

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from the St Neot News!*

*A village remembers
Singing in the festive season
St Neot ornithology
Illustrated talks about the locality*



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Levow Kesson, top, at the Remembrance Concert in Burraton Methodist Church on November 11 (full report p14)
St Neot School, middle, at the synagogue (full report pp10-11)
The WI's exhibit for the Liskeard Primestock Show, below, 'Pioneering Women—Amy Johnson' (full report pp20-21)





Editorial

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Well, so goes the song and there is plenty of cheer being spread with so many activities happening. Clubs and groups are gathering together, choirs are singing and in general everyone is celebrating the season.

December also brings many other holidays. Whilst St Nicholas is celebrated on 6/12, St Lucia lights up 13/12. Before the Gregorian calendar reform, 13/12 was the shortest day—hence the saying, 'Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night'. On this night after 9pm, the Geminid Meteor Shower will light the sky. It coincides with a waning gibbous moon, whose light might affect seeing the meteors.

January, meanwhile, named after the Roman god Janus, marks the door to the new year. 'A favourable January brings us a good year', so goes the saying. The month also heralds another meteor shower, the Quadrantids. Check them out between 3/1–4/1, which is their peak.

But whatever you do, just remember to grab a cup of cocoa and relax when you can. Happy holidays!



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St Neot Parish Council News

Dear all,

With all this rain South West Water are probably getting worried that they will making their promised pay-out in the new year but if you have seen Colliford reservoir recently it seems to be still dropping.

The Pavilion is nearing completion and the new additions in the Playing Field seem to be going down well.

Remaining Tree's from the Queens Platinum Canopy will be available for collection from Gary at the Farmers Market in December.

We have another Door Step Green tidy up on the 3rd December from 9.30am (seasonal light refreshments). Please come along and lend your support. This is the same morning as the monthly Farmers Market so hopefully you will already be in the village.

We are looking for somebody to take over the routine organisation of the DSG so if you think you are able please get in touch. We have a large group of volunteers who just need a little guidance!

Thank you to everyone that turned out again last Sunday at the War Memorial to remember those lost. It was great to see so many paying their respect and a thank you to those that took part to make the event happen. A special thank you to Heather and her team for her efforts in plastering the village in Poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion. Once again St Neot at its best!

Thanks also to the team behind Village Brew and the Social Clubs Warm Hub providing yet more things in our village to help out those in need.

May I take this opportunity to wish One and All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us on your Parish Council. 2023 will soon be here.

As always get in touch if you need to.

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1st St Neot Scouts

1st. Neot Scout Group would like to wish one and all a happy Christmas and thank all the people of the Parish for the support they give the young people. Without your help we would not be able give them the adventures and skills to progress into adult life. If you would like to support Scouting in anyway please contact Nick Hinchliff
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Poppy Appeal 2022 St Neot village update

This year's poppy appeal was a fantastic fortnight of activity! Concerts, raffles, a quiz, donations and sponsorships all helped to boost the village total.

Thanks to everyone who lent the proverbial hand towards each of these fundraising events. All help is most appreciated. Last year set the bar high with such a magnificent total. But once again St Neot rallies to the call! The money raised has been checked, double-checked and triple-checked. Congratulations everyone! £3002.36!

Heather Taylor

St Neot Archive

Surnames in the Parish of St Neot
from the 3rd book of Church Wardens' Accounts
(1602 -1697)

If you recognise any names here you will see a page number of where the first entry occurs. If the name is here but no page numbers it could be in either Church Wardens Accounts book 1 or 2 Two. Note there could be variations of spellings.

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St Neot United Charities

St Neot United Charities can help

St Neot United Charities exists to help people in need who live in the parish of St Neot. It has a small amount of annual income, supplemented this year by St Neot Parish Council, which it can use to relieve personal hardship with a grant of money. If you believe you need help then have a confidential chat with any of our trustees. They are Rev'd Garry Swinton (Chairman), Nigel Ball, Poppy Crichton, Martin Eddy, Tracey Hooper, Haviland Bunt, Graham Kent, Charles Masters, Fernley Rowe, and Mark Rodwell.

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Secretary to St Neot United Charities
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St Neot Historians

The November monthly meeting of the Historians took place on Monday 7th November.

