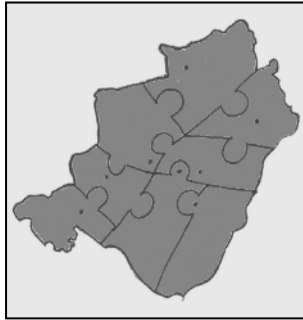


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The bumper Christmas and New Year edition



Sunset over Trelill

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Welcome to Pieces of Eight

We are a free independent community magazine, published ten times a year (not January or August) covering local news, views and events in the St Kew parish area. Volunteers produce, print and distribute the magazine to every household in the area, and to all the local churches, shops and pubs. We do hope you enjoy reading it.

We would love to hear from our readers - articles, letters, suggestions and other contributions are always welcome. Please see our contact details below.

We can post issues to households outside the parish at a cost of £10.00 per annum. There is also an on-line edition hosted by the Parish Council which can be found at www.stkewparish.org.uk/PO8.html. (We are very grateful to the Parish Council for allowing us to use their site).

Editorial



The Festive Season is upon us once again and we would like to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and neighbourly Christmas!

We are very anxious to remain a free magazine and are very grateful to the Padstow Harbour Commission for kindly donating a printer to the organisations within the Parish. This will enable us to print the magazine more efficiently, reduce costs and and our time (of which there never seems to be enough!) So thank you!

We would also like to thank our contributors without their information you wouldn't know what's happening locally.

We would also like to thank our wonderful helpers who distribute the magazine to your door, whatever the weather. It is much appreciated by all.

We would welcome any feedback, letters, and articles that you might want to share with the community. This is your magazine, so do please let us know what you would like to read about.

We will be taking a break in January but will be back in February with all the news and views of our community.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and Joyful and Peaceful New Year.

The Editors:

Philippa Harkness - Children's page & History
Steve Liddiard - Advertising manager
David Penhale - Events & poet in residence
Nicky Pickard - Main editor who puts the magazine together, assisted by husband Mike.

Contacting



the Editorial Team

We can be contacted by email at stkewmag@gmail.com. Please use this address for **ALL** correspondence, the in-box is checked regularly.

Or you can phone Nicky's mobile on **07813 603776**. Leave a message if you can't get through and she will phone you back.

Advertisers should contact Steve, our Advertising Manager via this email address, putting 'Advertisement' in the subject line. Steve can provide information on advertising costs, space availability, formats, etc.

Copy date for the Februarys issue is:

Monday 15th January

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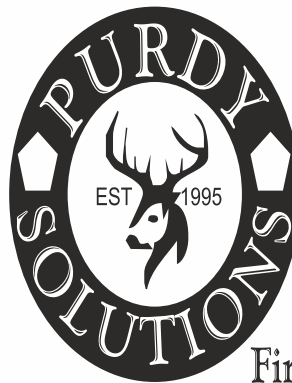
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Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way towards 'Steve's Fun Quiz' in the Red Lion Inn on 29th October and helped to raise the grand sum of £245.00 for 'Little Harbour'.

Whilst you were warned on the posters it would be different, I know that some quizzers found it very different, particularly when Steve's new system of raffle prize distribution resulted in awarding a prize to the person who had donated it!

However, it was a fun evening and the money raised does go to a very worthy cause, where it is used not to provide 'extras' but towards the actual running costs of this charity-funded facility which provides essential care for Cornwall's life-limited children and their families.

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MORE NEW BEGINNINGS

After the wonderful start to the academic year, we can report that the zest for learning has continued at full speed! The Topics studied in this second half of the Autumn term (before the crazy excitement of Christmas comes upon us) are:

Class 1 have been inspired by 'Starry Night' and the painting by Van Gogh as a stimulus for their work. They have investigated light and dark and the stars, planets and constellations.

Class 2 have been 'Bright Sparks' – yes you heard right! – with a focus on electricity, magnets and the Wolf's version of The Three Little Pigs story.

In **Class 3**, 'Mysterious Materials' have been investigated with a focus on the environment, including recycling and the production of materials we use in everyday life.

READING IS FUNDamental!

The children have been working towards their reading rewards scheme again this year, where they receive a star for each 'read' they complete at home. After 20 and 40 'reads' they get to choose a card from the reward box and when they complete their 60th read, the reward is a 'Tea Party' (chosen by the children themselves!) We had the first one on Friday 17th November and thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of books, tea and cakes.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The children in Class 2 and 3 have been busy in the initial stages of preparation for this year's show of 'Porridge'. Tickets for the production on Thursday 7th December at 1.30pm & 7pm, and on Friday 8th December at 7pm can be obtained from the school office. It would be lovely to see the members of the St Kew community at these shows, especially the matinee on the Thursday, to share the talents of the children 'at the top of the hill'.

THE NATIVITY STORY

Class 1 will be sharing the Nativity Story with the school and local community on Tuesday 19th December at St James' Church at 1.30pm and we would be delighted if you could come and join us. It's the final highlight of Christmas preparations at St

Kew and is not to be missed. Tickets are not required for this show and so please just turn up. We look forward to seeing you for 'Born in a Barn'.

