

PYWORTHY POST



Read all about Rupert Kirkwood's encounters inside...

**Happy New
Year
Pyworthy!**

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WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS MONTH?



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

3 rd	Alice Durant
6 th	Paul Giles
7 th	Jan Spencer
8 th	Irving Cleave
9 th	Gill Johns
10 th	Peggy Kirkwood
11 th	Colin Jennings
15 th	Dexter West
16 th	Nicola Gardiner, Jesse Richardson
18 th	Anita Burnard
19 th	Mike Godfrey, Nula Robinson
20 th	Rachel Martin
21 st	Maryl Steyn
22 nd	Andrew Gowing
23 rd	Marion Ravn
25 th	Ashley Buse
26 th	Carla Whitaker
28 th	Meriel Lock

Community Birthday list

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

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND FAMILY OCCASIONS



Have you lost a pair of glasses? The glasses pictured below were found on the 17th December, on the seat outside the Village Hall. Contact Marion on: 01409 478294 to arrange collection.



Welcome to the JANUARY Edition

By Marion Ravn



Happy New Year everybody!

It's 5 years since COVID came into our lives, when we all went into a series of lockdowns, which lasted for months. We now look to the coming year with renewed enthusiasm, our freedom to enjoy. Why not join a club activity or meet up with others. We have lots going on in our village, so embrace life.

Rupert Kirkwood has sent me some outstandingly beautiful photos for you to enjoy this month, together with an article about his recent experiences along the Devon coastline. These can be found on pages 24-26. He's going to be doing a talk & slide show in the Village Hall in March to raise funds for our hall.

The hall will be hosting many events again this year and is celebrating its 40th anniversary in April. I'll have more information about the anniversary nearer the time.

Hope you had a wonderful Christmas and all the best for 2025.

Keep the news and articles coming in. Email: pyworthy@post.com

Apple delivery



Could the lady wanting Mike Godfrey to deliver some apples, please phone him.

His phone number is: **01409 253401 or 07798 647041**

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025**

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!

For children, the library offers weekly Bounce and Rhyme sessions, a Saturday Club, craft activities and stories during the holidays as well as the popular Secret Book Quest and Libro's Friends reading schemes.

We regularly host a Lloyds Community Banker, antiques valuations, evening talks and other events so keep an eye out for posters or on our social media and website.

Holsworthy Library is part of Libraries Unlimited, a charity bringing ideas, imagination, creativity and knowledge to enrich lives and build thriving communities.

Tel: 01409 253514. Email: holsworthy.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

www.discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk

Also, Holsworthy Library on Facebook and Instagram

WHAT'S ON AT HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY - JANUARY 2025

JANUARY

Closed Wednesday 1st January - open as usual from
Thursday 2nd January

- Bounce & Rhyme, Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - 2:15pm - 2:45pm (term time only)
- Lloyds Bank Community Banking session, Monday 6th & 20th - 2pm-4pm
- Photography for Wellbeing, Friday 3rd, 17th & 31st - 10am-12pm (please contact the library to book a place)
- Antiques Valuation, Thursday 9th - 10:30-12:30
- Saturday Club! Lego, board games and colouring for children, every Saturday - 10am-12pm
- Extra Opening Hours - Friday 10am-1pm!

Free hot drinks available during opening hours.

Most events are free but, donations always welcome

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local library,
it's a warm
and inviting
place.*

Opening Hours:

Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 10am-1pm

**(additional hours until 25th
April 2025)**

Saturday 10am-1pm

Sunday Closed

United Benefice of Holsworthy

Rector: Revd Alison Hardy Churchwarden: Position vacant



Benefice Services for JANUARY

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

Worship and Prayer in the Holsworthy Benefice – JANUARY 2025

Date	Bridgerule	Holsworthy	Pyworthy	Hollacombe
Sunday 5 th January Epiphany	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 12 th January	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	3.00pm Evensong
Sunday 19 th January	11.00am Joint Service in Methodist Church	11.00am Confirmations & Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 26 th January	11.00am Ecumenical Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer, Café Style.	9.30am Morning Prayer	-
2.30am –All Age service at Pancrasweek, Plough Sunday				

St. Swithun's Church is
open daily.
Holsworthy Food Bank
drop off point is at the
back of the church.



Church Bookings

To book a Wedding, a Christening, or
a Funeral, or for anything else, please
contact: Revd Alison Hardy, email:

reverendalisonhardy@gmail.com

Tel: 07780295752.

Benefice administrator:

Libbi York – email:

Holsworthybenefice@icloud.com

Tel: 07717750198.

More Church news on page 21 & 22

Pyworthy Village Hall News

Martin Brennan, Chairman

Potters Fish n Things



We are delighted to welcome Potters Fish n Things to the Village Hall Carpark on **Tuesday 21st January 4.30pm - 7.00pm** and thereafter every 3rd Tuesday of each month, for the foreseeable future.

To pre order, head to their website:
www.pottersfishnthings.co.uk

If you prefer not to, that is not a problem, just turn up and order at the van.

This is something that we have been trying to organize for the Village, for a while now, so let's see how it works out!!

Quiz Night

Unfortunately, due to the small number of bookings for our Quiz Night in December. We thought it best to cancel the event and rearrange it for another evening in the New Year. **Sorry to disappoint** those of you who did book, but we look forward to seeing you all Next Year!

Bingo Night

A huge thanks to Shirley and Marie for organizing a fabulous night of Bingo. We appreciate the amount of work, effort and time it took to stage the evening. But you did us proud. Thank You. For full report see page 8.



**Our Next Meeting is on
Wednesday 22nd January at
7.30pm. All Welcome.**

Easyfundraising

Thanks to all you Guys who continue to support the Hall using the fundraising app, (details of which can be found on page 28) A special thanks to Mary L and Martin P for your contributions this month.

We're starting off the New Year with lots of ideas on how to improve/update some of the facilities in the Hall. At the same time preparing events to celebrate the Hall's 40th Anniversary in April 2025. As we are all aware, nothing comes cheap these days!