Over 50 people came to the village hall and listened to what the past vicars of St Neot got up to between 1314 and 1755. The vicars' antics were told whilst enjoying a glass of wine and eating some very special Cornish cheese. The illustrated talk was given by Chris Timms, the cheese was donated by Village Brew with the proceeds donated to St Neot Church.

The Historians next meeting will be the Christmas celebration event. Please bring a plate of something to share, drinks will be provided. Also bring with you a small item of personal interest to show the members present. This will be in the School Room in the Chapel.
Chris Timms Sec.

Advance notice

St Neot Historians meeting to be held on Monday 6th February in the Chapel Sunday School Room will be our AGM and a talk by Tasha Fullbrook, Finds Liaison Officer (Cornwall) for the Portable Antiquities Scheme. Tasha will tell about what has been found by the public in the past 12 months. If you have found any object such as a flint, or buttons, or ancient pottery please bring them along with details of where they were found.

St Neot Youth Room

The youth room continues to go from strength to strength and is available free of charge to any teenager in the village and runs from 6 till 9 o'clock on every Wednesday evening. For those that do not know the room is situated above the social club, towards the back of the building.

After the room was given a fresh coat of paint over the summer, thanks to the financial support of 'Village Brew' we were able to purchase a new 'multi top' games table, which the children have been enjoying. We get between 12 to 20 of our young teenagers along every week with them all enjoying the various hot and cold drinks and food on offer. There's a team of circa 6 adult volunteers that run the youth room but we could always do with more help - it would be great to be able to open 2 evenings a week but we need more volunteers for that to be possible. If your interested in lending a hand and want to find out more then why not pop in one Wednesday evening and see what we get up to.

The room is self funding (with support from the Village Hall Committee) and we are looking to purchase some 'bean bags' to boost the seating available as and when funding allows.

Kind regards.

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St Neot Ornithology 2022

This year's Ornithology really commences from November 2021. As was reported and most people had seen, a young Female Sea/White tailed Eagle visited Colliford Lake area from November 2021 to February 2022. It was a very large bird with a wing span of 8 feet and had previously been released on the Isle of White with a number of others. There was an abundance of its food which included Carp, Gulls, Canada Geese and Carrion. It follows the birds until they tire, and fall then the eagle strikes. Other birds of interest were eight Ring Necked Ducks from North America which frequently visit Dozmary Pool in some winters.

During January, a Iceland form of Peregrine Falcon had a little difficulty in extracting a Starling from a wire at Colliford. During the fine weather in March 'Chiffchaffs' begun to arrive in the village with the first around the 17th of the month .

A few Swallows remained in Cornwall into February this year and then the 2022 birds begun to arrive again in early March. However, the weather caused some delays and farmers reported that arrivals to their farms were at least 7 to 10 days late. Food may well have been short supply during our very hot summer ,because Swallows begun to depart in the first half of August. The telegraph lines contained as many as 200 on one farm and 80-100 on another. Alas, Passerines including Swallows, Swifts, Warblers and others, have to run the gauntlet when retuning to Africa. When travelling through Cyprus and Greece, a bird called Eleanora's Falcon is waiting for them! This bird of Prey, who nest on the cliffs, are unlike our species in England who nest in spring, they have their eggs and young in August and September so that they can be fed on birds passing through! Not being content with that ,they catch their prey ,pluck the Wing and Tail feathers out whilst keeping them alive and then place them into cracks and crevices' so they cannot escape, giving them have fresh food for the next day or two.

The star bird for this year was the White (Albino) Swallow which graced us with its presence when seen flying around one or two nearby farms . It had been seen briefly earlier in the summer.

During the hot weather in St. Neot, there were many species of Butterflies in gardens and these were :- The Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Red Admiral, Comma, Large and Small White, Green Veined White, Small Copper, Painted Lady, Brimstone, Wall, Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper, Orange Tip, Silver Washed Fritillary, Common Blue, Holly Blue and a day and night Moth called Humming Bird Hawk Moth. Because of the heat, a field full of Thistles contained some 'Clouded Yellow' Butterflies which visit during some Summers.

