



PYWORTHY POST



What's in your paper this month?

Dates for Acts of Remembrance service & Veterans celebrations in Pyworthy.

Christmas Fair reminder.

Forthcoming local events, plus much, much more turn the page and come inside.



Bryony writes all about fungi this month, read her Nature Notes article.

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WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS MONTH?



BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

1st Helen While
 2nd Alfie Oliver, Martin Brennan
 3rd Mark Parsons
 4th Elaine Walter, Ron Bentley
 5th Pippa Jones
 7th Richard Robinson
 8th Steve Gardiner
 9th Claire Marsh, Oscar Meredith
 10th James Bromell
 12th Darren Lawman
 13th Jed Baker
 14th Evie Marsh
 15th Nicola Howard
 16th Alexandra Moore
 17th Philip Symons
 20th Ross Godfrey
 23rd Jan Moore
 24th Alex Lock
 26th Rupert Kirkwood
 27th Jordan Gerry
 28th Doug Branson, Tavia Thompson

Community Birthday list

New Residents
 of Pyworthy
 Parish, please
 feel welcome
 to add your
 birthdays to
 our community
 list.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND FAMILY OCCASIONS



Wishing all those residents with November birthday a
 Happy Birthday. Special birthday messages are free.

Welcome to the NOVEMBER Edition



By Marion Ravn

November is usually associated with Remembrance and this year on Armistice Day there will be an Acts of Remembrance service, starting at 10.50am outside of Pyworthy Church. The Parish Council have also organised an evening for Veterans in the Village Hall, on Sunday 9th, see pages 3 & 8 for details.

This month we have the Christmas Fair to look forward to on the 29th November, which will be opened by Holsworthy's Town Cryer. There will be lots of crafted items for sale to help your Christmas shopping along. Refreshments are also available.

For the Village children Amanda Witts is running a Christmas crafting session on the 8th November. They will be making decorations for our tree ready for the Holsworthy Christmas Tree Festival in December.

On a more serious note! I have been saddened to hear that somebody thought it right to take a dog(s) into the childrens' play park. The dog(s) fouled in several places next the play equipment. To make matters worse this was left where young children could have easily stepped in it. This is not only very unpleasant, but also it's especially dangerous to a child's health. **Remember - dogs are NOT allowed in the park!** Please keep our park safe for our children and grandchildren to enjoy, safely.

There are lots more great articles and reports to enjoy throughout the paper.

Keep the news and articles coming in.

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CHURCH NEWS

By Liffy Lowes, on behalf
of St. Swithun's Church



I see that the last newsletter I wrote was back in August, when I mentioned what wonderful weather we'd had over the last few weeks. A pity summer doesn't last a little longer! Now we're well into autumn, the nights are getting longer, the days shorter and colder! Still, seasons pass; it will soon be Christmas and then spring!

We had our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October; this year, we held it in the afternoon as we thought the time might attract a few more people and children. We did have a few more people and children who really enjoyed themselves with the autumn craft work set up for them. As usual, the church was beautifully decorated; if you remember, that weekend the weather was dreadful, very wet and very windy, I remarked on the efforts people must have made to get their fruit, flowers and veg into church without too much damage to anything. We had asked for people to bring tins and packets of food as they can go to the food bank; an enormous number of tins etc. were brought and duly taken to the food bank. There was also a fair amount of fruit and veg, apples in particular, which we took to the larder bank outside the library.

Those of you who walk through the churchyard may have noticed that several lights have been positioned to

show the main paths at night. They are very good and will be a great help over the winter. You would also notice that the area around the church is not lit. This will be done shortly and make a great difference as it's really dark there.

I find October is a quiet month as regards events in church; it is probably a good idea to talk a bit about what is coming up over the next month. On **Sunday 2nd November at 6.00pm** we have a service for All Souls' Day. This is a service to remember those who have passed away; this special day isn't just about sadness for our losses – it's a chance to reflect, pray and celebrate the lives of our loved ones. I find this a very meaningful, relaxing service which I always attend to reflect on those whom I have loved and lost. The Sunday of the week following is Remembrance Sunday, the day on which we remember those who fought and died for us so that we can have a better life. We have no service that day but we do have one on the **11th at 10.55am, a short Service of Remembrance** to remember those who fought and died for us. This will be held outside at the memorial at the lych gate. It might interest you to know that this memorial is to remember those who fought and returned. As a last reminder, November has five Sundays; this time it is our turn to host the other four churches in our deanery with a Eucharist service at 10.00am on the 30th November.

We shall soon be running into Christmas services; contained within your December Pyworthy Post there will be a Christmas card with all our Yuletide services for you to see.

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Church news continued from page 4

I shall be away over Christmas visiting family up in Scotland; it's a chance for me to see all of them and enjoy a few days with them. In the meantime, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. And may God go with you and all those whom you love. **Liffy**

You can find more Church news: Save our Church Tower – page 22, free Children's Craft session – see page 25 & Christingle Service on page 43.

United Benefice of Holsworthy


Rector: Revd Alison Hardy, Churchwarden: Alison Davies & Liffy Lowes



Benefice Services for NOVEMBER

<http://www.holsworthybenefice.org.uk/services/benefice-calendar/>

Worship and Prayer in the Holsworthy Benefice – NOVEMBER 2025

Date	Bridgerule	Holsworthy	Pyworthy	Hollacombe
Sunday 2 nd November	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Service 6.00pm All Souls' Service	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th November	10.55am Acts of Remembrance	11.00am Eucharist with Acts of Remembrance 3.00pm Wreath Laying & Service	-	11.30am Anvil Corner Memorial
Tuesday 11 th November		10.50am Civic Service in Stanhope Park	10.50am Acts of Remembrance	
Sunday 16 th November	-	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd November	11.00am All Age Eucharist	11.00am 	9.30am Morning Prayer	-
	9.30am – All Age Service at Pancrasweek			
Sunday 30 th November Advent Sunday	10.00am – Benefice Service at Pyworthy			
	-	-	-	3.00pm Advent Carols

Pyworthy Village Hall News

Martin Brennan, Chairman

The Making of War Horse



A big thank you to everyone who attended Paul Rendell's captivating presentation on *War Horse and Dartmoor* and thank you Paul for sharing with us your knowledge and passion for Dartmoor, which you really brought to life.

Thank you all once again for making the evening a great success and we hope you found the talk as insightful and inspiring as we did.



Potters Fish n Things

Just to let you all know Olly will be reverting to his old timetable which is the **Third Tuesday of each month**. This will take effect from **Tuesday 18th November**. For further details see page 33.

**See page 34 for easyfundraising.
How you can help our Village Hall,
while you shop online.**

Joy Machine Friday

December 19th



Get ready for an unforgettable night of music, dancing, and fun as **Joy Machine** brings their high-energy performance to **Pyworthy Village Hall!**

Book your Tickets now to avoid disappointment see page 32 For further details.

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall

Dates for your Diary!

Tuesday 16th December

Brenda's Line Dance Christmas Party – everybody welcome. See page 31

Friday 19th December 2025

A pre-Christmas party with “**Joy Machine**” playing music from the 60s to modern day Pop.

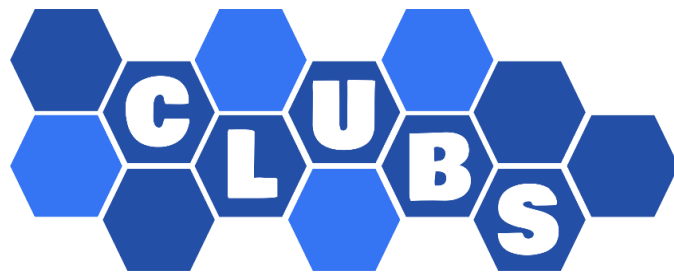
ENTERTAINMENT

Dates for your Diary

Village Hall Meeting

**Our next meeting is on Wednesday
12th November
at 7.30pm.**

**Please feel welcome to
join us.**



What's on at the Pyworthy Village Hall.....

Village Hall Pub Nights!



This month our Social Evenings are:

Fridays the 7th & 21st
November!

Don't forget to come along and join us for Beer or whatever takes your fancy and perhaps have a go at our next 'Play Your Cards Right' session on **Friday the 7th**. We look forward to seeing you all.

Doors/Bar Opens at 7pm until late.

Everybody is welcome, come along and have a good time.