So, your support 'In Every Way' is vital for the Hall to continue as the "Hub" of our community here in Pyworthy.

**More Information about the
Forthcoming Events can be found
on the following pages**

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Why not sign up to Easyfundraising while you shop, which will help to raise money for the hall. See page 28 for all the details.

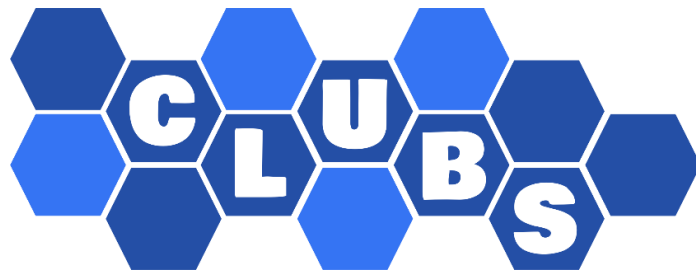
Mobile Fish 'n' Chip van – page 38.

DOG POO

A very unpleasant subject, but it's on the rise in Pyworthy village. Not only is it unpleasant & unsightly on our streets, but poses a health hazard as well.

Bag it & bin it!





Village Hall Pub Nights!

**This month our Social Evenings
are:**

**Fridays the 17th & 31st
January.**

No single drink will cost you more
than £3.00.

**We look forward to seeing
you All** 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍾

**Doors/Bar Opens
at 7pm until late.**

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

Dates for your Diary.



**Our next meeting is on
Wednesday 22nd January
at 7.30pm.**

Please feel welcome to join us.

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

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. All abilities
welcome.

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!

The first meeting this year is the 16th January

Thursdays: **Creative Craft Club** – 1st &
3rd Thursdays of each month, from
2.30pm until 4.30pm.

Sundays: **Children's Ballroom and
Latin Dance Class** -10.00am until
11.00am.

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

Pyworthy Village Hall continued ... Bingo News – “Eyes Down”



*Thank you
everybody!*

Above: a photo of the huge array of prizes that were very generously donated for the Bingo Evening at the end of November.

Right: a photo of the happy Bingo players – a great evening was had by all who attended.



What a great night was had by us all, thanks to everybody who came to support the Bingo night.

We raised over £500 profit for the Village Hall funds, which was amazing.

Thanks go to all those who kindly gave donations of prizes. Thank you to the person who supplied the meat for the meat boxes – you know who you are, plus thanks to Liam Thorley for his donation of the main prize for the special flyer game.

Donations of raffle prizes were also received from Noteworthy Nibbles Café, HATS theatre, “Milky Way” tickets, Morrisons, Country Kitchen, Simon Martin, Paul from Amberellas Hairdressers, and the many others who made the evening a great success.

A big thank you to Marie and Shirley, who made a splendid job of organising the evening for the village.

There are lots of events coming up in 2025 for you to enjoy. The first big event in the hall is a talk and slide show by Rupert Kirkwood on March 28th. A date for your diary!

Join Gill's Golden Gang

**Strength & Balance Exercise Class
for the over 55's!**

Held at:

**Resuming on the
9th January!**

**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.**



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.
The first meeting this year is the 16th January**



**NEW MEMBERS ARE
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Happy New Year to you all!



Pyworthy MOT Ltd



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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.

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Courtesy car available.

Wishing all our customers a very New Year! Thank you for your continued support. Simon.

FREE TO A GOOD

GREENHOUSE

The greenhouse is:

6' X 8' by 6'6". It comes with 2 shelving units and some glass. You will need to dismantle and move it yourself, and it will need more glass.

Phone: 07708061040.



HOME!



DECEMBER'S PYWORTHY POSER ANSWERS:

1. He was killed by his younger brother.
2. Capricorn.
3. Indian Ocean.
4. Winter Solstice.
5. Isaac Newton.
6. Vixen.
7. Britain.
8. Coca Cola.
9. A Hen.
10. 3 French Hens.
11. Jingle Bells.
12. Charles Dickens.
13. 364.
14. Flying Fish Cove.
15. Cranberry Sauce.

Pyworthy Pilgrim.

The next Poser quiz is on
page 33.

A big thank you to the
Pyworthy Pilgrim.



Line Dancing!



New Members welcome.



For more information call Brenda
on: 01409 253015

Line Dancing Classes

Our Line dancing classes are held
on: **Mondays** in

Pyworthy Village Hall.

Complete Beginners:

5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Beginners/Improvers:

6.30pm – 7.30pm &

Intermediate level:

7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Tuesdays: Intermediate level,
7.30pm – 9.30pm.

All classes cost just £5.

Come and join us!



It was debatable whether the walk would go ahead as planned on Monday 9th December given that Storm Darragh had been raging over the weekend. Thankfully, the wind dropped considerably & although it was chilly, it was a nice prospect to go for a walk having been confined to barracks for a couple of days. We met in Bradworthy Square which was a hive of activity with the Christmas decorations going up. It will look a picture once complete. We turned left by H.J. Wicketts & followed the lane which took us past the School on our right. At the bottom of the hill, we contemplated the name of the river which we crossed. It wouldn't come to me which was really annoying! The water level was much higher than when we last walked this way in July'23. We strolled up the hill through the beautiful avenue of trees admiring the far-reaching views to the left. Amazingly, there didn't appear to have been any casualties during the storm. We followed the footpath sign which took us along the drive towards Berridon Farm. As most of the leaves had fallen, we had an opportunity to admire the wooden chalets in the field on our right. It must be a very tranquil environment for visitors but there wasn't any evidence of them in December. We followed the footpath sign which took us through a wooden gate on our right & across a beautifully kept field. The route is cleverly marked with a couple of strategically placed granite gate posts. We went through a couple

of self-closing galvanised gates at the far side of the field. We turned right & entered a large field that would normally be grazed by cattle during the summer months. We were pleasantly surprised by how dry the track was underfoot. I think the storm had played a part in drying out the ground as in reality, the storm hadn't brought much rain. We crossed the wooden footbridge & again we contemplated the name of the river which we crossed. It was right on the tip of my tongue but annoyingly, it still wouldn't come to me! When we reached the lane, we turned right & then turned right again which brought us back to The Square. This is such a nice circular walk of approx. 2.3 miles & we were all pleased that we had made the effort. Oh yes, when I got home the name came to me..... River Waldon.

