

# St Keyne & Trewidland Informer



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Photo by Rosie Hindmarsh



**Wishing you all a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year**



# Trewidland Village Hall

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Hello, I write to you all on a very windy Saturday in October, but the sky is blue amongst the racing white clouds and the autumn leaves are bathed in bright sunshine. All in all, it's been a much better Summer weatherwise for us this year, although I'm not sure the farmers would agree! I have an update on the amount raised from the Village Summer Fayre July

5th which is great news. Liskeard Lions, who kindly stepped in at the last minute, have given us £100 and Brewbox who also covered for a late cancellation donated £75. We also received a very generous donation from Susan Fairey to round our final total up to £1,000! We have already used some of this to buy new lampshades for the hallway and toilets, as they were looking very shabby and dirty, and we are looking to replace the old red chairs with the ripped covers very soon.

Whilst on the subject of improvements we have been extremely lucky to have had the fire doors replaced by CountryCare Windows & Property Services who did an extremely good job. Thank you to Caroline Carver for organising this and huge thanks to the Parish Council for funding it. We also owe many thanks to Syd Meagor, Karen Deane, Gerry and Denise Tizzard for giving up their free time to paint the lower part of the external walls which really does make it look so much better. Moving on to past and future events, those who attended the concert by the Talland Quartet, on the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup>, were astounded by the incredible talent of the young performers. The audience were moved to tears and there were requests for them to return as so many people had missed the opportunity to hear

*Village Quiz*  
*29th November 2025 7pm*  
*Trewidland Village Hall*

*Come in a team  
or join one on the night  
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**QUIZ!**

*All Welcome!*  
*B.Y.O.B.*

them play. There is a link on our Facebook page to a recording on YouTube of one of the pieces they performed. We are extremely grateful for the £200 which was raised at the concert.

The Village Quiz Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August was another great success thanks to all those who took part and to Shaun and his team of quiz masters. £164.80 was raised. The next quiz will be 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Table Tennis and Badminton have begun again. If you'd like to come along (no experience is necessary!!) table tennis is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month and Badminton is every other Wednesday. There will be none on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November due to setting up for the Craft Fair.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm we have the Trewidland Christmas Craft Fair which has 23 different craft stalls, including a local author, pottery, alpaca wool items, paintings, jewellery, wood turning, bags and purses, metalwork, knitting, crocheted flowers, dog coats, leads, collars, treats and toys and stained glass. There will be plenty of ideas for Christmas pressies, a raffle and tea, coffee and homemade cake too. All funds raised from this event will be shared between the Village Hall and the RNLI who will also have a stall.

Our final event for 2025 will follow on from last year's successful Carols Around the Tree inside the hall. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm there will be the chance to drink mulled wine and eat mince pies, whilst listening to your local steel pans groups and then singalong together to a variety of Christmas Songs and Carols. This was very well received last year so we hope to see you all again. Donations will be shared between the hall and The Trussell Trust Food Bank in Liskeard.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who support our events throughout the year and if you haven't been to one yet do come along as everyone is very friendly and you'll be very welcome.

**Nicky Fairey** (Secretary/  
Treasurer and Event Organiser)  
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**nicky\_fairey@hotmail.com**

**Carols Round the Tree**  
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# ST KEYNE CLUB



If you're new to the village, or even if you've been here some time and haven't got round to it yet, why not pop in to your local Club? We stock keenly-priced draught real ale, draught and bottled cider and lager, a selection of wines, gins and a wide range of other spirits, soft drinks and snacks as well (including low/zero beers, cider and gin). A coffee machine in the Hall also supplies excellent freshly-ground coffee at just £1 a cup.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Sunday 9th November at 4 pm.**

All members welcome - please come along and have your say in how your Club is run - it's run by and for its members, so we need your input to make it as successful as it can be.

**Free**  is available. Cash and all major credit/debit cards accepted.

Well-behaved dogs welcome.

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 use the facilities - but it's free to join, so just call in during opening hours and ask for an application form.

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**

Friday - 8pm to 11pm

Saturday - 8pm to 11pm

Sunday and Bank Holiday - 1.30pm to 5.30pm

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES**

Christmas Eve - 8pm to 11pm

Christmas Day - 12pm to 2pm

Boxing Day - 8pm to 11pm

New Year's Eve - 8pm till late

New Year's Day - **Closed**

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

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



# Church News

Dear Friends

These last few months have been very exciting at St Keyne, from Bishop Hugh blessing our kitchen and toilet. To Bishop David coming for a service at

the end of September, we have not seen the Bishop of Truro visit for nearly 20 years, so it was great to see him and his wife, Helen, and plenty of cake. We have also celebrated our Harvest festival, and a big thank you to Trewildland School for coming to sing and read. It is great in growing our relationship with the school and looking forward to our special Christmas services with them, and rumours are that Rev Mark will become a human Christingle again.

Messy Church continues to grow and is a great place for doing Church differently. We met over October half term and our next one will be in December on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in Church activities, followed by our Christingle service at 4 pm, so our normal time of 3 pm-5 pm. We meet each School holiday, so if you are interested, please do let us know, and also note that our December one, we shall be in Church.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Polperro fishermen's choir, a highlight of the year, and then carrying on the fun in the Hall. Also, over Advent, we hope to get even more modern by having a contactless machine in Church so you can continue to support the work of the Church even if you don't have cash on you!