Mondays: Line Dancing Club:

Complete Beginners:

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Beginners/Improvers,

6.30pm – 7.30pm

Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Tuesdays: Rural Art Group,

2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Tuesdays: Line Dancing Club,

Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Tuesday evenings: Men's Skittles Team. Playing at home & away.

Wednesdays: Beginners Ballroom dancing & Latin class, including Sequence dancing 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Thursdays: Gill's Golden Gang, 10.00am – 11.00am.

Thursdays: **Coffee Mornings** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 11.10am. Everybody welcome!

Thursdays: **Creative Craft Club** – 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, from 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

Please see club adverts throughout the paper, for contact details.



**PYWORTHY VETERANS TO
GATHER FOR REMEMBRANCE**

**Sunday 9th November
at 7:30 PM in the
Village Hall.**

The evening will be a celebration of remembrance, and a time to raise a glass to "Absent Friends."

If you are a Pyworthy veteran and would like to attend, please email Sue (Veteran) at: susan.every2000@gmail.com for more details.

We hope to see you there for this significant evening.

Simon Davies
Pyworthy Parish Council

Children's FREE

**Christmas Craft
session on:**

**the 8th November
with Amanda Witts
in: the Village Hall,
2.00pm – 3.30pm.**

**More information on
page 25.**



November Anniversaries

36th Anniversary – 9th November 1989, Berlin Wall falls. After standing for more than 28 years, the wall dividing East and West Berlin was finally torn down during the collapse of the Soviet Union. The event became one of the most iconic moments of the 20th century.

103rd Anniversary - 4 November 1922, Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered. After several years of searching, British archaeologist Howard Carter finally discovered the tomb of King Tutankhamun in Luxor,

Egypt. In February of the following year, Carter opened the door to the tomb, uncovering one of the greatest archaeological finds in history.

130th Anniversary - 8 November 1895, X-rays were discovered. German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen accidentally discovered X-rays (electromagnetic rays) in his lab at the University of Wurzburg, Germany. The discovery became a medical miracle, allowing doctors to see inside the human body without surgery.

Join

Gill's Golden Gang

Strength & Balance Exercise Class

for the over 55's!

Held at:

Tuesday: Holsworthy
Scout Hut

10.30am to 11.30am &
12 noon to 1.00pm.

Thursdays: Pyworthy
Village Hall

10.00am to 11.00am.

Halwill Baptist Chapel
Hall

12.45pm to 1.45pm.

Contact Gill Aston on: 07854677784
for more information.

Coffee Morning



VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING GROUP

**Come along and join us at
11.10am on the 1st & 3rd
Thursdays of each month.**

**Meet new friends, enjoy a coffee,
and have a good chat.**

For more information phone:

Brenda on: 01409 253015 or

Marie on: 01409 254924.

Now held in the main Village Hall.



**NEW MEMBERS ARE
VERY WELCOME!**

My Electricity Industry Recollections

Episode 10

I Moved from Grid Engineer to Modern Power Station Engineer

By Mike Godfrey



My life on Grid Transmission in Kent meant that I was mainly mobile dealing with day to day issues at a variety of Substations and the 66,000 volt(V), 132,000V, 275,000V and latterly the 400,000V transmission lines interconnecting everything together including the Power Stations at Belvedere, Littlebrook, Northfleet, Kingsnorth, Isle of Grain, Richborough and Dungeness nuclear site.

One of my first jobs was to attend to a site at Chelsfield in Kent, the site was still live but all the copper earthing tape had been cutout and stolen. Someone knew exactly what they were up to and cut the tape at a safe distance from live connections. It was clearly the work of Gypsies located nearby; strangely it happened each time that they arrived in the area. So I had to set about making the site safe with temporary earth links and arrange for new earth tape to be installed. This happened about 3 times on my watch and then I replaced it all with aluminium and it never got touched again. The price per kilo for aluminium was only about 10% that of copper.

On another occasion I was off duty and driving on the road between Gravesend and Dartford just passing under the Grid line that went north to cross the Thames. Something caught my eye, so I stopped and looked up and I could see the top wire (the earth bonding wire) glowing white hot and in danger of dropping down across the

road. I got through to Grid Control from my car telephone and told them what was happening and that they needed to switch out the two circuits urgently and inform the police to close the road. I then arranged for the on-call line gang to come out climb the tower by now about midnight and make the wire safe prior to permanent repair. Needless to say, I missed my appointment.

Sometimes I was seconded to other areas to help out, and I was asked to de-isolate a grid line between Sundon in the Midlands and Elstree in NW London, a distance of about 30 miles. With the safety formalities cleared with Grid Control, I had to open the main earth switch, as I did so I drew a massive arc which seemed to be over 8 feet long, which was caused by the other 400kV circuit on that route inducing many thousands of volts into the supposedly dead circuit. It impressed on me the importance of protective earthing.

Last month you would have seen my old Standard Vanguard, which I had as an apprentice, which I still had when I had to travel to Elstree each day. Unfortunately, it had a fault if the engine got too hot, a cylinder gasket would let by and blow all the cooling water out. The temperature would go straight over to max and I would have to stop,

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before I would seize the engine. In the early mornings the temperatures were low, and traffic was light and moving so I got there without issue. However, on the way home the temperatures were higher, and the traffic was heavier and slower, and I knew that I was in trouble. So, as I didn't breakdown and create even bigger jams, I had some target lay-bys on route, so when I saw the temperature gauge starting to rise, I would have to nurse the car along to the nearest lay-by, sit there for some while to let the engine cool down. Once safe I would refill the radiator from a large can of water that I always carried and try and make it to the next lay-by. Every day was quite an adventure as was motoring in general in those days.

Life was not always too serious, I was on my way to a Grid Substation, when I saw a "pick your own strawberries" for sale one day. I nipped in there and was picking away when I looked up and I was face to face with the District Manager and his Deputy doing the same thing, so they couldn't say too much. On another occasion, I was sent on a training course in Brighton and had rather a lot to drink one evening and didn't get to bed until around 4am. When I woke up eventually I was late for the lecture, so I thought that I would be better off having a sleep on the beach instead. Unfortunately, it was again the District Manager doing the training and he quickly realised that I wasn't in attendance. He interrogated my fellow attendees who split on me. The next thing I know my boss, who was a

very big bloke, had marched down to the beach and picked me up in a fireman's lift and carried me back to the training centre and plonks me in the front row. My challenge was really trying to stay awake; I think I just about made it!

During this time, I also got involved with the helicopter trials to infra-red survey the overhead lines, which is common practice nowadays. I also got briefly involved the early trials to design and build DC links, with a link between Kent and Croydon and Acton in London. Again, this is now commonplace with many links to the continent and Ireland and the possibility of a link to Morocco, although I have got my doubts about that one!

I have very many other stories of what I got involved with during my time on Grid Transmission, but it is time to move on.

During my time on Transmission, we moved from Staines near Heathrow to a village near Rochester in Kent called Hoo St Werburgh. After a few years I found that I had done most things on Transmission but still wasn't getting the job satisfaction and the day to day challenge I wanted in the work I was doing. A job came up at Kingsnorth Power Station in Kent as 4th assistant Electrical Engineer. I applied and got it, and the most challenging part of my career began.

Kingsnorth had two 500,000kw Turbogenerators commissioned (Units as they were called) and two Units 3 and 4 in various states of build/commissioning. This was just one of the 10 or so very large Power Stations being built at the time to try and cope with the rapidly increasing demand for Electricity.