This was the last walk for the year & there isn't one planned for January. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their company over the last twelve months. I must also thank the landowners who have very kindly given us permission to park on their land. This enables us to walk routes that would otherwise be awkward due to a lack of suitable parking. I am so grateful to the P3 volunteers who are usually associated with our Parish Councils as they check our local PROWs for accessibility & report back to DCC if there are any problems.

**It just leaves me to wish everyone a
happy time over the festive period &
good health & happiness
for the New Year.**

Contact information:

Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848

Email:

evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

Power Outages Sent Hopworthy Residents Back to the Dark Ages!

As we struggled through the third power cut in 10 days, it was hard not to feel sorry for ourselves. The first outage could have been prevented if National Grid had been proactive and trimmed back the trees which shorted out the high voltage lines. The second cut was described as a scheduled interruption while a neighbour's new house was connected to the supply. That one lasted all day, continuing into the hours of darkness and was pretty miserable, but the big one was yet to arrive. Storm Darragh started in the early hours of the morning, five days later, and affected many parts of Devon, Cornwall and the east coast of Wales.

Daytime in the house was cold but tolerable. We managed to dig out an old camping stove to cook a few primitive meals and to make copious amounts of hot drinks, in an effort to keep warm. The lack of communication with the outside world was annoying. The mobile network stopped working and the only way to find out what was happening was to drive two miles to the local supermarket car park to get a signal and check the power company website, where the scant news was not encouraging. But as darkness fell, it became overwhelmingly grim in the house. With no TV, no internet and no light, the options to maintain one's sanity slowly slipped away. Candles and rechargeable torches came out of storage, but the only possible entertainment was to try to read a book.

As 9pm arrived, it seemed pointless to stay up any longer and the only option was to head for a freezing cold bed. It was so cold that I decided I would have to sleep in my clothes. Continuing to read a book by torchlight, there was an unexpected miracle. The electricity was reconnected, and life slowly began to return to normal.

The next morning, my feeling of jubilation was rapidly replaced by an overwhelming surge of humility and even shame at my self-pity when the power was off. My mind went back to my grandad, George Godwin. He lived his whole life without the benefit of electricity even though he was only a couple of hundred yards from the centre of the Midland town of Stafford. His row of five terraced cottages were owned by a single landlord who never spent a penny on improvements if he didn't have to. In 1884, George was born in a house two doors away without electricity and then lived his whole married life with five children, from 1912 to 1961, in a neighbouring two-up, two-down cottage, also without power.

Lighting was from a gas lamp controlled by a coin meter where you had to stand on a chair to deposit a shilling before the gas was abruptly shut off. Woe betide you if this happened in the hours of darkness when you had very little chance of finding either the right coin or the meter. The gas lamp had a delicate mantle of mesh impregnated with chemicals to produce a white glow when heated.

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Power outages continued from page 14

This also needed replacement at regular intervals, which involved standing on the dining room table. This job used to fall to my father, since grandad was, by this time, quite frail. People seemed to age rapidly in those days. I'm only three years younger than he was when he died, yet it seems strange and incomprehensible that I'm capable of easily doing tasks which would have been completely beyond him. It is a clear demonstration that the post-war improvement in health and living standards have not only lengthened our lifespan but considerably improved its quality.

The next time the power goes off, I have resolved to review my attitude. Everything we take for granted, can just as quickly be taken from us. We haven't adapted to life without the luxuries of instantaneous lighting, heating and entertainment. With a little preparation and having a camping stove, stocks of rechargeable lights, candles and a battery-powered radio, life can continue while reminding us just how much we take for granted and how blessed we are to be living in this period of history.

By Reg Godwin, local resident

Ribbons: Please avoid placing these in your recycling as they can tangle up machines at recycling facilities. Either place them in your black bag or consider saving it for future gifts or crafts.

Christmas cards: Where possible, buy cards made from recycled paper and avoid foil or glitter cards. Anything with bows or glitter, needs to go in your black bag – or turn them into gift tags for next year. Plain cards should be placed in the brown bag.

Christmas crackers: Much like wrapping paper and cards, if Christmas crackers aren't too shiny or glittery then they can be pulled apart and the paper and cardboard elements can be recycled. Remember to recycle the paper hats and jokes too!

Christmas decorations: Make your own decorations if you can. If you're buying a new set of Christmas lights, consider choosing solar powered or LED options to minimise the energy need to keep them twinkling. **For more information phone: 01237 428700.**

Email address: pyworthy@post.com Telephone number: 01409 478294 Page 15



Christmas - what can & can't be recycled?

Torridge District Council is encouraging residents to 'think before you buy' for a greener Christmas.

To help residents know what can and can't be recycled, Torridge District Council has put together a simple reminder to help you make some greener choices and maybe save yourself some money too!

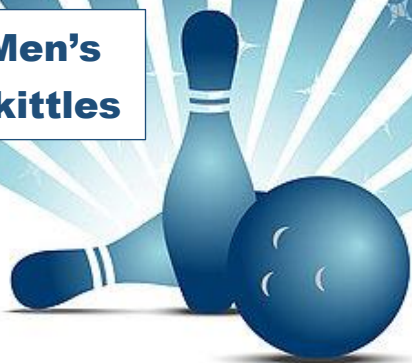
Wrapping paper: A common misconception is that all wrapping paper and cards can be recycled. However, due to the amount of energy needed to recover the paper fibres that make up metallic, shiny, and glittery wrapping papers, this material is often non-recyclable and will need to be placed in the black bag. For an environmentally alternative, try brown paper or fabric.

Tissue paper: Cannot be recycled so needs to go in your black bag. Alternatively, consider saving it for future gifting.

Gift boxes and bags: Try to extend their life by re-using them. Pre-decorated boxes with ribbons and glitter or anything containing foam or polystyrene, cannot be recycled.

More advice below....

