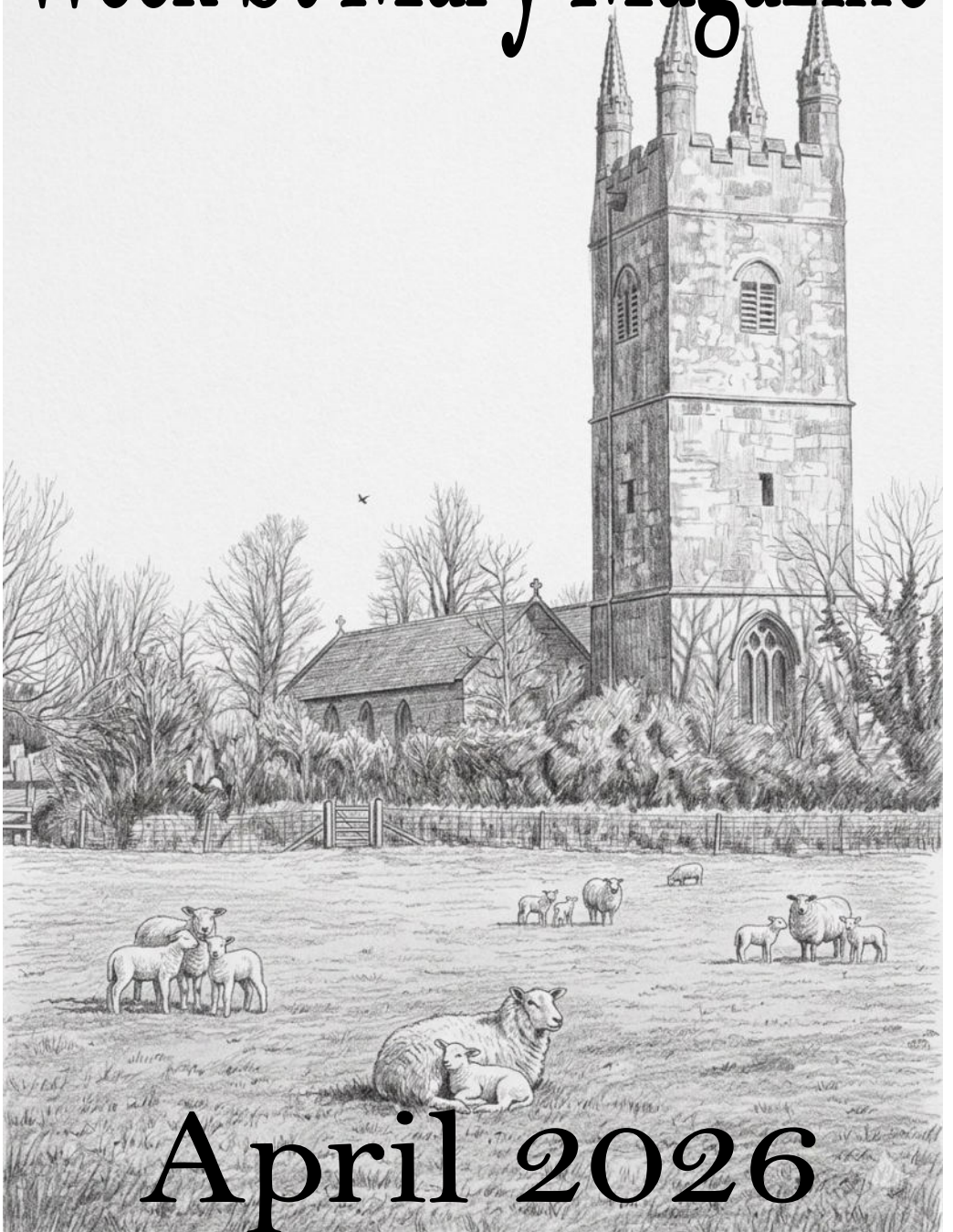


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Wendy Couch



Vacancies on Week St Mary Parish Council

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**Please contact the clerk, Suzanne Cleave - clerk@weekstmaryparish.gov.uk
for more details**

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WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our next meeting will be our ANNUAL MEETING
on THURSDAY 9th APRIL

7.00 for 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel School Rooms.

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible!

THANK YOU, RICHARD

Week St Mary Methodist Church would like to thank Richard Bennett for 25 years of dedicated service maintaining the Chapel Cemetery.

Richard has cared for the cemetery with great diligence, going above and beyond, ensuring it remains a peaceful and well-kept place of remembrance — highly valued by the chapel, the community, and most importantly by the families of those at rest.

