PYWORTHY POST





Left: tears of joy, as Emma Heard won almost £500 playing "Play Your Cards Right" last month, at the community Social Evening.

What's in your paper this month:

- Lots of community events this month including Pyworthy Christmas Fair.
- Interesting history about The Molesworth Estate sales of 1925.
- Remembrance services & special Veteran's Evening – this month.

Turn the page and come inside…..



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Line Dance Christmas Party for ALL

At Pyworthy Village Hall on

Tuesday 15th December,

from 7pm until 11pm.

The amazing Darren Flack will be entertaining.

You are welcome to bring your own drinks & snacks.

Tickets cost £10pp & are available from Brenda.

Call Brenda on:

01409 253015

Welcome to the NOVEMBER EDITION



By Marion Ravn, editor

Winter is on its way, storms Austen and Boelo have passed, I do hope you didn't suffer any damage.

We look forward to our November events in Pyworthy. Our church will hold a special Remembrance Service at 9.30am on the **8th November**. On **Armistice Day, 11th November**, there will be a short service at 10.55am outside the church at the memorial plaque (weather permitting).

A special evening has also been organised in the Village Hall on **8th November** for all our local veterans to mark Remembrance Sunday. See page 28 for further information.

If you are preparing for Christmas, Gill and Liffy are taking orders for their delicious Christmas cakes and puddings. Contact details on page 25.

Brenda has organised a Halloween themed Line Dance Party for everyone on **31st October**, and there will also be a Line Dance themed Christmas Party for everyone on **Tuesday 15th December**, with Darren Flack providing the entertainment.

Amanda has organised a **free Children's Craft & Play Session** in the hall on **21st November**. Followed by the Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday **28th November,** another popular village event.

"Not the Cowboys" will be entertaining in the Village Hall on **5th December**, back by popular demand. Book your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. See page 30.

In addition to these events, there are many clubs and activities taking place in the Village Hall, as well as a variety of other interest groups in the area. Read their articles and reports throughout the paper.

The paper is made possible by you. Please keep the news and articles rolling in.

Take care and look after one another.

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CHURCH NEWS



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

All of a sudden everyone has started talking about Christmas, about what's in the shops or what about the food at Christmas? I just don't know where this year has gone, but gone it has! Weatherwise a funny old year, the first few months it seemed as if the rain was never going to stop. It stopped and then seemed to have no idea how to start again! It still hasn't really, and reservoirs in the South West are suffering now. But I expect the rain will start eventually and forget to stop again. Seriously, we do need rain for the reservoirs, many are lower than they have been for years; trees, buildings and rock formations are visible which have not been seen since the reservoir was built. So please watch the amount of water that you use over the next few weeks and maybe months.

October started with our Harvest Festival on the 4th of the month and, as usual, the church was beautifully decorated by our flower ladies; autumn colours are wonderful I think, always warming and cheerful, what is more, they last for some time so we get the benefit of these beautiful colours for several weeks. Many people also brought non-perishable foods as well as fruit and vegetables; the non-perishables went to the Food Bank and the fruit and veg to the Holsworthy Fridge. All of it will be well received, I'm sure.

As I'm sure many of you know, the church is in need of a lot of repair work both inside and out; this does not come cheap and we need a sizeable amount of money raising. Through a lot of hard work by Alison Davies (I cannot talk about raising money without mentioning Ali's name, she has been the mainstay behind all of this) we have received from Historic England the magnificent sum of £248,000 towards the work required. This is about £20,000 short of the money we need to raise and so, over the next year, we need to raise this sum to achieve the outcome we desire. This is why we'll be holding several money-raising ventures over the coming year, and we hope that local people will help us. Our lovely old church needs so much TLC to restore it; it is part of this country's heritage and should be there for future generations to love and cherish.

Saturday October 31st is All Soul's Day and we are holding a service to mark this at 6pm in the evening. This is a service where we remember those we love but see no longer, a lovely service, we remember by name those no longer with us, we have readings, prayers and candles are lit. Come along and join in to remember those you have loved but see no longer.

We also look forward to our Christmas Fayre on 28th November when you can come to the village hall and buy early Christmas presents, cakes, have a go at chocolate tombola, look at the bric-a-brac and have a walk around the stalls filled with all sorts of goodies which may be just what you are looking for. There are refreshments to be had, warming soup at lunchtime and perhaps a meet-up with old friends. You can also listen to the newly formed Pyworthy hand **continued on page 5…**

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bell ringers in the afternoon.

By the time Christmas is upon us, I shall be away in Scotland visiting my family so I must take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. May God go with you all and guide you on your way. Perhaps we could also think about all the people in our world who will not be celebrating Christmas for whatever reason; may they find some peace, happiness and hope for their future.

United Benefice of Holsworthy

Rector: Revd Alison Hardy, Churchwarden: Liffy Lowes & Janet Grant



Benefice Services for NOVEMBER

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

Worship and Prayer in the Holsworthy Benefice – NOVEMBER 2026				
Date	Bridgerule	Holsworthy	Pyworthy	Hollacombe
Sunday 1st November	**11.00am** Sung Eucharist	**9.30am** Sung Eucharist	**9.30am** Family	**9.30am** Holy Communion
Sunday 8th November	**10.55am** Morning Prayer & Act of Remembrance	**10.00am** Sung Eucharist & Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	**9.30am** Sung Eucharist	**No service**
	12 noon at Anvil Corner – Act of Remembrance			
Wednesday 11th November	**11am - British Legion - Act of Remembrance in The Square, Holsworthy**			
	11.30am – Stanhope Park Community - Act of Remembrance			
Sunday 15th November	**No service**	**11.00am** Sung Eucharist	**9.30am** Sung Eucharist	**9.30am** Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd November	**11.00am** All Age Sung Eucharist	**11.00am at the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul - Café style service.**	**9.30am** Morning Prayer	**No service**
	9.30am – Pancrasweek – All Age Service			
Sunday 29th November	**No service**	**No service**	**See below**	**3.00pm** Advent Carol Service (with light refreshments)
	10am – Benefice Eucharist for Advent Sunday at Pyworthy Church			

Pyworthy Village Hall News

Martin Brennan, Chairman



Roof Appeal Objective Achieved!

We are delighted to announce that our **Flat Roof Replacement Project is now complete.**

What seemed like a daunting challenge just a few months ago has now become a reality. The Hall has a new roof that will help protect the building/**Skittle Alley** for many years to come. This is a major investment in the future of the Village Hall and one that should benefit our community for the next 40 years or more.

It goes without saying that none of this would have been possible without the incredible support, generosity, and encouragement we have received throughout the appeal. We would like to express our sincere thanks to:

The Balsdon Trust, Thorne Farm Community Benefit Fund, Pyworthy Parish Council, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, Norman Family Charitable Trust, Algo Electrical, Councillor Nigel Kenneally, Mike Godfrey, John Nettles, M and M Oliver, Margaret Hayes, A & D Burdon, GM & EJ Cooper, B. Rylett, N. Lock and T. Owen.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended our fundraising events, supported our Easyfundraising campaign, made donations, bought raffle tickets, volunteered their time, or simply helped spread the word. Every contribution, large or small, played an important part in helping us achieve our goal.