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!**

Make a NEW YEAR Donation to the Pyworthy Post

If you would like to give a donation towards the printing cost of the Pyworthy Post – see details below.

BACS details:

Account number: 01086227
Sort code: 40-24-25
Account name: Pyworthy Post
Type of account: Community account.

Please email me your name and address for a receipt.

A big thank you to all those who have already donated to the cost of printing the paper, which is much appreciated.



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- ❖ Celebrations in our secret cellar bar
- ❖ Fun tailor-made children's parties!
- ❖ "Have a splash with a pool party!"
- ❖ "Birthday, Anniversaries, Christening or any celebrations!"



PYWORTHY AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

By Mike Godfrey, Chairman



I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and that you had a chance to enjoy the days between the two dates for a rest from work and adopt a more laidback routine. This time of the year the garden is in not only in slumber, but it is generally very wet, in fact at Crinacott the water table is at ground level, even though we are at the top of the ground which slopes away down to the stream. With the ground like this there is very little that can be done outside, even so, if conditions were better and you can summon up the enthusiasm and energy, it is probably the best time to get the basic jobs done. Like me, if it doesn't take your fancy and if you are minded to, it is a time when you can select and order your seeds for the coming year, as well as start to make your garden plans, while you perhaps have a bit more thinking time on your hands and whilst you are perhaps enjoying some Christmas treats and drinks. For those of you with greenhouses or polytunnels or perhaps even a potting shed, it is a good time to clean and oil (light oil or WD40 or similar) your gardening tools and machinery, and even make a start on cleaning the buildings themselves. It can also be a time when your pots and seed trays should be cleaned and sterilised, using diluted Jeyes Fluid or something similar.

On Wednesday December 11th, we had our final Garden Club Christmas lunch at the Rydon Inn. A small

number of Club members attended, and the Rydon produced a splendid Christmas menu. Everyone really enjoyed their food, which was well cooked and very well presented but even more so, everyone enjoyed each other's company. I believe that we all had a really good time. It was a real pleasure to meet up with everyone and socialise and have a good natter. Hopefully in the coming year we intend to organise a couple of social events, so that we can stay in touch, perhaps a Barbeque or cream tea in the summer and Christmas Lunch this time of the year. Despite the sadness of the occasion, spirits were high and the Clubs final get together was a positive affair. After paying for the Christmas Lunch, the Club still has some money in the bank and it is planned that in January that the treasurer and I will meet to allocate the remaining proceeds to a couple of Charities that have been nominated by the Club members.

For the final time the committee and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas period and as always, we wish you all the best of health, stay safe and well in the New Year.

Even though the Gardening Club is finished, as I mentioned last month I will continue to write some gardening drivel for as long as you can tolerate it. I have also got some ideas for future articles unrelated to gardening but I have to talk to Marion first before I put pen to paper or rather computer key to ram memory nowadays.

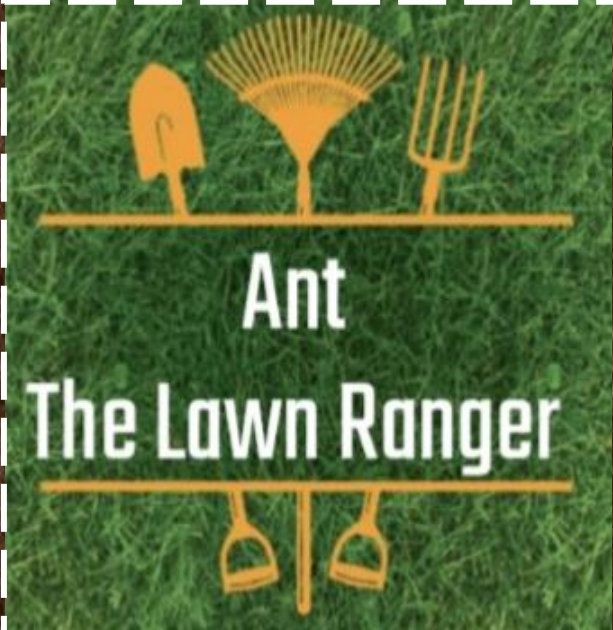
**Mike Godfrey
Chairman**

**See the Crinacott
Christmas lights on
page 18....**



The pretty Christmas lights at Crinacott Farm

If anyone needs to contact the Committee, then please contact me on 01409 253401 or 07798 647041 or by e-mail at: mikecrinacott1@gmail.com.



For grass cutting & garden maintenance call:
Antony Jarvis
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The Molesworth Arms - Update

So, what's happening. #Postive change for the New Year. The Molesworth Arms is still for sale and we as a community want to buy it. We are still in the early stages of getting together. We have 3 community members, but we still need more. Have you got some spare time in your working week? Would have any skills that we can utilise going forward? The community is urged to continue supporting the pub through talking to others, get the word around. If we don't get support to help develop the community offer we can't buy the pub for the village, so this is our last chance to volunteer and help keep the pub at the centre of our community The pub's committee depends on the continued involvement and generosity of residents and friends.

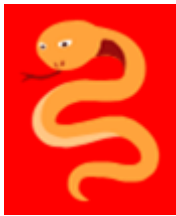
WE NEED YOU! Image: the love of country prevails. Call to Action!

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pledge your support and volunteer your time. Pyworthy Parish is 689 residents and only 40 have pledged to support for us to run a successful committee we need to pull together.

Kit and Monique are still welcoming customers,

What is the Chinese New Year 2025 Animal? — Earth Snake



The Year of the Snake in the Chinese zodiac is 2025, and the Lunar New Year will occur on **January the 29th**. The snake is the sixth animal in the Chinese zodiac, and is associated with wisdom, intuition, transformation, elegance, and mystery.

Chinese culture, the snake is a symbol of intelligence and charm, and people born in the Year of the Snake are said to be charming, intelligent, and graceful. Some say that people born in the Year of the Snake are also great speakers and deep thinkers but can also be stubborn and overconfident.

The snake is also associated with the wood element in 2025, which is said to add creativity, stability, and grounded energy. The Year of the Snake is said to encourage personal and professional growth, and to focus on long-term plans, creativity, and intuition.

