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**Welcome** to the Autumn/Winter edition of the Carnon Downs Village magazine, whether you are reading this on paper or online. A big thankyou as ever to all those that helped in time or financially to ensure that the publication continues. We have had some new contributors to this edition, and I hope you enjoy the varied range of features. If anyone is willing to join the team as deputy editor, proofreader or taking on some of the delivery around the village then please let me know. The provisional deadline for the next edition is the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please feel free to get in touch via Facebook messenger or email [carnondownsnews@outlook.com](mailto:carnondownsnews@outlook.com)

Nicola, Editor

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Below are a few of the Post box toppers that have been on display since September 2024 outside the Spar shop. Thankyou to the Carnon Downs Crafters for their continued effort in creating these for all to enjoy.



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## Carnon Downs Community Association Update

After a quiet start to 2025 following the busy Christmas time for us, we started our fundraising this year with a Quiz night. The quiz night we held in September last year proved to be very popular, so our Quizmaster Mark was back on the case.

Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the Village Hall and with the introduction of a bar, our minds were all put to the test once again with rounds including "Where's my local", famous works of art and the Cornish Picture Round. Our committee discovered that yes, we do indeed know where our locals are, and that was about all we did know! Thank you to everyone who come along once again to support us.

This was followed by the re-introduction of our **Easter Trail** that we haven't run for a while together with a coffee morning, held on Easter Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Follow the map around the village and answer the clues along the trail to win a chocolate prize and be entered in the draw for a large easter egg. A great event for all the family over the easter weekend and well done to Teddy for winning the big egg! Let us know if you'd like to see this event again next year.

This was followed by our first **BINGO evening**. This sold out very quickly and was a brilliant night. Full house prizes were kept as a surprise – bit of a lucky dip with the winner choosing a wrapped shoebox at random - with the final game prize of £50 cash. We have been asked a number of times for another.... So watch this space!

Our big fundraiser this year was the **2025 Scarecrow Competition** – this years theme "Stars in Their Eyes" and you did not disappoint. Once again, some fantastic creations, ranging from the modern, Taylor Swift, to the classical, Liberace and everyone in between, Bob Marley, Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Dorris Day, Madonna and the Beatles. This year, we split all the profits between our own Christmas Lights and the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) based at Chiveron Riding Stables, a charity close to our Committees hearts which provides both riding and carriage driving to those with disabilities. Diane from the RDA also judged our Childrens Drawing competition held over the same weekend as the theme was horses or scarecrows. The talent shown by the youngsters of the village was phenomenal, well done to all – Diane had a tough time deciding the winners.

We have taken some time off over the summer to take time to be with our families but you may have noticed our plea in Tesco by way of the blue Stronger Starts tokens – we want to buy giant garden games for us to use at our events such as the Scarecrow competition, parties in the park or games evenings. **If you are in either of the Truro Tescos please pop your blue token in our box at the checkout, voting closes at the end of September and we would love to receive enough funding to be able to buy some games for our events.**

### Coming up in in the rest of 2025:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm in the Village Hall, Childrens Film Afternoon – Film to be confirmed nearer the time – look out for the posters and on Facebook

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4pm at the Village Hall, our amazing Halloween Pumpkin Trail! Get your entries in now

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 4pm, our annual Christmas Lights Switch on – Village Hall and The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 4pm, Childrens Christmas Film Afternoon at the Village Hall



We'll also have our AGM at some point before the end of the year – look out for the posters around the village and on Facebook, we're always keen for new people to come along and to hear new ideas for events but we do need more help to put them on. We can't run the lights or events without the help of volunteers and we would really welcome anyone who would like to join our committee – it'd be great to have some new ideas, suggestions, improvements. We are only a small group of just 7 of us and we would LOVE to be able to put on more events for you, but need the extra support to do so.

We will be putting up our Christmas lights during November, as ever, we are always on the look out for new sites for lights, helpers to help put up, take down and help us on the night of the switch on.

