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## **Sue Dickenson**

Now that I, but sadly not Sue, am back home at Ranelagh I want to take this quick opportunity to say a quick but very sincere 'thank you' to the many, many friends and neighbours who, over the past seven weeks, have sent messages of support to both of us. Your prayers have been especially valued and are clearly having a positive effect. Your kindness has also reinforced our ongoing experience that living in this Community is both a privilege and a joy. So, on behalf of both Sue and myself, thank you for your love during these past very difficult weeks, which will never be forgotten or undervalued. From now in each monthly edition I will keep you updated as to Sue's progress until she at last comes home again which could still be months.

Love, prayers and Blessings to every one of you, dear friends,

Rob and Sue Dickenson

## **Poppy Appeal 2025**

Once again, I hope to call round our parish during the last days of October and early November with the poppy collection.

I was hoping to add Poppy Appeal envelopes to the magazine this year. Unfortunately, the October magazine is a little too early for these, but I can't include them in the November magazine as it is too late.

The envelopes are not essential, as I will have the usual collection box with me. However, the envelopes do allow UK taxpayers to boost their donation with Gift Aid from the government, if they complete the donation slip appended to the envelope.

The envelopes can also be used without the gift aid slip completed for a standard donation. They also have the advantage that should I miss you, they can always be popped through my door at Clifton. (The thatched house with the blue windows.) I look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Bob Booker Appeal Organiser.

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## **Celebrations This Month**

Isobel Martyn	A Very Happy 16th Birthday on the 1st
Abbie Hannaford	A Very Happy 20th Birthday on the 5th
Delphie Ellis	A Very Happy 11th Birthday on the 10th
Chloe Martyn	A Very Happy 18th Birthday on the 13th
Pamela Morrison	A Very Happy 17th Birthday on the 23rd
Anna Willoughby	A Very Happy 40th Birthday on the 24th
Stephen and Caroline Fry	Congratulations on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 26th



# **Ruminations from the Rectory**

## **Does Evil Exist?**

An atheist professor wanted to prove to his students that God did not exist. So, he asked the question, “Does evil exist?” The students answered, “Yes evil does exist.” So, he asked, “Did God create everything?” The students answered, “Yes God created everything.” “Well, if God created everything, then God created evil. Then God is evil in and of himself.”

A student raised his hand and said, “Does cold exist?” The professor said, “Of course, have you never been cold?” The student answered, “Cold does not exist. Cold is the absence of heat. You measure temperature by how much heat is in the atmosphere.”

So, he asked another question. “Does darkness exist?” The professor said, “Yes of course.” The student replied, “Again sir you’re wrong. Darkness does not exist. Darkness is the lack of light. You measure how dark it is by the lack of light.”

The student asked the final question. “Sir, does evil exist?” The professor said, “Of course it exists. Haven’t you seen there is crime all around the world?” The student answered, “Sir, evil does not exist, at least not unto itself, evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is what happens when people don’t have God’s love in their hearts. Evil is like cold when there is no heat and darkness when there is no light.”

The student’s name was Albert Einstein.

The Bible says, Jesus is the light of the world and darkness cannot overcome it. John chapter 1 verse 5. We can all make a difference by choosing to be God’s heat and light in the world.

Revd David Saunders

# REVEL REPORT

## Saturday 13th September

We had a lovely day for the Revel Car Treasure Hunt which challenged the brains of the passengers in 16 cars that travelled slowly around the Marhamchurch side of Week St Mary for several hours. Final destination turned out to be Hedley Wood Holiday Park where the survivors enjoyed food and drink whilst awaiting the results of the Competition. The winning trophy went to Stephen Barriball's team with runners up being Linda Cobbledick's team who won extra points for their team name 'Ladies that Lurch'. Thank you for all the arrangements to Alan Colwill and hospitality from Hedley Wood.



## Pre- Revel Show - Barbara Nice

On Friday 19th September there was a lively audience in the Revel Marquee for comedian Barbara Nice who provided a full evening of hilarious entertainment. The Outside Inn and Serendip Street Food supplied refreshments throughout the evening. This was a highly successful and very enjoyable event which highlighted the singing, dancing and acting skills of many members of the audience, quite apart from those of Barbara herself! The evening finished with an impromptu game of What's the Time Mr Wolf in the darkened playing field

which as promised, terrified the majority of the participants..... Well done Barbara Nice!



