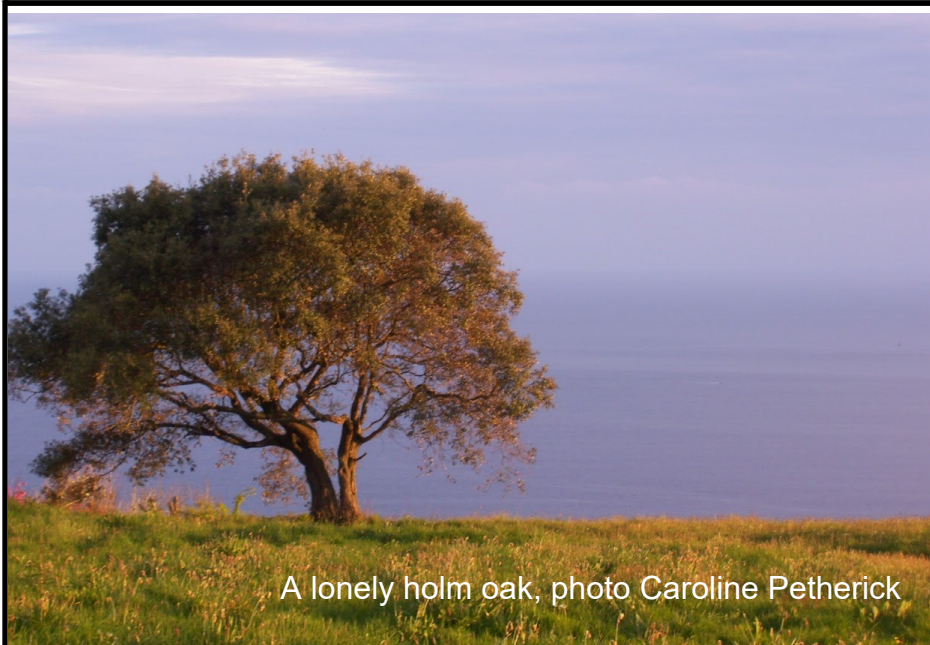


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A lonely holm oak, photo Caroline Petherick

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# Parish Council Update



## Welcome to the Spring Edition

We have an early Easter this year and already despite all the rain it feels like spring is with us with the daffodils and primroses all flowering to cheer us all up. In this edition you will find some great articles, from Jenny Wallis, Dave Kebble and Millie's Chilli Swimmers, as well as the usual Parish Council Updates and No Man's Land Hall news and events. Sadly due to lack of space no recipe this time.

**Your magazine** is produced at **no cost to the Parish**, and is compiled and produced by myself on a voluntary basis. I get very little feedback so sometimes think does anybody actually read this. **Do you want this to publication to continue**, please let me know, simply text your name and response to 07763 364809.

*This magazine is published online on our website & Facebook Page.*

The next issue is the Summer edition due early June, the deadline for contributions and adverts is 16th May 2024.

**A very Happy Easter to all our Parishioners.**



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## Millendreath Beach—A WARNING

Due to recent coastal erosion there has been considerable undermining of the cliff with unstable ground above. Please if you use the beach stay well clear of the cliffs, and never sit directly under them. The beach owners have been informed.

## Millendreath New Noticeboard

The storm at the end of last year took out the old noticeboard in May Lane. A new one has been custom made by Weatherproof Systems of Millendreath. Our thanks go to Terry and his team. Parish Council notices will once again be posted, keeping you informed of our activity.



## Planning Applications

Two applications were received PA23/10251, and PA23/10309, for applications for a certificate of lawfulness for existing residential use at 22 and 70 Hillside Villas, Millendreath.



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### The First Police Surgery

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### Parish Council Monthly Meetings

They take place at the Memorial Hall, No Man's Land at 7.30pm on the first Thursday of each month, but this may vary, so please check our noticeboards, social media or website for dates. Requests to speak during Public Participation need to be made to the Clerk, 48 hours in advance by email: [clerk@stmartinbylooeipc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stmartinbylooeipc.org.uk).

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***Please do not leave items outside the hall as they may get wet or damaged then they may be of no use to us at all.***

## Forthcoming events dates so far:

**Jumble Sale** Saturday 23rd March

**Produce Market** on the first Saturday of every month (except August)

**Summer Flower Show** Sat 3rd August

**Remembrance Service** Sunday 10th November at 2pm followed by a Faith Tea.

**Christmas Bingo** Friday 13th December. Door open at **7pm eyes down 8pm.**

**Christmas Fayre** Saturday 23rd November 2.30pm.

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The market runs from 9-30am till 11-30am, and coffee is available for a donation.

