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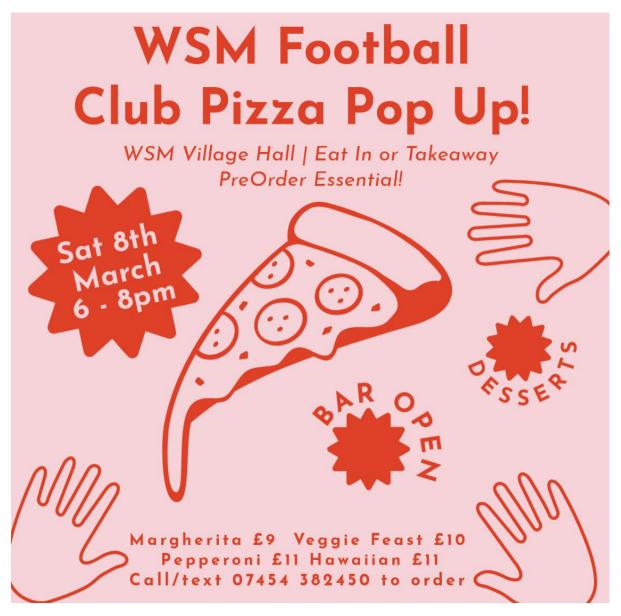




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# Week St Mary Church - can you help?

Week St Mary Church is looking for a volunteer to help with jobs around the churchyard such as strimming, some mowing (we have a volunteer who could do with some help), sweeping paths, occasional hedge trimming etc.

If you think you could help in any way, we would be most grateful and happy to hear from you.

Please contact Lesley 341221 or Linda 341468 for further details

# **News from Week St Mary Church**

The Valentine's Day Pop-up restaurant saw a full capacity 'Restaurant' in Week St Mary Church on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Diners pre-booked from a menu of three courses with four choices in each. There was a lively bar with Prosecco on arrival and wine, beer and cider throughout.

Despite a boiler malfunction during the day (never known with the current boiler before!) the dining area was warm and those whizzing around in the kitchen were more than comfortable.

Many thanks to our waitresses — Abi Morrison, Nieve Booker and Pamela Morrison, to Barman Bob Booker and chefs, Micheline Smith, Linda Cobbledick, Lesley Booker, Sue Dickenson and Judith Taylor.



Future events will include a Murder Mystery Dinner (June 21<sup>st</sup>), a Concert with the Countrymen (October 25<sup>th</sup>) and regular Lego Café breakfasts and Lunch Club lunches each month. Our Annual Gift Day takes place on 10<sup>th</sup> May when you are invited to bring your gift to support this iconic building and its place in

our community. Happy Memories Memory Café and Adventure Church will take place regularly as usual. We have some very large restoration projects coming up to ensure the church remains stable, water-proof and (relatively) warm so look out for further updates as the year progresses.



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# WEEK ST MARY COMMUNITY SHOP & POST OFFICE - THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE......

There has been a Post Office in Week St Mary since the early 1900's. It was run by Jeff & Monica Roberts for 37 years before becoming community owned on their retirement in 2017 when there was strong support to retain the Shop and Post Office. Funding came from the sale of shares to over 100 residents, supplemented by donations and grants. The aim was to be modestly profitable with any profits either being re-invested in the Shop or to support community projects in the parish of Week St Mary.

A limited company was formed as a co-operative, operating on a 'one member, one vote' principle, irrespective of the number of shares owned. The change to a community run enterprise took place over a weekend in March 2017 without any interruption to service. The supporting business plan had 2 Phases - Phase 1 -

place over a weekend in March 2017 without any interruption to service. The supporting business plan had 2 Phases - Phase 1 - to buy the existing business and rent the premises for 4 years; Phase 2 - during the COVID lockdown of 2020, the lease was extended until June 2027.

The value of the facilities to the local community cannot be overstated not only as a retail outlet and Post Office, but also as a social hub for all, especially the elderly and vulnerable, is vitally important. The presence of a village shop also has a proven positive effect on house prices.

