

A young tree with green leaves stands in a grassy field. The background shows rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. The tree is the central focus, with its trunk and branches clearly visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

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Editorial

April starts off on a funny note. No-one quite knows the origin of April Fools' Day, although there is speculation that it has something to do with switching from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. Whatever it's origins, it is celebrated throughout various cultures as a day of hilarity, corresponding neatly with the Roman festival of Hilaria meaning joyful.

In 1662 on April 1, Charles II granted royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics thus founding the Royal Society of London—and that's no joke! England's patron saint, George, celebrates his feast day on April 23. Disappointingly, the dragon side of things is vastly exaggerated. 'Ere be no dragons. Shakespeare was born on April 23 too. What a legacy of work—all's well that ends well, and many happy returns. Fast forward a few centuries and in 1912 on April 20, the writer who gave us Dracula died. Bram Stoker—fangs for the memory.

Every so often the News gets a small re-boot and since my stint as editor commenced from April it seemed as good a time as any. The front page shows a beautiful view over Goonzion Downs. Check out any other familiar places over the next few issues. Whatever else you do this April, have an egg-cellent Easter.

Heather

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Copy deadline for the May issue is April 18

Here's an egg-cellent Easter themed word search!

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St Neot Parish Council News

Dear all,

Just back from our latest Door step green working party. Thanks to all that came along to help keep this area so lovely for the benefit of us all. If you want to get involved and help out please get in touch or keep an eye on social media for the next session.

You will see somewhere else in this newsletter arrangements for the upcoming King's Coronation in May. We will be unveiling the Queen's Jubilee plaque from last year's celebrations on the Sunday next to the Pavilion. Please get involved.

I am sure there are lots of events being organised for the rest of the year. These can only be a success if they are supported! I am sure there is something to interest you all.

I must thank the Shop steering group who are working hard to bring the new shop to fruition. We at the Parish Council are assisting them to come up with the best way forward for the provision of a much-needed shop for the village.

Summer is just around the corner!

Until next time.

Haviland

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Coronation Celebrations

Saturday May 6

**Watch the service with others
on the big screen in St Neot Church**

With cake and liquid refreshments and a bring and share lunch

Sunday May 7

**From 4pm on the playing field
High tea supplied by St Neot Parish Council.
Unveiling of The Queens Jubilee Children's Plaque
And planting of a Tree for King Charles III**

Monday May 8

Community activities requested by King Charles III (TBC)

St Neot Scouts

Coming up!

The popular Scout Plant Sale takes place in the field on Saturday April 29. Come along and choose your garden plants, have a cake, a hot drink or just let your friends into the secret of your successful garden.

For more information please contact:
John Body (GSL) 01579 320334



St Neot Produce Market

In February we had a lively market. I am afraid I sold out of pasties, so keep coming to market and I will order more! The butcher came and did very good business and Jan Bolitho's catnip sachets were very popular. Our hot drinks were provided by the Panto group, and we hope they had a successful week, and raised some laughs in the village!

There were primroses, daffodils and camellias galore in March, a month that took us all by surprise. I was at home processing the events of the day before: being whisked off to hospital in an ambulance to the stroke unit. Mervyn and Anne came to the rescue by taking over. I think this change was so seamless that most people would not have noticed. My sincere thanks to them and to other stalwarts, including my sister Liz, for keeping the show on the road. I did my best with the pasties, ordering more after selling out early last month, only to find a lot left over this month! You just can't predict which of you lovely villagers are going to come, and who will want to buy!! We do our best...

So next market is April. Then in May, the market day lands on the day of the Coronation. There will be a screen in the church to show the event, and we felt that rather than allowing this to interfere with our footfall, we would combine events and hold the market in the church. This will be reverting to an age old tradition of trading in churches! PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE FOR MAY 6TH!!!

It will be an interesting experience for everyone, and instead of risking being bored in the final hour of the market, we will have the screening to watch. I hope you will all feel comfortable with this arrangement, but contact me if you have concerns: 01579 320683 or jennyhart316@gmail.com

Stay well, enjoy the coming spring, and see you on April 1st.
See you then. Jenny

Keep the Date!

