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WHO'S CELEBRATING THIS MONTH?





DECEMBER

2nd Freya Glessing

3rd Pauline Waud

4th Tristan Abrey

6th Sue Lawrence, Jacob Nosworthy

10th Carol Buse

14th Josie Richardson

15th Taffeta Thompson

18th Ned Oliver

22nd Sarah Moore

23rd Brian Rendle

24th Holly Martin

26th Lindsey Hopper, Janet Hammett

27th Evie Heard

28th Nicholas Lapham, Sharon McKenzie, Peter Glover,

Daniel Jones

29th Stan Hopper, Rupert Burnard

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS AND FAMILY OCCASIONS



to
Evie Heard on
27th December.
Love from Mummy,
Nannie, Grampy &
family.
XXX





Community Birthday list

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



The last edition of 2024, it's December already!

Pyworthy's Christmas Lights will be switched on at Sheila's - 7 Derriton 7th Road, on the December. 6.00pm. They're always very impressive. Donations are being collected for charity again this year. Also, the Village Hall has a Quiz Night on the 7th. On the 20th Pyworthy's everpopular, Ben McKenzie will entertain you at the pre-Christmas get together. The Church will be holding their Service Christinale on the December, a carol service on the 22nd, and on Christmas Eve there will be a Crib Service, followed by evening Christmas Mass. Full details can be found throughout the paper. Lots to enjoy.

Just one last thing for me to say, and that's "Have a happy & healthy Christmas".



DON'T forget the print deadline for the January edition is the 19th December. Please ensure that you send to your input before that date. Thank you.

Sadly, I have to report that we've lost a number of our regular advertisers during the year. If you have any thoughts about placing an advert, please don't hesitate to contact me for a free no obligation quote. It may be cheaper than you think!

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Pyworthy Parish Council Last Meeting Summary & Contact Information 💥

Pyworthy Parish Council met for the last time in 2024 on a chilly, icy evening on Thursday 21 November. November is the meeting where grants, precept and budget for the following year is agreed. Councillors agreed grants for 2025/6 and the relevant organisations will hear in due course. The precept for 2025/6 was agreed and will remain the same as for 2024/5.

Councillors discussed two planning applications. The first, 1/0965/2024/FULM, a retrospective application for retention and use of agricultural building for business use, at Killatree Cross Industrial Units, Councillors recommended for agreement. Councillors wanted to support local businesses and employers. However, there were concerns that both the entrance and the road to the unit was unsuitable for the traffic and both need to be widened. The second application, 1/0956/2024/REM re Reserved Matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for three dwellings that had been agreed with outline permission in 2022 at Derril. Councillors objected to this application due to concerns about the layout of the dwellings exacerbating existing issues on water run-off and drainage from the site which could adversely affect

neighbours.

Councillors thanked all those that had helped with the "Meet and Greet" event in October and the Remembrance Service on November. Councillors expressed disappointment that. Remembrance Service, farm traffic had not stopped and turned off their engine during the 2 minute silence and had actively forced those present to move out of the road during the service. Councillors discussed how the road could be closed for the duration of the service in future this years, to prevent reoccurring.

This was Cathy Withall's last Parish Council Meeting as Clerk. The Chairman, Cllr R Skinner, set out Cathy's 20 years of service to the Parish Council, and presented a card and flowers. Simon Davies is now flying solo as parish clerk and has a tough act to follow!

By Simon Davies, Clerk to the Pyworthy Parish Council

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.

United Benefice of Holsworthy

Rector: Revd Alison Hardy Churchwarden: Position vacant

Benefice Services for DECEMBER

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

Worship and Prayer in the Holsworthy Benefice – December 2024				
Date	Bridgerule	Holsworthy	Pyworthy	Hollacombe
Sunday 1st	11.00am	9.30am	4.00pm	9.30am
December	Sung	Sung	Christingle	Sung
	Eucharist	Eucharist	Service	Eucharist
Sunday 8 th	11 00am	11.00am	0 20 am	2 00mm
December	11.00am Morning	Sung	9.30am Sung	3.00pm Christingle
December	Prayer	Eucharist	Eucharist	Service
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		Carol Service		
Sunday 15 th	-	11.00am	9.30am	9.30am
December		Christmas	Sung	Sung
		Memorial	Eucharist	Eucharist
		Service		
Sunday 22 nd	11.00am	11.00am	3.00pm	-
December	Mass (20 ppg Correl	Morning Carl	Carol Service	
	6.30pm Carol	Prayer, Café		
	Service, Joint Service in	Style.		
	chapel.			
	•	Service – All Age	e service at Pan	crasweek
Tuesday 24th	2.00	11.000	11.00	
Tuesday 24 th December	3.00pm Crib Service	11.00pm Midnight Mass	11.00am Crib Service	-
Christmas Eve	CID 361 AICE	Midnigni Mass	8.00pm	
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			Mass	
Wednesday	10.00am	-	-	9.30am
25 th	Sung			Sung
December	Eucharist			Eucharist
Christmas				
Day				
Saturday 28 th	-	-	-	2.30pm
December				9 Lessons &
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Sunday 29 th	•	10.00am	-	-
December	-	Sung Eucharist	-	-

Pyworthy Village Hall News

Martin Brennan, Chairman

Christmas Get Together

Our Christmas Get Together this year will be on Friday 20th December when we will be delighted to welcome back on stage our very own **Ben McKenzie**.