The alarming disappearance of High Street banks - the last remaining one in Bude will close in May this year - has led to even greater importance on having Post Office facilities available locally not only to conduct the usual postal services, but to also service an increase in home shopping returns, provide much needed banking services with cash withdrawals and deposits, cheque deposits and the facility to easily pay utility bills. As a sub-Post Office to Bude, the Week St Mary Post Office is staffed by Jackie and Val, together with 4 other Post Office trained vol-

unteers who are all in their sixties or seventies. This identifies an urgent need to recruit some new volunteers willing to train to operate the Post Office to ensure that we can continue to offer these services.

So how can you help as Phase 3 comes onto the horizon?

The day-to-day operation is run by the Manager whilst the business is overseen by a Management Committee which currently only has 4 members all of whom are in their 70's. We therefore desperately need new members as we plan for Phase 3.

Like all businesses, we have faced significant cost increases recently due to rises in the National Living Wage and electricity prices. Coupled with a decline in footfall, this has meant after a modestly profitable period from 2017 to 2023 the shop is now trading at a loss and the Parish Council has started making donations by way of support. We appreciate that most people only use the Shop for daily supplies, incidental items and 'emergency' shopping with very few doing all their weekly shop, however, if we had just 5 new customers a day and others were able to up their spend a bit it would make a HUGE difference to the Shop's profitability as plans are considered for Phase 3.

Nonetheless, our most pressing problem is being able to staff the Shop and Post Office for 44 hours across 7 days. We have a fantastic loyal core of dedicated volunteers but, as some get older, there is an URGENT need to add to our numbers. Without new volunteers particularly some willing to be trained to operate

the Post Office, this simply may not be possible.

So, if you could spare some time just once a week, or on an ad hoc basis, it would make a HUGE difference. You may choose to be customer facing in the Shop or prefer to help out behind the scenes with e.g. stocking, accounts or marketing. If you are new to the village, it is a great way to meet people and get involved. If you are interested in joining the Management Committee or becoming a shop volunteer, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please e-mail or phone our Chair - Linda Cobbledick lincob@gmail.com & 01288-341468.

As a community, we can be proud of what has been achieved to make the Shop and Post Office a success over the past 8 years. However, as we look towards the future, we need the community's continued support in using the Shop, volunteer pledges and renewed energy to make Phase 3 a viable proposition.

This is YOUR Community Shop - owned BY the Community, RUN by the Community, for the BENEFIT of the Community - for this

generation and for generations to come.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Week St Mary Community Shop Management Committee

# WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES W.I.

If you see a marine animal on the beach STOP! That was the key message being passed to members by our 2 speakers from the BDMLR: Michelle Clement and Michaela Gilbert-Smith. They are both volunteer Marine Mammal Medics, currently working along the North Cornwall/Devon coastline. Extremely helpful advice was given on the do's and don'ts when finding these animals. SEE BELOW

British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) was formed in 1988 when a few like-minded divers got together in response to a mass mortality of common seals in the Wash area of East Anglia. The aim was to do what they could for the rescue effort in response to a virus epidemic resulting in thousands of deaths. Since then, they have been involved in the rescue of all marine wild-life after every major marine disaster.

In 1997 the charity created and ran the first Marine Mammal Medic course held in the UK and began forming its national volunteer response network. The network of Marine Mammal Medics is trained in first aid, health assessment and rescue techniques for sick and injured seals, porpoises, dolphins, whales and turtles. The teams are equipped with specialist rescue equipment such as whale flotation pontoons, seal bags, dolphin stretchers and more to aid the casualties, and are in regular contact with veterinary consultants for advice and care. Calls to the BDMLR surpassed 3,000 for the first time in a single year in 2021.

The BDMLR works alongside other similar charities worldwide and in 2013 set up the UK's first and only specialised Large Whale Disentanglement Team to rescue entangled whales at sea, with training provided by the Center for Coastal Studies and International Fund for Animal Welfare in the USA.