If you're able to offer any assistance at all, please do pop us a message, you can find us on Facebook or email us at [carnondownsvillage@gmail.com](mailto:carnondownsvillage@gmail.com) or phone 01872 864567

	Scarecrow- Large display	Individual scarecrow
1	3 Trelawne Close - <i>Elton John rocket man</i>	18 Park an Creeg - <i>Bob Marley Jammin'</i>
2	Wenduyne Bissoe Rd - <i>Freddie Mercury</i>	Plain an Gwarry by the park - <i>The Beatles</i>
3	31 The Forge- <i>Liberace</i>	6 Killicourt, Gig Lane - <i>Queen</i>





## Community Plant Stall

It all began in the Covid lockdown in 2020, when, like a lot of people, we were looking for something to do to relieve the boredom of being unable to get out and about. We decided to start a small plant stall, selling plants which we had grown ourselves mainly from seed with some donations of plants from residents. The funds we raised would be donated to the Carnon Downs Community Association - Christmas lights, to keep the Christmas lights display glowing and growing. That year we were amazed to raise more than £1,000 and we received a huge amount of great feedback from residents who bought the plants when many other outlets were forced to close because of Covid restrictions.

The following year we were asked by many people to do it all again. We decided to divide the proceeds between the Community Association and other local good causes. To our astonishment, we again raised another £1,000. Since then, we have expanded the stall each year and, with the help of donations of plants from a lot of people, we have continued to raise more than £1,000 each year.



This year we have been very pleased to donate over £500 to the Community Association towards the Christmas lights fund and £300 each to Children's Hospice Southwest and the Sunrise Appeal at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, two charities close to our hearts.

It has become more or less a full-time job from early in the year throughout the spring and summer months to start off our plants from seed or small plug plants, grow them on, keep them in good condition and keep the stall topped up and it is our hope that we will be able to continue to do so in future years.

There are times, especially if we get a wet and cold spell in

March and April, when our limited greenhouse and undercover space is crammed with plants which we are protecting, nurturing and getting ready for sale. We are constantly looking ahead and planning for 2026 with a lot of perennial plants already growing on for sale next year. We are also going to have flowering spring bulbs available in time for Christmas presents, so, watch out on the local community Facebook page for updates.

Doing what we do is done for the benefit of the community and the feedback we have received is almost always 100% positive, so a big THANK customers who are not only buying the plants but also giving us some of your own excess plants to sell on to help raise much needed funds for local good causes. Thank you.

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## STAFF NEWS – MATERNITY LEAVE

Over the next two months we have two of our clinicians finishing here to start their maternity leave.

We would like to wish Dr Sophie Heaton-Renshaw and Dr Sarah Snow our GP Registrar lots of luck with their new addition to their families.

Dr Snow however won't be returning here as she is moving on to complete her GP training elsewhere.

Dr Snow would like to thank everyone, patients and staff alike, for making her feel so welcome here at Carnon Downs since she joined us last April.

This was her first GP rotation as part of her GP training, and she feels very lucky to have come to such a nice welcoming practice. She would also like to thank Dr Gabriel Teff for his supervision, support and expertise he has passed on over the last few months. The other partners, salaried GPs, paramedics and nursing team along with the admin team and the dispensary have helped her grow as a GP and shown her what primary care is all about. She loves her cycling and thoroughly enjoyed her home visits around the village on her bike!



## STAFF TRAINING DISPENSARY/SURGERY CLOSED

The nature of working within a GP Practice means that our team members both clinical and administrative, work to tight time slots, the majority of which is spent with patients. Whilst this is a key element of our work, it means that there is no time for whole team staff training or hold vital meetings to support learning. To support us in being able to have time for these aspects of our work we have achieved approval from the Integrated Care Board that we will operate an emergency only service for patients on a designated Wednesday morning or afternoon on selective months from 8.30am until 1.00pm or 12.30pm until 6.30pm to allow these meetings to take place.

***Please note the dispensary and surgery will be closed except for access to emergency care via an initial telephone assessment service.***

We appreciate your support with these closures for vital training and to help us improve procedures and processes within our teams.

### NEXT DATES:

**17 Sep afternoon from 12.30pm until 6.30pm**

**Tues 21 Oct between 1pm and 2pm – reopens as normal until 6.30pm**

**Wed 22 October afternoon 12.30pm until 6.30pm**

**Wed 26 November afternoon 12.30pm until 6.30pm**

## MORE STAFF NEWS

Sam joined the practice in May 2025. She qualified in 2005 at the University of Plymouth and has a variety of experience, working in cardiology at Treliske before spending 10 years as a practice nurse on the beautiful north coast of Cornwall. In more recent years she has been working as Clinical Lead nurse in a nursing home, and in the day surgery department at the Duchy hospital. Interestingly Sam is also a qualified reflexologist although she isn't currently practicing. Sam is married with 3 children and five young grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys walking, reading and spending time with friends and family. If you attend a clinic or see Sam in the building say hello and welcome to the team Sam!





