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Vicar's letter ~ Revd Jeffrey James

I hope early bird readers of the magazine will forgive me for beginning with an Easter greeting, from all who worship at St Mylor and All Saints - happy Easter.

There's a great deal to be happy about. There are Easter Cards, Easter eggs and chocolate Easter bunnies. There are Bank Holidays and time for families to get together.

In the sharing and exchanging of Easter symbols there's the opportunity for people to enjoy each other's company.

It's soon gone though, this material sense of happiness, certainly sooner than the six weeks the church takes each year to reflect on the nature and meaning of the Easter event. At its heart, this prolonged celebration has a sense of wonder and mystery that cannot be contained or restricted. You feel like a room without a roof as the **Pharrell Williams** single has it (if you want to know more, look at the YouTube video or ask a younger person).

That's because the central truth of Easter, the empty tomb, speaks of a God who is not constrained by death or entombment in a sealed cave.

What's more, the promise of a life that exists beyond the realm of human existence is made not to the few but to all who believe. Jesus' rising from the grave inaugurates a new understanding that we continue to exist beyond the point at which our mortal flesh ceases to function.

Death has a word but it's certainly not the last one.

The implications of this are immense. Much of the human story is about living as though there is no tomorrow. We rush to build, to consume, to achieve and in many lives this rush has the sense of trying to beat the **biological clock. Of course it's important for our flourishing as people that we all have the opportunity to use our skills, talents and abilities to their full extent, but the Easter story tells us that it's no longer just about now or just about us.** When God in Jesus steps out of the tomb, he invites us into relationship and into eternity.

The risen Jesus speaks to Mary Magdalene by name and he breaks bread with the disciples walking to Emmaus. In these simple ways of relating, he establishes a lasting relationship with humanity and signals that bodily death is the gateway to eternal life. This relationship is where true and lasting happiness lies and the invitation is open to everyone. So, once again, happy Easter.



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5pm Evening Prayer* All Saints

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Church and Chapel News

Chapel News: On 28 February we held a Barn Dance in the Tremayne Hall and what a fabulous night it was. There was no shortage of dancers or laughter. Local band *Piskie Jig* really got the crowd going and we even had some solo dancing with *Matilda The Spoon!* We all left with aching jaws, legs and full tumms from the gorgeous pasty supper. Everyone wanted to know the date of the next one! Watch this space. After a fun filled evening and expenses paid, we managed to raise a whopping £592.07 for the kitchen fund. Thank you everyone.

We now look forward to our Easter Celebrations, starting with a United Service on 29 March, Palm Sunday, with our Anglican friends. We start at 10.00 on Lemon Arms car park and walk together to the Chapel.

Other dates: 5 April Easter Sunday service at 10.30 led now by *Sylvia Wainright*; Thursday 9 April at 7pm, Church Council Meeting; 10.00 on Saturday 2 May, *Vera* invites you to a Coffee Morning at 29 Bells Hill. All the usual stalls, including plants. We also extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at our Sunday morning services from 10.30. Our next Family Service is Sunday 12 April. For more information contact me on 01326 376241.

Vyv Curnow

Church News: Services for Easter at St Mylor and All Saints Churches:

Palm Sunday 8 am Holy Communion, St Mylor
10 am Meet in Lemon Arms Car Park to process with donkey to Methodist Chapel for service at 10.30 am
5 pm Evening Prayer and Bible Study, All Saints

Holy Week Monday to Thursday Morning Prayer 9 am, All Saints
Monday and Tuesday 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion, All Saints
Wednesday 10 a.m. Midweek Communion, All Saints
9 pm Compline, All Saints
Thursday 10 am Chrism Mass, Truro Cathedral
7 30 pm Holy Communion with washing of feet, St Mylor, followed by Vigil to midnight.

Good Friday 10 am Good Friday Liturgy, St. Mylor
2 pm Good Friday Liturgy, All Saints

Easter Eve 9 am Morning Prayer, St Mylor
8 pm Easter Vigil *All Saints Church, Falmouth*

Easter Day 8 am Holy Communion, St Mylor
10.30 am Parish Eucharist for Easter Day, St Mylor
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Community News and Views

Parish Council: A meeting was held at Mylor Parish Hall on 23 February and questions from the public included concerns over the 1.97% Cornwall Council Tax increase, and how it relates to the monies received by the PC from CC. There is often confusion over this. In November the PC looks ahead to the next year and decides on the money it will require (the Precept) to fulfill its obligations as a parish council. CC collects it on our behalf, via Council Tax. Mylor PC has one of the lowest precepts within Cornwall. A re-occurring confusion is, who is responsible - CC or PC?

It is surprising how little the parish council is responsible for, although CC is asking us to take on more and more - please remember we are volunteers! For example highways and public rights of way are the responsibility of CC. We can certainly report highways problems, as you can, and wait for their response. Regarding parish footpaths we can act as CC's agent, in that we arrange to have them cut for them and they give us money to pay for this. Some paths we are not asked to attend to, as CC considers them (with help from us) low priority - possibly very little growth, no use or whatever.