Seal rescue has remained a major component of the charity's work, with medics rescuing animals in all seasons around the UK. In 2017, with funding from the Seal Protection Action Group, the BDMLR designed and created the UK's first Mobile Seal Rescue Unit – a horse box converted and customised into a fully equipped temporary holding and treatment facility. Later, in 2021, it opened its first custom-built seal hospital in Cornwall to help cope with the high influxes of seal casualties affected by storms linked with climate change.

Seals: Do NOT approach, it is normal for a seal not to be in the water. Do NOT make a noise, seals are easily disturbed Do NOT let dogs near even on a lead, they will alarm the seal.

DO watch for signs of mum, she may be away feeding and will return.

DO call BDMLR with location if it is ill, injured or separated from mum. DO stay if you can to help Medics locate the seal.

**<u>Dolphin/Whale</u>**: Do NOT put it it back in the sea—it needs to be checked by Medics.

Do NOT pull, stand over or next to its tail, the tail will hurt if it hits you.

Do NOT attempt to interact, it may be distressed.

DO call BDMLR immediately, every second is critical for Medics.

DO keep it upright-if you can turn it on its belly, careful with fins.

DO keep it wet with water (not in blowhole) or seaweed

DO stay quiet and keep crowds and people away.

<u>Turtle</u>: Do NOT put back in the sea, it could kill it due to hypothermia. Do NOT warm it up immediately, it needs specialist care.

DO call BDMLR immediately, they can organise specialist care and transport.

DO wrap it up (e.g. dry towel) to maintain its temperature. EMERGENCY HELPLINE: 01825 765546 – why not put it on your mobile? The photo below shows Michaela demonstrating how they have to handle baby seals (normally a lot smaller than the model!).

In March we will be celebrating our 80th Birthday which will be held on **Saturday 15th** in the Village Hall at 3pm with visitors from the Cornwall Federation and other local WI's. All members will have received an official invitation.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our WI can contact Roberta Jones, Secretary on 07788-548875.



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# Ruminations from the Rectory

## Dear friends

An 18 year old student pilot was making a solo flight cross country when she became lost in a storm. Something had gone wrong with one of her instruments. So she reached for her radio and made contact with a local air traffic controller. And she said, "I don't know where I am. I need some help, please, please, help me."

The controller located her on his radar screen and began

talking her down toward a nearby airport. She couldn't see a thing, but he could see her on the radar. He knew where she was, he knew which direction she was headed, he knew where she needed to go, and the best way to get

there. She trusted her life to a man she had never seen and he got her out of the storm and safely to ground.

Today, you can trust in Jesus. You've never seen Him before with your naked eye. You may not know Him, but he is there waiting for you with open arms to help you.

So this Easter I'm asking you today, to quit flying blind. The Bible reminds us that Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost, (Luke 19:10).

Every blessing Revd David

### Week St Mary Parish Council Minutes – Thursday, February 6, 2025

**Public question time** (15 minutes allowed for this – on matters on the agenda only) Non

#### To receive County Councillor Nicky Chopak's report on matters arising

Cllr Chopak reported that there has been lots of conversations around the council leader no longer standing in the May elections. Cornwall Council is now in a deficit and they are selling off assets such as the airport, car parks, adult education, with funding cuts to SEN, the Cornwall Housing budget and repairs for Cornwall Housing. A full council meeting will be held in a couple of weeks' time. If there is another vote of no confidence, it won't have any effect being this close to the election, but Cllr Chopak is hopeful of some changes in May. With regards to Highways, there are currently a lot of roadworks. There will be an overnight closure on the A39 between March 3 and 22 from Wainhouse Corner to Treskinnick. She was disappointed that South West Water did not attend the meeting but she did receive a text to say there is scheduled work at the Langdon Cross connection next week and at Cherry Cross the following week. It sounds like they are doing something to rectify the water issues experienced.

#### To note councillors present

Cllrs C Slade (chair); S Gubbin; S May; L Stephens; R Shipton; R Bolt and M Johns. Also in attendance: Cllr N Chopak, S Cleave, clerk and two members of the public.

### To receive apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Richardson – prior engagement; Cllr Stephens – unwell.

To receive Declarations of Interest and approve Dispensations None.