Robbie Robinson



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AUTUMN 2022

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was lovely to be able to gather and perform in the church again. The children were confident and proud to perform for you all. Thank you for all the messages of thanks, they were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Harvest Table, it looked amazing.

WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO THE SYNAGOGUE, LIGHTHOUSE & MAYFLOWER MUSEUM

What a fantastic day out! Lots to see and do and the weather was kind to us. The children were all very well behaved and enjoyed their time. To all those who volunteered to make this happen, we are extremely grateful. (see picture p2)

REMEMBRANCE AT ST NEOT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

The annual Remembrance display was in the hall for all to see and we have been learning about Remembrance in assemblies. Poppies have been on sale, thank you to all who have donated, and to Fowey Class children who have been selling them. All the children have made poppies for the village display, the village did a wonderful job of displaying poppies. On 11th November we held two minutes silence in Remembrance of those who gave their lives. Apollo and Harley represented the school by laying a wreath at the village memorial.

PCSO ASSEMBLY

PCSO Steed came into assembly to talk to the children about how the police help us, and how to stay safe. She also told us the difference between calling 999 for an emergency and 101 if it isn't an emergency.

ST NEOT CHRISTMAS FAIR MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL - EVERYONE WELCOME

The children of St Neot school would like to invite the over 55's in the community to join us for a cup of tea and a mince pie on Monday 12th December at 2pm in the school hall. We will be singing some Christmas songs. Please come and join us for these festivities.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As part of the Queen's Canopy initiative, St Neot School planted a hedge of native species back in May 2022. We are proud to see that our trees are now visible on the map, which can be found using the link below.

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>



Canoryon Lowen

There was a long, long silence to greet the final notes of Phil Montgomery-Smith's violin solo in *The Lark Ascending*. As our vicar Garry Swinton said in his thanks at the end, 'The applause was in the silence.' It was a truly exquisite rendition and perfect in the context of an evening of music at Remembrance Time.

The concert *In Search of Peace* raised nearly £500 for the Royal British Legion thanks to the generosity of the audience who had enjoyed free entry to performances by Canoryon Lowen and The Liskeard Chamber Players in St Neot Church. The programme included some experimental placing of the choir around the church which gave the audience an immersive experience.

Our Christmas concert at Boconnoc House sold out as soon as it went online, so another date has been fixed - which has also sold out. Thank you everyone for your support.

Nick Hart

West Northwood

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From the London Inn

As the festive season approaches us, we have lots planned at the London Inn. We have our festive menu running from the 28th November through to the 23rd December (pre booking), Festive Afternoon Tea on the 10th December (pre booking), and our cocktail night on the 17th December with live music from Space Cowboys.

We are also having a Village Christmas Lunch on the 21st December. £10 per person for 2 courses, all are welcome. Choose from roast turkey or vegan nut roast both served with all the trimmings, and for pudding a choice of Christmas pudding 7 brandy sauce or White Chocolate & raspberry roulade. Pre-orders need to be in for the 19th December. Midday arrival with lunch being served at around 12:30pm.

No specific seats will be booked for this, tables are on a first come first serve basis and you may have others joining your table depending on how many book. It's the perfect way to meet new people, chat with old neighbours and have a social afternoon. Dietary requirements can also be catered for.

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Wishing you all a very merry Christmas, and good health for the new year. Shell, Chris & all of the team at the London Inn.

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Levow Kesson

Sure on that Shining Night

What a wonderful and shining night it was on November 11 in the fabulous space that is Burraton Methodist Church. This was a new performance venue for LK and one that the choir are delighted to say they will be returning to, and very soon too.

The concert was entitled 'Sure on this Shining Night', in reference to the beautiful choral work of the same name by Morten Lauridsen that formed the centrepiece to LK's concert repertoire of the night. It was specifically chosen by the choir, who felt what a 'shining night' November 11 must have been after the armistice at eleven o'clock, when all the guns fell silent.

The evening raised nearly £300 for the RBL Poppy Appeal. LK extend sincere thanks to all who came and supported this event, donating freely and most generously in recognition and remembrance of all service personnel, past and present. Our particular thanks must go to Burraton Male Voice Choir. Directed by Phil Taylor and accompanied by Paul Fry, the choir exhibited great musicality and sensitivity in all their pieces. They were a delight to hear and LK look forward to the time when they will join with Burraton in a future concert. A firm friendship has been forged with yet another great set of people.