Ben is an Acoustic Musician whose repertoire includes music by Elton John, Neil Diamond, Elvis, Snow Patrol, Queen and many more. Christmas being Christmas he will also include some very well-known Christmas Carols.

It promises to be a very enjoyable evening, so please spread the word and invite all your friends.

To book your table please telephone Marie on: -

Tel: 01409 254924 £5.00pp.

Also, just a reminder, Christmas Bingo this Saturday (30th November) and our Christmas Quiz the following Saturday, the 7th December. Still not too late to book your tables, see pages 20 and 47 for further details.

Looking forward to 2025 it is our intention to celebrate the Hall's 40th Anniversary in style. Date for your diary Saturday 12th April. Further details to follow in the coming Months.

Village Hall's 40th Anniversary in 2025



Potters Fish n Things

By popular request, **Potters** have agreed to set up shop in the Village Hall Car Park with effect from **Tuesday 21**st **January** and monthly thereafter. Further details to follow in next month's edition.



From Martin & the hall committee.

Finally, as Christmas is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your continued support during 2024 and wishing you All a 'Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!'

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

More Information about the Forthcoming Events can be found:

Bingo Evening, see page 20. Christmas Get Together, see page 25.

Village Quiz Night, see information on page 47.

How to help the Hall

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.

Pyworthy Village Hall continued ...



Village Hall Pub Night!

This month our Social Evening is:

Friday the 20th December.

This is our pre-Christmas get together! Only £5pp

No single drink will cost you more than £3.00.

We look forward to seeing you All 🥂 🧬 🥐

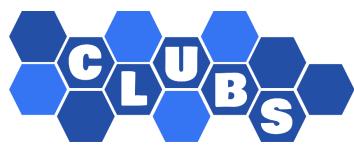
Doors/Bar Opens at 7pm.

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, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.00pm.

Tuesdays: Rural Art Group,

2.30pm – 4.30pm. All abilities welcome.

<u>Tuesdays</u>: Line Dancing Club, Intermediate, 7.30pm -9.30pm.

<u>Tuesday evenings</u>: 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.

<u>Thursdays</u>: Coffee Mornings – 1st & 3rd

Thursdays of each month, from
11.10am. Everybody welcome!

(see page 8 for updates)

<u>Thursdays</u>: 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.

Email address: pyworthy@post.com Telephone number: 01409 478294 Page 7

Pyworthy Rural Art Group Pyworthy ART



A very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year, to all!

Again, we have had another successful painting year, with some new members joining us.

The Exhibition in the Church in July showed off some of the lovely work produced by our group, and how well the students have progressed.

Why not come and join us in the New Year. We start back on January 7th.

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 2.30pm till 4.30pm. All abilities are welcome.

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

Programme for November:

Tuesday 3rd December – Winter Snow, (landscape in Pen & Wash) Tuesday 10th December – Christmas festivities, bring and share a plate of food.

> For further information contact Janet Grant Tel: 01409 259356.





December

Only 1 meeting on the 12th December, which will be the Christmas party meeting. Please bring along some food to share. Also, a gift to the value of £2 (an edible gift).

January

The first meeting of the year will be on the 16th January.

Please make an effort to come along & have join us.

Join Gill's Golden Gang

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

Held at:

Classes resume 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.
See updates on page 8!







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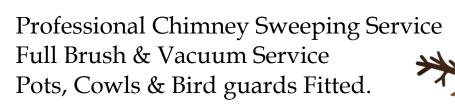
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Tuesday: 9.00am until 4.30pm

Wednesday: 7.30am until 4.30pm

Thursday: 7.30am until 4.30pm

Friday: 7.30am until 4.30pm or

7.30am until 1.00pm.

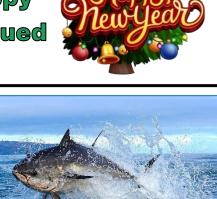
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Wishing all our customers a very Happy Christmas! Thank you for your continued support. Simon.



THANK YOU!

A very BIG thank you to all those who supported my recent event.

The Halloween Themed Line Dance Party for ALL, held in Pyworthy Village Hall, raised £85 for Coeliac UK. Your help and support was much appreciated. I hope that you all enjoyed the event.







A special report from Rupert Kirkwood plus more spectacular photos.

New Nature series. & possibly a Who's Who series.

Watch this space!

NOVEMBER'S PYWORTHY POSER ANSWERS:

- 1. The Sunday nearest to 11th November.
- 2. Armistice Day.
- 3. 11.00, 11th November, Armistice WW1, 1918.
- 4. John McCrae.
- 5. Canadian.
- 6. 1920.
- 7. A circular wreath.
- 8. The reigning Monarch or his/her Appointee.
- 9. 2 minutes.
- 10. Laurence Binyon (poet & scholar of late 19th century).