Village Show
Saturday 12th August 2023

WI members have started the planning for this years show and will be finalising the classes to be publicised in May/June. If you have any suggestions for classes please let a WI member have your suggestion.

If you would like to be involved with this community event from assisting with setting up the hall, helping with stewarding, clearing away, helping on the door please drop me a line on the email below.

We are also looking for individuals, companies who would like to place an advert in the schedule.

Lydia Saunders: lydlewarne@yahoo.co.uk

St Neot Carnival Fund Invitation

Following the St Neot Carnival Committee's recent AGM, the Committee is pleased to invite applications from community groups and community organisations for funding.

Part of the Carnival's purpose is to reinvest surplus funds back into the Community by considering applications from community groups or organisations that are in need.

Please contact Jo Cobb, by email (joandjerry@talktalk.net) with details of your organisation, the level of funds required and details as to how it would be spent if your application is successful.

We look forward to hearing from you.

St Neot Ramblers

WET WALKERS

St Neot ramblers parked at Respryn and bravely set out in the rain for a daffodil walk at NT Lanhydrock, we were soon blessed with lovely sunshine to enjoy seeing the Camellias flowering in the woods, before having a cup of tea at the Stables.

At the beginning of March we had a fabulous calm sunny day for a coastal walk along the Rumps near Polzeath.

Our dates vary each month according to the weather forecast ,if you would like to join us, please contact Jenny Robinson 01579321586.

Proposed Music Festival on Blacktor Downs, St Neot

An annual three-day music festival is proposed for the rich wild moorland of Blacktor Down Common in St Neot Parish. This breathtaking 116 acres, home to diverse wildlife and over 100 ancient registered monuments, is protected by multiple authorities due to its Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Dark Skies Park, Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI) buffer zone, and County Wildlife Site status. It lies between Colliford Lake and Temple village at the northwestern end of the parish.

The moorland is an essential ecosystem that supports the local environment and economy. It acts as a natural water filter, collecting and purifying rainwater for surrounding rivers and streams, and serves as a crucial carbon sink by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. This habitat is home to various wildlife, including endangered species like curlews and nightjars, and supports livestock grazing, a key aspect of the region's economy.

However, a proposed three-day music festival in September 2023 threatens this fragile environment. The event, envisioned to be similar to the Boardmasters Festival, aims to attract thousands of people, necessitating parking, camping, security fencing, toilet facilities, and bus service from nearby towns. This large-scale event would harm the wildlife, disrupt the ecosystem, and set a dangerous precedent for other destructive activities on moorland commons.

Many local residents and conservationist organisations have expressed serious concerns about the festival's potential impact. They worry it would damage the peatland carbon sink, pollute watercourses, harm the county wildlife site and protected farming landscape, and damage ancient monuments. Additionally, increased litter, noise, light, and water pollution are anticipated. The festival could also restrict public access to the open access land, affect road access to the area, and lead to traffic congestion on the A30.

The landowner from Newquay argues the festival could raise funds for land protection and local conservation projects. However, opponents believe the potential harm outweighs the perceived benefits and suggest exploring alternative fundraising via AONB, Defra and Cornwall Council to name a few. There are a large selection of available grants designed for this type of protected landscape for wildlife, heritage and farming.

Blacktor Downs Common is a vital and valuable component of St Neot Parish's natural heritage. It is crucial to preserve this land for future generations and ensure the proposed festival does not jeopardise the fragile ecosystem. The community should have an opportunity to provide comments once an official application for an events license is submitted.

Thomas Thrussell - Colliford Lake
(pictures see p27)

St Neot & Warleggan Archive

Music in St Neot

May 29 is celebrated in St Neot to commemorate the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. Celebrations were held in the parish continued with a Singing Feast. At that time the parish was divided into East and West and each half contributed to the expenses.

The church wardens' accounts at the end of the 18th century was generally £4 or £5 which would be quite an expense at equivalent prices today. Also at the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th, the church wardens' accounts show expenses towards musical instruments as well as payments for the singing. A bass viol needed strings at almost every entry.

In 1810 it involved Mr Liddle going to Bodmin concerning the bass viol at an expense of £7.17.6. Strings for this instrument cost 10/- to 12/-. It was the same cost for the violoncello, but violin strings were replaced for 5/4. Reed instruments also provided music and needed their reeds relacing.

