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Wishing all readers a Happy Easter. Photo above of my Grandson wearing bunny ears!

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the magazine. There has been a lot happening in the village over the past 6 months to report as well as planned activities. Alongside the regular updates you will find some special features on the Christmas lights, January Storms and the Perranwell Community Stores. I hope you enjoy reading these. Any feedback or ideas for future editions welcomed.

Thank you to all that have helped in giving up some time to write, deliver, proofread or financially to make it possible to produce 1000+ printed copies of the magazine and deliver free of charge to the majority of homes in the village. Limited copies are also available from Feock Parish Council Offices (Devoran) and the former telephone box in Forth Coth. It can also be viewed online (courtesy of the Carnon Downs Community Association).



The next magazine is planned for September 2026. You can get in touch via Facebook messenger or email camondownsnews@outlook.com.

Nicola, Editor

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Carnon Downs Film Club

The film club runs on the third Friday of each month from September to May (excluding December) at the village hall. Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments and the film begins at 7:30. Admission is £4 per film. Any profits are donated to local good causes.

Contact Caroline Richards on 01872 864567



CHRISTMAS IN CARNON DOWNS



A small selection of what could be seen around the village last Christmas



TWO SEASONS

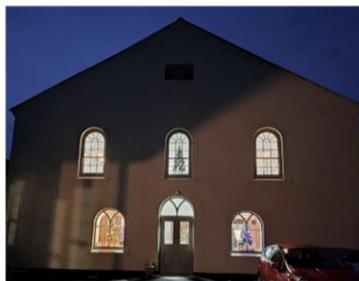
The Methodist Church

Warm greetings from everybody at Carnon Community Methodist Church. We would just like to give a heartfelt thanks to all those who took part in our Christmas Season this year. In particular at the Village 'light switch on' celebrations, the Christmas Tree Festival, Homeleigh Garden Centre Nativity Play and our Christmas Eve and Day services. So many people came through the church building providing much joy and goodwill spread through our community. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace."



As we now approach the Easter Season, a great time for reflection and celebration, we would like to warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us for any of the activities on our varied Easter Programme for 2026. There's something for all ages and abilities from the Churches Together 'Walk of Witness' - Carnon Downs to Penpol, to our Easter Puppet Shows, or our Easter Bunny Celebration Service at Homeleigh Garden Centre or our Easter Day services at the Chapel. If you are able to come along and join us this Easter Season we would be delighted to see you again. "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus. He is alive!" Whatever the Season may the love of God shower you, your family and your friends with many blessings. Pastor Adrian Mitchell. The Hub: Carnon Community Methodist Church.

Sunday 1030 Morning Worship
Monday 1000 Sunbeams Parent and Toddler Group
Tuesday 1030 Bible Study
Wednesday 0930 Prayer Group & 1030 Warm Welcome Coffee Morning & 1430 Carpet Bowls
Friday 1430 Wesley Guild (Oct-Mar)



Monthly Repair Café, Messy Church, Wild Worship Wednesdays, Little Eden, Jozef's Dream. For details

see <https://www.facebook.com/CarnonHub> or <https://carnonhub.co.uk/>

CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL

Happy New Year from the Carnon Downs Village Hall. All 3 rooms at the Hall are busy with a variety of activities every day of the week. The Hall is operated by volunteers, and we would like to thank everyone who helps.



CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 10th April
6.30pm
Light Refreshments

Make new friends at the hall!

Be active in your community!

Your hall is for everyone why not come and join us as a volunteer

The poster features a photograph of the Carnon Downs Village Hall building. Below the title, there are three icons: two people shaking hands, a speech bubble with two people, and a hand holding a heart. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a teapot and two cups of tea.

The board of trustees meet 4-5 times a year, to support the Hall to run more effectively. Two Trustees are stepping down in April, as they have completed their 3-year term. **We are looking for replacements**, whatever your background or experience.

We also need people to help with gardening, greeting new users, and housekeeping, even if you only have a small amount of time to spare.

You are invited to come along to our AGM and share your thoughts about how the Hall can move forward, and continue to run in our Village. We are a friendly team.

If you are interested in joining us email cdvhbooking@gmail.com. Thanks for reading.
Hannah Lloyd-King Trustee

CARNON NEEDLE & CRAFT GROUP

Carnon Needle & Craft Group would like to welcome new members. Our aim is to enjoy & promote all crafts, while making friends and learning from each other. Some current projects include crochet, tatting, embroidery, beading and paper crafts. We also have occasional Guest Speakers and we support local charities. The photograph below shows some members with toiletry bags that they made for a local Refuge. In all the group donated 42 bags.

Come along and join us. We meet every Monday morning from 9 - Noon at Carnon Downs Village Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dunstan on 0797762948





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Saturday 9th May 7.30pm

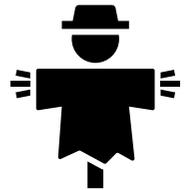
Live Music Night with The Beautiful South West

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Scarecrow Competition: Jobs from 200 Years Ago.

