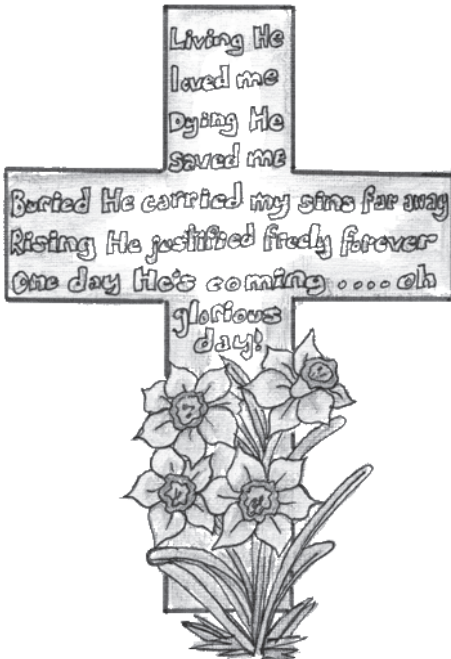


# Tywardreath News & Views

April 2025

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## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



### Thursday 17th Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm at St Andrew's

Holy Communion with Rev Shona followed by The Watch - an hour of short readings and silence, as we watch and wait.

### Friday 18th Good Friday

12 noon at St Sampson's, Golant

A reflective service of readings and music, as we journey with Christ at his final hours.

### Sunday 20th Easter Sunday

10.30 am at Well Street Chapel

Easter Service with Warren Nicholls

11.00 am at St Andrew's

Holy Communion with Rev Shona

## "Come and See"

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The excitement of Palm Sunday, the solemnity of the Last Supper, the tension of Jesus' arrest and trial, the sorrow of the cross and the joy of the empty tomb.

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**Saturday 5th April, 10am to 1pm at St Andrew's Church**

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## **Revd Shona Hoad writes ...**

Last year Easter was relatively early and fell in March. This year, it is almost as late in April as it can be. It all depends on the lunar cycle – which works on a 29.5 day cycle. Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the spring equinox. The spring equinox, when the day and night are of equal length, occurs somewhere between 19 to 23rd March each year. As you can see, there are quite a few variables when calculating the date to mark the resurrection of Jesus. Thankfully someone else has done all the calculating for us and we don't need to tax ourselves any further than looking it up in our diaries or online web pages.

That first Easter, no one was even looking to mark the occasion. Everything was seemingly dark and despairing. No matter that a week earlier everyone had been joyful and celebrating as Jesus made his way to Jerusalem. The mood was now sombre and confused. And then everything changed. The tomb that had held Jesus' body was found open and empty, even though it had been guarded and protected. The grave clothes had been cast aside – a reminder of what had been but which was no longer required.

The Easter story for many is a confusing tale of events with highs and lows. And yet, at its core is a message of love and hope. Love in the form of selfless giving, as Jesus gave up everything in order that we might know and understand God better. Hope in the promise we find of eternal life as we take on the full meaning of Jesus being raised from the dead.

On Saturday 5th April at St Andrew's we will be hosting a "Come and See" Easter experience, which the children from Tywardreath School will have been taking part in that week. It is an invitation to everyone to try and understand more fully how God loves the world and the gift that he gave us in his son Jesus Christ. We shall be journeying from the excitement of Palm Sunday, through the Last Supper shared by the disciples with Jesus before his arrest, into the trial and sorrow of the cross and finally the joy we can all experience as we receive the certainty of eternal life through the empty tomb.

Our services in Holy week will reflect this journey too and we would love you to join us.

With every blessing

*Shona*



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## **News from St Andrew's**

Sunday 16th February. In the Gospel reading (Luke 6: 17-26) we had heard Jesus say, "Blessed are you who are poor" and "Woe to you who are rich." Shona said that Jesus' message may make us feel uncomfortable. Jesus spoke to everyone, so all could see that the world could be different. Let us give what we can of our time and resources, to bring hope and opportunity to those in need, so they will know that they are valued.

Sunday 23rd February. We had heard of Jesus, with his disciples, being caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had restored calm but his very power to do so had caused fear and wonder. Shona said that Jesus has shown us that we must ask God to set things right. He asked the disciples, "Where is your faith?" How do we respond when we find ourselves in stormy water—where is our faith?