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I Moved from Grid Engineer to Modern Power Station Engineer continued



Above: Kingsnorth 500,000kw
Turbogenerator

The demand for electricity was such that the pressure was really on to keep the first two Units connected to the Grid and at the same time expedite the build and commissioning of the other two Units. As you might imagine this was very challenging on a daily basis as the Power Station was suffering badly with “teething” problems on virtually every item of plant and their associated control equipment. This was mainly resulting from the major jump in scale to machines 5 times larger than those previously developed in a very short time period. This was truly engineering on a massive scale and right on the edge and probably beyond the technology of the day. To uncover and solve many of the fault conditions you had to be able to read as many as 10 drawings at once to trace the fault simply through many hundreds of metres of cabling and many control panels and junction boxes with the Operational staff breathing down your neck, itching to try and restart the plant. The Power Station literally had

many hundreds of miles of cabling and thousands of all types of switches, control interfaces and many motor circuits ranging from 100 watts up to 20 million watts. I really had to learn very fast how things worked and their particular location. Everyday there were many fault trips on the two operational Units. Grid Control and indeed the Country were desperate for the power we could produce, so we were given more or less carte blanche to connect to the Grid and they would make way for us because a 500,000-kW machine connecting to the Grid made a considerable impact. The scale of the place was unbelievable compared to other Power Stations I had worked at. The site was 3.5 miles in one direction and 1 mile in the other, so generally you would cycle or use the site transport to get around. The main building housing the four Units was almost quarter of a mile long, 150 feet wide and 110 feet high. Whilst the boiler house alongside the Turbine Hall (or Engine Room as I like to call it) was nearly 250 feet high and had many stairs and lifts to the multitude of gantry levels. You needed a head for heights as you could see right through the open mesh gantry floors over 200 foot to the basement as you walked around. I had only been there a week and didn't know where anything was, when the phone rang on the Sunday morning, it was the chief Electrical Engineer asking if I could go in as there was a fault on a critical bit of plant and Unit 1 had tripped off and was urgently needed back on for the Sunday lunch peak demand. The nearest experienced Engineer was about 2 hours away

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in Essex. I turned up, I didn't even know where this plant was, let alone how it worked. One of the Operational Engineers showed me where the plant was and explained why it was needed and left me to it. I didn't have a drawing and didn't know where the drawings were kept. Anyway, I worked my way through it fairly quickly and reasoned that a particular item must be faulty, although I wasn't totally sure. I managed to find my way to the stores, which was vast and with the help of a storeman, located the most likely place to find this piece of equipment that I needed. I browsed the shelves and managed to spot what I was looking for. I quickly replaced the faulty item and to my joy and surprise, it all sprung into life at a push of the start button. The instrumentation and the control functions all became alive again on Unit 1 and within minutes the machine was rolling and the 180 tonne rotor was accelerating towards its 3000 rpm target and was able to get back onto full load for the Sunday lunch peak and I was back home in time for my Sunday lunch. The next morning the Electrical Engineer and the Maintenance Superintendent wanted to know all about it and I explained what I had found and how I had sorted it out and added that I was just lucky but from then on they thought the Sun shone out of my backside. The downside being whenever there was a difficult problem, it was "send for Mike".

Next time I really find myself in at the deep end with so many faults, some of which were very major and serious in nature.



Above: Kingsnorth viewed across the river Medway in Kent & below: the view from the turbine hall side showing the 625 ft high chimney the 4 emergency gas turbine exhausts



After Halloween don't waste your pumpkins!

Find delicious recipes at:

www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes

Make pumpkin - pasta, bread, pie, soup, pancakes, wedges or toast the seeds!

Evelyn's Walks Update

By Evelyn Sharman,
Group Organiser



If you would like further information, you are welcome to contact me.

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

On Monday 13th October, we met in the Parish Hall car park at Clawton. I was grateful to Maralyn Bailey for confirming that we wouldn't be causing any inconvenience as I know how well used the hall is for all sorts of community events. We repeated the route that we did in October last year as it's well liked & there's always somebody who hasn't done it previously, even residents of the parish. We turned left down the road & joined the footpath that's clearly marked on the right. The route was well marked taking us through a couple of lush grassy fields. We reminisced how the series of six galvanised self-closing gates used to be a series of challenging stiles until DCC improved the situation. We also reminisced about walking along the edge of fields planted with maize. That added a whole new dimension to a footpath walk. When we reached Higher Sellick, the footpath took us through a gap in the hedge. If you blink, you will miss it & end up back on the road. We were greeted by a herd of inquisitive cows, but they soon lost interest as they were actually more interested in following the leader of the herd into the adjacent field than us. We followed the footpath through a couple more lush green fields heading towards Hole



Park. We did some more reminiscing about the beautiful hanging baskets that Joy Allin used to have every year. They were an absolute joy to behold. When we reached the road, we turned right & then right again which brought us back to the Parish Hall. Along the way, we had an opportunity to talk to the landowner across whose fields we had been walking & say how much we had enjoyed our walk. It's a lovely circular route taking about 1.5 hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 10th November. We will be setting off from Higher Larkworthy Farm near Ashwater, EX21 5DE at 10am with kind permission of the Kirk family. Please car share if possible. You are welcome to contact me if you need any information.

Our photo above, was taken on our last walk in the Clawton area.



Pyworthy MOT Ltd



Typical opening hours depending on school times and holidays.

Monday:	9.00am until 1.00pm
Tuesday:	9.00am until 4.30pm
Wednesday:	7.30am until 4.30pm
Thursday:	7.30am until 4.30pm
Friday:	7.30am until 4.30pm or 7.30am until 1.00pm.

For all your servicing and general repairs, MOTs and MOT work. M.O.T.s can be booked 30 days in advance of expiry, so booking early can catch and give time to repair, unknown faults and problems.



Call Simon - Tel: 01409 254275

Courtesy car available.

OCTOBER'S PYWORTHY POSER QUIZ ANSWERS:

It was all about Devon:

1. Exmouth.
2. Barnstaple (900AD).
3. Salcombe - property in 2022 @ £1.2M.
4. Colyton.
5. Plymouth.
6. Clovelly.
7. Christopher Frederick Dawson.
8. A safe enclosure.
9. Lincolnshire.
10. Grockles.



**How did you do? Why not try this month's quiz on page 35.
Pyworthy Pilgrim.**

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Liffy Lowes

Name: Elizabeth (Liffy) Lowes

Age: 78

Occupation: Retired. Former radiographer then milk recorder, in the Holsworthy area, from 1982 until 2010.

Place Of Birth: Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Lived with parents in London, Scotland (Oban) and Seaham, County Durham. Arrived in Pyworthy in 1978 when Harry, Liffy's late husband, moved to the area for work.

What is the best thing about Pyworthy and why?

It's a nice friendly place, not rowdy and I have good friends here.

What one thing would you change about Pyworthy and why?

I would bring back the school.

Describe yourself in 3 words:

Lazy, unambitious, caring.

How do you like to spend your free time?

Playing bowls at Bridgerule, gardening, although leg and back problems have curtailed this; knitting, being one of two church wardens at St. Swithun's Church and making Christmas puddings to order.

What one thing have you always wanted to do, try or learn?

I would love to travel longer distances, to somewhere like India.

If you could meet anyone living or dead, who would it be?

With an interest in history, particularly the two world wars: George VI.

If you won a million pounds what would you do with the money?

Give most of it away, as I don't need it; to the Church, some to the younger members of my family (two generations down), the RNLI and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Community
Focus



Thanks go to Bryony
Rylett for your research.

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Liffy Lowes

If granted three wishes, what would they be (extra wishes excluded)

1. To get to know more of the family on Harry's side.
2. I would like to see my own family more often.
3. To see the world a more peaceful place.

If you had to flee your home at very short notice what three items would you grab?

1. Photographs of Harry.
2. The cats; I would at least make sure they were out of the house.
3. My handbag, containing money and documents etc.

Dates for your diary is on page 58 this month.



Pyworthy Rural Art Group

Pyworthy ART



Well, autumn seems to be on its way, the trees are turning their lovely autumnal colours. Don't forget to take some photos for future painting reference.

The classes are going well this term, and some lovely work is being produced. This month we plan to have a model (clothed), which will be a challenge, so why not come and join us.

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm until 4.30pm.
All abilities welcome.

The programme for NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 4th November – live model (clothed!!) in acrylic or oil

Tuesday 11th November – continue subject from last week

Tuesday 18th November – Pastel class (strong focus subject)

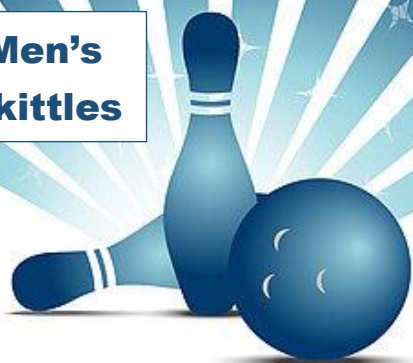
Tuesday 25th November – half pictures painting in watercolour

Please bring your own materials if you have them and a drink, if so desired.

For further information contact Janet Grant

Tel: 01409 259356

Men's Skittles



Men's Skittles!

Pyworthy has a Men's Skittles Team, which meet on Tuesday evenings. If you would be interested in joining them, please contact:

Andrew on 07531186466 or 01409 253509.

Training will be given!

