trail was a great success again, with 56 people (including some quite little ones!) braving the very blustery day to claim their prizes! It's also been great welcoming so many volunteers to our Work Party/Beach Clean events on the fourth Sunday of each month.



The Eagle-Eyed amongst you will have spotted our rejuvenated notice board, adjacent to our hut? Big thanks to Brian Harrison and Aileen Ryder for leading this very overdue revamp!

Besides our usual Work Parties/Beach Cleans, Water Quality Monitoring, committee and other meetings, we have lots of additional activities lined up in the coming

weeks and months. Please also note our AGM is booked for Thursday 24th September from 7pm. Dan Ryan, our guest speaker this year, will be talking about the unique biodiversity of Par Beach, Dunes and Local Nature Reserve. I've listed all activities, dates and times below so you can see how busy we are!



We continue to collaborate with multiple groups including Cornwall Wildlife Trust (especially the Tor to Shore team), Making Space for Sand, Buglife, Cornwall Bat Group, Budding Nature, Butterfly Conservation, The Creation Works, Cornwall Council, Cormac, Imerys, The Lost Gardens of Heligan and our volunteer colleagues in PL24 Community Association, Friends of St Andrews Wetland Reserve, Action Seagrass and Kelp (ASK), Three Bays Wildlife Group, Lostwithiel Environmental Action Group and Friends of the Fowey Estuary. We are also working with Par Beach Management Group to identify ways to improve access to the beach for people with mobility challenges. Please do get in touch if you think there are other groups we should be working with or if you would like to get involved with any of our work. Everyone is welcome 😊

Jenny Tagney, Chair, FoPB

Summer Activities

Weds 3rd June 10am – 3pm Introduction to Botany Workshop, Budding Nature and Buglife

Thurs 4th June 4pm – 6pm Wildflower Walk/Talk, Dan Ryan

Weds 30th June 10am – 3pm Introduction to Invertebrates Workshop, Budding Nature and Buglife

Sun 2nd August 1.45pm – 3.30pm Rockpool Ramble as part of National Marine Week.

Sat 29th August 8pm Bat walk/talk with bat detectors and infrared imagers

Sun 30th August 1pm – 3pm Rockpool Ramble

Fowey River Lions

In April we proudly celebrated the 49th anniversary of the formation of the Fowey River Lions. Over the years, the Lions have supported local people in need, and we are looking forward to continuing to do so in this, our 50th year, but we couldn't do any of the things we do without the help and support from people across our district. Whether it is local business who provide prizes for our fund-raisers, individuals who participate in our events or volunteer to help us with local activities, we are always grateful and ensure that your support goes to help those in our community who are most in need. Thank you.

As we enter this landmark year, we are pleased to announce that Kevin Rouse has agreed to step into the role of club President. Kevin is well known locally, and we are looking forward to his leadership over the next 18 months. We are a small group, and we are on the lookout for new members to join the team. If you would like to know more about what we do, you can contact us at foweyriverlions@gmail.com or by phone on 0345 833 7484. There will be no pressure to join, but hopefully you will find that the things we do and the way we work are a fulfilling way to give something back to the community.

To give you some insight into our activities, since the last edition, we have run successful fund-raising activities with an excellent Bingo evening at Haveners in Fowey, and Easter Egg draws in various pubs and businesses around the area. We were also to be found out in the streets collecting for the wonderful Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal, provided volunteers for the PL24 Community Association Litter Pick and helped with the du Maurier Festival. We were also happy to deliver a host of much needed supplies from local people to our colleagues in the



Callington Lions who continue to make regular trips to those in need in the Ukraine.

In early May we launched our 2026 Grant process via local Facebook and Instagram pages. We have a number of grants of £250 to give away for local projects and good causes. Last year, we gave grants to fund some new equipment for the Polkerris and Lostwithiel Scouts, bought new music stands for the Lostwithiel Town Band, supported two interactive literary workshops for local children via the Du Maurier Literary Festival, purchased musical equipment for Lostwithiel School and supplied sports equipment for Squires Field Youth Club.



Fowey River Lions is a charitable organisation dedicated to serving the local community. This could be through monetary gifts, or simply providing volunteers to support an event. If you think the Lions could help you, please get in touch.