Raising funds for Penhaligon's Friends and celebrating 200 years of Carnon Downs Methodist Chapel

Saturday 5th September, time TBA - **Fun Prize Bingo**



Saturday 31st October 4.30pm - **Spooky Family Fun Night**

Date TBC November - **Annual General Meeting**

Saturday 5th December 4.30pm - **Christmas Lights Switch On Night**

All at Carnon Downs Village Hall

- Funds raised go towards the Christmas Lights display for the village and local charities

The Community Association provide the Christmas Lights display in the village and run fundraising events throughout the year to be able to add to and maintain the display, we would love to expand the area of the display and hope to be able to start on Bissoe Road and the top of Old Carnon Hill next but need funds to be able to buy new lights and we also need power in these areas. If any residents would be willing to plug in a new Christmas Light, please let us know.

We have been successful in securing £500 in funding from the Groundworks Tesco blue token voting, so a big thank you to everyone who voted for us. We have been able to buy some giant garden games and will be getting these out at the Easter Trail and Coffee Morning so please come along and have a go on them, we'll also be using them at the Scarecrow Competition and Spooky Family Fun Night. The criteria of the funding meant we weren't able to spend this on the Christmas Lights, but we hope to be able to use the games for fundraising.

We would really like to be able to put on more fundraising events as the cost of repairs and maintenance of the lights is expensive and eats through our funds quite quickly, we only have a small number of volunteers so if anyone would like to join us or volunteer to help out at events please get in touch.

We're holding our usual popular events including the Scarecrow Competition with the theme of Jobs from 200 Years Ago to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the Chapel – think chimney sweeps, Doctors, farriers and more! Get in touch to enter your scarecrow. The chosen charity to support for this year's competition is Penhaligon's Friends. On the Sunday we are holding refreshments and games before the winner is announced!

New for this year we are trying a Live Music Night with The Beautiful South West – Cornwall's ONLY tribute to 'The Beautiful South/Housemartins. Tickets will be available soon.

If any businesses would like to sponsor a light, please get in touch - you can even have a light custom made to reflect your business!

We update our events on our Facebook page with more details as we make arrangements and also put posters up around the village so keep your eyes peeled!

- For more details and to enter any of our events please email carnondownsvillage@gmail.com, phone 01872 864567 or Facebook message us.

NORTHERN LIGHTS (AURORA BOREALIS) IN CARNON DOWNS

On 18th January the Sun fired off a flare and launched a huge cloud of magnetized solar material, known as Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) into space. The CME arrived in the Earth's atmosphere on the 19th January. The combination of the CME and the Earth's magnetic field led to the Northern Lights. Due to the extent of the disruption to the magnetic field, these could be seen as far south as Cornwall and captured in these photos taken in Carnon Downs. Thank you to those that shared the photos.



CARNON DOWNS GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Carnon Downs village hall from Sept - June.

We welcome new members and visitors to join our sessions.

For further information contact

maryjackmanco@yahoo.co.uk

COMMUNITY PLANT STALL

The community plant stall will be running again this year, raising money for local good causes, including the village Christmas lights fund.

Planting is well underway with sweet peas, strawberry plants, runner beans, broad beans, French beans and early peas for the vegetable garden. There will also be a range of perennials and more for the flower garden.



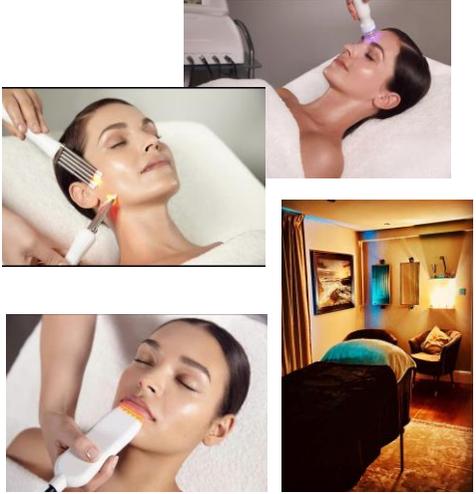


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STAFF NEWS

You may have noticed a new face in the nursing team. Although Nicola has been here for over 25 years she has recently started to train as our phlebotomist – a completely new set of skills from her decades of secretarial duties! So please say hello if you see her around the practice – she finally gets to meet the patients in person rather than on the telephone or via a nicely typed letter. Congratulations Nicola – the nursing team are so very pleased you have joined their merry gang.

Nicola is pictured with Maya who has been supporting her on a Tuesday afternoon when they work together.



EASTER BANK HOLIDAY

FRI 3 APR AND MON 6 APR - CLOSED RE-OPEN 8.30AM TUES 7 APR



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RE-OPEN 8.30AM
ON THE TUES MORNING



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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IF YOU HAVE AN URGENT MEDICAL PROBLEM DURING THE BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE TIMES PLEASE CONTACT OUR OUT OF HOURS ADVISERS AT NHS111. PLEASE DO NOT ASK TO SEE A DOCTOR OUT OF HOURS UNLESS YOU GENUINELY CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE SURGERY REOPENS.