Years of The Snake Chinese Zodiac: You would be a native of the snake zodiac sign as per snake astrology only if you were born in the years 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, or 2025. These are known as *Chinese zodiac snake years*.

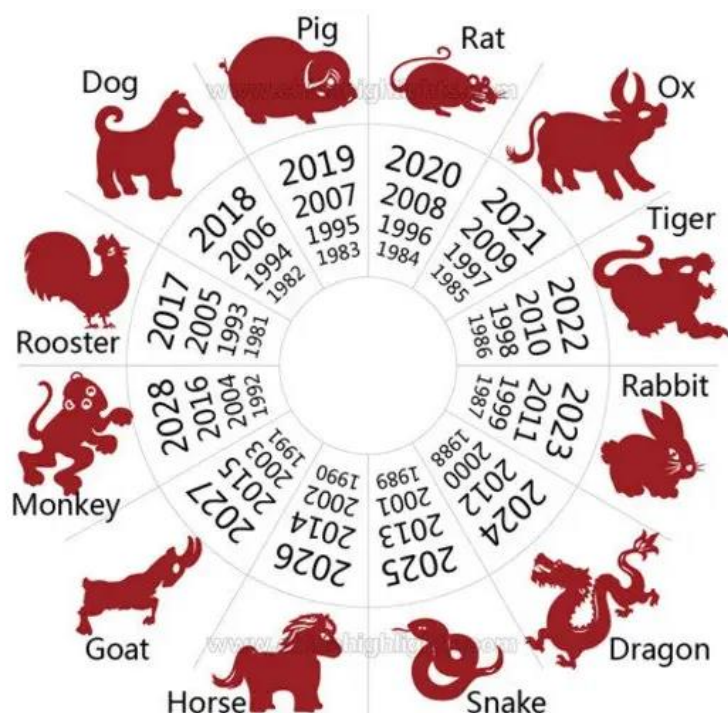
Chinese New Year, is an annual 15-day festival celebrated in China, and by Chinese communities around the World that begins with the new moon that occurs sometime between January 21 and February 20 according to Western calendars. Festivities last until the following full moon. The holiday is sometimes called the Lunar New Year because the dates of celebration follow the phases of the moon. Since the mid-1990s people in China have been given seven consecutive days off work during the Chinese New Year. This week of relaxation has been designated Spring Festival, a term that is sometimes used to refer to the Chinese New Year in general.

The 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac are:



More information
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Rat,
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Rabbit,
Dragon,
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Horse,
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Rooster,
Dog and
Pig.



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John Sanders Trust for Pyworthy Park

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Well known quotes from famous People

'tis substantial happiness to eat! By Alexander Pope.

If at first you don't succeed try, try, try again! By Thomas H. Palmer.

Happiness always looks small while you hold it in your hands, but let it go, and you learn at once how big and precious it is. By Maxim Gorky.

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much. By Bessie Anderson Stanley.



St. Swithun's News!

By Gill Johns, on behalf of
St. Swithun's Church



Christmas festivities will all have come and gone by the time the January Pyworthy Post is issued but at the time of writing there are still 2 weeks to the 25th December when we celebrate Jesus' arrival.

The annual Christingle was a magical affair when the church was full of children, parents, grandparents and great grandparents, the whole service in the loving capable hands of our Liffy who will be retiring from this job after over 20 years in charge. Well done Liffy, the whole of Pyworthy is truly grateful for all your hard work, including going round the whole village with reminders to all the local families of the date and requesting wrapped presents for those less fortunate than ourselves. Indeed, the pile of presents in the church was higher than ever. Well done everyone. Liffy and Jan then took them all up to the Women's Refuge in Barnstaple where they were very gratefully received and will light up Christmas for many families. The collection at the service was in aid of the Children's Society and raised a wonderful £153.52. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Storm Darragh saw the lower end of the village without electricity for a couple of days and there was a tree down on Derriton Hill, though the hill was passable to normal size vehicles. Luckily there are always a few people around with chainsaws to assist and

provide logs for those with fires.

This New Year brings the arrival of the 3 Kings at Epiphany bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to honour their newborn king. Our first service of 2025 on 5th January is an All Age Service when we hope there will be some children to place the 3 Kings in the crib, do some activities and have refreshments, including scrummy cakes.

How do you celebrate the New Year? Do you make a Resolution? If so, do you keep it?

There are certainly some weird New Year traditions around the world, including the Danes who smash broken or chipped plates on New Year's Eve; the Ecuadorians build and burn scarecrows made from old clothes, paper, wood or other materials to symbolize the end of the past year; Spaniards eat one grape for each clock chime at midnight, with the twelve grapes representing the upcoming months; Greeks hang onions outside their doors to symbolize growth and fertility; but to my mind the oddest is Colombians who walk around the block carrying empty suitcases to bring a year filled with travel. Most of us will shake hands, sing Auld Lang Syne and wish each other a Happy New Year.

While we will have rejoiced at the birth of Jesus at Christmas there will be many for whom 2024 was a time of sadness. But now we look forward to this New Year of 2025 with hope for a more peaceful world, a future when we all have enough – enough to eat, enough to keep warm, enough time to spend with loved ones.

Let us travel with hope into 2025 and a Very Happy New Year to you all.

Gill Johns

St Swithun's News continued from page 21...

**A big
Thank
You**

Holsworthy's Town
Cryer opened the
Fair, which was a
great success!



Pyworthy Christmas Fair

A very BIG thank you to all who helped and supported the fair on the 23rd November. I am pleased to say we raised **£1020.40** for our lovely Church, despite the terrible weather on the day. Once again, I thank you for your support and hopefully, we can enjoy it again next year – to enable our church to stay alive.

A Happy New Year to ALL.
Janet Grant, Fair Organiser

More Church News....

Church services & contact details
are on page 5.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

3rd Anniversary, 1st January 2022 - the warmest New Year's Day on record is reported, with temperatures of 16.2C (61.2F) in St James's Park, Central London.

