

CAMELFORDIAN

MAY 2016



UPDATE ON THE CAMELFORDIAN

We are pleased to tell you that we have found a printer whose work we like very much and, what's more, who gave us the most competitive quotation. We felt that it represented good value for money. We really hope that you like the quality of the magazine as much as we do.

Of course, the commercial rate for printing the Camelfordian is much greater than we paid previously at Sir James Smith's School, but Phil Tucker, our new printer, has gone a long way to ease the transition, and we thank him for that.

Before the end of the month we will be writing to our advertisers to tell them what that means for them.

We thank all those who have tried to help us and who are obviously wishing us well. What we can all do is to use the services of those who advertise with us. This alone will guarantee the continuation of *your* magazine, the Camelfordian.

We would like to use this update to give our profound thanks to Sally Mason at Sir James Smith's School. She has printed the Camelfordian for us since its inception in 2009 and without exception her work has been efficient and thorough. She herself has been friendly and helpful. We will miss our dealings with her in the future, and wish her well.

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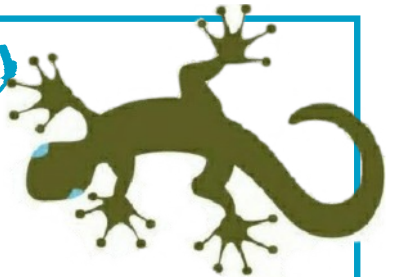
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A wide silver dish on the table to whet our appetites followed the welcome from our Chairman, Val Bluett who gave us details of future events both near and far and then welcomed our demonstrator, Jo Golding. Her title for her demonstration was 'Natural Elements'. The first was silver.

Into the middle of the lovely bowl she placed three tall, silver garden canes, at the base placing large silvered fatsia leaves, soft fluffy pieces of pine, some of which was sprayed, rhododendron and shiny dark green camellia leaves. 8 large white carnations of differing heights came next, joined by soft white tu-



lips, sprayed teasels and magnolia twigs. The finishing touch was 2 big loops of bear grass. Jo displayed it with a twin arrangement which stood on a mirror cube. Beautiful and shiny.

The second element was wax. Jo had made two discs of orange coloured wax. The first stood on a log which had a thin coating of white wax. On top was a ring of moss and small-leaved foliage and peach roses about 2

inches deep. The second disc had test tubes inserted in it. Rosebuds and tiny pieces of fluffy flowers, like cow parsley, and little waxed leaves. This was then balanced on top of the first disc. A very unusual design.

Number 3 had a woodland theme and was built inside a large curl of cork oak bark. Lots of ivy was trailed around and inside the bark and it looked like a fallen log. Jo filled it with white lilies, cut as separate blooms, then pink roses, some of which were recessed, drawing the eye into the centre of the arrangement and then lots of dainty pinky-mauve wax flower making a contrast to the statuesque lilies and rough bark. Lovely!

After silver, wax and bark we came to wool. A rectangular container wrapped round with wool and containing two blocks of floral foam was backed by a tall frame wound round with more wool. A few test tubes were fixed high up. Covering the floral foam was lots of different foliage. Tall purple lysianthus went into the back. In front of these, at differing heights, went more lovely pin roses and tulips, then zingy yellow and bright orange germini (small gerberas). A few blooms went into the test tubes. To finish Jo added wool balls in toning shades. This made a lovely garden scene.

Sand and rocks were the basis of the finale. A board covered in sand had two groups of rocks around which the design was built. Jo used pieces of leylandii, trails of ivy, fern leaves turning brown and sprigs of myrtle, and added yellow roses and a variety of daffodils. This was reminiscent of Cornish moorland and to finish she added two tiny mine engine buildings tucked in with the rocks. Such an interesting finish.

This was an interesting and beautiful mix of styles.

Our next meeting is entitled 'Glorious Gardens' with Gretchen White on 4th May, 7.30 pm at the Camelford Hall, Clease Road. See you there?



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Thank you to Catherine Little for her look at modern technology. You can find her on 01840 213823

I can't believe it. This time last year I was thinking of closing down; now, with all the other Magpies joining in, the shop seems set to go from strength to strength. We have got through the quietest, and wettest (so far) months of the year, and are looking forward to another spring and summer season.

Having so many other stall holders in the shop certainly adds to the variety of items on offer, from jewelry to binoculars, porcelain to a didgeridoo - not to mention a wide range of vintage books and locally made crafts. There is always something to see, and we don't charge for looking!

I would like to thank the local community for being so supportive of the shop, and I hope more people can find time to use our other local shops and help the high street to weather the loss of the banks.