We are supporting the Department of Health and Social Care and the NHS on a new campaign encouraging all adults to take the Healthy Choices Quiz. This health and wellbeing quiz aims to empower adults to take control of their health by making small changes day to day. Taking around 5 minutes to complete, the quiz asks a series of questions about your lifestyle. You will then receive an overall score out of 10 and advice on how you are doing in

each area. You'll also receive personalised recommendations and a wealth of NHS resources including free apps to help you act where it's most needed. The healthy choices quiz aims to empower adults, particularly those in middle age, to make positive changes to their behaviour and create meaningful steps towards a healthier life.

- Start your journey to a healthier lifestyle: take the free nhs healthy choices quiz today.
- Take the free nhs healthy choices quiz online here: <https://www.nhs.uk/hcquiz>

CARPARK NEWS

As you know for many months our main entrance had suffered damage due to the blocked drains and excessive rainfall along Bissoe Road, this was remedied just before Christmas.

Our contractor did an excellent job, so we are pleased to announce we are due to get the main car park resurfaced this spring. This will address the large potholes which have been filled and mended over the past few months, along with our soak away which has also collapsed.

The work we hope will be completed over a weekend – however there may be some disruption on a Friday night with prep work being carried out by the contractor's team.

We will give you advance notice and ask that you do not visit the surgery unless necessary during that Friday afternoon. Appointments will be running as normal, but we request medication is collected earlier in the week. If you live in the village and you are able to walk access will still be fully available, but we must try and keep space for those most vulnerable and in need of medical attention. We will keep you updated by our Facebook page and foyer notices.

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- April to September - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
- October to March - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2pm

Hi, Pet at the WI here once again. Time flies by! Such a shame the bad weather doesn't pass as quick! It's certainly been an unusual start to the year with many people suffering damages from the wind. There's a rumour that some people could be evolving to get webbed feet or gills. Joking aside though, I hope you are all getting sorted out despite the continuing wind and rain.

Over the year in the WI we have had many great speakers and events. Just this week we've had another Quiz evening with quizmaster Ray Goddard welcoming regulars and some new faces. That evening netted us £98 for funds.

Then today we hosted (ie ... did the cuppas & cake, also a raffle) a Cornwall Climate & Nature afternoon run by the Cornwall Federation of WI's.

This involved two short films '*Food for Thought*' and '*Down the Drain*' followed by questions and answers with the visiting experts. The two topics raised much interesting information and advice to include topics relating to the land, farming, food production, emissions and what we can and should do to be healing and future proofing our planet. What made them more interesting were that the films were produced using all Cornish locations and information. From this excellent afternoon we all went away with plenty of food for thought along with supporting informative information and guidelines. Plus we raised £109 for funds.



Coming up on April 9 is our AGM. We so look forward to some new members to help us on the committee as some are stepping down having done a fair stint on it.

But, what is more important to me and the Members is we would love for more people to join us. The coming years subs are only £54. Visit first, see if you like it, no charge.

Often people ask '*what do we do for charity?*' Well, first of all the Women's Institute is a registered charity itself. We also do things for other charities as well. Sometimes we pre agree that funds raised at an event goes to a nominated charity with a connection to Cornwall. On a more regular basis though, our guest speakers are normally paid a fee. As many of them are speakers from other charities, they may choose that their remuneration goes to the charity. Other speakers also often decide to donate their fee to a charity anyway. Some don't even want paying. But what I must explain is that we have to raise funds to keep the group going. We need funds to cover things such as venue hire, speaker fees and half of our subs go to County. This provides us with things like, insurance cover, guidance and advice. Overall support for the membership. The important things.

So far, planned for this year are two more quizzes, summer BBQ, Christmas Fayre, Christmas party and a full year of really interesting guest speakers. If you would like a copy of our programme please message me....and do get in touch with me with any questions.

Pet Chapman (President)
0794 1411993 petchapman@hotmail.com



I am writing this article one week after Cornwall was decimated by Storm Goretta, a weather event that most people I speak to consider the worst storm in their memory. I know that some reading this will still be dealing with the damage it caused. I would like to thank those in the community who helped out, whether to check on a neighbour, open their home to someone without power or join a working party to open a road blocked by a fallen tree such as on Forth Coth. It's also important to recognise the work of professional teams from various agencies such as Cormac and National Grid.

Jayne Kirkham MP, a Parish Council representative and I met with National Grid engineers on Forth Coth and I also met with Cormac workers clearing fallen trees between Playing Place and Kea School. The magnitude of the task was huge. Whether restoring power or clearing roads, overstretched teams must work to priorities that see as many people as possible reconnected to power quickly, major routes cleared, and communities that have been cut off freed. The priority was to get roads passable and safe before a proper cleanup.

It has become very apparent that as a society, our reliance on mains electricity is our 'Achilles heel' when it comes to being resilient. Not only to heat and light our homes, but to communicate in today's digital world. The MP and I are in agreement that the impact of the switch to digital phone lines, particularly in an area with poor mobile phone coverage, requires government intervention. She has already raised this in Parliament. The storm has also brought into focus what the community and individuals can do to improve their personal resilience and the resilience of those who depend on them. It also highlights the importance of those who are able, supporting the Parish Council which has Members leading on developing an Emergency Plan; but for that plan to be a success, it needs public support and engagement.

