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FROM THE EDITOR

Well I got the first edition out more or less on time, despite the Christmas deadline. Huge apologies to those of you who receive the online version and didn't get until the second week of January. I think I have now sorted the technical issues, so hopefully it will be better in future.

I'd like to include more local interest articles in future editions, so if you have any ideas for features, please let me know via the contact details below.

Happy February! Jenny Salmon

NEWSLETTER CONTACT DETAILS

Email address cubertparish.newsletter@gmail.com . **THIS IS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS , PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS BOOKS.**

Newsletter Deadline for Advert & Articles - Hand Written on 19th of the Month

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The Newsletter post box is painted black and located outside and to the left of Cubert Village Shop door. It can still be used for used stamps and any community usage whilst still required for the Newsletter.

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USED STAMPS



Judy is still collecting used stamps for iSight Cornwall.

I will continue to use the Newsletter Post Box as a collection point. Reports on how much money we raise or a change of collection point etc will be posted in the Cubert Shop window or notice boards

Thanks everyone and keep collecting

Judy

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This is another great result and I would like to say thank you to all who collect and pop them into the Newsletter Box at the Post Office
Keep them coming - JUDY



MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM AT ISIGHT CORNWALL

The stamps donated weighed 3.3kg which will bring us a total of £30.30 to spend on helping people with sight loss in Cornwall.

A massive thank you to yourself and everyone who donated, we really do appreciate every stamp!

Best wishes

Bethan Perry, Marketing Assistant



BEWARE OF AN ELITIST ATTITUDE

Romans 12:3 – courtesy of UCB

Paul writes: 'Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.'

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

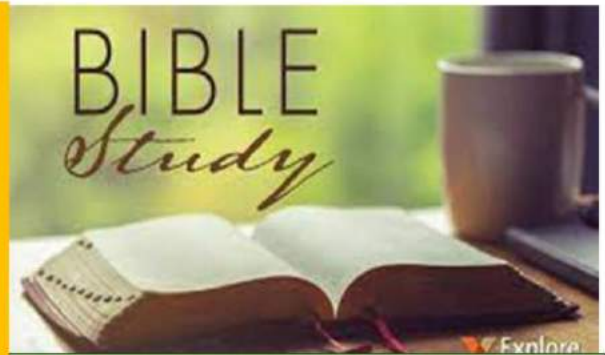
In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well'. Paul is teaching us this important principle: 'Don't have an elitist attitude.' If you are an elitist, you must deal with the truth that every advantage or favour you enjoy is a gift from God. Whatever God has given you or allowed you to accomplish must never be used for personal exultation.

Even if you think you achieved each of them on your own, read these words and take them to heart: 'Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being...he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to a place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names'.

Speakers for February are:

5th	Phil Rowe
12th	Gareth Jones
19th	Phil Rowe
26th	Matt Parsons

We meet weekly @ 10.30 which includes children's time with Sara and Phil



Thursday February 23rd @ 7pm

All welcome



BABY & TODDLER GROUP

MONDAYS

10am to 12 noon

During term time

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!!2024 TIMEPIECE CALENDAR COMPETITION!!

'CUBERT & HOLYWELL MOMENT IN TIME'

Early Planning for 2024. The new 'Timepiece' Cubert & Holywell Calendar Competition is starting now, due to seasonal photos needed.

WE NEED YOUR BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS, BUT THIS TIME...WITH A DIFFERENCE 🕒🕒🕒🕒

Due to previous years' success, the Cubert & Holywell Carnival Committee, have decided to produce another Calendar for 2024 to raise funds....WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THIS!!

SO..... all you talented people out there who love taking photos of our local beautiful village (Cubert & Holywell and all its picturesque Hamlets) and Holywell Bay coastline, why not enter by submitting them by email to: cubert.chbcc@gmail.com or you can post your photo in the comments section of The Holywell & Cubert Facebook Page, you can find it in the Announcement or Featured Section at the top of the Group Page '2024 Timepiece Calendar Competition' advert.

(If sending by email, make subject '2024 Timepiece Calendar Competition' and state your full name and phone number for entry purposes)

The photos can be of the beach and surrounding areas, the coastal walk towards Holywell, the villages/hamlets and wildlife within the Parish, but this 'time'...we are looking for a timepiece of any description to be displayed in your Photo! (See examples above.)