The completion of the roof marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. With this major project behind us, we can now look forward with confidence, continuing to maintain and improve the Hall so that it remains a welcoming hub for village life. Whether it's clubs, meetings, celebrations, social events or simply bringing people together, the Village Hall continues to be at the heart of our community.

On behalf of myself and the committee, we thank you all for your support, generosity and belief in the importance of keeping our Village Hall thriving for future generations!

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Abel Roofing Limited** for their professionalism, hard work and attention to detail throughout the project.

In particular, our thanks go to **Kevin, Christina, Lucas and Chris**, who have been a pleasure to work with and have helped ensure the project was completed smoothly and to a high standard.

On behalf of everyone at Pyworthy Village Hall, thank you for helping us secure the future of our community hall.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone for another fun and friendly evening at the Village Hall. 😊

Just a thought, if you fancy a drink on Tuesday **November the 10th**, we are hosting **The Sandercock Skittles Cup** matches in the Hall. The Bar opens at 8.00pm.

A list of all our regular clubs which are held in the hall, can be found on page 7. New members are always welcome to join them.



Village Hall Social Club Evenings!



This month our Social Evenings are: Fridays the 6th & 20th of November, starting at 7pm.

Don't forget to come along and join us for Beer or whatever takes your fancy and make new friends.

A 'Play Your Cards Right' game will be held on the 6th November. The jackpot will start at £30.

Huge congratulations to **Emma Heard**, who won the jackpot of just under **£500 last** month. A very well-deserved win, and we hope you're enjoying the fruits of your winnings!

Doors/Bar Opens at 7pm until late.

Dates for your Diary

Village Hall Meeting



Wednesday 18th November starting at 7.30.

Everybody welcome.

CLUBS

What's on at the Pyworthy Village Hall……

Mondays: Line Dancing Club:
Beginners:
5.30pm – 6.30pm
Beginners/Improvers,
6.30pm – 7.30pm
Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

Tuesdays: The Rural Art Group, 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Tuesdays: Line Dancing Club -
Complete Beginners, 6pm – 7pm.
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. Starting at 11.10am. Everybody welcome!

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

Thursdays: Ladies skittles
Starts at 8pm.

See page 38 for easyfundraising. How you can help our Village Hall, while you shop online.

LINE DANCE

Classes are held at Pyworthy Village Hall every week!



Line Dancing Classes

Our Line dancing classes are held on: Mondays in Pyworthy Village Hall.

Beginners:
5.30pm – 6.30pm.
Beginners/Improvers:
6.30pm – 7.30pm &
Intermediate level:
7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Tuesdays:

NEW - Complete Beginners:
6.00pm – 7.00pm.
Intermediate level:
7.30pm – 9.30pm.

All classes cost just £5.
Come and join us, we are a very friendly bunch.

For more information call Brenda on: 01409 253015

Join

Gill's Golden Gang

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

Held at:

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 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!

The Molesworth Estate Sales of 1925

Local resident Irvine Cleave recently discovered a collection of fascinating historical documents at Great Knowle Farmhouse and has kindly agreed to share them with readers of *The Pyworthy Post*.

The papers are original sale particulars from 1925, listing farms, fields, cottages and parcels of land that were sold by public auction as part of the break-up of the extensive Molesworth Estate.

The Molesworth Family and West Devon

The estates surrounding Holsworthy became associated with the prominent Molesworth family, later known as the Molesworth-St Aubyns, following an inheritance in the late eighteenth century. Although their principal family seat was Pencarrow House in Cornwall, they became major landowners throughout the Holsworthy district.

The Arscott Inheritance of 1788

The family's presence in the area was firmly established when John Arscott of nearby Tetcott died without children in 1788. His extensive estate passed to his distant relative, Sir William Molesworth, 6th Baronet.

Through this inheritance and subsequent family succession, the Molesworth's acquired substantial holdings across the district. Records from 1822 and 1824 show that the Manor of Ugworthy, situated just outside Holsworthy, belonged to Sir Arscott Ourry Molesworth, 7th Baronet.

The Loss of the Original Tetcott House

Despite owning the estate, the Molesworth family preferred their residence at Pencarrow and regarded the grand Tudor and Stuart manor house at Tetcott as an unnecessary expense.

In 1831, Sir William Molesworth, 8th Baronet, a noted radical politician who later became Britain's Colonial Secretary, ordered the complete demolition of the original manor house. In its place he built a smaller Gothic-style hunting lodge.

The destruction of the historic house was deeply unpopular with local residents. A decade later, in May 1841, the new lodge was destroyed by a suspicious fire. Local tradition suggested the blaze may have been an act of retaliation for the loss of the old manor.

The Molesworth Name in the Local Community

Although the family's principal interests remained in Cornwall, their influence was evident throughout the Holsworthy area. Public houses known as the Molesworth Arms operated both in Pyworthy and in Holsworthy during the nineteenth century, reflecting the family's status as major local landowners.

Return to Tetcott

In 1925, the Molesworth-St Aubyn family re-established Tetcott as their principal residence, moving from Pencarrow and once again centring family life on the historic estate.

Before their return, however, large parts of the surrounding estate were sold. Farms, cottages, fields and small