Pyworthy Pilgrim.

The next Poser quiz is on page 33. A big thank you goes to the Pyworthy Pilgrim.

Lots & lots going on at your Village Hall. Why not come along and join in?



Line Dancing!

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New Members welcome.

"A very Happy Christmas to all my line dancers, especially the new complete beginners' class, who are doing so well. Hope everybody has a great Christmas and will continue to support the group next year."

Brenda.

For more information call Brenda on: 01409 253015

Line Dancing Classes

Pyworthy

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

Complete Beginners:

5.30pm - 6.30pm.

Beginners: 7.00pm – 9.30pm & Intermediate level dancers: 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Tuesdays: Intermediate level, 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

All classes cost just £5.

Come and join us!



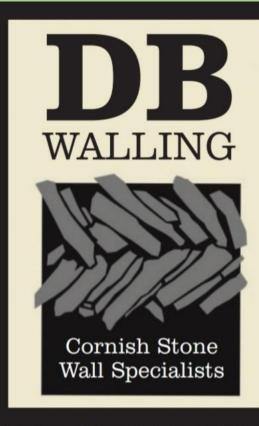
How to pre-order your Christmas cakes (undecorated) or puddings. Gill & Liffy are on their marks, mixing bowls at the ready. To take the significant increase advantage of this offer please do give us a ring with size/shape and we will get baking! We await your calls....



Gill Tel: 01409 253135 for Christmas cakes or email: mikethemadmajor@hotmail.co.uk Liffy Tel: 01409 254423 for Christmas puddings.



Do however be aware that with the cost of ingredients rising, and in the cost of energy the end price might be a bit more than what we charged last year. There will also be some of our cakes/puddings at the Christmas Fair for those who haven't phoned us yet.



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On Monday 11th November, ten of us met at Higher Larkworthy Farm with kind permission of the Kirk family. It is very much a working farm, so we were extremely grateful for their hospitality whilst normal farmina activities continued. Generally, walks in Ashwater aren't very popular as the Parish seems to have a reputation for being wet & having hilly walks. Much to everyone's pleasure, there wasn't a breath of wind & the day dawned sunny & bright. We set off from the farmyard along the concrete drive towards the main A388 which is where the footpath officially starts but bore left into Lower Larkworthy Farm. The official route is well marked & goes along a track between the fields & we admired the Valais Blacknose sheep. The breed was first brought into the UK from Switzerland in 2014 & has the reputation for being "the cutest sheep in the world". The route then took us downhill across the grassy fields. It wasn't immediately obvious due to the lie of the land but one of the fence posts has been painted bright yellow which helps identify the route. We crossed the wooden bridge that goes over the stream & then walked up hill through the trees. Sometimes this part can be quite slippery, but it wasn't too bad at all. We emerged onto the lane at Henford & turned left. It was very pleasant strolling down the hill, but it was best not to contemplate the steep hill once we crossed the river bridge. The views from the top of Kit Hill were stunning especially with the autumnal





Above: Evelyn's group pictured on a recent walk in the Ashwater area.

colours. We took the opportunity to observe two minutes, silence at 11am given that it was Remembrance Day. It was at this point that we turned left along a privately owned track that took back towards Higher US Larkworthy Farm. We considered that we could have continued along the lane a bit further towards Ashwater & followed the footpath on the left back towards Larkworthy but it would have been a much longer circular route. The one we did was approx. two miles & was much enjoyed by everyone.

The next walk will be on Monday 9th December. We will set off from The Square in Bradworthy at 10am if you would like to join us. You are welcome to contact me for more information.

Contact information: Evelyn Sharman Tel: 01409 259 848 Email:

evelyn.sharman@btinternet.com

St. Swithun's Church, Pyworthy



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



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!



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

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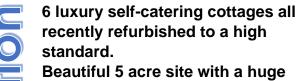
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A big thank you to all those who have already donated to the cost of printing the paper, which is much appreciated.



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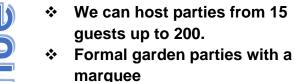


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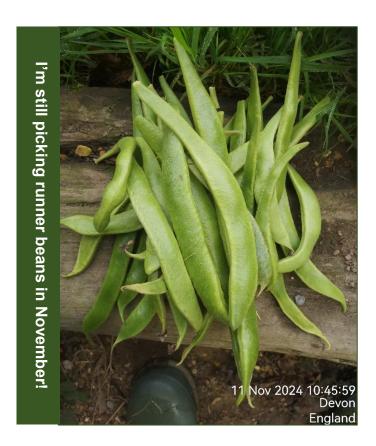