Parish property/assets are our responsibility. The Leats and Sands car parks are such. Pot holes in the latter are to be filled in and we are getting estimates for future resurfacing of the Leats Car Park. The parish cemetery is another responsibility. Cornwall Councillor **Tony Martin** reported problems with parking in the Eglos Meadow area. He has asked CC to attend to the marking of parking spots. It was agreed that Parish Council should have a stall at Mylor May Fair. Please come along and talk to us.

Councillor **Polglase** was thanked for the considerable amount of work he is putting in on street lighting situation in the parish. We are one of the few parishes in Cornwall to have a substantial number of lights not yet adopted by Cornwall Council. In fact the parish (you) own 82 lights at considerable expense (within our Precept). For CC to adopt them they have to be of a certain standard; this costs a lot of money. We would love them to be adopted by CC and it is an on-going quest. Similarly Councillor **Bridges** was thanked for his great works on the 'Flushing Community Flood Plan'. Volunteers and a co-ordinator would be most welcome; without them the Plan cannot be implemented. Please call **Bob** on 01326 373830 for more details.

Additional car parking areas in Mylor village, are to be investigated. Several parishioners have commented on the increasing parking problems within the main street and around the shops, halls and businesses. It was stated that once people stop going to these facilities on account of no parking, it is bad news for the well-being of the community. Correspondence was also received on possible problems when the Post Office is relocated.

The next PC meeting is 30 March in Flushing Club at 7.15pm. Public participation is from 7.15 - 7.30pm or concerns/queries/comments can be sent to **mylorpc@btinternet.com** or in writing to the Clerk. **Jan Robson**

Community News and Views ~ continued

Big Easter Coffee Morning: A coffee morning in aid of Tremayne Hall funds, will be held on Saturday 11 April.

Doors open 9.30 to 12.30 in the Tremayne Hall. Everyone very welcome.

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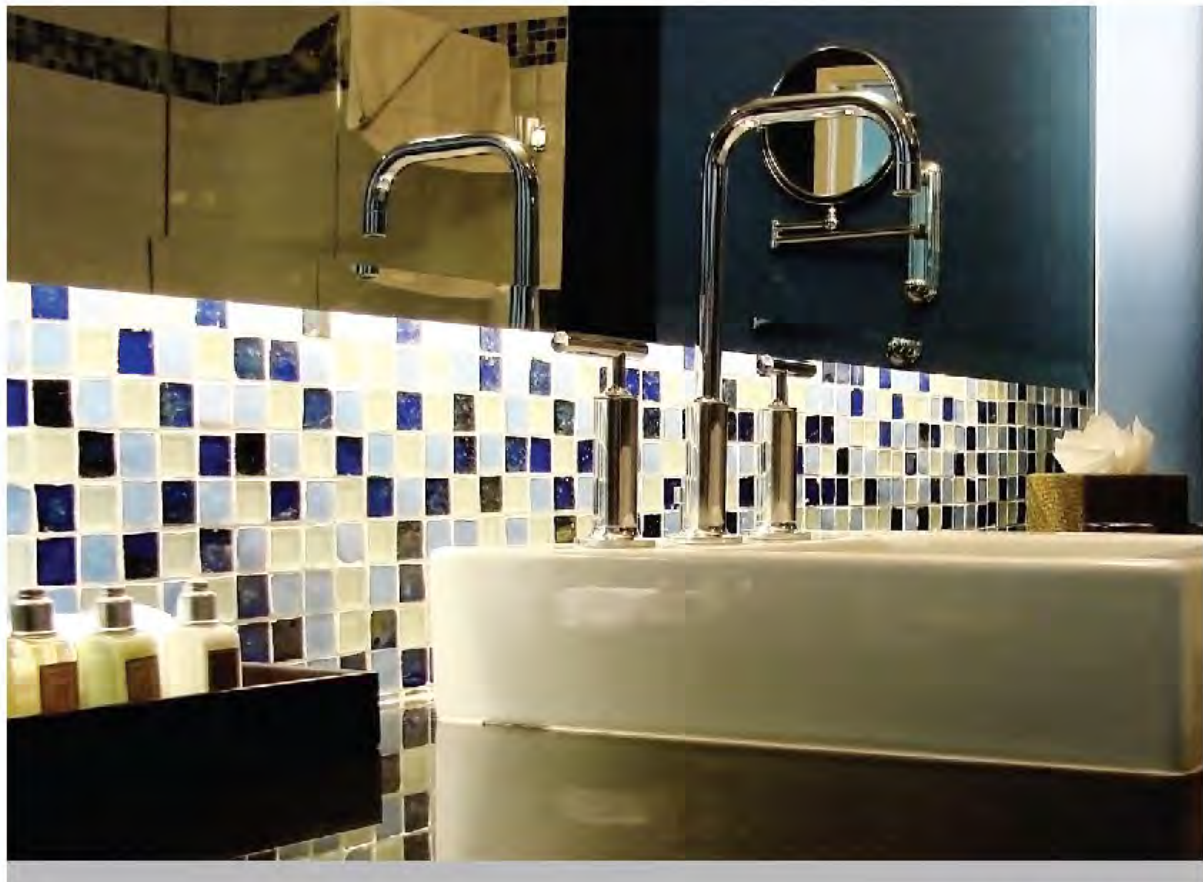