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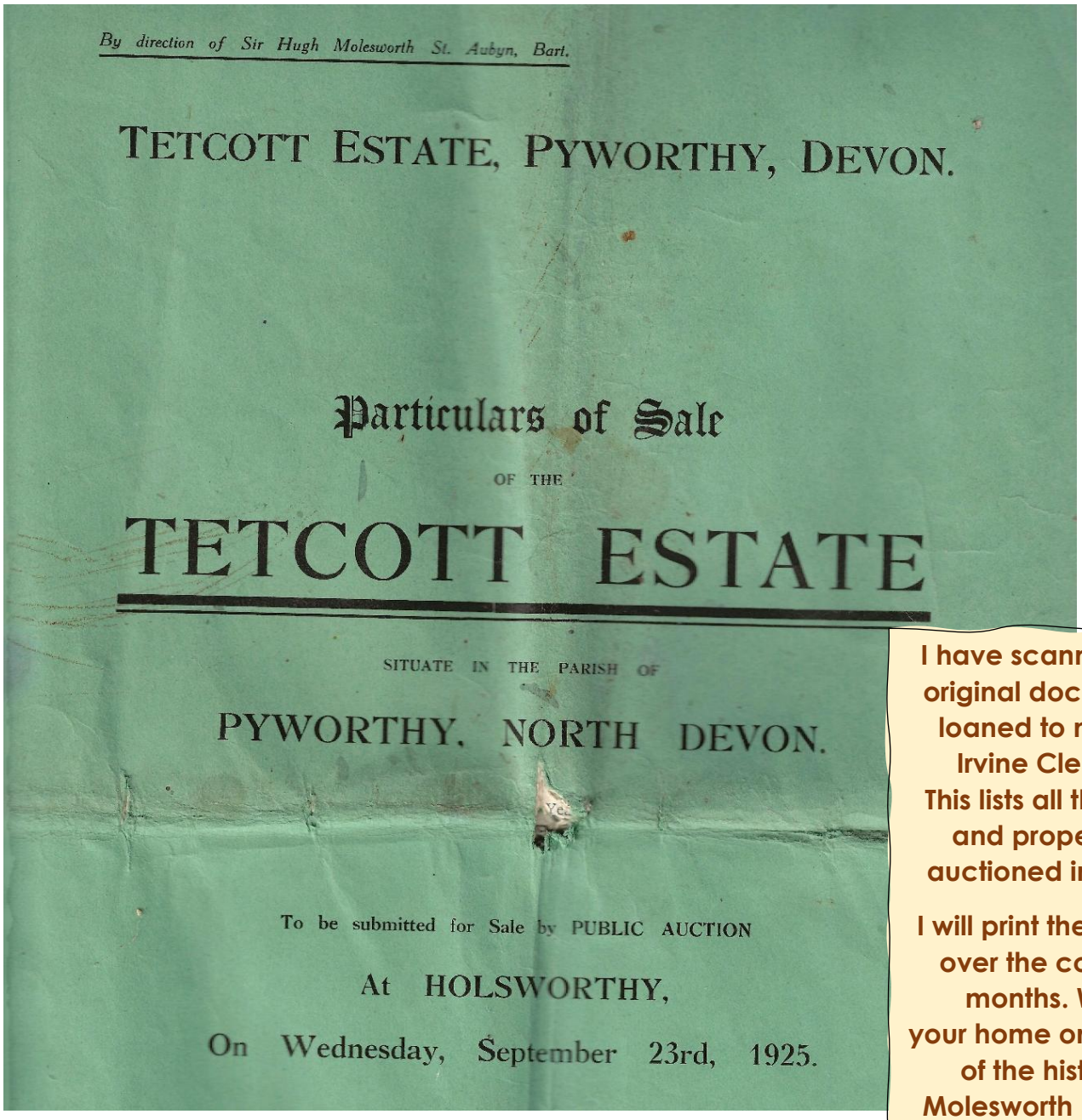
The Molesworth Estate Sales of 1925 ***continued from page 10…***

parcels of land were systematically disposed of through private conveyances and public auctions. It is believed that these sales helped reduce estate management costs and may also have been necessary to meet substantial death duties owed to the Crown.

The 1925 Auction Documents

The documents discovered by Irvine list many familiar local properties and pieces of land that were offered for sale in 1925. They provide a fascinating snapshot of the ownership, occupation and value of farms and holdings throughout the Pyworthy and Holsworthy district a century ago.

Over the coming months, *The Pyworthy Post* hopes to reproduce selected pages from these documents. Readers may find it particularly interesting to discover properties once owned by the Molesworth Estate and perhaps even identify farms or homes connected to their own family history.



By direction of Sir Hugh Molesworth St. Aubyn, Bart.

TETCOTT ESTATE, PYWORTHY, DEVON.

Particulars of Sale

OF THE

TETCOTT ESTATE

SITUATE IN THE PARISH OF

PYWORTHY, NORTH DEVON.

To be submitted for Sale by PUBLIC AUCTION

At HOLSWORTHY,

On Wednesday, September 23rd, 1925.

Local History

I have scanned the original document, loaned to me by Irvine Cleave. This lists all the land and properties auctioned in 1925.

I will print the pages over the coming months. Was your home once part of the historic Molesworth Estate?

General Remarks.

The Property now offered for sale comprises all the remaining portions of the Tetcott Estate in the Parish of Pyworthy and offers an excellent opportunity to persons in want of a good Farm, Small Holding or Accommodation Land. The whole is situate in or within a few minutes' walk of the Village distant about two miles from the Market Town of Holsworthy.

The Property is intersected by and abutting on good Roads. The Farms and Holdings are let to good Thriving Tenants, who have kindly consented to show their respective Holdings to persons interested. The Timber on the Estate is included in the sale. The Land Tax, where charged, is payable by the Tenants.

The Property is Freehold, with the exception of two Cottages and Gardens, Lot 18, which with East Yeomadon Farm, Lot 5, is sold an undivided moiety of 9·975 acres.

The Lands are sold subject to a Shooting Lease and Agreement granted to Major N. O. Walker for a term of three years from the 1st day of February, 1924. The small rent reserved will be divisible among the Purchasers of Lots of twenty acres and upwards in proportions corresponding with the areas of such Lots.

The Schedules and Areas of the several Lots attached to these Particulars have been abstracted from the Ordnance Survey Maps (Second Edition, 1906), and while they are believed to be correct they are not guaranteed to be so.

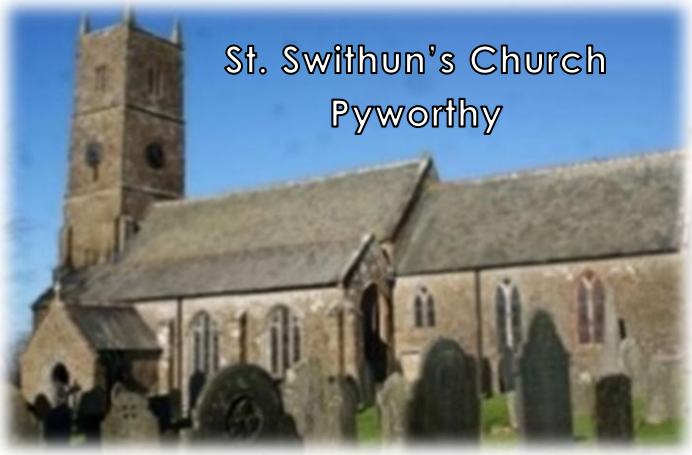
The Plan referred to in the Particulars of Sale has been prepared to enable ready identification of the properties comprised in the several Lots. The Plan must not be taken to abridge, extend or in any way vary, the descriptions of the properties appearing in the Particulars or in the documents of title thereto.

A Copy of the Plan may be seen prior to the sale at the offices respectively of Messrs. Kivell & Sons and R. H. Hughes, Esq.: or at the Blacksmith's Shop in Pyworthy Village, by permission of Mr. S. H. Holman.

There will be more from the Estate catalogue next month.

Hopefully I'll get my scanner working again by then.

Marion



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.

Holsworthy Food Bank

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.



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Children's FREE Craft & Play Session

in Pyworthy Village Hall, 2pm until 4pm on Saturday 21st November.

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Booking not essential, but very helpful.



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Pyworthy Parish Council Meeting Summary

The latest meeting of Pyworthy Parish Council was held on the 24th of September. There was a full turnout of Councillors and a busy agenda.

Cllrs James & Kenneally (TDC) updated on local government reorganisation which has been paused by the Government due to legal challenges. It is still expected to go ahead. Torridge still seeks a settlement which is fairer to the rural parts of Devon.

A member of the public asked if the area around the bus stop could be improved. Councillors discussed various options and the clerk will find out who is responsible/owns the bus stop and seek budget to undertake repairs. A member of the public said that another event was planned to bring Pyworthy veterans together around this year's Remembrance Service and it was agreed to fund expenses for the event.