Also, we shall be offering Christmas home communions, so if you know anyone who would appreciate communion over the final week of Advent, do let us know.

We look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks.  
God Bless



Rev Mark and St Keyne Church

## **Advent and Christmas services**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am Benefice Service, St Martin's

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November Advent carol service 4pm, St Martin's Church

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November Memorial service 7pm, St Martin's Church,

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7 pm, Carol Service

(Please note there is no 9.30 am service, but there is a 9.30 communion service at Dobwalls United Church.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30AM Service of the Word

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Messy Church 3pm, Christingle service 4pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: St Keyne evening with Polperro Fishermen's Choir followed by the Wreckers at the Hall.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am, Holy Communion

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>: 9.30PM Christmas Communion

Christmas Day: Family Communion 10am St Martin's

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Benefice SERVICE St Martin's 10.30 am

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30 am Service of the Word

Rev Mark and St Keyne Church Family

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# The Gardening Year

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



Autumn is a great time to make changes to your garden so that you will enjoy it even more next year. It's time to plant spring bulbs and many other plants, mulch your borders and prepare new ground for growing. Things to do in the garden during autumn

### **Plant bulbs**

Spring bulbs can be planted in pots or in your flower borders throughout autumn. Bulbs of tulips, crocuses and daffodils can be planted in pots or your flower borders.

### **Splitting perennials**

If some of your perennial flowers have formed big clumps, you can lift and divide them now. This works best with tough, cold-tolerant perennials such as geraniums, lady's mantle, astrantia, and phlox.

### **Autumn flowers for your garden**

Plan ahead for next autumn with pollinator-friendly flowers that bees and butterflies will love this time of year including Rudbeckia, Asters, Japanese anemones and Autumn flowering Cyclamen. Many are sold in containers throughout the year and can be planted at any time, provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.

### **Mulch borders.**

Adding a mulch helps to suppress weeds, increase water retention and improve the quality of the soil. It can also neaten the appearance of beds and protect roots from winter frost. Mulch with garden compost, leaf mould, wood chippings or manure.

### **Clear leaves**

When the leaves start to fall, it's a good idea to clear leaves from lawns to keep the grass healthy. Keep the leaves to make leaf mould for feeding next year's plants.

If your roses had blackspot, removing fallen leaves from their base and putting them in your garden waste collection is a good idea as the leaves can harbour this disease through winter.

# Cornwall Councillor Jane Pascoe

Last week I attended the Village breakfast with my family, a favourite event for me. Everyone always receive a warm welcome and it really is a treat to let others do the cooking. Thank you to the committee who provide this wonderful opportunity for so many residents in the village and beyond to come along and share food and chat together.



I am pleased to confirm that the repair work to the surface drains in Penhale Lane has been carried out. After many years of floods, detours, paddling, floating cars, and mud glorious mud. I am hopeful that we can look forward to a dry and safe passage across the lane throughout the winter.

I have been concerned that it is abundantly clear that the new housing target set for Cornwall is unachievable and we will always fail to be compliant with our own Cornwall Local Plan. This means that development may be granted permission in locations that we may not consider appropriate. During the last Council meeting, I asked the Portfolio holder for Housing to write to the new Housing Minister to urgently request that he reset the target to a realistic figure that Cornwall can be confident to provide.

**Cornwall Local Plan 2050** We are writing a new plan for how Cornwall will develop over the next 20 years which sets out what we can build and where. Homes that are better connected to shops, hospitals, schools, public transport and more.

We need everyone to have a say. LOOK OUT for the pop in sessions in the next 12 months and online consultations in Lets Talk Cornwall. Please take part and encourage younger members of your family too. We are merely caretakers for future generations.

I have had further meetings with the Portfolio holder for transport regarding reinstatement of the service to Derriford Hospital and will continue to campaign. Whilst the viability of the service is a consideration for the bus company, I have flagged up to CC that they have failed hugely in their aim in the Strategic Transport Plan to connect people to essential destinations. I consider the Derriford hospital is the most essential destination.

I am keeping a close eye on the current failure of the incinerator and the impact it will have on transporting waste through SE Cornwall and out of the county. I have always flagged up my concerns about the food waste transportation through SE Cornwall to other counties and

CCs lack of ability to recover energy from our waste because we have no anaerobic digester.

Finally, now that the clocks have changed it is time to look forward to the winter months.

I am hoping the weather will not be severe as I know there will be many people struggling to keep warm. Please look out for your neighbours and if they need help please contact me or [communitysafety@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@cornwall.gov.uk) who will be able to guide them to the correct assistance.