PYWORTHY AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

By Mike Godfrey, Chairman

The recent weather has been unseasonably mild, particularly overnight. This

This has meant that vegetables and flowers which are usually killed off by the odd frost or cold snap were still looking quite robust until the third week of November. In fact, I was still picking Runner Beans and tomatoes right up to 18th of the month and my begonias were still flowering well (see pics). However, the cold nights a few days later put a stop to all their activity. I am definitely a convert to no dig gardening where I can. Trigon Farm is a really splendid example of how this works and the amount of ground they have been able to cultivate using this method is a real credit to them. Hike to take a rest from gardening for a few months, but Al from Trigon Farm insists this is the best time of the year to prepare the no dig beds and let them settle and for worms to their stuff ready for spring. I guess I will have to bite the bullet and get on with it, although I will have to do it in stages as I am still digging potatoes, carrots, parsnips, leeks and a few beetroots and they will last well into next year in the polytunnel. I will of course think about ordering my seeds for next year and give some thought to what I might do in the garden in the coming year. However, I won't allow any changes to my routine to stop me enjoying the Christmas and New Year festivities. I really do think that this natural break created by nature is important and enables me to come back to gardening with renewed enthusiasm



each spring, never ceasing to be impressed and invigorated by the fresh spring growth and my seeds bursting into life. Hence, I won't be writing too much about gardening for the next 2 or 3 months.

My hopes of creating an instant wildflower meadow have been dashed but nevertheless things are progressing, but I think that I am now measuring progress in years rather than weeks and months. I have also come to the conclusion that for my ponds to work better I will have to line them, as despite having ground which is very heavy clay, they all still leak quite badly due to shale layers within the clay. I am not sure whether I have got the time, patience or perhaps even the skill to seal them with the clay. I have bought a lot more wildflower seeds and will plant them up as plugs in late winter and very early spring in the polytunnel. I will then plant them out during spring, weather permitting and hopefully they will continued on page 18....

Pyworthy & District Gardening Club report continued from page 17.....

get going before the meadow grasses start to become too active. I am hoping to sow Poppies, Common Knapweed, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Self heal, Oxeye Daisy, Cornflower and Red Clover.

Meanwhile, here are some other jobs that you may need to get to grips with during December and into January/February:

- 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 seeds equate to seven years weeds.
- 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.
- 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

- It is also a good time to start pruning fruit trees (except plums), when they become truly dormant, and it is not too frosty. Try and remove any branches that cross or rub against each other, as this can be a source of entry for diseases. Then try to prune the remaining branches to form a bowl shape and then lastly trim back to keep the height and width of the tree under control. I will write something on pruning in the coming months.
- Don't forget to start to select your flower and vegetable seeds for next year.

As I wrote in last month's Pyworthy Post the Pyworthy and District Gardening Club will be closing down on 31st December 2024 and so our November meeting was a social event, which was lunch at the Rydon Inn. I believe that those that attended had a very enjoyable time and all enjoyed a very nice meal, thanks to all the staff at the Rydon. Our final get together as a Gardening Club will be on the 11th December. when have we Christmas lunch at the Rydon Inn. However, it is not quite the end because a few of us intend to carry on as a social group and get together for lunches and perhaps barbeques and even cream teas in the coming year.



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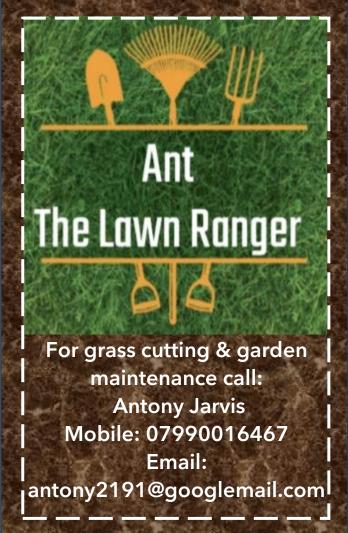
Pyworthy & District Gardening Club report continued from page 18.....

Finally, even though the Gardening Club will be no more in 2025, Marion has asked me to continue to write some of my drivel each month, which I am pleased to do so. However, I am conscious that I risk boring you all, so when you have had enough, please email me and tell me to SHUT UP!

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.





Christmas Workshops

Still some spaces left for our Christmas
Wreath Workshop on the 14th & 17th
December at
Trigon Farm!
You can select a workshop with, or without lunch.

All materials are provided, 100% sustainable and compostable wreaths.

Phone Al for details.



See our website.

www.trigonfarm.co.uk

Call Al on Tel: 07988484069 for more information.

Trigon Farm, Derriton, Holsworthy. EX22 6JU

See page 32 for opening hours

John Sanders Park Trust 2024 DRAW RESULTS

John Sanders Trust for Pyworthy Park



Lottery:

Here are the winners of the 8th monthly draw. The draw was carried out at the Pub evening in the Village Hall. Results as follows:

1st Prize of £30 no. 70 Alison Davies (prize kindly returned to the Park)

2nd Prize of £20 no. 40 Caroline Hughes

3rd Prize of £10 no. 32 Adrian Oliver

If anyone would like to purchase a £10 lottery ticket for the remaining draws this year, please contact:

Jane Oliver on: 07500 834620 or Rob Moores on: 07748 981910.

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Account number 10770388

It will cost you just, £10 per ticket.