STORY-TELLING PROJECT

The children in Class 3 have started working with Endelienta on a Story Box project. They will be working with members of the community to make it an inter-generational project utilising the knowledge of 'older' locals! We are hosting a Community Coffee Morning on Monday 5th February where children will be sharing the work from the project and would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the community to join us. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits will be provided. If you wish to join us please telephone the school so that we can organise the refreshments.

HEAD BOY & GIRL, and SUPER SIXES

Presentations were given on the topic of 'Why it is great to be a pupil at St Kew' and as a result we appointed a Head Boy and Girl (Tristan & Abbi) AND a Deputy Head Boy and Girl (Jools and Jenna) who will be helping us with School Improvement. The Super Sixes are Toby, Adele, Kaya, Kyle, Lola, James and Leo who are already undertaking their responsibilities well. All of these pupils will be answering the telephones at the school during the lunchtime session so please be patient if you phone between these times.

What a busy term it has been for us all! The children delight us on a daily basis and make coming to work a pleasure. Rolling onto the end of term with Christmas we would like to wish you

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

OUR PRE-SCHOOL IS ACE TOO!

One of the most exciting pieces of news from the school is that Pre-School have made their move from the beautiful setting of the Parish Hall to the equally beautiful setting of the school grounds. We 'opened' officially on Monday 6th November and have 7 children on roll. Thomas, Eli, Katelyn, Theo, Freddy, Jacca and Nessa have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their surroundings whilst learning about Autumn, hedgehog homes and getting stuck in the mud in the newly constructed 'mud kitchen'.

The photo is Theo, Katelyn and Freddy planting herb seeds and watering them. When they have grown the children will use them in the mud kitchen.



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Hidden in the magazine there are 15 Christmassy pictures, or are there more? Can you find where we've hidden them all?

To start you off, three can be found on this page..... This is one of them



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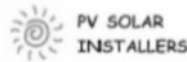
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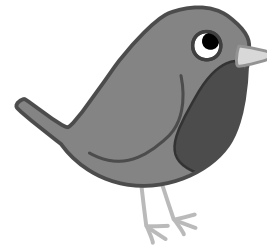
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'KEW & A'

Twenty Questions & Answers

This month: Barry Cuff, landlord of The Maltsters Arms, Chapel Amble.

Childhood Hero: 'Bill & Ben, the Flowerpot Men' (children's TV series, 1950's).

Hobbies: Bridge.

Favourite Music: Mozart.

Favourite Book: 'A History of the English-Speaking Peoples' by W.S.Churchill.

Favourite Film: 'Tunes of Glory' (1960, starring Alec Guinness & John Mills).

Favourite TV Programme: 'Dragons Den'.

What's good about living in your village? It's peaceful.

What would you improve? The broadband connection.

I'm very good at.... Making plans.

I'm very bad at.... Not carrying them out.

A phrase I use too often is.... 'I don't know, ask Amber'.

Three people, dead or alive, I'd invite to dinner are.... Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher & Tony Benn.

I'd like to be stranded on a desert island with.... A fit female physiotherapist.

I'm embarrassed by.... According to my staff, 'nothing'.

My proudest moment was.... becoming landlord of 'the Maltsters Arms'

The best things about Cornwall is... The fresh air.

The worst thing about Cornwall is.... Traffic in the summer.

Which of our country's laws would you change? Some licensing laws.

An over-rated public figure is.... Any celebrity chef.

In another life I would.... Be a sultan.



Parish Council News

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The Parish Council meets in the Parish Hall, St Kew Churchtown at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and address the meeting on any subject of concern.

St Kew Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Present: Acting Chairman A Godden, Councillors T Mott, R Godden, J Rowe and B Finnemore. 2 members of the public were also present.

A presentation was given by a team of architects regarding the possibility of building affordable houses in St Kew Highway. Full details will be in next issue of the magazine.

Parking on common land is still a problem and the council is having signs made to try to preserve the grass.

The council was concerned that they do not get the police reports any more, they were told at the meeting that our PCSO had been seconded to Newquay.

Parish Awards time is coming and hopefully an entry form will be in next month's magazine. Please nominate anyone in the parish you feel deserves an award.

Planning Applications

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Mr & Mrs Pountrey, Meadow View, Tregellist. Retrospective application for a garden shed.

Recommend approval

Planning decisions by Cornwall Council.

PA17/06277

Mr Shaun Hawkey, The Olde House, Chapel Amble.

Installation of 6 x energy units.

Approved.

PA17/02094

Mr & Mrs Stephens, Barton Farm, Trelill.

Extending existing derelict barn from single to two storey.

Approved

RG

Members of the Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



SOUPER LUNCH, 17th NOVEMBER

The lunch raised £80 for Save the Children, in aid of the Rohingya refugee children.

St Kew WI wins first place in the WI competition at the Wadebridge Winter Fair.

Audrey Copus (of St Kew Highway) is being presented the trophy by George Eustace, M.P



Congratulations!