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Chloe Luxton

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Jade Luxton

A Very Happy 23rd Birthday on the 9th

Madi Johns

A Very Happy 17th Birthday on the 17th

Amelia Banks

A Very Happy 18th Birthday on the 20th

Jory Selwyn-Price

A Very Happy 9th Birthday on the 26th

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries always welcome.

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from 11:50am to 12:10pm

- 1st April
- 29th April
- 27th May

Week St Mary Church Easter Services

The first Communion Service of Easter will take place at the Service of Light on Easter Saturday 4th April at 6pm. We will be welcoming the Light of Christ into the church with the Vigil Service and Fire. Please come and join in with this joyful but contemplative service.

On Easter Sunday, our 10am service will be an All Age service for Easter followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in and (weather permitting) around the church. All are welcome.



Ruminations from the Rectory

Old Eddie

It happens every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembles a giant orange and is starting to dip into the blue ocean. Old Ed comes strolling along the beach to his favourite pier. Clutched in his bony hand is a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now. Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts....and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier. Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, 'Thank you. Thank you.'

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place. Invariably, one of the gulls lands on his sea-bleached, weather-beaten hat - an old military hat he's been wearing for years. When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home. If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like 'a funny old duck,' as my dad used to say or 'a guy that's a sandwich shy of a picnic' as my kids might say. To onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding the seagulls with a bucket full of shrimp. To the onlooker, rituals can look either very strange or very empty. They can seem altogether unimportant....maybe even a lot of nonsense. Old folks often do strange things, at least in the eyes of young folk. Most of them would probably write Old Ed off, down there in Florida.

That's too bad. They'd do well to know him better. His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero back in World War II. On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft. Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were. They needed a miracle.

That afternoon they had a simple devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft. Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull! Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his

starving crew made a meal - a very slight meal for eight men - of it. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait.....and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first lifesaving seagull. And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude. Who is it you say thank you to? How do you say thank you?

The Bible encourages us to, Give thanks in all circumstances.... 1 Thessalonians 5:18
When we say thank you, we should do it like Eddie, in all circumstances and with a heart full of gratitude. (story from Max Lucado, In The Eye of the Storm, pp.221, 225- 226)

Revd. David Saunders. The Rectory Week St Mary

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WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES W.I.

Who knew what was on our doorstep? Our speaker this month, Richard Harding, is the founder and Chair of Norton Barton Artisan Food Village which is situated in Launcells. Many of us, to our shame, were not aware of its existence!

Richard and his wife, Fionagh, moved from Kent in 2006. They had originally planned to move to a small farm with a few acres but ended up falling in love with 350 acre farm Norton Barton. They initially started farming – with no previous experience but, needless to say, they received tremendous help and support from their neighbouring farmers. However, it became obvious that they needed another income source and so they started making pates and rillettes and thus Cornish Charcuterie was born in 2011. This now supplies an award-winning range of both soft and hard British Charcuterie. The products have continued to receive critical acclaim since the company began, with awards in both the Taste of the West and Great Taste Awards. Cornish Charcuterie supplies farm shops, delis and restaurants throughout the UK.

Over the years more companies have been added and in 2015 the site was granted Food Enterprise Zone status. Norton Barton is one of only two FEZs in Cornwall and the only artisan food village in the UK. Popti Cornish Bakehouse was launched in February 2015, producing the award-winning range of Popti Savoury Thins. (Popti means “Bakery” in Cornish). They are made in small batches with no artificial ingredients and using as many local ingredients as possible. Ideal for pairing with the Charcuterie, cheeses or as a snack on their own.

The Cornish Distilling Co., again founded by Richard, is Cornwall’s first scratch rum distillery creating British rum from scratch in Bude. Head Distiller, Tom Read, joined the company and the first rum in the range, Kalkar Coffee Rum, was released in September 2017 to great acclaim and won three gold stars at the Great Taste awards. Following on in 2018 came Morvenna spiced British Rum and Morvenna white British rum. The latest is the new Moon Curser Cornish Spiced Rum which, as always, is fermented, distilled and bottled at Norton Barton. Despite being a rum distillery the company has also created some amazing gins in their own right under the name Bude Gin.

Guided tours are normally available. However, roof tiling on some barns needs to be carried out but this cannot be done until the bats have been

carefully rehoused. It is hoped that the village will be open, complete with cafe, in May. A wonderful opportunity for members to visit.

After the talk Richard joined members in celebrating the W.I.'s birthday with cake and fizz. The results from the “Something Cornish” competition judged by Richard were: 1st-Marilyn Reynolds with a Boscastle Pottery salt pot, 2nd-Sue Edwards with a St Justin candle holder and 3rd-Jenny Rea with A Little Book of Cornwall. The results of the flower competition were: 1st-Christine Heard with a hyacinth, 2nd- Judith Taylor with a hellebore and 3rd- Jenny Rea with another hellebore.