Volunteers:

We would also really welcome volunteers who may be able to give some time on Tuesday evenings in the summer to help tidy up and maintain the Park and Play Area. Please contact Rob or Jane if you can help us.







I am writing this having just returned from St Swithun's annual Christmas Fayre. I am of the opinion that numbers were down a little from last year, but I think that could probably be blamed on Storm Bertie doing its utmost to upset everything! It was a horrible day and you could say it was surprising that as many people turned up as did. However, those who turned up seemed to enjoy themselves and were certainly extremely generous. I have always found our village very generous any occasion. at happened to run the cake with able assistance from Sarah, we sold all that we had and raised more money on the stall today than I can remember from the past. It was a really enjoyable day, and thanks must go to Janet in particular, for her organisational skills, she has this knack of getting help from all corners! So, thanks, Janet. Thanks are due to so many other people who I won't mention, other than to thank the Holsworthy Town Crier for his opening speech, and the ladies in the kitchen who slaved away and then had more clearing up to do than anyone else!

November otherwise is a rather quiet month, probably just as well when we think of all that is to happen in December. The month started off with All Souls' Day followed by All Saints' Day, the first so that we can remember all those we have loved and see no more, and then All Saints' when we

remember all the saints from early days to those from more recent times. November 10th is Remembrance Sunday and unusually, we had no service. What we had, though, was an outdoor service on November 11 at the War Memorial, newly restored, when we remember all those who fought and died in past and present conflicts, a simple service but so meaningful. It think it is always surprising to me just how many people do turn up to this service; we always hold the gathering out of doors unless the weather is really bad! To me, it seems to have more meaning this way.

I shall say a little about next Sunday (December 1st) when we will be holding our Christingle at 4.00pm. This is a lovely service, geared towards children, so please try to come along and bring all the children you can, of whatever age! All we ask is that the children bring along a gift which does not have to be new, just clean and in working order, wrapped and stating the age and sex of the child most suited to the present. All the gifts will go to the Women's Refuge in Barnstaple distributed to be children there so that they can have a better Christmas than they might do otherwise. I have always found that that the youngsters bring along some wonderful looking gifts and I am sure they are much appreciated by both children, mothers and staff at the Refuge.

The next newsletter that I write will be at the beginning of February 2025, what a thought, just makes me feel a little bit older! I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas, but perhaps we could remember **continued on page 22....**

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

just whose birthday we are celebrating on December 25th. We maybe could also wish that 2025 could see a world at peace with itself. It is such a wonderful thought.

My very best wishes to you all, Liffy

December Dates for your Diary:

Sunday December 1st December Pyworthy Christingle Service at 4pm.

Sunday December 8th, Holsworthy Town Carol Service at 6pm.

December 12th - 15th The Festival of Trees, Holsworthy.

Sunday December 22nd Carol Service, Pyworthy at 3pm.

Tuesday December 24th Crib Service, Pyworthy at 11am.

Tuesday December 24th Christmas Mass, Pyworthy at 8pm.

More Church News....

Church services & contact details are on page 5.

Christmas cakes & puddings making service, profits in aid of Pyworthy Church – see page 13.

See page 28 for Pyworthy Crib Service and Pyworthy Carol service posters.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

12th Anniversary, 9th December 2012 -University College Falmouth, Cornwall, is granted full university status as Falmouth University, a creative arts institution.

14th Anniversary, 1st December 2010 - Heavy snow and freezing temperatures now affect most of the country, with road, rail and air services disrupted and thousands of schools shut.
Gatwick and Edinburgh Airports are both closed.

21st Anniversary, 12th December 2003 - Mick Jagger of The Rolling Stones receives a knighthood from Charles, Prince of Wales.

81st Anniversary, 2nd December 1943 - Pigeons White Vision, Winkie and Tyke become the first recipients of the Dickin Medal, instituted to honour the work of animals in war.

105th Anniversary, 1st December 1919 -Lady Astor becomes the first female Member of Parliament to take her seat in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.

181st Anniversary, 1st December 1843 - the world's first Christmas cards, commissioned by Sir Henry Cole in London from the artist John Callcott Horsley, are sent.

269th Anniversary, 2nd December 1755 - The second Eddystone Lighthouse is destroyed by fire.