Sunday 2nd March. In the Gospel reading today we had heard that Jesus was met by a great crowd. A desperate man begged for help with his son, who was frequently thrown into convulsions. The man said that he had asked the disciples to cast out the demon, but they could not do it. Jesus healed the boy and his father was greatly relieved. Shona said that, even when problems seem insurmountable, we should not lose hope but continue to pray.

Sunday 9th March. Shona emphasized the importance of knowing our identity, particularly as children of God. She discussed Jesus' baptism and his identity as God's son, his testing in the wilderness, and how he remained strong in his faith despite temptations. Shona encouraged us to find our strength and identity in God, remain steadfast in our faith during difficult times, and trust in God's love and authority. .

At 6pm we were invited to join Shona and Martin for informal prayer.

### **Tywardreath & Par Over 60s Group**

For our meeting in the Village Hall on Friday April 11th at 2.00pm, the Drecklys music group will be providing our afternoon entertainment.

We look forward to meeting all those who can come and enjoy an afternoon out, being entertained and enjoying an afternoon tea and raffle, all for £3. Any queries, please contact Linda 814459/Liz 812256

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club meets on Wednesdays from 2-4pm in Well Street Methodist Chapel. All are invited to come and join the club. Contact Jo Langford 815921.

### **Tywardreath Royal British Legion**

The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion took place on Wednesday 5th March. The chairman Ivan Barrett opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. There were discussions on future events, including the VE Day in May.

The next meeting will be held in the New Inn on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm. All members will be welcome.

Warren Nicholls President.

## Roger Seed's Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th May is the date of this year's plant sale and coffee morning at 17 Trenant Road, Tywardreath, from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

As well as the plants on sale, there will be cakes to buy and a raffle, all raising funds for St Andrew's Church.

Put the date in your diary for coffee and cake – and tell your friends!

## The St Andrew's library

Our bookshelf has a regular turnover of paperback books and jigsaws.

The church is open during the day (with only occasional exceptions when it has been prepared for a special service), so please come in for a look through the 300 or so books that are there.

Borrow, buy or exchange and, while there, let the children see the selection of children's books and toys to be played with.

## Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM)

This will be held on Sunday 6th April at 12.15pm, after the service. Please note that to vote you need to be on the Electoral Roll.

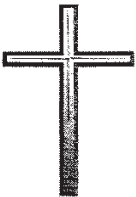
Even if you have previously been on the roll, you will need to complete a new form this year. Shirley Lewis is our electoral roll officer.

## Eco Church

St Andrew's has been awarded a Bronze Eco award on our journey to improve our environmental impact and awareness. We shall be working to achieve a higher standard.



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## Par Old Cornwall Society



The speaker at the January Meeting was Mr Will Hazell who gave a presentation entitled “Falmouth Uncovered”. The speaker arrived dressed like Ross Poldark, with his three-quarter length trousers, waistcoat and white stockings, complete with a tricorne hat! Will Hazell is well known in Falmouth as an award winning tour guide who, in costume, tells his listeners interesting facts and tales about the town and also does night time ghost tours.

He began the evening by playing a waltz on his melodeon, giving the evening a swinging start. There was very little in Falmouth Harbour in the 1500's except Pendennis Castle and Arwennak Manor, the home of the Killigrews. The Fal estuary is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest natural harbour in the world, navigable from Falmouth to Truro. As a result, the Carrick Roads have always been an important anchorage, giving protection to ships; but the harbour was the perfect place for an enemy fleet to establish a foothold during an attack.

The Killigrews were the custodians of Pendennis Castle and had control of the harbour. They made their fortune from the ships travelling or sheltering in the harbour reaches, and by being involved in notorious dealings with local pirates, therefore gaining possession of much Spanish treasure. The third John Killigrew and Mary Wolverstone, believed to be his equal partner in piracy, were involved in a diplomatic incident and summoned to London but managed to get away without being prosecuted. He died in a debtor's prison. In 1613 the fourth John Killigrew was given permission to build four ale houses, one of which at “Penny Come Quick” was the original site of the town of Falmouth.

The Falmouth Packet, carrying The Royal Mail to and from the reaches of the expanding British Empire, brought many to Falmouth, the town becoming known as a town of “outsiders”. Visitors then travelled as passengers to the places all over the world where the mail was taken. The service attracted the likes of Lord Byron, who wrote an amusing poem of experiences on the Packet, which Will Hazell recited brilliantly. Beatrix Potter also wrote in her journal about her holidays in Falmouth.