I am toying with the idea of getting to grips with the internet again, but after changing my tried and trusted old mobile (calls and texts only) to a fancy touch screen one, so that I could take photos to put on Facebook. Everyone assured me this would be easy. I find it impossible to

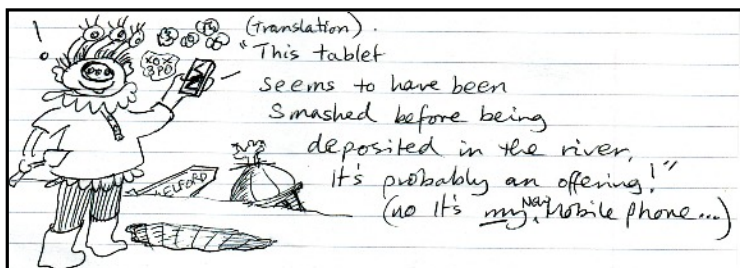
A answer it

B read texts before they disappear, I know not where, or

C manage to write a coherent text first time around. My finger tips appear to be too big to hit only one 'key' at a time.

Ah well, I will always prefer a pen and paper. After all, we would know so much less about past generations, how they felt, how they dealt with difficult situations, if they had only been communicating their thoughts in texts rather than letters, now preserved, for historians to study and analyse.

In a couple of thousand years, if there is any life form capable or interested enough in the past to look for our 'civilisation' they will find a great deal of rubbish and some much older bits and bobs. But no permanent record of our written words. The odd gravestone perhaps, but they may even come to the conclusion that the majority of the population were totally unable to read or write at all!



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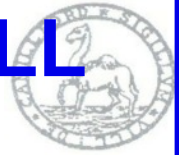
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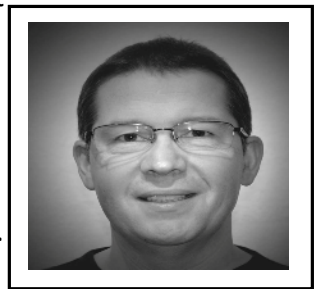
“Harbour Happenings”

Souls Harbour often welcomes international groups and this month we have 20 Norwegians descending on Camelford for a weekend. They are young people from a church in the city of Drammen and are led by their Pastor Vidar Aronsen and his wife. They will be involved in



activities all over the weekend (6-8 May) and will take the meeting on Sunday. These young people are known for their singing so it should be a treat. Pastor Vidar, who has served God in Japan and China for many years, will be speaking.

The Sunday after (15 May) the speaker is best-selling author Richard Pidgey from Gloucester. Richard had a troubled youth, turning to a life of crime, which resulted in a prison sentence. It was there alone in his cell, contemplating suicide, that he had a miraculous encounter with God and dedicated his life to Jesus. Now, an ordained minister, he speaks to thousands of young people a year in schools, churches and prisons about his experiences and his faith. He is well worth hearing.





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Press Release: 24 March 2016

Camelford Neighbourhood Plan takes big step forward

Camelford's Neighbourhood Plan, which will help shape development in the parish for the coming 15 years, has taken a significant step towards completion.

Over the past six months policy working groups, made up of local volunteers, have been analyzing the results of the major public consultation which took place last year, and checking other research and policy documents to form policies for the Plan. Aspects such as housing, transport, employment, landscape, and community facilities form the backbone of the Plan, which will actively affect all planning decisions in the future.

Claire Hewlett, Secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan said "All the volunteers have worked so hard over the winter and we're very close to being able to present a draft plan. They should feel very proud of their work".

All that work now has to be drawn together and undergo compliance checking, meaning that Cornwall Council have to check that our policies don't contravene National or Local Planning Policies. It is hoped in the near future a draft plan will be released to further public consultation.

Lee Dunkley, Treasurer of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and Town Clerk, added "This is a unique chance for the local community to have a real impact, with legal weighting, on how development happens within Camelford. The working groups are developing policies based directly on the consultation undertaken last year, and people will have the chance to have further say at public events this spring and summer."

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We are hosting a special BIG SPRING SING on Saturday 14th May from 10.00 - 4.00. Held at St Breock School Wadebridge (PL27 7XL)

This is an ideal opportunity for any lady to join with us for the day to discover the joys of singing in harmony, Acappella style. There will be something for all, whether you are an experienced singer who'd like to try a different style of singing or a novice who is keen to have a go and enjoys the thought of singing in a group of friendly and encouraging ladies. All ranges of voices are welcome so whether you have a deep low singing voice, a high voice that hits the top notes or somewhere in between there is room for you all.

We love to sing and are keen to pass on our love of singing to you, so please come along and bring a friend or two as well. You'll have a great time.