Kitto is a prominent name appearing for musical activities. Thomas Kitto needed reeds and led the singing while William Kitto was being paid for the bass viol and violoncello. The bass viol seemed to need other repairs than just replacing strings but these were made in 1822 by William Marten for only 2/-. He still made the same charge 5 years later.

At this time too a new name appears for leading the singing, that of William Crouch. He was paid £1 for the task while William Kitto received £2 for leading the singing and to buy more strings. This came at the time that the famous painted medieval glass had been finished in 1827 so there could have been a special occasion when both singers and musicians attended a memorial service.

The singing gallery was taken down in 1868 when a new window was installed in the church tower with a glass screen instead of the singing gallery. The choir then sang from the new choir stalls in the church but were not accompanied by an organ until the gift in 1884 by a manual and pedal organ by Rev. Hermon. This instrument is a Father Willis but smaller than the one in Truro Cathedral.

These first church choir stalls were of plain pitch pine but were replaced, again by the generous Rev. Hermon, as being too ordinary who then replaced them with stalls of teak and at the same time installed a rood screen of teak with a rood of pear over. A photo in the 1800s shows a church choir of 20 men and boys but by 1961 the choir was made up of equal men and women.

Jill Thomas

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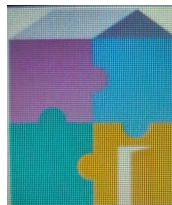
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Westcountry Rivers Trust

A new senior farm advisor has joined the environmental charity Westcountry Rivers Trust to provide support to farmers and landowners in the Fowey catchment.

Originally from a beef and sheep farm in Stoke Climsland, James Coumbe brings 19 years' experience of farm management of arable, grassland and college farms to the role.

His knowledge includes developing and testing cover crops, direct drilling, legumes, herbal lays and organic manures and he has been involved in three Countryside Stewardship mid-tier applications.

James is on hand to provide free, confidential and independent farm advice and farm plans through the Upstream Thinking project. He said: "I'm looking forward to meeting the Fowey catchment farming communities, including in the St Neot area, and helping with access to a number of opportunities which support water quality and farming."

This includes a free pesticide amnesty scheme; free soil sampling for up to six fields, including pH, P, K, Mg and Soil Organic Matter; soil health pit analysis; Nutrient Management Plans and Soil Management Plans; Capital grants for yard and field infrastructure that improve water quality;

revenue grants for trials and innovations that can lead to improved water/ soil management and quality; post-harvest schemes; advice and support towards agri-environment applications such as Countryside Stewardship; and advice on maintaining, restoring, creating and connecting semi-natural habitats.

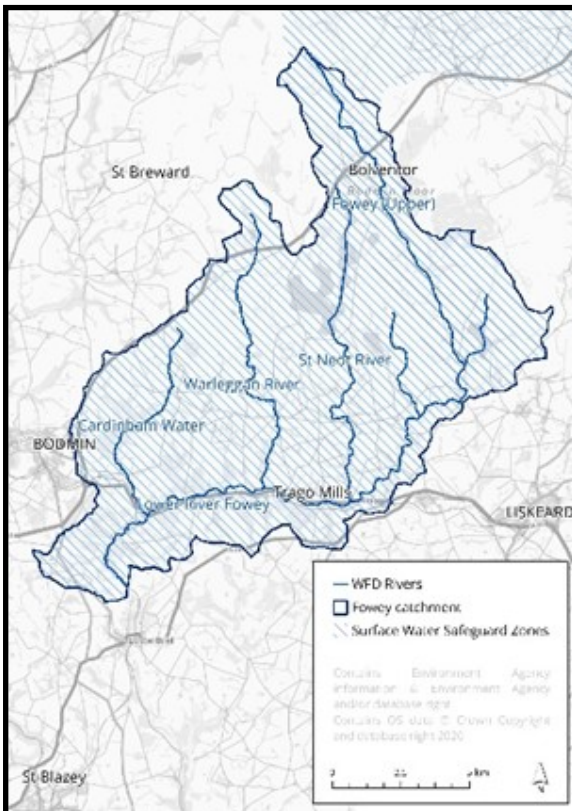
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St Neot Village Shop

Continuing our Conversation..