If you have not been to see us before we would love to see you and if anyone has a stall and would like to be part of our friendly group have a word with Barbara on 07719 772104.

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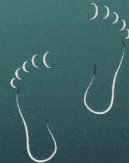
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# Looking At Looe Island

History Snippet by Jenny Wallis

watercourse running east to join the Looe River at **Mid Main - middh meyn** - where two rivers meet in Old English.

**Bridge Rocks**, now by **Port Nadler**, seem to have been the point where the sea finally broke through the peninsular flooding the estuary and creating the island.

The manor was called **Lemaine**. It originally occupied the land bounded by the two Looe Rivers plus the river in the estuary. It was a significant venue at the end of the **Giant's Hedge**. West Looe was taken out of the manor and the little port, **Porthbyan**, was moved inland and its people housed in the new borough. When the flooded settlement of **Port Looe** was rebuilt on the manor barton, the name Lemaine became redundant in favour of Port Looe.

**Lemaine** is a British river name, like Lymm, Lemon or Lean. It was a river with **elm trees!** When written records began, Lemaine would have been written down in Latin - Lemmanae or Limmanus.

Early Historians of Looe were working when the word ' Looe'

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was prominent in the peninsular, and Lemaine was all but forgotten. In the translation of old documents the word **Lemmanae** became associated with the island. It became **Lamma-na** and the elm trees were forgotten.

Scholars deciphered **Lamma-na** as 'the holy site of the monks', **Lan Managh** in Cornish. Celtic monks set up holy cells in inaccessible places far from prying eyes. Since the tide came in, our island looks pretty remote. But it was once part of a vibrant

landscape with a fort to protect the shipping along its coast. The locals trapped fish in the estuary and the principal settlement was probably where Port Nadler is today. When **Time Team** looked for an early settlement on the island, they drew a blank. Perhaps it got lost in translation.

Jenny Wallis  
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# Hopping Into Spring

By David Keeble

Each Season has its good and bad points, but coming out of Winter always seems to have more plus points than the others. Nature starts to rejuvenate all living things – flora and fauna start to show themselves. In my case it is Snowdrops, Daffodils, Primroses



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and the first showing of Bluebell plants – birds and animals also start to show a little more vigour. While pruning our Apple tree recently, I was surrounded by a group of Long Tailed Tits, agitated at the fact that I was interrupting their feeding from the feeders that hang on the tree. A pair of Carrion Crow also seemed put out, letting me know that they wanted to get back to clearing the ground beneath the feeders.

One other guest that has been in the garden for some months is a wild Rabbit – we were first aware of it when as a small kit it would conceal itself under any plant or shrub that offered some protection. Now, fully grown, it is not so timid, feeding in the open on the lawn. We all know how many predators that this animal has from Foxes, Birds of Prey and

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probably the worst offender, the domestic cat, so I know that it is never going to be 100% safe, but seeing it grow from a kit to what appears to be fully grown has been a pleasure.

Another area of interest in the garden is the pond – water is always a draw for wildlife and many types of bird and animals benefit from it. The most notable visitors at the moment are three types of Amphibian – the Frog, Toad and Newt are all in residence at the moment. The first sign that they were there was the arrival of frogspawn which was spotted in mid January – since then the size of the mass has grown considerably. We have had Frog and Toad spawn in the pond for many years now and have been aware of the creatures when they leave the relative safety of the water and venture out on to dry land. All three of the aquatic visitors, including the Newt, spend the major part of their lives on dry land and only return to the water to breed. During most garden activities, one or two of these species can be found sheltering nearby, so great care must be taken when using garden machinery.

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Given the right conditions, the tadpoles develop from the eggs in the mass in about three weeks and then start their metamorphosis – when the young tadpoles first emerge they are fully aquatic, having gills that allow them to breathe under water. At this stage of their development they fall prey to many predators, both above and below the water – especially if the water contains fish. This is not a problem in my case as my pond is ground water fed and can dry during the Summer months (it is obviously full at the moment given the amount of water falling from the sky recently!!), but even so, given one Frog can lay many thousands of eggs, only a small percentage make it to adult life. Their food source varies through their development – from first feeding on the gelatinous substance of the spawn, then mainly vegetation, but then they become carnivorous feeding on many creatures that live in their habitat.