The BIG SPRING SING is being held at St Breock School, Wadebridge (PL27 7XL) from 10.00 – 4.00.

We are charging £5 for the day with proceeds going to Little Harbour our charity of the year. Little Harbour is part of *Children's Hospice South West* and provides care for life limited children and their families at St Austell in Cornwall.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Big Spring Sing, please bring some water, a packed lunch and your willingness to have a marvellous fun filled day.

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The April meeting was well attended when Mr Terry Faull gave an illustrated talk on 'Magic and Mystery of North Cornwall'. In this remote district of wooded valleys, secret paths and ancient churches are held stories of many strange characters, family rivalries, hauntings, smuggling and forgotten mysteries. The River Tamar rises from a small unmarked spring in the north, being the county boundary with Devon.



It once separated the Anglo Saxons of Wessex from the Celts of Cornwall. The old Cornish words of tre, pol and pen mark farms and villages where the native Celts held on the longest.

Secret paths to many a beach were used by smugglers and other local people to get to the shipwrecked cargoes given up along the treacherous coast.

Stories of the past are worth keeping alive by re-telling and recording for generations to enjoy.

Our next meeting is on Monday 9 May at 7.30 at the Camelford Hall, Clease Road. The History of Sport in Cornwall by Dr Jo Mattingly. Everyone is welcome.

Snippet from Sir Jim's

YEAR 10 students at Sir James Smith's Community School students edged towards their target of buying a Shelterbox for a family caught up in a disaster area – by picking up water and sponges and washing staff cars. This was one of the final efforts in their push to buy a complete Shelterbox for £590, and then tracking its progress. Together with the proceeds of other school fund-raising events it left them just short, with the remaining amount set to be made up. Among those out in the car park cleaning the vehicles for the Cornish-based Shelterbox charity were Isla Symons, Bethany Beare and Pedro Corsico.





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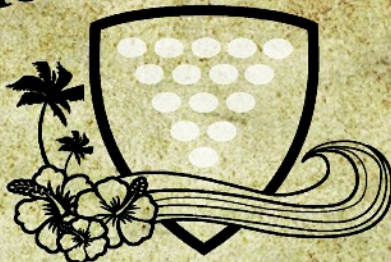
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Early April saw the introduction of the National Living Wage, which gave 1.3 million people an immediate pay rise. All those aged 25 and over received an instant 50p increase to £7.20 per hour. That means anyone who was working 37.5 hours a week on the minimum wage will now be £75 better off a month, or £900 in the next year alone. The Living Wage will rise every year to over £9/hr by 2020.

Businesses big and small are being supported through cuts to business rates and tax, which not only facilitate pay rises, but also make the UK a more attractive place to do business and promotes growth.

The 3 per cent extra stamp duty on second homes also came into effect. This means a second home in Cornwall costing £1 million will attract £73,750 in tax – an increase of £30,000. This extra money will fund self-build projects which I lobbied the Chancellor for before the Budget.

After the Budget there was a lot of coverage of the proposed cuts to Personal Independence Payments (PIP). I like other MPs was concerned about this, and I informed the government that I would be opposing the cuts. The proposals were subsequently scrapped the following week.

The government is rightly pursuing its goal of having a more affordable welfare system, however, this needs to be done in a fairer way so that it is reformed for the next generation without hitting existing claimants who are merely following the rules.

During the Easter break I joined fellow MPs Steve Double and Sarah Newton to celebrate the opening of Cornwall Air Ambulance's newest facility - the Lady Mary Holborow Fundraising and Volunteering Building - in honour of their Chairman who has done much charity work throughout the Duchy.

The Air Ambulance is held with great affection by the people of Cornwall, who raise millions every year. The new building has been part-funded by the government's Libor fund, which takes money from misbehaving bankers and gives it to deserving charities.

In the past month I've been paid a visit in Parliament by Lewannick, St Minver and St Kew primary schools who were all a delight to spend some time with and talk to about their visits to London and Westminster.

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Wadebridge Army Cadets Making Music

An Army Cadet from Wadebridge has been expanding her repertoire of skills by learning to play the bugle. As an army cadet, she has been taught many life skills from first aid to navigation but she has also taken decided to learn a new skill, Bugling.

She has followed a syllabus of lessons and this week saw Bugle Major Sarah Wilson achieve a Two Star Award. For this she not only needed to be able to maintain a bugle correctly and effectively, she had to be able to sound Last Post correctly, the eerily haunting bugle call played at military funerals and on Remembrance Day.

Playing the bugle is not a simple task, all pitch control is done by the musicians embouchure, otherwise known as the lip and face muscles. This is a very tricky skill to learn and Sarah has done brilliantly to master the instrument so quickly.