I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas with your family and friends and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

## **TWINNING ASSOCIATION.**

I was really glad to be part of the delegation that set off for 50th year anniversary of the twinning association between Liskeard and Quimperle. The representatives, all congenial travel companions, who travelled to Brittany were great ambassadors for Liskeard. They contributed hugely to making the visit enjoyable and a resounding success. The formal business of the trip was about fact finding, exchanging ideas for town vitality; and making future plans for stronger connections with families, young people in education, armed forces veterans (RBL), sport teams, agriculture and any other interested people was received with enthusiasm by both towns. The warm welcome and hospitality received was very much appreciated and there was much enthusiasm to continue with return exchange visits and to widen the interest and scope for many people to join in with the twinning association.



Liskeard is reinvigorating the Twinning Association and has plans to offer the opportunity to make exchange visits that will include the rural parishes. It is acknowledged that these rural Parishes support and use Liskeard as their local town and service centre.

The families in Quimperle are eager to invite families, clubs and individuals into their homes and act as hosts for any exchange visit. Their ambition is to make lifelong friends and connections. Anyone that is interested to contact Liskeard Twinning Association. Liskeard is also twinned with a town in Ukraine and shortly twinning with a town in Germany.



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# Wednesday Coffee Mornings in St Keyne Village Hall



Our Coffee Mornings provide a chance to meet other people in our community, whether you are new to the Village or have lived here for a while. Presently only ladies join us although gentlemen would be very welcome. We get together every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon, 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 we also provide hot water to make your own tea if required, all for the price of £1 and, if you so wish, a small contribution to the maintenance of the Village Hall. 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 5th November.

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

A very successful MacMillan Coffee morning was held in September, thank you to everyone who helped and supported such an amazing cause and over £250 was raised.

We would be so pleased to welcome you any Wednesday morning.

*Sally Lewis*

## Keep your Hedges neat

We walk around St Keyne fairly regularly and there are places where garden hedges have grown over the pavements to such an extent that we have to walk on the road to escape brambles and wet vegetation.

If you have a green garden hedge we, and probably lots of dog walkers as well, would be grateful if you could just check and if necessary cut back the growth of your boundary bushes (some are just odd branches) to make our pavements safer. Thank you.

*Sally Lewis*



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# ST KEYNE GARDEN CLUB



The garden club is back to our normal monthly meetings after a summer break. We have members from several villages in the area so come and join us, meeting in St Keyne village hall, 7.30pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Recently we've had tips for growing vegetables and seen some very unusual garden tools. At our November 20th meeting we'll be watching a willow weaving demonstration and then having a go at making a Christmas decoration.

**Leigh Woods**

## DULOE COMMUNITY SHOP



We are a small community shop that is run for the community by the community. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us on Saturday mornings from 7.30 to 10.30am, it doesn't need to be every Saturday and full training would be provided.

We stock a range of products including local meat, eggs, pasties, milk, vegetables and essentials, alongside many Cornish products, all of which can be pre-ordered for collection.

We also stock a large collection of cards for various occasions, stationery, newspapers and magazines.

### **THE SHOP IS OPEN DAILY:**

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**Saturday: 08:00 – 12:30**

**Closed Sundays and bank holidays**

We would like to thank you to all our customers for their continued support of the shop.

# Interesting Hobbies

## Supplied by Richard Hurley



On the cover of the last Informer you will have seen our steam engine "Hawkes" and also a number of you will have seen him "in the steel" at the Trewidland summer Fete .As I had lots of questions I thought I would write an article about Hawkes and its history.

Steam power on the road started back as early as 1801 when Cornishman Richard Trevithick demonstrated his "Puffing Devil" in Camborne. However, the heyday of construction of traction engines really spanned from about 1870 to the mid 1930s. The term Traction Engine is a general term that covers all types of steam road vehicles. The most common engines were steam rollers that pretty much every council owned and were still commonly being used into the 1960s and general purpose engines that were used on farms for driving saw benches or threshing drums and also for general haulage. There were specialist engines such as ploughing engines where two engines were stationed on each side of a field and pull a plough between them on a wire cable and also "showman's engines" that were used to haul travelling fairground rides from town to town and then generate electricity for the rides by use of a dynamo.

Hawkes is also a specialist engine, a Road Locomotive. Road Locomotives were built for heavy haulage and were often seen hauling 2 or three trailers laden with stone or bricks, or in the industrial cities hauling new built railway locomotives for export to ports such as Liverpool. Road Locomotives are similar to the general purpose engines but have a number of distinct features, they are generally larger both in size but also in power, they tended to have additional water tanks slung under their boilers, had additional gears and also would have covers to cover the motion and flywheel so you couldn't see the moving parts which meant they didn't scare horses. There is a law that is still in force that as a driver of a steam engine if I see a horse on the road I have to stop the engine and go and lead the horse by !

Hawkes was built in 1904 by Burrell's of Thetford for two brothers, Hawkes Brothers, who ran a haulage business in Churchdown, Gloucestershire. It spent a number of years working in their contracting business and even was on contract to a Bristol based fairground operator to haul their rides. Eventually Hawkes was





sold to a farmer called Maurice Price on the England / Welsh border where he fitted a roller on to the water tank so that he could use a belt to drive a threshing drum. With the development of the internal combustion tractors Hawkes was eventually laid up. In the late 1950s interest in traction engines started to gain momentum and the traction

engine preservation movement started, interesting some of those early rallies featured racing engines, ladies invitation steering and also "beer in the bucket race" where you raced down the arena and when you got to the bucket had to drink the pint of beer that was in it!