## Revel Day Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Revel 2025 will go down in the annals of the village as having the very worst weather that anyone has ever experienced! It rained steadily and heavily all morning as the Revel Fair was set up, necessitating the cancellation of the Bouncy Castle and Fairground games. Then there was a VERY brief dryish spell whilst the Harvest Queen's procession travelled from the field to the Church. Everyone managed to get inside before the torrential rain resumed.



The Harvest Queen Lily Sharland and her attendants, Heidi Sachs and Tamsin Wickett with Page Reuben Woolf led the party into the church where retiring Queen Charlotte Sharland crowned the new queen. Last year's attendants Rowan Sachs, Delphie Ellis and Lucas Spettigue, were included in the tableau.







Revd David Saunders introduced the newly elected Citizen of the Year, Linda Cobbledick and presented her with the Citizen of the Year Trophy. Linda thanked everyone for their votes and said that she was proud to have lived in Week St Mary all her life and delighted to be able to contribute in all of the activities mentioned in the citation that had been read out by Rev Saunders.

After the ceremonies, the village braved the rain once more to return to the field where by now a gale force wind contributed to the general chaos, lifting the bar tent over the hedge and out into the road, turning the field entrance into a quagmire and necessitating the movement of large vans to act as wind breaks around the marquee which was itself in danger of taking off! The dancers of Barrel Border Morris and their musicians did a stirring job leading the procession and dancing against all the odds to create a wonderful festive atmosphere.

On Saturday night, Joy Machine provided great musical entertainment which was enjoyed by a large crowd and as by now the rain and wind had nearly stopped, it was a far drier affair!

Many, many thanks to all those who took part in setting up, running stalls and eventually clearing away. After all the planning and hard work we made the very best of it! And, of course thank you so much to Alan Colwill and his hard working team for making all of these events possible - we are truly blessed.

**Lesley Booker**

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## **SUNDAY LUNCH**

Sunday 5th October 12.30pm  
Pie and mash plus 3 vegetables - £10.  
Dessert - £3.50  
Book with Margaret on 07856357424.

## **Thought for the Month**

**Never let yesterday use up too much of today**  
Jeanette Turner

## ***MEET AND EAT***

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## **SUNDAY LUNCH**

### **In The Parish Hall**

Sunday 2nd November 12.30pm  
Turkey - Adult £12. Child £6  
Dessert - £3.50  
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## **WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL HIRE CHARGES 2025**

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**Week St Mary Lego Café 11th  
October in WSM Church  
9:30am to 12:00  
with breakfast until 11.30**



# **C A M E O**

**Come And Meet Each Other**

**Meeting is Friday 24th October  
@2:30pm at Clifton  
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Everyone most welcome for tea, coffee, biscuit or cake and  
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## Lunch Club



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# WEEK ST MARY CHAPEL



## Chapel services for October 2025

Sun 5th	10.30	Morning Worship led by the Worship Team.
Sun 12th	10.30	Morning Worship led by the Worship Team.
Sun 19th	10.30	Let's Meet, shared informal worship led by members.
Sun 26th	11.00	Combined Circuit Service at Tresparrett.

We continue to produce weekly printed service sheets available via our website [www.weekstmarymethodist.co.uk](http://www.weekstmarymethodist.co.uk) or from the notice board at the chapel.