Turning now to County Hall and next year's budget. The council has again had a challenging year setting a balanced budget. The challenge has been made worse by a settlement from government which falls many millions of pounds short of what we were led to believe we would receive last Summer. The government went back on its word when it stated it would be "adjusting for the costs of remoteness faced by rural communities". In reality, the Council has little choice other than to raise Council Tax by the maximum allowed because the Government bases its settlement to the Council on that figure. It's also

important to understand that the cost of delivering services isn't just influenced by inflation (which in itself doesn't align with the RPI or CPI figure for the Council). A far greater factor is the increasing demand for the statutory services the Council provides. It's a simple fact that the increasing numbers of Adults and Children requiring social care and school transport costs are beyond our control, and these make up about 80% of what your Council Tax goes on. My role as a Cornwall Councillor broadly falls into two areas: Firstly, it's to represent the interests of my constituents and secondly to advocate on matters important to residents outside the direct control of the Council. I have a close working relationship with Jayne Kirkham MP whose intervention can often carry more sway. I receive a small budget of £1400 (known as a Community Chest), which I can allocate to local groups or projects to enhance their facilities or kick-start community initiatives.

Since being elected in 2017, much of my casework locally continues to be planning and planning enforcement related, along with more recently, speeding traffic. Looking forward, I believe that a combination of the changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and in my view the imposition of undeliverable mandatory housing targets for Cornwall, will see a number of very unpopular planning decisions forced upon Carnon Downs in the coming years. I sit on: the Chief Officers Employment Committee, the Harbours Board, the Corporate Finance Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Standards Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally, I have been appointed the Armed Forces Member Champion, (I'm a retired RAF Officer) and I continue to be a member of the Cornwall National Landscape (formerly AONB) Partnership Board and a trustee of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum.

Councillor Martyn Alvey



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NEW HOUSING COMES TO CARNON DOWNS

The Nans Kew development off Valley Lane, Carnon Downs will increase the housing stock in the village by 15. There are a mixture of 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses with parking, air source heat pumps and EV charging capability.

Planning approval was granted by Cornwall Council in November 2022 (PA21/09830 and PA24/07407) for this residential development of homes, landscaping and community space.

The homes are equipped with air source heat pumps and EV charging capability.

Construction has been underway since the autumn of 2025 and is nearing completion. In January 2026, 7 of the homes were marketed by Coastline Housing to those that can meet the criteria in terms of a long-term local connection to the area. This will ensure that the homes are occupied by local people. For more information see

<https://coastlinehomeownership.co.uk/nans-kew-carnon.../...>



Feock Parish Council update

March 2026



Parish Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council had already started to put together a Parish Community Emergency Plan when Storm Goretti hit us in mid January and we recently held drop in sessions for residents to tell us their experiences of the storm so that this can be used to update the Plan in case of a similar storm or emergency in the future. We are also carrying out a survey about the impact of the storm which can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right or on paper from the Devoran Community Library.



We are always looking for local volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency – for example you may have a 4x4 vehicle to be able to pick up a prescription or you may be able to go and check on a vulnerable neighbour and collect supplies for them or take them round some hot water or soup in a flask. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01872 863333 with your details and skills you can offer.

Leaflets on the Priority Services register, what to do in a powercut and a list of items that would be useful to have ready in case of a prolonged power cut are available to pick up from the Devoran Community Library at the Parish Council's offices on Market Street.

National Grid have a priority register to help residents who may rely on a stairlift, electricity for medical reasons or if they would be distressed by an unexpected power cut. To join the Priority Services Register contact National Grid on 0800 096 3080 or visit www.nationalgrid.co.uk/psr

Residents can also report issues such as fallen trees, flooding or pot holes directly to Cornwall Council <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/> or if it is an emergency phone numbers are listed below:

- Flooding, trees down, road closures, highways issues and road works: Cornwall Council Highways (CORMAC) 0300 1234 222
- Gas leaks: Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999, via textphone (minicom) 0800 371 787
- Pollution of land or rivers: Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60
- Pollution of sea/beach: Coastguard 01326 317575, Pollution Response 0300 123 1032
- Power cuts: National Grid 0800 6783 105 or 105
- Water or sewage leak: South West Water 0344 346 2020
- Social Work Children, Young People & Families: 01208 251300

- Social Work Adults: 0300 1234 131
 - Children – Multi Agency Referral Unit – non urgent: 0300 123 1116
- In cases of immediate danger call the Police on 999**

Parish Councillor vacancies

Are you passionate about our local area? Do you want to help shape the future of our parish? Although we are full in Carnon Downs ward, we do currently have vacancies for 4 Parish Councillors - 2 in Devoran ward and 2 in Feock ward. We're looking for people who want to make a positive impact in our community. This is a great opportunity to get involved, represent local residents, and help influence decisions that affect where we live and work. We do recommend attending a Parish Council meeting before applying to see the type of meetings you would be involved with and the issues that come up.