10th Anniversary, 28th January 2015 - An earthquake of magnitude 3.8 is felt across the East Midlands.

52nd Anniversary, 1st January 1973 - The UK is admitted into the European Community.

60th Anniversary, 24th January 1965 - Sir Winston Churchill dies aged 90 at Chartwell, his Kent home of more than 40 years.

60th Anniversary, 7th January 1965 - Twin brothers Ronnie and Reggie Kray are arrested on suspicion of running a protection racket in London.

70th Anniversary, 1st January 1955 - The U.K's first atomic bomber unit, No. 138 Squadron RAF, is formed, flying Vickers Valiants from RAF Gaydon in Warwickshire.

88th Anniversary, 1st January 1937 - Safety glass in vehicle windscreens becomes mandatory in Great Britain.

92nd Anniversary, 1st January 1933 - the London Underground map designed by Harry Beck is introduced to the public for the first time.

131st Anniversary, 1st January 1894 - The Manchester Ship Canal, England, is officially opened to traffic.

253rd Anniversary, 1st January 1772 - The first traveller's cheques, which can be used in 90 European cities, go on sale in London.

1154th Anniversary, 4th January 0871 - Battle of Reading: Ethelred of Wessex fights, and is defeated by, a Danish invasion army.



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Making memories!

A Day in the Company of...Giant Bluefin Tuna!

By Rupert Kirkwood, resident of Derriton & great kayaker



Kayaking along our South West coastline - a Tuna surfaced



A school of about a hundred silver fish surfaced in front of my kayak

Below: an airborne Tuna fish



I've had a whole load of memorable moments whilst paddling my kayak around the coast of Cornwall and Devon this year. It is so quiet, slow and unobtrusive that I have found myself staring eyeball to eyeball with otters, beavers, seals, puffins, porpoise, dolphins and a handful of whales. Some really rare offshore seabirds such as Cory's and Great Shearwaters have zipped past so close they have ruffled my hair...what's left of it.

But my most staggering encounter was at the end of October off the coast of south Devon. It was an extraordinary day shared with my filmmaker son, Henry, who was observing and recording the action from the shore.

I had seen some violent splashes in the far distance which were much too big and explosive to be dolphins, so I sped over at top speed to investigate.

A few more minor eruptions at the surface lured me on but then everything went completely still so I just sat and watched...and waited.

I was just beginning to think that whatever was causing the commotion had disappeared when a school of about a hundred silver fish, all about a foot long, started skipping across the surface directly towards me.

My initial thought of 'how lovely, I've never seen this sort of thing before' suddenly changed to twang of alarm as I sensed the panic in the shoal of Garfish that were clearly fleeing as though their lives depended on it.

They were just skittering past the nose of my kayak when there was a huge eruption of water close by as a vast fish, much bigger than me, exploded from the surface and sent one of the garfish cartwheeling through the air almost over my head.

As the fish fell back into the water it threw up a wall of spray that showered all over my deck...and me.

Wowzer. My heart was in my throat and my brain cells were trying to make sense of what I had just seen...and not making a very good job of it. I might just have considered that I could have had a close encounter with the world's most exciting



Tuna fish Vs Garfish



Too close for comfort!

Below: Close encounters of the
'GIANT' BluefinTuna kind!

continued on page 26.....



A Day in the Company of...Giant Bluefin Tuna! Continued from pages 24 & 25

fish in some exotic location in the tropics...but not from my kayak just off the coast of South Devon on a grey day in late autumn!

This dramatic encounter was just the start of a couple of hours of incredible action as I sat on the edge of a feeding frenzy of about fifty Atlantic Bluefin Tuna. Hardly a minute went past without a random roar of water as a monster fish broke the surface, but every so often there was a pause in the action as though something more organised was going on down below.

It was. Several Tuna were herding the shoals of Garfish into baitballs and then chasing them along the surface before targeting a straggler to be the victim of their final lunge.

There would be a prolonged burst of leaping fish all around my kayak, with me not knowing which way to look. No wonder I had such a stiff neck the next day. The excitement of the moment was enhanced by Henry's cheers and whoops of excitement as he watched from a nearby rock ledge, hardly believing that I hadn't been tipped out by a fish-shaped missile.

Sitting at water level in my modest-sized kayak all of these fish looked huge. They averaged five or six foot long, but a couple were very much bigger...significantly more beefy than a Common Dolphin which is up to eight foot long.

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna qualify for the description of 'Giant' Bluefin Tuna if they are over 150kgs in weight...and these could easily have been double that!

How completely and utterly incredible. I paddle my kayak around the local coast specifically to observe the wildlife, but to be up close and personal with the biggest tuna species in the world...and arguably the world's most exciting fish...was beyond my wildest of dreams.

That's why I keep going back for more!



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**More
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Pyworthy Bin Collections



JANUARY 2025 - Pyworthy Village, other villages may have a different collection schedule.

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Friday 10th January

Friday 24th January

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Garden Waste Collection dates:

Monday 6th January

Monday 20th January

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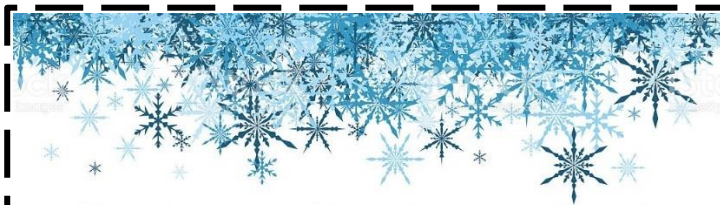
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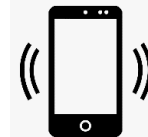
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Pyworthy Poser Quiz for January 2025

Your January Poser Quiz

1. January was named after whom?
2. What traditional dessert is celebrated on 6th January?
3. On what date is "National Hangover Day"?
4. What "National Month" in current communication is observed in January?
5. January's birthstone is?
6. What is the "Birth Flower" of people born in January?
7. What aquatic bird is celebrated on 20th January?
8. What food is celebrated on 4th January?
9. On 25.01.1949 what "awards" were held for the first time?
10. Which became the 49th State of USA on 03.01.1959.?
11. A snowflake consists of how many sides?
12. The lowest temperature ever recorded on 21.07.1983 at Vostock Station, Antarctica, measuring?