## Services at St Mary's Church













**October 2025**

<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>All age worship</b>
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>11.15</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Th
<b>October</b>		1	2 Parish Council Meeting
6 Meet and Eat 12:00 (P13)	7 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P13) 	8	9 Chapel Choir Morning 12:00 MSF WI 7pm (P13) 
13 Memory Café 2:30pm (P.15)	14 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P13) 	15 Lunch Club 12:00 (P19) 	16
20	21 Adventure Church 4:30pm (P13) 	22	23 Chapel Choir Morning 12:00 MSF
27 Memory Café 2:30pm (P.15)	28 No Adventure Church Meeting in Half Term 	29	30

nu	Fri	Sat	Sun
uncil	3 <i>Quiz Night PH</i> 7:30pm (P34) 	4	5 <i>Church All Age Worship</i> 10.00am (P.21) <i>Chapel morning</i> <i>Worship 10.30am (P.21)</i> <i>Sunday Lunch (Pie &amp; Mash) 12:30 (P13) PH</i>
<i>ffee</i> 0:30 to R 6) MSR 	10 	11 <i>Lego Café 9:30—12 (P18)</i> <i>Bright Sparks</i> <i>Performance 6:30pm</i>	12 <i>Church Evening Prayer</i> 6pm (P.21) <i>Chapel Morning</i> <i>Worship 10:30(P.21)</i> <i>Bright Sparks</i> <i>Performance 3pm</i>
	17 	18 <i>Bright Sparks</i> <i>Performance 6:30pm</i>	19 <i>Church Holy</i> <i>Communion 11:15(P21)</i> <i>Chapel Let's Meet,</i> <i>informal worship 10:30 (P21)</i> <i>Bright Sparks Perf. 3pm</i>
<i>ffee</i> 0:30 to R 	24 <i>CAMEO 2pm– 4pm (P18)</i> 	25 <i>Halloween Party</i> 3-6pm (P17) PH <i>Tamar Rock &amp; Roll (P35)</i> <i>Countrymen 7:30 (P5)</i>	26 <i>Church Morning Prayer</i> 10:00am (P.21) <i>Chapel Combined</i> <i>Circuit Service at Tresparrett. 11:00 (P.21)</i>
	31 	Regular items appear as these symbols on the calendar - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room, WSPMG is the Play Group, <div>  COFFEE MORNING            MEETING            Rubbish &amp; Food Waste Day         </div> <div>  MOBILE LIBRARY            Recycling &amp; Food Waste Day            Craft Group MSR         </div>	

## **WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES W.I.**

Don't throw it away if it can be repaired! This was the message from our speakers to members and guests at our September meeting. Miranda Clarke and Alan Smith spoke to us about Bude Repair Cafe which is based in Neetside Community Centre. The Centre was opened in 1996 with over 50 organisations represented. The idea for a Cafe itself was discussed by 3 like-minded people in 2018. 30 volunteers turned up at a meeting in December and the Cafe opened its doors in February 2019. Since it opened 33 sessions have been held, 554 items have been brought in by over 100 people with 372 items fully repaired.

Customers discuss their items at Reception where they will be triaged so that they can be referred to the appropriate adviser – there are about 30 currently. The advisers are keen to show how the repair is being carried out to encourage self-help. Equally, they will advise if either more specialist knowledge is needed or if the item is irreparable. Customers wait in the Cafe with hot drinks and cakes available for free. Some customers to the Cafe don't have anything to repair they just appreciate the company (and cake) and they are also welcomed. There is a lot of collaboration between the Advisers and a sharing of tools. There are no charges but customers are asked to pay for new parts and donations are welcomed.

The idea of a Repair Cafe came from Martine Postma who organised the first one in Amsterdam on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Following its success the Repair Cafe International Foundation was set up in 2011. There are currently 3,740 Cafes worldwide, even in India and Japan, with 56,100 volunteers involved. It is estimated that 67,320 items are repaired each month. The reason behind Repair Cafes is that we throw away a vast amount of stuff. Even things with almost nothing wrong which could get a new lease of life after a simple repair. The trouble is that lots of people have forgotten that they can repair things themselves. Especially, younger generations no longer know how to do that. Knowing how to make repairs

is a skill quickly lost. This is a threat to a sustainable future and to the circular economy in which raw materials can be reused again and again. People with repair skills get the appreciation they deserve and invaluable practical skills are passed on. Things are being used for longer and don't have to be thrown away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products because it cuts CO2 emissions being released.

The Repair Cafe is open on the last Saturday of the month from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The date of the next regular meeting is **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start** which will be held in the **Methodist School Room**. The speaker will be from the Cornico Coffee Co. All members and lady guests will be welcome.