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If you have relatives or friends staying from out of county and they are unwell please seek the right advice by using the table above. We know that holidays are a busy time in our county, and we want people to know where they can seek help if they are poorly and if they need emergency care. If you're feeling under the weather more than 90 local pharmacies can help, from forgotten medications, through contraception, to the Pharmacy First service that can help with a range of conditions from childhood earaches to insect bites. And your **own GP can help**, even if you are on holiday here – still give them a call in the first instance. If you get unwell over the weekends, bank holidays or overnight, don't forget NHS 111 can also help.



**CARNON DOWNS SURGERY  
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## What is a Patient Participation Group?

A Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients and GP practice staff who meet to discuss practice issues and patient experience to improve the service. To support health awareness and patient education.



The surgery formed a Patient Participation Group in September 2011 which it anticipates will bring a sense of partnership between the Practice and its patients. A good interface is essential in identifying areas for improvement and it is hoped that forming the group will aid communication. The Group have also collected patient opinions and experiences in the form of a survey over the years, with the results forming improvements and changes at the practice. The PPG also support all the vaccination clinics, our charity events and health promotion community events the practice have held over the years.

All registered patients are welcome to contribute to the Patient Participation Group but in the interest of effective decision-making membership of the Committee has been limited. Initially six patients, who are representative of the Practice population, were approached and they will be joined by Dr Paul Cook and Mrs Sarah McCammon, Practice Manager. The Group meets about four times a year.



## Current Members:

Mr G Aver – Chariman – member since 2011  
 Mrs J Ward – member since 2013  
 Mrs H Hunkin – member since 2016  
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## How do I contact our PPG?

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## **Councillor Martyn Alvey Carnon Downs Magazine – July 25**

I am delighted to have been re-elected as your Cornwall Councillor for a third term. The past four years as a member of the Cabinet at County Hall has been challenging and enjoyable but also very busy, so I'm happy to have returned to the 'back benches' where I can focus more on local issues whilst still doing my fair share of the more strategic stuff for all the people of Cornwall. Hopefully you feel that despite my previous cabinet responsibilities, I continued to support and serve the residents of my Division, albeit not always achieving the outcome residents would wish to see. In politics you sometimes have to deal with polarising issues, and I know for example that the introduction and enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit in Carnon Downs has been welcomed by some and been an annoyance to others.

The new Administration at County Hall is now starting to get up to speed with Leigh Frost a Lib Dem Councillor from Bodmin elected as the new Leader. The Lib Dems have formed an Administration in coalition with the Independent Group and the new Cabinet comprises 5 x Independent and 5 x Lib Dem Councillors. Between the two Groups they still fall 2 members short of an overall majority so must rely on some support and cooperation from the other Members to operate.

My role as a Cornwall Councillor broadly falls into two areas: Firstly, it's to represent the interests of my constituents, undertaking casework on their behalf and supporting the two Parish Councils within my Electoral Division. Casework can involve any of the myriads of issues for which residents are reliant on Cornwall Council, ranging from Social Housing and Social Care needs to Planning, Potholes and Waste Collection (particularly challenging this past year because of the switch to the new collection service). However, from time to time I am also asked to advocate on matters important to residents outside the direct control of the Council. In these instances, I have a close working relationship with Jayne Kirkham MP whose intervention can often carry more sway. I received a small budget, £3000 last year (known as a Community Chest), which I allocated to local groups or projects to enhance their facilities or kick-start community initiatives. The Community Chest for this financial year has been reduced to £1500 and will soon be open to applications.

Since being elected in 2017, much of my casework locally continues to be planning and planning enforcement related, but speeding traffic is also starting to dominate my 'in-box'. Looking forward to the next four years, 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, we will see a number of unpopular planning decisions forced upon the village.

My other role as a Councillor is more strategic, and involves membership of several Committees. I now sit on: the Chief Officers Employment Committee, the Harbours Board (to which I have been elected vice-chair), the Corporate Finance Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Standards Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally, I have been appointed the Lead Member for the Armed Forces, which involves chairing the Cornwall Armed Forces Covenant Board (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. I can be contacted at [cllr.martyn.alvey@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.martyn.alvey@cornwall.gov.uk) or on 07581 736347





## CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL

Run By The Village For The Village



Greeting from the Village Hall. Our diary continues to be very full with a huge variety of events running every day of the week. We have a policy that prioritises bookings for local users every Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. Please do make use of this! If you are interested in booking the hall, the village halls' website has more information at [www.carnondownsvillagehall.org/](http://www.carnondownsvillagehall.org/).