**Last month's
answers are on page 12.
Pyworthy Pilgrim.**



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Sunrise, Sunset Times for the coming month:



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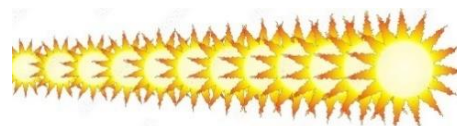


1st January 2025 (UK, Exeter)

☀ Sunrise time: 8.15am GMT

🌅 Sunset time: 16.19pm GMT

🕒 Length of day: 8 hrs 03 mins.



31st January 2025 (UK, Exeter)

☀ Sunrise time: 07.51am GMT

🌅 Sunset time: 17.04pm GMT

🕒 Length of day: 9 hrs 13 mins

Airline and Holiday Booking Scams

By Brian Meadows of Nofix-Nofee

Now is the time of year many will be booking a holiday away and scammers are well aware it provides a perfect opportunity to steal from you as families look for cheap holiday deals.

Beware of fake websites, phishing emails, and deceptive booking practices.

Scammers create websites that mimic legitimate airlines, offering heavily discounted tickets. Be cautious of prices that seem too good to be true. Fraudsters send emails claiming to be from airlines, asking for personal and financial information. Legitimate airlines will never request sensitive info via an unsolicited email.

Scammers pose as travel agencies or booking platforms, offering "exclusive deals" or "error fares." Be wary of sites with poor reviews or unclear refund policies. Fraudsters claim your flight has been cancelled and demand payment for rebooking or cancellation fees.

To avoid airline scams book flights directly with the airline to ensure authenticity.

Check reviews, ratings, and refund policies before using third-party booking platforms.

Ensure the website you're using is legitimate by checking for official airline logos and secure payment systems.

Never respond to emails claiming to be from airlines, and never provide sensitive information.

Pay with credit cards, which offer better protection against fraud than debit cards or other payment methods.

Report any suspicious activity to your credit card company and ask them to put a watch on your account for unusual transactions. Banks have such systems in place as it is in their interest to stop scammers as it is the buyers.

Chasing a good or cheap deal can lead to very expensive disappointments and the last thing you would want is to arrive at the airport or your destination only to find you have actually been scammed!

As always remember, if a deal seems too good to be true, it most probably is.

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**Happy New
Year!**

2025

Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group

By Gill Aston



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to our website.



An incredible walk was experienced by our group in the Highampton area. We took in some fabulous snowy scenes.

The beginning of a new year allows us to look forward to lots more walking and enjoyment. We have had some interesting new walks recently which will be repeated for those who missed them the first time around and for those who would like to do them again. Sometimes we reverse the route, and it is always surprising how many different perspectives we notice.

Prior to Christmas we walked at Highampton on a fresh, frosty day. Although the roads were clear the photo looks as though we were on an arctic expedition instead of a grass field in Devon. The following week we walked the Multi Use Trail in Bude which, only days earlier, had been completely submerged by flood water thanks to Storm Bert. Although we do try to walk whatever the weather, should conditions be felt to be

dangerous we would not go ahead and would notify our members accordingly. Information would also be posted on our website.

In April we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Holsworthy Walk and Talk (formerly Walking for Health). Prior to 2005 David Arney had organised some 'practice' walks to encourage those participants to train as Walk Leaders and Back Markers. David had previously met Michael Heryet who still runs Bude Walk and Talk and who, at that time, was a Walk Leader Trainer. Michael trained six people back then,, two of whom are still walk leading and back marking with us on a regular basis.



**Report & our walks programme is on
page 37**

Holsworthy Walk & Talk group report continued from page 36....

The first walk which David Arney led began in the Manor Car Park, Holsworthy, heading over the Viaduct and out to Rydon. We propose repeating that walk in April and are keen for anyone who was either on that walk in 2005 or knows of anyone who was to get in touch and hopefully join us in our celebrations.

If you would like to join us at any time we walk on Mondays and Fridays. All walks start at 10.30 am 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 JANUARY Programme of walks:



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

JANUARY Walks: Walk starting points as indicated below:

Friday 3rd December – Level 2: RUBY WAY.

Start by the war memorial near Anvil Corner. Hard tracks, quiet lanes and one short incline. **LEADERS:** Eric Boundy. EX22 6NR.

Level 3: - CHILSWORTHY. Start from Village Hall car park. Quiet lanes, paths, steps and some steep inclines. 2 stiles. **LEADERS:** Michael Heryet & Cheryl Collins. EX22 7BB

Friday 10th December Level 2: Level 2 - UPPER

TAMAR LAKE. Start from UPPER Tamar car park. Parking charges apply. Hard, level track around the lake. Can be muddy in parts. **LEADERS:** Mike Jackson. EX23 9SB.

Level 3: - HOLSWORTHY WOODS. Start from the main car park. Hard tracks with gentle inclines. **LEADERS:** Paul Davies & Kim Harris. EX22 6NQ.

JANUARY walks programme continued:

Friday 17th December - Level 2:

BRADWORTHY. Start from The Square. A mix of quiet lanes and fields with gentle inclines. Cattle may be present in some fields.

LEADERS: Jacqui Shapland. EX22 7SZ.

Level 3 - MILTON DAMEREL. Start from the Parish Hall car park. A mainly road walk with quiet lanes, some inclines and a short field section. **LEADERS:** Mike Jackson & Eric Boundy. EX22 7NZ.

Friday 24th December - Level 2: MEETH

QUARRY. Start from main car park. Hard tracks, gentle inclines but no stiles. Donation box in the car park. **LEADERS:** Cheryl Collins. EX20 3ER.

Level 3: MEETH QUARRY. Start from main car park. Hard tracks, gentle inclines, muddy at times. Donation box in the car park.

LEADERS: Paul Davies & Eric Boundy. EX20 3ER.