Captain Demelza Stevenson, the Lucknow Company Commander, who oversees Wadebridge Army Cadets said 'I am so proud of Cadet Bugle Major Wilson learning such a difficult skill and becoming so proficient in such a short time frame. Being able to play such an iconic bugle call is important for any

Bugler and all adds up to being a rounded cadet.'

Wadebridge Army Cadets meet on a Tuesday evening at 7pm at the Joint Cadet Training Centre on Wellington Place and are more than happy to welcome young people aged 12 - 18 who want to have fun, friendship, action and adventure.

If you are over 21, and want to give two hours a week to help young people achieve amazing things please pop in on a Tuesday evening, all training is given and no military experience is needed.

If you would like to get involved, please call Cornwall Army Cadets Headquarters on 01208 73183

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Sarah WILSON is awarded a Two Star Musicians Badge by Bugle Major Matthew LANG – Photo taken by Cadet Sergeant CRESS

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THE STORE WITH STUFF FOR STORING STUFF – at Stephens Home Hardware (S Rickard & B Grills)

This month we're going to talk about 'stuff'.

'Stuff' is all the things we acquire as we go through life and simply cannot bear to be parted from. And a glance into many of our wardrobes, cupboards and closets suggest that a lot of the 'stuff' we own is made up of clothing.

As clothes have become more affordable, and the trends set by celebrities, glossy magazines and all manner of on-line and high street retailers increasingly influence our fashion spending habits, so the issue of how to store all the clothes we buy quite literally takes on a new dimension.

Fortunately, these days it seems we have only two seasons to dress for. Cold and wet or warm and wet! As we approach the latter period, maybe punctuated by a couple of weeks somewhere much warmer *and* drier, it makes sense to put the 'cold and wet' season garments into storage – at least for a few months!

But, by definition these tend to be quite bulky. So unless you're the proud owner of a walk-in wardrobe or two, you might want to look at some altogether more affordable solutions.

Luckily, here at Stephens Home Hardware (S Rickard & B Grills) T/as CAMELFORD we stock a range of vacuum storage bags from homeware specialist H&L Russel. Made from durable nylon they are one of the strongest bags of their type, come with a five-year guarantee against faulty workmanship or materials, and are perfect for storing clothes as well as all manner of household linen and bedding.

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environment that protects the contents from damp, dust and mites. The resulting space saving can be quite significant, freeing up valuable shelves and hanging rails. Vacuum bags are also a great solution for protecting garments made from natural fibres, especially wool, from attack by moths or, to be more precise, the moth larvae. But it's essential to wash or dry clean clothing of this kind to eliminate the presence of eggs or larvae before storing them away. For bulky and irregular shaped accessory items such as shoes, bags and belts, plastic storage boxes are ideal, since they come in a huge range of shapes and sizes that can fit easily into many of the under-utilised storage places we already have in our homes, such as under beds, on top of wardrobes and under stairs, as well as attic and even garage space. Most come with tight fitting lids to protect the contents from dust and dirt. Here at Stephens Home Hardware (S Rickard & B Grills) T/as you are sure to find a ready-made storage solution for every location and purpose.

Even those of us with a pragmatic approach to fashion, and who routinely donate last season's clothes to charity or our local recycling centre, have a few favourite and timeless items we wear year after year. For these, and items of sentimental and practical value, the range of bags and boxes at Stephens Home Hardware (S Rickard & B Grills) T/as provide the ideal storage solutions.

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Who said... ...'I'm an instant star. Just add water and stir.'

... 'I find only freedom in the realms of eccentricity.'

... 'I don't know where I'm going from here, but I promise it won't be boring.' ?

Well, the late David Bowie, saxophonist/singer/song-writer/pop-pinup; whose death earlier this year saddened so many. Timeless songs such as Fame, The Jean Genie, Ziggy Stardust and of course, Space Oddity [sung so recently by Major Tom floating in the International Space Station] are loved across the world.

David Bowie is one of several people to write a song with the title, 'Changes'; unsurprising if songs relate to and reflect real life, which is one change after another - be it advancement in computers or travel or simply fabrics that require no ironing!

Change is all around, inevitable and nothing new. U.S. President John F Kennedy said, 'Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.'

As we look forward to Rev. Angela Cooper joining the Camel-Allen Cluster of Churches in early June as Priest-in-Charge, the people of St Just-in-Roseland and St Mawes prepare for her to move away..., our prayers are with them, as well as with her.

God has new and exciting opportunities in store as we begin to work with Rev. Angela. Opportunities for each person, church and community. Opportunities to meet with God. Opportunities to share and grow together. Opportunities leading... who knows where?