Par Old Cornwall Society

Our indoor meetings have now finished but we have organised a walk on Saturday 27th June as part of the Federation of Old Cornwall Societies annual Festival of Walks. The walk will be looking at the history and wildlife around Par Beach, so it will be a level walk including part on the beach itself. As usual, we shall leave from the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall in Par Green (PL24 2AF) at 10.30am, finishing with a pasty lunch if required, and the chance to look at some of our archive photos of the beach and harbour. Booking is essential so please contact the phone number below or email austrip2012@gmail.com to register your interest. Lunch of pasties, saffron buns and drinks will be available for £10, so if leaving a message, please state whether you would like a steak or cheese and onion pasty together with your name and contact details. All welcome, not just existing members. There are many other walks around Cornwall organised by other Societies and listed on the Kernow Goth website - do check them out.

Our secretary has been contacted by someone doing research into the minesweepers built at Par Harbour during the Second World War by Frank Curtis Ltd, the shipbuilding company based in Looe. When the harbour was taken over for the construction of wooden minesweepers, 35 were built in Par then sailed round to Charlestown for fitting out. There were three directors of the firm who were also directors of Par Sawmills based on the harbour and of these, information is required on Thomas Cecil Letcher, a naval architect originally from Thames Ditton who ran the Par operation. The researcher is interested to know when Mr Letcher arrived in the area, where he lived and what happened to him after the war. If anyone has any information at all that we could pass on, we should like to hear from you.

We are also looking for information about C.S. Edwards, possibly Charles, who we think lived in Doubletrees around 1950. We have a copy of some music he wrote, on which it showed his qualifications as being M.R.S.T and L.T.S.C and which was sold for a penny halfpenny! It is believed he was also involved with the short lived Par Choral Society. Again, if you do know of this gentleman, please get in touch.

Diana Osborne 01726 814017

Lanjeth Nursery and Water Gardens Special Charity Event

for the National Garden Scheme

Private Guided Tour and Talk, including welcome drinks and cream tea, £18

Wednesday 22nd July 2-5pm

A limited number of tickets are available for an exclusive talk and guided tour by one of the owners.

Designated as a County Wildlife Site stretching to 13.5 acres, the Nursery and Water Gardens include 130 ponds and lakes set within heathland full of significant wildlife. Following its purchase in 2022, restoration has uncovered water plants and marginals which thrive in the boggy site.

The stars of the show are undoubtedly the water lilies in the main lake, the size of dinner plates! The nursery's core values of Community, Accessibility, Sustainability and Tranquillity will be fully explored as the tour progresses and wanders round ponds and through ancient woodland.

Full details and to pre-book:

findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/49176/lanjeth-nursery-water-gardens

St. Blazey Town Church Clock Restoration Appeal

The **St. Blazey Town Clock** was erected on the Church tower in 1971 in memory of Fr. George Polgrean, vicar of St. Blazey Church 1937-1970 and was funded by subscription from the local community; mainly by local fundraising, such as a sponsored walk.

My Story: I remember going on the sponsored walk, together with my 1-year-old labrador, Rufus. I was only 17 at the time, so the dog and I ran round the course, which started at the Church, went up Prideaux Road, along to Trethurgy, down to Tregrehan and back through Bodelva returning to St. Blazey Church - we were young and fast, so Rufus and I came in first!

My father, John Chisman, who owned the Watchmaker and Jewellers shop at the top of Station Road, St. Blazey, was instrumental in organising the installation of the Clock by Smiths of Derby. So, you can see, the clock means a lot to me, as it does to everyone in St. Blazey.

It is a most useful and relied-upon facility. The blue and gold dial can be plainly seen on the descent from Rosehill and along Church Street and from the top of Station Road. The clock also strikes the hour between 7am and 10pm, which can be clearly heard around the town. The Clock was originally maintained by St.

Austell With Fowey Council, then in turn by Restormel Borough Council until 2010 when Restormel became part of the unitary Cornwall Council who no longer wished to pay for its maintenance.

St. Blazey Town Council have since agreed to pay for the annual servicing, but not for any repairs. It has, therefore, now fallen to the community to fund any other work relating to the clock. The clock is a public clock, and as such, the church itself is not responsible for it, and neither is it in any position to fund any repairs.

Most importantly, the clock dial is in very poor condition, and it is no longer clear to read; it badly needs repainting and regilding.



It looks like this at the moment



We want it to look like this!