Around this time Hawkes was rusting away in a field.

However an enthusiast from the Midlands managed to purchase Hawkes and towed him away using a steam lorry and another traction engine.

The two engines worked together, the steam lorry pulling Hawkes and the other on the back to aid with braking when going down hills.

Over the next couple of years Hawkes was restored and appeared at Church Stretton Steam Engine Rally in the early 1960s.

Over the intervening years a number of enthusiasts have owned Hawkes and eventually about 15 years ago I managed to purchase him. By this time extensive work was required including new boiler and tender I decided to restore him back to as he was built in 1904.

Works included, new boiler, tender repairs to all the water tanks, replacing the wheels and new rubber tyres, lots of bearings re-machined, fabricating all new gears and also a total repaint by hand. The repainting was one coat of primer, three undercoats, two topcoats, sign writing and lining and then a coat of varnish !

I estimated that it would take me about 18 months but with all the additional jobs that I decided need doing it took me 5 years to complete ! Hawkes is now at home at Lean Park Farm and we really enjoyed bringing him to the village fete and also the Great Trethew Rally just down the road.

In the working days there was an Aveling and Porter general purpose engine that worked in the Lean Quarry area and is still in existence. The engine was rallied in Cornwall this year and I am in contact with the owners to see if I can find any photographs of it working in our parish.





# St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council News

Welcome to the Chair of St Keyne and Trewidland Parish Council Report:

In the last few months the Parish Council have donated monies to Trewidland Village Hall for new fire doors, part of these funds were residual from when it was Dobwalls and Trewidland PC. We have also donated £100 to Cornwall Air Ambulance and £100 to The Liskerrett Centre in Liskeard to enable Trewidland School to enter the annual Lights Parade in the town.

Unfortunately as we all know Biffa had a fire at Lean Quarry recycling plant in the summer. Due to safety reasons this could not be extinguished as soon as hoped and caused distress to residents in our parish and others.

The Parish Council is concerned that they were not kept informed about this incident by the Emergency Services. We might have been able to provide local knowledge to the emergency professionals, for example if homes needed to be evacuated nearby, or whether there might be residents with particular special needs that should be taken into account in their management of the incident. We could have used our Facebook account for example to distribute information to people in the locality. The parish council has an Emergency Plan that sets out how it can support the emergency services when incidents such as this occur. We'll be reviewing our Plan in the light of this incident.

Our Green Team Councillors are in the process of creating a fruit orchard in Jubilee Park, hopefully there will be an abundance of fruit in the future like there is this year.

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council, if anyone is interested please feel free to speak to one of you councillors or come along to a meeting.

As we are coming in to Autumn/Winter and darker nights, colder possibly icier weather please respect the speed limits in the villages and watch out for pedestrians. The salt bins should be replenished if needed. Also it is the time of year when hedges can be trimmed back, the dates are between 1st September and 28th February, so not to disturb any nesting birds.

With Christmas just around the corner it would be good to see the community supporting all the events which are planned in both villages, as these raise monies for the village halls.

# Volunteering in our community

As a parish council, we have started to discuss the idea of setting up a volunteering project for the villages, the main aim of which would be to 'look out for' those of our residents who don't need care but would benefit from the sort of help a good neighbour might be able to provide. Some examples of this could be changing lightbulbs, help with gardening or shopping, or the collection of prescriptions.

There are lots of examples of

schemes such as this and we are keen to find out what sort of interest there might be in this before taking the idea further.



If you:

Think this could be helpful for you

Know someone who would benefit from this kind of support

Might be able to provide some help of this nature on an 'as and when' basis

Then do please get in touch!

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# The Green Team



Just one more step to go in the planning of the community orchard for Jubilee Park in St. Keyne – selecting exactly which trees to plant!

We have mapped out where to plant the trees, arranged the funding and discussed what mixture of trees to choose - easy to use (e.g. apples and pears) or slightly more unusual (quince or plum maybe?). Now we just need to make a decision. If you have any thoughts on this then please do get in touch. As part of the same project, Patricia is also working with Trewidland School to select four further trees to plant along the fence in their field. The thinking here is clear: trees that produce fruit which the children can pick and eat straight from the tree!

The other project we are working on is to start turning the grounds surrounding St. Keyne Village Hall into a more attractive space – for people and nature. The current thinking is to plan this in phases, allowing time to break the work required down into more manageable chunks, and to allow for the fact that picking up small amounts of funding is a more likely way of securing funding this than applying only for larger amounts, which are more competitive. We will share progress – and, of course, welcome all suggestions!

## **Casual Vacancies Trewidland Ward & St Keyne Ward**

Following the recent council elections, this parish has two vacancies for councillors to represent the residents of St Keyne ward and Trewidland ward\*

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*\* you don't have to live in either ward to be a parish councillor as long as you are resident inside the parish boundary.*

# A memorable trip to Peru

Hi Everyone I have been fortunate enough to go to Peru recently and experienced some amazing sights.

I walked some of the Inca trail in the Peruvian Andes leading to the citadel Machu Picchu with its spectacular views.

