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St Keyne and Trewidland Informer

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This month cover photo: Lametton Mill

Oooh!
It's cold out there!
Why not stay indoors and read your Informer magazine?
With special thanks to all our contributors,
this is a bumper edition. There are new regular articles
including a Children's Page and Garden Tips and more...
Plus all the usual local news and upcoming events.

Keep safe and warm!

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Creating shelter and homes for our native wildlife is easy and a joy to see when creatures move in and enrich our gardens.

Start by making a log and twig pile in a quiet corner in your garden, you can then put leaves and smaller twigs, that you have brushed off your path or patio, on top. This will create shelter for minibeasts such as Woodlice, Centipedes and beetles, toads, frogs and newts and lastly for slowworms and hedgehogs. The minibeasts will be a tasty snack for other animals, while toads and ground beetles and thrushes will eat pests like snails and slugs. Hedgehogs will snack happily on minibeasts too and enjoy the occasional slug.

By providing nest boxes and a small tree, you encourage many pest devouring birds to use your garden and make it their home. Did you know that sparrows like to live in groups (colonies), so put 3 or 4 bird boxes up next to each other. They also feed their chicks on aphids. You don't need to spray your roses with bug killer, the sparrows will happily use aphids as a vital food source. They will also pick off black fly from your vegetables later on in the year.

Another useful predator is the wasp, they too will pick off aphids to feast on.

Water in your garden, from a small bowl sunk into the boarder, to a pond and anything in between, will encourage wildlife too. It can be just a small plastic washing up bowl, sunk into the ground. Make sure you put in pebbles or bricks so that small animals can climb out in case fall in by mistake. A small wooden branch will also provide a way in and out for insects and for birds to sit on while they enjoy a drink.

Focus on Hedgehogs: If you see a hedgehog out during the day, it needs help! It is harmful to feed hedgehogs mealworms and calci worms. If you would like to feed them, use kitten food. It is important to provide gaps and spaces for hogs to wonder through as many gardens as possible as they roam up to 2km per night. A gap of 13cm (CD size) will suffice.

Patricia Hopwood

ST KEYNE VILLAGE HALL

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Further details: www.stkeynevillagehallandclub.org.uk

Bookings: Roger Hayes 01579 349183



Trewidland Village Hall

Christmas in the village was celebrated this year with Carol singing around the Christmas tree in the Hall car park.

The tree was beautifully decorated with lights, traditional baubles and some exciting decorations resulting from a competition run at the village school.

The children were asked to design and make decorations which were then hung on the tree.

The winners were the Parson family for their Christmas trees made out of bottles, who won a decorated Christmas tree kindly donated by Browns nursery.

Haiile won a chocolate Santa for her Angel. Well done everyone!

There was a really good turnout of villagers, approx. 30, who enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies as a reward for some enthusiastic singing! A gazebo offered some shelter and a fire pit was provided to add some warmth to the occasion!

January 6th saw the first coffee morning of 2024. The purpose of the morning was to tidy up the stage, sort out which chairs were no longer fit to use and have a nice cup of coffee and slice of homemade cake. Table tennis and giant Jenga was also available!

Although the number who came along was a bit disappointing a great deal was achieved!

The Village Hall committee is keen to find out what events villagers would like put on in the hall. EG. Games evening. Curry evening. Breakfast/brunch.

On March 21 - 24 we are holding our first Art Exhibition in aid of the Cornwall air ambulance

Please see the advert for more information about this exciting new event.

Contact: Nicky Fairey 07764846658
www.trewidlandhall.wixsite.com

Trewidland village hall is a traditional hall which still retains it's original stage. We can seat up to 80 people and there is a recently refurbished kitchen.

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concerts and shows and meetings. **Contact Nicky Fairey on 07765846658** or email nicky_fairey@hotmail.com, www.trewidlandhall.wixsite.com

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May Informer deadlines

**All adverts and articles to be submitted by
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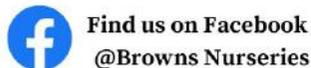
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St Keyne History Group

Our meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm as St Keyne Village Hall

Our meetings normally consist of bringing along items of interest either local or of general historic interest.

January's get together was another interesting "show and tell" and it was nice to be able to handle and examine items brought along.

This meeting was made more special, as our local detectorist, finally found an item belonging to an American soldier stationed in St Keyne during WW2!