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## **WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL** **100 CLUB**



The **September** 100 club winners are:

**1st - no 28 - Alan Bromell**

**2nd - no 62 - Kakazza Stripp**

**3rd - no 94 - Eric Barriball**

Membership is £15 per number.  
New Members Welcome!  
Thanks You For your Support

## **JUBILEE CLUB**

The Jubilee Club have organised a Coach Trip

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# **WEEK** **WANDER**

## **We talked the talk but now we've Walked the Walk!**

We were truly blessed with a warm and sunny afternoon on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September for the very first 'WEEK WANDER'. On saying that, the gusty winds did threaten to play havoc with our bra bunting, balloons and gazebos and certainly made 'Bra Pong' slightly more challenging!

We had a really great turn out and the event was very well supported by the local community with ages ranging from 6 to 91, mostly dressed in pink, together with a mix of four legged friends and mobility scooters. In total 85 people walked, clocking up a total of 140 miles which equates to an amazing 5.34 marathons all in under 2 hours!

All in all, it turned out to be a lovely fun-filled afternoon with many people walking further than they ever thought possible and was followed by tea and delicious cake in the Parish Hall.

A big 'thank you' goes out to everyone who walked, everyone who donated without walking and to those who generously donated cakes and raffle prizes and not forgetting those who donated bras!

Thanks also to Walk the Walk, the Parish Hall, the Parish Council, the Parish Magazine, the Football Club, the Community Shop and Rae & Co. for their amazing artworks!

Without doubt there needs to be special thanks to the organising team of Judith, Sue, Jane & Martin (who became an honorary member of the WI for a few weeks!). Also, to Jenny & Louise on teas, Christine & Chris on washing-up, Jeanette on the raffle and our wonderfully cheerful marshals - Declan, Penny, John & Nick - and our first aiders - Andrew, Gary & Sarah. This event could not have taken place without these people and the support of the Bonaventures Women's Institute. Thank you all! By the end of the day, we had absolutely smashed our target of £1,000 and I am thrilled to announce that the amount raised was an incredible £1,878.95!

All the funds raised have now been donated to Walk the Walk - a brilliant charity dedicated to raising money for the treatment of, and research into, Breast Cancer. I am proud and truly humbled to live in such a generous community.

Thank you SO much! ❤️

Here's looking forward to the next 'WEEK WANDER' in 2026!

Love Sandy xx



**Week St Mary Parish Council  
Minutes – Thursday, September 4, 2025**

1. **To note councillors present**  
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson; S Gubbin; S May; M Johns; R Shipton and N Couch. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and two members of the public.
2. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**  
Cllr Fay – away; Cllr Willoughby – work.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**  
None.
4. **To approve the minutes of:**  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, July 3, 2025.
5. **To approve the minutes of:**  
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday, August 7, 2025.
6. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)  
Jeremy Ward thanked the council for the Community Benefit grant for Bright Sparks. The group has also secured a grant from the Cornwall Community Foundation, and these will allow the project to go ahead. Linda Cobbledick reported that the re-opening of Poor Man's Piece was a success, with around 45 in attendance. It is now open to the public.
7. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising**  
Cllr Chopak reported that the Launceston Minor Injuries Unit had reopened. She said the task is now to make sure it remains open. There are plans to turn the MIU into an open surgery. Hopefully a new model will be released before Christmas. The last day of the Bude Park and Ride approaches, and organisers are looking for feedback. The Devon and Cornwall Police Crime Commissioner Alison Hernandez will be visiting the area soon, and Cllr Chopak said there are requests for the Launceston police station front desk to be reopened.
8. **To receive clerk's report on matters arising**  
The clerk's report was noted.
9. **Planning**  
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 9a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**  
None.
- 9b. **Decisions**  
The following decision was noted:



PA25/04234 – Construction of a new dwelling in lieu of Class Q approval.  
Land south west of Marries Orchard, Marhamchurch.  
**APPROVED 25/251**

**9c. Planning - to note**

None.