The discovery of these dry stone walls and buildings which were discovered by the Inca, with its historical structures with in the Andes I travelled from Cusco by train to the base of Machu Picchu (I am not one of these walkers doing the whole trail on foot!)

The hardship which the Incas must have incurred must have been immense for the discovery of this historical place, I also experienced where they live today and how they exist growing crops on small

terraces of land and obviously its all done by hand. One of the crops are potatoes of which they have 70 varieties, some of peculiar shapes and sizes.

We had a very warm welcome into their home with dancing and singing and we dressed up in the traditional costumes to join in. We were treated with a traditional meal that they had provided for us and showed how they weave garments from their alpaca wool.

If you enjoy travelling this is a must for you.

Thelma Crab



# What's on

## Regular Events

<b>Monday</b>	Weekly	09.30 - 11.30 17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
<b>Tuesday</b>	Weekly	11.45 - 12.45	Post Office	Trewidland VH
<b>Tuesday</b>	Weekly	17.30 - 21.30	Keltic Kymber Dog Training	Trewidland VH
<b>Tuesday</b>	Weekly	14.00 - 16.00	Brench Club	St Keyne VH
<b>Wednesday</b>	Weekly	mornings	Jay Dog Training	Trewidland VH
<b>Wednesday</b>	Weekly	10.30 - 12.00	Coffee Morning	St Keyne VH
<b>Wednesday</b>	Last of the month	19.30 onwards	St Keyne History Group	St Keyne VH
<b>Wednesday</b>	Every other week	19.00	Badminton	Trewidland VH
<b>Wednesday</b>	2nd of the month	19.00 onwards	Parish Council meeting	St Keyne VH / Trewidland VH alternate month
<b>Thursday</b>	1st of the month	19.30 onwards	WI	Duloe Jubilee Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	3rd of the month	19.30 onwards	Gardening Club	St Keyne VH
<b>Thursday</b>	Weekly	evening	Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH
<b>Friday</b>	1st and 3rd of the month	19.00	Table Tennis	Trewidland VH
<b>Saturday</b>	1st of the month		Karate / Ju Jitsu	Trewidland VH

# What's on in and around the parish

9.11.2025	16.00	St Keyne Social Club AGM	St Keyne VH
15.11.2025	11.00—15.00	Craft fair	Trewidland VH
19.11.2025	19.00	St Keyne VH AGM	St Keyne VH
27.11.2025	19.00	Cyber security talk and Q&A	St Keyne VH
28.11.2025	18.30	Lantern Procession and Christmas Light switch on	Millpool, Looe
29.11.2025	From 17.00 onwards	Lantern procession and Christmas Lights switch on	Liskeard
29.11.2025	19.00	Quiz Night	Trewidland VH
4.12.2025	19.00	Cyber security talk and Q&A	St Keyne VH
6.12.2025	10.30 — 13.00	Last Big Breakfast!	St Keyne VH
5.12.2025 and 6.12.2025	19.00	Frozen by Bond Dance Company	Community Academy Looe
and 13.12.2025	10.00 – 15.00	Christmas Market	Quayside Centre, West Looe
9.12.2025	19.00	RNLI Christmas Concert	St Martins Church Hall, Looe
14.12.2025	From 15.00	Messy Church and Christingle	St Keyne Church
17.12.2025		Polperro Fishermans Choir and Wreckers after	St Keyne Church and St Keyne VH
20.12.2025	16.30	Carols around the Tree	Trewidland VH
20.12.2025	EVENING	Liskeard YFC Tinsel run	Trewidland and St Keyne
21.12.2025	EVENING	Pelynt YFC Tinsel run	Looe and surrounding villages



# 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.

Since the last newsletter came out, harvest was the key focus in July and August. Despite the very dry spring, we seemed to fare better than many "up country" with yields around the average mark. Some farms in the east reported yields up to 25% down on their 5yr average. The dry summer gave us an early and fairly straight forward harvest and our diverse, over-winter cover crops were sown in good time at the end of August. These crops are sown to cover the ground over winter. They have a variety of species with differing rooting structures and depths to help hold the soil in place and soak up excess nutrients while the field awaits it's spring crop.

With the cover crops in the ground, thoughts turn to getting the winter wheat planted.

The seed is taken from the previous crop and cleaned to remove chaff and broken grains. We planted the wheat in mid-October to try to avoid aphid attack during the warmer early-autumn weeks. Aphids carry a virus called Barley



Yellow Dwarf Virus which can significantly rob yield and, as we don't use insecticides, it's important to remove as much risk as possible as well as encouraging as many predatory insects as possible.

October also saw us shearing our lambs, and ewes for a second time. Our sheep are Romneys; a breed used predominantly for their wool. As such, they produce a lot of wool which ideally, needs to be removed twice a year. Once shorn, both ewes and lambs will tend to increase their feed intake and put on condition to better see them through the winter. The wool is due to be collected for a speciality yarn producer, Beyond Wool, who blends it with other natural fibres to produce ultra fine knitting yarn.