We have been hoping and expecting more finds of this kind as we are aware that American soldiers were stationed around St Keyne and after much searching on the detectorist part, including getting permissions to search from landowners, it was really rewarding to finally uncover an item, we are hoping he will find more!



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It's not only a great place to meet your friends and neighbours, but it is run entirely by volunteers and all profits go towards funding the Village Hall, so call in for a drink and a chat, and help maintain this valuable village amenity at the same time.

Free  is available. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

All major credit/debit cards accepted.

As we are a members' club, the terms of our licence mean that you need to be a member or the guest of a member to enjoy the facilities - but it is free to join, so just call in during opening hours and ask for an application form.

OPENING TIMES

Friday - 8pm to 11pm
Saturday - 8pm to 11pm
Sunday - 1.30pm to 5.30pm

Please note that these times are subject to the availability of staff and may be subject to short-notice change.

If you are hiring the Village Hall for a party or other celebration, use of the Club is also available to members - just ask at the time of booking. Events organised by non-members can also use the bar facilities, but will need to obtain a Temporary Entertainment Notice to do so. Details can be supplied on request.

We wish to remind parents that children under 16 are not allowed in the club unaccompanied

Trewidland Village Hall Spring Art Exhibition

March 23rd - 24th 11am - 4pm

Anyone is welcome to produce an artwork in any media; painting, drawing, photography, needlework, calligraphy, pyrography, floristry, story, clay, glass, wood, and anything else I haven't thought of. The work will be exhibited at the Spring Art Exhibition.

The work can be signed or anonymous.

All entries must be handed in to Nicky by March 20th.

A seasonal exhibition will be organised for Summer, Autumn, and Winter too.

Any number of entries will be accepted, and any age may participate.

If you don't wish to show anything this time, please do add the date to your diaries to come and see those who have.
Thank You!



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**Come and join us.
Duloe is not very far, 7.30pm
in the Jubilee Centre, the first Thursday of the month.**

At our November Meeting we heard how Roly's Fudge from Looe was made and distributed. We did enjoy the samples as well.

Sandra, one of our members from Dobwalls provided lovely mince pies for our December meeting. This was after we had all made our Christmas Wreaths.

A big thank you to Mole Valley Farmers for giving the WI a Christmas tree to decorate for the Church. The theme this year was snowflakes.

Val Bourne our member from St Keyne made up most of the snowflakes for the garland. Other members provided the lights and knitted angles.

We are sorry we have not completed 2024's program, but it will be done in time for the next issue of the Informer.

In January we have all enjoy a meal out together. This year we went to the Beach House.

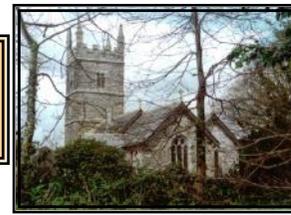
Februarys meeting is about Brasher Biomechanics

In March we are holding our AGM

Any other Information about the WI, please ring

Sharon 01579 343434 or Gill 01579 349183

Church News



What a lovely Christmas we had, the church looked very festive thanks to our band of flower arrangers and helpers, Tony Brown donated a huge tree for the occasion thank you so much Tony. We held our first event, singing carols in the village hall car park, the music group from St. Martin's church came along to play for us again but the weather wasn't kind to us and it started raining, the people who came along to support the event enjoyed themselves though and it is always a nice start to Christmas.

We had a very lively Christingle service with the children of Trewidland school they joined in all the carols and readings and at the end of the service they sang their own version of the twelve days of Christmas which they performed really well, they were all a real credit to the school, the collection at the end raised £40.00 for the children's society.

The concert with the Polperro Fishermen's Choir was a joyous occasion and very well supported, as were the refreshments afterwards in the village hall where the choir turned into the wreckers and entertained us all once more with sea shanties, what a splendid evening £485.00 was raised from it.

We had our usual Family Communion service on Christmas Eve taken by our Liz Piper, we all had candles as we gathered around the Advent crown to light the last candle which represented the birth of Jesus it was a really lovely service.

Messy church is going well and the following dates have been set for the next few months :

All on Wednesdays 14th Feb. 3rd April. & 29th May.

Easter is early this year.

Palm Sunday is the 24th of March at 9.30am.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with Family Communion on the 31st of March at 9.30am.