It was good to see so many turn out on a winter's evening for our second community meeting to explore some of the key issues in the first phase of the Shop Project.

Phase 1 is likely to be a porta-cabin type building with sufficient space to house a wide range of groceries. The participants learnt that the Steering Group had a very positive meeting with the Parish Council, where it was agreed that two preferred sites have been put forward for a temporary solution: The Playing Field and the Car Park.

These were considered at length and it was concluded that the Playing Field provided a more user-friendly option, without impacting on car parking spaces. The Steering Group will now consider the best solution for a shop at this site and undertake a thorough risk assessment in order to make a recommendation to the Parish Council.

The other key issue considered by the attendees related to whether the Shop should be run by the Community or by a business. It was noted that there are only 124 working days from the 1st March until the existing shop closes (25th August 2023) and this is a relatively short period to get everything in place. Therefore, we will need to decide if a Community Interest Company (where volunteers run the shop under a Management Committee) or a private enterprise (where an independent business operates the shop), represents the best way forward. More work is to be done on this, but Expressions of Interest are invited for anyone wishing to run the shop as a business (details at the end of this report).

It appears that there was reasonable support for volunteering in a community shop at the meeting, but a wider survey (now available on the Steering Group website and in the Social Club) will help us understand if the neighbourhood of St Neot has an appetite to support a community shop.

Finally, the conversation turned to funding and it was announced that the Parish Council was putting up £10,000 towards the project and £100 towards administration. Also, the Village Brew, the Youth Room and the Chapel have all contributed £100 each. Many thanks to them all for their support. Donations from other local businesses or groups would be most welcome.

A range of funding applications are afoot and we have been informed that we will receive £500 from Cornwall Community Chest. To date, a total of £10,900 has been secured, against a target (estimated) of between

£25,000 and £35,000, depending on the operating model adopted.

The participants at the meeting put forward some very good fundraising ideas, including music festivals/concerts, a village country show, a Coronation Picnic, a Door Step Green Fair, Charity Tournaments for our brilliant sports teams, an Auction of Promises and a quiz night.

We would be delighted to work with any of these groups or individuals to help get some of these fundraisers up and running. Already booked, are an Auction of Promises at the Village Hall on the 13th May and a Pub Quiz at The London Inn on the 29th May!

Next Steps ...

Due to the time constraints, several avenues are being worked on at the same time. The next steps will include:

- a planning application to site a porta-cabin or similar building at a suitable location agreed with the Parish Council
- receiving survey responses to determine what the community would like from a shop in terms of products, services, opening times etc.
- receiving Expressions of Interest to run the shop as a business preparing funding applications planning and holding fundraising events
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Meanwhile, you can keep abreast of the activity at www.stneotvillageshop.co.uk and feel free to continue the conversation with any of the Steering Group members out and about.

Expressions of Interest

If you are interested in running the shop as a business, please go to the Steering Group website to download the Expressions of Interest document and submit yours

Community Survey

Please head to the Steering Group website or pick up a paper copy from the Social Club and submit your survey responses. These will provide vital info on what you want from your shop, regardless of the final site and entity

www.stneotvillageshop.co.uk

Levow Kesson

At the time of going to print, the charity concert fundraiser on behalf of Marie Curie had yet to take place. In advance, LK would like to extend their thanks to all who came and supported our special guests, Roseburg Concert Chorale and Candida Frankham.

LK's next appearance will take place on May 21 at 1pm, in Lostwithiel's lovely St Bartholomew's Church for the annual Lostfest. We will be singing a selection from our lighter repertoire and are delighted to be joined by the choir's friend, folk musician Andy Kelly. Come and see us, and have a fun day experiencing all the varied musical and dramatic acts on offer. Singing is such an enjoyable and relaxing pastime, and everyone in LK is always so happy to welcome those singers who feel the same.

We have been experimenting with some new styles of music recently, to great success. We also have several new musical plans in the pipeline. Check out our website and Facebook page for updates on these projects.

Heather Taylor

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St Neot Local Historians

Pictures and Polperro

St Neot Local Historians last talk, and film show was entitled *Letters from Australia*. It is based on my great, great, great Grandfather's letters written home from Australia as he left Cornwall to make a new life for his family in the 1860s. The letters were the basis for an immersive film by Dave Hotchkiss which premiered at the Dome in Devonport in October. The soundtrack of original songs was written and produced by Nick Hart, along with the radio play. More information on the letters, film and play can be seen on our website www.lettersfromaustralia.com. Thanks go to our members who helped to transcribe the letters.