Joseph Emidy, a composer and musician, who was enslaved by the Portuguese but later came to England, settled, married and had 8 children and made a good life here because of his musical talent. He is buried in Kenwyn cemetery and remembered in Falmouth with a statue in his honour. We heard lots of funny anecdotes of happenings in Falmouth, some true, some perhaps not so true. The evening finished as it started, with a Swedish waltz on the melodeon. It was a fascinating and very entertaining evening.

The next meeting of the Par Old Cornwall Society will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in The Bishop Gott Memorial Hall, when Nicola Wills will give a talk “The Wreck of the Barque “John” off the Manacles 1855”

All are welcome, visitors.£2.

Anne Weaver

## **Tywardreath - The Vanishing Harbour**

*From "Tywardreath Past and Present," published 1993 by Tywardreath Women's Institute.*

As late as 1777 a schooner was wrecked on the bar, as a plaque on Par bakery commemorates; but already by then the harbour was silting up. The bar was partly responsible, for it prevented the spoil brought down from the workings – tin, copper, China clay – from being flushed out to sea.

Remorselessly, the level of the bottom rose – at Pontsmill a bridge was discovered during excavations twenty two feet down in the sand and mud – and the harbour which had once had fifty or sixty feet of water at high tide became a drying waste of sand and shingle. (The Fowey river at Golant vividly demonstrates the process today).

An article by Derek C Reynolds summed it up: "by 1770 the Rodger's ferry had ceased to ply across the estuary. However, in 1773 the tide still reached St Blazey Church and even up to 1800 high water reached one mile north of Par. By 1792 a considerable amount of goods was being shipped on and off the beach at Par" – and in that year the first plans for a "Safe Haven" were approved by John Smeaton, though nothing would be done about it for another forty years.

As far as "Sandi Town" was concerned, the sand had won; the village of Tywardreath as a port ceased to exist, to be supplanted by Austin Treffry's artificial harbour at Par, by Charlestown and by Fowey. How much effect this had on the village itself is hard to say.

As one of the places on, or just off, the ridge way that crossed the country it remained firmly on the map; fords and ferries gave way to dry land or bridges. Until the coming of the car and macadam, roads were rough at best, impassable in winter, dusty in summer. They wandered from village to village, from church to church, following field boundaries and through or round farms.

Everyone travelled on foot – hence the vital importance then of footpaths – or on horseback and goods were carried by packhorse – hence the importance of coastal shipping. Even carts did not become common until the 16th century and coaches until the 17th century. Such roads as there were depended on the parish; in 1745 Tywardreath was fined £10 for not keeping them up. By the late 18th century Turnpike roads came in – there were toll gates at Teagues and St Blazey – and with them stagecoaches.

As for the village itself in the years up to 1800, one may think of little places in the remoter parts of say, North Africa or Spain or Greece today; small houses, many built of mud or cob with paths, that doubled as drains, wandering haphazardly between them. Water was drawn from the village well, and there was no main drainage until the last century. Before that, everything either went into cesspools or pits or flowed into the stream that runs from Well Street down the valley past Newhouse farm to Par and into the sea. In the 19th century, as we shall see later, "Sandi Town" like everywhere else, would be changed almost out of recognition. Next month we shall consider the vanished Priory.





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(same answers each way)

1. Finger (or number).
2. Senseless or silly.
3. Very strong winds.
4. Awkward, clumsy or incompetent.
5. School exams.

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## Last month's answers, This way and That

1 Sever, 2 Elite, 3 Virus, 4 Etude, 5 Reset.

## Last month's crossword

Across: 1 Message, 5 Shimmer, 6 Attuned, 7 Alyssum. Down:

1 Mascara, 2 Saintly, 3 Almonds, 4 Earldom.

## Crossword

Across:

1. Today's dark hours.
5. Added natural fertiliser.
6. Currency of Afghanistan.
7. Members of a choir.

Down:

1. Male felines.
2. Nine sided figure.
3. Rubbish.
4. Children's stuffed toys, made in the form of bears.

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Friday	9 am - 1.00 pm & 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday	9 am - 1.00 pm

## Church & Chapel services in April

	ST ANDREW'S	TREGAMINION	WELL STREET
Sunday 6th April	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service Mr S Hunkin
Palm Sunday 13th April	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad  6.00pm Informal prayers with Shona and Martin		10.30am Service Mr J Diaper
Maundy Thursday 17th April	7.00pm Holy Communion and The Watch		
Good Friday 18th April	12 noon The Hour at the Cross <b>at Golant</b>		
Easter Sunday 20th April	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service Mr W Nicholls
Sunday 27th April	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Holy Communion Rev P Benney

### Lent Series 2025

This series of talks continues on Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 8th April.  
10.45am at St Mary's Methodist, Par and 7.30pm at Well Street Chapel.

