

St Keyne & Trewidland
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Trewidland Village Hall

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Hello again, from Trewidland, deep within the Beast from the East, I do hope that you all survived the treacherous icy conditions without any broken bones. I wonder what it will be like as you read this, my mother used to say that it always snowed on her birthday, which was 9th February. I don't possess a crystal ball so only you know the answer to that one in 2026. Was

she right? Anyway, enough about the weather and your health, to business and my oh my did it start with a running jump for me! I have decided to stop saying "If" we rebuild the village hall and now I say "when". My head is like a washing machine full of architects and plans and grant applications, but the power behind my washing machine is my determination to get this done. Trewidland needs this, Trewidland deserves it and "when" it comes to fruition I sincerely hope that Trewidland will love it and use it.

The whole process is rather like the chicken and the egg, but thanks to my dear builder friend, who is always there for me, I feel I have a better handle on the order of events now. I realise that this has all happened before and although I did not live here then, I have seen the old plans and structural engineer's report so do not fear I do believe I am well informed. There is no point in reparation, as some have suggested, it would simply be a waste of money, and the walls could not take any extra weight from a new roof. Thank you to the 30 people who completed the surveys.

I plan to create a hall that has a space for us to continue our badminton group, which has become a highlight of the week for some, and increasingly popular. This space will be used for Village Quizzes, Craft Fairs, Curry and Skittles and all the usual events that are carried out in the main hall and some new ones too. There will be a kitchen and toilets, of course, and plenty of storage for the tables, chairs and table tennis table etc. The stage appears to have become obsolete in the past decade so a smaller room to house the new pool table (acquired for free) and create a warm space with comfy chairs for meetings; council or coffee will be included. The latter will double as a Trewidland Museum housing all the artefacts currently in the hall and hopefully a compilation of all the work of the history group with your framed photos adorning the walls. This will preserve the history of the village for future generations.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Christmas Craft Fair in

November, hopefully you heard what an amazing success it was. Villagers reported how wonderful it was to see the hall so alive and buzzing with a constant stream of visitors. The pop-up café on the stage enabled people to stay and chat with friends too and I do believe the stallholders had a great time whether they sold their crafts or not. Many said how lovely it was to have such high quality and real crafts. I bought nearly all my Christmas presents!



There was also a last-minute Christmas wreath making event suggested by Debbie Taylor who had just been holding one at a local old people's home. We used her leftover greenery and decorations and added some of our own to create some beautiful wreaths and table centres. After the success of this and enthusiasm of those who came, we have decided to do a monthly crafting event. These will be held on the last Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2.30pm onwards.



Thank you to all those who supported our Carols Around the Tree on December 21st. The children and adults seemed to enjoy the games and the new colour scheme for the singing provided a little extra entertainment, as did the snow machine we borrowed from a local farmer.



This year, for the first time, we had a "Star Awards" ceremony for those in the village or wider community who have gone above and beyond to help. This year's recipients were Denise, Gerry, Syd and Karen from Horningtops, Denise, Lindsey, Steve and Jon from Trewidland.

Looking to the future please do join Trewidland Facebook page, if you haven't done so already, to keep up with what's happening. I do try to put posters on both Facebook groups and physical ones on the noticeboards too. Our next events are the Pub and Games Night

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January 17th which will have passed by the time you read this, the next Village Quiz, February 14th 7pm and Curry and Skittles February 21st which need to be booked through me in advance. The latter is £5 per person to include skittles, dessert, tea or coffee. Once you have made your choice on the Himalayan Spice Website email me your food order (making sure to include which meat or vegetarian version). In March we shall hold a Spring Craft Fair on 21st from 11am to 3pm. At the time of typing this we still have a few more spaces for new crafters should you wish to join us at a cost of £10 per table.

The Trewidand Summer Fayre will again be July 5th, but this year it is on a Sunday. Please do get in touch if you would like to help us to organise this. We are looking to borrow more larger gazebos than we had last year. If anyone has any contacts who can help us, please let me know. If you would like to run a stall, games or craft, again please get in touch.

Finally, a reminder that we have dog training with Kym from Keltic Kymber weekly in the hall. Table Tennis is on Friday evenings every other week and Badminton is Wednesday evenings every other week. Keep an eye on social media for updates or contact me for more info.

There is a rather overused but appropriate quote "Build it and they will come" which hopefully will come true one day. After all, more events have been organised and thankfully more people have come, which has helped us to increase our income. Sadly, it is not enough to build a hall yet, so if you know of any companies or individuals who could help this dream become a reality sooner rather than later, please point them in our direction.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2026
Nicky Fairey (Secretary, Treasurer and Event Coordinator of Trewidland Village Hall)

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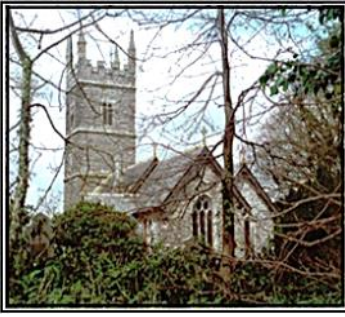


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Church News

Dear Friends,
Advent and Christmas were a very exciting time for us at St Keyne Church. We enjoyed a wonderful Community Carol Service, the

Trewidland School Christingle, Messy Church Christingle, and our Christmas Eve service. It was great to join with the whole community in these services as we came together to share and celebrate the birth and promise of Jesus.

Another huge highlight was our evening with Polperro Choir, which was a real joy, followed by an evening with the Wreckers in the hall. It was also a historic evening as we introduced a contactless giving machine at church. This means that when you come, you can now give to the work of the church via contactless. A big thank you to Paul Ward for making this possible.

2025 has seen many changes in the church, including the contactless machine, toilet and kitchen facilities — and even running water! Over Advent and Christmas, we have really enjoyed using all these new facilities. They are such a blessing, and we want to say a huge thank you for all your support.

As we look towards 2026, we are excited about all that is ahead. We are looking forward to Lent and Easter, developing Messy Church, continuing our weekly prayer and study group, prayer-walking the village, and also a new monthly Friday night gathering in the hall led by Charlie. This will be a space to explore some of the big questions through good conversation, starting at the end of January with a look at God and science.