Advertising for a new Vicar for St. Martins, St Keyne and Dobwalls will go out again in February so hopefully all being well and God willing a new Vicar will be in place by early summer.

God bless you all through the next few cold weeks, stay safe, keep warm and look forward to the coming of spring and the new growth that it brings with it.

Margaret Smee.



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Trewidland Old and Young!

The settlement of Trewidland (*Trewythelan*) is first recorded in 1297. The name is Cornish and contains the elements 'tre' farmstead and 'Gwydhelan' possibly a personal name. Tre implies a site of Early Medieval origin (410-1065ad), and there is evidence of an Iron age enclosure at Knilly Lane (800bc and 42ad) and possibly Bronze age settlement around Pensipple (2,400bc-800bc).



Trewidland School Class of 1961 (photo thanks to Jonathan Ellis)

The National School, built in 1880 in Trewidland rather than St Keyne Churchtown, was recorded on the 1st Edition 1:2500 1880 OS map. It is still extant and in use as a County Primary School, (extended between 2001 and 2005) and now part of the South East Cornwall Multi Academy Regional Trust.

You may well know someone in the photograph – if so please let us know!

Trewidland Local History Group



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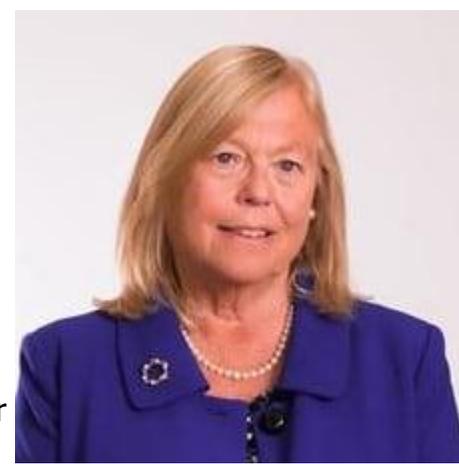
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CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JANE PASCOE LISKEARD SOUTH AND DOBWALLS.



Congratulations and thank you to the editorial team of the new St Keyne and Trewidland Informer. A newsletter in a rural community is an excellent means of communication for those without IT knowledge, equipment or indeed WiFi. It is a most welcome publication to connect us whilst bringing parochial news and information into our homes.

It is a privilege to serve as your local Councillor for St Keyne one of many parishes in the Liskeard South and Dobwalls division. I count myself extremely lucky to share the double Parish with Cllr Armand Toms, the local Councillor for Trewidland. We both attend the monthly meetings of the Parish Council, a good opportunity to answer questions and learn about any concerns or problems in the villages.

Each year Cornwall Councillors are awarded funds for our Community Chest, this is for smaller applications for funding community projects and organisations. This year I was pleased to contribute to the Brench Club in St Keyne, a wood carving group needing safety and protective equipment. The fund will reopen in April if you wish to apply please contact me.

As we progress deeper into the cold winter period, there is every indication that there may be people struggling to keep their homes warm. If I may ask you to keep an eye on elderly and vulnerable neighbours. There is help available and you can contact me, Cornwall Council or Community Energy Plus on 0800 954 1956. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2024.

Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe
Liskeard South and Dobwalls.
01579 348442 Or 07484 315327

Wednesday Coffee Mornings in St Keyne Village Hall

These are held every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon. Why not join us for a cup of coffee or tea with biscuits, costing only £1.

A podiatrist (Tracy Mustoe, Muststep Podiatry) visits every 6 weeks or so during the coffee mornings and takes bookings to see her clients (privately of course). Her prices currently start at £15 per session.

We also have a quarterly visit from PCSO Steve Edser who listens to any queries we have regarding police matters - again we can arrange a private meeting with him if required. It would be lovely to see you and enjoy your company,
Sally Lewis

St Keyne Big Breakfast

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to our Christmas Big Breakfast in early December, it was one of our busiest yet and enabled us to pass on over £250 profit to Village Hall funds. All our profits go towards the upkeep of our Village Hall - what would we do without it?

Our breakfasts (or lunch/brunch) are held on (usually the 2nd) Saturday every two months from 10.30am to 1pm. Sadly last summer we had to take the decision to increase the price of our full big breakfast to £7 (small meal to £4) but that still includes as much tea, coffee, fruit juice and toast as you want. We happily provide vegetarian sausages to replace the pork ones, and are pleased to negotiate costs for smaller or bigger meals from the items on the menu.