Allen Valley Singers

The evening came when Janette our Musical Director, asked us to bring in our 'Christmas File'. I feel that I have only just removed the holly from last year! We now have the known and also new Christmas songs to revise and learn and look forward to the concerts in a variety of venues, from Church, to Retirement Homes, to the seafront and even a pub. On the 13th of October we entertained our good friends of the Friday Club at Tywardreath Village Hall. Both the choir and the members thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon diversion, with the audience participation being a highlight. It was a very happy occasion.

On October 21st, we joined in a concert with the Wadebridge Male Voice Choir, which took place in St. Merryn Church. Considering the rain and very uncomfortable weather that evening, we applaud the choirs and the audience for getting to the church at all. The two choirs sang from their own repertoires, which made for a wide variety of music, appreciated by us all. Richard Man entertained us with poems, serious and amusing, for which we thank him.

Our future concerts include:

December 2nd. Basil Manor - always an adventure to arrive at this lovely old house on the moor.

December 5th. We will be at Wyndhurst Orchard Retirement Home with its warmth and constant welcome.

December 9th. Singing on the seafront at Padstow, is always a challenge, especially at 5.30 pm. We will have have two of everything on our persons as insulation from the cold. Nevertheless the atmos-

phere created by the appreciative audiences is always warm and we all have fun.

December 11th. Our joint Concert with the SAS Orchestra at Cleese Hall, Camelford which will be both a musical treat and a cheerful evening. Try not to miss that one – a 7.30 start.

December 19th. Carols at the Red Lion pub in St. Kew Highway. This is one of the best ways to celebrate the coming of Christmas, so you know where to be at 7.30 pm on that date!

We welcome new singers. If you feel you would like to join us, please contact our Musical Director Janette Man, on 01208 841784.

Come on a Tuesday evening, to the Community Hall at St. Kew Highway, 7.15-8.45pm to meet us and to have a chat with our M.D. You can also contact her for booking the choir for concerts and weddings, and for any event which you feel would be enhanced by music.

Our brilliant pianist Steve Tyrrell is also a fine organist in the case of our singing at any Church ceremony.

This will be the last report before the New Year. So we wish everyone a very happy Christmas and all good fortune for 2018.

Our website is up and running, if you would like to know more about our history, our repertoire and our events, hear a song, or just discover details about the choir, please go to:

www.allenvalleysingers.org

Hope to see you soon.

Joyce Hargrave-Wright (Publicity)

St. Kew Community Gardens Association

The AGM was held on Thursday 26 October, with members agreeing that the site and the individual plots had proved very productive this year.

Best-kept plot competition

For the first time, the association had organised a competition to find the best-kept plot and awards were presented on the night to Phil and Carol Scott in first place (winning a year's free rental), Sue and Terry Carthew in second with a Trelawney voucher and Tony and Judith Mott in third place, also with a voucher. A special mention was made of Adam Pratt with his massive "wall of beans" – enough to feed the Parish, we reckoned.

Allotments vacant

Due to members moving away, we now have five full-sized plots available. The plot dimensions are 14m

by 6m (ie 84 sq.m). The rental fee is £38 for a full year from 1 November 2017 to 30 October 2018.

The annual rental includes free water from three standpipes/troughs, free manure twice a year, and the use of the communal shed, community wheelbarrows, etc.

The site is small and friendly (only 32 plots), with members helping each other with chores, bartering fruit and vegetables and enjoying the fresh produce.

If you turn left at the Red Lion Inn and carry on down the Trequite Lane for a couple of hundred yards, you'll find it on the left hand side. We'd be glad to show anyone interested which plots are free.

Please contact Judith Mott (Secretary) on 01208

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St James Calendar

Although it is still only November, here are some dates for your diary for services early in 2018:

January 2018

- Sunday 7th 9.30am, Holy Communion with
(*Epiphany*) Prebendary Dr Elizabeth Wild.
- Sunday 14th 9.30am, All Age Worship with
(*Epiphany 2*) Marcus Jones.
- Sunday 21st 9.30am, Methodist Covenant
Service at the Community Hall.
- Sunday 28th 9.30am, All Age Worship with
(*Candlemass*) Marcus Jones.

February 2018

- Sunday 4th 9.30am, Holy Communion with
(*2nd before Lent*) Prebendary Dr Elizabeth Wild.



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**St Kew Parish
Supper**

**Saturday 3rd February,
7 for 7:30pm
Parish Hall**

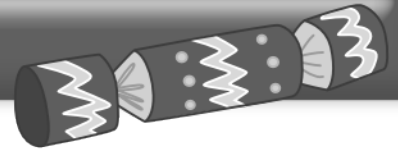
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How many words of 4 letters or more can you find? You must use the centre letter in each word.

No plurals or proper nouns are allowed. There are 85 listed in the solution which includes **1 nine letter** word to find.



EVENTS OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

January 2018

December

- 2nd Reflective Day on 'Stanley Spencer' by Canon Mark Chapman at St Endellion Church. 10.00am - 3.00pm. Starts with coffee in Church hall at 10.00, contact Preb. Judith for details and to book a place.
- 10th Young Musicians from Wells Cathedral School, St Endellion, 3.00pm.
- 16th Polzeath Christmas Beach Clean, 9.30am, on the beach.

6th If Music be the Food of Love, St Endellion 7.00pm.