As we look forward, we are so thankful for our village and all that is happening. In the Bible, Colossians 4:2 says: "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." This is a key verse for us and a good prayer for the year ahead: that in all that is happening we would be devoted to prayer, watchful for what God is doing, and always thankful. We pray that as we start 2026, your year will be full of blessings and hope.

God bless,
Rev Mark and the St Keyne PCC



'Pub Theology' at St Keyne

Last Friday every month Social club 8.00 – 9.30pm

A chance to have a pint and talk about God. It's not a bible study or prayer meeting, it's just having a chat about things that many of us wonder about but never really talk out with others. People of all beliefs and none are welcome, particularly those who are seekers but not convinced believers.

The only rule is that we all respect each others views and show kindness, especially if we feel someone has said something daft. Topics for discussion will be chosen by those who attend.

Format will be a very brief introduction to the monthly topic – perhaps a video or short reflection. Then it's open to discussion. Everyone will be encouraged to have their say.

For more details or to show interest in coming, contact:

Charlie 07792538442 or email charlesrboney@gmail.com

Friday 30th January

Can scientists do God?

Some people say science can explain the origin of the Universe and life on Earth. Others believe in every word of the Bible, Koran or other texts. Some of the questions people might consider are:

- Is it possible to be a Scientist and have Faith?
- Are we all Believers, Agnostics or Atheists (and does it matter)?
- Can anyone 'prove' what they believe?
- Should I feel guilty about not having firm views?

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St Keyne Garden Club



The garden club has taken a short break and our normal meetings will start on March 19th , 7.30 pm in the village hall with a talk on dahlias. Visitors and new members are always welcome, there will be a raffle and refreshments. The speakers have been booked for 2026 and include bees, incredible vegetables, bonsai and Cornish birds.

There will be visits and social events.
A date to remember is the popular plant sale Saturday May 23rd , 10am where there will be a good selection of bedding plants and plants grown in our members gardens.
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I was so pleased to be able to join the villagers and take part in the Carol Service in our lovely church in December. On a separate occasion I attended the concert with the Polperro Fisherman Choir in the church and later as the Wreckers in the village hall. This is always a popular event in the village. Thank you to the members of the choir, I know we shall all look forward to their next visit to St Keyne.

The start to the New Year has not gone well for many residents in Cornwall. The aftermath of Storm Goretta has meant extensive clearing up of fallen trees, floods, repairs to damaged properties and outage of power and broadband. The Highways teams and Utility services have been working tirelessly to clear the roads and reinstate power in some places. Thank you all for your patience and help with reporting issues.

I was pleased that the recent repairs to the drainage in Penhale Lane held up and the road has been passable throughout the winter, even with the severe weather.

If you do see any floods, fallen trees or potholes please do report to www.cornwall.gov.uk/ReportIt.

The South East Cornwall Community Area Partnership (SECCAP) is a partnership of the 29 parishes, 3 urban and 26 rural parishes, in SE Cornwall. At the meetings various local issues are discussed such as Police matters, Highways, Transport Infrastructure and many more. It is also an opportunity for members of the public to attend and tell us about their concerns and ideas for the area. There are 4 evening meetings each year, 2 take place virtually online - Teams and 2 in person at local venues, usually in a village hall. As Chairman of SECCAP I would be pleased to welcome more members of the public at the next meeting on 7TH April, venue to be confirmed.

In December I was appointed by the Leader of Cornwall Council to sit on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry committee. The committee is a joint committee of Plymouth Council and Cornwall Council. I will robustly scrutinise any suggested increase in tolls or fees and ask you all to please take part in the consultation on the Tamar Crossings.



On January 12th the committee unanimously rejected the increase in the TAG administration fee and it remains at 80p per month. The Tamar crossings are crucial to the residents in SE Cornwall to access health, education and employment.

Cornwall Council are currently consulting with the public on issues of interest, such as the 2026/27 draft budget, Increase in Off Street Parking charges and coming shortly Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. I do encourage you all to respond and have your say You will find them here: letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk.

I am disappointed to see increased amounts of litter along the side of the road on Trussell Hill. It is evident that it is Take Away items that have been thrown out of cars. It is an offence to drop litter deliberately. If you witness this happening please report it.

The lambing season has arrived . Always a sign that Spring is on its way. Please be responsible owners and keep all dogs on leads when walking in the countryside and ensure your dog can not escape from your property.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter

CORNWALL COUNCILLOR JANE PASCOE.

In Loving Memory of Margaret Smee

We mark the passing of Margaret, who did so much for our village and especially for our church family. She served faithfully as Churchwarden and secretary, led prayers and readings, and was our verger. For many of us, she was the heart of the church. She cared deeply for others, visiting the unwell, making sure everything was in place, and ensuring the church was always open and welcoming. Over this past year, while she was unwell, we missed her greatly, but many were blessed to visit her, share communion, and see her beaming smile. We grieve her loss, but we also take comfort in her strong faith and the promise of eternal life, as Jesus says in John 14:2: "My Father's house has many rooms..."

We trust that Margaret now rests in her heavenly home. We give thanks for her life, her service, and her love.

God bless you, Margaret.

Rev Mark



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Whether you are new to the village or have lived here for some time, please come along and join us, meet your neighbours and have a chat about anything and everything!

A range of coffees are available from the Hall's machine and hot water to make your own tea if required all for the price of £1.

Tracey Mustoe, a podiatrist, visits every 6 weeks during the Coffee Morning and takes bookings to see her privately in the bar area. Her next visit is on Wednesday 4th February.

We also have regular visits from our local Police Community Support Officer, Steve Edser, who invites you to discuss any issues or queries regarding matters that might be of concern to you or the area you live in. He is happy to arrange a private meeting if that is needed or appropriate.

We would be so pleased to see you any Wednesday.



Sally Lewis



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 but donations are gratefully received.

Where is it happening?

Messy Church usually takes place in the Village Hall. In the summer months weather permitting Messy Church sessions takes place outdoors in Jubilee Park situated below Valley View housing estate.

When is it happening?

This year we are planning to increase the overall number of sessions from 6 to 9.