One recent change that has taken place, is we no longer have a rubbish collection service. We have therefore removed all bins from the premises and kindly ask that everyone takes their rubbish home with them.

For the village hall to run smoothly, we rely on a board of Trustees and a team of volunteers. Trustees, however, can only serve a maximum of 2 three-year terms back to back on the management committee, so we will constantly be looking for new trustees. If you feel you might be able to contribute to the running of this space, either as a trustee or in another volunteer role, please get in touch! Whether you have a lot of time or a small amount of time to spare, please contact us via [cdvhbooking@gmail.com](mailto:cdvhbooking@gmail.com).

The Board of Trustees, Carnon Downs Village Hall

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### 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 & Demonstrations and support local charities. So do come along and join us. We meet every Monday morning from 9 - Noon at Carnon Downs Village Hall.

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## Carnon Downs Garden Centre

*Many residents will have already seen some changes to the former Carnon Downs Garden Centre and the the new owners, Homeleigh Garden Centre have shared some information about the acquisition of the site in early 2025 and their plans below. With a garden centre, community plant stall and garden club, Carnon Downs is certainly a village for any keen gardeners!*

## Homeleigh Garden Centre

Homeleigh Garden Centre is proud to be one of the South West's largest family-run garden centres, spanning four locations: Launceston, Crediton, Bude, and now Carnon Downs, Truro .



What began as a small roadside stall selling homegrown plants and vegetables has grown into a beloved destination for gardeners, families, and visitors alike. Today, Homeleigh offers not just everything you need for your garden, but also a selection of cafés, aquatics, pet supplies, homeware, and much more.



The initial months since the takeover of the Carnon Downs site in early 2025 have been spent getting to know the team and upgrading a number of key areas.

Many further changes are planned for the Carnon Downs (Truro) store.

## From Greenhouse to Garden Centre - The Homeleigh Story

The journey of Homeleigh started in 1977 in Launceston, when founders Derek and Enis Broad began selling plants & vegetables from a milk stand outside their house. Everything they sold was grown in their own greenhouse, and demand for their plants quickly grew. This led to the first Homeleigh Garden Centre and their son Rob Broad also joining the family business.

*Launceston* – The first Homeleigh Store opened in 1983. The Launceston site continues is the heart of the Homeleigh brand & it has undergone many

changes over the years. There are plans to extend the shop and the coffee shop to enhance the customer experience & create a destination for an entire day out.

*Crediton* - Homeleigh expanded into Crediton in 2017, but its transformation took time. In March 2023 that Homeleigh Crediton was relaunched as one of Devon's top garden centres, complete with stunning views over Dartmoor from its restaurant. Once a small nursery with 2 employees it now engages 60 staff.

*Bude* - previously known as Brooks Garden Centre, was acquired in 2018. & by Winter 2019, the centre had undergone a complete transformation, offering a much-improved space for customers and staff alike.

*Truro* – In 2025 Homeleigh Garden Centre acquired the site in Carnon Downs and works have been underway to transform the site over the spring & are continuing. One of the first major projects undertaken to the Truro store was an



overhaul of the café, which now offers an attractive new layout, delicious new menu, & a cosy dog-friendly area.

It offers a range of food and drink from a hearty breakfast or light lunch to coffee and cake. The Café reopened in June and we welcome customers to experience the new space.

We are also creating a new aquatics section opening in Autumn 2025. This will feature a wider range of cold water, tropical, and marine fish. The pond and fishing tackle departments will be expanded & the outdoor furniture area will be transformed for the Christmas season, showcasing displays never seen before in Truro!

Homeleigh is proud to employ around 250 people across its 4 sites. While the core focus of Homeleigh remains on gardening and plants, each of the centres has its own unique identity. The family-run ethos remains at the centre of everything Homeleigh does. Each new development focusses on creating space where the community can come together, explore, and enjoy.