### Tots' Group at St Andrew's

Mondays in term time, 10 to 11.30am for 0-4s with parents/grandparents/carers.  
Play, story time, singing and a snack. £1 per family.

*St Andrew's Church is open most days from 10am (11.30 on Mondays) to 3.00pm approx. Please feel welcome to come in for quiet reflection, prayer and the air of peacefulness; or just to look around your historic Parish Church.*

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## Village Hall & Scout Hall - April Diary Dates

Every Wednesday	11.00am	<b>Tai Chi Class</b>
	8.00pm	<b>Tywardreath Morris Dance Practice</b>
Every Friday	7.30 pm	<b>Line Dancing</b> (Beginners 6.30 pm)
Saturday 5th	7.00pm	<b>ISOT Family Quiz.</b> £5 entry on door. Teams of 4. Bring your own drinks & nibbles.
Friday 11th	2.00pm	<b>Tywardreath &amp; Par over 60's Group</b> - The Drecklys entertain, followed by afternoon tea with savouries and cakes. See page 5.
Monday	from 1.30pm	<b>Tywardreath Quilters.</b> All are welcome to join us at Well Street Chapel. If you are not a quilter but a sewer or knitter, you are most welcome.
Tuesday & Friday	10am-noon	<b>Coffee mornings</b> at Well Street Chapel
Wednesday	2-4pm	<b>Friendship Club</b> at Well Street Chapel. All invited to join the club. Contact Jo Langford 815921.
Monday - Friday	10am - noon	<b>Par Community Library</b> at Par Track Cafe.
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Wednesday 2nd	7.30pm	<b>Tywardreath Royal British Legion</b> meeting at the New Inn. All members are welcome to attend.
Friday 4th	6.00pm	<b>Family Bingo</b> at St Austell Library (bring own drinks & nibbles). Please book a place at the library or email <a href="mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk">staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk</a>
Monday 7th	noon-1.30pm	<b>Soup &amp; Sweet Lunch</b> at Gott Hall, Par. All home made at £7; no need to book.
Tuesday 8th	1.00pm-4.00pm	<b>Craft Fayre</b> at St Austell Library. Find some bargains and unusual presents.
Monday 14th	7.00-9.00pm	<b>Fowey and District Fuchsia &amp; Garden Society.</b> Speaker on succulents. See page 19.
Thursday 17th	7.00pm	<b>ISOT meeting</b> at Well Street Chapel. Open to all.
Thursday 24th	7.00pm	<b>ISOT talk</b> by Gary Tregidga at Well Street Chapel. £5 entry on door, refreshments available, raffle.
Friday 25th	7.00pm	<b>Beatnik Skiffle</b> at St Andrew's Church. £5 entry on door. Bring your own drinks & nibbles, soft drinks available, raffle. Fund raising for church & ISOT.
Saturday 26th	7.00pm	<b>Par Old Cornwall Society</b> speaker on "The Wreck of the Barque <i>John</i> " Guests welcome, see page 7.
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May		<b>Tiwardrai Fest</b> at Newhouse Farm 10am to 4pm

## **Tywardreath and Par Parish Council**

*These notes have been abridged from the Draft Minutes of the 6th February meeting.*

Allotments. The Parish Clerk confirmed that all the allotments were tenanted and rent had been paid apart from two holders who had been given 28 days notice of termination unless their plots were tidied up and the rent paid.

Devolution of Vine Place. Cllr Wildish reported that Cornwall Council had indicated that the Vine Place site will be sold privately if the Parish Council do not accept it as a whole. Members noted that ISOT had explained the historical importance of the site. A member of the public had confirmed that he would wish to see permit parking introduced if the area was devolved. It was agreed that, rather than allow it to be sold into private hands, the Parish Council should accept the devolution of the whole area of Vine Place, with the proviso that Cornwall Council retains responsibility for the designated highway.