Three planning applications were considered. There is currently a trend whereby building works being undertaken without planning permission and seeking the necessary permission retrospectively. Comments have been made to Torridge Planning that PPC Councillors strongly object to this practice. Councillors objected to the change of use of an agricultural building to 5 dwelling houses and associated building operations under Class Q in Rydon Lane. Councillors objected to the erection of one dwelling in Derril on the grounds that this development represented overdevelopment of the site and there were concerns regarding water run-off from the site.

A community litter pick and a coffee morning to promote the village and local clubs were suggested. Dates in January 2027 will be investigated so watch this space!

The next meeting will on 19th November.

Regards **Simon Davies,** Pyworthy Parish Clerk

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 to the council on: 07989747416. Email address: pyworthy@yahoo.co.uk



Pyworthy Christmas Fair on the 28th November

I am looking for:

- Books
- Raffle Prizes
- Cake for the cake stall (re: health & Safety, could you please include a note with the ingredients used).
- Chocolates for the tombola and
- Nice Bric a Brac.

Thank you for your support.

For further information contact: Janet Grant on 01409 259356

THE COST OF ADVERTISING IN THE PYWORTHY POST

Coloured adverts:

Whole page: £16 per month
Half page: £8 per month
¼ page: £48 per year.

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Black & white adverts will be viewed in colour by those reading the paper online.

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Half page: £6 per month
¼ page: £36 per year.

Email Marion on: pyworthy@post.com for more information.

Pyworthy MOT Ltd

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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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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.

In the Spotlight



Janette Moore

Name: Janette Moore

Age: 68

Place Of Birth: Oldtree Maternity Hospital, Launceston. Family home at Anvil Corner, then Chilsworthy. Moved to Pyworthy in 1980 when she married.

Occupation: First job, aged 14, worked part-time in The Olde Cafe, Holsworthy, then, encouraged by her mum and after a visit to the Job Centre started work as a receptionist at the Bude office of accountancy firm Metherell Gard; a job she "fell into by accident". Moved into the accounts office where she worked for over 25 years, as a senior clerk, then moved to the Holsworthy branch, now Simpkins Edwards, where she has worked for almost 25 years. Janette, now part time, has worked for almost 50 years in accountancy.

Community Focus

What is the best thing about Pyworthy?
"It's the community isn't it; especially when my kids were growing up with the playpark just across the road, then everybody knew everybody. Now it's being involved with the village hall."

What one thing would you change about Pyworthy and why?
I wish that when people move into the village, they would get more involved.

Describe yourself in 3 words: Busy, sociable, hard-working.

How do you like to spend your free time?
Line dancing, gardening, which I find very therapeutic; skittles, playing with The Magpies & Holsworthy Football Club team; being treasurer of the village hall and running the bar on pub nights and researching family history.

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Thanks go to Bryony Rylett for your research.

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Janette Moore

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

If you could meet anyone living or dead who would it be?
I would love to go back in time to see my gran and grandad, who moved from the Midlands and ask them questions about their lives.

If you won a million pounds what would you do with the money?
Give money to my children and grandchildren and donate money for another climbing frame in Pyworthy playground.

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

1. To ensure everybody in my family remained well and healthy.
2. To do more travelling.
3. For everyone to stop fighting.

If you had to flee your home at very short notice, due to a fire for example, what three items would you take?



1. My phone
2. The cats
3. Photo albums, the ones with old photos.

What three things delight you?

1. The grandkids
2. Line dancing weekends
3. My garden and gardening



So, who is letting the side Down!

Reminder to dog owners – I have been asked to remind people to pick up after their dog(s). Parts of Pyworthy village are become quite unpleasant places to walk. It only takes seconds - please bag it and bin it!



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!

LADIES SKITTLES at PYWORTHY VILLAGE HALL

Clawton Ladies Skittles club have moved to Pyworthy and will be playing at Pyworthy Village Hall from now on.
We are keen that ladies from Pyworthy should join us. Thursday evenings at Pyworthy Village Hall at 8pm
We would really welcome anyone interested coming along and meeting us, and having a go on your alley - absolutely no experience needed.

Contacts: -
Veronica (secretary): 01409 259055
Or Tracey on 07989378129.

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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, which seem to have stopped shedding their leaves as they started to do in August. Having said that nature isn't the only one being confused, I am really confused. 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. Apparently, this year that only applies to some trees and shrubs with others continuing to grow at the moment. 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. Is anyone else experiencing such issues.

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



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

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Jobs for November continued:

This also looks quite natural but also helps to support one another with the strong winds.

- 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.
- Start to select your flower and vegetable seeds for next year.
- 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.
- You can consider sowing broad beans providing you select a hardy variety.
- 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.
- 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.

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.



Above: my Begonias are still looking wonderful as we head into November

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Holsworthy History Society

The October meeting of Holsworthy History Society enjoyed a very well presented talk by Mr David Carter about Smuggling & Shipwrecks in the Appledore area over many centuries of which there were a surprisingly high number, especially of shipwrecks in the Bideford Bay. Smuggling too & often by quite devious ways, hijacking legal cargo boats to transport their booty ashore.

The November meeting will be on Thursday 12th @ 7 pm in The Manor Suite when Dr Catherine Bowness will give a talk on her continued research. All are most welcome.

All are welcome, membership for the year is £25 payable by either cash, cheque or BACS (preferable) or £5 for visitors.

For more information about the History Society contact: holsworthyhistorysociety@gmail.com

By Margaret Stacey

Services at St Petroc Church Hollacombe



Sunday November 1st …… 9,30am Holy Communion

Please note, **NO** 3pm Evensong on 8th November.

Sunday November 15th ….. 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday November 29th …. 3.00pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (light refreshment to follow)

Sunday December 6th …… 9.30am Holy Communion

Christmas Eve… 24th December - 11pm Midnight Mass.

Sunday December 27th …. 2.30pm. Traditional Christmas Carol Service. (Seasonal refreshments to follow)

Holsworthy Carnival

The parade will leave The Square in Holsworthy, at approximately 6.45pm.

Saturday 21st November 2026



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DID YOU KNOW? Amazing Facts!

Research by Mike Godfrey

In the 318 years between 1539 and 1857 there were only 317 divorces in England.

At the 1900 Paris Olympics events included Live Pigeon Shooting and Long Jump for Horses.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, it is explicitly illegal in Britain to use a machine gun to kill a hedgehog.

In ancient Greek the word "idiot" meant anyone who wasn't a politician.

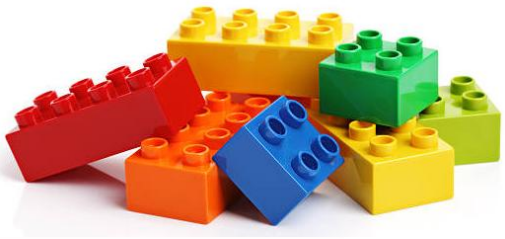
The human eye can detect 10 million different shades of colour.

Jimmy Carter once sent a jacket to the dry-cleaners with the nuclear detonation codes still in the pocket.

Holsworthy Library

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Also, Holsworthy Library on Facebook and Instagram

What's On At HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY November 2026



Library News!

- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - 2:15pm-2:45pm. Songs and stories for children 0-4 years old. Term time only.
- **Devon Family Hub Drop In Advice Session,** Thursday 5th - 2pm-4pm. Free family advice & guidance to anyone with a child aged 0-19 (up to 25 with SEND). Call 0800 5385458 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm for advice & guidance if you can't make the sessions.
- **Everyone a Reader**, Wednesday 25th - 10:30am - 5:30pm. Drop in to find out more about what the library offers as we celebrate the National Year of Reading and launch projects encouraging reluctant and lapsed readers to the library. Free cake and biscuits all day!
- **Self Service Baby Weigh.** Every Thursday - 1pm-4pm.
- **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday - 10am-12pm

Lloyds Bank Community Banking, every other Monday 2-4.
By appointment only - call 02077143681 to book direct with Lloyds.

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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!

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Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 10am-5pm
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Forthcoming Event this month:

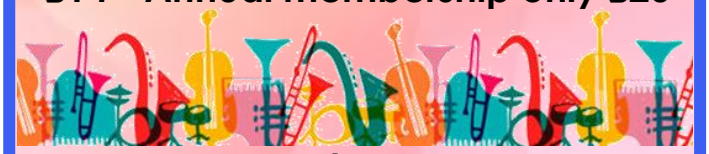
Sunday evenings – 7.30pm – 10.00pm.

Sunday 1st November:
The Vintage Jazz
https://thevintagejazzcollective.bandcamp.com

Sunday 15th November: Jollity Farm
www.facebook.com/groups/363284940840808/

Sunday 29th November:
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Pyworthy Village Hall

Veteran's Evening

Sunday 8th November

7.30pm until 10.30pm

To make the evening special for our local veterans, service members, and guests, we are putting together a spread of warm comfort food—and we would love contributions from our generous residents!

How Can You Help?

If you are able to cook, bake, or donate warm savoury bites, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. We are particularly looking for easy-to-share party food such as:

- warm pasties and sausage rolls
- savoury pies or quiches
- finger foods and baked treats.

If you can lend a hand or bring a dish along, please contact Sue in advance to coordinate: Contact: Sue – email: Susan.every2000@gmail.com



Pyworthy Church
Christmas Fair

Saturday 28th November
in Pyworthy Village Hall
at 11am until 3pm.

Stalls this year will include:



- Lots of crafts
- Books
- Cakes
- Chocolate tombola
- Grand Christmas raffle and Treasure hunt

Come and listen to the Pyworthy Hand Bell Ringers!

Start your Christmas shopping early, refreshments will be available.

For further information contact: Janet Grant on: 01409 259356.

Janet is looking for items for the stalls, and also draw prizes. Please contact Janet if you can.

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Thursday 5th November!

Keep safe if you're having a fireworks party.

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Update from our local hedgehog family …..



Some welcome rain = roaming slugs! Yum Yum. As a result we're all putting on a few ounces and getting "tubbier" under the prickles. Thanks to all for the trays of fresh water when it was dry. We might miss a couple of nights as autumn moves to winter but a safe wooden box with open end pointing slightly downward filled with *dry* grass and leaves would be most welcome! Thank you for all the used stamps - our HQ up in Ludlow are doing their very best for us.

Harry & Henrietta & the hog family.

Pyworthy Rural Art Group

Pyworthy ART



Well, the nights are now drawing in, and we have altered our clocks - time to light my wood burner, pull the curtains and have a cosy night indoors. Don't forget to feed the birds as their summer larder disappears.
The Art group is going well despite the drop in numbers and has been enjoying Pastels and watercolour classes.
Why not come and join us we meet on Tuesday afternoons in Pyworthy Village Hall at 2,30pm until 4.30pm. All abilities are welcome. It is a nice, friendly group.

Our programme for NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd November – Prospective! (buildings)

Tuesday 10th November – your building picture in acrylic paints

Tuesday 17th November – seascape in acrylic paints

Tuesday 24th November – drawing animals with coloured pencils

If you are interested in painting or want to start a new hobby, why not come and join us. Please bring your own materials if you have them and a drink if desired.

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

35th Anniversary, 9th November 1991: anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall.
90th Anniversary, 2nd November 1936: 90th anniversary of the first regular high-definition television service (BBC).
100th Anniversary, 5th – 17th November 1926: the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) centenary. The foundational organisation for rural preservation marks 100 years of environmental and countryside campaigning with dedicated regional history exhibitions, notably at Storyhouse.
110th Anniversary, 18th November 1916: the conclusion of the Battle of the Somme. Fought between 1 July and 18 November 1916, it remains one of the bloodiest and most significant military campaigns for British and Allied forces in World War.
421st Anniversary, 5th November 1605: – Bonfire Night (Guy Fawkes Night Annual commemoration of the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605 with bonfires and fireworks across the UK.

OCTOBER'S PYWORTHY POSER QUIZ ANSWERS:

1. Cornwall.
2. Yorkshire, Devonshire and then Lincolnshire.
3. Chester.
4. The Chilterns.
5. The Guinness Book of Records.
6. Bobby Moore (West Ham Utd.).
7. Rail travel.
8. Persil washing powder.
9. The Queen stripped him of his OBE.
10. Operation "Overlord".
11. Gibraltar.
12. Neil Armstrong. (One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind).
13. Camilla Rosemary.
14. Bavaria (1819).
15. Spinach.



How did you do? Why not try this month's quiz on page 33.
Good luck from your Pyworthy Pilgrim.



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Sunrise, Sunset Times for the coming month:





1st NOVEMBER 2026 (UK, Exeter)

☼ Sunrise time: 07.05am GMT

☀ Sunset time: 16.49pm GMT

Length of day: 9 Hrs 43 mins.

30th NOVEMBER 2026 (UK, Exeter)

☼ Sunrise time: 07.52am GMT

☀ Sunset time: 16.12pm GMT

Length of day: 8 hrs 20 mins

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Torridge District Council

Pyworthy Collections



NOVEMBER 2026 - Pyworthy Village, other villages may have a different collection schedule.

Black bag collection days are:

Friday 13th November
Friday 27th November

Recycling- Every Monday
Boxes/Bags & Food Caddy

Weekly collection of 2 x boxes & 2 x bags. Weekly collection of food waste in caddy.

Garden Waste Collection dates:

Monday 9th November
Monday 23rd November

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An AI Revolution or a Simple Takeover?

By Brian Meadows of Nofix-Nofee

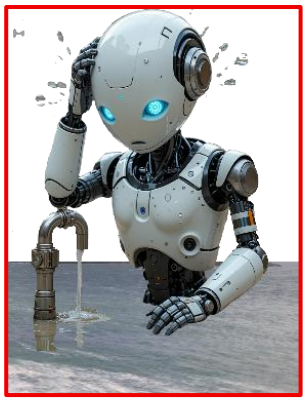
There has been much said about AI in recent weeks and most of it has come from the creators of the original programs. There are those who don't believe what is being said as true, others are now worried that AI will destroy humanity. That may be true in time, but that will only come after years of enslavement humans will experience during the next 100 years or so!!!!!

Think about this, the majority of people, children included, use a smart phone, billions of users rely on their smart phone to help them manage their affairs, children are using it in conjunction with their education and a growing number spend most of their day addicted to their phones, iPad or tablets.