No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to help your community and able to attend one Parish Council meeting a month (usually held on the second Monday of the month at 6pm in Devoran). You do not necessarily need to live in the ward you are representing, a lot of the issues the Parish Council deal with are parish wide.

Deadline to apply: the Wednesday before each Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meetings are on: Mondays 9th March, 13th April and 11th May which will also be the evening of the Annual Meeting of Electors followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. All meetings start at 6pm in the Parish Council Office in Devoran, TR3 6QA.

Interested? For more information on how to apply or what the role involves, please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone on 01872 863333 or go to www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Small Grants Scheme Funding

The scheme is primarily aimed at community organisations based or working in the parish. The Parish Council budget for small grants for the coming financial year is £2000. MyFeock the wellbeing

arm of the Parish Council is keen to enable groups and organisations to 'make a difference' within the parish in their provision of social and leisure activities that enhance residents lives. Grants are available up to £200 per group.

Application forms include the full criteria and guidance information specifying the conditions and process and are available from our website, by email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or by contacting Cathy on 01872 863333.



Planning & Neighbourhood Priority Statements

The Parish Council submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish in line with our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and taking into consideration any comments received from neighbours or interested parties. Details of all planning applications received from Cornwall Council for consultee comment are posted on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page as they are received and decisions posted on the Facebook page weekly.

See www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/current-planning-applications Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee it is Cornwall Council that decide whether to approve or refuse a planning application based on relevant planning policies including our Neighbourhood Development Plan for Feock Parish.

The Government's new NPPF came into force late in 2024 which sets out revised guidance and policies for planning across the country. The Government also published a standard housing method to be used alongside the NPPF. This is the method that Cornwall Council must now use to understand how many new homes should be built each year in Cornwall. In light of this, Cornwall Council have stated that some of their policies in the Cornwall Local Plan will be considered 'out of date' and are starting work on a new Cornwall Local Plan, as part of this work all Parish Council's will be invited to write a Neighbourhood Priority Statement. The Parish Council will start work on a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) for Feock parish as soon as the guidance is available. This will be an opportunity for local people to influence growth and development in their area and set out aspirations for the future. Please keep an eye on our website, social media and noticeboards and sign up for email copies of Connect to be kept up to date with how you can be involved.

Parish Council contact details

For Councillors see www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing

Adviser myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA

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Stormy January in Carnon Downs

Three storms hit Cornwall in January and brought destructive winds, flooding, and widespread infrastructure damage across the county and with many impacts felt in Carnon Downs.

TIMELINE OF STORM EVENTS- CORNWALL, JANUARY 2026

EARLY JANUARY	Early January Cold, wet conditions ahead--Storm Gorette.
8-9 JANUARY	Storm Gorette Cornwall hit winds up to 123 mph; and widespread detract
STORM INGRID	Storm Ingrid Heavy rainfall continued flooding
26-27 JANUARY	26-27 January Heavy rain, strong winds set; new rainfall records set

- **Storm Gorette**
 - **Wind gusts reached 123 mph in Cornwall** — the strongest recorded since 1991.
 - Cornwall’s famous gardens (including nearby Trellisick) suffered major losses, with **trees snapped or uprooted** due to saturated ground and unusually strong northerly winds.
- **Storm Ingrid**
 - While less violent than Gorette, Ingrid caused **damage to infrastructure** across southwest England.
 - Contributed to ongoing flooding, road disruptions, and structural damage.
- **Storm Chandra**

Chandra arrived on already saturated ground, worsening conditions.

 - Brought **heavy rain and strong winds** to southwest England, including Cornwall.
 - contributed to extremely high January rainfall totals.

A red weather warning was issued on the afternoon the storm hit. This was transmitted to all compatible mobile phones within the area at 5pm ahead of the storm.

Cornwall recorded one of its **wettest Januaries on record**, with rainfall records broken at Cardinham on January 26.



Bissoe Road snapped pole

Many trees came down in Storm Goretta which blocked roads and brought down power lines and telephone cables. This included a mature fir tree in Forth Coth and a smaller tree in Staggy Lane, as featured on the front cover of this magazine.

At its peak there were almost 53,000 properties in Cornwall without Power. This included many homes in Carnon Downs.

National Grid arrived in the village on Monday 12th January to commence repairs.

Temporary generators were sited in Carnon Crescent and other locations.

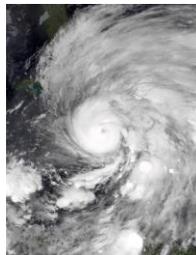


Was Storm Goretta a Hurricane? According to Kernow Weather Team the answer is NO, but it was an extratropical cyclone. To be officially classed as a hurricane, a storm must have:

- Sustained winds between 74–95 mph (Category 1).
- A warm core system
- Powered by warm sea temperatures.
- Fully tropical in structure.

Hurricanes need very warm seas, generally 26.5°C or higher, to survive and strengthen. They feed on heat and moisture rising from the ocean.