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<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) Craft Group 2:00 (P5) MSR</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>WI 19:00 (P</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Memory Café 2:30pm (P.18)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) Craft Group 2:00 (P5) MSR Parish Hall AGM (P</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Lunch Club 12:00 (P19)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chapel Coff 10:30 to 12:</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Adventure Church 4:30pm (P15) Craft Group 2:00 (P5) MSR</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>Chapel Meeting Coffee Morning</p> 	<p>3 Chapel Good Friday Short reflective service 10:30 Bingo (P17) PH</p> 	<p>4 Church Holy Communion Vigil and Fire 18:00 (P23)</p>	<p>5 Egg Hunt 10:00 (P11) Church Easter All Age Service 10:00 (P23) Chapel Easter Morning Worship. 10:30 (P23)</p>
<p>5) MSR</p>	<p>10</p> 	<p>11 Lego Café 9:30—12 (P37)</p>	<p>12 Church Evening Prayer 18:00 (P23) Chapel, Joint circuit service at Tintagel 10:30 (P23)</p>
<p>Coffee Morning 100 MSR</p> 	<p>17 CAMEO 2:30pm– 4pm (P27)</p> 	<p>18 Tamar Rock & Roll P24</p>	<p>19 Church Holy Communion 11:15 (P.23) Chapel, Let's meet, shared informal worship. 10:30 (P.23)</p>
	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 Quiz Night—Old Orchard Inn 19:30 (P25)</p>	<p>26 Chapel Café Church, Holy Communion 18:30 Church, 10.00 Morning Prayer (P23) Johnny Cowling 19:00 Church (P10)</p>
<p>Coffee Morning 100 MSR</p> 	<p>Regular items appear as these symbols on the calendar - PH is Parish Hall, MSR is Methodist School Room, WSMPG is the Play Group,</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  COFFEE MORNING </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  MEETING </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Rubbish & Food Waste Day </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  MOBILE LIBRARY </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Recycling & Food Waste Day </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Craft Group </div> </div>		

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Sun 5th	10.30	Easter Sunday Morning Worship led by the Worship Team.
Sun 12th	10.30	Joint circuit service at Tintagel, Rev. Faulks preaching
Sun 19th	10.30	Let's meet, shared informal worship led by members
Sun 26th	18.30	Café Church, Holy Communion led by Rev. Steve Swann

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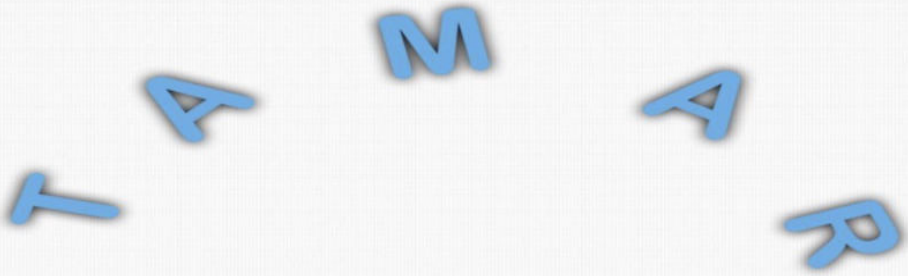
Services at St Mary's Church

April 2026

Sat 4th	18.00	Holy Communion, Vigil and Fire
Sun 5th	10.00	Easter Day All Age Service
Sun 12th	18.00	Evening Prayer
Sun 19th	11.15	Holy Communion
Sun 26th	10.00	Morning Prayer

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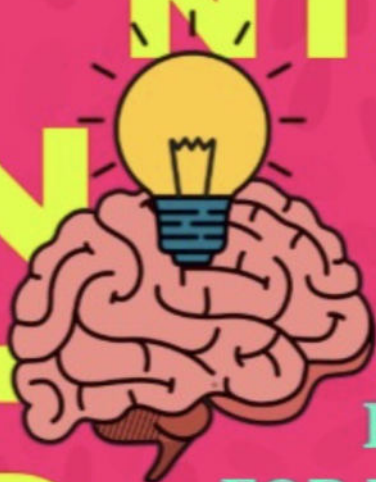


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April 18 th .	Resident DJ Rocking Zephyr
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June 20 th .	DJ Woodpecker
July 25 th .	Resident DJ Rocking Zephyr
August 22 nd .	Resident DJ Rocking Zephyr
September 19 th .	Midnight Dynamos
October 24 th .	Resident DJ Rocking Zephyr
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**Week St Mary Parish Council
Minutes – Thursday, March 5, 2026**