Many under the age of 18 and some older, are so controlled by the need to be associated with social media, that it becomes easy for a predator or controller to encourage them to do whatever they are instructed to, no matter how accurate, untruthful, dangerous or destructive it may be.

This and future generations will come to rely on AI for all their needs, the two primary requirements are food and water and if not available, pestilence and starvation occur, AI doesn't need these to survive.

As a country, we are on the brink of such a catastrophe, yet politicians seem to be blind to that fact. Many believe AI will resolve the problem, but AI can't grow crops or harvest water.



AI will replace the majority of clerical or office jobs, that is evident even today. There is one very feeble attempt at using AI with one local service provider. It can't replace, plumbers, electricians, builders and farmers, at least not yet, but that may change in the next few years.

Tech revolutions have historically taken 10 years of development to be perfected; we are in the 4th to 5th year of AI development and it has already proven difficult to control, the world's top technicians have all expressed the need for additional controls whilst our heads of state "rearrange the furniture in Westminster".

One is right to be concerned, but not for ourselves, worry more for our children and grandchildren for it is they who will bear the brunt of this impending revolution.

This not a warning or prophecy it should be "make a concerted effort and get children to understand what the future may hold". Ask any youngster fresh out of university "what are their job prospects?" Academia may well have been the goal for many a few years ago, but AI has won that match, thousands of administrators are beginning to learn or will soon experience that.

For free advice telephone Brian Meadows 01288 381061

Nofix-Nofee Computer Repair Services

Evelyn's Walks Update

By Evelyn Sharman, Group Organiser



On Monday 12th October, we met in the Parish Hall car park in Clawton having checked with Maralyn Bailey that we wouldn't be causing any inconvenience knowing how popular it is as a venue. It was lovely to see familiar faces & others that we hadn't seen for a while. We turned left down the lane & joined the footpath on the right. Take good care when you open the galvanized gate as it seems to have developed a habit of dropping suddenly when it's unlatched! It was a bit squelchy underfoot after the recent rain but hey, we need the rain after the summer we have had. The route across the grassy fields was well marked with way-markers on the gate posts. We reminded ourselves once again how much easier it is since the numerous stiles were replaced by DCC with galvanized self-closing gates. Along the way, we encountered some inquisitive rams AKA tups; & walked through a private garden with a pear tree laden with fruit. We crossed over a wooden footbridge & entered another grassy field. By following the hedge on the left & then going through a wooden gate in the far left hand corner, we entered a green lane. It was a bit uneven but manageable with care. When we reached Higher Sellick, the footpath took us through a gap in the hedge. If you blink, you'll miss it! It was a bit overgrown, but a sturdy stick & a pair of secateurs soon sorted out the nettles & brambles that seem to grow prolifically. No cows but evidence of cows strategically placed right inside the gate which brought about "Watch out cow pat" being passed back down the line as we each entered the field. We followed the footpath **continued on page 38…..**

Below: our group of walkers in the Clawton area last month



Evelyn's Walks report continued from page 37….

across another couple of lush grassy fields heading towards Hole Park in the distance. When we reached the road, we turned right & then right again which brought us back to the Parish Hall. Along the way, we stopped & marvelled at the array of pumpkins for sale. It's a lovely circular route taking about 1.5 hours.

The next walk will be on Monday 9th 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.



If you would like further information, you are welcome to contact me.
Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email: evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com



Dates for your diary can be found on page 54 this month!

REMEMBRANCE 2026 – what will happen in Pyworthy…..

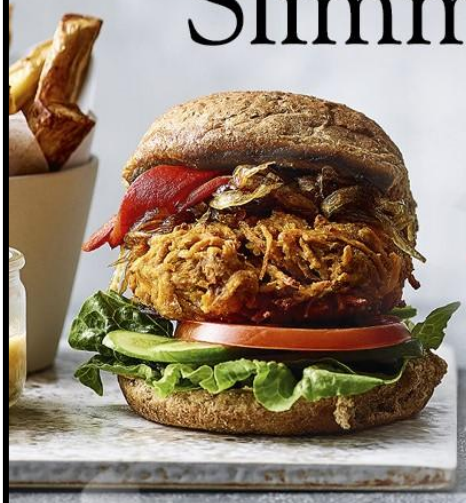
Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Sunday November 8th; Remembrance Day falls on November 11th, a Wednesday. For several years now, in Pyworthy, we have held services on both days to remember all those who gave their lives so that we might be free.

The service on Sunday 8th November is held during our usual Sunday service at which a wreath is laid in church in honour of those who gave their lives for us. This service is held at 9.30am; it is not possible to hold it later. Personally, I rather like to be back at home to watch the service at the Cenotaph in London. On **Wednesday November 11th at 10.55am,** weather permitting, we hold a short Service of Remembrance out of doors at the memorial plaque by the Lych gate. A wreath of poppies is laid at the foot of the plaque itself. If you look at the sundial memorial, you will see that it remembers all who went from Pyworthy in two World Wars, to fight for their country.

Please come along to either of these services, they are a simple and sincere memorial to all those who gave their lives for us and we should never forget them.



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The next edition of Pyworthy Post goes off to print on:

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John Sanders Park Trust

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All profits go towards the upkeep and costs of Pyworthy Park.

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Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group

By Gill Aston

Why not scan our QR code? This will take you to our website.



Over recent weeks our walks have taken us to two of our local nature reserves. **Meeth Quarry Nature Reserve** is a quiet haven some three miles from Hatherleigh and is looked after by The Devon Wildlife Trust. Situated in 150 hectares, which until the late 1990's was a working clay pit, employing 50 local people producing 70,000 tons of clay each year. After closure, the site was taken over by the Wildlife Trust, and the three large pits are now flooded to provide habitat for birds of many species. Paths and walkways have been put in, which include wheelchair access, and you could spend all day walking these paths meeting very few other visitors. The large car park (donations are requested) enabled both of our Friday groups to meet up although they went on separate walk routes. There are some waymarked trails with horse riding and cycling allowed, but there are no water sports permitted on the lakes.

The second Nature Reserve which we visited was at **Dunsdon,** which is situated just a few miles from Chilsworthy. At 63 hectares and split over several sites, it is much smaller than Meeth, although it is claimed to be one of the finest examples of Culm Grassland in the country. We can only use this walk during the summer months because during prolonged wet weather the grassland becomes waterlogged and too difficult to cross safely. After crossing the nature reserve, we were able to make a circular route using the former canal path out to Puckland Bridge and then returning along **continued on page 42..**

Holsworthy Walk & Talk group report continued from page 41….

quiet lanes which carry very little traffic.

Our level 2 & 3 walks have been spread around the area in order to give people the opportunity to walk with a group without having to travel too far. Our Monday level 1 walks which are aimed at people recovering from illness, or generally trying to improve their health after inactivity, continue to be well supported. They are based in Stanhope Park, Holsworthy and we enjoy light refreshments and a social get-together in the Youth Centre after the walks.

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 and published on our website. All our walks start at 10.30 and are **FREE.** Membership forms are available from our Volunteer Walk Leaders prior to the start of the walk or via the website.