**10. Portfolio Reports:**

- **Playground**

Cllr Shipton had carried out the playing field inspection. She noted a few issues – the middle post of the wooden structure was wobbling; the skate ramp needs connecting and some tree posts need replacing. She estimated around seven trees need replacing, and she saw some oak trees for approximately £1.75 at the Holsworthy Show. Councillors resolved for Cllr Shipton to order what was needed.

Cllr Slade said the fence still needs repairing. With the Revel coming up, Tommy has cut the top field hedges, and it looks good. Councillors will need to mark out the car parking on Thursday and connect the water pipe for the refreshment tent.

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Cllr Richardson gave an update on the speed indicator signs. A tamper proof Alan key is on order and the signs will be put up shortly. The signs require a battery and are not solar powered.

- **Police / Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Couch has applied for the police advocate scheme. He has started receiving police action notices.

**11. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):**

The following correspondence was noted. Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Clean Cornwall newsletter; road closure – road from Week Green to Higher Langdon and road from Week Green to Highmoor September 22 to September 26, 8am to 5pm).

**12. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications**

Week St Mary Parish Council – defibrillator.  
Meet and Eat.  
These applications will be looked at in October.

**13. Agenda items**

1. Week St Mary Community Shop and Post Office  
Standing Orders were suspended to allow Linda Cobbledick from the community shop to speak. She said around 14 attended the AGM. There are plans to renew the lease. Based on footfall, there will be a restructuring of staffing, reducing it from 33 paid hours to 27, and there will be shorter opening times if needed. In 2017, there were 861 customers a week, now it is 566 a week. Without more volunteers, it can't continue. On February 28 there was a

projected loss of £1,666, £1,000 was received from the parish council and £150 from Meet and Eat leaving a net loss of £516. Next year, with the rise in the National Living Wage, there is a projected loss of £2,200. They have turned off one freezer to reduce costs, and a £500 donation was received for repairs and renewals. She asked if the parish council could look at a donation of £1,250 to keep the community shop afloat. Linda said the Post Office doesn't belong to the shop so it makes no difference. She said 99 per cent of the people that use the Post Office do not spend a penny in the shop. She encouraged as many people as possible to attend the meeting in the parish hall on September 25 at 7pm. Cllr Slade extended thanks to the community shop staff and volunteers for what they do.

2. Footpath project

Cllr Slade said she would like to pick up the footpath project now. The path is not the correct width for the disabled. It was suggested that the council tarmacs over what it has got and extend to the correct width. The lower area and slip way will also need something. She asked councillors if they come across any grants for outside spaces online to bring back to the table. Councillors resolved that they were happy for the project to continue.

3. Ashbury Grove

Plans for the transfer of the land are in the hands of a solicitor.

4. Football club lease

The lease is also in the hands of the council's appointed solicitor.

5. Play park slide steps and grants

This will be deferred until October.

6. Civility and Respect Roles and Responsibilities Policy

The policy was adopted by councillors.

**Proposed: I Richardson Seconded: R Shipton Votes: Unanimous**

7. Tech clinic

This will be deferred until October.

8. Parish Council Facebook page

Cllr Couch said this is a good way of getting information out. Cllr Gubbin said councillors could have the option to be a page admin or opt out. There was discussion about the terms of reference wording. Cllr Slade said no one councillor should have full authority, and following a conversation with CALC she was concerned about possible legal action occurring. It was proposed to go ahead with the Facebook page and keep it under review.

9. Social Media Working Group Terms of Reference / Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy

Following discussion, the wording will be adapted and circulated, before being added to the October agenda.

10. EDI statement



The EDI statement was adopted by councillors.

**11. Risk assessment**

This will be updated and reviewed at the October meeting. Cllr Couch to look at a playing field risk assessment.

**12. Enhanced LMP grants**

Councillors discussed possible areas. The clerk will ask Cllr Fay if she can contact Cllr Richardson on her return to discuss a particular area. It will be placed on the October agenda.

**13. Playing field safety sheets**

Cllr Couch will have a look at updating the sheets.

**14. Council vacancy**

There was no call for an election, so the parish council can now co-opt a new member. This vacancy will be advertised on the website and noticeboard.