(Please, no identifiable humans or pets, no professional photographers). Please ensure the photos/drone pics are your own or you have permission of the owner to post them.

Once we reach the closing date, they will be judged independently by the Committee. The winners (front cover/or month pages) will have their name published and only those winners will receive a free calendar, We will also have a runners up page on the back cover.

Please note: your post will automatically give permission to publish your photos, with no personal profit from the proceeds. Photos must be of good resolution for printing purposes.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO ADVERTISE AT A COST OF £50. THE ADS WILL BE INSERTED TO THE RIGHT OF EACH MONTH'S PAGE. Contact Julia Beckford on 07958 059 288

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE: 9TH MAY 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: 2023 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE THROUGH LONDIS OR THE BAKER'S DOZEN



CUBERT VILLAGE HALL JANUARY REPORT



More Info On Website : spanglefish.com/cubertvillagehall

Committee Meeting Held 10th January

BREAKING NEWS

VILLAGE HALL FLOOR REFURBISHED

The management committee are pleased to announce that the parquet floor laid in 1982 has now been refurbished to such a standard that it almost looks as good as new. The company worked very hard from the 16th December to the 23rd December. The floor was then left to 'cure' over Christmas and the New Year and first used on Tuesday 3rd January. The feedback from many of our users has been very complimentary and we hope this will keep the floor for many more years to come.

CAR PARKS PROJECT

These are now showing signs of wear and beginning to pothole, both front and rear. The ambition is to resurface the car parks and we are exploring several options in terms of type of surface. After receiving quotes in March 2022, the amount of money required for tarmac is in the order of £40,000 average, which will have risen. Even if we did the front and rear in separate financial years this is still a large amount of money to find. Gravel surface for the rear will be considered.

The CVH management committee are now looking at sources of funding for this project.

CVH LOTTERY NEW !!!

6 OR 12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION OPTION

With the cost of living increase, the CVH management committee have agreed to offer either a 6 month or 12 month subscription to the CVH Lottery.

The lottery runs from the 1st April to the following 31st March. The 6 month offering will run from 1st April to 30th September and the second offering from 1st October to 31st March. More information on the lottery will be available on our website, the post office noticeboard, the noticeboards in the hall and in the March newsletter. We hope you are able to join the lottery to help with the funding that keeps the hall open and functioning.

Many thanks to all lottery players past, present and future

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THANK YOU LOTTERY WINNERS

Many thanks to all those who have returned their lottery winnings back to the hall over 2022. The money in particular helps us with repairs, both labour and material costs.

THANK YOU CHCC AND QUIZZERS

The Cubert & Holywell Carnival Committee ran a quiz to raise money and split the £301 proceedings between themselves and the Cubert Village Hall. The money paid for a much needed replacement heater in the committee room which is more efficient than the previous two heaters combined one of which had to be removed. Thank you to all those who joined in on the night and helped raise the money.

thank
you!