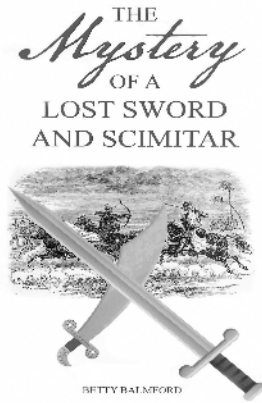
10th Beach clean Polzeath, 9.30am meeting in the car park on the beach

For Reflective Days please book by contacting rev.judith@btinternet.com, or 01208 880181.

For more details please go to the following websites:

Concerts: endellienta.org.uk.

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Local Author's First Book on Sale for Christmas!

'The Mystery of the Lost Sword and Scimitar' by Betty Balmford

(Published by Spiderwize)

It has often been said that 'we all have a novel inside us'; however, very few of us actually get around to writing it. Betty Balmford, resident of St. Kew Highway, is, however, the exception to that rule as she has done just that. Her novel is a cornucopia of inter-linked stories, written as she says, 'for all young persons under the age of 91 and still young at heart'.

The book begins with Luke, as he recalls a very special summer holiday he spent when he was 11 years old, at his friend, Guy Villiers, ancestral home in Oxfordshire. This provides us with the main setting: an old Tudor house full of secret passages and rumours of a long-lost treasure – one which can only be found by solving an ancient riddle.

The story also revolves around Guy's family history concerning the Knights Templar and the early Crusades. Thus we learn that the 'sword and scimitar' of the title are part of a large family treasure that was lost during the English Civil War.

How the two boys set about solving the mystery is at the heart of this very imaginative novel.

On the way, we are reminded just how fascinating a subject History can be, especially when narrated by the people who lived through the events.

Betty recalls that during the creative-process she was fortunate enough to be encouraged by the famous Oxford historian, Christopher Hibbert, who told her to 'get on and write it!' – still admirable advice to all budding novelists out there. His works are also acknowledged in a very useful bibliography at the end of the book.

Published just in time for Christmas, this book would make an ideal stocking-filler.

Available from Wadebridge Bookshop, price £8.95.

It is also available direct from Betty herself - tel: 01208-841507

Review by David Penhale

HARBOUR SESSIONS...

JAZZ EXPERIMENT // WINTER MOUNTAIN

2017 has been an amazing first year for Harbour Sessions at St James Church in St Kew with performances from these incredible artists: William The Conqueror, Alex Hart, Haunt The Woods, Rue, Jam Experiment, Logan, The Woodcarts, Sadie Horler & Winter Mountain

We actually decided to move the Jam Experiment show into the Parish Hall due to concerns about people still coming out while storm Brian was in full swing. But, Brian turned out to be more true to his name, like the mellow snail from the Magic Roundabout, which meant the crowds came out in force packing the Parish Hall to see and hear the beautifully crafted songs and stunning voice of local favourite Logan and the Jam Experiment cook up a jazz hurricane.

The last Harbour Session of this year on 11 November saw the launch of Winter Mountain's UK Tour. But, the audience at St James Church were first treated to two super-talented young support artists.

Local folk-duo, The Woodcarts, made up of sisters Martha (17) and Rosa (14), who you may have seen playing on the Fringe Stage at this year's Cornwall Folk Festival, rose to the occasion playing some mature originals and a creative cover of Ariana Grande's song 'Problem'. Next up was Exeter girl Sadie Horler, fresh from supporting Wildwood Kin on their UK Headline Tour. Again for her age (also only 17) she captivated the gaze of the candle-lit crowd with the maturity of her stage presence, song-writing and her uniquely quirky tone.

Finally, Winter Mountain, took the Harbour Session stage and played a classic set of hook-drenched folk-rock songs. But remaining true to his roots and years spent in Ireland, frontman Joe Francis was able to retain that sense of intimacy and story that can sometimes get lost in the bigger band sound. Joe enhanced that sense of strength in vulnerability by playing a couple of beautiful mid-set solo songs, including a moving performance of 'The Lucky Ones' which he recently played live on BBC Radio 2.

Looking back on our first year of Harbour Sessions it would be hard to pick out any one artist or band that has played as the highlight. As all have brought their art, their craft, their stories and shared them with us through music in easily one of the most awe inspiring venues in North Cornwall. Unfortunately, our culture, and in particular the music scene, has become so judgemental and more about who's in and out, than a time where we simply allowed the wonder and gift of music to wash through our soul. This was certainly not the case at any of the Harbour Sessions this year, they really felt like shared experiences of how music should transcend the moment and dance through our hearts and minds, triggering our imaginations and anchoring us to all that's genuine, sometimes painful, but beautiful in this life.

Here's to a wonder-filled 2018!

Kris



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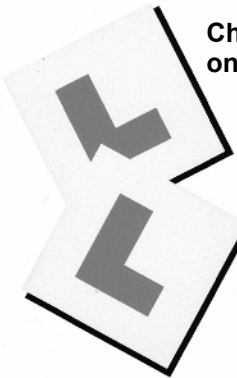
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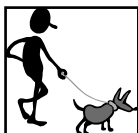
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The last Tails from Ellistee Boris



I am so sorry that Boris cannot send you a letter this month, for he is 'no' longer with us. BUT.....