To try to increase the number that survive in my pond, I shall be supplementing their food source with various vegetables – who knew that Tadpoles liked courgettes, lettuce and broccoli – lightly boiled!!

As the weeks go by I shall be looking forward to observing their path through this perilous journey and enjoying the onset of Spring.



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## Recycling Centres - Important Changes

**Household Waste Recycling Centres:** Some of Cornwall's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) are trialling new recycling services, including paint reuse, wetsuit reuse, and free DIY waste disposal. **Paint reuse:** Truro HWRC has introduced a new paint reuse service. Residents can drop off new or good quality left over paint for others to collect, free of charge. The service will be rolled out across more HWRC sites later this year. **Wetsuit reuse:** After a successful launch at St Erth (Hayle) and Newquay, 3 more HWRCs are now collecting old wetsuits – St Day (United Downs), Falmouth and Penryn, and Bude. **DIY waste:** Charges have now been removed for the disposal of asbestos, plasterboard, soil/rubble, and tyres at eight HWRCs, for an initial six month trial from 2 January. Residents can now dispose of up to eight bags or four sheets of material per week at St Erth (Hayle), Falmouth and Penryn, Truro, Newquay, St Austell, Tintagel (Bowithick), Bude and Saltash. Please note that during this time Bodmin, Connon Bridge, Redruth (Pool), Helston, Launceston and St Day (United Downs) HWRCs are unable to accept this material.

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# Changes to our waste and recycling

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Cornwall Council are rolling this new service out across SE Cornwall area shortly, time to get ready.



When the new service starts in your area, you'll need to put your rubbish out in the wheelie bin or reusable protective sack we've given you.

Most households will be able to put out up to 180 litres of rubbish fortnightly - the amount that fits in your new wheelie bin or sack with the lid closed. This is roughly the equivalent of 3 to 4 black bags.

We will collect more rubbish from some households under certain specific exceptional circumstances. You will be able to apply for us to review your household rubbish allocation once your new bin or sack has been delivered.

Fitting all your rubbish into your 180 litre wheelie bin or 180 litre sack with the lid closed for collection fortnightly will be easier than you think if you're recycling all you can.

*The new fortnightly 180 litre limit on the amount of rubbish we will collect from most households will encourage people to reduce their waste and recycle more.*



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## Collections in SE Cornwall.



What to do

- put your **rubbish out** for us to collect **by 7am** on your **new collection day**
  - put your **rubbish out** at your **usual collection point** - for most people, this is the boundary of their property nearest the road
  - put your **rubbish out** for us to collect **in the wheelie bin or sack** we've given you to use with the new service
  - **make sure** your wheelie bin or sack **lid is closed**
- return your bin to your property** once it's been emptied

You must use the wheelie bin or reusable protective sack with white handles that we've given you to use with the new service once it starts in your area.

This is so we can make sure the new system is fair and every home is sticking to the new limit on rubbish by only putting out what fits in their wheelie bin or sack with the lid closed. Also that any extra wheelie bin or sack has been fairly allocated.

You will need to confirm no one living in the household is able to move your waste to the boundary due to:

- a mobility issue, or
  - disability, or
- a medical condition

What not to do

- **don't use your own bin** or a former district council bin to put your rubbish out in for us to collect. They won't work with the lifts on our vehicles and our crews won't empty them
- **don't use the old style reusable seagull-proof sacks** with the black handles

**don't put extra bags of rubbish out** next to your bin

Cornwall's new rubbish collection service will bring us in line with most of the rest of the UK.

## **New government rules aimed at limiting short-term holiday lets**

Cornwall Council has welcomed the government's introduction of new rules requiring planning permission for properties to be used as short-term lets.

The changes, announced by Michael Gove MP,



Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on a visit to St Agnes last week, are aimed at limiting the number of short-term holiday lets.

They mean that a planning application will be needed for anyone renting out their main or sole home for more than 90 nights a year, and are intended to provide support in areas where short-term lets are preventing local people from renting or buying a home.

In addition, a new mandatory national register will provide local authorities with information about where short-term lets are operating, helping to support the planning process.