CUBERT VILLAGE HALL REGULAR BOOKINGS - FROM FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY	YOGALATES	09:30 to 10:30	Main Hall
	TAI CHI	11:00 to Noon	Main Hall
	PRIVATE DANCE PRACTICE	18:30 to 20:00	Main Hall
TUESDAY	PILATES	09:30 to 10:30	Main Hall
	TAI CHI	11:00 to Noon	Main Hall
	SHORT MAT BOWLS	14:00 to 16:30	Main Hall
WED	CREATIVE FLOW ART CLUB	11:30 to 14:00	Comm Room
	ACTION FOR CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP	18:30 to 21:30	Main Hall
THURSDAY	TAI CHI	10:30 to Noon	Main Hall
	SHORT MAT BOWLS	14:00 to 16:30	Main Hall
	KARATE	18:30 to 20:00	Main Hall
FRIDAY	TODDLER GROUP termtime	09:30 to Noon	Main Hall
	BALLROOM DANCING	18:30 to 20:30	Main Hall
	MOBILE PIZZA	17:00 to 19:00	Car Park
PIZZA DATESFEBRUARY 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th			
SATURDAY			
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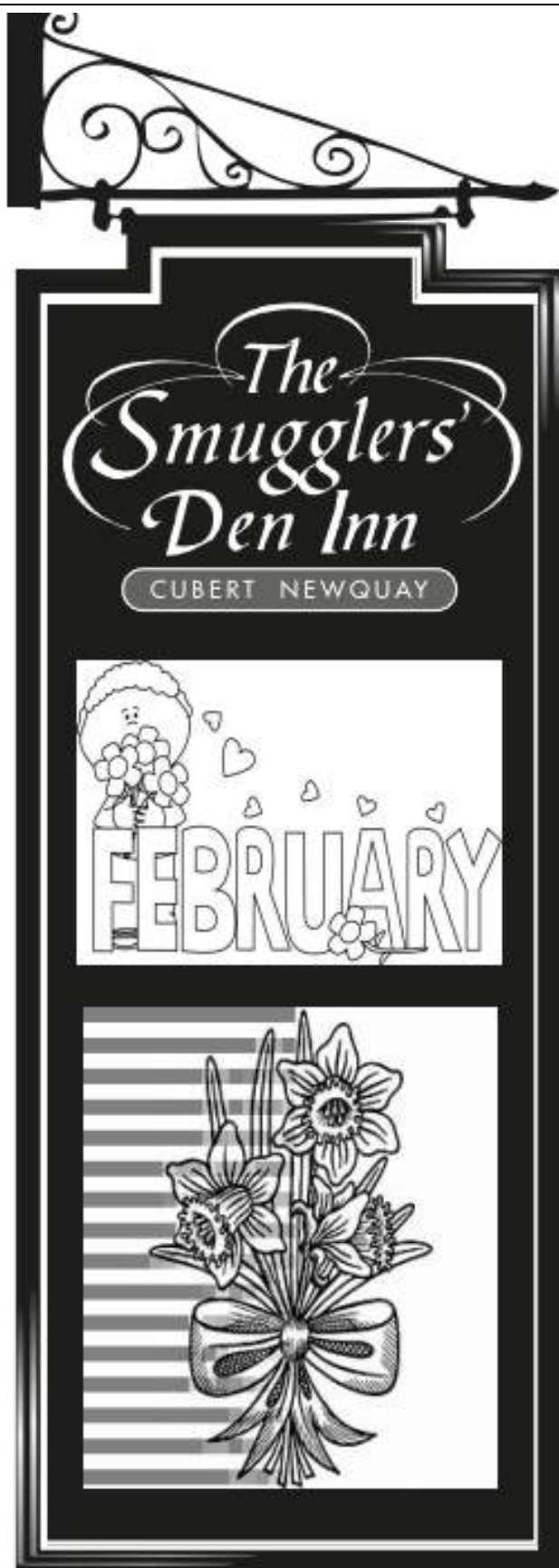
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PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Percy, R.L.B. Spencer, M. Smith, D. Hopkinson and W.C. Longden, W. Caff, S. Bell, G. Rowe, Cornwall Councillor Adrian Dennis Harvey and The Clerk to the Parish Council. 1 member of the public. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. T. Hulbert

Police Report – None.

Before the meeting was opened: Mr. Allen spoke in favour of his planning application for a Solar Array at the Smugglers Den.

OPENING: The Meeting was opened at 7.03 pm, by the Chairman Cllr. A. Percy.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th December 2022:

The Minutes were approved and signed as True Records.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14th December 2022:

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that he has raised parishioners concerns over lorries parked on pavements on Wesley Road with both the planner and the developers.

Cllr. A. Percy has sourced the commemorative stone for the Kings Coronation.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS: Resolved to pay all accounts as presented.

PLANNING:

Decisions made by Cornwall Council:

PA22/10262 Non-material amendment with respect to decision PA20/01252 dated 13.05.2020 for alterations to plot 1. Land North Of Glanville Trevail Cubert Newquay Cornwall TR8 5HF for Mr. M. Reed - **APPROVED**

Applications

PA22/10793 & PA22/10794 (Listed Building Consent) Installation of ducting in the walkway of Trevemper footbridge over the river Gannel adjacent to the A3075 Masonry Arched Footbridge Trevemper Newquay for Mr Nigel Purchase National Grid Electricity Distribution - **Resolved** to make no comment on the application.