The eclectic repertoire provided by LK and Burraton MVC, not to mention LK4 and the great performance by Phil Taylor and Paul Fry, ensured there was something to suit all tastes. In fact, LK's diverse repertoire was much commented upon as was our performance and style. Along with our Concert for Ukraine back in July, the concert with Burraton MVC will feature amongst LK's highlights. This was another occasion where music brought people together in unity and harmony. Long may that continue.

Heather

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St Neot Produce Market

Well the November market came and went in a flash - the butcher's trays came in laden, and went out very light! There was also quite a bit of activity ordering meat etc. for Christmas. Orders placed with the butcher will be delivered to the village on 20th December, at or in the village hall.

This market saw the last of Sam and Paul with their pasties - we shall miss them, but never fear, by hook or by crook there will be pasties at the December Market, along with much Christmas Cheer.

Canaryon Lowen will be in charge of the tea trolley, and as before, BACON BUTTIES will be on offer, hot from the kitchen! So - bring your silly hats, your good cheer, YOUR MONEY - and if you feel like giving us a Christmas song - feel free to do so!

See you on the 3rd - don't forget!!

Jenny Hart

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and happy gardening in 2023. Brian and Sue*

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from all of us on your Parish Co*

*The folk at St Neot Method
a very Happy Christmas an*

*May this holiday season fill your homes with joy, your hear
From all of us at Carnglaze Caverns*

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy
be with you all at this joyful time, and may th
From everyone in Levow Kesson*

*Leslie and Betty Higgins wish everyone
and much happiness*

Sending Christmas greetings to One and All! Owen

*1st. Neot Scout Gro
and thank all the people of the Parish for the supj*

*Wishing everybody a very merry Christmas.
We thank you all for your continu
and hope to see you throughout the
From Shell, Chris & all of the*

*All at the charity Westcountry Rivers Trust wish
and a very happy New Year - thank you for bring*

*From all of us in Neighbours Together, we would like to wish a
A30 to the A38, from M*

wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

*me and All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Council. 2023 will soon be here! Haviland Bunt*

*Methodist Chapel wish you all
and every best wish for 2023*

hearts with love, and your lives with laughter.

*Happy New Year! May harmony and happiness
in the new year bring great joy.*

*Wish you a wonderful and peaceful Christmas,
and a happy New Year for the new year.*

Ken Stevens

*The Group would like to wish one and all a happy Christmas,
and the support they give the young people. Nick Hinchliff*

*Wish you a wonderful Christmas. We hope it is full of joy, love and laughter.
Thank you for your continuous support over the past year
and the festive period and the new year.
The team at the London Inn.*

*Wish you a wonderful festive time
and a Happy New Year. Wishing Westcountry rivers to life with us. wrt.org.uk*

*Wish all our fellow neighbours in the parishes we support from the
parish of Mount to Bolventor, a very Happy Christmas and New Year.*



Canoryon Lowen, above, at the Remembrance Concert in St Neot Church on November 12 (full report p9)

The WI's wreath, below, made by Mim McCormack





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St Neot and District WI Report: November 2022

On 26th October 10 members attended the CFWI Annual Meeting in the Hall for Cornwall. Welcomed by the Mayor of Truro, a full agenda followed including a presentation by Helen Kestle Federation Chair urging us to observe Equality, Diversity and Inclusion issues when considering our own members and others.

Ann Jones, Chairwoman of the National Federation of WIs spoke of life married to a sheep farmer in the Cambrian Mountains, joining the WI 25 years ago as an antidote to loneliness on the farm. Her message is to say “yes” to any volunteering opportunities with rewards being far greater than the time given. She said there are huge issues of loneliness and we thrive when we are together. Ann was followed by Marcus Alleyne and 120 members of the popular Rock choir. In the afternoon members offered anecdotes of meeting the Queen, and Janina was one of the contributors. Dr. Annie Gray, food historian, author and broadcaster then spoke of the lady who became Winston Churchill’s cook, describing the food and the lifestyles of cooks in the first half of the 20th century.