Friday 31st December - Level 2: HALWILL

JUNCTION - CHILLA. Start from Parish Hall car park. Lanes and hard tracks, gentle inclines, no stiles. **LEADERS:** Mike Jackson. EX21 5XW.

Level 3: PYWORTHY ROAD WALK. Start from the Village Hall car park. Quiet lanes with hard surfaces, a few inclines, one steep.

LEADERS: Michael Heryet & Paul Davies. EX22 6JJ.



Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group contact details:

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

holsworthywalkandtalk@gmail.com

<http://holsworthywalkandtalk.co.uk>

Phone contact numbers:

Gillian Aston 07854677784 or

Mike Jackson 01409 261196 or

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PYWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Here are the contact telephone numbers for our Parish Councillors:

Ros Skinner: Chair

01409 254159 or 07800667842

Andrew Parrish: Vice Chair

01409 254303

Nick Lock:

01288 381529 or 07989595372

Rob Moores: 01409 254192

Angela Skinner: 07794 344117

Martin Brennan: 01409 691096

Andrew Beaven: 01409 253509 (after 7pm).

For general enquires phone:

Simon Davies, Clerk on:

tel. 07989747416.

Email address: pyworthy@yahoo.co.uk

**The date of the next meeting will be
23rd January at 7.30pm.**

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Potters Fish 'n' Things

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OR

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Derril Water Solar Park Update 9....

We are pleased to report the progress of the ongoing Derril Water project. About 20% of the panels have now been installed. The structural work that will support the panels is advancing well, with about 85% completion. The substation buildings' foundation works are finished, and we've started construction of one upper building.



The transformer foundations are progressing, with concrete pouring underway for two of them. Excavations for the other five transformers' foundations are ongoing, accompanied by load bearing tests. The installation of ducts and cables is also underway.

Deliveries of solar modules are ongoing and managed by Ethical Power to align with the installation schedule, minimising the need for large storage areas. Cable deliveries are expected to be complete by mid-January, with all necessary cables for the current

stage of construction already on site. Please note that the site will be closed for construction works during the festive period from December 24th to January 3rd. Security arrangements will continue to be in place during this period.

In January we will continue with cable installation and trenching, the construction of the MV switchgear foundation, and the substation buildings. Panel installation and deliveries to the site will also continue. Remember, Derril Water Solar Park is Ripple Energy's first exciting shared solar project in the UK. Members not only benefit from the clean energy that will be generated but actually own this project.

If you have any concerns or need to report special events in the area that might be affected by our works, please reach out to:

DerrilWater@RippleEnergy.com

Learn more about the project here:

<https://rippleenergy.com/our-projects/derril-water-solar-park>



**Another
update next
month.....**



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**Read Brian's article on
page 35.**

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SANTA CAME A-CALLING

Poetry Corner



Santa came a-calling
To my house, along his way
But he couldn't find a chimney
On the roof - to tie his sleigh

So he took my shiny parcel
To the door - and tied it tight
And he wished me luck
With a Christmas card
- Then on into the night

Thank you so much, Santa
For your kindness and good cheer
And I wish you a Merry Christmas
And a HAPPY, BRIGHT NEW YEAR

By Jean Clark
Rydon Village



Pyworthy Rural Art Group

Pyworthy ART



A very **Happy New Year to you all!** I hope that your Christmas was a good one. As I write this, no snow yet, but who knows what we will get during the month of January.

We start back on the 7th of January in the Village Hall at 2.30pm until 4.30pm. All abilities are welcome.



Our programme for January:


- 7th January still life painting in any medium
- 14th January a painting using only one colour of your choice
- 21st January painting trees and their shapes & colours, in the four seasons of the year
- 28th January skies in water-colour.



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

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Print deadline for the next edition of Pyworthy Post is:
Friday 24th January 2025 at
12 noon prompt!

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 37 & 38. Also, members take a short walk in Stanhope Park on Mondays.

Wednesday 1st January – New Year Bank holiday

Sunday 5th January – Twelfth night, have you taken down your decorations?

Monday 6th January - Plough Monday

Tuesday 7th January – Art classes will restart

Thursday 9th January – Gill's Golden Gang resume classes.

Monday 13th January – Blue Monday!

Thursday 16th January – Village Hall Coffee mornings are back

Tuesday 21st January – Mobile Fish 'n' Chip van in the Village Hall Car Park from 4.30pm until 7pm. See page 38 for more information.

Wednesday 22nd January – Village Hall meeting, starting at 7.30pm

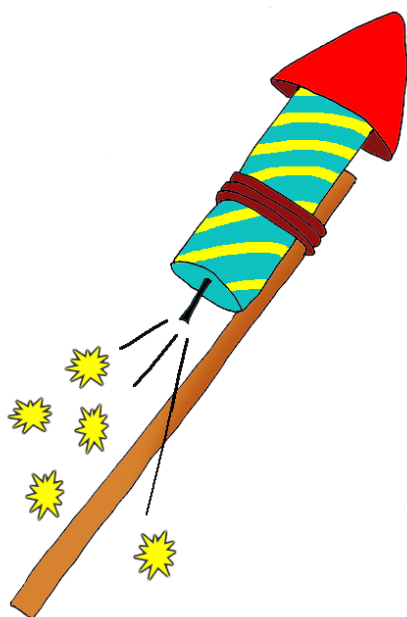
Thursday 23rd January – Pyworthy Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, all parishioners welcome.

Monday 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year (Year of the Snake). See page 19.

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 28th March – Rupert Kirkwood's talk and slide show on his kayaking adventures. More information next month.



*Please get involved in an activity
and be part of a real community.*

Happy New Year!

Christmas Craft Session Held in the Village Hall

Amanda Witts organised a Christmas crafting session for the children of the village, which was held at the end of November. They crafted beautiful tree decorations for the Festival of Trees, in Holsworthy. They had lots of fun, with the adults enjoying themselves as much as the children. They all worked really hard, with the result of a very festively decorated Christmas tree. I believe we came third, with Holsworthy primary school taking the first prize for their tree. Well done to you all!

Amanda thanks all those who helped make it such a success.



**Well done the
decorations look
amazing!**



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