PA22/02896 Associated leisure facilities through redevelopment and refurbishment along with landscaping, boundary treatment, access, parking, drainage, services and plant. The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Penhale Camp Camp Road Holywell Bay Newquay Cornwall TR8 5PF -

Resolved to object to the application on the basis of the original Parish Council representations Comment Date: Fri 29 Jul 2022

PA22/02794 Partial demolition of existing buildings and development of 9 new build housing units and refurbishment of existing cottages to form 3 dwellings along with associated landscaping, boundary treatment, access, parking, drainage, services and plant. (The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.) Penhale Camp Camp Road Holywell Bay Newquay Cornwall TR8 5PF -

Resolved to object to the application on the basis of the original Parish Council representations Comment Date: Fri 29 Jul 2022

PA22/10357 Proposal Installation of 29.8kWp solar PV ground mounted array (72 solar panels) - The Smugglers Den Cubert Newquay Cornwall for Mr J Allen - **Resolved** to Support the application

PA22/09382 Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for the construction of a dwelling namely 'access only'. Shepherds Rest Holywell Road Cubert Newquay, Cornwall TR8 5SP for Mr Adam Coad

Resolved to raise no objection to the application as long as there is a condition to re-instate the Cornish Hedge.

Cllr. A. Percy commented on a meeting with Paul Clark of Legacy. Legacy are relatively happy for the Parish Council to take ownership of the open spaces within the Wesley Road development.

Resolved to continue to apply for ownership of the open spaces in the Wesley Road site.

FOOD BANK - Resolved to split the remaining foodbank food between Cubert School, Newquay foodbank and DISC.

**CONTD FROM PREVIOUS PAGE:
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Cllr. A. Percy gave the Parish Council an update on the progress. Work is progressing towards a design guide for the Parish. Aecom will be carrying out the work on the Design Guide. We now have a Skeleton draft of the Cubert Neighbourhood plan which is a big step forward.

ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOT REQUIRING DECISIONS AT THIS MEETING:

Cllr. D. Hopkinson said that she reported in the highway problems by Chynowen Lane and the repairs were carried out very swiftly. Cllr. A. Percy floated the idea of signs around the Parish showing where items of interest can be found.

CLOSING, DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The meeting was closed 9.20pm.

The Regular Parish Council meeting to be held on **15th February 2023** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

ARE YOU A BUDDING JOURNALIST, ARTIST OR PHOTOGRAPHER? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR WORK IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

It would be great to get some more local interest articles and features in the newsletter like the one about the stone cross at Cubert Parish Church on the next page. There's lots going on in the parish and it would be good to see some upbeat, good news articles to counteract the constant stream of less positive news that we're bombarded with at the moment.

If you have any ideas for articles, please do get in touch via the newsletter email address

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ST CUBERT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Services for February:

Sunday Feb 5th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday Feb 19th Holy Communion 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd Feb Ash Wednesday, a service

Many thanks to all who supported the Christmas Coffee Morning on the 17th Dec and helped to make it a very pleasant occasion, raising much needed funds while meeting up with friends and neighbours.

Bingo in the Village Hall on February 14th 7pm, please bring your own food and drink.

There will be a Pancake Coffee Morning at the Treguth Inn on Tuesday 21st February (Shrove Tuesday), with the usual stalls and some pancake tossing etc. weather permitting. Hope to see you there.

Lottery tickets are still on sale in February, £12 for the year, if you would like to join, with the possibility of winning £20 each month. Please ask Kath 01637 831024.

Contacts:

The Revd Anne Brown, Vicar: 01872 572654 atlanticcoastcluster@btinternet.com

Wendy Barritt Church Warden 01637 830380 wendy@carines.com



The Cornish Cross at Cubert Church

It is known, from surviving examples, fragments and documents, that there were once over 650 medieval crosses in Cornwall. Their weathered appearance



and sometimes simple form and decoration encouraged very early dates to be suggested for them. This has led to their common description as "Celtic". However the oldest are probably no earlier than the late ninth or early tenth century and the majority of wayside crosses twelfth century or later.

There is a single surviving cross in Cubert Ecclesiastical Parish, a wayside cross removed from its previous location about 1860. It had stood in Ellenglaze Lane but its actual site seems not to have been recorded. However there is a clue in the Cubert Tithe Award of 1840. The field to the west of the Church, now part of Churchfields, is recorded as being named 'Cross Ground'. It is almost certain that

the Cross would have stood somewhere along the south eastern side of



Ellenglaze Lane between Lanlovie Meadow to the entrance to Ellenglaze Meadow. Later maps show a footpath from the Church coming out on Ellenglaze Lane opposite the Ellenglaze Meadow entrance making this the more likely specific location of the Cross. One might speculate that it was set there to show the route to St Piran's Oratory or the later Norman Church.