The next Big Breakfast is on Saturday 3rd February
followed, provisionally by
6th April, 1st June, 3rd August, 5th October and 7th December.

We hope you are able to join us sometime soon.

Sally Lewis



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Get yourself winter-ready!

Colder weather is definitely on the way, so here are our top-tips for keeping things safe around you.

Clear the snow or ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. If possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning.

Remove the top layer of snow in the morning and the sun will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before night to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand – not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Use ordinary table or dishwasher salt – a tablespoon for each square metre you clear is enough. If you don't have enough salt, use sand or ash. It won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths.

Offer to clear your neighbours' paths

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Please check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are all right in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact the Clerk's Office.

What about public paths and pavements?

The big yellow bins located across the parish contain industrial salt (the kind of stuff that you'll see gritters on the road throwing out in the late evenings when ice on the road is expected). Using the salt is simple – and everyone is welcome to help themselves to clear ice away from any public path, pavement or road (but not private paths please). Use a dustpan rather than a shovel to scatter the salt along the pavement. Don't be too impatient! Give the salt time to melt and spread across the ground. And if you come across a bin that's getting low on salt, contact the Clerk's Office and we'll get it filled up. You can find more information on our website (search online for 'St Keyne salt bins')

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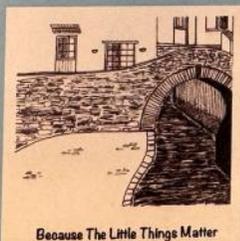
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The Gardening Year

Leigh's seasonal tips and things to do in the Garden



February: Cut off old leaves on Hellebores to expose their flowers and prevent disease. Prune late flowering shrubs that have finished flowering such as Mahonia & Winter Jasmine. Spring is in sight so it's a perfect time to clean the greenhouse, especially the glass to allow more light in.

Divide congested clumps of snowdrops to maintain their vigour. Plant seeds in the greenhouse, cold frame or even a cold room. Try some scented sweet peas, they hate root disturbance when growing so plant seeds in cardboard tubes so you can just place them in their final spot later.

March: Prune shrub roses, cut back on an angle to just above a healthy bud. This helps prevent moisture sitting on the cut end.

Remove weak growth, diseased stems, those crossing each other to a suitable height for the variety. Keep deadheading those spring bulbs, don't be tempted to cut them back after flowering, those green leaves are helping to feed the bulb for next year's flowers. Cut back late flowering clematis to approximately 30cm or a strong bud. If you don't know what type of clematis you have remember 'If it flowers before June don't prune'. Early flowering varieties just need a tidy.

April: It's time to prune hydrangeas but you need to know the type. Some flower on old wood such as the traditional varieties so just remove dead stems and a small amount of old wood to promote new growth, some varieties flower on new wood such as 'paniculata' types with the conical flowers so they can be pruned back in height a little harder. It's also time to feed all your shrubs with a good general purpose food. Now things have warmed up a little you should be able to plant hardy annual seeds outside, either in gaps in the borders or in containers. Why not try some native wildflower seeds and encourage wildlife into your garden. And it's a good time to build a wigwam or frame to support your sweet peas that can be transferred to their flowering site.

THE BRENCH CLUB A SELF-HELP WOODCARVING CLUB



The Brench Club is an association of woodcarvers who meet every Tuesday afternoon in the St Keyne Village Hall. There are over 20 members who live in the St Keyne/ Trewidland area, the average weekly attendance is around 17.

This is a self-help group who support each other to expand their skills and develop their range of expertise in hand working with wood.

The Club owns a large range of workbenches, chisels, mallets, and more recently, knives, leather aprons and protective gloves following a popular demonstration of spoon carving from green wood.

Recently the activities have expanded to include other hobbies such as embroidery, needle work and knitting.

If anyone is interested in trying woodcarving come to the

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ST KEYNE GARDEN CLUB



Our next full meeting is March 21st, St Keyne Village Hall, 7.30pm . A history of tea & the camellia.

April 18th will be a 'behind the scenes tour' at Browns Nursery Trewidland whilst May 16th back in the village hall, Richard Woods will be talking about 'Plants looking good' with his own locally grown plants for sale.