The first of our lambs will be ready in the next few weeks. Some will be sold direct to the community, and some will be sold to Pipers Farm, a specialist online butcher in Devon. Any that are left will likely be sold into the supermarket system.

A. Ellis

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# St Keyne Village Hall



I think we can all agree we've been spoilt this summer with near perfect weather; maybe a bit too hot and dry for extended periods but a welcome change from the last few years. Bright hot summers are great for a few things; BBQs and energy production in particular, more on that later.

Thank you to you the community that continues to come out and support the summer events, it's been a consistent year in terms of attendance and in August we nearly ran out of food which could have been a bit awkward but really just shows how popular the burgers and bangers night is. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the voluntary team working the bar, kitchen and those who stepped in to keep things moving when we were low on numbers. We really appreciate everyone that can help in any small or big way to keep our events running; they require lots of planning and time to run.

On the subject of time and serving the community I'd like to take a moment myself and on behalf of the Village hall to say how grateful we are to the big breakfast group who have worked tirelessly over many years and in quite a few cases several decades raising money for the current hall to be built and for its on going use. Anyone that attends can see just how packed it is from opening to close and is by far the most popular event held at our hall. The team are a cornerstone of the community and it will be a great shame to lose this community gathering but without an extension to or a new team found, sadly the big breakfasts will soon come to an end.

If you, like myself and many others would be sad to see it end please make yourselves known to members of the big breakfast group or members of the hall. We would like to keep it running but it does require lots of people, prep and planning to do so.

No doubt you can see there are many future events packed into the latter part of the year; pasty and pint night which has our annual quiz, another Big Breakfast, our AGM held on the 19/11/2025 at 19:00 in the hall, 2 more Bingos including the Christmas Bingo. On that note again I must thank Leigh Ann our events manager for organising and running the Bingo nights; which have become incredibly popular and are fully booked every time. Going into next year she will be taking a sabbatical to go on maternity leave, and we look forward to meeting the little bundle of joy soon.

There are also 2 cyber security nights hosted by a local expert in the field who works for the MOD; it's aim is to help you and your family stay sharp online and avoid getting caught out with various issues found online, which will be rounded off with a Q&A at the end. The dates are 27/11/2025 & 04/12/2025 19:00 onwards. Lastly is the one year anniversary of the Village Halls solar installation; now I'm going to give

this to you in two different formats. First is the in depth version and the other is the TLDR (to long didn't read) version.

The system went live on the 16/09/2024 with a total production yield of 7.5KWh from the solar panels. (KWh kilowatt hour how many kilowatts are produced per hour). Our battery array is 15 KWh, this battery array is filled first before the excess energy is sent back to the Grid. In the opening 6 months of operation it had already made it's mark: it's first achievement was by providing just enough energy to allow the central heating system to fire up during last year's power outages. This enabled us to keep a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party on track with light and warmth. Secondly between September and March it had made 1.6MWh(MWh mega or million Watt hour) which is quite impressive over a wet and dull 2024 winter. But since the spring the numbers have rapidly improved, meetings and many events were completely carbon neutral or near neutral. At one point during July and August we did not take anything from the Grid for 22 days consecutively! The overall numbers are astonishing even knowing how good this summer was this year.

So here comes the nerdy bit: Total production year to date (16/09/24-16/09/25) 8.06MWh, to load & Battery 6.31MWh (self consumption), Exported to the Grid after self consumption 1.75 MWh. This means that we consumed 78% of the total energy we produced. Next part is our total load consumption of the Hall year to date as before was 10.97MWh, power provided from solar & battery 6.04 (self sufficiency), power from the Grid 4.93MWh. Giving us a self sufficiency score of 55%, in other words we weren't using the grid for more than half of the year. That's about 200 days of the year!

The last pieces of the puzzle are the tariffs and savings. Unfortunately we're not a domestic dwelling and can not sell to the Grid but if we had been able to we would have made £2010 with an Octopus energy tariff on top of the savings. This would be higher for your home as most houses only have a single 5KWh battery installed not 3 like us.

Speaking of savings though I do not have an exact number at this time but given the monthly reports and for 3 months we paid marginally more than our standing charge it would be calculated to be a few thousand pounds saved this year compared to last. The system cost £17900 to install including all parts, labour and scaffolding. Calculated time to paying the system of was approximately 7 years and I'm very glad to say we're ahead by half a year due to the excellent summer.

TLDR version: Total power made 8.06MWh year to date 16/09/2024-16/09/2025, 78% of energy produced was self consumed. Total load on the Village hall over the same period was 10.97MWh, self consumption, import and export gave a score of 55% self sufficiency. A few thousand pounds saved on the yearly bill. A very big write up this time but there is a lot of life and change happening at St Keyne village hall, we look forward to seeing you at one of the many events over the autumn/Winter period. **Regards Dom Folland VH chairman.**



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# Trewidland Primary and Pre-school

Our Autumn Term is well and truly underway in the beautiful part of Cornwall that we live. The grounds to the school are filled

with an abundance of conkers – much to the delight of all the children and we have been busy getting ourselves ready for our Harvest Festival celebrations. The leaves are beginning to fall, and the variety of colours is immense – yellows, browns and reds everywhere.