However, Storm Goretta was able to feed off temperature contrasts between the cold Arctic air meeting milder Atlantic air. So while the wind speeds briefly matched hurricane-force levels, the structure, energy source, and environment were completely different. These 2 images help to show the difference.



Typical Hurricane



Storm Goretta

Carnon Downs Old Cornwall Society



Our current programme is drawing to a close and with the AGM to take place in April we can reflect on some very interesting presentations we have been entertained with over the last few months. Roger Radcliffe series 'Sets & Spells' along the St Agnes coastline continues to surprise us with historic and present day happenings along the North Coast. Roger will be returning in the Autumn with the last episode from the series.

'South Cornwall' between the wars centred on the Gorran Haven area and 'Cornwall during the Cold War', a time most of our members could recall, especially the Americans at RAF St Mawgan, the development of RNAS Culdrose, the location of Royal Observer Corp underground monitoring posts to detect nuclear explosions, and RAF Portreath which became a Cold War chemical weapon site and currently is a Remote Radar Head.

Our Christmas entertainment was provided by Mike O'Connor OBE playing the violin and viola and Barbara Griggs on the harp. Mike is a leading researcher of Cornish music and folklore and finished the evening with amusing folk tales and legends.

In January Dr Paul Gainey explained how the Oceans currents brought many tropical birds to our shores. His presentation included many photos of these exotic birds that we were invited to identify.

As last year it is hoped that a guided walk will take place in the coming months along with a visit to a place of local interest.

The Society meets in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month September to April at 7.15pm. Annual membership £12.00, visitors £2.50 per visit (cash or cheque). All Welcome. LH Chairman



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We offer a mixture of demonstrations, workshops and annual garden visit. Schedule of future meetings:

Date	Event
24 Mar	Camborne & Redruth Club "Springtime Delight
28 Apr	Show "Spring" 3 Classes
26 May	Angela Hyland - "Trail Blazing Women"
24 Jun	Frank Reid – Bonsai Talk and Demonstration
July	Garden Visit TBA
22 Sep	Julia Harrison - "Backwards and Forwards"
6 Oct	Golden Anniversary – Penmorvah Hotel
24 Nov	Fiona Hammond – Imposed Demo - "Bouquets, Baubles & A Bit of Fun"
Dec	Social Event TBA

Check out our Facebook page For more details
@kenwynvalleyflowerclub



MEADOWSIDE NURSERY REPORT

By the time everyone is reading this hopefully the sun will be shining, and it will have warmed up. We have had a very busy Christmas at Meadowside with all the vegetables and our first year doing our VIP Christmas tree tour which was hugely popular.

January is normally a slightly easier month for us with just the preparation of tunnels, cleaning everything down and getting ready for the mad rush. First batch of sweet peas went in on Christmas Day as always and are now up and pinched out. Christmas trees have been trimmed and tidied through and more planted ready for 7 years' time, along with our potted ones that have been dug up and put into their pots ready for the following Christmas.

February and March are the busiest months with all the seed sowing and plug plants arriving. Most of what we grow will get potted on in those two months. The basket and tub plants are normally the first to come into flower around April and May whereas some of the perennials can take much longer to flower.

Most of the basket and tub plants are done in several different plantings which then spaces them out giving an even amount over the summer months. These are then all spaced and pinched out with lots of watering and feeding.

Alongside all of this we will be putting in lots of vegetable seeds. Some of the early chard and salad leaves are already in the ground which will be closely followed by our early indoor courgettes.



See our advert for details of our opening times and we hope to see our regular and new customers soon

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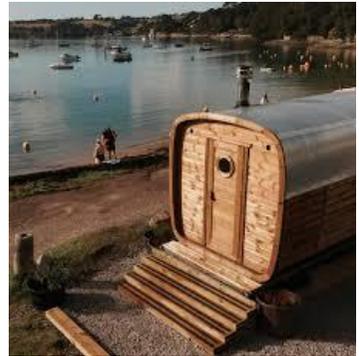


Swim Together @ Loe Beach is a Facebook Group has been running since July 2022 and has more than 700 members. It is a way to connect with like-minded people for a dip in the sea. This group is for anyone to meet for a swim if they would

like company or who are new to swimming and need a bit of encouragement! There are weekly social gatherings at the beach all year round plus ad hoc swims to 'buddy up' rather than enter the water alone. A recent post on the site shared a view expressed by Bear Grylls *"A cold water swimmer is a mildly unhinged human who willingly walks into liquid that penguins would refuse, shouts "ITS LOVELY ONCE YOU ARE IN" while visibly lying, and spends the rest of the day telling everyone about the "buzz" like a budget."*



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There is now a sea sauna in the car park overlooking the beach and offering the chance to alternate between high heat and cold water.



For more information search Loe Sauna on Instagram or click on the QR code to the left of this text.