Recently, a small committee has been formed with the remit to raise money for the dial restoration via grants, local events and a GoFundMe account, which anyone can pay into, even small amounts. Scan the QR code below, or go online at

<https://gofund.me/2b73dd53f> Anyone with spare cash can contribute using the collection boxes available in shops around the town, including St. Blazey Post Office.



The committee has received a quote from Cumbria Clock Co., (with whom St. Blaise Town Council hold the annual maintenance contract) for the sum of **£8 000** to regild the dial with a weatherproof finish, which should last another 25 years.

Update: So far, over £2000 has been raised in grants and contributions, so let's try and raise the money to bring this magnificent dial back to look like new, and smarten not only the Church tower, but the whole of St. Blazey!

Many thanks,

Gwilym Chisman

St. Blazey Town Church Clock Restoration Committee

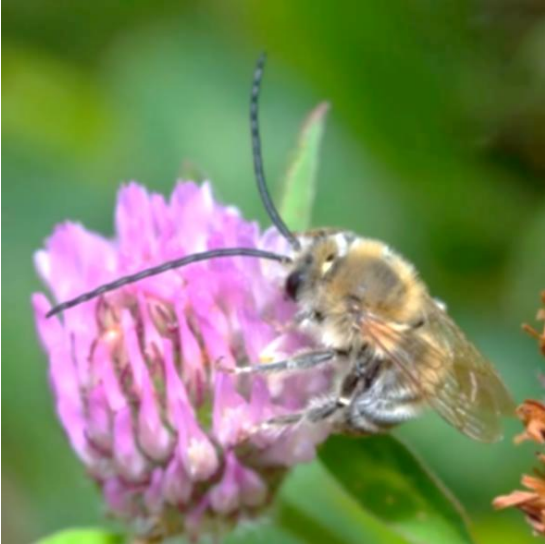
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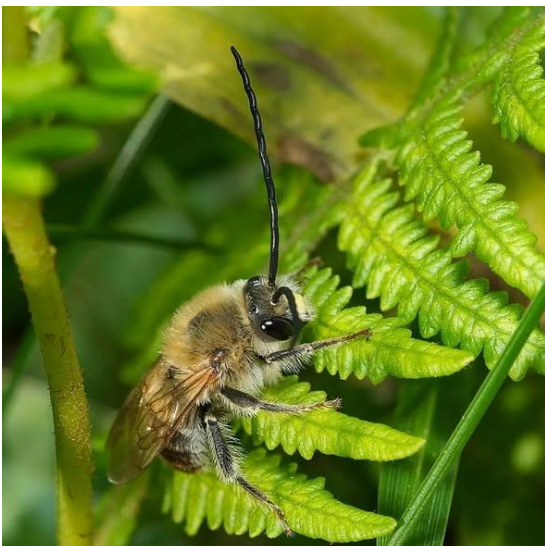
Buglife - Spit Point

Imerys and Buglife join forces to boost biodiversity!

Thanks to a new agreement between Imerys and Buglife (The Invertebrate Conservation Trust), significant conservation work has been agreed at Spit Point. This is part of a joint commitment to enhance biodiversity and protect vital invertebrate habitats on the site.



Cornwall is a literally a 'bee hotspot'! With our unique microclimate and dramatic coastal cliffs, the Duchy is home to nearly 200 different species of bees, that's a huge chunk of the 270 species found across the entire country. This area remains a vital sanctuary for pollinators that have sadly vanished elsewhere. The diversity here is incredible, ranging from the 24 types of Bumblebees, to over 170 species of Solitary Bees like Mining and Mason bees.



The Long-horned Bee for example has suffered a massive decline nationally, mainly due to habitat loss, and are now rather scarce, so it's lovely that they're still managing to cling on here and we hope to be able to help protect the important habitat. Scrub clearance will commence in the Autumn, to ensure the habitat is optimal for bees. Excessive scrub and bramble shades out wild flowers that the bees rely on for pollen and nectar - so this clearance work is crucial for biodiversity.

Jeremy Elvins

Mineral Planning, Estates
and Licensing Surveyor

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Home At Last

A wisp of silk spun long ago floats gently on the breeze.

A squirrel playing hide and seek

Bounding through the trees

Colours of the morning rise to greet the sun

Blues and whites competing, yellow not outdone.

Silence only broken with birdsong from above

A distant cuckoo calling, a gently cooing dove.

The sounds and smells of woodland,

Of birds and new mown hay

I leave the woods behind me and carry on my way.