He was a hairy fleabag who never did a stroke of work. Not only was he colour-blind, but he also could not tell the difference between the carpet and the couch. He would pretend that he found the word NO incomprehensible.

He would insist on sharing his unmelodious bark with the entire neighbourhood. For some reason he was afraid of tractors and motorbikes. They freaked him out.

He was utterly shameless. He was the laziest, dirtiest, most stubborn and presumptive creature I have ever known.

But to me he was perfect and I loved him.

R.I.P Boris (Chip)

Roly's Purrings



This is more like it nice warm fire!

I must start with how sorry i was to hear 'Boris' is no longer with us.

The other week the hunt were outside my house, horses, people and lots of barking dogs, even I heard them ! The horses trotted off down the lane having sent one of the red coats on foot into the field to get some dogs back. Then horror of horrors there was a hound running round MY garden, barking but then ran off , I hope he found his friends I then had a Wren in doors, sensible I thought as much warmer than the chilly outside. Oddly enough the family didn't think so. Now had I been younger I would have helped them out by catching it (lucky you aren't, I hear you say!) It disturbed my sleep by flying just above my head, after doors being opened the little bird flew outside....only to return a few days later. Wish they'd keep the patio door closed on sunny days then they wouldn't have this problem.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Toodle pip!

Roly



GILL'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH



Mince Pies

Ingredients

- 12 ozs Self-raising flour
- 8 ozs butter
- 2 ozs caster sugar
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 jar mincemeat

Method

- Rub in the butter and sugar until like fine bread-crumbs (be careful not to over rub as it is very rich), and add the milk a little at a time.
- Roll into a ball and wrap in foil. At this stage it can either be frozen or put into the fridge, preferably overnight.
- When ready for use, just roll out and cut into rounds and place into pattie tins. Fill with mincemeat and roll out the remaining pastry. Use smaller cutters to cut rounds to cover the pies.
- Bake in a medium oven until nicely coloured.
- Turn out of the tins and leave to cool. When cool sprinkle with icing sugar.

- The mince pies can be frozen at this stage if required, but only if they have not been frozen before.



Happy Christmas!





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The Historical Society

On the evening of Thursday November 9th we had a talk on the 19th century Cornish by architect Richard Coad of Liskeard. Of great local Interest, this was a fascinating evening, unfortunately with an audience of only 9 people.

The Annual Christmas get together with refreshments is on Thursday December 14th 2017

All members on email will be notified and please also check our Facebook page.

All talks are at St Kew Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome, members free of charge, guests £3.00 per person.

All funds to preserve the future of our History Society and important historical items of St Kew.

Thanks to all.

John Raybould, secretary.



Good News! we've just found out Beards & Babes are now open Tuesday to Saturday.

Tuesday	8.00-3.00pm
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Saturday	10.00-2.00pm

**Tara would like to wish
all her customers
a Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year**

St James Bellringing News



The East Cornwall Bellringers Winter League Competition has begun.

Our first competition started on the 27th October at Withiel Church. The results were:
St. Neot 32 1/4 strokes, Lanivet 36 1/2 strokes and St. Kew 39 1/2 strokes.

On the 10th November our second competition was at Morval Church. The results were:
Withiel / St. Wenn 28 1/2 strokes, Lansallos 33 1/4 strokes and St. Kew 46 1/4 strokes.

The next competition will be on the 8th December at St. Neot Church against Lostwithiel and Roche. Look out for competition results in next years's Pieces of Eight.

Our winter practice night is on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Anyone who has learnt to ring in the past, or anyone who would be interested to learn to ring or just have a go, are more than welcome to join us.

Please ring Ken Godden on 07968 481520, or Dave Finnemore on 01208 841481.

We are in desperate need of new ringers as we are relying on ringers from other towers to help us.

Gemma

The December Wood

It's late afternoon and the sun is low.
I'm looking for holly, the red-berried special,
but I'm still some distance from the weir
where it grows dark as viridian metal.

Nightfall seeps over the hill,
infiltrates this dissembling wood.
Have I said it wrong? No – 'false' it seems,
duplicitous and steeped in cold.

The new path rustles with sibilant leaves
confusing the meaning of logos and pathos,
reason and feeling; but moonrise
shows the old way's not lost.

A slow descent to the edge of the river
which flows like a silver ribbon in flood.
I reach out and pluck a branch of sharp green,
pricking my hand with winter's blood.

At the turn of the year in this quickening wood
lies the ancient duality of heaven and earth,
sun and moon, light and dark,
eternal dying and re-birth.