Our next talk is A History of Polperro, as revealed by its Artists by David Tovey. This Cornish Art Historian's most recent project has been research into the history of Polperro as an art centre. In the late nineteenth and for much of the twentieth centuries, Polperro was considered one of Cornwall's leading art centres, attracting, particularly during the spring, summer and autumn, numerous artists, who were captivated by its myriad charms. His talk brings together its history and Polperro's centre as a forgotten art community. For lovers of Polperro and art this will be a fascinating talk. It will be in the St Neot Chapel Sunday School Room, 7.30 p.m on Monday 3rd April.

Martin Eddy, St Neot Local Historians

Auction of Promises



**St Neot
Village Hall
12th May 2023
7.30PM**

Joins us to raise funds for the New Shop Project

Promises Needed!

We've already received the wonderful promises below - thank you! If you have something you can offer, please get in touch with Joe & Judith Rowe on 01579 321106

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**Handmade garden table
and chair set**

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**Dinner for 4 in The Old
Chapel**

A pet portrait

A day pet sitting

An evening babysitting

St Neot and District WI Report: March 2023

Our February meeting was chaired by Karen with dates of various events agreed. The March Crafty Chatty morning will be held on 16th March when there will be an opportunity to make some green bunting for the Royal Cornwall Show. Later in the day a games night and supper, arranged by Jenny R, will be held in the London Inn. The WI annual litter pick will take place on 23rd March, with a soup and roll lunch to follow. The May Fayre will be on 1st May and members of the WI have agreed to make a cake as the village celebrates King Charles's coronation.

The remainder of the evening was spent with social time, including an intriguing quiz which Janina had extracted from a NASA exercise, followed by guessing the identity of childhood photos submitted by members.

The Best Bloom competition winners were:

1st Diana S – Camellia, 2nd Margaret – Hellebore, 3rd Liz – Camellia.

Competition for a craft item: 1st Zoe – a box, 2nd Jean K – a jumper.

At our meeting on 14th March we were joined by Pam who is on the CFWI Board of Trustees, and Jane who was present as an Adviser for our AGM.

The Royal Cornwall Show is to be held on 8th – 10th June this year, and the meeting agreed we would enter the Royal Cornwall Show Competition entitled 'Our Green and Pleasant Land'. The soup lunch we served on 3rd March following the World Day of Prayer service raised £75.00 for the women of Taiwan. Marilyn enjoyed an evening with Bodmin Jailbirds WI as they celebrated their 10th anniversary. Arrangements for the Cyber Awareness talk to be given by Devon and Cornwall Police on 28th March were finalised.

Birthday cards were given to Marilyn and Karen B, and a get well card has been sent to Caroline.

The competition results for the year 2022/23 were Best Bloom – Lydia, and Competition – Bridget.

The AGM then proceeded with 12 members being accepted as the new committee. Lydia discussed her Financial Report which had already been circulated, and confirmed that members would pay the full subscription this year which is due in April.

Maggie gave the Annual Committee Report which included a summary of the activities we had undertaken in the past year, with visits to the Sterts theatre and Bodmin Military Museum; coming first in the village carnival and the WI entry to the Liskeard Primestock Show; baking and decorating a cake for the village Jubilee celebrations; making a wreath for

Remembrance Sunday; organising the Village Show; undertaking a village litter pick; attending the APCM in the Hall for Cornwall and a carol concert in Falmouth; and enjoying picnics, Christmas parties and skittles evenings. At our monthly meetings we had listened to talks on a variety of subjects ranging from flower arranging, medical assistance dogs and the work of a Registrar of Marriages.

Voting took place to elect our new President, and Janina was duly elected. Thanks were given to Karen following her 4 years as President, and to Maggie who was retiring from the post of Secretary.

The new committee then left the meeting to elect officers and agree other duties, whilst members enjoyed a quiz and social time.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining the WI please contact our President, Janina Waterman, on 07967822524.