**15. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25**

The AGAR final report was noted.

**16. Finance**

The clerk prepared a half yearly finance report. This was examined by councillors to see where the council was six months into the year.

**14. Accounts**

**Balances August 27, 2025**

- Current account £ 276.78
- Reserve account £21,942.74
- Community Benefit Fund £ 4,488.19

**14a. To approve accounts for payment including:**

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary August (inc HMRC PAYE and WFH allowance)

As per contract

Cornwall Pension Fund (August)

As per contract

Suzanne Cochrane – mileage

£ 32.40

Jamie Sachs – toilets

£ 120.00

Jamie Sachs – Greens

£ 150.00

Jamie Sachs – playing field

£ 290.00

Jamie Sachs – spraying

£ 500.00

EDF Energy - toilets

£ 65.74

Week St Mary Parish Hall (September payment – PC funds)

£500.00

BDO LLP annual audit

£252.00

Carol Slade – padlock and barrier tape

£9.99 and £7.99

**14b To note income**

Reserve account interest (August)

£ 20.03

CB Fund interest (August)

£ 4.10

WSM Football Club (water March-June)

£ 41.02

WSM Football Club (electric April/May)	£ 17.63
WSM Football Club (electric June/July)	£ 15.17
WSM Football Club (electric May/June)	£ 19.65

The payments and accounts were approved.

**15. Items for October 2, 2025 meeting**

Co-option; community shop; playing field risk assessment.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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## Quiz night

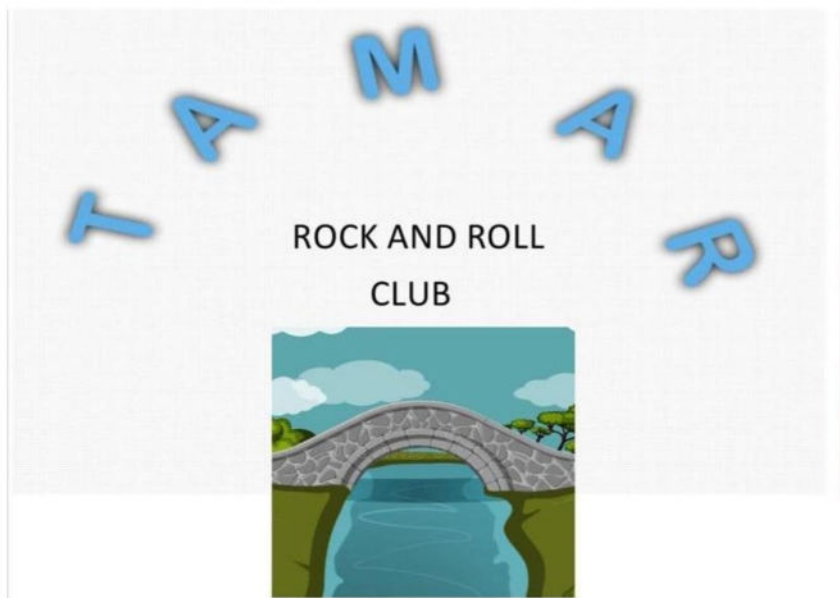
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## A change of heart from Microsoft

Microsoft will not now end support for Windows 10 previously planned for October 14, 2025 only if your Microsoft account is sync'd to the cloud. Adding a Microsoft account to Windows 10 will extend support until October 13, 2026.

If you don't want to link a Microsoft account, you can either pay \$30 for a local account or use 1000 Microsoft reward points if you have them.

Windows 10 support was originally supposed to end on October 14, 2025 and previously, Microsoft confirmed that consumers could pay \$30 and get updates for an additional year.



This meant those who wouldn't pay wouldn't be eligible for Windows 10's monthly security updates, and that would have left millions of PCs vulnerable to security threats.

Microsoft understands users need time to buy a new PC, especially if Windows 11 is not supported on their existing computer. If you want to keep using Windows 10 for another year, but don't want to pay \$30 for extended support, link to your Microsoft account and will also allow every user to sign-up for free updates starting August 2025.