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Rolling back the years

It's easy to use a car or bus to get to Truro or Falmouth or beyond. But it wasn't always so simple, or comfortable. So what was it like in the 19th or early 20th centuries before motor transport? ‘

‘Horse buses went through the village at quarter-hour intervals on market days, Wednesdays and Saturdays,’ recalled the late Thomas Trebilcock in his handwritten memories. And there was a surprising choice of buses. The first bus, at 1pm, was the Ponsanooth bus owned by W H Martin. Next was The Queen from Devoran owned by Mr Martin followed by the



The steep climb onto a horse bus

bus from Perranwell, owned by Mr W Knuckey. The last bus to head for Truro was the Carnon Downs' bus, The Fairy, owned by Mr Mitchell and it started from Devoran. It was 5pm for the return journeys from Truro in the summer and 4pm in the winter. The buses were drawn by two horses except for the Ponsanooth, which was a larger bus pulled by three horses.

Soon after the end of the First World War motor transport replaced horses. First was Gordon Martin's bus from Ponsanooth which called at Carnon Downs on market days. But that bus was soon superseded by the Enterprise Company which used converted open top London horse buses. By 1922 that company had been taken over Cornwall Motor Transport which in time was acquired by the Western National Omnibus Company.

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For Sunday Service see page 27.

Timetable for the Enterprise Company's service from Falmouth (July 3rd 1922)



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News from Devoran Scouts

17th Truro (St John's Devoran) known as Devoran Scout Group runs sessions for Cubs, Scouts and Explorers ranging from 8 to 18. Founded over 70 years we meet at Devoran Village Hall on Wednesdays. We welcome new members.

We offer a weekly programme, camping & activities like wide games, hikes, first aid, sailing, kayaking, cooking & and visits all producing smiles! If asked what are the benefits of being a scout, I say *it creates memories through experiences, friendships and achievements*. Some of you will have those memories and friends from your own experiences.

Current numbers aren't high but there is camaraderie and enthusiasm. We have a good team of volunteer leaders and a leadership team striving to keep the group running. There are 9 Trustees including some that are neither former members of the Devoran Scout Group nor parents of Cubs or Scouts, so bring objectivity with no vested interest; the experience we bring includes law, finance and engineering with a vision that scouting has much to help young people's development and acquiring skills for life in an environment of fun.

Falmouth and Truro Districts merged over two years ago forming 'Carrick District'. The new District has 16 Groups plus Explorer Units, The District badge has the Carrick Bend, a knot dating back to the 1780s, when included in a nautical dictionary, and joining two lines, a symbol for the merger. Nationally, Chief Scout Bear Grylls was replaced by TV presenter Dwayne Fields in 2024. Bear was an inspirational leader and will be a hard act to follow but Dwayne brings new experiences to the role. Organisationally there have been changes called 'Transformation' have brought in a Warmer Welcome; More Engaging Learning, Simplifying Volunteering and Digital Support.

Devoran did have a Beavers section (6 to 8 year olds) but low numbers resulted in the Colony closing...we would like to restart Beavers during 2026 but need more volunteers. Training is provided; safeguarding checks and vetting processes are necessary. We are looking for adults who will wear the scout uniform as we are a uniformed organisation. If you want to know more or can help, please contact me.

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CHANGES TO THE BUSES

From 15th February 2026 there have been changes to the bus times due to the withdrawal of First Kernow from Cornwall and the U1 bus service.

Some of the replacement buses for the U1 route (32,32A & 32B) are now only hourly rather than half hourly to/from Falmouth and not running through Carnon Downs. The 32 is hourly using the bypass and the 32A is hourly through Carnon Downs.



The service 32A departs from the main Carnon Downs bus stop at 27 mins past the hour to Truro and 51 mins past the hour to Falmouth. The 493 service has remained unchanged though and is still serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route.

Photo left Carnon Downs bus stop mural

The latest bus timetables can be viewed online at

<https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/services> (scan QR code).

Cornwall Council welcome all feedback on the bus service and

you can get in touch with all Transport for Cornwall operators via

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The St Feock Transport Minibus is a community project that provides a free transport service that connects people across the parish and beyond. By 2026, the minibus will be celebrating five years on the road. None of this would be possible without the volunteers who give their time so generously. However we need more drivers.

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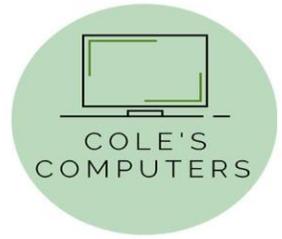
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Homeleigh Garden Centre News



Here at Homeleigh Truro, the start of the year has certainly kept us on our toes. Storm Goretta brought some challenging conditions, including damage to parts of our outdoor plant area, We hope you all stayed safe during these times, and we would like to thank our team and customers for their patience and support whilst we undertake repairs. The festive season was a particularly special time for us, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces visiting over Christmas. We hope you enjoyed a touch of Homeleigh Christmas magic. Alongside this, we've been delighted to continue to welcome many of you into our refurbished restaurant, part of our ongoing commitment to develop and improve our spaces while keeping the warm feeling of Homeleigh at its heart.

Homeleigh Aquatics Truro is open and offering cold water, tropical and marine fish, alongside an assortment of corals. We aim to cater for new and experienced aquatics enthusiasts. Work is underway on a new pond area at the rear of the Aquatics Centre, which will feature a broad selection of fish, plants, water features and beautiful Japanese koi.