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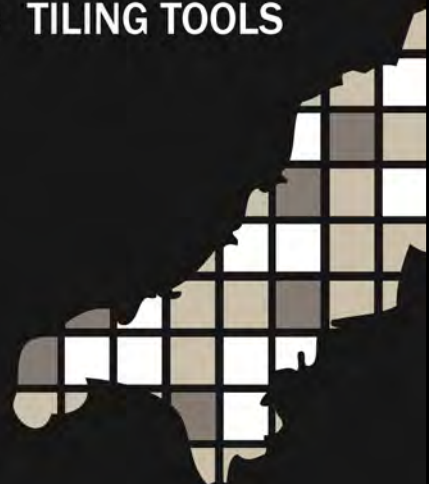


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Community News and Views ~ continued

New WI in Mylor: There will be an introductory meeting to form a new Women's Institute on 15 April at 7.30 pm in the Tremayne Hall. This is following a good response to the proposal that a new look WI should be started for Mylor and Flushing. In 2008 the WI for this area finally closed, having run continuously since 1921. It still thrives in many parts of the country and now has a modern look to its much-loved image, so it is hoped that an enthusiastic new group will form to carry this forward. This seems especially appropriate as the Women's Institute celebrates its centenary in 2015. We are taking advice from others with experience and are privileged to welcome **Yvonne Toms** to speak at this meeting. **Yvonne** is a WI advisor working with the Cornwall Federation of WIs. We would like to welcome women of all ages who are interested. Please come to our introductory meeting to find out more and perhaps contribute ideas to this fledgling group.

Pam Seabridge

Photo competition: 2016 Mylor Village Calendar. We know there are lots of clever photographers out there, so how about sending in some of your village pictures. We would like entries from children (up to 12), teenagers and adults. Photographs must be in colour and in landscape orientation and must be of Mylor. The overall winning photograph will appear on the cover and there will be a display of all the entries in August. The closing date for entries is 30 June. Please email your photos to pat.willmore@btinternet.com or phone 372168 for further details. Proceeds will go to Tremayne Hall upkeep.

Pat Willmore

Coach trip to Penzance and Trengwainton: Mylor Local History Group, in conjunction with Mylor Garden Club, is arranging a visit to Penzance and Trengwainton Gardens on 13 May. We will be leaving at 9am, having coffee together at Trengwainton, then according to the weather and your inclinations, you may either stay at the garden or go into Penzance, perhaps to go to the Penlee Gallery, Morrab library, or to do your own thing entirely. There will be a later chance for a shorter visit to Penzance should you prefer to leave Trengwainton after lunch. The coach will leave Penzance in order to be back in Mylor by 5pm. Do consider joining us. The coach fare is only £8 - surely great value. If you would like more details, or would like to book, please ring me on 376403 or **Lyn Chapman** on 374073.

Jill Quilliam

Community News and Views ~ continued

History Group Talk: On 21 February, *Roger Radcliffe*, Chairman of the St Agnes Museum Trust, gave us a talk entitled 'All washed up at St Agnes'. He told us of seventeenth century adits in the cliffs from which deposits of tin are still washed out into the sand. He showed old photographs of the harbour, built in 1798, at which coal from South Wales was unloaded and copper concentrate loaded. Four ships were built on the beach in 1872 and storms, from 1916 to 1919, demolished the quay, of which remains can be seen at low tide. Unusual things have been found on the beach, including: a bottle that had crossed the Atlantic with a poem inside dated 1858; some plastic ducks from Japan; plastic lobster tags from the East coast of America; objects from cruise ships and beans from Costa Rica. A whale was washed up in 1946 and in 2010 whale bones were found. *Roger* had an interesting display of finds to show us and answered many questions.

We have a few outings planned during the year - look out for details.

Our next lecture will be on 19 September.

Rosemary Spooner

Playing Field: With weather improving, the volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the playing field in good condition will once again be carrying out their good work. They do, however, need more help and ask those who use and appreciate the playing field as a community amenity, to consider helping. If you are able to offer a small amount of time, on a regular or irregular basis, please contact a member of the Playing Field Committee. As well as maintaining the equipment and the field, the committee's aims for this year are to raise money for the refurbishment of the tennis court and to add a MUGA (multi use games area) to the equipment on the playing field. A MUGA has an all-weather playing surface and can be used for practising skills in many sports including five-a-side football, netball, cricket, basket ball and hockey.

May Fair, 16 May: This promises to be the best ever and we ask you all to come and enjoy a great afternoon. It is a real community event, the clubs and societies of the village run stalls on the day to help us raise funds whilst the businesses are always ready to take an advert in the May Fair Programme and to donate raffle prizes. Thank you in anticipation, the committee really appreciate your ongoing support. Stalls are available at £10 per table and can be booked by contacting one of the fund raising team, *Rebecca, Vanessa, Terrie* and *Mary*.

If the weather should be inclement on the day the stalls will be set up in the Tremayne Hall and the Ord Statter Pavilion.