Onwards down the winding path, on toward the sea

Where I can breathe, feel at ease, just the cliffs and me.

Lapping waves hit the rocks just like a metronome

I sit and watch a little while, this to me is home.

Barry Dutton

Summer time and the photos are easy

Apologies to Ella Fitzgerald who sang 'Summertime' - summertime and the living is easy - but capturing our amazing landscape with any camera including phone cameras is often not easy to get right. There is so much to photograph in Cornwall from beaches to moors, from old towns to ancient industrial buildings. Why is it so difficult sometimes to take a photograph and really capture a sense of what we see?



For me, photography is not just about replicating what we see but also, capturing the emotion of what we feel at the time we took the photograph. It doesn't matter whether you use a phone camera or the most expensive camera and lens. What triggers a memory when we look back at our photos is what we felt at the time, who we were with, what was said. In summer, that can be difficult to achieve without realising there are things we can do to aid our photographs and really make them special.

The first problem for us on the south coast is the sun and its height. It can create harsh shadows blocking detail. It can cause flares of light in our lens and if we are facing the sun to take a photograph the result is invariably disappointing. The second problem to overcome is to ask, 'What is our subject?' Very often the fantastic view we want to photograph is disappointing because the distant hills that attracted us become tiny and insignificant.

What can we do? Three top tips to use when you next take out your phone camera or camera.

Firstly, find a subject to photograph. The distant view may have attracted your attention but find something closer that can be your subject. For example, a large boulder on a beach, a single bush in a landscape, whitewater in a stream or river - use this as an anchor ideally drawing the viewer's eye into the photograph and beyond to the distant view.

Secondly, be aware of the light source and direction. Taking photographs facing the sun often leads to a silhouette of the subject. When the sun is directly behind us, the subject can merge into the background. If you can find a position with your camera where the subject is lit from the side, you will see texture in the image which helps the subject stand out from the background.

Thirdly, try using your camera at different heights. For example, standing with your camera at head height or waist height or crouched down or even lying on the ground all give completely different perspectives of your subject and environment.

I spent a lot of time over the years photographing Par Beach and other local beaches. It has never been easy so don't feel discouraged, just keep practising and one day you'll capture something really special. Don't be afraid to try different things out, experiment and most of all, have fun. Good luck with your summer photography!

Jeremy

www.youtube.com/@ThatOldPhotoGuy



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Dog advice

Dogs can provide company and friendship, and for many people they are a much-loved part of the family as well as a source of support in tough times. With the undoubted benefits of owning a dog come some responsibilities, to the dog and to other people. With the summer season approaching and the number of dogs in the area increasing, there have been reports of issues locally with dogs being out of control. So I would like to clarify a few issues.

Out of control dogs

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, such as in a public place or in a private place, for example a neighbour's house or garden.

The law applies to all dogs. Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them
- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal.

Penalties

You can get an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to 6 months (or both) if your dog is dangerously out of control. You may not be allowed to own a dog in the future, and your dog may be destroyed. If you deliberately use your dog to injure someone you could be charged with 'malicious wounding'.

Your dog must be kept on a lead on roads, pavements or shared pathways. If your dog escapes your premises and gets hit by a car, it is not the fault of the driver, but the dog's owner as it would be classed as "out of control" It is the responsibility of the owner to seek immediate medical attention for the dog, regardless of the dog's state of health. Failing to do is classed as neglect or abuse.

Puppies and Breeders

It is now law for all puppies to be microchipped, and the owner's details must be registered on one of the authorised databases, before they go to their new home,

no earlier than 8 weeks old. This applies if you are a registered breeder or if either "on purpose or by accident your dog gets caught"

The breeder would be the first registered keeper. Breeders should pass on correct microchip paperwork to the new owner when the puppy goes home.

Owners are required to keep their pet's details up to date (for example, if they move house). If you rehome your dog to someone else, you must give the new owner the correct microchip registration paperwork so that they can contact the database and register as the dog's new owner. If this is not done, then you will face an unlimited fine and criminal prosecution.

Dog bites

Allowing your dog to be 'dangerously out of control' is against the law on private property, as well as in public. A dog does not have to bite or physically injure someone for an offence to take place. If a person feels your dog may hurt them, they may still be considered 'dangerously out of control'. This applies to dogs of all sizes, breeds and types.