The first four Messy Church sessions of 2026 will take place on the following dates:

- 1. Wednesday 18th February 2026 from 3-5pm in the Village Hall (Half Term Week).**
- 2. Wednesday 11th March from 4-6pm in the Village hall (Term Time note change of time).**
- 3. Wednesday 15th April in the Village Hall from 3-5pm (Easter School Holidays).**
- 4. Wednesday 27th May in the Village Hall from 3-5pm (Half Term Week).**

Look out for the banner nearer the time outside the village hall.

For more information please contact: **Lambrini Featherston**
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You're only young once.

I don't know if any of you managed to see the Pelynt Young Farmers Tinsel Tractor Run but if you did I hope you were as impressed as I was with it. Looe was packed to the brim with spectators, car parks were full and for a while there was total grid-lock. I stood near to the end of the bridge and had a close up view as they came past, what a grand display of decorated tractors driven past obviously having taken many hours to put together.



Watching this got me thinking about the Young Farmers Clubs activities in the community. The tractor run raises lots of money for charity, well over £3000 this year I believe, but this is not the only fundraising that the young farmers clubs do. I'm sure most of them do a Christmas tree collection in January, a dung run, for all of you keen gardeners, in February and Big Breakfast sometime in the Spring.

If you would like to support any of these events we are lucky enough to have several YFC's in the local area, Pelynt, Liskeard, Warleggan, Landrake, Lostwithiel etc. Also if you have a member of your family from mid teens to mid twenties who's looking for something new to do then why not send them along to join the club . . . it's not just for farmers !

Getting on to the subject of teenagers it always make me sad to read comments saying that teenagers are bored and have nothing to do in the local area. As the grandmother of teenagers I can honestly say that mine never say that they are bored, maybe they got that from me ! Well being brought up on a farm I learnt very early that saying I was bored would see me sent in the direction of a cow shed with a pitch fork in hand.

Cycling is a firm favourite for both of my teenage grandsons, they both also enjoy playing pool with one playing for Cornwall juniors. The older one enjoys playing table tennis although he's they only youngster at the sessions. The younger one has recently started playing Snooker in the Liskeard and District league, another locally available sport with very few juniors getting involved. The younger one when he finds the time loves target shooting at Looe Rifle Club where he does very well and has already shot for Cornwall.

I think there are a lot of things for youngsters to do if they just look in the right places. Instead of watching other people's lives on television and internet they need to get out and start living their own. You're only young once.

Anita Ivey

Trip of a Lifetime

I didn't have to go far to experience something truly incredible. It all happened right here in the British Isles. In May 2025, I travelled to the Isles of Scilly and swam with seals — yes, big, wild seals. To say I was apprehensive would be an understatement. On Monday morning, bright and early, the wind was howling, and the heavens had opened. My very first trip on a rib boat,



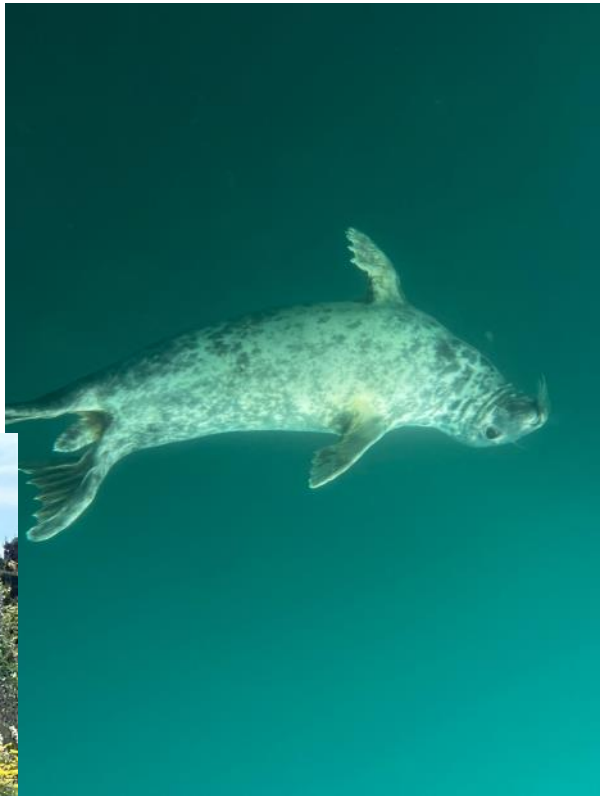
across choppy seas and with rain driving into my face, didn't exactly promise a "trip of a lifetime." Once I was kitted out in a wetsuit (not my favourite, being a cold-water swimmer), snorkel, and fins, a small group of enthusiastic

fellow adventurers and I headed out to the eastern isles off St. Martin's. We were instructed not to approach the seals and to keep our distance from the rocks, where about fifty of them were lounging, enjoying their morning snooze. There we were floating quietly in



the water, waiting for the seals to appear. When the first sleek, whiskered faces emerged from the kelp forests below, it was both frightening and magical in equal measure. Some of the very large seals came close to investigate me, their eyes curious but cautious, before gliding away into

the depths. The younger seals, however, were far more inquisitive. They nibbled playfully at our fins and swam right up to us, sometimes brushing against us as if to say hello. To float silently in their world, without engines or noise, simply blending into their peaceful environment, was the most magical experience I've ever had.



The Isles of Scilly are an extraordinary place to visit, even if swimming with seals isn't your cup of tea. The scenery, the tranquillity, and the sense of stepping into another world are unforgettable. I urge anyone to take a trip there — and I dare you not to be utterly charmed by the place.



My husband and I first visited many years ago when our son was about five years old, and honestly, nothing much has changed since then. The Isles remain what they have always been: a hidden gem, out on a limb in the Atlantic — timeless, wild, and wonderful



Patricia Hopwood



St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council News

Cll Sarah Whiting Chair-
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Happy New Year, and I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas. It seems a long time ago. The end of last year was a quiet one, but I hope many of you were able to enjoy the various Christmas light switch-ons and the beautifully

decorated tractor runs organised by the Young Farmers.