Our November Programme of walks WITH: What3Words



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 6th November **– Level 2: Lower Tamar Lake**, starting from the Lower Tamar car park. Leaders: Michael H & Richard. EX22 7LB
What3Words: yacht.slippers.teams

Friday 6th November **- Level 3: Luffincott** (walk – approx. 4.3 miles), starting from Arscott Village Hall. Leaders: Jan & Sue. EX22 6QX.
What3Words: reap.info.meanders

Friday 13th November **– Level 2: Dunsland Park,** starting from car park Brandis Corner. Leaders: Cheryl & John. EX22 7YE.
What3Words: trickling.compiled.initiated
Level 3: Halwill Junction, starting from Parish Hall car park. Leaders: Gill & Jacqui. EX21 5XW.
What3Words: extent.scans.dial

Friday 20th November **- Level 2 Torrington Commons,** starting from Commons Car Park. Leaders: Richard & Mike J. EX38 8BY.
What3Words: clerk.drips.spend
Level 3: Torrington Commons, starting from Commons Car Park. Leaders: Barbara & Paul. EX38 8BY.
What3Words: clerk.drips.spend

Friday 27th November **– Level 2: Bradworthy** Berridon Loop, starting from The Square. Leaders: Jacqui & Eric. EX22 7TD.
What3Words: wrenching.wordplay.speaks
Level 3: Roadford Lake, starting from Roadford FREE CP. Leaders: Gill & Sue. EX20 4QT.



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 numbers:
Gillian Aston 07854677784 or
Mike Jackson 01409 261196 or
Paul Davies 07731 626594.



Pyworthy Poser Quiz For NOVEMBER 2026..

"GENERAL KNOWLEDGE"?

1. Three mammals are known to hibernate in Winter to a degree, what are they?
2. In 1939, three countries initially declared war on Germany, which were they?
3. On 14.09.1964, the British newspaper, Daily Herald, ceased publication. Which newspaper replaced it?
4. On 14.10.1939, what ship was torpedoed and sunk in Scapa Flow?
5. How did Fred Archer, English champion jockey who won the Derby five times, die aged only 29yrs?
6. In 1974, what famous "market" closed after more than 300yrs?
7. Which "new town" was designated the first in Britain?
8. Which member of the Royal Family unveiled The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London?
9. Provide the 2nd Christian names of the following political figures: Sir Keir ? Starmer; Nigel ? Farage; Speaker of the House of Commons Sir Lindsay ? Hoyle.
10. For what action were Scottish airports Prestwick & Renfrew the first to offer in 1959?
11. Facetiously, what is the longest 6-letter word in the English language?
12. Where was Boris Johnson (ex PM) born?

By The Pyworthy Pilgrim

The answers will be in the next Pyworthy Post

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Nature Notes

By Bryony Rylett

"Because a community is more than just people."

What does the word **oak** mean to you?

Do you think of 'Hearts of Oak', the official march of the Royal Navy, or conjure images of wine or whisky maturing in oak barrels; perhaps you think about a national chain of furniture stores or even The Great Tree of Holsworthy.

If pressed, most of us could probably think of word associations; there are plenty to choose from.

Oak is linked to significant events in our history, is integral to the landscape of the British Isles and has played a key role in shaping our culture and civilization.

Oak has been and still is the principal component of many houses, ships and furniture, to name but three; it is also referenced in literature, music, art, religion and even cures our food.

Due to their longevity oak trees are of our past, present and hopefully future and with that in mind this month's Nature Notes reveals the **dendrology** (the study of woody plants) and part of the enduring story of oak.

At one time oak trees formed a third of *all* the tree cover in Britain. Centuries of felling to supply wood for ship and house building and for making pit props and roof timbers for mines decimated the once abundant trees.



Above: A solitary Oaktree in a field near Derril

Oaks are vital to the life cycle of many insects, birds and mammals. They support a greater biodiversity than any other native tree species. A single oak tree can support up to 2300 species while 326 species are found *only* on oak trees including the Purple Hairstreak Butterfly.

Britain has two, native, oak species, both deciduous, meaning they drop

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their leaves in the Autumn: the **English Oak**, Quercus robur and the **Sessile Oak,** Quercus petraea are both members of the Quercus genus or Beech family. There are 600 other oak species worldwide.

The English Oak is the dominant tree in most parts of the U.K., thriving on rich soils and often found in valley bottoms. It is also known as **Pedunculate Oak** as its seeds, or acorns, are borne on stalks known as peduncles.

Early in their life cycle oaks grow quickly then, after 100 years or so, growth slows after which they start to shrink.

Identified by a thick crown and heavy branches, many older examples (7-800 years) have dead branches poking from the tree's crown giving rise to the description 'stag headed'. The trunks of these elderly trees are sometimes hollow.

English oaks have silvery-grey bark marked by deep fissures that develop as the trees age. Its leaves are smooth-edged, with four or five lobes, on short stalks. These appear in mid-May but are often stripped by insects before being replaced by a second flush that coincides with Lammas Day (from the Old English, meaning Loaf Mass) on August 1st.

Lammas Day is so called because it is traditionally the first day of the cereal harvest.

English oaks bear long, yellow catkins alongside the first leaves in spring and pollinated by wind. They are monoecious, meaning they have both male and female reproductive parts.

The acorns range in size from two to two-and-a-half centimetres and are held in bowl-shaped, knurled capsules on long stalks.

Thousands of these were released last Autumn making it tricky to avoid stepping on the resultant seedlings, scattered around the base of parent trees, when walking around wooded areas of the parish this year.

The Woodland Trust's citizen science project 'Nature's Calendar', recorded 2025 as an exceptionally good year for acorn crops. It was the largest average acorn crop recorded by the project in the last 20 years.

Sessile Oak, also known as **Durmast Oaks**, are more common in uplands areas of the north and west of the U.K., in woodlands and on well-drained hillsides.



Above: The leaves and acorns of a Sessile Oak

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Other oaks found, commonly, in Britain include the evergreen, **Holm Oak**, Quercus ilex, originally from the Mediterranean and imported in the 1500s. It has oval, spiny leaves resembling holly. Its bark is smooth and it produces tiny acorns. In many coastal areas it is used as a windbreak as it is resistant to salt spray.

The Romans used Holm Oak wood for chariot and cartwheels. Today its main uses are as firewood and the acorns are used as pig feed.

Also appearing in parks and gardens are: **Red Oak**, Quercus rubra, originally from America, bearing leaves that turns fiery red in the Autumn and the **Turkey Oak**, Quercus cerris, from Asia Minor and South East Europe and introduced into Britain in 1735 as an ornamental tree *(see the photo at the top of the page)*. Wood from both is inferior to that of our native species as it splits and cracks.

Turkey Oak has dark grey bark with deep fissures and plates and carries thick, dark green leaves with velvety undersides.

Oaks have existed since the Ice Age. They can live for over 1,000 years and grow to heights of 40 meters. Examples of English Bog Oak have been carbon dated to between 2000 and 5000 old while in Ireland back to 7000 years.