Cornwall Council portfolio holder for planning and housing, Olly Monk, said: "Tackling the housing crisis in Cornwall not only requires us to develop new social and affordable housing, but also to ensure residents are able to find homes to rent or buy in their own communities.

"These welcome changes will allow our tourist industry to continue to flourish, whilst at the same time help improve access to secure, affordable housing."

Leader of Cornwall Council Cllr Linda Taylor said: "As a council we continue to do all we can to support residents to find the homes they need – from building and buying more homes to working with government to introduce double council tax on second homeowners.

"This initiative to limit the number of holiday lets through the planning process is very welcome as another way we can support our residents in finding a secure home."

Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, Michael Gove said: "We see too many local people pushed out of cherished communities by the growing numbers of short-term lets particularly but not exclusively in tourism hot spots.

"More people should have access to local homes at affordable prices, and we must prioritise families desperate to rent or buy a home of their own close to where they work so that they can better contribute to our economy.

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**Sunday 27th April 12-2.30pm Warm Quiche Lunch, Cost £5.**

Served with salad, hot drinks  
and desserts.

**Saturday 22nd June 12-3.00pm Strawberry Fayre**

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**11 a.m.**

**9.30 a.m.**



<b>1st Sun</b>	H. Communion St. Martin's 11 am	H. Communion	Family Service	-
<b>2nd Sun</b>	Morning Prayer + hymns St. Nicholas 9.30 am	Family Service	H. Communion	-
<b>3rd Sun</b>	Worship St Martin's 11am	H. Communion	Morning Prayer	
<b>4th Sun</b>	Café Church Hall 11am.		H. Communion	H. Communion
<b>5th Sun</b>	Holy Communion rotating between all churches, 10.30 a.m. (See Websites & Notice Boards)			
<b>Weekly</b>	WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at St Nicholas, West Looe 10 a.m.			
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## Millie Chilli Swimmers and The RNLI



As chill swimmers, swimming all year round mainly in the sea, and with Millendreath as our 'home' beach, we are well aware of the potential risks and dangers posed, and that even the most experienced and strongest swimmers can be caught out on occasions. That's why we greatly value the work

Of the RNLI especially the Looe station. So we decided to fund-raise for them last year, and the idea of producing and selling a calendar, as well as other events, was born. Early in the year 'work' on the photos for the calendar began, but the word 'work' was soon replaced by 'fun', and plenty of it!

Many of us are, shall we say, not in the first bloom of youth, so the rather ubiquitous 'nude' calendar was not for us. Instead we decided that humour, joy and fun would be the themes, and we found them all in abundance as we set about photographing and creating our 'Millie Chilly Calendar' in the decidedly chilly early months of the year. Every photo tells its own story, along with a suitable caption – one of my favourites was “Being normal is vastly overrated”, the quote from our Halloween-themed photo, ably photo-shopped by Jon Puckey from A-Z who printed the calendar.

One of many memorable days was National Pirates' Day, when we all dressed up appropriately and set up a cake stall on Millendreath Beach, terrorising bemused visitors into parting with their cash!



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Another was shooting our Christmas photo on a particularly warm summer's day outside the lifeboat station – great fun to see the expressions of passers-by at this crowd of barmy swimmers in Xmas sweaters, Santa hats and baubles decorating the railings with tinsel and Santa sacks.

Our aim was to have the calendars ready and up for sale by the summer holidays, and then start the hard sell. We'd raised enough money to pay for the cost of the first print run by paying in £20 in return for an RNLI t-shirt and a calendar, and then we were off! Our target was to raise £2,000, quite an ambitious target, but we set to with a will and a lot of enthusiasm, and it wasn't too long before we were over £500. Then one of our swimmers secured match funding of £500 from Lloyds Bank, and we were half way. Another big push on calendar sales, together with other events like a Halloween swim & cake sale, a game of skittles and a raffle at our Festive Lunch, and we were able to present our large cheque for £2,000 to Looe RNLI.



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Success, and what a lot of fun and laughter as well as memorable swims along the way.

And the calendar itself? It's a perfect reflection of what we, as Millie Chilly Swimmers, are all about: friendship, mutual support, joy, fun & laughter – oh, and we're all bonkers, of course!

**Come and join us!**

This year we'll be raising funds for the Cornwall Air Ambulance, and we started by participating in the 'Brave the Blue' Challenge to do a cold water dip every day in February – brrrr!!!



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