We are starting the new year with an exciting new project in Trewidland, where plans are developing to rebuild the ageing village hall. Meanwhile, the Green Team continues its excellent work on the community orchard in St Keyne's Jubilee Park, hopefully there will be some trees appearing soon, as well as the planning of fruit trees for Trewidland School.

By the time this edition of the Informer reaches you, I hope that internet connections and power have been restored. I don't think we realise how dependent we are on the internet and mobile communications, especially in the countryside. I hope the clean-up following Storm Goretta is complete. Although we do not experience storms of this strength very often, it serves as an important reminder to keep hedges and trees well maintained to help minimise storm damage, as the branches can come down onto the telephone/broadband cables. As highlighted in previous editions of the Informer, this responsibility lies with the landowner.

We also experienced a period of icy roads, and I am pleased to report that the grit bins have been well used throughout the parish. Our Parish Clerk has arranged refills for those that were less than half full, ensuring we are prepared for the next cold spell.

Whilst talking about the weather and the extremes we have, we had excessive rainfall in November and December, and I understand that Penhale Lane wasn't affected by flooding this time, which is a positive note and thanks to Councillor Pascoe's unwavering pursuit to get it done.

Future homes in St Keyne

There has been a great deal of discussion on social media recently about the prospect of up to 500 new homes being built opposite Valley View in St Keyne. I'd like to give you all some background to this, and reassure you that this is not currently in the pipeline. We will be discussing this at a public meeting in St Keyne Village Hall at a date to be announced shortly

Why now?

In 2024, Cornwall Council started to review their Local Plan: this is the policy document that shapes planning and development across the county for 20 years ahead, and the 2010 to 2030 plan is due to expire in 5 years. As part of their preparation for the 2030 to 2050 plan, Planning Officers issued a 'Call for Sites' where it asked landowners if they had land that might be suitable for housing development. The owner of the land in question has responded to the "call for sites" by putting forward parcels of land south and west of Valley View. Your councillors discussed this at their March 2025 meeting (you can view and download the Briefing Note we published then on our website). The comments that councillors made *were not supportive, of this land being remarked for housing development in the 2030 to 2050 local plan.* This is a *possible long term* planning project that your parish councillors will continue to keep close tabs on.

How many could be built?

What has happened now is that Planners have made their own assessment of potential sites, and estimated what the potential would be for house building there and how many properties could be accommodated. There are 3 adjacent sites in St Keyne – land north of Valley View, a field west of valley View. Planners estimate that up to 60, 94 and 350 houses respectively might be built there. This is the figure of 500 you might have heard about.

When is this going to happen?

Building 500 new homes would be a significant undertaking that follows a rigorous, years-long timeline. A project of this scale would change a community's character. Plans for developments might not be presented for several years after the new Local Plan has been agreed (after 2031) and must comply with the new policies and be subject to very detailed scrutiny by planning officers, parish councillors and residents.

What happens next?

The parish council will be discussing this at future meetings and agreeing its response. Of course, we want to hear your views as well, and so I'm inviting you to come along to a public meeting date to be announced. If you can't come then, email me your opinion – but please bear in mind that this is very early days and we have a great deal more to find out. I commit to keeping residents informed throughout the Local Plan consultation and beyond.

Making our roads safer and more usable

Your parish council is able to tap into many different kinds of grant finding to improve the lives and wellbeing of its residents. Here's one you can all help us with. Every year, Cornwall Council sets aside a lump sum to improve highways in our area. This year, our area is due to receive almost £135,000 – the snag being that we have to share it with our neighbouring councils across south-east Cornwall. You can help us with your own suggestions - practical and do-able please – that would come under one of these 6 headings:

Tackle Climate Change - this can include schemes that support walking, cycling and public transport, reducing the need to travel or switching to electric or cleaner fuels.

Support economic prosperity by improving sustainable transport links for business and access to employment, education and training.

Respect and enhance the beautiful natural and historic environment through the way in which we travel and deliver transport. Providing a safe, accessible, and attractive place for residents whilst substantially reducing environmental harm from vehicle operations including air pollution. Transport schemes that support nature recovery can be included.

Support healthy active lifestyles and wellbeing by providing the right facilities and environment for walking and cycling. Improvements to make walking and cycling easier and safer will be supported.

Support community and road safety - Ensure our communities are safer and more enjoyable places to live by reducing the negative impacts of transport. Suitable schemes include those that reduce speeds or traffic volumes (e.g. village gateways or vehicle activated signs) or reduce anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime whilst travelling.

Provide equal opportunities for everyone, so that such schemes would include those which particularly benefit people with limited transport options due to geography, disability, age or affordability.

But – the downside is that funding cannot be used for third-party land purchases, isolated parking restrictions (yellow lines), drainage, routine maintenance (including potholes), or feasibility studies. You can read more by visiting our website, and we need your ideas before 9 February so that councillors have time to review them before the next council meeting. Please email or look out for councillors visiting local events who will be happy to take your suggestions.

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Hot Cross Buns

For the buns

500g strong white bread flour
1/2tsp salt
2tsp mixed spice
50g caster sugar
50g butter
chopped into cubes
200g mixed dried fruit
7g sachet easy-blend dried yeast
200ml milk
2 eggs

For the crosses & glaze

3tbsp plain flour
Honey or golden syrup, for brushing

Method

1. Tip the flour into a bowl and stir in the salt, mixed spice and sugar.
2. Rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the dried fruit, then sprinkle over the yeast and stir in. Gently warm the milk so it is hot, but still cool enough to put your finger in for a couple of seconds. Beat with the eggs, then pour into the dried ingredients.
3. Using a blunt knife, mix the ingredients to a moist dough, then leave to soak for 5 mins. Take out of the bowl and cut the dough into 8 equal pieces.
4. Shape the dough into buns on a floured surface. Space apart on a baking sheet, cover loosely with cling film, then leave in a warm place until half again in size. This will take 45 mins-1 hr 15 mins, depending on how warm the room is.
5. When the buns are risen, heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Mix the flour with 2 tbsp water to make a paste. Pour into a plastic food bag and make a nick in one of the corners. Pipe crosses on top of each bun.
6. Bake for 12-15 mins until risen and golden. Trim the excess cross mixture from the buns, then brush all over with honey or golden syrup. The buns will keep fresh for a day. After that they are best toasted and served with butter.