St Neot Cricket Club

St Neot Cricket Club are pleased to once again offer both All Stars Cricket training (for children aged 5-8) and Dynamos (for children aged 8-11).

Both programs cater for those new to cricket and those who have participated in the programs with us before. The sessions will run in parallel on Wednesdays at 16:30 from the 10th to the May 28th June. Sessions will be run by trained, DBS checked Activators, parent participation is welcome and encouraged.

To book on the program and for more information please visit the links:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricquet>

Phil Sumner





Women's Softball at St Neot

Do you want to play sociable cricket?

St Neot Taverners Cricket Club are running women's softball coaching sessions each Wednesday from 6pm.



To start the season, we are holding a taster session on Wednesday 26th April from 6pm for anyone who would like to join the community!

Any age welcome from 12 years and up
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A chance to improve fitness levels AND have fun



Representing St Neot at an indoor 'Moonlight' festival at Truro.

A women's winter festival at Truro Cricket Centre.



St. Neot Taverners Cricket Club

With Spring in the air, it will soon be time for the Taverners to dust off their kit bags and wash their whites! Our 2023 Bond Timber Cornwall Cricket League campaign commences on 15th April with 1st Team captain Andrew Tamblyn leading his men away to Grampound Road whilst newly appointed 2nd Team captain Andrew Kent and his men will host Holsworthy at home on the Wenmouth Oval.

A full list of upcoming fixtures for April and May are as follows:

1 st Team	2 nd Team
15.4.23 Away vs Grampound Road	15.4.23 Home vs Holsworthy
22.4.23 Home vs St Austell	22.4.23 Away vs St. Austell
29.4.23 Away vs Tideford	29.4.23 Home vs Werrington
6.5.23 Home vs Callington	6.5.23 Away vs Roche
13.5.23 Away vs Roche	13.5.23 Home vs Duloe
20.5.23 Away vs Newquay	20.5.23 Home vs Tintagel
27.5.23 Home vs Boconnoc	27.5.23 Away vs South Petherwin

Our Ladies softball team have already kicked their season off and have participated at indoor festivals in Truro during February and March. The Ladies have also joined the East Cornwall league for 2023 with regular fixtures lined up throughout the season. For any further details please contact Rachel Kent on 07855 227628.

2023 Outdoor training at the cricket pitch will be every Thursday at 6:30pm (weather permitting) with the Ladies softball training taking place on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm.

We are once again running the ECB Allstars & Dynamos this year. Allstars (5-8yrs) and Dynamos (8-11yrs) will be starting outdoors in May up at the cricket pitch every Wednesday at 4:30 pm, weather permitting! Please contact Steven Rowe for further details on 07920 460917.

Looking to promote your local business? St. Neot CC can offer large sponsorship boards at a very competitive price, or alternatively and new for 2023, we are looking for match ball sponsors at just £15.00 per game. Either option will receive publicity to both the home and away players / spectators and in any match reporting that happens. For more information, please contact Andrew Tamblyn on 07813 597835 or Gary Rogers on 07970 477650.

New players, spectators and helpers are always more than welcome! If you are interested in playing or getting involved with the cricket club in anyway, please don't hesitate to contact club captain Andrew Tamblyn on 07813 597835.

Chapel News

Easter Sunday Clown Service

11.00 am, Sunday 9 April

Our Easter Day Service takes on a different look for all the family this year with a morning of fun with face painting for the children and clowns in a celebration of the day that Jesus rose from the grave.

It would be so wonderful to see as many folk as possible in the Chapel, both young and old. And don't worry, a clown's costume is not mandatory – although a broad smile is almost guaranteed.

Just a Thought

Nearly all of us have peered skyward watching a mighty buzzard soaring on high surveying its kingdom below only to see a couple of seemingly fearless crows “mob” it and force it ever lower until it is on the ground. We are also accustomed to seeing national leaders extolling their own virtues to the world only for a once thought hidden scandal to rear its head resulting in their being brought down in ignominy and disgrace. How are the mighty fallen.

What a difference from Jesus. He associated with folk who others thought were of low standing. He performed miracles for the poor. He championed the oppressed. He was humble. And at Easter, having died on the cross, rather than be kept down, he rose again, joined his Father in Heaven, and has continued to look over us ever since.