On 25th October 21 WI members, partners and friends enjoyed another skittles evening. Our exhibit of Amy Johnson for the class ‘Pioneering Women’ at the Liskeard Primestock Show on 29th October was highly praised by the judges, with every element being awarded near perfect scores.

At the meeting on 8th November our President, Karen, welcomed Rose and Sarah as visitors to the meeting.

Karen thanked those who had worked on the exhibit for the Primestock Show. It was confirmed that a further skittles evening has been booked for 22nd November and a Christmas meal has been booked at Halfway House on 13th December. Julie has booked tickets to see ‘Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat’ at Sterts on 29th November. It was agreed we should make our usual donation to the Poppy Appeal and a donation of £100 for a further defibrillator for the village. Mim would make the WI Remembrance wreath to be laid at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Our Christmas evening/party will be on Tuesday 6th December with members bringing a plate of food to share, a Secret Santa gift and a hat. A

box will be available for any Foodbank donations. Birthday cards were given to Judith R and Sheila.

Competition results were:

A craft item - 1st Bridget, 2nd Barbara, 3rd Liz

Best Bloom - 1st Lydia, 2nd Julie, 3rd Maggie.

Karen then welcomed our speaker, Jane Richardson, a volunteer for the charity Medical Detection Dogs. Jane told us that the first robust study about dogs smelling cancer was published in 2004. Bio-detection dogs are now trained to smell cancers, not on people, but on samples of breath or urine. They live with families and go to the laboratories to work Monday to Friday and are trained with treats. Gun dogs are popular breed choices but a dachshund is currently being very successful. Dogs have far more scent receptors than humans and scientists are working to try and mimic the dogs' skills to devise machines which would then go on to save lives.

Projects include research on prostate cancer as 1 in 8 men are currently diagnosed with this disease. Other projects include urological cancer, diabetes, and bacterial infections. A quantum physicist is working with a dog called Florin to discover what dogs can smell in cases of Parkinson's disease. The vision of the charity is to help scientists and medics develop faster, cheaper and non-invasive methods of diagnosis.

The Charity also has Medical Alert Assistance Dogs who live and support people with complex health conditions. Using the power of their nose, these assistance dogs are trained to detect every change in the smell of their human partner and alert them before the person is aware of an episode. Steven who had type 1 diabetes from the age of 3 now has his dog Molly who monitors him every moment and even brings his medical bag to him. Family life is much more relaxed as a result and Steven is more confident.

Most recently 13 dogs have been trained to smell Covid with a 94.3% accuracy result, compared to 58-77% accuracy from lateral flow tests. www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk is funded entirely from donations, and when buying from Amazon you can register the charity by logging into smile.amazon.co.uk.

Our next meeting is our Christmas party on 6th December at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the WI please contact our President, Karen Rowe, on 01579 320751.



Christmas trees

Christmas trees in the churchyard will be back by popular demand this Christmas. We will put up the trees on 17th of December at 11am and invite you to decorate with lights only and a message which we will put on a slate by your tree. Cost £20, if you would like to book one please contact Kath Strang 07814226383 or kath.strang@icloud.com

Village Brew Community coffee shop

Friday 23rd December the Village Brew is supporting a film session for families in the church, showing a kids film at 3 pm. Everyone welcome, there will be marshmallows and popcorn for the kids to enjoy, please come along and bring the family.

This will be followed in the evening with Fishermans Friends 2 at 7.30, we are planning to have refreshments available.

Village Brew would like to thank all their helpers for their baking and help running the coffee shop over the last year. We plan to have a break for the coldest part of the winter and restart in the spring. The film event in church is a way of providing some Christmas spirit, supporting the community.

Neighbours Together

St. Neot, Warleggan & Mount Community Support Group

Lunch & Activities Afternoon - menus for December, January & February

At November's lunch, we served 24 portions of lasagne and pudding to a mixture of guests and volunteers and delivered meals to those who couldn't come down. Kath's corn dolly making was very much enjoyed by those who took part, including my husband! Others enjoyed a game of scrabble, or helped with a jigsaw puzzle. We have many more board games, crafts, and arts for you to choose from.