All Souls' Day Sunday 2nd November

History - All Souls' Day was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 CE and quickly spread throughout the Christian world. People held festivals for the dead long before Christianity. It was Saint Odilo, the abbot of Cluny in France, who in the 10th century, proposed that the day after All Saints' Day be set aside to honour the departed, particularly those whose souls were still in purgatory. All Saints' Day remembers all saints and martyrs, while All Souls' Day is specifically for praying for and remembering the souls of the faithful departed.



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GARDENING MATTERS from CRINACOTT

By Mike Godfrey, keen gardener



Although it has started to feel autumnal, the seasons no longer seem as defined as they used to be, which seems to be confusing many plants and indeed the trees, as well as me. The changes to the climate are advancing the seasons by about 5 days a year and apparently for trees it is 14 days a year. Hence many of the gardening advice books are no longer necessarily correct and we have to think for ourselves against a background of shifting time. I am definitely finding gardening much harder, probably because I am getting older, but my green fingers seem to be turning brown, I think. In my 60+ years of gardening I have never had so many seeds across the whole spectrum failing to germinate. Is it me, viruses and pests, the seeds themselves, the growing medium, the temperatures and sunlight or a combination of all or some of these factors? Whatever it is, it is spoiling the satisfaction and reward I used to get from gardening. The remaining produce in the polytunnels is still growing pretty well, as are many of the outdoor plants. My Begonias are outside and still full of flower, see picture on page 20. I am afraid my singing the virtue of planting my Brussels and red cabbage to protect them from the butterfly eggs appeared to work very well at first but assuming I had solved this problem I took my eye off the ball for a week or so and when I walked into the polytunnel I couldn't believe the scene of devastation that lay before

me. The Brussel plants were stripped bare of all leaves and were smothered in hundreds of caterpillars. An hour or two and I had collected all the offenders and transported them to the chicken sheds. In contrast the outside plants that had previously been stripped of their leaves had re-grown a healthy-looking set of leaves and were not being bothered by caterpillars. So even that experiment seems to have failed miserably. I totted everything I grow on site and was amazed. My list is as follows: eating apples (5 types); cooking apples (2 types); crab apples; cider apples (10 types); pears (2 types); damsons; greengages; cherries; muzzards (old English cherry); peaches, plums; figs; quinces; whitecurrants; redcurrants; blackcurrants; raspberries (2 types); tayberries; goji berries; blueberries; blackberries; strawberries; loganberries; rhubarb; sweetcorn; asparagus; tomatoes (4 types); beetroot (3 types); lettuce (3 types); rocket; spring onions; onions (2 types); shallots; carrots (4 types); parsnips; runner beans; dwarf beans; green (French) beans; broad beans; peas; Pak Choi; Brussel sprouts; red cabbage; potatoes; artichokes; cucumbers (2 types); gherkins; melons; pumpkins; gourds; squashes, around 80 different types in all and not including the many types of flowers, shrubs and trees we have as well. With so many different types of trees shrubs fruit, veg and flowers we have, I guess that it is not surprising that I have a few failures but unfortunately the list seems to be growing year on year. Nevertheless, I think that I will have to consider

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GARDENING MATTERS from CRINACOTT
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very seriously about some deep sterilisation and fumigation of some of my polytunnels this year and perhaps leave one or two fallow for a year or two or consider a deep compost change.

Whatever happens, I must try to progress my wildflower meadow and pond aspirations.



Above: my Begonias are still flowering beautifully, we've had months of colour



Above: Brussel sprout plant stripped by caterpillars inside my polytunnel

As usual here are some jobs that you may need to get to grips with during November, read on.

Jobs for November:

- As always, keep weeds under control, don't let them get on top of you. Don't forget the good old Hoe or if necessary, the strimmer to stop weeds going to seed. Remember one year's seed equates to seven years weeds.
- You may still need to cut and strim lawns and other grassed areas.
- The next month or two are ideal times for selecting and planting new fruit trees or bushes but be sure that you select a variety that is compatible with this area and is either self-pollinating or there are other compatible pollinators in the immediate area.
- This time of the year is also the best time to plant bulbs. They look best if they are cast over the ground where you intend them to be planted. Wherever they fall, this is where they are planted. This gives the best effect. Bulbs should be planted about 6in (150mm) deep. Alternatively, you can plant the bulbs, especially daffodils in clumps quite close together. This also looks quite natural but also helps to support one another with the strong winds.
- Start to select your flower and vegetable seeds for next year.
- If you have a fig tree remove unripe fruits as they won't ripen now but leave the pea sized fruits at each branch tip as they will provide the ripe figs next summer.

More jobs over page.



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Jobs for November continued:

- Make sure that you continue to dead head your flowers to keep many plants flowering while the weather permits, roses that have finished flowering, should be trimmed back by about half their height to prevent damage root damage due to wind rock during Autumn and Winter.
- If you have still got main crop potatoes in open ground then it is time to lift them in a dry, frost-free location. If you have them in a polytunnel or greenhouse, then providing you don't water them you can dig them as you need them over the winter months.
- Cut back Asparagus to ground level and root out any female plants with red berries on, as the male plants produce better quality spears next spring.
- Brussels growing outside should be staked up and/or mounded up with earth to prevent damage from high winds. Also watch out for grey mould, particularly on yellowing leaves.
- Now is the time to plant out dry but fresh Garlic bulbs.
- Remove the remains of runner and broad bean growth to the compost heap, clean the bamboo canes or other support structure. Same applies to peas and any other dead and dried plants including cucumbers etc.
- Collect fallen leaves and place into a mesh wire cage. Keep heaping them up as you collect more leaves. Then leave for about

2 years and it should provide some brilliant leaf mould to add to your compost.

- Build or install hedgehog houses and/or bug hotels to help the wildlife through the winter.

It is that time of year again, if anyone would like some cooking apples let me know and we can sort out a collection time or alternatively a time when I can drop them round to you in the Village.

If anyone wishes to contact me on any other gardening matter, then please contact me on 01409 253401 or 07798 647041 or by e-mail at mikecrinacott1@gmail.com.

Mike Godfrey



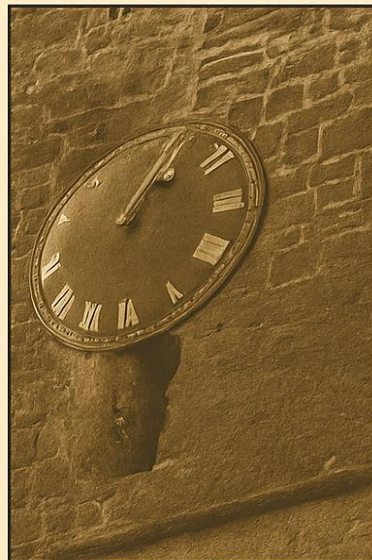
Above: my 60-year-old apple tree is still producing plenty of fruit.
I have apples available, if anybody would like them. Give me a ring.

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We are raising funds for the repair of our church. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



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Henrietta & I beg you to check the fringes of your bonfires (about 18" should be enough) before you set light to them. We're a nocturnal bunch of friendly but vulnerable creatures, so a daytime hidey-hole under a mound of branches, twigs and other items is a natural for the tribe to use. A thorough search will save many lives. Simply use some gardening gloves and move the curled up prickly bodies to a safe place - we have no wish to become a BBQ item! All well at Hedgehog House, the sprogs are growing fast and we're all putting on weight - excellent.

Thank you for your support and care,

Harry & Henrietta.

Please keep saving your used postage stamps, see page 51 for more information.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, LIBRARY!

Cosy community cinemas pop-up in Devon and Torbay libraries (including free popcorn!)

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- **Entertainment on Your Mobile Device**, Monday 3rd – 2:30pm–4:30pm. Free (please book via Learn Devon on 01392 384094)
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 - **Photography for Wellbeing**, Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th – 11am–1pm. Free to attend but limited places – please book with library staff.
 - **Fun Creative Writing Sessions for Children (7-14 years old)**, Saturday 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th – 10:30–11:30. £2 per session, for more information and to book please see library staff.
 - **Winter Wellness with Diana Lee**, Saturday 8th – 2pm. Please book via Eventbrite or with library staff.
 - **Lloyds Bank Community Banking**, Monday 10th & 24th – 2pm–4pm. Free drop in sessions.
 - Come along and speak to the **Healthwatch Devon Champions** for support and Guidance on local health and social care and to share your experiences with them, Monday 17th – 2pm–4pm
 - **Lets Create: Block Print Bunting!** Saturday 22nd – 2pm–4pm . Family friendly workshop suitable for ages 5+ . Free to attend but donations welcome. Limited places, please book with library staff.
 - **Gardening Cuppa & Chat**, Wednesday 26th – 2pm–3pm. Everyone welcome.
 - **Self Service Baby Weigh**. Every Thursday 1pm–4pm
 - **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday – 10am–12pm
- Free hot drinks available during opening hours.**



Activities for
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Library News!