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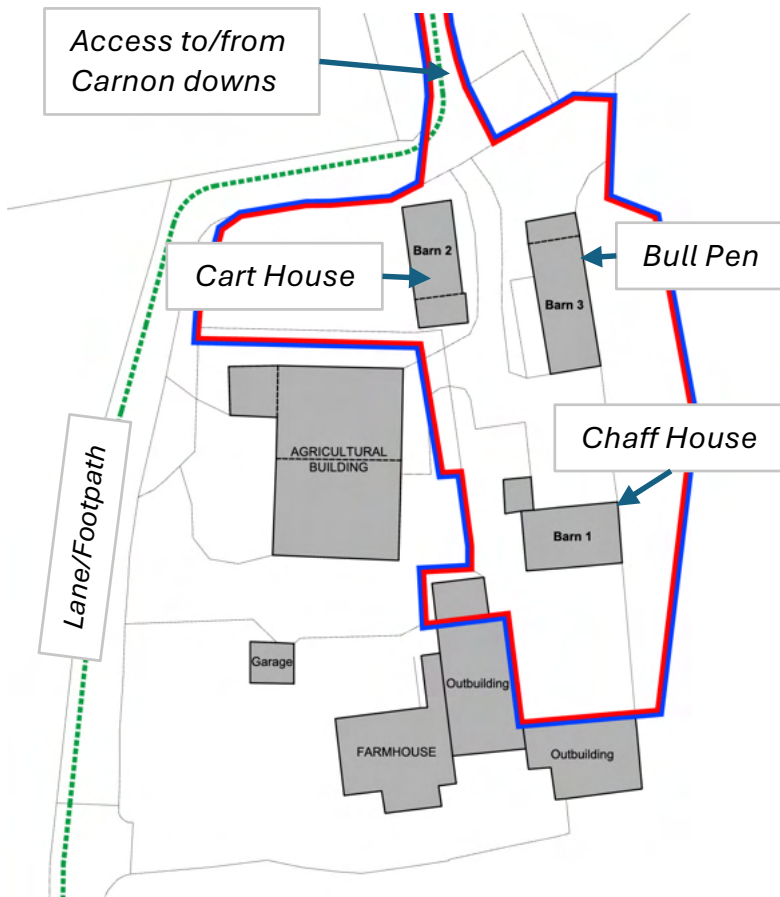


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## Changes - Higher Devoran Farm

If you have walked the footpath between Higher Devoran Farm recently you may have wondered what was happening to the former agricultural buildings. Planning approval was granted for the traditional structures to be converted to residential dwellings in 2023. Since then, the Rickard family with their builder Andy Hosken and his team, have been working on the project which should be completed by Christmas.



The Bull Pen was originally where the cows were milked in stalls and a little more recently acquired its name when young Simmental bulls were kept there by Sally's Dad, John Langdon. Opposite is the Cart House, formerly used to store machinery, with a small workshop at one end. The barn at the bottom of the yard was used for animal housing on the ground floor and crop storage on the upper floor. Its name, the Chaff House, originates from the attached small brick building which was used for chaff, an animal feed, many years ago. All three buildings were long past any usefulness for modern day agriculture. When finished, the barns will be offered for long-term residential lets.







## CARNON DOWNS BOWLING CLUB

### Lawn Green Bowls



Have you ever thought you need a hobby to help you relax after a hard day at work? Why not come along to the Carnon Downs Bowling Club & try your hand at bowls. It is a very relaxing pastime.

We are open 7 days a week from 10am & we hold friendly practice matches every Wednesday afternoon 2pm till 4.30pm, sometimes followed with a cup of tea & biscuits.

Dress code is casual preferably white top, grey trousers, and a pair of flat soled shoes with no heels.

We hold regular coffee mornings where members gather for a friendly chat.

If you are interested to find out more contact Steve McCarthy 01872 396091  
[mccarthies@aol.com](mailto:mccarthies@aol.com)



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# Feock Parish Council update

## Street lighting in Carnon Downs

By the time you read this the streetlighting in the village will have been switched off between midnight and 5am each night for more than a month.

As part of the roll out across the County and that has already happened in Devoran, Cornwall Council will be switching off the street lights across Cornwall to reduce light pollution and help meet the Council's ambition to become Carbon Neutral by 2030.

There has been a careful selection process, including liaison with local police, in choosing the most appropriate streetlights to switch off.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the Parish Council who can pass on your query or you can contact Cornwall Councils street lighting team direct via email: [streetlighting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:streetlighting@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Parish Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has started to put together a Parish Community Emergency Plan to be activated in events such as adverse weather, a lengthy power cut, trees down blocking road access etc. to provide help to residents before the Emergency Services are able to assist.

We are looking to develop the Emergency Plan with help from residents and have started building a list of volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency - for example you may be able to use a chainsaw to remove a fallen tree, have a 4x4 vehicle or you may be able to go and check on neighbours and collect supplies for them.

If you would be willing to volunteer please email or phone Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on [clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01872 863333 with your contact details and skills you can offer.