The Green Team



Just before Christmas, we finalised our order for ten trees to be planted within the parish. We expect these to be delivered shortly, with January and February having been identified as good months to plant the trees. So

our next Green Team meeting will be outside with boots and shovels to get them in the ground at Jubilee Park and Trewidland School! We will publicise these dates on the villages' Facebook page: it would be great to see you if you are able to come and help on the day.

With the community orchard established, we will look to start moving on our next project, which is to start planting within the grounds of St. Keyne village hall. While attempts to bring in larger amounts of funding have so far been unsuccessful, we do have a small amount which will allow us to buy seeds. The plan is still to ask villagers who are able to grow some of these seeds in their own homes/gardens/greenhouses, ready to transfer to the grounds of the hall in the spring. Please get in touch if you are able to help out with this: we would love for this to be a whole-community endeavour! The longer-term aim is for the project to grow until the wider grounds surrounding the hall are transformed with more planting... even if this is something that has to happen gradually rather than all at once!

We have found this year that our most enjoyable meetings have been those where we have been able to get to work on something – for example planning the layout of the orchard – so the plan for the year is for us to organise meetings around specific projects, maybe every other month. We have ideas for what kind of projects we could undertake but are very keen to hear any suggestions that you may have.

We'll put together a programme of events in the next Informer – ready for the spring and summer!

Martin Cluer

What's on

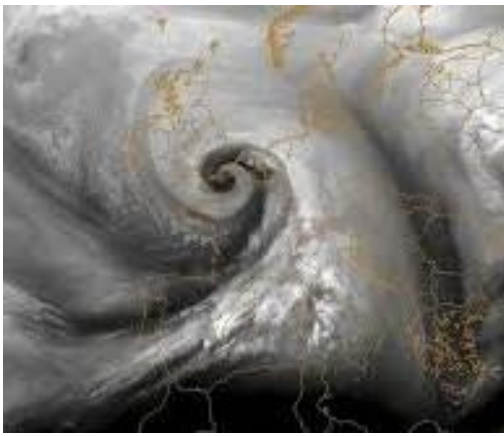
Regular Events

Monday	Weekly	09.30 - 11.30 17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	11.45 - 12.45	Post Office	Trewidland VH
Tuesday	Weekly	17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	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	Coffee Morning	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Last of the month	19.30 onwards	St Keyne History Group	St Keyne VH
Wednesday	Every other week	19.00	Badminton	Trewidland 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
Friday	1st and 3rd of the month	19.00	Table Tennis	Trewidland VH
Friday	Last of each month	20.00-21.30	Pub Theology	St Keyne Social Club St Keyne VH
Saturday	1st of the month		Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH

What's on

in and around the parish

4th Feb	During Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00	Podiatrist	St Keyne VH
7th Feb	9.00-12.00	Breakfast Time	Trewidland VH
14th Feb	19.00 onwards	Quiz night	Trewidland VH
18th Feb	15.00-17.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
21st Feb	18.30	Curry & Skittles	Trewidland VH
11th March	16.00-18.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
21st March	11.00-15.00	Trewidland Spring Fair	Trewidland VH
15th April	15.00-17.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
23rd May	10.00 onwards	Plant Sale	St Keyne VH
27th May	15.00-17.00	Messy Church	St Keyne VH
5th July	11.00-16.00	Trewidland Summer Fair	Trewidland VH



Storm Gorette, an explanation

Why Weather Systems Get So Windy?

After the very wild and windy conditions we experienced across Cornwall during Storm Gorette, we've had many questions about why these storms produce such extreme winds. So let's break it down in plain English, no meteorology degree required

What is a Low-Pressure System?

A low-pressure system is exactly what it says on the tin, an area where the air pressure is lower than its surroundings. Air always wants to move from an area of high pressure to an area of low pressure, much like water running downhill. The bigger the pressure difference, the faster the air moves... and that moving air is what we feel as wind.

Pressure Drop = Wind Ramp-Up:

During Storm Gorette, pressure dropped very quickly as the storm approached Cornwall from the Atlantic.

A rapid pressure fall = tightly packed pressure lines, faster air movement stronger and more damaging winds. This is why winds didn't just increase... they roared in.

Why Cornwall Gets It Worst at times :

Cornwall sits right on the front line of Atlantic weather, which means long, open fetch across the ocean, no land to slow winds down, exposed headlands and high ground

Coastal funnelling effects: Places like the north coast, moors, cliffs, and exposed villages often see the strongest gusts, and Gorette was a textbook example.

The Storm's Spin Matters Too:

Low-pressure systems spin counterclockwise. With Storm Gorette, that meant a powerful north-westerly blast slamming straight into Cornwall. As the storm deepened, the winds wrapped tighter around the centre, like tightening a spring, releasing bursts of violent gusts, especially in showers and squally lines.

Showers Make Winds Worse:

Many of the strongest gusts came with heavy showers.

Why?

Cold air sinks rapidly in showers, dragging stronger winds from higher up in the atmosphere straight down to ground level, sudden, nasty gusts that can catch you out. That's why it can go from "just windy" to "what on earth was that?" in seconds. The temperature contrast fuels the storm. They feed off a clash between cold Arctic air and mild Atlantic air. That contrast supercharges the system, making it deepen faster and produce stronger winds, especially as it crossed our part of the UK.

Why Forecasting This Is Tricky:

A tiny change in the storm's track, even 50 miles north or south, can mean the difference between strong winds and damaging, disruptive winds. That's why KWT kept such a close eye on this one and why warnings evolved as the event got closer.

In Short...

- Storm Goretta was windy because of a rapid pressure drop,
- Strong Atlantic influence,
- Cornwall's exposed position, powerful air-mass clash,
- squally showers enhancing gusts
- the making of a perfect (but unwanted) storm.

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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 is upon us and, whilst we seem to have come through Storm Goretta in better shape than some parts of the county, the wet weather brings its challenges. That said, the work continues across the farm as normal. Last season's lamb numbers are falling now as they hit the required weights and conformation and are sent to the abattoir. We've been feeding them haylage made from our herbal leys last May which means they grow a little slower than lambs fed grain or creep feed over winter, and therefore reach the target weight a little later but, they are 100% grass fed which feels right for us.