With the Cross set against the exterior wall of the north transept of the Church its rear face is obscured, no one now living will have seen it and no record was made as to what it looks like. The front is better reproduced in a sketch than photograph due to the lichen which has built up on the face and the low relief of the carving. It is recorded (*Old Cornish Crosses*, Arthur G. Langdon; 1896) that "On the head is an irregularly shaped cross with wide limbs. In the middle is a large square sinking having rounded angles." The shaft that currently supports it is not contemporary with the Cross, it "formerly stood outside the churchyard, but what purpose it served does not appear to be known."

Charles Henderson (*The Ecclesiastical History of the four Western Hundreds of Cornwall*; Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall 1956) offers a field name, 'Grous Ver', as suggestive of the site of a lost cross. This could be a field at Treworgan on Wesley Road opposite Carines Cottages, the 'Little Grousen' of 1840. There is however no other evidence to support this suggestion.



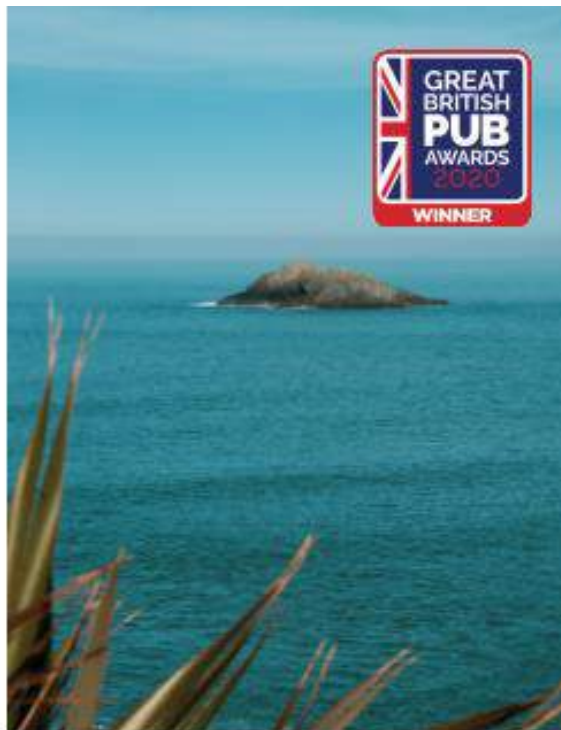
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CUBERT SEA ANGLERS 1963 – 2022



Club Fishing We saw a good attendance to the Club's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 5th January 2023 at the Treguth Inn. The Club's Fish Recorder informed the meeting of some of the successful members and their catches for 2022. These are a few listed below:-

Heaviest Bass – 5lbs – Simon Parris

Plug caught Bass – 4lbs 2oz – John Smith

Heaviest Gilthead Bream – 6lbs – Ronnie Daddow

Heaviest Ray – Small eyed ray – 9lbs 8oz - Ron Davey

Club Competitions A competition will run from the 1st January to 30th April 2023, fishing for “**The Best Specimen**”.

Club Meetings: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 2nd February 2023**, commencing at 8.00pm at the **Treguth Inn** at Holywell.

Club officials for 2023:-

Chair – Ron Davey

Fish Recorder – Mark Yelland

Secretary – Eddie Gummow

Cups and trophies – Colin Hunt

Treasurer – John Smith

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A CUBERT SEA ANGLERS NOTICE BOARD IN CUBERT VILLAGE SQUARE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION
by *Brian Osborne*

The Atlantic Geomatics Burial Grounds Project

On Tuesday the 17th January the village awoke to a blanket of snow. Soon children and a good few parents were building snowmen and throwing snow balls, but amidst the merriment, one person was photographing gravestones in Cubert church yard in a High Vis jacket.

This was Amy, a surveyor for the Atlantic Geomatics Burial Ground Project. In conjunction with the Church of England and other partners, this project aims to record and digitise every burial ground in the country. The Diocese of Truro, along with the Diocese of Carlisle are among the first to participate in this exciting project.

The digital map and database which the project creates will be available through the Church Heritage Record, although I suspect that for the truly historical curious nothing will beat wandering around a church yard on a snowy day!

If you're not familiar with your local churchyard, why not visit and see what you can find?