David Penhale

Puzzle page solutions **Nonogram**

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22nd MAY - KILLERTON HOUSE & GARDENS
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December 1917

From the Parish Magazine

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The following is a summary of work, which is interesting reading: - *Summary of Work* for month ending October 27, 1917. Stores sent out by British Red Cross Society and Order of St John. 2,437 Hospitals, etc, in this country were supplied with 5,765 cases of stores. 9,446 cases were dispatched abroad as follows: Boulogne, 5,197, Calais 137, Havre 193, Rouen 332, Malta 518, Alexandria 966, Darresalem 5, Jassy 7, Petrograd 4, Rome 4, Paris 1, Salonika 202, Basra 5, Bombay 102, Odessa 1,500, Cairo 1, Dunkirk 263, Sierra Leone 3, Sundry Foreign Hospitals 6; Total 9446. *Garments.* – Received: Gifts 173,286, bought 127,910; total 301,196. Issued: Town & country 31,217, Abroad 199,209; total 230,426.

Western Front

The world's worst train accident took place on 12 December 1917. A grossly overloaded troop train was derailed near the entrance of the station at Saint-Michel-de-Maurienne after running away down a steep gradient from the entrance of the Frejus Tunnel. The brake power was insufficient for the weight of the train.

About 800 deaths were estimated, with 540 officially confirmed.



The Fall of Jerusalem

The taking of Jerusalem on 9 December was part of the campaign to defeat Turkey in the Middle East and the British and Australian achievement in capturing this symbolic location was a great boost for the Allies. The ancient city was under Christian control for the first time in 600 years.

Russian Armistice

On 16 December the Russians agreed an armistice with Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, thus ending their involvement in the war. The Bolsheviks, led by Lenin (who was given safe passage to Russia by Germany), had achieved their aim of ending Russia's war. The defeat of Russia meant Germany would no longer be fighting on two fronts and so troops were released to take part in the Spring Offensive – Germany's last chance to win the war.



Christmas Pudding 1917

Christmas Notes from from the Armed Forces 1917

"One trip out that I remember particular well was Christmas 1917, when we struck very bad seas on the way out and we got green sea right through the wardroom galley. And everything, all the fresh food disappeared and we had a Christmas dinner of salt pork and rice, which wasn't very appetising. But the sailors of course had to have their fun on Christmas Day. And this ship, which used to have its guns on the main deck where they were quite useless, had had the guns shifted up onto the upper deck. Well that put another five degrees on the roll, which in any case was round about forty degrees! And this is what she was doing. Well they had to have their concert, so they brought a piano down – somehow – on to the aft deck, lashed it to a stanchion and they got cracking. But unfortunately, the lashing gave way in the middle and the piano took charge and the concert really finished up with the sailors chasing a piano all over the deck!"

"I remember the rainy season at Christmas time 1917 it was very wet and a wee bit cold too. And our 1917 Christmas dinner was eaten in a dump near Bethlehem. It was the usual bully beef eaten with a jack knife and a little drop of tea from a dixie made on a primus. And that was our Christmas dinner 1917!"

"Christmas day in the front lines was no joke, of course. Some of our boys who were off duty were in a shelter at the back of the trench, they were singing carols. That was on Christmas Day. I was on the firing step, looking over the no man's land. And two officers came along and they heard these carols and one said to the other, 'Could you

believe it: conditions such as these, and the boys were singing carols..."

The year 1917 ended as it begun, in virtual stalemate. Each side knew the hostilities could not go on indefinitely, and 1918 would undoubtedly be a decisive period of the entire conflict.

January 1918

The Western Front

At the beginning of 1918 it was obvious to the German High Command based in Belgium that they would have to get a major offensive under way against the British and French forces before the United States troops, who had already been building up in France, began to land in greater numbers – possibly over a million.

Home Front

The first German air-raid of 1918 occurred on 28 January when 13 Gothas and one Giant R-plane took off from Belgium. After 6 Gothas returned due to a heavy mist, the remainder arrived over London at 9pm and unloaded their bombs over a wide area. It is recorded that 47 people were killed and 169 injured. One Gotha was shot down and 4 sustained serious damage.

William

PIECES OF EIGHT - YOUR COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

As you probably know our Pieces of Eight is printed ten times a year and is delivered to the majority of homes within the parish (some pick up from a convenient local collection point) and copies are left at local pubs, local businesses and the doctor's surgery. Some people who live outside the parish pay for a copy to be posted to them. The magazine is also available to view or download from the internet, we print close to 600 copies per month. The magazine is made up of articles from various societies, groups, the school and churches which are collated and edited into the magazine, the remaining space is taken up by mainly (but not entirely) local businesses any additional input comes from a small editorial team. The editorial team pull all of the threads together and get the magazine ready for printing. For the last twelve months the editorial team have also done the printing.

All the people who edit, print and distribute are volunteers and give their time and energy freely every time a magazine is produced, we are extremely grateful to all of those involved. All of the money to cover the costs for the production of the magazine comes from our advertisers (and a small amount of fund raising by the editorial team) without

whose support we would not be able to produce the magazine. Thank you to all of our advertisers and also to Avicé who provides a focal point for all of the distributors.

Currently the magazine is roughly 50% content and 50% adverts, recently we have had feedback from recipients of the magazine that they think that we have too many adverts and not enough local content. The editorial team are going to look at ways of addressing the balance by introducing a number of new regular features, we have a number of ideas that we hope you will find interesting. However, we are not going to be able to do this without participation from people within the parish. We will announce the new features in our first edition in 2018.