Mary Richardson

Community News and Views ~ continued

Flower Club: The club's next meeting will be on 30 March in the Ord-Statter (NB. No competition). On 2 March, **Jenny Ragg** demonstrated five beautiful and unusual arrangements, her first being in a green dish filled with very tall pussy willow, black-eyed susies surrounded below by hellebores, carnations and foliage. At these meetings, the demonstrator always does five arrangements before having them raffled afterwards.

Jenny's second and third arrangements were both in very long containers, one having pink and lilac coloured flowers nestling amongst lichen covered blackthorn and the other contained three tall dried eucalyptus stems surrounded at the base with cream, pink and yellow flowers. Her fourth one was in an open Easter Egg and the fifth was quite amazing. On a large plate of glass she placed a square tin into which she inserted branches of larch from which she hung tubes of yellow chrysanthemum heads and papier-mache Easter Eggs with a base frill of fatsia leaves and flowers.

Irene Gardiner

Garden Club: Our March meeting was unusual as our speaker, **Emma Trevarthan** is an archaeologist and currently manages the Historic Environment Record for Cornwall.

Her illustrated talk took us through the evolution of gardens from the Iron Age to



the 20th century. She began with Chysauster, a settlement in West Penwith where the remains of gardens can still be seen alongside the tiny dwellings. At Tintagel Castle an 'instant garden' was planted when the court arrived, presumably to impress the visitors. In medieval times, we heard that around the great houses, plants were used symbolically to bring calm thoughts, or in the case of bee hives to suggest hard work. The outlines of these pleasure gardens can still be seen from the air, especially when the ground is very dry. Such gardens took a great deal of work, especially parterres outlined with low hedges. By the 18th century, a more natural look became fashionable. In Cornwall, **Humphrey Repton**, regarded as a successor to **Capability Brown**, redesigned gardens that included sheep or deer to give a country look. I doubt if any of us came home with tips or ideas for our own gardens, but nevertheless it was a very interesting evening. On Monday 13 April, we have a fun evening - 'Hiley Entertaining' a virtual look at the Hiley Garden, with **Brian Hiley**.

Maggie Farley



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Local Arts and Crafts

Creative Writing: last month we celebrated the winners of our writing competition and published the winning story by *Julia Webb-Harvey*. This month we are delighted to publish *Ballad of the Writer's Itch* by *Gennie Peters*, our winning poem (p35). *The Skipper's Return* by *Rodney Myers*, our winner in the memoir category will be in the May issue.

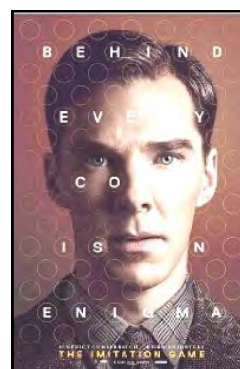
We want to mention, too, some other entrants whose stories and poems we enjoyed: *Shona Mullen* for her charming conversation piece with a beloved spaniel, *Four Biscuits at Bedtime: Celia Savage* for *Dawn*, a rite of passage memoir set on the Norfolk Broads; among the poets, *Susan Rees* and *Kevin Webb* for their strong images and imaginative evocation of nature. We hope to run a further competition later in the year.

Our next writing session at Tremayne Hall is on Saturday 25 April; then into summer with 30 May, 20 June and 25 July. Sessions start at 10.00am and finish at 12 noon. Do join us with your notebook and pen for a couple of hours of inspiration and creativity in a friendly group. Newcomers are always welcome; feel free to come along and try us out. For more details phone 01326 377419 or email janeemoss@outlook.com.

Jane Moss

Mylor Movies: On Wednesday 29 April, we have 'The Imitation Game' - 7.30 pm in the Tremayne Hall.

In 1939, newly created British intelligence agency MI6 recruits Cambridge mathematics alumnus Alan Turing (*Benedict Cumberbatch*) to crack Nazi codes, including Enigma - which cryptanalysts had thought



unbreakable. Turing's team, including Joan Clarke (*Keira Knightley*), analyse Enigma messages while he builds a machine to decipher them. Turing and team finally succeed and become heroes, but in 1952, the quiet genius encounters disgrace when authorities reveal he is gay and send him to prison.

Although dealing with serious issues, this is a very enjoyable film, with a narrative that draws the audience in as it follows the amazing series of events which finally lead to the breakthrough in cracking the code. The acting is brilliant and deserving of Oscar nominations. Highly recommended.

Jo Robertson

Local Arts and Crafts ~ continued

Book Group: When 'The Children Act' by *Ian McEwan* was published last year, there was a lot of discussion in the media around the merits of a short book (at 200 pages, this is a short and easy read) versus the trend for tomes! This book weaves several strands and deals with them all with clever but sparing detail. The group praised the structure and skill of the writing. It tells the story of a Family Division High Court Judge, *Fiona Maye*, who frequently deals with life and death situations. The main focus of the book is an emergency case in which a 17 year old boy is refusing life-saving treatment on religious grounds. She makes her ruling and in doing so steps outside the proprieties of her role. At the same time she is dealing with the emotional fallout of her own marriage breakdown.