Free - in December, learn how to weave a little Christmas tree using willow with Bridget. Everyone is welcome (you do not have to have lunch to take part in the activities), starts at 1.30pm, just pop in. If you would like to showcase your table top hobby or run an art session, please contact me.

December Thursday 1st - Turkey and Gammon pie with sausage stuffing balls followed by a choice of Apple Charlotte or Chocolate pudding. January Thursday 5th - Curry followed by a choice of Treacle pudding or Trifle. February Thursday 2nd - Beef casserole followed by a choice of Lemon Meringue pie or Apple crumble.

If you would like to join us, please contact me by the Sunday before the day of the lunch to book a place. £5 per head. Served at 12.30pm in St. Neot Village Hall.

If you would like to come but do not have transport, please contact me.

Poppy on 01208 821755 /078 6464 8392.

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Here are a few examples of requests for help we received recently, to: drop specimen into a doctor's surgery, take an item to Liskeard hospital, take people shopping, visit, take or accompany residents to appointments at the hospitals, inform a family member of village events so they can tell their relative what's on, clean slippery paving slabs, accompany a person on an outing, deliver food, drive residents to our luncheon and/or back home, drop someone into Liskeard to catch a coach, take spectacles to an optician in Liskeard, wait whilst repaired and deliver back to housebound resident, take residents to the hairdressers, Covid jabs, dentists and/or doctors, help those coming out of hospital to make meals, do a little light housework, find others to play scrabble with a resident, help an elderly gentleman whose wife died a few months ago and is feeling very lonely who would like to meet others, particularly other chaps, and much more. Most of the above we have been able to help with but not all because we need more volunteers. If you could spare an hour or two a week or month to help another person, please contact me for more information.

Expenses offered for driving.
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Chapel News

Superintendent Minister: Rev Andy Day

Village Contacts & Key Holders: Derek & Sandra Fairhall 01579 320170

Autumn Bazaar

Yet another successful Autumn Bazaar when we raised just over £500.00 for Chapel funds. Thank you all who came.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Once again the weather remained dry for the Act of Remembrance held at the Village War Memorial allowing a large congregation to pay their respects for our fallen comrades followed by a Service in the Chapel led by Revs Andy Day and Garry Swinton.

Whilst the two World Wars were many years ago, the loss of those St Neoters who gave their lives is as important today as in 1914, 1916, 1940 or 1943 for we are the beneficiaries of their, and millions of other, sacrifices to resist oppression. Other wars such as The Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan and oh too many conflicts have claimed so many lives and even today we are reminded in Ukraine of the savagery than can be inflicted when one country resolves to unilaterally impose its will on another.

We can only pray that, one day, all nations will live in harmony and talk through disagreements in an effort for peaceful co-existence. For that, we have been waiting an awful long time.

Candlelit Carol Service – 7.00 pm Sunday 18 December

Having missed the last two years because of covid, we are delighted that our annual Candlelit Carol Service returns on Sunday 18 December. This year it will start at 7.00 pm to allow time for the Football World Cup to finish.

This Service has always been such a pivotal part of our village's Christmas so come along, bring your best singing voices and join in with those wonderful traditional carols that we all remember and cherish.

Just a Thought

Some people are going to find things very tight this Christmas which is causing them some anxiety and making them consider what they can

cut down on. This then impacts on traders who are unable to achieve sales figures.

However, although it is lovely to enjoy a bit extra at this time of year, we all know that Christmas has tended to become a time of excess and, just maybe, a little restraint might not be such a bad thing. Having said that, there are those who are going to have a really hard time and those are the ones who need empathy and, where possible, our help.

It is also worth reminding ourselves that, in amongst all the turkey, X Boxes and tinsel, Christmas would not exist if it were not for the birth of Jesus and there is no reason on earth that we need to stop or reduce our celebration of that wonderful event. And his love is the best present we can ever receive.