We've had two school trips too! Children in Class 2 (key stage 2) visited The Box in Plymouth. This was an excellent opportunity to link our learning in the classroom to what was on display in the museum. The information about WW2 and the bomb sites were of a particular interest. Class 1, on the other hand, visited Dartmoor Zoo. They saw such a wide range of animals and linked this to their learning topic of 'Going on Safari!'. It was such a marvellous day – and lots of learning was had by all.



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# Greening, gardening and growing

Let's brighten up our public spaces together! Councillors are asking the keen gardeners among you to think about planting out some of our neglected public spaces. If you know of a forgotten corner, a little pathway or a bare patch of earth that could use some TLC – we can help you.

Every year, South West in Bloom visits parishes across the county to encourage residents to take a little extra care of their place, and your parish councillors want to support you with its donations scheme.



BUT . . . beyond your own efforts, can we also take a moment to recognize the unsung heroes (and heroines) whose year-round gardening efforts make our community so lovely. Do you know someone who meticulously tends a public planter, keeps a neighbourhood spot looking pristine, or maintains a stunning community garden? Maybe it's a dedicated volunteer, a local business, or a neighbour whose front garden appeal brightens your day.

We'd love to hear your recommendations for individuals or groups deserving of **recognition for their outstanding gardening work**. Let's shine a spotlight on their dedication and inspire even more people to nurture our shared environment!

We'll have more information to share in the Spring 2026 edition – but in the meantime, if you'd like to get involved (or just ask questions) contact the Clerk's Office. We'd love to hear from you.

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# St Keyne Big Breakfast

Our Christmas Big Breakfast (or lunch or brunch) will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 6th December.

All the food is freshly cooked during the morning by our band of volunteers and the cost for the hot meal includes as much toast, tea, coffee and fruit juice as you want. Please just ask if you would prefer vegetarian sausages and be assured that all the individual items are cooked separately. The full breakfast still only costs £7 (small £4) but we will negotiate the price for smaller or bigger plates if required.



Sadly we have to tell you that this will be our last Big Breakfast for the foreseeable future. Some of our volunteers have been providing food for the village for over 30 years and the time has come for us to have a break. Before the Catering Group was formed our volunteers provided refreshments for events organised to raise money for our new Village Hall which opened in 1998. St Keyne residents were fed at Bonfire Nights, Military Whist Drives, Christmas Fayres, Jumble Sales and Themed Meals amongst many other fund raisers.

Eventually the Catering Group was formed (with a few more volunteers than we have today) and worked to provide home cooked three course meals. After that we tried Ploughman's lunches (which were not a great success) and eventually settled on the Big Breakfast format which has been running for over ten years now! We have been extremely fortunate to welcome a couple of new recruits over the past years but, if we were to consider re-starting these events, we need quite a few more regular volunteers as well as people to cover holidays and sickness. All of the Catering Group are sad that we have had to come to this decision because we have really enjoyed meeting you all and are going to miss being part of such happy and successful events. Thank you so very much for your support and company.

***Sally Lewis on behalf of all the Catering Group***

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# Mark Gibbons

COUNCILLOR FOR LOOE EAST & DEVIOCK

## **Protecting What Matters - Locally and Across Cornwall**

Our rural communities face unique challenges - from drainage and road safety to protecting local assets and making sure voices are heard. As we head into autumn, here are a few key areas I've been working on.

### **Downderry's Zone Hub Secured**

I'm delighted that the South East Cornwall Methodist Circuit has agreed to accept the community's bid to purchase Downderry Methodist Church, home to the Zone Health & Wellbeing Hub. Completion is expected by the end of the year, ensuring that vital activities and services continue to be available locally, in a space the community knows and trusts.

This outcome is the result of local determination, coordinated action, and persistence - it shows what can be achieved when we stand up for what matters. I'm very pleased to have been able to support with this and will continue to do so for other community groups working to safeguard public spaces and amenities.

### **Net Zero - Adjusting Course with Responsibility**

As a member of the Sustainable Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee, I reviewed proposals to reassess Cornwall Council's Net Zero target. I supported revising the date from 2030 to 2045 - still ahead of legal obligations, but more realistic.

This change will allow more of the budget to be directed towards supporting people in need right now - through housing, heating, and essential services - without losing sight of our long-term climate goals.

### **County Farms - A Rural Asset Worth Protecting**

I'm also part of the scrutiny panel reviewing Cornwall's county farms, which has now held its first meeting. These farms are vital to our food security, rural skills, and local heritage. They are also an integral part of the fabric of our rural communities.

While there is room for new ideas and potential improvements, I believe these farms must be protected for future generations - if they are lost to private developers, they are gone forever.

### **Empty Homes Loan Scheme Now Open**

Cornwall Council has launched a new interest-free loan scheme to help bring empty homes back into use - whether for rental or personal

occupation. It's an interesting approach to easing the housing shortage without building in the wrong places, and one I'll be keeping a close eye on. I am also pressing for answers on empty properties in housing association developments and how the council can help to make them available to address local housing needs.

### **Child Poverty - Public Health Report Calls for Action**

The latest Public Health annual report, Growing Up in Poverty, reveals that over 27,000 children and young people in Cornwall live in relative poverty - that's around one in five in a typical classroom.