The book was well received by the group. There were varying levels of sympathy for *Fiona Maye's* plight and personal anguish, with some believing that she had played both God and Satan. It also offers a fascinating insight into the rather rarefied life of a High Court Judge without being in any way heavy. Recommended!

Pat Willmore

Trefusis Singers: The AGM was on 17 February, beginning with an address by the President, *Maureen Wakely*, followed by various reports. The consensus was that the choir had a very successful year with venues old and new. It was decided that the money allotted to charity would be shared between *Penhaligon's Friends*, a local charity for bereaved children, and *Falmouth Recovery Support*, for people recovering from mental health problems. We thank all who attended and helped at our two Mylor concerts. We **have started rehearsals for our Summer Concert entitled 'A Walk Down The West End' to be held on Saturday 20 June in the Tremayne Hall.** We meet every Tuesday evening, except in August, usually at 7.30pm, at the Methodist Schoolroom. We enjoy being quite a small choir but we would still love to have just a few more members, so, if you love singing, no matter how rusty you are, please contact me on 01326 619019. Although we work hard, we still have great fun at our rehearsals.

Irene Gardiner

Local Exploits ~ A ghostly encounter

"A little grave, an obscure grave; Or I'll be buried on the king's highway" (Shakespeare, Richard II, act iii)

One does not, normally, expect to encounter a ghost in broad daylight. Indeed, the probability is that one does not expect to see a ghost ever and I had no thought of hauntings or spectral apparitions when I was driving back to Mylor one late summer's afternoon. I was returning from Truro and was glad to leave the heat of the busy main road and turn into the shade of Devichoy's Woods. Not far up this hill there is a right turn which leads past Goonreve and on to Penryn. It seems a small lane now, but this was once the route taken by the stage coaches which travelled between Perran-ar-Worthal and Penryn, carrying passengers from places as far away as London. I turned my car into this lane and, as I did so, I saw the small figure of an old woman ahead of me. She was wearing a long, black skirt and had a black shawl over her head and shoulders. I presumed that she was old because of her stooping gait and slow progress. I watched as she plodded in front of me and trudged round the bend ahead, while I followed cautiously in my car. To my surprise, when I rounded the corner, the lane was empty and there was no sign of her. I searched the hedgerows on either side, thinking that she may have been resting on the verge, but nothing stirred in the stillness of the quiet, sunny afternoon. The black-clad figure had simply disappeared.

I kept this strange occurrence to myself for a long time. Several years later, I met a man who cultivated the field on the corner of that same lane and told him my story.

"Ah yes" he said, "That would be the ghost of the old Irish woman who haunts this lane. My field is known as 'the Irish-woman's field' because she is buried there."

It is a fact that at the time of stage coach travel, when itinerant passengers died on a journey, they were frequently buried by the roadside and this had happened to the old woman when she died as the coach made its way towards Penryn.

No-one knew where she had come from, or where she was going, so her grave was dug in the nearest field and there she was buried and soon forgotten - but I remember her well.

Penelope Rowe

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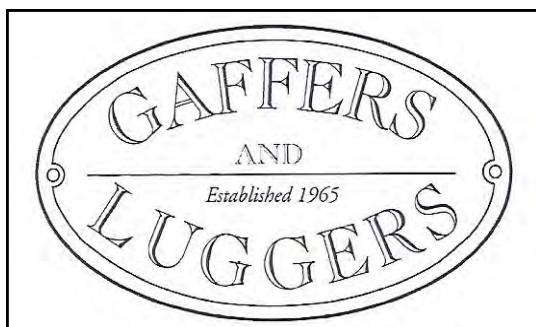
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The first thing to consider is that stress incontinence is very much a western problem and partly a product of our sophisticated indoor plumbing. Apparently, in areas of the world where toilets are at floor level (and don't necessarily include any kind of ceramics), pelvic floors are far more robust. This is because ladies who squat to pee are basically exercising their pelvic floor every single time they do so. Aside from the general toning effect, it is apparently also possible to achieve accurate directional control. Something to aim for - pardon the pun!

So here are some 'how to's' for you. First of all, doing an abdominal workout will generally improve pelvic floor toning. Sit ups, crunches, planks for example, can all help.

Knee squeezes with resistance – put something relatively firm, but slightly squashy, in between your knees and squeeze it, preferably tightening your tummy muscles at the same time. You can build this into a squeeze and hold for a breath in and out, consciously trying to lift the pelvic floor a bit further.

You can do knee squeezes seated, standing or lying down, just make sure you're comfortable and that you don't squeeze so tightly that your back starts to grumble.

You can also practise pelvic floor lifts without the knee squeeze once you've established a good connection between the brain and those specific muscles.

What medical help is available? If your pelvic floor is letting you down too often and the exercises don't help, talk to your GP or Practice Nurse ASAP. It's a common enough problem so they will have dealt with it many times and should be sympathetic and helpful.

They may refer you for some specialised physiotherapy which can be brilliant. However, if all else fails, surgery is available and generally pretty successful. Stress incontinence can be a horrible, humiliating problem. Don't suffer in silence. Take solace from the fact that it is so common that all our GP Surgeries are fully used to dealing with it and see if they can help you.