Did you know garden club members can receive 50% discount on seeds, for information on this and joining the club please just come along to a meeting or contact us directly:

stkeynegardenclub@btinternet.com

Date for your diary:

May 18th, 10am-12pm. St Keyne Village Hall, The popular garden club plant sale with local bedding plants and those from members own gardens.



St Keyne Village Hall



Good news! The Hall committee has grown by three new members and is looking for more to come onboard to continue the great work that has been done so far by existing committee. Volunteers are always welcome for any events we have coming up over the coming year.

Our exciting new regular event is "Decades of Disco". Each month we'll have a decade-themed night of music and dress. Starting in the 40/50s right through to the present. Dates to be confirmed for these epic events so keep an eye out here in the Informer as well as on our Facebook page and website postings.

In addition we'll continue with our regular events - the BBQs will return in the summer, dates to be confirmed, and of course the famous Big Breakfast mornings start on Saturday 3 February.

If you have an event that you would like to use the hall for, contact us via Facebook, the website or the email address below. We have a fully commercial kitchen, Disco equipment complete with lights, lasers and smoke machine, a fully licensed bar that offers guest beers as well as a great selection of on tap larger, cider and a fantastic top row.

The Village Hall Secretary is now Dom Folland. Contact details are stkeynevsecretary@gmail.com. The events manager is now Leigh Ann Latham - contact via the Village Hall Facebook page.



Recipe for Granmas Cartwheels

1 lb self raising flour
1 tsp salt
1/2 lb margarine
1/2 lb caster Sugar
1/2 lb mixed fruit or peel
2 beaten eggs

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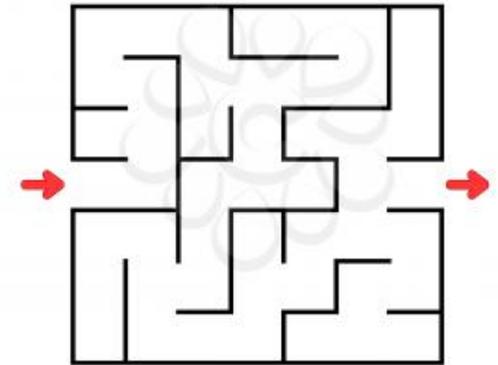
The Quiz

Find the answers inside this Informer:

- Q: Why does the farmer scan his ewes
- Q: When and where will the litter pick take place
- Q: In which Village Hall does the Gardening Club meet
- Q: Where in the garden do minibeasts live

Find the answers in the next edition of the informer

Maze for kids



2024 ART

Children are invited to create their own masterpieces (at home) for each category & bring them in for our Art Exhibition on the 7th of February.

Categories & Themes:

- Photography - My Family
- Collage - Home School Value: Compassion
- Painting - Great Britain
- Pencil Drawing - Myself
- Sculpture/Model - My School

One entry per child per category & all entries cost 50p each. All entries & entrance fees to be in school by the 6th of February & please pass these into your class teacher. Ensure your child's items are labelled (on reverse or underneath with their name & year group).

Prizes & Certificates will be awarded to the four age ranges:

- Pre-school & Reception
- Year groups 1 & 2
- Year Groups: 3 & 4
- Year Groups 5 & 6

Everyone Welcome - please come along to enjoy our exhibition on Wednesday 7th February - from 1.30pm in the school hall. Refreshments & raffle by the PTA.

"We urge the public to join forces with beekeepers to protect our honey bees and other pollinators from this voracious predator."

More than 1,000 beekeepers across the country are part of elite teams trained to provide emergency support to the National Bee Unit's (NBU) hornet hunters.

Hornet sightings are filtered by the NBU, part of Defra, and teams of bee inspectors deployed to track hornets back to their nests which are then destroyed.

But the help of the eagle-eyed public is essential to spot the hornets which may be devouring insects or feeding on fallen fruit or ivy flowers.

Asian hornets (*Vespa velutina*) are slightly smaller than native European hornets, have yellow legs, an orange face and brown body with one yellow stripe.

This summer beekeeper Mick Brian discovered an Asian hornet in his garden in Plymouth which eventually led to the destruction of two nests: "We watched in stunned silence as the insect singled out a honey bee, carried it to a nearby leaf, and began to dissect it."

Just one Asian hornet can hunt down and eat 300 honey bees a day and their habit of hawking (hovering) outside the hive stops the bees from collecting nectar and pollen to feed themselves.