**Domestic users** Must use settings or the on-screen wizard to enrol in service, which is free if using Windows Backup or you must otherwise pay Microsoft the equivalent of \$30.

**Businesses & Organizations** which hold a volume license or who use cloud providers must pay \$61 per device for year 1 then double every year up to the following 3 years.

**Cloud & Virtual PC users** (Windows 365, Azure) Updates re automatically free with a valid subscription.

Clearly Microsoft's Windows 11 upgrade efforts have failed and extending support, want something in return. Either linking to a Microsoft account or paying \$30.

(Now that's what I call profiteering!)

However, some retailers are selling old stock which may not have the current Windows 11 24H2 version installed. This version requires a minimum 4GB memory to operate correctly, laptops with only 4 GB of memory will have little or no spare memory to operate 3<sup>rd</sup> party add-ons such as printers, scanners and office systems and will become slow or freeze when doing so. Beware retailer bargains they may not be as beneficial as the sales person makes out! (check out system specifications before buying).

I have a small quantity of refurbished tower computers with Windows 11 installed and will gift these to OAP's experiencing financial difficulties free of charge (this offer does not include keyboard or monitors). Some conditions apply and to avoid fake applications, a sponsor will be required, although parental consent will not be necessary. Collection is also free but a small charge may be made for delivery and data transfer. Please telephone me in the first instance for all details.



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## **Forthcoming Events**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Quiz Night (PH)

October 5<sup>th</sup> - Pie and Mash (PH)

October 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 6.30pm Brights Sparks Performance: High School Musical and Wind In The Willows

October 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 3pm Brights Sparks Performance: High School Musical and Wind In The Willows

October 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 6.30pm Brights Sparks Performance: High School Musical and Wind In The Willows

October 19<sup>th</sup> (Sun) 3pm Brights Sparks Performance: High School Musical and Wind In The Willows

October 25<sup>th</sup> - The Countrymen (Church)

October 25<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Party(PH)

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday Lunch (PH)

November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Market (Church)

November 28<sup>th</sup> - XMAS Bingo and Draw (PH)

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Market (PH)

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Mulled Wine (Venue tba)

December 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Tree festival. (PH)

April 26th Johnny Cowling in Concert (Church)

## Claire's Himalayan Trek fund

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Parish Hall Bookings:	Ms Brenda Jennings	01288-341429
Email:	<a href="mailto:dippyfish@btinternet.com">dippyfish@btinternet.com</a>	
County Councillor:	Nicky Chopak	07810-302061
Email:	<a href="mailto:nickychopak@gmail.com">nickychopak@gmail.com</a>	

<u>SITA Recycling Centre:</u>	Tiscott Wood	01288-355131
	9:00am - 4:00pm	
	7 days a week except	
	Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day	

<u>Doctor's Surgeries (Appointments)</u>		
Ruby Country Medical Group (Stratton)		01288-352133
Ruby Country Medical Group (Holsworthy)		01409-253692
Neetside		01288-270580

<u>Buses:</u>	Plymouth City Bus (colour Red)	
WSM Transport Rep		01752-662271
(Launceston Mon & Thurs 09:38am Ret 12:50pm from TESCO		
Launceston Tue 09:38am Ret 12:30pm from TESCO		
Holsworthy Wed 09:38am Ret 13:07pm - Bude Friday 09:38am Ret 13:01pm )		

<u>Women's Institute:</u>		
President:	Mrs Sue Dickenson	
Secretary:	Mrs Roberta Jones	07788-548875

<u>National Child Line:</u>		0800 1111
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<u>Diocesan Safeguarding Officer</u> for Children and Vulnerable Adults		
Rev David Saunders		07834-459672

<u>Mobile Library:</u>	The Square, Week St Mary 11:50am-12:10pm	
	Check calendar for monthly dates.	

<u>Football Club:</u>	Mr Antony Sachs	WSM 341090
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<u>Parish Church:</u>	Rev David Saunders	07834-459672
	<a href="mailto:rector@bude-coast-benefice.org">rector@bude-coast-benefice.org</a>	

<u>Methodist Church:</u>	Rev Steve Swann	01840-779339
	(Service times for both churches inside Magazine)	