The ram left the ewes in early December having spent just under a month with them. They're all now looking pregnant but we will scan them in February to be sure he's done his job. The ewes haven't been under the panels for a few weeks now as they move around the rest of the farm eating cover crops and any regrowth in the winter bird seed, cycling their nutrients back into the soil for the spring oats crops in March.

We have another 100 trees coming from the Woodland Trust in February so, we will be getting them planted before spring arrives. Some will be going on hedges and field margins and some I plan to use to restock some of the copses around the farm.

My final point is going to be a negative one I'm afraid. We've always had dog walkers walking the lanes around the farm and, on occasion, we've noticed some walking in the fields without permission. Until now we've always turned a blind eye to this as it's been rare and with little risk, particularly to livestock. Unfortunately, over the last few weeks and months, the numbers of dog walkers trespassing on the fields seems to have increased significantly. We've noticed gates being left open and a lot of dog mess left behind.

This becomes a significant issue at this time of year as the pregnant ewes move around the rest of the farm. Last week two dog walkers were spotted walking through a field which is due to be grazed by the pregnant ewes shortly. Both dogs were off the lead and not at heel, and could well have left faeces in the long crop. There's no way the owners would've found it to pick it up, even if they'd bothered to try. Dog faeces



carry a number of damaging parasites such as *Neospora caninum*, which causes abortions and death, and *Toxocara canis* which causes blindness and neurological damage. Both are contracted via contaminated grazing and their eggs can last for many years in the soil.

Unfortunately, the risk for us continuing to turn a blind eye to well-meaning trespassers is now too great. Therefore, over the next few weeks you will see signs going up around the farm stating that there is no public access to the fields, other than the two stretches of footpath, which are well signed. If you are seen in the fields, you will be asked to leave, or move to the nearest footpath if practical. We hope it doesn't come to this. It's a shame we've had to take this action as we quite understand why people would want to come and enjoy the countryside but, a small number of irresponsible individuals means we have no choice for the protection of our flock. It's your afternoon stroll in the countryside, but it's our livelihood, and we ask that you respect this.

Anthony Ellis

St Keyne Village Hall



Happy New Year to you all, we welcome in another year with some new faces, projects underway and events in the pipeline. But before the future, let's have a look at the last few months of 2025.

The hall had lots of events, both public and private, quite a few birthday parties and celebrations, keeping us nice and busy. Our public events included a Halloween party, quiz and pasty night, Bingo and of course, New Year's celebrations. All were very well attended, and it's a big thanks to all the volunteers and groups for assisting in making them possible.

We did say goodbye to the catering group with their last big breakfast in December, which is a big shame and loss. Though there are plans to see if, with some new volunteers, we can get it back up and running again, if you're interested and want to help, please reach out to us on our socials or the email address on the back page.

Speaking of which, some of you have seen that we have a new Facebook page; you can find a link to it on the old page. We'll be linking our Instagram and Facebook posts together from now on to keep you all up to date.

Lastly, it is with a big thank you to Leigh Ann for being our events manager for the last few years. She has been a massive help organising and running several events. She is stepping down and going on maternity leave, and we wish her all the best.

Committee meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the social club. If you would like to get involved and help run the hall, please come along.

Events update, past and present:

What a blast we had to finish off the year at St Keyne Village Hall! We had a very successful Christmas period, which included the last Bingo (which raised an amazing £600!) Thank you so much, Leigh Ann, for running such a great event, and we hope you enjoy a well deserved rest, and we can't wait to meet your lovely bundle of joy in due course! Polperro Fisherman's Choir had a great concert at the church and then transformed into 'The Wreckers' for a fantastic evening in the Village hall!

The final Big Breakfast was also a triumph! We at the village hall would like to thank our amazing volunteers for putting on such an amazing and popular event that kept everyone coming back for more!

We are looking for volunteers to help us to be able to continue to put on this popular community event. Please get in touch if you would like to be

involved - we can't do it without you!

One of our exciting upcoming events includes Messy Church on the 18th February!

St Keyne Village Hall now has a new Facebook page where we will continue to post upcoming events and regular updates!

Please give us a follow on Facebook by searching 'St Keyne Village Hall and Social Club.'

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Regards Dom



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Winter at Trewidland Primary School is providing us with lots of opportunities! We've had our Christmas play – which was excellent. Being a small school, it did mean that lots of us had to take on 2 or even 3 different parts, but that was all part of the fun. The songs were catchy too and this meant everyone was humming the tunes constantly from October half term onwards!

We also had the opportunity to have a Christingle service with Reverend Mark at the St Keyne church. The children were delighted that, once again, he dressed up as a human Christingle! The oranges and the sweets were gratefully received and provide everyone with a fitting reminder of the importance of the season.

As we move towards Spring, we are looking forward to the days getting longer and the sun shining more. This will give us the opportunity to get back out onto our field and enjoy our marvellous surroundings. How lucky we are to be educated in such a beautiful part of the world. From January, we are holding a 'Move to the Music' early years session. It's free – and the accompanying adults get a free cup on tea. The sessions will be held every Thursday from the 15th January for the whole of the Spring term. Please spread the word and we hope to see lots of pre-schoolers and their adults attend. Come along and see what makes our school so special.



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What to Do in the Garden in February, March and April

The months of February, March and April mark the transition from winter to spring and are among the most important periods in the gardening calendar. Although the weather can still be cold and unpredictable, these months are full of preparation,

renewal and the first signs of growth. What we do during this time often determines how successful the garden will be in the months ahead.

February is usually still a cold and quiet month, but it is far from idle. This is the time to begin preparing for the coming season. On milder days, we can start tidying borders by removing dead stems. Fruit trees and bushes can be pruned as late as February, as they are still dormant, and this helps shape them and encourage healthy growth later in the year. In the vegetable garden, early seeds such as onions, leeks and broad beans can be sown indoors or in a greenhouse. February is also a good month to check tools, clean pots, and plan what to grow, as good preparation saves time and effort later.