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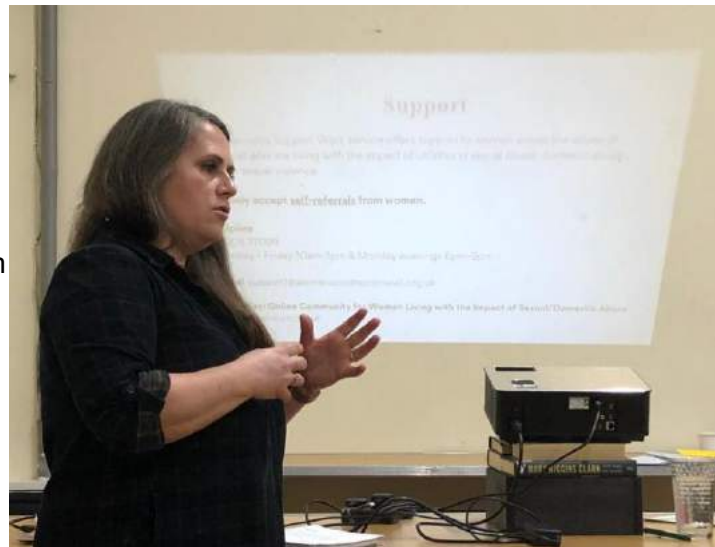
This is the time of year when we all want cheering up as the delights of New Year fade in the memory and the wind and wet weather seem more prevalent than blue sky. So read on.

A Royal Cornwall Show Exhibit subcommittee has now formed and held their first meeting. The theme for this year is "Our Green and Pleasant Land". The different sections were discussed and specifications checked in the Show handbook. At the end of the meeting members took up specific tasks and will meet again on March 30th at 2.00pm.

Over 20 members met at the Lakeside Cafe for lunch in January. It was a delightful occasion providing the opportunity to catch up with friends. As always, the food and service was excellent. A huge thank you to Lynne Wilson and Rosie Taylor for organising such a successful event.

Our Members' Meeting started with a welcome from President Linda Hallwood. This was followed by Lynne Wilson giving an overview of the activities that were on offer either through County Federation or the ones she and Rosie Taylor had organised themselves.

Gail Wilson introduced the speaker for this month, Claire Davies, Chairwoman of the Women's Centre Cornwall. She told us about the work she does and the women who use the services of the centre. Claire highlighted the issues that are still affecting women and how those who have experienced difficulties and abuse are supported.



Guest speaker Claire Davies Chair Woman's Centre Cornwall

We look forward to our February meeting at which we plan to plant a Silver Birch tree at the side of the cricket field in memory of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The meeting also marks the 70th anniversary of the first WI meeting in Crantock. A quiz and afternoon tea provided by members will follow.

The competition, 'The Best of 2022' had joint winners Linda Hallwood with photos of her Golden Wedding and Ann Evans with a beautiful picture from a Scottish holiday.



Members having lunch at Lakeside

Although our membership has now topped 40, we are always able to welcome any women in the local area who would like to join us. Come and find out what we do and see if it is something you would like to be part of.

Linda Hallwood

👤 A BIG THANKYOU from Cubert Creatives Christmas Market 👤

Thank you to everyone who attended our wonderful community event in December.

We raised a wonderful total of

👉👉👉👉👉 £185.08 👈👈👈👈👈👈👈

Donations for Chrissie's Sunshine Appeal ! From Cubert & Holywell Bay

✓ Big thank you to all our crafters at Cubert Creatives Christmas Market the event couldn't of taken place without you!

✓ Big thank you to Holywell Bay Golf for donating the venue to us and the golfers who shared the space with us! Sam at Woody's bar and to the kind owners who came along and supported us and Christmas shopped 😊

The event was a great success for many reasons it was so lovely to meet such great bunch of people & what a truly kind and amazing community we have!

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Greetings once more to you all! The numbers for 2022 are in, and what a year it was! There were two statistics that really stood out for us. One, the amount of dehydrated hedgehogs that were admitted. Please continue to put out dishes of water for hedgehogs (and other wildlife) throughout the year, it's the most simple contribution that you can make for our wildlife, but undoubtedly the most important. Two, how much we rely on our volunteers, just look at the number of drives carried out by our fabulous team of volunteer drivers! We really couldn't help as many hedgehogs as we do without our volunteers. If you'd like to join the team, have a look at our website. There are many different roles, including our brand new Community Ambassador Role! As ever, thank you for your support.

