

*The Village Crossroads*  
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Good day to you all!!

Whew! After the Ram Roast and the excitement of the Great Duck Race we need a breather but there's no time for that!

We have our Village Fete on **Sunday 4th August at 2pm**. This will be opened by Rev Martin Jones. Then there's a coffee morning on **Monday 5th August!**

If anyone would like to host a coffee morning or has any items for inclusion in the Newsletter please let me know by mail, phone, telepathy etc.

Lynne

Hedgehogs!

Look out for the lovely new "Hedgehog Crossing" signs on a couple of the roads into the village. Hopefully these will help to secure long lives for our small prickly friends.

What's been happening?

The Coffee Morning on 1st July was held on the Green due to the lovely weather we have been enjoying. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and hopefully we can do the August event on the Green too. We are planning to hold raffles at these events (more info later on this)

Of course, July is the month when our ducks hurtle recklessly down the river to the finishing line at the bridge with no care for their own safety just to secure victory in our Great Herodsfoot Duck Race. This year was no exception. On Saturday 27th, our ducks, having trained intensively, were drug tested and given their numbers ready to race. The crowd assembled nervously at the bridge to await their arrival. The hooter signalled their departure and off they sped (well, in honesty, it was a slow start). Scuffles broke out as they strove for the racing line to make the most of any advantage offered to them. The water level was low and tensions were high as they rounded the bend with the bridge in sight. The crowd cheered them on and at last, the lead ducks emerged from the pack and sailed under the bridge to claim victory!! Gosh, it was exciting! (I think I need to get out more..)

Prizes of £50, £20, £10, £5 and small duck trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed ducks respectively and the last duck had their £1 returned.

Anyway the results were:

1st (duck 71) Paul Bray                      2nd (duck 434) Jackie Bray                      3rd (duck 67) Ann Rounsevell  
4th (duck 80) Mark Middleton              Last duck (duck 322) Carole Middleton

The delicious Ram Roast was as popular as ever and there was the bar with welcome drinks to quench thirsts after the food and the excitement of the Race. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and stage this event for all your hard work and dedication (particularly Fred, who supervised the cooking of the ram all day). Thanks also to everyone who attended, ate, drank and bought ducks - your support is, as always, most appreciated. A total of £925 was raised for our Church.

August 2019 services conducted by Rev Martin Jones (Church Warden - Ian Gordon 01579 320670)

Holy Communion Sunday 25th August at 10.00am                      All Welcome

Family Songs of Praise Sunday 11th August at 4.00pm on the Green. Attendees choose hymns

Future Dates for your diaries

Sunday 4th August 2pm Church Fete to be opened by Rev. Martin Jones. A fun event to be enjoyed by all while raising funds for our lovely church

Coffee Morning 5th August 10.30am on the green (weather permitting or at Hir Garth if it rains). This will be a DIY event so bring a mug and some cakes if you wish. We will have a raffle!

There may be a pop up barbecue too but no date has been set yet.

Other events for information  
(More to follow in future newsletters).

All Saints Harvest Festival Sunday 15th September 2019 at 6.00pm. All welcome.

Events outside the village

Looe Carnival Week 27th July- 3rd August

Polperro Fishermen's Choir 1st Aug & 13th Aug

7.30pm Looe RNLI Boathouse. Free entry

Sunday Roast Dinner 4th & 18th August at The

Community Hall East Taphouse two courses

£8.00 bar open. Book on 07792 900987 (Laura)

Annual Duck Race 15th August 2-5pm Golitha

Falls.

Wednesday 31st July & Thursday 1st August

Sheila's School of Dancing presents Rio Rhythms

at the Jubilee Hall Duloe. Show about a young

holidaymaker at the carnival in Brazil. Local

youngsters involved. Entry £5.50/£4.50 adult/child

Liskeard Ploughman's Festival 17th August 10am

start on the Parade and then in Westbourne

Gardens from 12 noon-7pm for bands, artists,

food, beer and Ploughman's lunches!

Duloe Produce & Flower Show Saturday 10th

August viewing at 2pm. Prizes at 3pm. Schedule

& Entry forms available from Duloe Community

Shop. Cake competition included!

Bodmin & Wenford Railway Murder Mystery

Trains every Tuesday in August. Solve a murder

mystery on a steam train journey.

A call to all you Crafty people out there. There are new skills to be learnt !!

Lostwithiel West Country Embroiderers

We are a small, friendly group and we welcome new members. Come along and meet us and see what we do.

Meetings 2nd & 4th Mondays from 10am-3pm at East Taphouse Community Hall.

Contact: Mrs Gwen Johnson 01503 220730

Coffee Mornings

It has been agreed that we will hold raffles at our Coffee Mornings to raise funds for the upkeep of our little summerhouse on the Green. This small building was donated by Adam & Anita and has already proved very popular in the village with two visitors writing very kind messages of appreciation on the whiteboard inside.

It will, however, need some attention to keep it weatherproof and sound to ensure its future availability to us. As well as being generally available to anyone using the Green, we propose to use it during events and for some of the books from the Book Swap (to be rotated regularly - books not the house!). In addition, we will be buying an urn for use at events on the Green. There is already an urn in the village but this is for use in the Church. Some funds will also be used to buy this.

A Small Groan for you!

A new vacuum cleaner salesman knocked on the door on the first house of the street. A tall lady answered the door. Before she could speak, the enthusiastic salesman barged into the living room and opened a big black plastic bag and proceeded to pour cow droppings all over the carpet. The somewhat bemused lady watched him patiently.

"Madam, if I cannot clean this up within 5 minutes with the use of this new powerful Supervoom vacuum cleaner, I will EAT all this dung!" exclaimed the eager salesman.

"Will you need any sauce or ketchup with that" asked the lady, politely.

Surprised, the bewildered salesman asked, "Why, madam?"

"The electricity was cut off this morning..." came the reply.

Snippets & very useful information too!

And to follow that horrid meal, we need a real indulgent treat!

Alisha's Cakes & Bakes

In August, to take advantage of the wonderful fruits, Alisha has something special for you all!

A 6" Summer Fruit Sponge at only £8.00. Delicious fruits and a lovely light, deep sponge. A real treat for Sunday teatime.

All Alisha's cakes are freshly-made and contain no preservatives.

Contact Alisha on 07955151269 or email [info@alishascakesandbakes.co.uk](mailto:info@alishascakesandbakes.co.uk) or mail the newsletter