Diane added: "Asian hornets are wreaking havoc in Europe and we fear if they get a foot-hold in the UK our honey bees and many other insects will be decimated here, too."

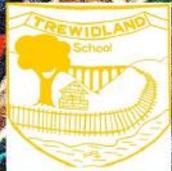
"They are the greatest threat to beekeeping since the Varroa mite was discovered more than 30 years ago."

It is important to take care not to approach or disturb a nest. Asian hornets are not generally aggressive towards people but an exception to this is when they perceive a threat to their nest.

People who suspect they have seen an Asian hornet should report it immediately using the phone app 'Asian Hornet Watch' or to the NBU.

Please see below some links to Andrew Durham's resources:

- <https://cbka.co.uk/asian-hornet-resource-pack/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mx3LhC2fnoc>

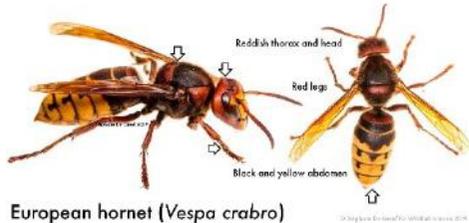


Beekeepers call on the public to help fight record Asian hornet invasion

Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax*)



The British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) is calling on the public to help fight a major threat to honey bees and other pollinators - Asian hornets.



Numbers of the destructive insect have risen rapidly this summer and more have been detected in the UK this year than in the previous six years combined.

ASIAN HORNET NESTS 2016 - 2023



NESTS FOUND

www.bbka.org.uk

BBKA Chair, Diane Drinkwater, released a statement in Spring 2023 saying: "At this early stage of the Asian hornet season, which goes on into the autumn, it is extremely worrying to see so many cases and so early. We must act now to stop them from getting established in this country.

"Reports from Europe and Jersey indicate that 2023 was an exceptional year for Asian hornets with record numbers of queens and nests.

Trewidland Primary & Pre-School's Upcoming Art Show

Trewidland Primary & Pre-school is excited to announce our upcoming Art Exhibition, where children have the opportunity to showcase their creative talents. Taking place on the 7th of February, this event promises to be a celebration of artistic expression.

To participate, children are invited to create their very own masterpieces at home for each of the specified categories. The chosen themes for each category are intended to inspire imagination and personal connection.

For the Photography category, children are encouraged to capture moments that reflect the theme of "My Family." We hope this gives them an opportunity to explore their familial relationships and create stunning visual representations.

The Collage category is linked to our Home School Value of Compassion. Children are encouraged to use a variety of materials to create collages that depict acts of compassion and kindness, fostering empathy and understanding.

In the Painting category, children are asked to focus on the theme of "Great Britain." This presents them with a chance to showcase their pride and knowledge of our wonderful country through their artwork.

Pencil Drawing allows children to explore self-expression, as they create a self-portrait in the category titled "Myself." This category encourages students to reflect on their own identities and express their uniqueness through the power of drawing.

Lastly, the Sculpture/Model category revolves around "My School," providing an opportunity for students to showcase their creativity and artistic skills while representing their school environment.

To guarantee fairness, we kindly request that each child submits one entry per category. Additionally, each entry will incur a small entry fee of 50p. All artworks and entrance fees must be delivered to the school by the 6th of February. Please pass these to your class teacher. To avoid mix-ups, ensure your child's items are clearly labelled on the reverse or underneath with their name and year group.

On the day of the exhibition, prizes and certificates will be awarded to participants from four different age ranges. These include Pre-school & Reception, Year groups 1 & 2, Year Groups 3 & 4, and Year Groups 5 & 6. This ensures that the achievements of children from all year groups will be celebrated and recognised.

We extend a warm invitation to everyone in our school community and beyond to attend and enjoy our exhibition in the school hall, starting from 1.30pm on Wednesday the 7th of February. Our dedicated PTA will also be present, providing refreshments and hosting a raffle for additional entertainment.

Community Litter Pick!

Come and join in

Local lad Locryn is organising a litter pick in conjunction with St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council.

We will meet on **Saturday 24th February at 2pm** at Trewidland Village Hall. All equipment will be provided, just turn up. Refreshments available afterwards

A second litter pick is planned for the **20th April**, meeting at Trewidland Village Hall at 2pm.

Keep our village tidy, come and join us!