The report recommends forming a multi-agency Child Poverty Taskforce to help drive change across housing, education, health, and support services. I strongly support efforts to give every child in Cornwall a fairer start.

### **Reporting Local Issues**

At this time of year, it's especially important to keep an eye out for issues before more unsettled weather moves in. If you spot a blocked drain, pothole, fly-tipping, or other local issue, you can report it directly to Cornwall Council at: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something)  
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# The magic of Christmas in Looe.

We often take for granted the amount of time and effort put in to organising events happening over the festive season. We drive through and see all of the pretty lights and read the events posts but behind the scenes this has all been in the planning for many months. The shopkeepers have been busy designing their festive windows, the pubs and restaurants have come up with their tempting Christmas menus, the events have been planned and fundraising has been done.

An evening stroll through the streets of Looe with the Christmas lights reflecting on a high tide is truly a sight to be seen. The shop windows are lit up with their seasonal displays so don't forget to vote for your favourite one. Several windows will have a naughty elf hiding in them, so keep your eyes peeled . . . The Original Looe Bakery have a particularly naughty one !

Christmas officially starts in Looe with the annual light switch on, this year this takes place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November. The evening starts with the Lantern Procession leaving Millpool at 6.30pm, a lovely evening for the whole family.

For anyone wanting to watch a show this festive season why not pop along to Looe Community Academy on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Dec to watch 'Frozen' a celebration of dance presented by Bond Dance Company, Tickets are adult £6 and children £4 and performances start at 7pm. There are a couple of Christmas markets being held at the Quayside Centre on West Looe, these take place on the Saturdays of 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Dec between 10am -3pm, great place to find a more unique present for someone.

If it's music you're looking for then RNLI Christmas Concert could be the thing for you. It's being held at St Martins Church Hall Looe on



Tuesday  
December the  
9<sup>th</sup> with a 7pm  
start.  
Performing will  
be Pelynt Male  
Voice Choir  
along with  
Keltique ladies  
choir so it  
should well be  
a delightful  
evening.  
Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dec sees the

annual Pelynt YFC Tinsel Tractor Run head for Looe. This is a spectacular display of decorated tractors and a very popular event, it's early evening but route and times not out yet. If it's Santa and the elves that you are craving



to see then The Portbyhan Hotel are holding a 'Say hello to Santa' event on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. This is a ticket event with prices being adult £15 and kids U12 £10 (under 2s free) Price includes a festive buffet and crafts for the children.

If you've not run out of time, money or energy by now and want to see the year out with a bang there is isn't a much better setting for a firework display than Looe. The fireworks are set off from the pier so well visible most of the town. If you want an event to coincide with the fireworks then there is a family disco with a DJ, BBQ, face painting and fancy dress competition at the Quayside Centre, West Looe. Entry is £2 for 3-14 yrs old and a perfect spot to view the early firework display at 6pm. For those of you who are able to stay out late the same venue is holding a later event. It's £10 entry with bands and a bar and runs from 7 pm ending at midnight with the main firework display. Full details for both at [www.looenye.com](http://www.looenye.com) I hope Looe has something to offer each of you this festive season however if nothing tickles your fancy Polperro lighting up is

on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, described as a magical evening with Santa and festive music. Liskeard lights up on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov with activities starting at 5 pm, lantern procession at 5.30pm and switch on soon after 6pm. After the parade there will be entertainment at the cattle market with Liskeard Community Choir and various dance troupes.

Liskeard YFC will be doing their tractor run on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, times and route not yet announced. Hopefully it will run through the Trewidland and St Keyne area as it did last year.

Whatever you decide to do during this coming festive season I hope it brings you happiness and don't forget to give Santa a wave if you see him rowing his boat up the river.

Anita Ivy



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# The wildlife friendly garden

## Championing the humble earthworm

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Here's why they matter:

- They dig and tunnel, creating soil aeration and improving drainage.
- They break down organic material and through their castings release nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus — making them accessible to plants.
- They are a vital food source for hedgehogs, badgers, moles, shrews and many birds.
- By enhancing soil health and fertility they contribute significantly to plant growth and resilience.

So next time you spot one stranded in a puddle, pick it up and move it onto dry soil: earthworms can't swim and often come out when it's raining to avoid drowning in water-logged soil.

### **But there's a darker side.**

Our earthworms face a nemesis: the invasive flatworm. Imported accidentally via potted plants and soils, species like the New Zealand flatworm have established themselves in the UK since the 1960s. These flatworms feed almost exclusively on earthworms, and in places where they've become common, native earthworm populations have declined by up to ~20% or more. Such losses are far from trivial: less earthworm activity means reduced soil aeration, poorer drainage, diminished fertility and less food for the creatures that rely on earthworms. For the wildlife-friendly gardener, the message is clear: encourage your earthworms and remain vigilant about alien predators. Use

Organic composts, avoid over-disturbing the soil, leave leaf litter and mulch where possible, and check under pots or coverings for suspicious flatworms. Our garden soils and the organisms that depend on them are counting on us.

Patricia Hopwood



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