We hope that many local businesses continue to advertise with the magazine, without their funds we can't provide one and we hope we can get more people involved in helping us to continue producing a readable, useful magazine that people want delivering to their home.

As an aside it costs more than 50p per copy to produce the magazine, if you are able to view and or download from the Internet please let us know, it will save us money.

Seasons greetings.
Steve



ST KEW HIGHWAY METHODIST CHURCH

Services held in the Community Hall at 9.30am.

December

- 3rd Rev Sally Long
- 10th Carol Service, 4.00pm followed by tea.
No morning service.
- 17th Christingle, led by members
- 24th Church Fellowship
- 31st Church Fellowship

Wadebridge Christian Centre

Molesworth Street, Wadebridge. Tel 01208 813110,
wadebridgechristiancentre.org

We are a lively, active, family church where everyone is welcome. We have a crèche and Sunday school, and all our children's workers are DBS checked.

Catholic Church Services

Wadebridge

St Michael's Church
Tel:01208 72833
Mass Sundays 8.30am
Confessions
Friday 10.30-11.00am

Tintagel

St Paul The Apostle
Tel:01840 770663
Mass Mon-Thur 10am
Fri & Sat 6pm
Sunday 10.00am
Confessions:
Before/after Mass.
Other times on request.

St James the Great at St Kew



Church Calendar for December

- Sunday 3rd (Advent 1) 9.30am, Holy Communion with
Prebendary Dr Elizabeth Wild.
- Sunday 10th (Advent 2) 9.30am, All Age Worship with Rob
Soley.
- Sunday 17th (Advent 3) 9.30am, Holy Communion with Rev
Prof Andrew Lewis.
6.00pm, Carol Service.
- Sunday 24th at (Advent 4) 11.00am, Cluster Holy Communion
St Minver.
4.30pm, Christingle and Crib with
Ordinand Geraldine Aston.
11.30pm, Midnight Mass with Rev
Canon Judith Pollinger.
- Sunday 31st (Christmas 1) 9.30am, Holy Communion with Rev
Prof Andrew Lewis.

See page 17 for services in January and early
February 2018.

Welcoming Hope!

I never tire of the joy of Christmas. Our churches are filled to overflowing with people who come to celebrate the birth of hope into our world by singing carols and lighting candles and hearing the old, old story of Jesus' birth.

For some reason, this Christian festival has become one which includes an enormous number of people of all faiths and none. And what is wonderful about that is that it is just what the God who we meet in Jesus stands for!

This tiny baby who is so easy to love, grew into a man who welcomed people indiscriminately. He welcomed the poor and the disabled, the corrupt and the powerful, the sick and the outcast. He welcomed posh people and religious people, prostitutes and the financially shady. Still today, we can be challenged and encouraged by the extraordinary breadth of God's welcome, as seen in the life of Jesus.

So as we find ourselves again amongst the rustle of tinsel, drinking in the smell of mulled wine and mince

pies, I hope that in the midst of the busyness of gift giving and socialising, we might be able to catch a glimpse of the deep hopefulness at the heart of this festival.

Christmas may not be easy for all of us. Grief and changed circumstances, unhappy memories, strained finances and difficult family relationships can all take their toll. Yet, no matter how we come to this time of year, right in the middle of the mess and muddle of our humanity, lies the vulnerable newness of God's life, come to be with us whatever we face. In this tiny baby lies God's hope for the future of our world.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, may we also be ready to cradle this fragile hope into the new year and see it grow and bring life and light to all those who we meet.

Revd Elizabeth

Huge thanks to the editorial team at the St Kew Magazine for all your support throughout the year, and for publishing our news each month.

Are you ready for Universal Credit? With Christmas on its way, it's a really busy time at the Foodbank helping people in crisis in our community. There is also a lot of concern about the impact of Universal Credit. If you think it will affect you or someone you know, we can offer help and support with our FREE Moneybox course. The course is for anyone who is a tenant, unemployed and aged 16-64. It will help people to budget, build their confidence and manage their finances, and find out how Universal Credit will affect them. Courses are for 6 sessions, one day per week from 9.15am to 2.30pm to fit in with the school term. If anyone would like more details of the course, please contact us on 01208 815374 or email contact@wadebridgefoodbank.org It's a great way to learn in a relaxed environment.

A small shoebox can have a big impact. Thank you

to everyone who has kindly donated to this year's shoebox appeal. All your lovely gifts will be sent to Eastern Europe to arrive in time for Christmas. Your shoebox will be gratefully received by children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease, and will make a huge difference.

Tesco Collection

We've got our Christmas hats ready to spread some festive cheer. We will be at the Wadebridge and Padstow Tesco stores for this year's Food Collection taking place on Friday 1st December & Saturday 2nd December.

Dry Storage?

We are in urgent need of some secure dry storage space, if you can help or know of any, please give us a call on 01208 815374.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from us all at the Foodbank.

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Email: contact@wadebridgefoodbank.org
Website: www.wadebridgefoodbank.org
Registered Charity No. 1166301



What a chocolate treat!

At our meeting on 8th November we were delighted to have one of our own members, Gill, demonstrating sweet making for Christmas. Chocolate oranges, mint chocolates, chocolate marzipan with walnuts, even chocolate brazils all for tasting!