March usually brings longer days and the first real feeling of spring. As the soil begins to warm, more outdoor work becomes possible. This is the month to prepare beds by digging, removing weeds and adding compost or well-rotted manure to improve the soil. Lawns often need their first cut of the year in March, and edges can be tidied to give the garden a fresh, cared-for appearance. Many hardy vegetables, such as carrots, spinach and peas, can now be sown directly into the ground. Flower beds also begin to wake up, and perennials can be divided and replanted if they have become too large. Although frost is still possible, March is a month of optimism, when the garden begins to show clear signs of life again.

April is a busy and exciting time in the garden, as growth becomes much more rapid. Weeds also start to grow quickly, so regular weeding is important to prevent them from taking over. More seeds can be sown outdoors, including salads, beetroot and many flowers. Tender plants can be started off under cover, ready to be planted out later in spring or early summer. April is also a good time to plant shrubs, perennials and roses, as the soil is warming but still holds plenty of moisture. With trees coming into leaf and flowers beginning to bloom, April often feels like the true beginning of the gardening year.

February, March and April are months of preparation, hard work and fresh beginnings in our gardens. From careful planning and early sowing in the greenhouse during February, through soil preparation and first plantings in March, to the rapid growth and busy activity of April, each month plays an important role. By using this time wisely, we set the foundation for a healthy, productive and beautiful garden throughout the rest of the year.

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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. We're always on the lookout for more volunteers to help, so if you think you could assist us with a little of your time, please let any of the staff know.



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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.

OPENING TIMES

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Mark Gibbons

COUNCILLOR FOR LOOE EAST & DEVIOCK

Local update: Graffiti - Christmas morning incident

I woke up on Christmas morning to a spate of graffiti across the division - from Looe to Donderry, and extending out to Polbathic and Crafhole. I went out that day to photograph and map each occurrence and liaised with the police. This was not a harmless prank - residents and businesses have been left picking up the bill for serious criminal damage, and I will keep pressure on for a result.

Station Road works - taking longer than planned

The works on Station Road are taking longer than expected due to additional underpinning being required to make the bank secure. I'll continue to monitor progress and keep you posted as this moves forward.

Storm Goretti - impacts and recovery

Storm Goretti - the first named storm of 2026 - has caused severe damage and, tragically, loss of life across Cornwall.

In our division, several trees came down and blocked roads between Donderry and Looe. My thanks to the members of the public who reported issue, and to Cornwall Council Highways and Cormac for getting roads cleared and reopened quickly in extremely challenging conditions.

As residents in Morval and Widegates will know only too well, this was followed by a protracted power outage, and some households are still waiting for broadband services to be fully restored. More widely across Cornwall, colleagues on the north coast and further west have reported even more severe impacts, including extensive tree fall, property damage, and ongoing utility disruption.

From Truro: Cornwall Council draft budget 2026 - 27 - have your say Cornwall Council has published a balanced draft budget for 2026 - 27, and it is open for public comment until 27 January 2026.

I would encourage residents to respond - particularly where service changes could disproportionately affect rural communities. The consultation is here: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/budget-26-27>

Parking Consultation: Cornwall Council is consulting on a new Off Street Parking Places Order, which includes a number of amendments such as winter charging, tariff changes and motorhome stays to specific car parks across Cornwall.

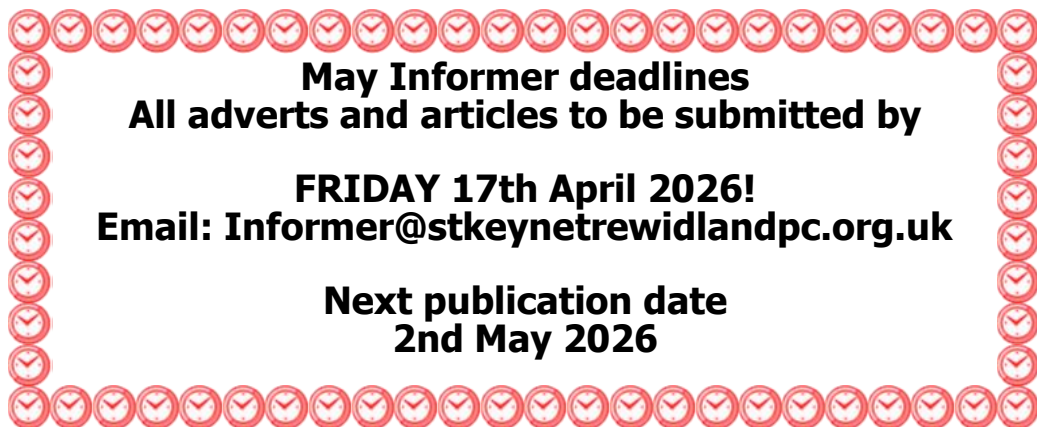
Parking has a real impact on residents, local businesses and visitors - from town centre trade and access to services, to local people walking dogs or popping to the shop - I'd strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes to share their views. Responses (supporting or objecting) need to be received by 4 February 2026 and can be submitted here: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/off-street-parking-order-2026>.

Visit Cornwall liquidation - mitigating the impact

The voluntary liquidation of Visit Cornwall last year raised real concern among local businesses that rely on strong destination marketing.

I have raised this with the Cabinet Member for the visitor economy, and I'm reassured to hear that Cornwall Council is maintaining the Visit Cornwall website and is exploring acquisition of assets, with a team in place to manage ongoing destination marketing and support. A tourism summit for industry leaders and businesses is scheduled at the Eden Project on 27 January 2026.

We're off to a busy start but let me close by wishing you all the very best for a healthy and happy New Year!