GREEN ST KEYNE AND TREWIDLAND

The Parish Council have been discussing how we can promote projects working with nature to build a more resilient environment and help to tackle climate change.

We realised that there are already some small projects which have been taking place, such as:

The Garden Club planted shrubs and plants in Jubilee Park;

Two Landmark trees – Whitebeam - were planted last year at St Keyne Village Hall and at Trewidland School;

Some residents have taken part in the Open Gardens scheme;

We know of at least two people who make special arrangements for the hedgehogs that visit their gardens;

The Riverfly Project have been training local volunteers to monitor water quality in our local Rivers in partnership with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust;

Every Year a small team of volunteers tidy up and improve the natural environment around St Keyne Well.

This is just a small snapshot. If you are involved in another project, large or small, in the Parish then please do let us know.

You could already be contributing to the wider efforts across the Parish enabling our natural environment to thrive more successfully. You may have other ideas for things we can do too, such as:

Sowing wildflowers in our grass verges and reducing mowing;

Planting more trees that are available from the 'Forest for Cornwall' scheme;

Managing the ancient Cemetery around St Keyne Church as a haven for wildflowers and wildlife instead of just being strimmed once a year.

These are only suggestions and we'd love to hear your ideas! You might also want to get involved with projects locally or start a new project – please just get in touch. Want to join in? Just let us know

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What is Messy Church St Keyne?

Messy Church is **a form of church for all the family, both children and adults that involves, creativity, celebration and hospitality.**

"It is Church, but not as you know it". You will be warmly welcomed. It is Christ-centred and helps people to encounter and enter into a transforming relationship with Jesus. There will be opportunities to be creative through themed art and craft activities, games, songs, a Bible story, refreshments and a shared meal. Attendance is free.

Where is it happening?

Messy Church takes place in **St Keyne at the village hall** or Jubilee Park (summer months) on a Wednesday afternoon during the school holiday periods throughout the year. It is run and organised by members of the parish church in St Keyne.

When is it happening?

The first Messy Church session of 2024 will take place during the Half Term Holiday on Wednesday 14th February 2024 from 3pm to 5pm.

Look out for the banner nearer the time outside the village hall. The second Messy Church session of 2024 will take place on Wednesday the 3rd of April during the Easter School Holiday. For more information please contact:
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The Farming Diary



As a community that is surrounded by agriculture, but for the most part having little involvement in it nowadays, we thought it might be useful for the people of St Keyne and Trewidland to have a brief insight into the agricultural calendar, how our work changes through the seasons, and why we can be seen doing what we do in the fields. Every farm is unique, and things will happen differently depending on where you look and which farm you drive past but, this is what happens at Pensipple Farm, a small, mixed family farm on the edge of Trewidland.

Winter

Every aspect of agriculture is a cycle, and winter represents the calm and rest before the start of new growth. Our ewes are (hopefully) all in lamb, the ram having gone in with them in November. In the next few weeks, we will scan them to see how many lambs each ewe is expecting, allowing us to spot mothers with multiple lambs in order to keep an eye on them in case they need extra nutrition or help closer to lambing, and also identify older ewes that are no longer fertile and may need to leave the flock.

The ewes are grazing silage ground and diverse over winter cover crops, recycling the nutrients held in these plants in preparation for new grass growth and new cereal crops to be planted in the spring. Cover crops are planted at the end of summer to offer cover and protection to the soil over winter and to use up excess nutrients left over from the previous crop. In our case we try to use as many different species in our cover crops as possible to increase diversity and feed the myriad organisms that live beneath the soil and to improve the soil structure at different depths.

The winter wheat that was planted back in the autumn has stopped growing for a few weeks with the onset of cold weather. This is an important physiological stage in the cereal's growth cycle called Vernalisation, and ensures the crop moves from vegetative growth to reproductive growth when the weather warms up and will bear grain in the summer.

Winter is also a time of farm maintenance, fencing repairs and hedge trimming. Farmers are responsible for trimming the road hedges adjacent to their land and when it's too wet to get on the fields, it's a good opportunity to get the road hedges trimmed. This has to be completed by the end of February to ensure the beginning of the nesting season is avoided. 25

Competition time!



Are you a budding photographer?

We are looking for photographs of local views to go on the front of the Informer and also to be displayed on our Parish Council Facebook Page.

