

The Village Crossroads
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Hello again!!

Can't believe it's July and we are powering through the year at speed! Where does the time go!

Breaking News!!! Our wonderful Racing Ducks, sleek and toned from their over-wintering training camp at La Manga, Spain are putting the final touches to their intensive programme and are very excited about this month's Big Race. This is an important event in their schedule and a very prestigious race in the gruelling calendar of Duck Races. As I write they are being greased-up ready for their foray into the river where they will be competing vigorously to claim the crown in the Grand Herodsfoot Duck Race on 27th July.

Don't miss out! Pick your favourite number and may the best duck prevail!! Quack quack!! (It's that time again!)

And, as if that were not enough, there's the Ram Roast first!

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!

We have had several sightings of hedgehogs in the village! As they are now rare creatures and in quite short supply it would be helpful to make sure we have hedgehog-friendly spaces available to them. Drive carefully and look out for them on the roads.

I have it on good authority that they like to eat oats soaked in water and also cat food (as well as the usual hedgehog fare of bugs, worms etc). Day-time sightings can be a cause for concern but often hedgehogs are dehydrated and this can cause their outings in the daylight hours. They should be offered water before food because feeding an already dehydrated hedgehog may kill it. The body to take all fluid away from the vital organs to digest the food and the animal collapses. Never offer milk. Hedgehog fact sheet available from

<https://www.sttiggwinkles.org.uk/top-navigation/wildlife-advice/hedgehog-fact-sheet.html>

What's been happening?

The sad event that was Vera's funeral was marked by many villagers who went to Connon Chapel to pay their respects and bid this lovely lady a fond farewell. A very moving service by Rev Chloe Jones, a poem from Anita and eulogy by Ian summed up the feelings of the whole community. We gathered afterwards in the little schoolroom to eat, drink and chat together. A perfect send off.

The Village had the traditional party on Saturday 22nd June. After the wettest June on record, the sun shone! There was lots of lovely food and a good amount of alcohol was consumed before the party broke up. A fun time was had by all...well, those of us who can remember anyway!

The Pet's Service on Sunday 9th June was enjoyed by the attendees including several hounds and a couple of hamsters. All creatures were blessed by Martin and not one of them bit him! Whew!

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

Holy Communion Sunday 28th July at 10.00am All Welcome

Future Dates for your diaries

Coffee Morning 1st July 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 may have a raffle!

Saturday 27th July Ram Roast (5pm) & Duck Race(8pm)! At last, it has arrived! Ducks can be bought on the night but most of the Friends will have ducks for sale throughout this month. Of

course, you may wish to study form and take your time over your choice. Whatever you prefer, just don't miss your favourite duck!

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

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.

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<p>Events outside the village</p> <p><u>Lostwithiel Gin Festival Saturday 29th June</u> 11.00am start</p> <p><u>Dobwalls Memorial Hall. Car Boot Sale 6th July at 9.00am.</u> Refreshments available</p> <p><u>School Fairs 12th July</u> Duloe starts at 1.30pm and Dobwalls at 2.30pm. All welcome. Why not go to both!</p> <p><u>Liskeard Show 13th July from 9.00am.</u> Merrymeet.</p> <p><u>Lanreath Church Summer Fayre 13th July 2.30pm Rectory.</u></p> <p><u>14th -27th July Lostwithiel Carnival week</u></p>	<p><u>Boconnoc 16th & 18th July 7.00pm</u> Royal College of Music Concerts</p> <p><u>Dobwalls Charity Beer Festival 19th-20th July at The Highwayman.</u> Real ale, cider & live music. 1.00-11.00pm each day.</p> <p><u>Lanreath Bar View Quiz & Curry Night 26th July 8.00pm</u></p> <p><u>Boconnoc Steam Fair 26th - 28th July from 10.00am to 6.00pm</u></p> <p><u>Looe Carnival Week 27th July- 3rd August</u></p>
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A Groan for you!

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa and takes her chihuahua along for company. One day the chihuahua decides to explore and soon realises he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a hungry-looking leopard heading in his direction. "Oh, no!" he thinks, "this looks like trouble!" Then he notices some bones on the ground so he quickly settles down to chew on the bones keeping his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the chihuahua exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

The leopard stops dead in his tracks, a look of terror in his eyes and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was a close one! That chihuahua nearly had me!" Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, thinks he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So he sets off after the leopard, but the chihuahua spots him and suspects that he is up to no good.

Meanwhile, the monkey catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back so you can watch me chew that pesky chihuahua to bits!"

Now, the chihuahua sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "Aha, just as I thought!" and instead of running, he sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them, and waits until they get just close enough to hear. "Where's that damn monkey?" he says, "I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

Hee hee!

Snippets & very useful information too!

Alisha's Cakes & Bakes

In July, Alisha has something else special for you all!

This month there are the Brownie or Blondie 9-slice traybakes for only £9.00!!!!!! (Both are divine!)

But, dear reader, do not be deceived into thinking that these are just any 9 slices. These are formidable slices and can easily be cut in half to share. In fact, it's probably advisable to share if you need to be able to move about afterwards!

AND remember, you can freeze them!

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

Contact Alisha on 07955151269 or email info@alishascakesandbakes.co.uk or mail the newsletter

Wheelchairs

There are a couple of wheelchairs available for use here in the village. One of them is a small chair useful for a small adult or even a child and the other is an adult chair with small wheels which is ideal for short trips to shops etc.

Anyone who is interested in borrowing them should contact the Newsletter in the first instance.