Inevitably change lies ahead; which does not dismiss the work of priests and people over past years and centuries, for everything done in God's name is highly valued. Much of what is recognised now may well be maintained; yet, because the Church is the Church not just of the past and present but of the future, some things must and will change. If we try to stay the same, God's Kingdom will not grow here.

So often exciting, change can be unnerving and even painful; we may seek to hold on to the familiar, be reluctant to let go of what we 'like' - but only when we let go of what we no longer need [which was perhaps right for the past but not the present or future] can we open our hands to receive the new, different, beautiful - something we might otherwise have missed....

None of us know where we are going from here, but with God it will be far from boring! If you don't normally come to church, but would like to know a little more, please look out for details of forthcoming services and events or contact Sue or Claire on 01840212713.

LANTEGLOS SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB



The culmination of the short mat season for Lanteglos Short Mat Bowling Club took place at the club on Saturday 9th April at the Presentation Evening.

Twenty members were present to enjoy four different games as a social event. Target bowls, carpet bowls, arches and through the pipe kept the evening swinging. Those attending brought along plates of food which were thoroughly enjoyed and the awards, as listed below, were presented by Madeline Davey.

Fours - B. Gardner, M. Davey, A. Luckin, R. Shillaber

Triples - D. Teague, V. Risdon, F. Bennett

Pairs - V. Risdon, G. Risdon

Runners-up - P. Wright, N. Wright

Singles - G. Risdon

Runner-up - N. Wright

Fernley Davey Memorial Cup for 100 Up

Winner - G. Risdon

Runner-up - M. Prout

CAMELFORD & DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Practice and trials have begun for the start of the outdoor season and the Opening Day for members took place on Saturday (16th). Twenty one members attended and fifteen ends of bowls were played on a cold and breezy afternoon.

When everyone's appetite for bowls was appeased the usual tea, again supplied by the members, was enjoyed and President Colin Parsons thanked all those who attended and especially the small team of workers who had got the green in such a splendid condition and who were also keeping the surrounds so immaculate.

Only one day before the entrance to the club had been tarmaced and for a few days before a contractor had been busy converting the large parking area from rough ground to a well presented kerbed and chipping covered car park.

Here's to an enjoyable and successful season which starts early in May.



A Methodist Ministers View

Over the past few weeks there have been articles and letters in the national newspapers, both secular and religious, about fixing the date of Easter. The dates of Easter are set according to the phases of the Moon, and Easter is celebrated at the time of the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. I am not sure if those who write such articles are aware of how much negotiation would have to take place within international political and Church circles to bring about such a change. Such a proposal would, I think, meet with a great deal of resistance from those countries which observe a larger range of religious festivals than we do in Great Britain, and have associated with them annual events such as Mardi Gras which is celebrated with Carnivals on Shrove Tuesday in some countries whose roots are in the Roman Catholic tradition. The arguments put forward to bring about a change in the arrangements for Easter are about economic benefits to the tourist industry, and the arranging of school terms. Both of these arguments are evidence that we are getting our priorities wrong in putting to one side the religious tradition in which our culture has its roots.

Some years ago our parliament agreed to having an early May Bank Holiday on the first Monday in that month, and then a late May Bank Holiday on the last Monday of the month which is Half Term Week in most schools. In coming to this arrangement we have largely lost sight of the religious festival which occurs in May or early June – Pentecost

or Whit Sunday as it is known, associated with being the Birthday of the Christian Church. This particular celebration occurs 50 days after Easter Day and is therefore a ‘moving’ feast or celebration day. In some parts of this country Whit Sunday or the following Bank Holiday Monday was associated with processions and other celebrations. This year Whit Sunday or Pentecost, will be celebrated in our local Churches on Sunday May 15th. At Pentecost we recall how the early followers of Jesus found themselves with new found abilities, powers and freedoms to talk with others about their faith and beliefs. These powers were promised to them by Jesus – see Luke 24 verse 49 – if they patiently waited in Jerusalem after the happenings of that first Easter. Ordinary men and women, just like us, were the founding members of the Christian movement whose influence now extends across the world. The message of the Christian Church has not changed over the nearly 2,000 years since it’s Birth-day, and is still a message of love, hope, purpose, acceptance and eternal life. It may seem incredible, but is creditable to millions across the world, as it has been through many generations. It challenges the lifestyle of all of us. Every blessing as you ponder it.

Bryan Ede

P.S. We shall be celebrating Rogation Sunday – when we ask God’s blessing on the crops and the farming Community at Hallworthy Market on Sunday, May 1st at 7.30p.m. This is an ecumenical celebration and all are welcome.

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