#### To approve the minutes of:

Ordinary meeting Thursday, January 2, 2025. This will be deferred until the March meeting as there were not enough councillors present (who were present at the January meeting) to vote.

### To receive clerk's report on matters arising

The clerk's report was noted.

### 8. Planning

Any late applications received will be discussed under this section

## 8a. To discuss and make a consultee comment on application:

PA25/00163 – Works to trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) – Tree A – Mature Sycamore, full removal. Highmeadows, Week St Mary.

PA25/00308 – Works to trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) – T1 Ash – pollard at 2.5m above ground level, at the spring of the crown; T2 Ash – coppice at 0.6m above ground level; T3 Ash – remove crown to a height of 3m above ground level. Land rear of 4 Market Place, Week St Mary.

Both of these applications will be decided by delegated authority – no requirement for the parish council to make a comment.

#### **8b.** Decisions

PA24/09167 – Construction of a dwelling without compliance of condition 2 of decision notice PA20/08994 dated 16.06.2021. Land west of The Old Orchard Inn, Week St Mary.

APPROVED

PA24/05722 – Change of use of land to form part of garden and construction of summerhouse. Lambley Park, Week St Mary.

APPROVED

PA24/07116 – Proposed conversion of barn to dwellinghouse. Hawthorns, Steel Hill House, Stewarts Road, Week St Mary.

APPROVED

PA24/06063 – Listed Building Consent for works comprising installation of

land drainage; lining of chimney; installation of multi-fuel stove. The College, Week St Mary.

APPROVED

PA24/01298/PRE – Request for a Tree Preservation Order to protect Copper Beech. Kilbroney, Week St Mary.

CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN

#### 8c. Planning - to note

PA24/01440/PREAPP – Pre-application advice for the conversion of the existing single storey farm building into a detached two or three-bedroom dwelling. Land west of Canfield, Week St Mary.

PA25/00199 – Non Material Amendment (1) to application number PA22/05827 dated 15/09.2022 for new custom build house (re-submission of PA21/08972), namely, to change the surface water drainage disposal, which currently has planning to go into a soak away, and change it to go into the public sewer. Land south of The Coach House, Week St Mary.

### 9. Portfolio Reports:

#### **Playground**

Cllr Slade highlighted the points raised in the playing field safety report that still needs to be done. Paddy (football club) said the fence has been put back as a temporary basis and will be sorted.

### Highways, Footpaths & Greens

Trevor Hamlyn has reported a number of potholes.

### 10. Correspondence including (all relevant emails forwarded):

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; Cornwall Interim Policy Position statement; Cornwall Council affordable housing newsletter.

# 11. Community Infrastructure Levy and Community Benefit Fund applications None.

### 12. Agenda items

South West Water

Unfortunately, due to illness, the South West Water representative was unable to attend the meeting. The clerk read a letter which said work is planned to rectify the water issues in the parish in the next couple of weeks. She will ask if someone can attend the next meeting.

Emergency plan

Cllr Slade has looked at the plan and there is nothing to update currently.

Football club lease

Paddy gave the council maps of the field drainage, and some photos showing the current situation and what the club would like to achieve to make the drainage better. He also gave the council the trustee details. Cllr Slade asked for information on the septic tank and where it drains away to. He will email the clerk with the details and the lease will be added to the March agenda. Cllr Slade asked if there can please be no vehicles driving over the top field.

Playing field agreement

Cllr Slade gave councillors who were not present at the last meeting an update on the agreement. The parish council is keen to work with the football club and is in agreement for the goals to be placed back, in order for the under 15s to be able to play. She went over the stipulations in the agreement (when a match is played, a safety check must be carried out; a representative of the football club must stand at the play equipment side of the pitch to lessen the risk of any injury to anyone using the equipment; the parish council will erect signs asking people to take extra precaution while there is a game on, although play is at their



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own risk; the football club must keep the top pitch in good condition; the clerk must be informed if a game is to take place on the top pitch). Cllr Slade also asked that a risk assessment is carried out and emailed to the parish council. The agreement was signed by representatives of the parish council and the football club, and witnessed. Week St Mary Parish Council website and emails

The parish council voted to move to a gov.uk domain website and emails with Westernweb.