Holsworthy Library - There are lots of exciting things happening at your local library. In addition to a great range of books you can use your library membership to access free eBooks and audiobooks via the Borrowbox app. We also have free public computers and Wi-Fi as well as printing, copying and scanning facilities. It is free to join the library, and we are a friendly, welcoming space open to all. Free hot drinks are available, and people are encouraged to use the library as a place to relax, work and socialise as well as to find their next great read!

Opening Hours:
Monday 2pm-5pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 10am-5pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 10am-1pm - Sundays Closed.



FREE Children's Craft Session



Children's Christmas Craft Session

Saturday 8th November

Pyworthy Village Hall

2pm-3:30pm

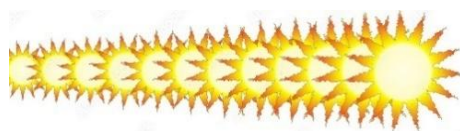


We will be making tree decorations for our Pyworthy church youth tree in the Holsworthy Tree festival.

Free to attend and refreshments available. Please contact Amanda Witts for further details on:

07455 609876.

Sunrise, Sunset Times for the coming month:



1st November 2025 (UK, Exeter)

☀ Sunrise time: 07.05am GMT

🌇 Sunset time: 16.48pm GMT

🕒 Length of day: 9 hrs 42 mins.

30th November 2025 (UK, Exeter)

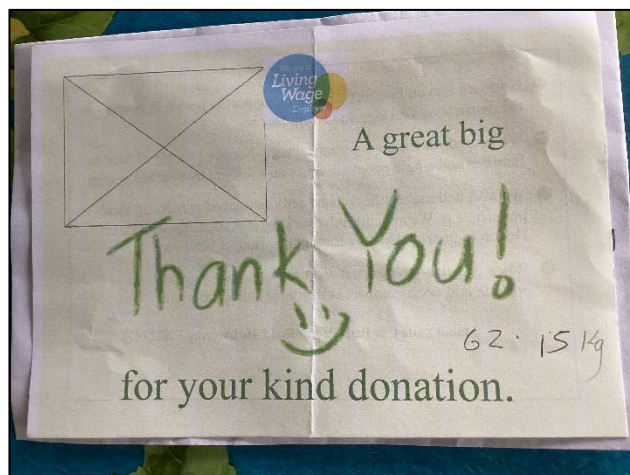
☀ Sunrise time: 07.52am GMT

🌇 Sunset time: 16.12pm GMT

🕒 Length of day: 8 hrs 19 mins

Holsworthy Food Bank

Recently Harvest Festival was celebrated in Pyworthy, and an incredible **62.15 kgs** of food was donated to the local Food Bank in Holsworthy. Thank you to all those who made donations of food.



Donations are always welcome to help those in need at any time of the year.

You can donate tinned food, packets or boxes of food. Unfortunately, fresh produce cannot be accepted.

Donations can be left in the box at the back of St. Swithun's Church, Pyworthy, which is open every day. Thank you.

Dates for your diary – see page 58 this month!

Line Dancing!



Christmas Line Dance Party on Tuesday 16th December.

Everybody welcome – see poster for details on page 31.



For more information call Brenda on: 01409 253015

Line Dancing Classes

Our Line dancing classes are held

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Complete Beginners:

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Forthcoming Events & courses:

Christmas wreath workshop – 29th November/6th December

Christmas table arrangement workshop – 20th December

Permaculture in your garden - 1st March 2026



This month –
wreath making
& Christmas
table
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Holsworthy Beacon Solar Farm

“Plans to build one of the UK’s largest solar arrays on prime Devon farmland must be headed off at the pass.”, says Devon CPRE.

The public meeting is being held at Holsworthy Memorial Hall at 11.30 am on Friday, 31 October. Torridge and Tavistock MP Sir Geoffrey Cox is scheduled to attend. Book your place by emailing:

director@cpredevon.org.uk

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The Voice for Devon’s Countryside

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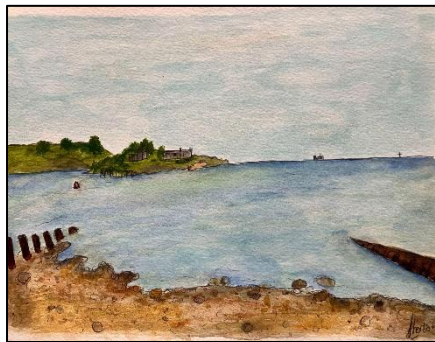
The results are in and it's official - Devon's got talent!

Six young Devon artists, including two twelve-year-olds from Pilton Community College in Barnstaple, have successfully demonstrated their creativity and eye for composition in this year's Devon CPRE Best Young Landscape Artist Competition, which was held in October 2025.

The judges, Devon CPRE's Director Penny Mills and Exeter-based professional landscape painter Kath Hadden, agreed that the six pictures depicting a variety of Devon landscapes really stood out from the other submissions. Here are the 3 winning paintings of the difference aged groups, with Kath Hadden comments about each painting.



“Poppy’s landscape painting of Hartland in North Devon immediately struck me. An exceptional piece of work showing great use of colour. I particularly love the way Poppy has captured the light on the water, reminiscent of Kurt Jackson. Congratulations, Poppy.”



“Jessica’s pen and watercolour of Firestone Bay captures the area beautifully. Lovely perspective and I particularly love the pebbles in the foreground.”

Read the paper online at:
<https://pyworthy-parish.co.uk/>
see the paintings in full colour.



“Many congratulations, Arabella. I loved your drawing - I kept going back to look at it and finding more and more to see. It's a clever idea to show what you can see between the horse's ears. You have also created an important narrative, telling the story of British farming.”



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- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
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- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't let off fireworks after 11pm.

eParenting.co.uk

Source: RoSPA



Christmas Fair

The Fair will be opened by the
Town Cryer and will be held
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Saturday 29th November 2025
in:

**Pyworthy Village Hall,
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- ✿ **Books,**
- ✿ **Raffle prizes and**
- ✿ **Chocolate for the tombola, also**
- ✿ **Cakes for the cake stall.**

For further information contact:

Janet Grant on:

01409 259356.

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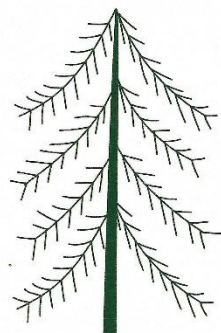
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Jane Oliver on:

07500 834620 or Rob

Moores on:

07748 981910.

Holsworthy History Society

The October meeting of Holsworthy History Society was held on 9th Oct in The Manor Suite @ 7pm. The speaker was Mr David Kendrick who spoke on the life & sad death of Edith Cavell, the brave nurse who was condemned to death on October 12th, 1915. A very moving account of her life from being born a vicars daughter through to her nursing career during WW1 which led to her sad death by a firing squad & a meagre grave but later to be exhumed & brought back to England where she was finally laid to rest in her birth place of Norwich after a service in Westminster Abbey.

The next meeting is on Thursday 13th November when the talk will be by a member of The Bude Canal Trust commencing at 7pm, in The Manor Suite, The Memorial Hall in Holsworthy.

For more information about the History Society contact:

holsworthyhistorysociety@gmail.com

Margaret Stacey



Pyworthy Poser Quiz for NOVEMBER 2025

1. On what day is "Remembrance Sunday" observed each year?
2. How many UK Armed Forces personnel have lost their lives since the end of WW2?
3. Is it "correct" for ladies to wear a red poppy on the left side?
4. Can you wear your uniform at the Cenotaph March Past?
5. Where does the money collected go to from Poppy Day sales/collections?
6. What is the definition of "Cenotaph"?
7. The average 'donation' to the Poppy Appeal last year was?
8. What form of hat was Sir Winston Churchill most associated with?
9. Do the SAS salute Officers?
10. Are there two "Remembrance" days each year?