Church Bookings

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

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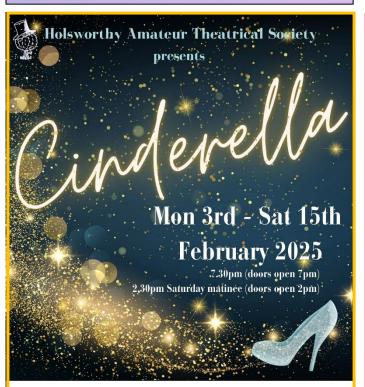
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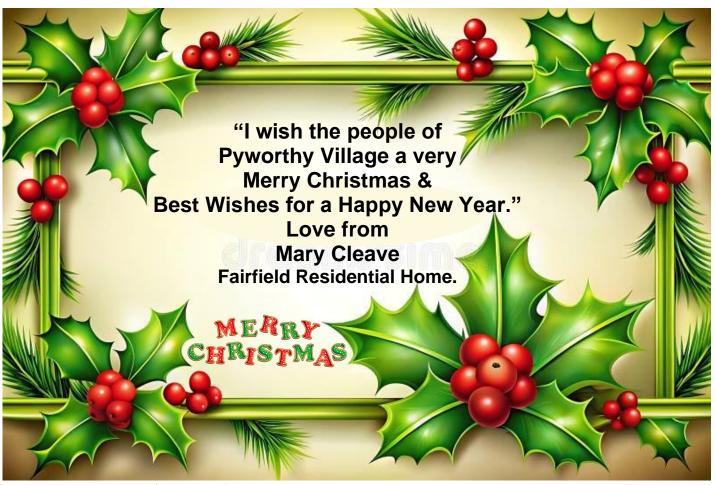


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November. More information online:
www.holsworthytheatre.co.uk





Special Christmas Messages









Crib Service

24th December at 11.00am at St. Swithun's Church, Pyworthy.

A family service – everybody welcome!

Community

Carol Service Sunday 22nd December at





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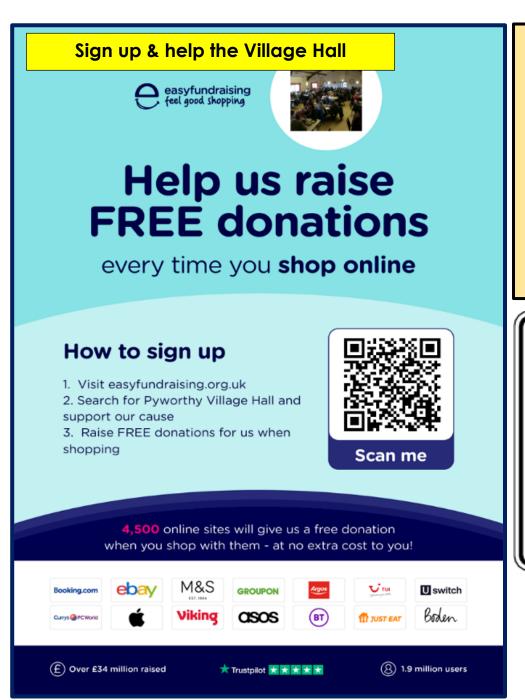
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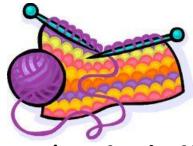
Donations are always welcome to help those in need.

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.



Leve where You Live





Creative Craft Club

The afternoon craft club is going strong. This takes place in Pyworthy Village Hall on the

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month – 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

A donation of just £2 towards the hall is all it costs!

Come along and join us, just bring your own craft project to do & see what others are doing.

A great way to meet new people. We are a friendly bunch & love to chat & have a laugh.



Save your used postage stamps to help our hedgehog charity. See page 42.



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DECEMBER 2024 - <u>Pyworthy Village</u>, other villages may have a different collection schedule.

Black bag collection days are:

Friday 13th December Friday 27th December

Recycling - Every Monday

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Garden Waste Collection dates:

Monday 9th December. Then a break until the 6th January.

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Dates for your diary can be found on page 46 this month.

WHAT'S ON AT HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY - DECEMBER 2024



- Bounce & Rhyme, Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th 2:15pm -2:45pm (term time only)
- Lloyds Bank Community Banking session, Monday 9th & 23rd - 2pm-4pm
- Home Education Social Club, Monday 16th 10am-12pm
- Christmas Coffee Morning join us for free Christmas refreshments, Saturday 21st - 10:30am-12pm
- Christmas Storytime- Monday 23rd 2:30pm
- Saturday Club! Lego, board games and colouring for children, every Saturday - 10am-12pm
- Extra Opening Hours Friday 10am-1pm!

The library will be closed for maintenance work on Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th and closed for Christmas on the 25th, 26th & 27th

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Bad Christmas Jokes

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What do you call a blind reindeer?

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How did Scrooge win the football game?

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Pyworthy Poser Quiz for DECEMBER 2024

The Christmas Poser!

- 1. Good King Wensalas (Father Christmas?): What became of him?
- 2. Born on Christmas Day, what is your Star Sign?
- 3. In which ocean is Christmas Island?
- 4. What is the name of the shortest day of the year?
- 5. Which famous scientist was born 25.12.1642?
- 6. Which reindeer has the same name as a fox?
- 7. In which nation did eggnog origin originate?

8. What beverage Company has been using Santa Claus in its adverts since

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- 9. What is the name given to a female Turkey bird?
- 10. According to the song, what did my True Love give to me on the 3rd day of Christmas?
- 11. Which Christmas
 Carol became the
 first song ever
 broadcast from
 Space?
- 12. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"?
- 13. How many "gifts" were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
- 14. What is the capital of Christmas Island?
- 15. What Christmas food is made from "Marsh Whorts"?