Playing field lower area

Cllr Slade reported the slippage had started again but it wasn't too bad. It will be monitored.

#### Councillor resignation

The council has received the resignation of Cllr Hamlyn. The clerk will write to Trevor to thank him for all of his efforts for the council over the years. Cllr Slade said he is still willing to carry out the voluntary work he has done, and the clerk will confirm this with him.

#### Footpath update

Cllr Slade received a quote for the bottom piece and has asked for some costing to do the whole lot as this may be more cost effective. Then the council can look at grants and get some more quotes. Cllr Chopak said they had released some more levelling up funding. The clerk will ask Cllr Peters to let her have the initial application that was submitted and submit again.

### Speeding

An update was given to councillors. Highways have confirmed location of the speed indicator signs and are currently checking with landowners. Once this is completed, the installation process can begin.

#### 13. Accounts

### Balances January 28, 2025

Current account £ 3,499.67
Reserve account £21,791.88
Community Benefit Fund £ 5,453.54

### 13a. To approve accounts for payment including:

Suzanne Cochrane – Salary January (inc HMRC PAYE) As per contract

Cornwall Pension Fund (January)	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane – mileage	£ 32.40
Jamie Sachs – toilets	£ 120.00
EDF Energy – toilets	£ 20.00
EDF Energy – playing field	£ 20.7
Suzanne Cochrane – office shredder (part payment 1/4)	£ 8.20
Harley Friend – works to Back Lane (December)	£ 51.0
Trevor Hamlyn – petrol	£ 30.39
Pennon Water – playing field	£ 37.11
Booker Farm Services – magazine paper	£223.20
12h To make in some	

#### 13b To note income

Reserve account interest (January) £ 24.57 CB Fund interest (January) £ 6.15 HMRC VAT £1,496.31

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

# 14. Next meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Football club lease; SWW; allocation of housing sites.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

# **Adventure Church**

We welcome all children (preferably at least 4 years old) and at least one parent or carer per family at 4.30pm at WSM Church, where we have a story and adventurous or crafty activity (depending on the weather), a prayer and a shared meal - all for £1.50 per child.



Contact Lesley on **01288-341221** for details or join our Facebook Group week st mary adventure church for further details. We usually communicate through FB Messenger.

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# Week St Mary Church The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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#### WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES



WEEK ST MARY BONAVENTURES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Next Meeting on THURSDAY 13th MARCH

7.00 for 7.30pm in the Methodist Chapel School Rooms Nigel Hicks, co-founder of the 'OVAID Orangutan Charity', a charity dedicated to providing Veterinary medicines, equipment and expertise to Orangutan Rescue Groups in Indonesia and Malaysia, tells us all about his work to improve Orangutan welfare.

This is an OPEN MEETING so everyone is most welcome to attend.

Admission for Visitors is £3.00 and refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you.

# **Lunch Club**





Week St Mary Church Lunch Club will meet again on

Wednesday March 12th at 12:00 noon

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Look forward to seeing you!

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# Week St Mary Lego Café 8th March in WSM Church Breakfast served till 11:30am

# Celebrations this Month

Wendy Watts A Very Happy Birthday on the 3rd Lila Rose Johns A Very Happy Birthday on the 4th Roxi Turner A Very Happy Birthday on the 5th Jade Turner A Very Happy Birthday on the 7th Zara Turner A Very Happy Birthday on the 7th Jeremy Ward A Very Happy on the 21st Carl Morrison A Very Happy Birthday on the 22nd Miya Kayleigh Johns A Very Happy Birthday on the 23rd Ellen Morrison A Very Happy Birthday on the 24th Michael Collman A Very Happy Birthday on the 24th Phil Warneford A Very Happy Birthday on the 25th Any Birthdays or Anniversaries always welcome.

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# Week It Mary Chadel



Chapel services for March 2025

Sun 2nd 10.30 Morning Worship led by the Worship Team.