Par Beach Toilets. Cllr C Wildish noted that she was pleased that the public toilets had finally been reopened following the vandalism. The contractor had reported extensive damage: deliberately blocked drains as well as breakages. It was agreed that, given the high cost of repairs, the Parish Council would monitor and may need to reassess the operation of the facilities.

Churchyard. Cllr Hughes reported that the unsafe cherry tree had been felled earlier in the day and would be replaced by Cormac.

*These notes have been abridged from the Draft Minutes of the 6th March meeting.*

Allotments. The Parish Clerk confirmed that there were now 3 vacant plots at the Lower Poldrea site. There was nobody on the waiting list.

Vine Place and Polmear Orchard. It was agreed that a Working Group should be formed to initially explore options for both Vine Place and Polmear Orchard. Cllr representatives would be Cllr C Wildish, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Hazeldean and Cllr Truscott. Three members of the public would be co-opted on to the Group at the April Council meeting. Its role is primarily to collect information, which could include consulting with the public, identifying and preparing grant applications (although these would need to be approved by Council and submitted by the Parish Clerk) and making recommendations to Council.

Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the devolution of Vine Place and Polmear Orchard should be included on the agenda and hopefully members of the public would attend and share their thoughts on possible future uses/management at both sites. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available.

Election Arrangements. The Parish Clerk confirmed the following timetable:

Wednesday 2nd April, 4pm. Deadline for candidate nomination papers.

Thursday 3rd April, 4pm. Publish statement of persons nominated.

Wednesday 23rd April. Publish notice of contested or uncontested Election.

Thursday 1st May. Polling day.

From 6th May, vacancies may be filled via co-option.

Between 13th May and 20th May, the Annual Council Meeting must take place.



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## **In Quires and Places where People Sing - Aden with Problems**

*Memories of the places I visited during my army adventures. by Warren Nicholls*

Our unit included an education centre and library. Once a fortnight there was a concert of classical music and a surprising number attended. But now things were becoming more difficult.

One of the senior officers of our unit had been posted home and some of the RAF were moved away; the lessons decreased; and the unit was used by others as there were classrooms with film projectors and other teaching aids.

Once again I was kept busy with various jobs, either on my own, or with the RAF hygienist team. Sand got everywhere, especially under roofs, making the ceiling in danger of falling. It was possible to look through a manhole but the ceiling was too fragile to walk over. So the beds were moved out and then, with a bit of encouragement, the whole lot came down. This was just one barrack room.

The prison now held many of the ringleaders of the riots. It had a medical centre and a visiting doctor. The prisoners were kept in very comfortable conditions and were unfortunately able to communicate with others through open windows. Some "sick" prisoners were visited by the doctor, accompanied by an armed guard and a warder. There was nothing much wrong with them and the Doctor declared them fit. Then the warder, looking at his list said, "you will hang within an hour." I don't think they did as they were there next day!

On some upcountry flights, the RAF would select one of the passengers (not an officer of course) to carry diplomatic mail, sealed white bags with documents in. They had to be signed for, and delivered. Should anything happen to the plane, these packets should be destroyed—eaten!

Church services continued as usual. The attendance varied but there always was a good choir. We had a practice on Friday, with tea in the large vestry.

I have mentioned lice; the other problem insects were bed bugs: small red insects which could crawl quickly, and climb. We were called to a flat in one of the tower blocks, where a young wife with a baby lived; her husband was away up country. The flat was damp, with mould on the outer walls, and these insects, thousands of them, climbed around the top of the walls, but would come down, attracted by warmth from the bed. They got in the seams of the mattress, and would bite when in bed. The husband was sent for and they had to be moved out while the flat was fumigated. Then they did not want to return.

In just the same way, flies were a problem. There were some quite large flies that gave a nasty bite. There were units still in the Radfan area and they were plagued with flies and mosquitoes. Two of us went to a unit the other side of Aden, taking sprayers, insecticide and other gear. We were going with a convoy, of a local force and some British soldiers as well. We had to keep together, even though the soldiers wanted to head on. We stopped at a flat area up in the hills, where we might eat. Within seconds, as we opened our sandwiches, there were flies, thousands of them, they must have been hiding in the gravel.