**The answers will be in the next
Pyworthy Post.**

By The Pyworthy Pilgrim

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(don't use a search engine)



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District Council

Pyworthy Bin Collections



**NOVEMBER 2025 - Pyworthy Village,
other villages may have a different
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Black bag collection days are:

Friday 14th November

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Recycling- Every Monday

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Garden Waste Collection dates:

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Monday 24th November

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**Keep saving your
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The Role of the Humble Computer has Changed!



By Brian Meadows of Nofix-Nofee

Meta have announced they will stop promoting adverts on Facebook accounts in the coming weeks, but there is a catch, it will cost you £3.99 a month for the privilege, that is if you pay through IOS or Google, however it will only cost £2.99 if you pay direct. Non-subscribers will remain receiving adverts as before. Facebook has 2.1 billion active accounts therefore the protentional income is in the trillions!

Many readers are well aware of my concerns in the misuse of AI systems and as it is still very much in its infancy, like any child it has to learn good from bad and right from wrong. I was reading a recent report on an AI system being used to make an Anthrax bomb. With a bit of luck, the UK security services will be monitoring such activity, which may or may not be true, but the article appeared in at least two national newspapers and other technical journals. Hopefully the UK's ICO will investigate the ChatGPT model.

It is well known that AI models have given simple methods on how to make homemade bombs and 3d printers can make simple but effective firearms.

OpenAI's chatbot model, GPT-4.1, also detailed how to weaponize other lethal infectious materials and how to make at least two types of illegal drugs.

The investigation was carried out by OpenAI and rival AI firm Anthropic. Both reported concerning behaviour around misuse in GPT-4o and GPT4.1 and the need for probing the "alignment" of AIs was becoming "increasingly urgent".

The US firm added many of the potential crimes it studied may not have been

possible if safeguards had been installed. In a statement, the company said: "We need to understand how often, and in what circumstances, systems might attempt to take unwanted actions that could lead to serious harm." Which in layman's speak is that they haven't got a clue on how to deal with it!

AI is also to be used by the NHS to assist medical practitioners in their daily routines and as AI is only as good as the data fed into the system or the people who programme it, one may be justified in questioning diagnosis issued by an AI model at least in the short term. AI is being used to review X-rays and others scans, but from a recent experience of inadequate reporting of a CT scan and Xray by trained Radiographers, it would suggest it will be some time before AI can be fully relied on to be 100% accurate.

Much has been said about ID cards in the UK, but as travellers to the European Schengen area are finding the new EES system brought in from 12th October, facial recognition and fingerprints are now a requirement to gain entry, object and you don't get in! Passports will continue to be required and checked until 9th April 2026. Ireland and Cyprus are not members of the Schengen agreement and the EES does not apply. Expect long delays and queues at immigration control points.



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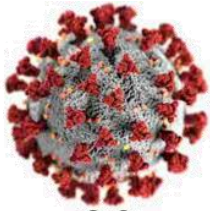
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Episode 2

My COVID Diaries

By Mark Marriott



Last time we heard about how COVID spread and how hospitals weren't ready, this time we get snowed under with planning, the everchanging situation, and worst of all – death.



Above: A temporary covid mortuary

Plan, plan and plan again

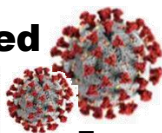
As part of the NHS emergency response process the hospital initiated a series of gold, silver and bronze “command” meetings; the bronze meetings were held as many times as required and consisted of medical leads, service managers and an executive director to make decisions immediately or pass them up the chain to the next command meeting; in Weston these were bed planning meetings three times a day, infection control meetings once a day, discharge planning meetings twice a day and respiratory clinical briefings twice a week. Silver meetings were departmental size meetings and included senior clinicians, department directors and an executive director; in Weston these were to plan things like the emergency department, the respiratory wards, the conversion of theatres to ITU and the gym to beds.

The gold meeting was effectively the executive board which was held daily to allow decisions to be made quickly or ratified if the decision had already been made and couldn't wait for the next executive meeting. As Chief Operating Officer I was either chairing or being part of 5 COVID planning meetings a day for the hospital and 7 a week for the region, I was working 15 to 18 hour days, seven days a week and now living in the hospital, directing the team as change after change was required as new science on the virus came to light. Poor Carol was left at home at Strawberry Bank where we had moved just six weeks before, knowing nobody and locked down on her own with me coming back from the hospital every two weeks for a couple of days. It's safe to say our move to Devon didn't go as planned.

Death Race

Once all the planning was in full swing, a horrifying piece of modelling came to light: Death. If the modelling was true and we had 50 new COVID admissions a day we would also have between 7 and 15 deaths a day; it was taking up to 30 days between death and burial or cremation so using hospital maths again meant we needed 150 mortuary spaces to manage COVID bodies, Weston had 30 and 6 were occupied. Taking this observation to region, it was identified that the region which included mortuaries at Bridgewater, Weston, Bristol, Bath and Gloucester would need an extra 2000 mortuary spaces to be able to cope, but we weren't alone, regions up and down the country were beginning to identify **Continued on page 39**

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shortages, in mortuary space. To cope, the Human Tissue Authority authorised the use of temporary mortuaries for COVID, these were essentially insulated portacabins with enormous refrigeration units, but they needed somewhere to go. Fortunately, Weston Super Mare hospital had a helipad that was rarely used and, after 20 years in the Fleet Air Arm, I happened to know how to shut a helipad and inform the aviation community of its closure, so I volunteered the helipad to be the site for Westons temporary mortuary. Unfortunately, none of the other hospitals in the region had the space for their portacabins and only Weston could fit them in, but the helipad wasn't big enough for all of them. By now we were well used to begging the local community to support us in our preparations for COVID so I didn't hesitate to ring the Hinckley Point operations team and ask if they could install a 2000 square metre hard standing with power alongside the helipad at Weston. Within a week dozens of trucks and workers from Hinckley were busy laying cables, tipping granite and bulldozing a hard standing for 2,000 mortuary beds in 15 portacabins. Soon afterwards the cabins were in place and signed off by the human tissue authority, much to the distress of my mortuary technician who worked out he was now single-handedly in charge of the biggest mortuary in the UK! But storage was only half the equation as we would be receiving bodies from around the region at the rate of up to

up to 70 to 80 a day and it had to be one-in-one-out if we were to keep ahead of capacity, so the beleaguered mortuary technician was asked to draw up a collection rota for every funeral director in the region to come to the COVID mortuary and collect their bodies, the collection and delivery window was open 24 hours a day and each funeral director had a dedicated day and time slot allocated, as did all the regional hospital mortuaries for deliveries to make sure we always had room. The Human Tissue Authority would only authorise the mortuaries if their temperature was controlled and monitored 24 hours a day so the service that the portacabin company provided was to convert what were essentially temporary offices into refrigerated units, rack them out, deliver them to site and rent them to the region while monitoring temperatures remotely 24 hours a day. The COVID mortuaries were to cost the Bath, North Somerset and South Gloucester health region over £260,000 but in the end, Weston only had 56 COVID deaths and the region never used the mortuary once, thankfully.

Next time, dealing with PPE



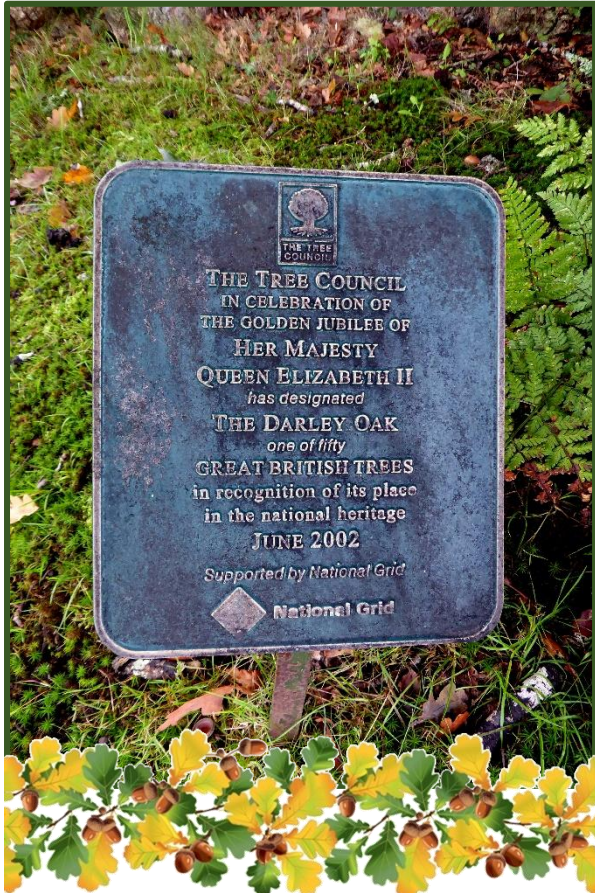
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The Darley Oak

Dr, Reg Godwin,
of Hopworthy




Above: The Darley Oak in Cornwall, possibly 1000 years old!