As we move into the warmer months, our team is busy preparing for the season ahead. Spring is always an exciting time at the garden centre, filled with fresh plants, new ideas, and inspiration for gardens of every size. Our plant area is being revamped with new displays, improved layouts, and themed garden spaces, a Japanese Garden, a Moorland Garden, plus a tree area designed to inspire and help customers visualise planting schemes. This year has already brought its fair share of famously "Cornish" weather, with the recent heavy rain reminding us all how unpredictable gardening can be, but With Easter just around the corner, we are stocking a delicious selection of Easter treats in store, offering choice for those looking to enjoy a little Easter indulgence or find the perfect gift. In further news our garden furniture range has expanded, with new pieces designed to help you make the most of your outdoor space. From stylish dining sets to comfortable lounge seating ideal for relaxing in the sunshine, the new additions combine quality, comfort, and contemporary design. We have also created a garden buildings show site at Homeleigh Truro, displaying a range of sheds and greenhouses.

We have lots planned for the months ahead, and we encourage you to scan below to follow us on our social channels for all the latest news, events, and updates. We're excited about the continued growth and development happening across the centre, and while we can't reveal everything just yet, there are some exciting plans on the horizon for later this year.



We look forward to continuing to grow and sharing our passion for gardening with you throughout the year, and we hope to see many of you soon.



Lambing Time at Mid Devoran Farm

The last twelve months have flown by, again, and we find ourselves making the last preparations for our busiest time of the year. The rams reunited with the ewes in October last year and in January we discovered that we were expecting a bumper crop of lambs – a total of 1231 to include 69 triplets and 4 quads. Sheep are complex creatures and good management and attention to detail all year round ensures a good result in the Spring.

The ewes have spent the early winter on various farms between Constantine and Zelah. This allows the home farm to rest before they return for lambing. The majority of the flock will be kept in sheds until they lamb and the rest will lamb outside in the fields. The ewes are split into groups according to how many lambs they are expecting. This allows them to be fed according to their needs. The first lambs are expected to arrive around the 10th March. While most will be born in the first three weeks, our first time mums will give birth up to six weeks after we start. The ewes need to be checked every hour or so to make sure there are no complications. Many ewes will give birth on their own but some do need help. This is a 24 hour a day job which involves us taking shifts through the day and night. It is a really busy time but very rewarding if all goes well.

Soon after being born, the ewes and lambs will go out to grass. We are keeping our fingers crossed for some better weather as this can make the difference between a very trying time and a pleasant, but tiring, experience. We hope that you will enjoy seeing our lambs skipping around in the sunshine too!





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We play on special mats on the hall floor, and normal size bowls are used (available from club stock).

Free taster sessions are offered with the annual membership fee of £20 and a £2.50 green fee per session subsequently being applicable. Tea and biscuits are included in the green fee.

There is no dress code for the meetings other than it is asked that flat soled shoes not worn outside, or slippers are used.

So, if you would like to meet others of all ages in a social, friendly setting or would just like further information then contact. Brian Jeffries Hon. Secretary on 01872 862857 or email jeffries869@btinternet.com.

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Top left – Valentines
 Top Right – Nativity
 Mid left – Easter
 Mid Right – Remembrance
 Bottom left – Afternoon Tea



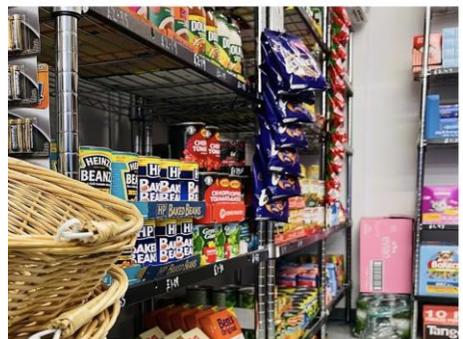
Have you shopped at the Perranwell Community Stores in Perranwell Station? It is well worth a visit as it sells good quality products at competitive prices.

Following the closure of the previous village shop, the replacement store was financed and set up by local people in 2023 and returned to the premises of the village's original shop on July 27, 2025.

It took the vision of a small group of people, the generosity of many more, the commitment of a growing band of volunteers and the kindness of the new owner of the premises to make the new store happen. It is a good example of what a community can achieve when faced with the loss of their shop.

The shelves are well stocked with essentials and a few luxuries, plus there is a small area set aside with tables and chairs to enjoy a coffee, cake and a chat. Open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to midday

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Recipe Corner

Spring Vegetable Soup

Ready in less than 30 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion , medium, finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk , large, diced
- 2 carrots , medium, sliced
- 3 potatoes , medium, diced
- 1L vegetable stock
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- black pepper to taste
- 1 cup frozen peas

Instructions:

Fry the onion and celery in the oil over a medium heat until the onion is translucent, Add the carrot, potatoes, stock, thyme and pepper. Stir and cover with a lid. Increase the heat and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes. Add the peas and cook for a further 5 minutes. Enjoy!



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