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Young Explorers ~ Megan Adams

Hello, I'm Megan! I've moved up to Mylor from the Lizard, where I helped run education events for the National Trust. So I thought I'd share some outdoor activities with Mylor Magazine, with families in mind but everyone can give it a go!

Ideas for April:

Egg-cellent cress heads

Easter eggs with a difference! Give an eggshell a face, add some compost or cotton wool, sprinkle with seeds and grow some green hair. Cress grows in 4 – 7 days and makes a really good mohican!

Radishes also don't mind being grown in confined space, old drinks bottles are fine and can perch on any windowsill.



Find some monstrous sticks!

Some trees look like they have faces in their bark or branches and some sticks could easily be ferocious dragons or mischievous piskies.

Make a stick-person or stick-creature using wool, don't forget to give them a face.

Put those wellies on and go for a good Easter stomp

Look out for frogspawn

Sniff out some ransoms or wild garlic

Squeeze some squashy moss

Listen for woodpeckers drumming on dead trees and birds singing to attract a mate.

Robins sing beautifully from the trees during Spring, a tune to impress their future mate but also to defend their territory. Both male and female robins sing but the males are fiercely territorial of their patch, which might just be your garden.

Have a lovely Easter!



Changes at Enys Gardens: The good news is that the Gardens will be welcoming visitors for the 2015 season from 2 April; every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, 2-5 pm. Less good news is that *Phytophthora Ramorum*, 'Sudden Oak Death' has had to be cleared from the garden during the winter. The Forestry Commission decreed that the *Rhododendron Ponticum*, the common variety, and some laurel be cut down and burnt on site as a preventive measure. This meant that large areas, mostly undisturbed



for many years, are now quite open. However, after the first shock, visitors will enjoy vistas never seen before – such as views down over the lake and of a huge *Magnolia Campbellii*. Also, although very raw now, who knows what will grow now light has been let into the areas? There is a newly renovated summerhouse to see, just waiting for the thatcher. We now hope to have our third summerhouse renovated. There is a huge new herbaceous border planted up as well, and arrangements have been made for viewing (but not as yet entering) the walled garden. We have also changed the entrance drives and car parking arrangements, to make them safer and less weather dependent. We hope to see you there to enjoy the camellias.

Lyn Chapman



Hairdresser's Picture: This is the beautiful cross-stitch picture that greets customers just inside the door at Hair Design in Lemon Hill. The intricate work was done by *Hayley Timmins*, who assists her mum, *Sue Luke* in the busy salon. It should brighten everyone's day.

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Wildwatch ~ Dorrit Smith

April is a fabulous month for wildlife. The trees and shrubs burst in fragile perfection with fresh, vibrant, green foliage. Birdsong grows in volume and diversity, although it is not until May that all our breeding species arrive back to complete the ensemble. Our morning sleep can be disturbed by a strident blackbird or song thrush and, on sunny days, the chifchaff and blackcap have already been singing for a week or two. In our woodland, the floor can be a mass of white wood anemone, ramsons, and slightly later a blue carpet packed with bluebells. These woodland flowers need to be pollinated and catch the available light to grow before the shadow of the growing tree canopy envelops them. Overwintering redwings and fieldfares and our waders leave in April, and summer visitors arrive to replace them including house martins and many warblers such as whitethroats, marsh, sedge and willow warblers. Have a walk round Swanpool to find them and also perhaps to witness one of the most beautiful of all British bird mating displays - the energetic, **elegant 'weed dance' of the Great Crested Grebe**. Watching them necking and presenting each other with clumps of water weed will make you smile and in half an hour you will wonder where the time has gone.



Grebes are small to medium-sized water birds, characterised by their pointed bills, round bodies, tiny tails and legs that are set so far back on the body that it makes it impossible for them to walk on land.

The other species of grebe we have in Britain can all be seen here either out in Falmouth Bay or in the estuary. They are the black necked grebe, the slavian grebe and the red necked grebe; all visiting earlier this year and now travelling north to breed, though there are some still at Stithians Reservoir. There is also our miniature favourite, the dab chick or little grebe. It is present all year round and common at the mouth of Mylor Creek. Look out for its unmistakeable fluffy backside and sudden disappearing act as it dives for cover or food, reappearing some distance away from where it went down. In summer it has a bright chestnut throat and cheeks with a pale patch at the base of its bill. It can be noisy, with a distinctive whinnying trill. It is fun to watch and easy to spot and you can play a mental game of guessing where it will pop up next!

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Local History ~ Mylor Gardens

A recent article in a national newspaper recommended several varieties of rhododendrons. It suggested one named **Sir Charles Lemon** for sheltered gardens.

Sometimes a small tree, it was considered 'a star with its dense clusters of white flowers and a delicious rusty brown back to the leaves.'

So how did this plant obtain its name?



Sir Charles Lemon inherited the Carclew Estate in 1824. He was responsible for the cultivation of many foreign plants including wonderful rhododendrons. No doubt he had inherited his love of gardening from his father, **Sir William**, who 'on his rounds filled his pockets with various seeds and scattered them on his way' (Olivey, Notes on the Parish of Mylor, 1907, p186)

A good friend of **Sir Charles Lemon** was **Joseph Hooker** whose plant hunting expeditions to the Himalayas were legendary. **Joseph** sent seeds back to many gardens in Cornwall including Carclew and these were shared with Heligan and Tremough.