Chapel Services in April

- Sun 2nd 11am led by David Nicholls
- Sun 9th 11am Easter Sunday Clown Service for all the family
led by Martin O'Connell
- Sun 16th 10am Circuit Sunday at Dobwalls United Church.
No Service at St Neot
- Sun 23rd 11am Community Service led by the congregation
- Sun 30th 11am led by Gordon Rowe

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.

Superintendent Minister: Rev Andy Day

Chapel Secretary: Janina Waterman – 07967 822524

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



PARISH LUNCH & BINGO
Thursday 6th April



St. Neot Village Hall
lunch served at 12.30pm.

Booking essential by the Sunday before the event, although, we may be able to accommodate late bookings, call Mary to check
Vegetarian option available if booked in advance.

£5 per person (hot meal and choice of two puddings)

Bingo at 2pm – open to everyone. Tea, Coffee & Biscuits available.

Contact Mary to book lunch on 07901 603141 or for further details.



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St Neot Church and Warleggan Church

Rector's Ramblings – Holy Week and Easter

As you read this we will be into the final few days of Lent, and approaching Holy Week. These are the most important days in the Christian calendar and the events which dominate narrative of the gospels. It is a story of death and resurrection. A story about endings and fresh beginning.

On St Piran's Day, as most of us know, Fernley Rowe, our Churchwarden at St Neot was awarded the Cross of St Piran. I won't embarrass him further but the generous response to this news on the village Face Book page demonstrates this is an award well deserved.

The list below shows the range of services we have over Holy Week and Easter, and they give us an opportunity to explore from depths of sorrow to the joys of celebration. My own personal favorite is the Easter Vigil, this will take place on Holy Saturday and begins with the lighting of bonfire and the Easter or Paschal Candle, the singing of the Exultate and the first Eucharist of Easter. The very powerful imagery, ritual and symbolism of the Resurrection is demonstrated throughout.

On April 30 we will repeat our very lovely Blessing of Animals and Teddies in Warleggan Church. This is where Warleggan meets the Vicar of Dibley, but of course we do the service better! Please come along and give thanks for the pets and animals that share our lives and some our homes!

Beyond April and May starts with a series of events to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. This will be where the life of the church and village meets. Again see the advert for the things planned so far.

We have restarted Open the Book in St Neot School, which you may know, are bible story sessions for the children in the Primary School. We hope to run these a few times each term from 10-10.30am on a couple of Friday's each half term. If you would enjoy being part of this group and like telling stories to children, please let me know. Grandparents often tell a good story!

Thank you to those who came to our MAP day, (*Mission Action Plan*) It was very encouraging to see such a good turnout, lots of positivity and optimism, and thoughts about how we develop our place in the village in the years to come.

Garry Swinton (Rector)

Rector: Rev Garry Swinton, 01579 321642 / rector@saintneot.church

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St Bartholomew Warleggan

Fernley Rowe

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01208 821551

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2 April Palm Sunday	09.30 Warleggan – Holy Communion (BCP) 10.45 St Neot (CW) – Palm Sunday Eucharist with procession from the Holy Well at 10.45
3 April Monday in Holy Week	19.00 St Neot and zoomed Compline
4 April Tuesday in Holy Week	19.00 St Neot and zoomed Compline
5 April Wednesday in Holy Week	19.00 Warleggan and zoomed Compline
6 April Maundy Thursday	19.00 St Neot – The Liturgy of Maundy
7 April Good Friday	10.30 Mount Village Hall – The reading of the Passion and Hot Cross buns. 14.00 St Neot -Liturgy of Good Friday
8 April Holy Saturday	20.00 Warleggan – Candle lit Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
9 April Easter Day	08.00 St Neot - Holy Communion (BCP) 09.30 Warleggan – Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot – Holy Communion and Renewal of Baptismal Vows (CW)
16 April Easter 2	0930 Warleggan - Holy Communion (BCP) 1100 St Neot - Holy Communion (CW)
23 April Easter 3	11.00 St Neot - Holy Communion (CW) 18.00 Warleggan - Evening Prayer
30 April Easter 4 / 5th Sunday	11.00 United Benefice Service at Warleggan - Blessing of Animals