We brought petrol sprayers which you pumped to start. When it got hot, the insecticide would come out as a fog. They were very temperamental: it made you silly when it would not work.

However, very early in the morning, "When all the air a quiet stillness holds" (I quote Thomas Grey) we filled the banks of the wadi with fog and all the camp area. Everyone knew this was going to happen but there was a fuss when we started going into the large tents, where mosquitoes lived in the upper canvas. Then in the wadi, which was just a stream, we collected samples for larvae, just to see if eggs had been laid, but we found very little.



*A foot patrol in Aden*

There were small groups of soldiers in the mountains, closer to the border, which were self-contained. However there was mail, and a "closed bag" that needed to be sent, along with water and rations. There were three in a Land Rover before I got in with my kit and a sprayer. The driver drove like he was in a hurry and the vehicle bounced about over the rough terrain. The faster you drive, the less bumps you feel, they say! The time came when the passengers had to climb the rest of the way. Of course, we were seen. There were dissident tribesmen everywhere, watching all the time. I handed over my parcel to who ever was the senior, and found a corner to drop my kit.

There were questions asked about what was going on in the streets, but no comment as to what they were doing, except observing, and very little conversation. In fact after the fresh bread, and apples I pinched from the mess, I was just in the way. My camera was taken off me and handed back on leaving.

The view from the maintains was fantastic. It was possible to see out to the Red Sea and down to Aden in the far distance. As the sun slid across the sky, so the colours changed on the mountainside, showing very dark red, then mauve, and picked out the sparse shrubs in the rocks. For most of the time, just a light breeze, enough to be cool, But at night it was very cold, almost freezing.

Back in the streets, the Indian shopkeepers could see that the days were coming, when their customers were soon to disappear, the forces would leave, and passing liners would no longer visit, because security was difficult.

Regrettably there had been some loss of life and burials took place, including a soldier from Boconnoc, with family in Lostwithiel. I was called into the office and was told I was to move to Bahrain, to finish off someone else's posting, in two weeks. "Make sure you close your account and don't owe anything." As if I would!

Warren

# Fowey River Lions

## A letter to our community from Steve Jones, President of Fowey River Lions

Since my earlier "open letter" Fowey River Lions has been welcoming some new members, and the new and potential new members are all kindred spirits, each wanting to be "giving something back to the community" and they are already helping us to raise awareness of our charitable mission and raising funds for worthy causes and recipients.

After 47 years of unwavering commitment, our membership numbers had dwindled somewhat in recent years, and although we're certainly encouraged by the recent interest shown and the addition of some new members we are still looking to ensure our future long term survival, for the benefit of the generations to come.

With regeneration and growth being the focus of the previous letter we're now embracing this NEW ERA, and it is certainly exciting, as we are quietly but surely looking to secure the future of Fowey River Lion's and our endeavours.

That's where you might like to come in ... We invite you to consider stepping forward and to offering your energy and support by becoming a Lion yourself. Your involvement could potentially be the very lifeline that our club needs to continue vital work for many years to come. We are still seeking further enthusiastic and like-minded individuals to join us and to help us with revitalising our Pride.

Many of our members have been with us for over 40 years, and are a bunch of committed enthusiasts, despite ageing. Some now have limitations on their ability to do many of the things that has been their pleasure to have done and they will continue to do, to the best of their ability for the community.

By becoming a Fowey River Lion you'll have the opportunity to make a tangible difference to the lives of those around us. You will find being a Lion a fulfilling way to give back, build meaningful connections and friendships, and contribute to the betterment of Fowey and surrounding areas. This is your big chance to take part with other like-minded individuals.

To learn more about joining our Pride, to explore volunteer opportunities, or just for a chat to see if it's for you then please, in the first instance reach out to us through [foweyriverlions@gmail.com](mailto:foweyriverlions@gmail.com), via our Facebook page or tel: 0345 833 7484. If you leave your name, phone number and best time to call then I'll call you back myself, no obligation of course.

We meet at The Ship Inn, Polmear, Par PL24 2AR, gathering at 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month, to discuss applications we've received for funding and exploring future projects. You'll find a warm welcome, and it's not all work either, in fact it's also great fun, with social events that are informal, variable and voluntary to attend.

Working together we aim to ensure that Fowey River Lions endures, creating a brighter future for all. But please, don't leave it until it's too late, if we don't continue to grow our numbers then the good work could eventually stop and so would end the legacy of Fowey River Lions. We certainly don't want to be fading away any time soon.