Oak timber has remarkable properties; it is a dense, strong, hardwood, rich in tannins that can resist attack from insects and fungi. It is the timber of choice for construction especially for load-bearing beams and flooring. The best wood comes



Above: A non-native, glossy leaved, Turkey Oak thriving in August's drought in a hedgerow near Broadshell Cross

comes from trees over 150 years old.

The hammerbeam roof of Westminster Hall, built in 1097, contains some 660 tons of oak.

The Hall is still in regular use some 900 years later, a testament to the quality of the oak and the skill of the carpenters. In 2022 it was the venue for the Lying-In-State of Queen Elizabeth II.

When the wreck of the Tudor battleship, the Mary Rose, one of the largest ships in Henry VIII's navy, was raised in 1982, maritime historians made a rough calculation her construction had taken some 600 large oaks. Those trees, if growing in one area, would have covered 16 hectares (40 acres).

Just one, unhulled plank of wood, from the large, ***continued on page 53….***

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mature trees from which the Mary Rose was built, would have weighed 300kgs (606lbs).

Trees of the size and quantity used to make the Mary Rose were already rare by the 16th century. Many had been harvested for house frames and panelling, which became highly fashionable in Tudor times.

Oak is widely used to make barrels for the distilling industry. These impart the colour, flavour and the chemical make-up that helps to give each distillery's output its uniqueness.

It is a legal requirement of Bourbon production in Kentucky, America, that the whisky is aged in freshly charred oak barrels. This process results in a smooth, sweet and caramel flavoured spirit.

Oak is watertight, a property known to and exploited by the Ancient Egyptians in 3000 BCE. The Greeks and Romans perfected the storage method.

While oak has been valued for its ability to resist disease it is not immune. It now faces greater threats from pests, diseases and fires, due to the climate crisis, than throughout history.

Recently an non-native moth: the **Processionary Moth**, Thaumetopoea processionea, has become a problem for oak trees in London and the South East. During the caterpillar stage of the moth's morphosis it defoliates trees causing them to become susceptible to disease.

The moth is so called because the caterpillars move, head-to-tail, in procession around the trunks and branches in search of food.

Scientists are concerned the moth's hungry caterpillars may spread throughout the country as the UK's weather patterns change and average temperatures rise.

Many oaks in Pyworthy, especially those in hedgerows already stressed by continual thugging, have succumbed to Oak Powdery Mildew. This is a very visible pathogen caused by a fungus called Erysiphe alphitoides that attacks the young leaves and soft shoots by coating it with a powdery, white mycelium that causes the leaves to shrivel and blacken.

This disease, 'encouraged' by drought, has spread rapidly across Europe and is a contributory factor in Oak dieback.



Above: Young oak shoots attacked by Oak Powdery Mildew

<u>Next month</u> Nature Notes will discover some of the ancient folklore and traditions associated with oaks and the more recent connections with the "king of trees".



dates to Remember

The paper will go to print on:
Wednesday 25th November.
Please make sure your input is received before this date,

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 41 & 42. Also, members take a short walk in Stanhope Park on Mondays.

Saturday 31st October – Halloween Themed Line Dance Party for everyone.
Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day
Thursday 5th November – Bonfire night
Friday 6th November – Village Hall Social evening, from 7pm, with 'Play your Cards Right' game. See page 7.
Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday and Veteran's Evening in the Village Hall from 7.30pm see page 28.
Monday 9th November – Evelyn's Walking group will set off from Higher Larkworthy Farm, near Ashwater, at 10am. See page 38
Tuesday 10th November - The Sandercock Skittles Cup matches in the Hall. The Bar opens at 8.00pm. All are welcome.
Wednesday 11th November – Armistice Day, Service at the Lych gate, Pyworthy Church. Service of Remembrance starts at 10.55am.
Thursday 12th November – Holsworthy History Society - starting at 7pm in The Manor Suite, Memorial Hall in Holsworthy. Dr Catherine Bowness will give a talk on her continued research.
Wednesday 18th November – Pyworthy Village Hall meeting at 7.30pm.
Wednesday 18th November – Potters Fish N Things food van at the Village Hall between 4.30pm – 7pm.
Thursday 19th November – Pyworthy Parish Council meeting, in Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome.
Friday 20th November – Village Hall Social evening from 7pm. Children in Need Day.
Saturday 21st November – Children's Christmas Craft Session in the Village Hall.
Friday 27th November – Black Friday, time to grab a few bargains.
Saturday 28th November – Pyworthy Christmas Fair in the Village Hall from 11am until 3pm. Not to be missed.

Forthcoming Events in 2026:

Saturday 5th December - NOT THE COWBOYS, will be entertaining in the Hall. See page 30.
Tuesday 15th December – Line Dance party for ALL, 7pm – 11pm, the amazing Darren Flack will be on stage. Book now – see page 2.



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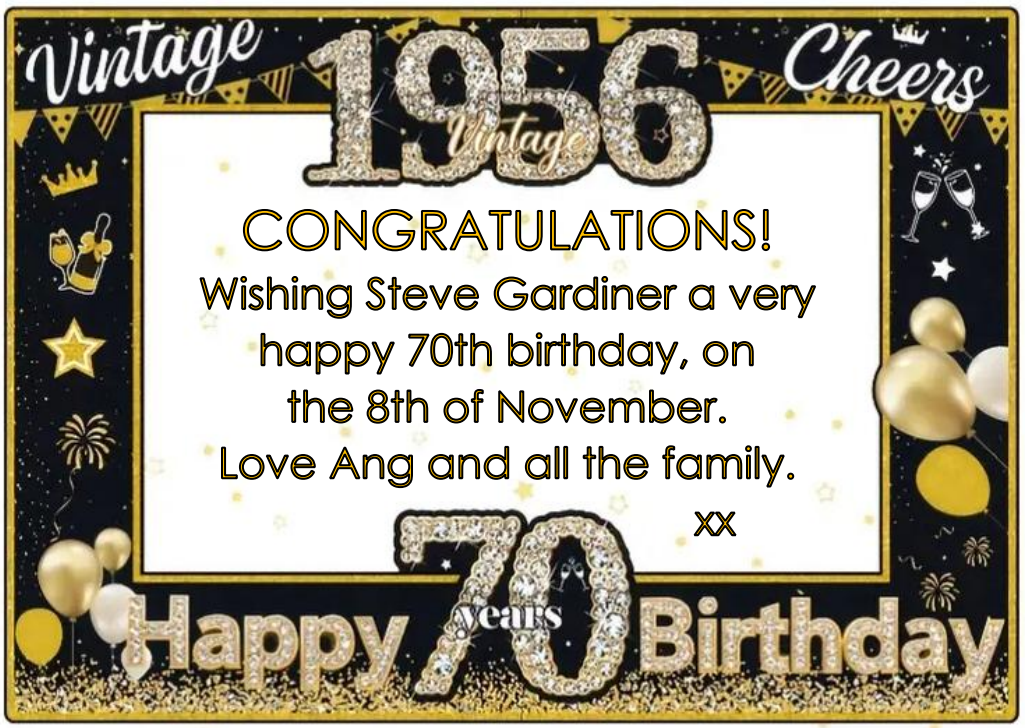
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