Sun 9th 12 noon Worship Lunch, short service of Worship followed by hot roast

dinner. Book with Len or Trina, 341513 or 341317.

Sun 16th 10.30 Let's meet shared informal worship led by members.

Sun 23rd 18.30 Cafe Church

We continue to produce weekly printed service sheets available via our website www.weekstmarymethodist.co.uk or from the notice board at the chapel.



# Services at St Mary's Church March 2025

| Sun 2nd  | 10.00 | All age worship                                     |
|----------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 5th  | 18.00 | Ash Wednesday with Ashes                            |
| Sun 9th  | 18.00 | Evening Prayer                                      |
| Sun 16th | 11.15 | Holy Communion                                      |
| Sun 23rd | 10.00 | Morning Prayer                                      |
| Sun 30th | 10.30 | <b>United Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday</b> |

Every Wednesday @ 8:30am there will be a zoom service of Morning Prayer Full details are available via achurchnearyou.com



# Football Club Mid-Season Update Part 3 - Older Youth

**Under 15's -** The under 15's have had a solid start to the season, winning 5 out of their opening 8 league games and last month progressed

through to the semi-final of the league cup with a 3-2 extra time win over Newquay. The lads also won through in the County Cup away at Falmouth, the reward being a last 16 tie and another lengthy trip to Goonhavern on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Four out of eight clean sheets is the main reason for our current success as the lads are working tirelessly to protect their goal, playing with huge commitment and togetherness which is typified by two recent 1-0 away wins at Bodmin and Probus respectively. As the lads start to turn 15 through the season, they will be less than a year away from being eligible to play senior football. As a club we've never managed to get a youth team all the way through from U7 to seniors so we will be starting to focus on helping them make that transition and be-

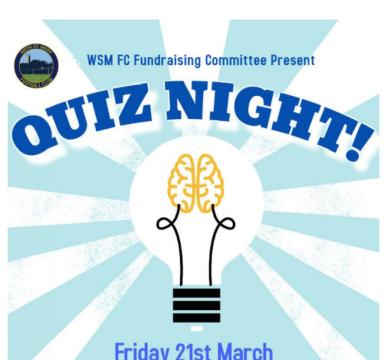


**Under 12's -** The U12's have played fifteen league matches so far with 5 wins, 3 draws and 7 losses. Two further games were postponed due to adverse weather and pitch conditions, and we were knocked out of the league cup by Southgate in a close contest. The team are competing well with most teams in their league on a similar level, which has made for many entertaining matches and several draws where we took the lead and could've have come away with more points, but the team is growing in confidence, and we aim to translate that into more goals towards the end of the season.

We've welcomed a couple of new players since the start of the season and the squad is currently up to 13/14. We'll continue to be open to new members joining matches or training through the 2nd half of the season, and with an eye on next season as we will progress to 11-a-side.



Please also see our separate flyers on pages 3 and 28 for details of our **upcoming pizza and quiz nights** on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March. We look forward to seeing you there - weekstmaryfc@gmail.com.





# Friday 21st March All proceeds to WSM Youth FC

Doors open 6pm - Quiz starts 8pm £5 per person or £20 per team (max 6 players)

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# WEEK ST MARY PARISH HALL 100 CLUB



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Feb 100 club winners

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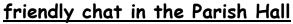
Margaret and Karen will be in the Parish Hall on Saturday 15th March 10-12pm for100 club membership renewal. Or renew by bank transfer to Week St Mary Parish Hall sort: 30-91-41 a/c 00295225. Quoting your name as reference.

# MEET AND EAT

NO MEETING IN MARCH

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# AI and the Ministry of Misinformation

I listened to the Prime Minister the other day, he was saying the UK should be an epicentre for AI, which I agree with. Then he said the most ridiculous thing that AI will help fix the pot

holes in the road and this type of misinformed talk only serves to confuse computer users into thinking AI can work wonders, in truth AI is being used by scammers and thieves more effectively than most businesses at this time. That will change but it's a few years away just yet. So, if you



hear AI can make Pigs Fly or that Brad Pitt is in hospital and cannot afford the hospital fees, or a Nigerian Prince or Princess is madly in love with you, but can't afford the air fare to visit you reflect on AI fixing potholes in the road,

you may just see that flock of pigs overhead.