Coronation Events

Tuesday May 2
Talk about the Royal Yacht Britannia
(Ian Wheatley)
St Neot Village Hall 7.30pm
Further Coronation Events see p5

Who's Who

Age Concern	Rose Wilton	320837
Bell Ringers	Roy Runnalls	320131
Book Club	Jilly Thompson	320435
Canaryon Lowen	Jenny Hart	320683
Carnglaze Caverns	Lisa Perkins	07801 446690
Carnival Committee	Jo Cobb	07720 818381
Caterpillar Club (Gardening)	Diane Birtwistle	326879
Colliford Lake Park		01208 821469
Colliford Tavern		01208 821335
Football Club	Andrew Tamblyn	07813 597835
Hall Management Committee	Martin Eddy	01208 821613
Levow Kesson mixed voice choir	Heather Taylor	321204
Local Historians	Martin Eddy	07453 295622
London Inn	Shell Kay	326728
Loveny MVC	Glyn Pascoe	07813 643601
Methodist Chapel	Sandra Fairhall	320170
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Parish Council	Sue Blaxley	326053
Parochial Church Council	Valerie Bunt	321126
Produce Market	Jenny Hart	320683
Ramblers	Jenny Robinson	321586
Scout Group	John Body	320334
Short Mat Bowls	Marion Sargent	320617
Snooker and Billiards	Mark Gregory	321315
Social Club	Philip Rowe	326870
St. Neot News	Heather Taylor	321204
St. Neot Players	Steve Ashman	320966
St. Neot School	Sam Bowden	320580
School PTA	Tracey Jones	321911
Nursery	Sam Bowden	320580
Tots & Teds Toddler Group	Sam Bowden	320580
St. Neot Taverners Cricket Club	David Eldridge	07773 366148
Youth Contact	Stephen Rowe	07920 460917
Youth Contact	Phil Sumner	07753 806536
Women's Softball	Rachel Kent tuelmenna@hotmail.com	
St. Neot United Charities	Martin Eddy	01208 821613
St. Neot Website	Natalie O'Neill	344503
Village Hall/Social Club Bookings	Janet Haley	320585
Welcome Club	Sheila Worden	01208 821359
Whist Club	Diana Smith	320839
Women's Institute	Karen Rowe	320751
Yoga	Amanda Ridgewell	321832
Youth Club	Mark Rodwell	07970 935227

Important Numbers

Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Non Urgent enquiries	101
Cornwall Council	0300 1234 100 (Main switchboard)
Parish Council	01579 326053 (Sue Blaxley)
	www.stneotparishcouncil.org.uk
The Silver Line	0800 4 70 80 90



Now open for daily visits
Here's a list of some of our upcoming gigs
We look forward to welcoming you here soon



The Doors in Concert: Sunday 2nd April

"We know that The Doors' music is sacred ground – but with the amount of detail that we're putting into our shows, our instruments and our choice of songs, we're trying to fully respect & pay tribute to the iconic psychedelic rock legends."



Hang Massive: Saturday 13th May

Since 2011 Hang Massive have shaped the global handpan music scene, pioneering a successful electronic act with a magnetizing live show. With a new album on the horizon, plus a global tour, we expect exciting new sounds from Hang Massive.



Skerryvore: Friday 19th May

"One of the best nights of live music you are likely to see". With a mix of fiddle, accordions, pipes and whistles, alongside guitar and vocals, underpinned by driving bass, drums and keys, representing the best in contemporary Scottish traditional music.



The Old Time Sailors: Friday 30th June

Ahoy there! You are invited to board the Sailorette and join the plentiful crew for a night of foot stomping, dancing and singing! You will be sailing back to 19th century traditional seafaring music performed in a way you have never seen before.



Creedence Clearwater Revived: Friday 21st July

Dedicated to the legendary Creedence Clearwater including: Proud Mary, Bad Moon Rising, Have You Ever Seen the Rain, Green River, Down on the Corner, Lodi, Fortunate Son, Run, Who'll Stop the Rain, Hey Tonight, Long as I Can See the Light.

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Site of the proposed music festival at Colliford. Report (p8) and pictures courtesy of Thomas Thrussell

The Ramblers (below left)

Westcountry Rivers Trust new senior farm advisor, James Coumbe (below right)





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