But then it was our turn to make some of our own. Rum truffles - we all had a pair of gloves, and a



spoonful of mixture to make into a ball, followed by rolling in vermicelli! Then some of us placed some little holly leaves and berries to decorate - we were given a Christmas gift box to put them in - not sure if everyone took theirs home - here is a photo of mine!

In December we have our Christmas meal. This year,

as some of our members have work commitments, it will be in the evening. This is always a very pleasant evening & this year we are going to The Maltsters, Chapel Amble.

Our January meeting will be on Wednesday 10th January at 7pm and Katie Eddy will be coming to speak to us from Surfers against Sewage. One of our national resolutions this year is about Plastic Soup - there is a big problem at sea with the man-made fibres which are taken out of our clothing when we wash them.

Visitors welcome to come along to any meeting. On behalf of St Kew WI we wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Alison

For any more information please call 01208 84179, email stkewwi@gmail.com, or message us on our Facebook page.



St KEW GARDENING CLUB

The meeting on Wednesday the 15th of November, didn't go as planned when the speaker forgot to turn up. We will try again next year!!

There is no meeting in December. January's meeting is a social night at the Community Hall at St Kew

Highway. A speaker will be arranged for February's meeting - watch this space for details.

I would like to thank all our members for their help over the past year and wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact the club on stkewgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Events Diary - December

- 6th Bellringing practice, 7.30-9.00pm
 7th Chair aerobics, Community Hall, 2.00pm
 8th Souper Lunch, Community Hall, 12.30pm
 10th Supper Club Red Lion
 13th Bellringing practice, 7.30-9.00pm
 14th Chair aerobics, Community Hall, 2.00pm
 19th Carols at the Red Lion w Allen Valley singers
 20th Bellringing practice, 7.30-9.00pm
 21st Chair aerobics, Community Hall, 2.00pm
 22nd Christmas Quiz at Cornish Arms 8.30pm
 26th Boxing Day Quiz at the Red Lion 8.00pm

January

- 19th Souper lunch, Community Hall 12.30pm

News from St Kew Parish Hall

Tickets for our Christmas draw are now on sale. The draw will take place on 1st December, starting at 7.30pm with a pasty supper. The preschool have left the hall so we are looking for daytime users of the hall.

Please keep an eye out for adverts for the Parish Supper.

Kathy

To book the hall, please contact Joanna Pratt on 01208 841420.

The Regal in Wadebridge

Tel: 01208 812791



December

- 1st Wonder
 8th The Star
 15th Star Wars - The last Jedi (2D)
 16th Ferdinand
 22nd Pitch Perfect 3
 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

January

- 1st The Greatest Showman
 5th All the Money in the World
 12th Darkest Hour
 Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
 19th Coco
 The Commuter
 26th Early Man

Please check our website for the next Autism friendly screening - watch newly released films with friends and family in an inclusive environment.

Live Screenings: book online or contact the Cinema

December

- 7th 'Young Marx' (with Roy Kinnear)
 NT Live - 7.00pm

January

- 16th 'Rigoletto' ROH live - 7.15pm

Please ring or check our website for more details

www.wtwwcinemas.co.uk

Recycling

Recycling takes place on a variety of days in the same week within the parish. Recycling collections are in the weeks beginning 4th & 21st December.

1st, 15th & 29th January 2018.

'Real' Christmas trees collection in week of 8th January. Please check www.cornwall.gov.uk for changes to collections over Christmas.

ST KEW HIGHWAY COMMUNITY HALL ONGOING EVENTS

(Registered Charity No 294140)

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|---------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|
| Sun: | Methodist Church Service | Marion Dingle | 01208 841388 |
| Mon: | Yoga 10.30am | Fiona Crompton | 01208 851735 |
| | Pilates 2.30pm - 5.15pm | Martin Brooks | 07812 959 879 |
| Tues: | Allen Valley Singers 7.15pm - 9pm | Janette Man | 01208 841784 |
| | Pilates 1.15pm-2.30pm | Martin Brooks | 07812 959 879 |
| Wed: | 1st, 3rd and 5th in month - | | |
| | West Country Embroiderers | 10am - 3pm | Pat Scarborough 01841 521323 |
| | 1st in month - St Kew Playing Field Trust | 7.00pm | |
| | 2nd in month - St Kew WI | 7pm | Becky Allen 01208 841798 |
| | 3rd in month- Gardening Club | 7.30pm | Richard Godden |
| Thurs: | Chair Aerobics | 2pm | Pat 01208 841260 |

**IMPORTANT : BEFORE ARRANGING YOUR EVENT AT THE HALL
CHECK AVAILABILITY AND BOOK WITH SHIRLEY ROWE 01208 841257**

Souper Lunch



Our Christmas Souper Lunch will take place on Friday 8th December at 12.30pm in the St Kew Highway Community Hall.

You are all very welcome. We enjoy a bowl of home-made soup together have a nice chat and a mince pie or two and raise some money for a good cause.

Please join us



Wishing you
all a very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

*We hope to see you here
for a wedding or public event
in 2018.*

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