Last month's answers are on page 12.

Pyworthy Pilgrim.



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Bag it - Bin it

Sunrise, Sunset Times for the coming month:



1st December 2024 (UK, Exeter)

☆ Sunrise time: 7.54am GMT

★ Sunset time: 16.11pm GMT

(Length of day: 8 hrs 17 mins.



31st December 2024 (UK, Exeter)

⇔ Sunrise time: 08.16am GMT

* Sunset time: 16.18pm GMT

Length of day: 8 hrs 2 mins

Complacency and AI are Bad Bedfellows

By Brian Meadows of Nofix-Nofee

I recently received an email informing me of the winter fuel allowance payment I will be receiving shortly! I thought may be the government had made a U-turn on its recent budget policy, or I had missed some recent news on the WFA to pensioners. I took a closer look at the email and found it had been sent from Japan. No! it was just another scam.

I was impressed on the professionalism of the content of the message, it was obviously put together using an Al system.

The speed of development in AI is also impressive as scammers have become very skilled at Deepfake presentations using your data profiles stolen from BT, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Apple and many others (including Banks and financial institutions) but scam emails are commonplace these days and users are becoming complacent when receiving them and many are left on email servers.

Billions of scam emails are sent out every day and like telephone calls form loft insulation companies they are a nuisance, but they shouldn't be ignored or accepted as part of one of life's carbuncles. They should be deleted and cleared from your history files and caches, emails containing smart cookies can self-spawn and continue to monitor your activity without you knowing it.

The problem with AI is that it is not yet smart enough to discriminate between a truth and a lie, the person who could write such a program would become very rich indeed. So, for the time being Al remains a plaything and a scammers best friend. It can replicate a voice and facial features; it can be written to trick you into handing over cash and remember very personal facts about you and your family can be stolen for future scams and believe me there will be plenty.

If you are asked to supply money to a loved one, ask them to relate a safe word, phrase or saying which you've previously arranged with them, the wrong answer will indicate a scammer.

As Christmas looms ever closer, your guard may be down and you could be easily duped in believing all kinds of stories or excuses, the scammers are well versed in hard luck, sob stories and get rich quick schemes so don't be fooled, you may truly regret giving, forgiving or being charitable.

Nonetheless, wishing you and your family a very safe, enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



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Holsworthy Walk & Talk Group

By Gill Aston



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Canal. Beam Weir is also the 'birthplace' of Tarka the Otter written by Henry Williamson. We returned to the car park, also via The Common, to a choice of refreshment venues.



It is with deep sadness that we report the loss of Gordon Bennett who passed away early last month at the age of 94. Gordon was introduced to the Walking Group by David Arney who was presenting a promotional talk to the cardiac rehabilitation group at Holsworthy Hospital in the early 2000s. Gordon had recently undergone heart surgery and he felt that walking with the Group would be a pleasant way to regain and maintain fitness. Gordon went on to become our first Chairperson and served in his calm and gentlemanly way until, at the age of 92, he decided to hand over the role to a younger person. He continued to be a valued member of the Monday Walk in the Park group up until the end of last year. Our condolences go to Gordon's family.

Our walks programme is over the page

Another new walk last month brought out 39 walkers, albeit Level 2 and Level 3 combined. We met at the car park Commons Torrington boasted a burger van, an ice cream van and that very rare facility these davs a convenient Convenience! Both groups set off together, going down past the side of the cemetery and then following the path as it zigzagged down the side of the valley to where we crossed over a stream on a small bridge. We then continued with the track which was once a section of Roman road. There is quite a maze of well-marked pathways but the one we followed took us behind the Puffing Billy Pub and Torrington Cycle Hire. Had we continued along the former Roman Road it would have taken us uphill and across the golf course. The groups then split with Level 2 accessing the Tarka Trail and retuning to The Common just after passing the Puffing Billy, where the Heritage Railway Group have recently laid a new extension to their tracks. Level 3 headed on to pick up and follow a section of the Rolle Canal, which was opened in 1827, having been designed by James Green who had at that time recently completed the Bude Canal. The path then took us down onto the Tarka Trail where we found the River Torridge and the source of a powerful sound of water being the Beam Weir which was named after the historic estate which

was under the ownership of the Rolle

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

Our Friday programme will not be interrupted by the Festive Season, but the Monday Walk will be taking a break as the Youth Centre, our refreshment base, will not be open on the 23rd or 30th December. We will be resuming on the 6th January 2025.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Our DECEMBER Programme of walks:



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

DECEMBER Walks: Walk starting points as indicated below:

Friday 6th December - Level 2: LOWER

TAMAR. Start from Lower Tamar car park. Lanes, paths, gentle inclines.

LEADER: Michael Heryet. EX22 7LB.

Level 3: - **HALWILL JUNCTION.** Start from Parish Hall car park. Lanes, tracks and inclines. Can be muddy in parts. **LEADERS:** Eric Boundy & Kim Harris. EX21 5XR.