1. **To note councillors present**
Cllrs C Slade (chair); I Richardson (vice chair); R Shipton; M Johns; S Gubbin; S May; J Ward and T Fay. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak; S Cleave, clerk and two members of the public.
2. **To receive apologies for absence with reasons**
None.
3. **To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations**
Cllr May – PA26/00009; Cllr Fay – football club lease.
4. **To approve the minutes of:**
Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, February 5, 2026.
5. **Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only)
Pady Fay from the football club asked if they could have their bills monthly to help cash flow.
6. **To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak’s report on matters arising**
Cllr Chopak reported that the budget was passed at the recent full council meeting. There will be a 4.99% increase in council tax, with 2% of this going to adult social care. There has been talk recently of proposed car park charges. None of the car parks proposed were passed, but these will now go to Cabinet. Almost 9,000 people responded to the consultation. Cllr Chopak reported that there were lots of applicants for the Community Highways Improvement Programme. Parishes will have to wait and see if they are successful. The CAP meeting on Monday will focus on young people.
7. **To receive clerk’s report on matters arising**
The clerk’s report was noted. She confirmed the resignation of Cllr Nick Couch. The April council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1 from 7pm to 7.45pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. The council has also received a refund from the Week St Mary Community Shop of £500 from the £1,250 grant given from the parish council in October. This follows a donation from a resident and an increase in the remuneration from running the Post Office. The clerk will write to offer the council’s thanks.
8. **Planning**
Any late applications received will be discussed under this section
- 8a. **To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:**
PA26/00009 – New agricultural entrance. Colbay, Week St Mary.
Councillors raised no objection to the plans.
- 8b. **Decisions**
The following was noted:

PA26/00316/PRE Exception notice for work to one Elm and three Beech trees. Box Tree House, Week St Mary.

8c. Planning - to note

None.

9. Portfolio Reports:

- **Playground**

Cllr Shipton reported that the bank has slipped a bit with the heavy rain. The clerk will chase the repairs to the tennis court.

- **Highways, Footpaths & Greens**

Lots of potholes have been reported. The ditch has been sorted at Goscott Corner. They have been out twice to Foxhole, but there is still water there, so a third visit is needed. Cllr Slade said an email was received about Downrow. The clerk will respond and explain that as it is being dealt with by Cornwall Council, the parish council won't respond at this stage.

- **Social media / communications**

No report.

10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; CRCC Rural and Coastal newsletter.

11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications

None.

12. Agenda items

1. Ashbury Grove

The clerk received an update from Parnalls to say the developer's solicitors are ignoring correspondence and do not seem willing to take matters forward.

2. Football club lease

The clerk has received a lease in draft form from the solicitors. This will be looked at by councillors and discussed again at the next meeting. However, the council has been informed of a significant increase in the cost, an increase the council was not made aware of. Councillors resolved for the clerk to write to Parnalls to query the increase, stating that the council has waited in the region of 12 months and the cost is a lot more than the solicitor originally envisaged.

3. Playing field fence

Cllr Ward will go back to the supplier to confirm the order. If they are able to include the wire in the price stated, the council is happy to go with that.

4. Treetops

No update.

5. Council vacancies

There are now two vacancies on the parish council following the resignations of Anna Willoughby and Nick Couch. One vacancy can now be advertised, and the clerk will

await notification from Cornwall Council that the statutory time has passed and, in no election was called for, the second vacancy will also be advertised. Anyone interested is asked to contact the clerk for more information.

6. ROSPA play inspection
CALC are hoping to organise a local ROSPA training session for council employees who carry out weekly play area inspections. The clerk has submitted an expression of interest and will wait for more details.
7. Parish council social media
The parish council Facebook was set up by former councillor Couch, who has said as it was set up with his Facebook account, it will need to be deleted and the parish council start again. The clerk will wait for the deletion of the old Facebook page before a new one is set up.

13. Accounts

Balances February 26, 2026

• Current account	£ 5,000.85
• Reserve account (including £954.48 CIL funds)	£22,068.43
• Community Benefit Fund	£ 3,911.18

13a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary Feb (inc HMRC PAYE and WFH allowance) As per contract	
Cornwall Pension Fund (February)	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane – mileage	£ 43.20
Jamie Sachs – bills	£120.00
J D Retallick – hedge cutting	£210.60
The Play Inspection Company – 2025 inspection	£312.00
EDF Energy – toilets electricity	£ 65.74
Week St Mary Parish Hall (1 of 4 payments – CB Fund)	£500.00
Week St Mary Chapel (room hire April 2025 to March 2026)	£198.00