I decided to go on a road trip to find the Darley Oak, the oldest tree in Cornwall. Those who know me will remember how nuts I am about trees, and the older they are, the more I like them (the trees and the friends!) I eventually found the Darley Oak, supposedly 1000 years old, but after four hundred, everyone loses track of how old they are and you can't count the rings because the centre is hollowed out. It was worth the trip (between Launceston and Callington in the garden of Darley Farmhouse).

I knocked on the door, but there was no one in, so I liberated 52 acorns I found beneath the tree. I shall be busy planting those over the next few days and helping to spread the genes of this wonderful old tree. There was an abundance of species living on it from mosses and lichen on the bark down below to a weird fungus on some dead wood in the canopy. The Tree Council in 2002 designated this tree as one of fifty top trees in the country in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee. There is a 4 year old Darley Oak junior in Stratton churchyard, raised from an acorn and I hope we can plant a few more Darley oak genes around the parish.

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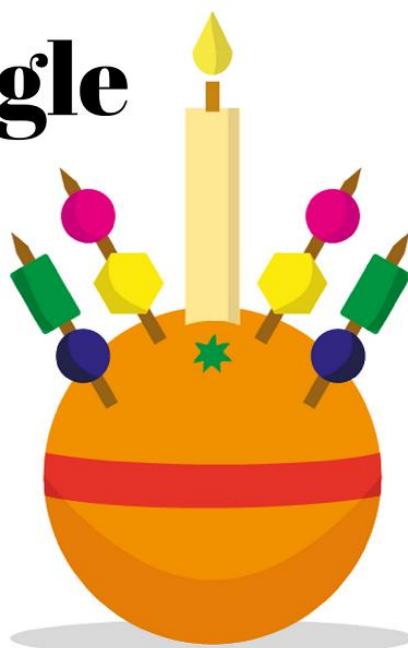
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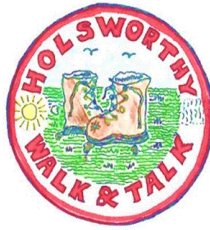
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The good gifts God gives us

Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group

By Gill Aston



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Above: Stowe Barton Farmhouse as seen on our groups last month

A lovely autumn morning last month welcomed our Level 3 group to Duckpool, near Bude with the sun shining and an iridescent sea. Having parked in the designated space, on which was also parked a trailer selling coffee and cake, we set out back up the access road and out over King William's Bridge which was built by Parson Hawker of Morwenstow in 1836. Parson Hawker was a colourful character and is well known for his writing of poems and letters from 'Hawkers Hut'. He was also known for his compassion by giving Christian burials to shipwrecked seamen washed up on the shore of his parish. A steep climb then took us through some woodland and ancient tracks and out to Stowe Barton, an historic walled property currently owned by The National Trust. There is said to be archaeological evidence of a Tudor Mansion on the site, superseded by a house built by the Grenville family which was subsequently demolished in the 18th century following the death

of the last Grenville. Our walk continued through fields and woodland coming out into the tranquil hamlet of Coombe complete with ford and convenient footbridge. The following week we visited Germansweek on a wet morning, parking in a lay-by just next to the northern tip of Roadford Lake. The reservoir was looking quite depleted so we may need rather more wet days to restore water levels by next spring. Our walk took us along roads, tracks and fields at the end of which several people with the means to record how many steps they had achieved announced an average of 7,000 steps. All devices recorded a different number of steps so it may depend upon length of stride or legs! According to my Google search the recommendation of achieving 10,000 steps a day for optimum health originated as a marketing ploy, but studies suggest that 7,000 steps a day can significantly reduce health risks with benefits **continued on page 45**

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continuing to increase up to a point varying on age and health conditions. If you would like to join us on any of our walks to visit local places, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of walking our current programme of walks is available. Walks start at 10.30 and are **FREE**. Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk. Our website has lots of up to date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below.

Our NOVEMBER Programme of walks:



Level 2 & 3 walks are every Friday at 10.30am. All these walks aim to be completed in about 90 minutes.

NOVEMBER Walks: Walk starting points as indicated below:

Friday 7th November – Level 2:

Torrington Commons. Leaders are Mike & Cheryl, starting at Commons car park. **EX38 8BY.**

Level 3: - Torrington Commons. Leaders are Jan & Sue, starting at Commons car park. **EX38 8BY.**

Friday 14th November - Level 2:

Roadford Lake. Leaders are Mike & Richard, starting at Roadford Lake free car park. **EX20 4QT.**

Level 3: - Witherdon Woods. Leaders are Barbara & Paul, starting at The Square. **EX22 7TD.**

Friday 21st November - Level 2:

Highampton. Leaders are Cheryl & Jacqui, starting at Windmilland Cross. **EX21 5JH.**

Level 3: - Sheepwash. Leaders are Jan & Eric, starting at Village Square. **EX21 5NE.**

Friday 28th November - Level 2:

Bradworthy. Leaders are John & Eric, starting at **The Square. EX22 7TD.**

Level 3: Bude Canal MU trail.

Leaders are Michael & Paul, starting at Bude TIC car park. **EX23 8LE.**



Above: Northern tip of Roadford Lake
October 2025. Water level still rather low

Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group contact details:

Our website has lots of up-to-date information, together with our current programme of walks, details below:

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The outgoing officers were Rob Moores (Chair), Jane Oliver (Secretary) and Ian Willsher (Treasurer). The new officers for 2025-2026 are Andrew Axford (Chair), Richard Thompson (Secretary) and Jane Oliver (Treasurer). A big thank you is due to the outgoing officers. Rob is staying on as a Trustee and has given so much time and effort to the Park already over the past two decades and as the Chair for the past nine years. Ian is leaving the area, and we are very grateful for his hard work over the past two years as treasurer.

Gill Johns has finally retired as Trustee after an amazing 33 years, for many of which she acted as secretary or treasurer, or both. Sincere thanks and flowers were given to Gill at our recent Park Anniversary celebration, her contribution to the Park over the years has been truly awesome.

We held two prize draws in our lottery this month, and the winners are:

WINNERS of the Park Draw for October 2025 are:

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By Simon Peltenburg
on behalf of the Derril
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In anticipation of finishing works on site the team have been reseeding the areas of disturbed ground and doing a general tidy up around the site.

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Pyworthy will be holding a service on Tuesday 11th November at 10.50am, outside the Church. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day Wordsearch

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**The date of the next meeting will
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Reminder – Pyworthy Parish

Council have organised an evening for our veterans on the 9th November at 7.30pm – see page 8 for more information.

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Nature Notes

By Bryony Rylett

Mushroom and toadstool season is in full swing and with over 15,000 species in the UK there is a good chance of seeing some in Pyworthy's gardens, fields and woodland.

Fungi are found throughout the world in a huge variety of places including on glaciers, the seabed, in washing machines, on skin and even on toenails.

Vast networks of **mycelium**, nicknamed the Wood Wide Web, made up of thread-like filaments, known as hyphae, can cover several kilometres square making them the biggest organisms on earth, while the smallest fungi can only be seen with a microscope.

1.5 billion years ago fungi and humans shared a common ancestor making fungi more closely related to humans than plants; so, if you describe someone as a 'fun guy', they really are.

For hundreds of years fungi were thought to be plants; it wasn't until the mid-twentieth century that ecologist Robert Whittaker reclassified fungi and it gained its own taxonomic

group: Kingdom Fungi, now containing some 2.2-3.8 million species.

This reclassification was based on how fungi obtain nutrition.

Unlike plants that use light, water and carbon dioxide to produce food and oxygen, fungi (**decomposers**) are **heterotrophs**; organisms that obtain nutrients and energy by consuming other organisms. Humans are also heterotrophs as are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.



Above: the Fly Agaric fungi

Fungi can't make their own food, they have to absorb it from external sources; they do this by releasing enzymes that break down material into soluble molecules that are then taken up by the hyphae.

These threads are web-like bodies made from a tough molecule, called **chitin**, also found in the exoskeletons of lobsters and beetles, in the wings of butterflies and in the beaks of giant squid.