Friday 13th December Level 2: PYWORTHY ROAD WALK. Start from Village Hall Car Park. Quiet lanes with hard surfaces and a level route. LEADER: Cheryl Collins. EX22 6JJ. Level 3: - WITHERDON WOODS. Start from 200 mtrs inside main entrance on the Halwill to Roadford Lake road. Hard tracks, some gentle inclines. LEADERS: Kim Harris & Jacqui Shapland. EX21 5TU.

<u>Friday 20th December</u> - Level 2: RYDON LANE. Start from outside Holsworthy Museum. Mainly hard surfaces, gentle slopes, can be muddy. Parking charges apply. **LEADER:** Gill Aston. EX22 6DJ.

<u>Friday 20th December</u> - Level 3 - UPPER TAMAR. Start from UPPER Tamar car park. Parking charges apply. Hard level track around the lake. Can be muddy in parts after rain. **LEADERS:** Jacqui Shapland & Eric Boundy. EX23 9SB.



December walks programme continued:

Friday 27th December - Level 2:

COOKWORTHY FOREST. Start from main car park. Mainly hard tracks and gentle inclines.

LEADER: Mike Jackson. EX21 5XZ.

Level 3: COOKWORTHY FOREST. Start from main car park. Mainly hard tracks and gentle inclines. **LEADERS:** Paul Davies & Gill Aston. EX21 5XZ.



If you would like to join us, 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.

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
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Local groups, clubs, businesses can pay for a tree and decorated it.

The public who visit the tree festival can vote on which one they like the best.

All the trees do look magical in the Church.





Derril Water Solar Park Update 8....

Continuing from our previous updates, we are pleased to report that the solar panel installation has started, with Field 13 already completed. To expedite the module installation, we plan to double the workforce. The transformers and substation's foundation works have commenced, and concrete pouring is ongoing. Cable trenching continues across the site.







The ramming of the piles has been completed where possible, with the compound areas scheduled to be addressed later, in the spring. apologise for any disturbance this task may have caused to the community. The last batch of PV modules has arrived and is now being stored in a UK following warehouse customsclearance. Deliveries to the site will take place throughout November. All structural materials are now on site, and cable deliveries are ongoing, with the expectation that 100% of the cables will be on-site by the end of the month.

Next month, we will continue with cable trenching and flagging, as well as excavation and foundation work for the MV switchgears. Construction of the substation building will begin, and panel deliveries will continue. The project is making good progress, and our teams are dedicated to keeping up the pace as we move through November, ensuring that all tasks are completed effectively and on time.

Remember, Derril Water Solar Park is Ripple Energy's first exciting shared solar project in the UK. Members not only benefit from clean energy 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:

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Read Brian's article on page 35.

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Poetry Corner

SANTA'S MAGIC STARDUST

By Jean Clark of Rydon Village

Jingle, jingle, can you hear the sleigh bells
Santa's bringing Christmas joy anew
Over the Earth the twinkling stars will guide him
And he will come to sprinkle MAGIC STARDUST over you.

Jingle, jingle, can you hear the sleigh bells

Dream of a time when Santa comes to you

Float on a cloud and slide down on a rainbow

A touch of MAGIC STARDUST and your wishes all come true.

Jingle, jingle, NOW I hear the sleigh bells
Now I know just what we have to do
Open your heart and love will surely find you
And the MAGIC OF THE SRARDUST will have fallen onto you.



More Community Announcements

Very Bad Xmas Jokes How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing – it was on the house.

What do donkeys send out near Christmas?
Mule-tide greetings.

A gingerbread man went to the doctor's complaining of a sore knee.

"A sore knee?" the doctor said. "Have you tried icing it?"

Why was the snowman embarrassed when he was spotted rummaging through a bag of carrots?

He was caught picking his nose.







<u>Print deadline</u> for the next edition of Pyworthy Post is:

Thursday 19th December 2024 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.

Sunday 1st December – Christingle Service at St. Swithun's Church, Pyworthy 4.00pm

Saturday 7th December – Quiz Night at the Village Hall. Saturday 7th December – 6.00pm, Switch on of Christmas

Charity Lights in Pyworthy at 7 Derriton Road (opposite the Village Hall).

Sunday 8th December – Christmas Carols in Holsworthy at 6.00pm.

Monday 9th December – Evelyn's walks group will set off from The Square in Bradworthy at 10am. See page 40 for more details.

December 12th – 15th – The Festival of Trees at St. Peter and St. Pauls Church, Holsworthy, see page 39 for opening times.

Thursday 19th December – Deadline for next Pyworthy Post.

Friday 20th December – Christmas Get Together at the Village Hall, starring Ben McKenzie! Brilliant evening of entertainment.

Sunday 22nd December - Pyworthy Church Carol service at 3.00pm.

Tuesday 24th December – Crib Service at 11.00am at Pyworthy Church and Christmas Mass at 8.00pm.

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day. **Thursday 26th December** - Boxing Day.

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 7th January – Art classes will restart
Thursday 9th January – Gill's Golden Gang resume classes

Early Deadline for the January Edition!



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

Happy Christmas!



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