13b To note income

Reserve account interest (February)	£ 16.07
CB Fund interest (February)	£ 2.70
HMRC VAT reclaim	£1,178.42
Week St Mary Football Club (electricity and water bills)	£ 221.97

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

14. Items for April 2, 2026 meeting

Water prices.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE LAUNCESTON

During 2025 the Cornwall PEOPLE IN MIND outreach project has enabled Community Money Advice Launceston to visit and meet local residents of some of the most rural villages and hamlets within North East Cornwall, including Week St Mary. This has enabled our team to become engaged with some of the least advantaged locally. The elderly especially, including those who may be experiencing difficulties within their finances, particularly with their utilities, local taxes and benefit structure.

The FREE services which CMAL offer in these areas has been particularly welcome among those who find it so difficult to keep abreast with the newer methods in technology. With nationally 1 in 7 people being unable to communicate effectively with the internet/email/online banking system, it is little wonder why our team is fully stretched to help. We have a policy of helping every genuine request for help. One of the main lessons we have learnt from our visits is that many local people were unaware of us, or the areas in which we can help, and especially the direct contact we have with some agencies, like SouthWest Water or Cornwall Council about council tax problem

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AI can and does make mistakes

The race to push AI into everyday use is beginning to have repercussions, errors are being made, not only by the AI model, but by the originating programmers. After all a machine can only respond to a program code, at least at the moment. That will change in time! There is evidence of too much reliance is being adopted on systems which have not been fully tested with the attitude of learn as you go, (Fix bugs as they appear) being the development mantra of many software companies. This find and fix attitude has been in place for decades and as all scholars know a simple comma in the wrong place can change the total meaning of a sentence, so too in programming and as most programs are written in American English, mistakes follow with incorrect output.

One may say, "It can't happen in reality", maybe-maybe not! But just imagine if an incorrectly read chart or report with the omission of certain data is used in a diagnosis how many "down line" mistakes can be repeated causing severe damage, losses or even worse!

Recently several thousand pounds were transferred between banks because of an AI/human error. Scans have been misread or not reported on and an attitude of the system can't be wrong can be adopted. Many people will remember in the early years of computerisation. "The computer says this and it must be right" attitude, did not mean it is correct, especially in dispute with a missing or incorrect service and if you haven't experienced it as yet, you soon will.

The worry here is that it will all happen again until managers realise the AI system has weaknesses and that weakness is often supported by weak management!

AI-generated caricatures are everywhere right now. You upload a photo, and seconds later you have a cartoon version of yourself. Harmless fun? Maybe. But before you jump in, it's worth asking: where does that photo go, how is it stored and who has access to it?



Some platforms behind these viral tools collect more data than you realise. Your photo could be stored, reused, or even used to train future AI models.

Instagram fake login traps and subscription scams are fuelling dark-web fraud. They are now more convincing than ever. You receive a message saying your account violated a rule or needs verification. You click, log in and hand your password directly to a scammer.

Streaming subscription deals look tempting, but most are scams, many are tied to stolen accounts being sold by thieves. These scams not only cost you money, they use malware software for other payment fraud and identity theft.

Avoiding unofficial subscription sellers. Use unique passwords for every service. Monitor your payment statements and enable security alerts on your accounts.

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- April 26th - Johnny Cowling in Concert (Church)
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- June 7th - Prosecco & Strawberries at Tudor House (S & M Smith)
- June 12th - Bingo (Parish Hall)
- June 14th - Sunday Lunch (Parish Hall)
- June 27th - Loveny Male Voice Choir (Church)
- July 18th - Cream Teas at Glanville House (N & W Couch)
- August 6-9th - Scarecrow Festival (Parish Hall)
- August 8th - Safari Supper
- August 23rd - Crepes and Wine (Parish Hall)
- August 30th - Pet Service 3pm
- September 11th - Bingo (Parish Hall)
- September 19th - REVEL
- September 21st - Harvest Service & Supper
- October 4th - Pie and Mash (Parish Hall)
- October 9th -The Countrymen (Church)
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- October 11 3pm - Grease The Musical by Brights Sparks
- October 17 6.30pm - Grease The Musical by Brights Sparks
- October 18 3pm - Grease The Musical by Brights Sparks
- October 24th - Halloween Party (Parish Hall)
- November 2nd - Service for All Souls
- November 8th - Turkey Lunch (Parish Hall)
- November 21st - Christmas Market
- December 4th - Mulled Wine
- December 11th - Christmas Bingo/Draw (Parish Hall)
- December 13th - Advent Carols with Wine 4pm
- December 19th-21st - Christmas Tree Festival. (Parish Hall)



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