If you have photographs of landmarks from within our parish, we want to hear from you! Remember they will be printed in black and white. We are keen for all ages to get involved. We will publish the winners on the front page of the next 3 editions of the informer as a cover picture. We will also display entries on our Facebook page. Email all entries to:

informer@stkeynetrewidlandpc.org.uk

We are also looking for anybody who would like to write an article about informative and interesting topics. For example, do you have an unusual hobby you could share with us, or an interesting journey that may worth writing about? Send it to



informer@stkeynetrewidlandpc.org.uk



Do you have unique recipes, something passed down the generations, something Cornish, British or from further afield. Please share it with us for our 'master of the kitchen' feature and email:

informer@stkeynetrewidlandpc.org.uk

Help us to make your parish magazine a success

**Deadline for all submissions is the
19th April 2024**

Parish Council News

We had a very busy agenda for the first meeting of the New Year on 10 January!

Including several Planning Applications.

You can see the wide variety of local issues we consider by checking out our website www.stkeynetrewidlandpc.org.uk

For this Informer edition I want to concentrate on road safety throughout the Parish. I reported in the last edition that we are working with the police and with Cornwall Council Highways and Road Safety teams in a bid to improve safety for road users on the B3252 at Horningtops and Bylane End junctions.

Sadly, two local motorcyclists have been killed in traffic accidents at the Bylane End junction in the past 18 months. All three Agencies have now confirmed that they intend to await the conclusion of any Coroners Report associated with the fatal collisions before deciding what safety measures may be needed to reduce the likelihood of accidents in future.

It is very disappointing that the investigations and subsequent Coroner's Report have not yet been concluded 18 months since the first tragic

accident. I feel for the bereaved families and everyone else involved as that seems to be a long time to wait for a clear outcome. The long wait also delays decisions about more effective safety measures for that stretch of road.

On a more positive note CC Highways have agreed to upgrade the warning signs approaching the Bylane End junction, although these have not yet materialised. All three Agencies have promised to hold a joint meeting with the Parish Council and this will hopefully take place shortly. I will keep you informed!

BRRR!! The winter frosts and icy blasts have ushered in the New Year, with more of the same promised. We got our new grit bins delivered just in time! Please help yourself to the grit for your road and pavements and help keep yourself and your neighbours safe.

We've heard from Cornwall Council about the proposed introduction of more 20mph speed limit zones where there is strong local support, following successful pilot schemes in Falmouth/Penryn and Camelford. We'll hear more about this later in the year when the rollout for the Liskeard and Looe areas begins with local consultations. Cornwall Council says "Reducing the 30mph limit to 20mph in selected places will make our town and village roads safer and cleaner and our communities even nicer places to live".

Keep safe and warm!

Kevin Shovelton

Chair, St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council

WHAT'S ON

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday	Weekly	17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	13.30 - 15.30	Post Office	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	14.00 - 16.00	Brench Club	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Weekly	mornings	Jay Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Wednesday	Weekly	10.30 - 12.00	Coffe Morning	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Last of the month	19.30 onwards	St Keyne History Group	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	2nd of the month	19.00 onwards	Parish Council meeting	St Keyne VH / Trewidland VH alternate month
Thursday	1st of the month	19.30 onwards	WI	Duloe Jubilee Centre
Thursday	3rd of the month	19.30 onwards	Gardening Club	St Keyne VH
Thursday	Weekly	evening	Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH
Saturday	1st of the month		Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

03.02.2024	10.30 - 13.00	Big Breakfast	St Keyne VH
14.02.2024	15.00 - 17.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
16.02.2024	18.30	Curry & Skittles	Trewidland VH
24.02.2024	14.00	Litter Pick	Trewidland VH
16.03.2024	19.00 - 22.00	Village Quiz	Trewidland VH
29.03.2024	9.30	Palm Sunday	St Keyne Church
31.03.2024	9.30	Family Communion	St Keyne Church
23.03.2024 - 24.03.2024	11.00 - 16.00	Art Exhibition	Trewidland VH
03.04.2024	tbc	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
06.04.2024	10.30 - 13.00	Big Breakfast	St Keyne VH
20.04.2024	14.00	Litter Pick	Trewidland VH
18.05.2024	10.00 - 12.00	Plant sale	St Keyne VH
29.05.2024	tbc	Messy Church	St Keyne VH