You will need to make sure your dog is not a threat to delivery drivers, postal workers, health workers and other professionals who may visit your property.

Owners can be prosecuted if their dog attacks someone in their home (including in their front and back gardens), or on private property (such as a pub), or in any public space.

Dogs can open and close their mouths from birth so this can NOT be used as an excuse for your dog "Not being able to bite"

Emma de Riso
Polruan Pups pet sitting
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The History of Dubbers

Dubbers - which is a Cornish word for miner's pick-axe - was a working kaolin pit until the mid-1960s. At this point, active mining moved to adjacent pits, and Dubbers was ready for restoration. The slow process of 'backfilling' then began. It became what is known as a 'raised mica residue dam'. This is an engineered structure designed to store one of the waste products from the mining and processing of kaolin, that is - slurry containing mica. Restoration began in 2010 and involves creating a neutral soil from waste materials that include anaerobic digestate, compost-like output and clean water sewage cake. These materials were mixed with fine sand and then deposited across the open mine, creating a new base layer for habitats to form.

Making space for nature recovery

In the winter of 2024, the largest tree planting scheme in the Southwest began with over 100,000 native trees planted across this site, thanks to a UK government grant via DEFRA. A developing mosaic of heathland, neutral grassland, woodland and scrubland is now starting to establish. This aligns with the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Nature Recovery Strategy by increasing habitat diversity, supporting threatened species, and enhancing resilience to climate change.

Supporting protected species

An impressive array of species of ecological importance can already be found at Dubbers - including Skylark, Cuckoo, Grasshopper Warbler, Harvest Mouse, Brown Long-eared Bat, Scarce Blue-tailed, Damselfly and Dingy Skipper butterfly.

'Rescued' bees - which have been removed from residential areas by a local charity 'Bees Off' - have also been rehomed at Dubbers in their millions! Thirty-five hives are now in place with a further 10 planned very soon.

This has significantly boosted the bee population and provided a safe home for these essential pollinators.

The area is now also a regionally important nocturnal feeding location for the elusive Jack Snipe, with up to 60 birds detected. Not only that, it is the only place in Cornwall where the protected Little Ringed Plover have been confirmed to successfully breed!

Involving the community

In 2025, the restoration team held a public consultation to update local people about progress on the site and ask for feedback and ideas for the future. The event was incredibly positive, with a clear message of a need for more footpath access delivered by the community.

This coincided with work led by estates manager Jeremy Elvins to provide better access via a network of permissive pathways. An extra 21 miles / 34 km have been added recently - bringing the total to 38 miles / 62 km! Access is a mixture of footpaths and trails suitable for cyclists and horses. Work is ongoing to provide more access for people with limited mobility.

A publicly available footpath map was updated to reflect this boost of access - to access it online, please go to tinyurl.com/7ed6357v. The local team worked with Cornish tourist information bodies to provide free copies of the map to local offices.

Young tree planters helped out

Last year, year 5 students from Whitemoor Primary School - which neighbours Dubbers - were invited to come along and help plant some of the 100,000 trees. The same group of children were guests of honour for the official opening walk - they joined the 2-mile walk and did an excellent job of spotting signs of wildlife with their new binoculars!

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Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society

This year we will be holding our 31st annual show on Sunday 19th July at the Par Scout Hall in Moorland Road. The show is open to the public between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. There will be entries of Fuchsias and Pelargoniums that have been carefully grown by club members to a high standard. It will be as always a very colourful display in the hall and well worth seeing. Admission is free, but donations on the door appreciated. A great selection of refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. There is also a well-stocked plant stall and tombola.

The club meets on the second Monday of each month at Tywardreath Methodist Church, Well Street starting at 7.00pm. Please note we have changed the venue for our meetings. The name of the society suggests we only have meetings discussing fuchsias, but we have a varied programme on a wide range of gardening topics. Our July meeting on 13th will be Brigit Strawbridge talking about bumble bees. We also go on garden visits and have a Christmas social. New members are always welcome. Membership is only £12.00 a year or £3.00 a meeting.

For more details of the show or the club please contact jeaksbunn@gmail.com



Interested in social media?

We are looking for a Facebook admin.

We are also looking for a volunteer who could update our website occasionally. This is ideal for someone who is relatively technology savvy but only has a little time to spare.

Interested?

Contact Alison at: pl24.community.org.uk

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Now the green blade riseth from the buried
grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has
lain;
Life stirs again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth
green.