Chapel Services in December 2022

Sun 4th 11am led by Rev David Hart
Sun 11th 11am led by Ros O'Connell
Sun 18th 7pm Candlelit Carol Service
Sun 25th 9.30am at Dobwalls United Church
led by Gordon Rowe (no Service at St Neot)

Chapel Services in January 2023

Sun 1st No Service at St Neot
Sun 8th 11am led by Patrick Clark
Sun 15th 10am Service at Liskeard Methodist Church
led by Rev Andy Day (no Service at St Neot)
Sun 22nd 11am led by Rev Robert Saunders
Sun 29th 11am Community Service led by the congregation

Happy Christmas

The folk at St Neot Methodist Chapel wish you all a very Happy Christmas and every best wish for 2023.

Chapel Hire

The Sunday School Room and Chapel are available for hire. For further information and booking details, please contact Derek or Sandra Fairhall on 01579 320170.

St Neot Church and Warleggan Church Advent Hope to Christmas

As I write I am in the process of finally occupying the study in the vicarage after a flood on my first night and I'm putting books on shelves. There was some nostalgia as I found books from my college days which included Jurgen Moltmann's Theology of Hope. When I was in college the most edgy ideas were coming from German theologians like Moltmann, and I like edgy ideas! He argues that hope is essentially the driving force in our lives, and hope is part of the essence of God's being, particularly for those suffering or in dark times.

Advent is the first season at the start of the Christian year, and its theme is Hope. And despite the gloom of world and domestic politics, I sense there is some excitement, that for the first time, in three years, Christmas will resume some sort of familiarity, and in some small way reflect the Hope Moltmann wrote about.

St Neot is certainly a place of hope, and whilst the numerous groups in the village will be planning their own events to mark the season, the church, as you would expect, will have things going on to suit every taste. From a traditional Advent Carol service on Advent Sunday 27th November tracing hope through the Old Testament to our Christmas Eucharists on Christmas Eve at 11pm and Christmas Day at 11am.

On 23rd December in the afternoon Village Brew will be showing in church The Grinch for the children at 3pm and in the evening Fisherman's Friends One and All (the 2nd film) in the evening at 7.30pm. At noon on Christmas Eve, we will have our Walking Nativity around the village with donkey, Christmas carols, the odd angel and I hope some fun. We start outside the church and end at the Inn for mulled wine and minced pies. We hope as many of the children will dress up as one of the characters from the nativity story and they might even find a chocolate reward for their efforts. From 2pm we have an afternoon of festive Jazz in Church, together I understand with something to drink to keep you in the spirit. And for those wanting a traditional Carol Service there will be one at 6pm at Warleggan.

In days of old, churches have been at the centre of village life and it is great to see St Neot Church keeping this historical role. A huge thank you to those both in the church and village communities that make this possible and the church a 'happening' place. Whilst it is always dangerous to start thanking people lest you leave someone out, I must thank Kath Strang and her wonderful team from Village Brew that ensure the church is a place of openness and hospitality. Andy Thompson and Tony Ward and all those who have seen through to completion the renovation of the East Window, and to Nick Hart and his team of music makers. And finally, to those like Fernley and Karen Rowe, the unsung heroes from across the village who ensure the church remains not just a physical but spiritual and pastoral hub of village life.

This has been a year of transition from the fears of Covid to the resumption of the sort of life that we had in the past.

Whatever your plans for Christmas, I pray you will have time with those you love, and live full of God's Hope, and be gentle and kind to yourself.

Garry Swinton
Rector

Church Services in the Benefice of St Neot and Warleggan

Date	Service	Leading	Preaching
4 December Advent 2	0930 Warleggan Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot Holy Communion	Ven Ian Wheatley Ven Ian Wheatley	Rev Garry Swinton Rev Garry Swinton
11 December Advent 3	0800 St Neot, Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot, Morning Prayer 1800 Warleggan, Evening Prayer	Ven Ian Wheatley Andy Thompson Liz Lane	Andy Thompson
18 December Advent 4	0930 Warleggan Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot Holy Communion	Ven Ian Wheatley Rev Garry Swinton	Rev Sacha Pearce (Hospital Chaplain) at both services
24 December Christmas Eve	1200 St Neot Walking Nativity 1400 St Neot Festive Jazz 1800 Warleggan Christmas Carol Service 2300 St Neot First Eucharist of Christmas	Ven Ian Wheatley	Rev Garry Swinton
25 December Christmas Day	1100 St Neot, Holy Communion	Rev Garry Swinton	Ven Ian Wheatley

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