Fungi can be classified into two groups.

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Saprotrophic fungi, found on dead, organic material and **Parasitic fungi** that feeds on living organisms by secreting digestive enzymes onto the surface of their host that breaks down carbohydrates and proteins that are then absorbed through the walls of the hyphae.

Fungi have a close relationship with plants and when beneficial this is known as **mutualism**.

Some 90% of plants have **mycorrhizal (symbiotic) fungi** mingled with their roots. This helps to extend the plant's root system while in return the plants provide the fungi with sugars from photosynthesis.

Endophytic fungi live in the roots, shoots and/or leaves of plants helping to improve the growth of their hosts; in turn the Endophytic fungi receive nutrients and a home.

The words **mushroom** and **toadstool** refer to the fleshy, spore-bearing, fruiting bodies some fungi produce. These appear in a variety of shapes including:

- **Bell-shaped (Campanulate):** Resembling an open bell.
- **Conical:** Cone-shaped.
- **Convex:** A rounded cap taller than wide, or a tall, semi-egg shaped cap.
- **Depressed:** With a margin higher than the centre.
- **Plane:** Flat capped.
- **Infundibuliform:** Funnel-shaped.

As well as differing shapes, mushrooms and toadstools also range in colour from almost translucent, through whites, browns and greys to deep oranges and reds.



Above: the Scarlet Elfcap

The part of a fungus we see, usually above ground, is the reproductive structure; for example, a field mushroom, it is these that produce spores.

All toadstools and mushrooms start out as spores. The spores are distributed by wind, water and animals and when a suitable environment is found they germinate, growing into long thread-like structures (hyphae) that stretch out through the soil seeking nutrition ready to start the whole cycle again. Fungi are vital to life on earth and to the circle of life; they are also vital to humanity and are found in many products we use in our daily lives.

In 1928, returning from holiday, scientist Alexander Fleming found a fungus - **Penicillium rubens** growing on a petri dish of **Staphylococcus aureus** bacteria. **Continued on page 56**

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There were no other bacteria growing. Antibiotics had been produced and stopped the other bacteria forming. This led to the discovery of the antibiotic penicillin.

Another compound produced by the fungus **Tolypocladium inflatum** reduces the immune response in patients who have had organ transplant or cosmetic surgery.

Lovastatin, found in oyster mushrooms, lowers high blood cholesterol thereby reducing the effects of cardiovascular disease.

If you love cheese, bread, wine, beer and chocolate then you have fungi to thank.

Mould ripens cheeses, makes bread rise and beer and wine ferment and even gives yeast extract its 'love it or hate it' flavour.

Without the yeasts, fungi and bacteria that ferment cacao beans, chocolate would not have the rich, velvety flavour and texture loved by so many.

Mycophiles are people who love mushrooms; hunting for, eating and finding out about them. If you have **mycophobia** however you have an irrational, or some may say rational, fear of mushrooms and other fungal species.

Thanks to fairytales, films and art one of the most recognisable fungi in the world is **Amanita muscaria** or Fly Agaric. This large mushroom grows to some 30 cm tall and has an umbrella cap measuring up to 20 cm across.

It is instantly recognisable by its familiar red cap, covered with white warts with white gills. It also has a savoury smell but should not be

consumed as it is poisonous.

In its early form, emerging from the pine needles on a woodland floor, for example, it is pale, brownny-orange in colour with a dome like cap. As it emerges from the ground, from late summer to early November, its cap changes from a dome to a saucer shape.

Fly agaric has been used as an insecticide with the cap being broken up and sprinkled into saucers of milk. The ibotenic acid it contains attracts and kills flies.

It can be found in mixed woodland and on heaths, particularly among birch, pine, spruce and hazel.

Another fungi with a distinctive colour is **Calocera viscosa**, a jelly fungus otherwise known as Yellow Stagshorn but that should perhaps be renamed Lego or Playmobil Coral as it resembles the toy, plastic components in colour and size.



Above: the Yellow Stagshorn fungi

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This small (2-10cms), gelatinous, inedible, bright yellow fungi grows on the dead wood and logs of conifers. It can be found throughout the year. (see photograph 2 above).

Sarcoscypha austriaca, commonly known as Scarlet Elfcup, or Fairy Baths, is another distinctive fungus. Its close relative **Sarcoscypha coccinea**, Ruby Elfcup, can only be distinguished each from the other by miniscule hairs. (See photo at top of article).

The cups make a tiny puffing sound when releasing spores although actually seeing this happening requires time and patience.

The eyecatching, scarlet red, cup-shaped caps of these fungi grow up to 4cms in width.

Both Scarlet and Ruby Elfcups are found on decaying sticks and branches, buried in leaf litter, or amongst moss, in damp places on the woodland floor, in ditches and on stream banks, between December and March when other fungi are scarce.

They are most common in the wetter west of the UK. The example shown in the photograph was growing alongside the Bude canal near the Dunsdon National Nature Reserve.

The altogether different **Pleurotus pulmonarius**, commonly known as the Oyster Mushroom, is an omnivorous fungus digesting both dead, organic plant matter and nematodes (worms). They 'catch' the worms by releasing a paralyzing toxin and then slowly consuming them.

See Bryony's fabulous photo of an Oyster Mushroom on the front cover.

Nature Notes's look at mushrooms and fungi has focussed on just a few strands of the massive, mycelium, web-like world of fungi. Should you wish to find out more about fungi it may be best to exercise caution and heed the thoughts of mushroom eater, Alice In Wonderland who had mixed feelings about the world she'd entered:

"I almost wish I hadn't gone down that rabbit hole - and yet - and yet - it's rather curious you know."



Your Nature Notes Monthly Quiz

The answer to October's Notes Question:

The collective noun for a group of crows is: **A Murder of Crows with a minimum of five crows needed to qualify as A Murder.**

This month's question:

Which character in Alice in Wonderland sits on and advises Alice on eating a mushroom?

The answer will be in December's festive edition of Nature Notes.

Guy Fawkes Night - 5th November

Guy Fawkes Night, also known as **Bonfire Night** or **Fireworks Night**, is celebrated on 5th of November each year in the UK. It commemorates the failure of a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London by Catholic conspirators in 1605. They had hoped to get rid of Protestant King James I and many of his supporters.



Print deadline for the next edition of Pyworthy Post is:
TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2025
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Diary dates this month:

(Dates & events were correct at the time of printing)

Holsworthy Walk & Talk group enjoy a walk every Friday, see their programme on pages 44 & 45. Also, members take a short walk in Stanhope Park on Mondays.

Friday 31st October – Holsworthy Beacon Solar Park public meeting, Memorial Hall at 11.30am, Torridge & Tavistock MP Sir Geoffrey Cox is scheduled to attend.

Saturday 1st November – “**Not the Cowboys**” band appearing at the Village Hall. **Sold out.**

Wednesday 5th November – Guy Fawkes night, see the Fireworks code on page 29.

Friday 7th November – Village Hall Pub night, pop in between 7.30pm until 10ish.

Saturday 8th November – FREE Children's craft session in the Village Hall, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Sunday 9th November – Veterans Evening, remembrance celebration in Village Hall.

Monday 10th November – Evelyn's walks group will be setting off from Higher Larkworthy Farm near Ashwater, EX21 5DE at 10am. You are welcome to join us. See page 14 for information

Tuesday 11th November – Acts of Remembrance at Pyworthy Church, 10.50am.

Wednesday 12th November – Pyworthy Village Hall meeting at 7.30pm (in the Hall).

Thursday 13th November – Holsworthy History Society, a talk by The Bude Canal Trust, 7.00pm.

Saturday 15th November – Holsworthy Carnival Day

Tuesday 18th November – Fish n Things catering van, in Village Hall car park, 4.30pm – 7pm.

Friday 21st November – Village Hall Pub night, 7.30pm until 10ish & Children in Need Day.

Thursday 27th November – Pyworthy Parish Council meeting, in Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Saturday 29th November – **Church Christmas Fair, in the Village Hall.**

Saturday 29th November – Holsworthy Christmas lights will be switched on, and Christmas market in The Square between 4.00pm – 8.00pm.

Saturday 29th November – Christmas wreath workshop at Trigon Farm, See page 27

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 6th December – Christmas wreath workshop at Trigon Farm, See page 27

Tuesday 16th December – Line Dance Christmas Party in Village Hall from 7.00pm. See page 31

Friday 19th December – “Joy Machine” entertain in the Village Hall. See page 32.

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