In 1822, **Mrs Lemon** wrote to her daughter, **Caroline Tremayne**, at Heligan that 'Nepaul seeds had been received'. These grew into the dazzling rhododendrons so admired by **Robert Barclay Fox** and noted in his journal in 1842.

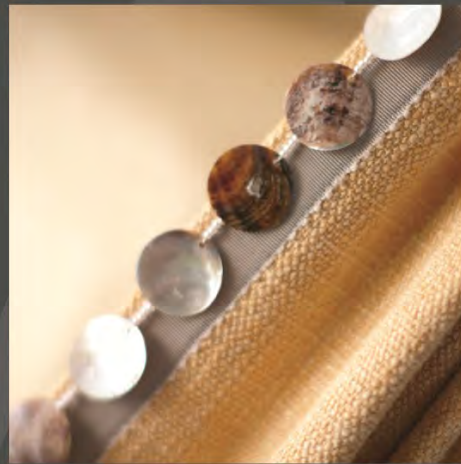
Between 1830 and 1858, the gardener at Carclew was the notable **William Beatie Booth** and it was during this time that the **Sir Charles Lemon** rhododendron was raised from the seed. The original plant was still flourishing 20 years ago and it is to be hoped it is still doing well today.

Janet Mosedale
Mylor Local History Group

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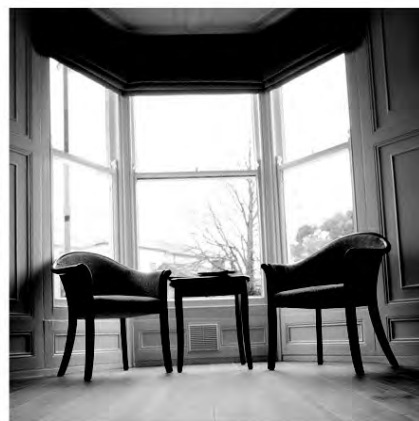
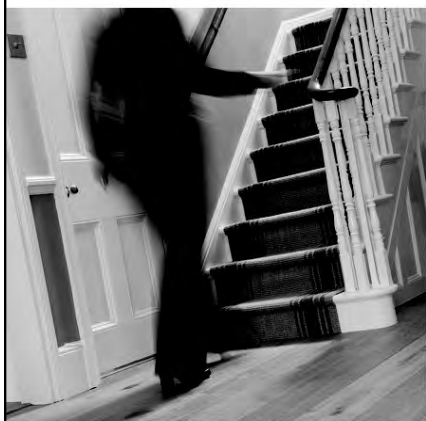
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On the Water ~ Peter Stephens

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Farm Notes ~ Matt Dale

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The last one being the field at Restronguet that overlooks Dockyard from our side of the creek. Whilst ploughing down the cauliflowers ahead of sowing the barley I saw a young bunny escape with his life after a close encounter with a buzzard. Even before it had reached the field where I was working the buzzard had made its presence felt. As it flew low



over a field of ewes and lambs, all the lambs rushed to their mothers and huddled in close.

The little rabbit was running in the cauliflowers ahead of the tractor, it was scared of the tractor but also of the wide open space between it and the safety of the hedge. Finally it made a break for it, the going was a bit slow as it was less than half grown and the ground was very soft and uneven. It had made it across the 40 or so yards of open ground and almost to the hedge when the buzzard swooped. At the last second the rabbit jinked and the **buzzard narrowly missed, but it wasn't over yet.** The buzzard lifted off with the breeze and as the rabbit dashed the last yards for safety the bird swooped again. It shot right into the hedge after the rabbit, disappearing into the undergrowth. I caught a glimpse of a white fluffy tail disappearing over the top of the hedge, the buzzard reappeared empty clawed. Tractor cabs can be quite a grandstand.

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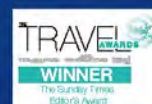