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Trewidland Village Hall History

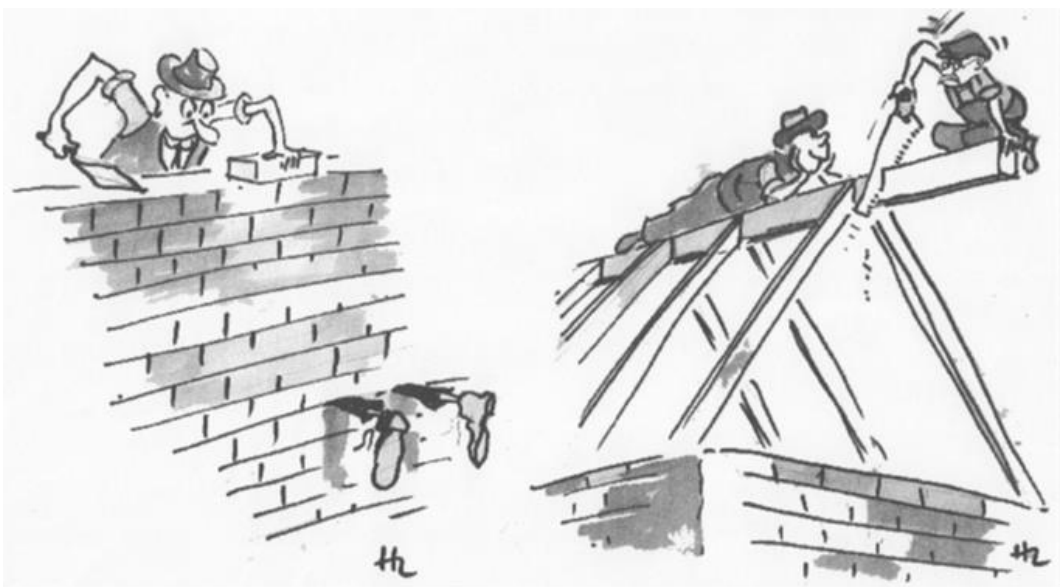
In the light of the current Trewidland Village Hall Questionnaire you may be interested in information held by the History Group about the Hall.

We are very lucky to have a copy of a set of wonderful cartoons, created by Harvey Lister (and lent to us by Mrs Betty Lister- far left in the 1950 photo opposite) which document the creation of the Hall and thank the Lister family for these.



'The scheme to build the hall was inaugurated in March 1933 and with the considerable help of Rear Admiral R.S. Wickes-Sneyd, president of the building committee, the tradespeople of Liskeard and "months of hard work and combined effort on the part of almost every villager". The hall was celebrated as a "strong testimonyto co-operative village effort." Funds were also raised through the National Council for Social Service of the Carnegie Trust who promised £90 (a sixth of the total cost). Half the cost of the Hall was made up in cash raised by the village and voluntary labour contributed by villagers to the actual building work'

(from a Newspaper cutting (donated by Evelyn Woodman) detailing the opening of the Hall in October 1933, by the Mayor of Liskeard Ald. W. F. Young)



'The Stone laying ceremony for Trewidland Village Hall was held at 2.30 on Saturday 22nd July 1933. Mr Isaac Foot MP, Mr John Rathbone, Captain A.H. Tremayne, Rear Admiral Wikes-Sneyd and others were present and consented to lay stones. Tea after the ceremony was 6d (2.5 pence!)

(From an Invitation to the event donated by Evelyn Woodman)



Mrs Chapman, Mr.D.Richards, Mrs.R.Henwood, S.Libby, E.Rowe, J.Webb, W.Woodman, (BR) R.Chapman, H.Oliver, P.Goodwin, V.Goodwin, D.Williams, B.Lister, in front of the Village Hall.

In 2014 the Trewidland Village Hall Committee were still trying to raise funds to replace the 'temporary corrugated roof' built in 1933! (The roof was finally partially replaced, thanks to funds from the new Solar Farm development at Pensipple in 2015)

Various Hall committees and volunteers have made important upgrades to the facilities over the years and produced proposals for altering the Hall to meet changing needs - including a 2001 project for the design of a 'Low Energy Village Hall' by students from Plymouth School of Architecture.

The Trewidland Community group initiatives in 2014 resulted in the commissioning of an Engineer's report on the Village Hall, and in 2016 to the development of a project for a New Village Hall and application for Planning permission and funding for building this new facility. In 2017 the Community group heard that their application for funding to the Big Lottery had been unsuccessful.

We hope that any future initiatives by the current Hall committee will be met with more positive responses!

Trewidland Local History Group





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The wildlife friendly garden

Water is the single most important thing you can add to your garden if you want to help wildlife and boost biodiversity. It doesn't need to be big — even a small dish, tub, or mini pond can make a huge difference. From birds and bees to frogs and dragonflies, everything benefits when you bring water into your garden. The more natural it is, the better, ideally without fish and now is the time to start digging.



Ponds attract life incredibly quickly. Within just a few weeks, you'll start seeing visitors stopping by — birds taking a drink or having a quick bath, bees collecting water for their hives, and maybe even frogs or newts moving in. Before long, it becomes one of the busiest and most exciting parts of your garden.

Watching how different creatures use the water is fascinating; some drink, some bathe, and others, like dragonflies, rely on it for their entire life cycle.

Many insects, such as damselflies and dragonflies, need water to survive. They lay their eggs in the pond, and the young nymphs live underwater until they grow wings and emerge as adults. Frogs, toads, and newts also use ponds to breed, laying their eggs or spawn in the water. Frogs even hibernate at the bottom of ponds over winter, buried in the mud, which is why oxygenating plants are so important.

Adding a pond doesn't just help wildlife — it helps your garden too. Frogs, toads, and newts feed on slugs and snails, which means fewer pests eating your plants. It's a simple, natural way to look after your garden without using chemicals, while also giving these animals a place to live and breed.

Ponds aren't just good for nature — they're good for us as well. Being near water has been proven to reduce stress and lift our mood. Sitting by a pond, watching the ripples or listening to the gentle sounds of water, can be incredibly calming. Children love ponds too — they're perfect for exploring, watching wildlife, and learning about nature in a fun, hands-on way. It's one of the best screen-free activities around and helps nurture a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors.

You don't need a huge garden to have a pond. If you're short on space, a small container pond made from a barrel, bucket, or old sink works perfectly. If you have more room, you can create a larger pond surrounded by plants and rocks for even more wildlife to enjoy. Either way, it'll add beauty and life to your outdoor space. Adding water to your garden is one of the best things you can do for wildlife and for yourself. It helps create balance, brings peace, and turns any space into a place full of life. So why not give it a go? Your garden and the wildlife will thank you.

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