Six months underground Persephone
remained,
Springtime sees her burst forth, Hades lost
his claim.

New life shall grow; the dead leaves fall
away:
Winters lost its hold and new shoots gently
sway.

Blossom forms confetti fit for a May Queen's
ride,

Welcome we the light, fields, fertile, rich
springtide;
Fast comes the warmth to bring new growth
to bloom:
Spring is here once more we welcome and
give her room.

Summer comes forth softly, warming our seas
and earth,

Fruits and plants that nourish grow and are
brought to birth.

Long daylight hours to live and grow and
love,
Persephone rejoices in her time above.

Final harvests gathered, stored and given
room.

Autumn's crown of leaves fall; carpets where
once were blooms.

Fires now burn long as days become so
short,

Persephone returns once more to Hades
Court.

1st verse from Now the Green Blade Riseth
hymn. Verses 2-4, Jenny Tagney of Kescana

Sung to the 15th Century French Carol tune
used for Now the Green Blade Riseth.



The Garden has been looking wonderful over the last few weeks, and our veg plots are doing well, with over-wintered broad beans, onions, garlic and shallots all going strong, and strawberries starting to fruit. We have recently planted out courgettes, chard and mizuna (salad) plants as well as runner beans and some lovely tomato plants that were kindly donated to us by a grower of unusual species.

We recently took delivery of begonia plants kindly sourced by Tywardreath and Par Parish Council. Members of the Garden Team and PL24 CA volunteers have planted them out in planters on Moorland Road, at the station bus stop and at Hamleys Corner. The Team are also helping at Go Beyond, the children's charity in Tywardreath, where we grow vegetables for the children to enjoy. A particular highlight is harvest time and the joy that comes from unearthing new potatoes and picking fresh peas – though I'm not sure how many peas actually reach the kitchen!

Unfortunately, we have not escaped the outbreak of anti-social behaviour that has afflicted Par recently, and we were dismayed at the reckless behaviour of a few individuals and damage done to the parts of the garden. While we welcome visits by anyone in our community, we will not tolerate damage or disruption to the neighbours, and in particular, we urge parents to impress on youngsters in their care the need to respect the property and wellbeing of other people in our community. We have now closed the Garden from 5pm and removed all the benches and seats from the Garden; we hope this will be a temporary measure. We are also liaising with Cllor Ian Wilson, Noah Law MP and the police to tackle this issue. The Garden Team have been doing a great job of maintaining the Garden, and we are grateful to all those people who help keep the garden tidy.

Our Swap and Share is as popular as ever, and we regularly receive donations of spare or unwanted plants, seeds, pots and garden tools. We make them available to anyone who wants them. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation for others to benefit. If you have any plants to share or need any garden tools, drop by any Sunday 10am to 12 noon.

The Garden Team

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Litter picks

Join Jason, Sandra and others at our litter picks! We welcome individuals and groups. To be added to our contact list for litter pick reminders, please contact Sandra on pl24events@gmail.com

And if you are not so mobile nowadays, we would welcome some help on the day. Just a case of sitting down, being friendly and giving out information. Our litter picks are 2 hours long and you can choose the dates! As many or as few as you want to do.

Upcoming litter picks

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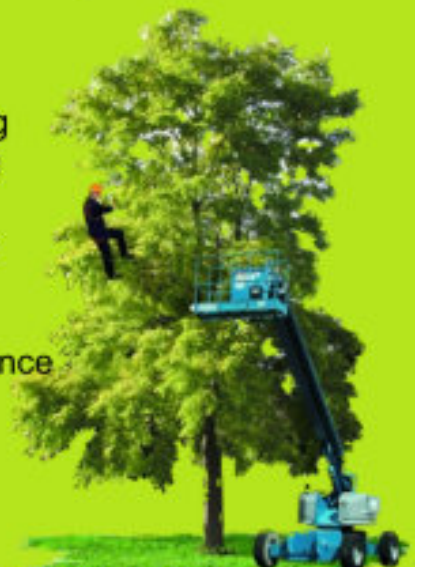
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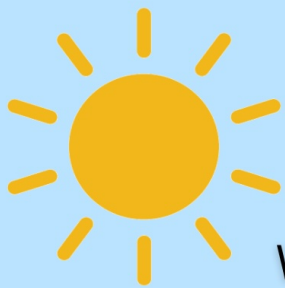
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