FOOD PARCELS

The Parish Council has decided to hand over any further distribution of Food Parcels to Cubert School. Any excess will also be provided to Newquay Foodbank or DISC Newquay. The Parish Council would like to thank those Parishioners who kindly gave financial support to the project. Their contributions helped fund the food parcels.



Cubert Short Mat Bowling Club



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Ten of the rarest sheep in Britain are helping to protect endangered gulls. The Boreray will eat bushes to clear nest sites for Lesser Black-Backed Gulls on Flat Holm in the Bristol Channel. Experts say the sheep, originally from the Outer Hebrides, can create critical nesting sites. Gull numbers are down from 4,000 pairs to 1,691. The sheep are from a flock raised by Faith Green, aged 15, of Winscombe, Somerset.

Locally, on 17th/18th December Ben Hocking had a redwing in his garden, also a fieldfare eating apples.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch took place from 27th to 29th January. Anyone participating was asked to record the total number of each species in a one hour period. The results will be announced in April. Results from participants can be returned until 14th February to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/> using the code BH21, or by post to FREEPOST, RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH.

Bewick swans are disappearing from our shores. Although it is the World's smallest swan, this species makes it's summer home across the wild Siberian tundra. In winter they escape the freezing darkness to such places as South East Asia, the Caspian Sea or some travel the 4,500 miles to North West Europe, including the UK, notably to the headquarters of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Treust at Slimbridge.

Last year, Swifts were added to the UK Red list, their population having dropped by over half since 1995. Their decline may be connected to their nest holes on buildings being blocked by insulation and home improvement measures, possibly compounded by wetter summers. The Feather Speech Campaign created by author and conservationist Hannah Bourne-Taylor has launched a petition, supported by the RSPB, calling for Swift bricks to be made compulsory in new housing developments across Britain. These bricks also benefit other Red listed species such as the House Martins, Starlings and House Sparrows.

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CRANTOCK W.I. BOOK REVIEW

THE PASTURES OF HEAVEN BY JOHN STEINBECK

John Steinbeck was born in Salinas in 1902 and as a young man he witnessed The Great Depression and the huge impact that poverty had on so many lives. He went to University but left before getting a degree and worked as a labourer and journalist while writing his first novel. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962 and died in 1968

The majority of our book group enjoyed reading this book despite Steinbeck's obsession with despair and depression. He writes beautifully and can describe a person or a situation in a short sentence. He seems to have a fascination with misfits in society, the insane, those with learning difficulties or deformities. How society treats them and how they manage to get through life.

The Pastures of Heaven has a clear introduction and ending with the linked short stories in the middle about people living in this apparently idyllic community. The stories are mostly linked by the appearance of a member of the Munroe family. The Salinas valley is a rich farming area and The Pastures of Heaven is no different, yet some families prosper and others do not often because of a choice they have made which then determines whether they will prosper or fail. Like many small communities the school and village store are central meeting places and gossip is rife.

The stories are varied, many are sad or disturbing or have a bad ending. Running through the stories is a subtle black humour which is characteristic of Steinbeck's writing.

For the sheer beauty of Steinbeck's writing skill, I can recommend this book.



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On 20th May, some of our incredibly fit club members will be taking part in the 'Endurancelife Classic Quarter' – the Classic Quarter is a relentless Ultra Marathon along the south Cornish coast from Lizard Point (the southernmost point of England) to Land's End (the Western most tip).

The 44 miles of mesmerising coast path will be completed in relay teams of pairs or 4 people. HBSLSC have entered 9 teams for the event, so that's over 30 determined clubbies, tackling challenging terrain, no doubt some wild weather conditions and some very steep climbs. The ambitious goal..to help us raise some extra funds for a new roof and sustainable club hut with solar panels.

To raise awareness for the event, we are holding a 12-hour endurance fundraiser on **SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY at KERNOW STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING from 8am – 8pm**. Each team entered into the Classic Quarter will aim to keep a fitness bike spinning for the full 12 hours!

We would love for our neighbours and friends from the community to come along and support us. We can't promise that you won't be encouraged to hop on the bike and pedal a few kilometres yourself, but please do pop up to Kernow Strength and Conditioning (Cubert, TR8 5PN) to cheer the teams on! There will be cake, as you know how much the club loves a bake sale, and plenty of prizes to be won if you fancy a challenge yourself – see how quickly you can burn 50 calories or how fast you can pedal 1km.

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