I was called to fix a computer which seemingly had been taken over by McAfee anti-virus software and no matter what the user did to try and avoid it all that was presented on screen were warnings the system had 5 infections and needed clearing out. "Press here to continue". In fact, the system had 8 infections and all from a Russian scammer, how did I know that? The scammer was stupid enough to display his email address on the screen and not the McAfee website address.

Why had this happened? the user failed to notice the installed antivirus software had failed to start and the system was exposed to online attackers.

The moral here is when switching a computer on, check to make sure you are fully protected before accessing the internet, especially Social Media Sites.

What's that you say? You have nothing of value to steal because you don't bank online or shop for groceries, you just communicate with a few emails and watch a few videos on TIKTOK.

Did you know that your email address and system IP address can be sold for about £10 and your full identity is worth between £50 and £500, depending on your perceived wealth. Big House, Big Car, Golf club membership, Foreign Holidays are all wealth indicators and an empty house can be flagged up if booking a car hire for 2 weeks in Spain, or anywhere else for that matter!

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Ah, but you have video cameras and security system with online links. A pair of pliers can stop that very quickly, especially as the black fibre optic cable can be accessed from outside the house and if your router is not fully secure it too can be switched off from a distance of 30 metres. NB: Routers can also be accessed through a printers direct WiFi connection if not secure. — Happy Holiday! Oh! Did I tell you about booking.com — No? well, maybe next time!

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# **Community Money Advice Launceston**

You may not have heard much about us - Community Money Advice Launceston that is, but we have been around since 2012 helping any local residents with their very personal problems – debts, benefit problems and budgeting. Thanks to the award of some new funding, we can now visit the village on a regular basis, to hold individual confidential interviews with those who may be experiencing difficulties. Our experienced and fully trained team of volunteers provide this free service, and we aim to reach those residents who may find it awkward to visit us, through poor public transport. Many of our clients have problems dealing with complicated 'forms' related to benefits, or in contacting utility providers. Some, particularly our older clients have poor or no IT (computer) skills that are now essential when in touch with government departments. Please watch your local notice boards for details of when we shall be around, or you can contact us direct to arrange an appointment at any time on 01566 777407, by email – office@launcestonmoney.co.uk or on our mobile 07762 092830.

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# **Thought for the Month**

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally but from what you do consistently

## Jeanette Turner

# **Forthcoming Events**

March 2nd Sunday Lunch Parish Hall (Page 28)

March 21 WSM FC Quiz Old Orchard Inn (Page )

April 11th - Easter Bingo (PH)

May 10<sup>th</sup> Gift Day with Lego (Church

!)June 8th - Sunday Lunch (PH)

June 13th - Bingo (PH)

June 21<sup>st</sup> Murder Mystery (Church)

July 13th - Art and Craft Exhibition (PH)

July 19th Cream Teas (Wendy & Nick Couch Glanville House)

August 9<sup>th</sup> Safari Supper (Church)

August 24th - Crepes and Wine (PH)

September 12th-19th Revel activites & preparations

September 19th - Revel Bingo

September 20<sup>th</sup> Revel Saturday

October 25<sup>th</sup> The Countrymen (Church)

October 25th - Halloween Party(PH)

November 2nd- Sunday Lunch (PH)

November 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Market (Church)

December 7th - Christmas Market (PH)

December 5<sup>th</sup> Mulled Wine (Venue tba)

December 20th, 21st and 22nd - Christmas Tree festi-

val. (PH)

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We will publish a full plan of how the field is going to look in a month or so. Our aim is to be open for public access in mid-year.

In the meantime, if anyone is interested in donating a bench - perhaps in memory of a loved one – please contact Stephen Smith – <a href="mailto:sasmith007@yahoo.co.uk">sasmith007@yahoo.co.uk</a> or 01288 341689. We are looking to have at least 2 benches in situ.

Lesley Booker, Linda Cobbledick, Anna Snellgrove, Stephen Smith

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