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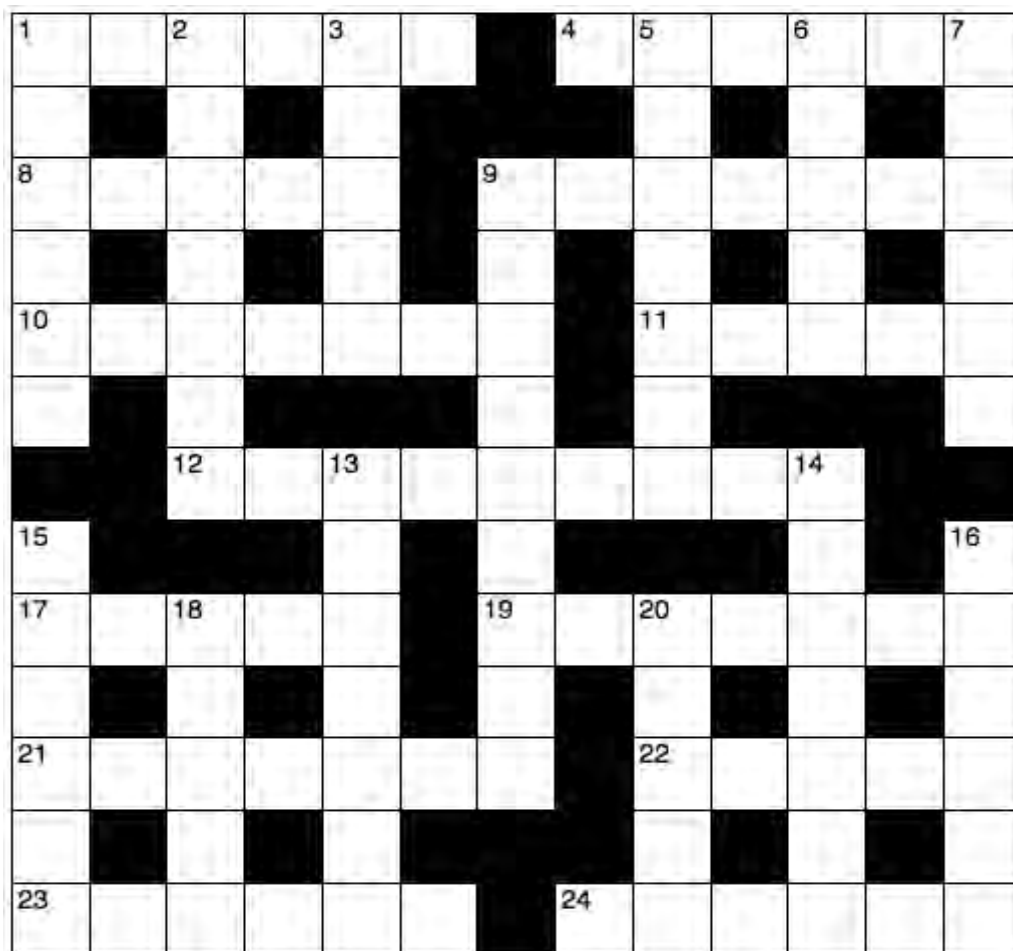
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No 86 Crossword

Answers inside back cover



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

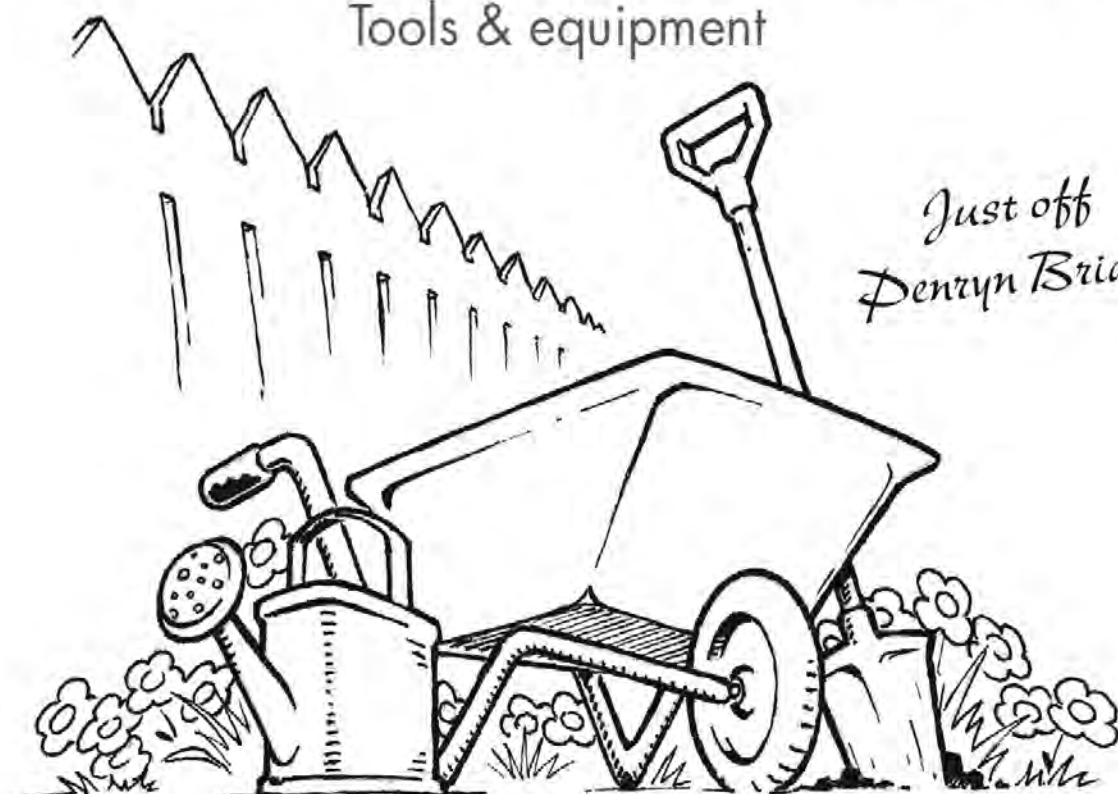


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Across: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah.
10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon.
19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

Down: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.
7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons.
15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



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