We've made a start, but your Lion's President needs YOU.

I look forward to hearing from you. Together we can make a difference and fulfil our motto **"We serve"**.

**Steve Jones**

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## **Crossing the River The History of the Fowey Ferries**

This talk by Chris Bradish, organised by Fowey Harbour Heritage Society, will be at Whitecross Village Hall, Bodinnick, at 2.00pm on Saturday 12th April.



Passage across the River Fowey has always been essential. In this talk the history of the Bodinnick and Polruan ferries will be explored. A tale of changing ownership, duels, diamonds and bankruptcies. Some notable incidents will be described. Chris Bradish is a Fowey resident and a keen local historian.

Bookings through Ticket Tailor: [buytickets.at/foweyharbourheritagesociety](http://buytickets.at/foweyharbourheritagesociety)  
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Members free; Non-members £10; complementary tea and coffee  
FHHS Annual Membership £18; £30 for two adults at the same address

## **Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society**

The April meeting will be held on Monday 14th April at Fowey River Academy from 7 until 9 pm. Our speaker this month will be Alisha from Looe Valley Plants, who will be talking on succulents, giving advice on their care and appropriate compost etc. There will be plants to purchase at very reasonable rates.

Everyone is welcome, free parking, please register your vehicle at the Sports Hub. Refreshments and raffle. £3 per person for non members.

## **Fowey Memory Café**

We offer a range of enjoyable activities and every session includes tea or coffee, cake and chatter. We spend time reminiscing and talk about current affairs.

During March we enjoyed a session of table top games, as well as planting some plants and bulbs to cheer up our windowsills and front steps. We had a visit from our favourite storyteller, Yvonne, who always makes us laugh with the twists and turns of her tales! During April we hope to enjoy a visit by a local folk singer, and perhaps a trip out to a garden.

On May 29th we will hold our AGM at 2.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. .

Café is held on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm at Squires Field Community Centre, Park Road, Fowey, PL23 1EF. Just give us a ring for more information on 01726 832864. We are supported by Fowey Community Bus and pick up in Fowey, Par, and Tywardreath. For any transport enquiries, please contact Jane on 01726 815463 or Viv on 01726 814737.

Dates of forthcoming cafés are: April 3rd and 17th; May 1st, 15th and 29th.

## Ewart Hancock's Diary

*Ewart Thomas Hancock, born in February 1914. He lived with his wife Win and son Nigel at No. 4 Woodland Avenue. He recorded various village happenings in notebooks.*

### April 1990

2nd. Mrs Irene Middleton died at Trecarrel aged 80 years. At the funeral service in St Andrew's church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, several organisations were represented. Canon Michael Oatey officiated and Miss B James was the organist.

Saturday 7th. Tywardreath Old Cornwall Society had a talk on China Clay by Mr Bowditch but unfortunately the projector broke down.

8th. Palm Sunday at St Andrew's Church: Canon Michael Oatey officiated, the organist was Miss B James and Mr John Atkinson read St Matthew's Passion.

Tuesday 10th the WI held their monthly meeting with a speaker from D.H.S. Winner of flower of the month was Mrs Weaver.

Wednesday 11th St Andrews Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting in St Andrew's Hall. The speaker was Mrs Stranack, wife of the Par Vicar.

Maundy Thursday 12th. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7pm.

The funeral of Mr Roland Patterson of Penstrasse Place, in St Andrew's church. Canon Michael Oatey officiated; There were 30 family mourners and 6 others.

16th. Lillian Stevens died aged 74 of Vicarage Road. Funeral at St Andrew's on April 24th followed by cremation at Glyn Valley. There were 3 family mourners and 16 others. Canon M Oatey officiated and the organist was Miss B James.

20th. Robert John Paterson of "Roblands", Tywardreath Hill died suddenly aged 75; funeral Friday 27th at Penmount crematorium.

### **St Andrew's, Tywardreath, with Tregaminion Chapel of Ease**

Parish Priest	Revd Shona Hoad shona@tandgchurches.uk	07476 900623
	(Please note that Shona is not normally available on Thursdays or Fridays)	
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### **Village Hall Bookings**

Secretary	Mrs Linda Haksteeg 10 Vicarage Road, Tywardreath. Par	814459
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