### Emergency Numbers

- Flooding, trees down, road closures, highways issues and road works: Cornwall Council Highways
- (CORMAC) 0300 1234 222
- Cornwall Council Adults & Children Safeguarding
- Out of hours Social Work Children, Young People & Families: 01208 251300
- Out of hours Social Work Adults: 0300 1234 131
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- Pollution of land or rivers: Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60
- Pollution of sea/beach: Coastguard 01326 317575
- For non-emergency pollution reports, you can contact the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Pollution Response 0300 123 1032
- Power cuts: National Grid 0800 6783 105
- Water or sewage leak: South West Water 0344 346 2020





## 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 a vacancies for 5 Parish Councillors - 3 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.

 **14** Deadline to apply: Wednesday before each Parish Council Meeting (to give time to circulate your application to Councillors)

 Interested? For more information on how to apply or what the role involves, please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk at [clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) or telephone on 01872 863333 or visit our website [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Join us in making a difference – your voice matters! 🗣️

**The next meetings of the Full Parish Council for the rest of this year are as follows, all starting at 6pm in the Parish Council Office in Devoran.**

Monday 15th September, Monday 13th October 2025, Monday 10th November and Monday 15th December



## Never miss a planning application in your area

Did you know that you can find out about and keep updated on planning applications in your area with an email direct to your inbox?

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<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/online-planning-register/>

The Parish Council also list all current applications in our parish on our website

<https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/current-planning-applications>

## Celebrating our railway heritage

### Exploring our past, discovering the present and enjoying being outdoors

by Cllr Keith Hambly-Staite

Readers who watch commercial television will have seen the current GWR advertising campaign showing The Famous Five created by Enid Blyton rushing around the country in search of new adventures. A more local GWR sponsored campaign organised by Feock Parish Council will highlight the adventures that can be had by walking and cycling in the Carnon Valley and about Restronguet Creek.

With the strapline **'Discover, Explore Enjoy'** the campaign will engage with young people at Devoran School and the wider community about the historic mining and railway artifacts to be discovered in the valley and focus on the delights of the flora and fauna of the area. There is much to discover, whether around Devoran, a village created by the mining and railway industries, or by exploring the paths around the valley bottom. Where once barges owned by the Redruth and Chacewater Railway moored up on Devoran Quay today people can be found sailing or swimming during the summer and Osprey watching in the spring and autumn.

The Bissoe Trail runs through the Carnon Valley and is part of a larger group of trails collectively known as the Cornwall Mineral Tramway Trails. You can walk or cycle from Point to Portreath. But many people, particularly visitors, do not find their way to this extraordinary place close to our doorstep. One of the first things we are doing is to signpost ways to the Carnon Valley and the surrounding area from the railway station at Perranwell and highlight the car parks which cover the part of the valley within our parish. During the Autumn there will be talks at Devoran School and groups of children will be stimulated to explore their area with the help of an I-Spy booklet where they will find some of the remains of the railway and the mining industry. We want to encourage our younger residents and their families to explore the area like The Famous Five, to discover new things, have adventures and enjoy the outside world.

## Contact us

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk – email: [clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk – email: [deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser – email: [myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Websites: [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) – for all meeting dates and agendas, Councillor contact details

[www.myfeock.co.uk](http://www.myfeock.co.uk) – Wellbeing information and calendar of events and activities

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil) [www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/](https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/)

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## QUIZ - Where Am I?

Can you identify each of the images below which are all locations within the Carnon Downs village. Please share your thoughts on each location on the Carnon Downs Village Magazine Facebook page, where the correct answers will be revealed in due course.



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*The clues were provided by By Bob Richards.*

## Kenwyn Valley Flower Club

We have had a busy year the Kenwyn Valley Flower Club.

In particular we enjoyed a very successful open meeting in June, where visitors and guests were invited to attend 'free of charge' to experience our club night and enjoy a wonderful demonstration by Barbara Clatworthy. This session was very well attended, and the club is pleased to welcome some new members as a result!

In July we had our annual garden visit, which we all look forward to before our summer break in August.

Meetings resume again on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (7pm for 7.30pm start) in the Carnon Downs Village Hall. The theme for this session will be "Village Life".



We gather on the fourth Tuesday of each month for *Fun, Flowers, Friendship, Tea and Cake* in addition to demonstrations and workshops. Why not join us for an evening of Fun, Flowers and Friendship? For more details scan the code below.

Left photo of an arrangement by our very own Glennis Beard which was featured in The Flower Arranger magazine.





## ***Positive Response to local photo exhibition 'A Pictorial Historic Exhibition of Devoran Village'***

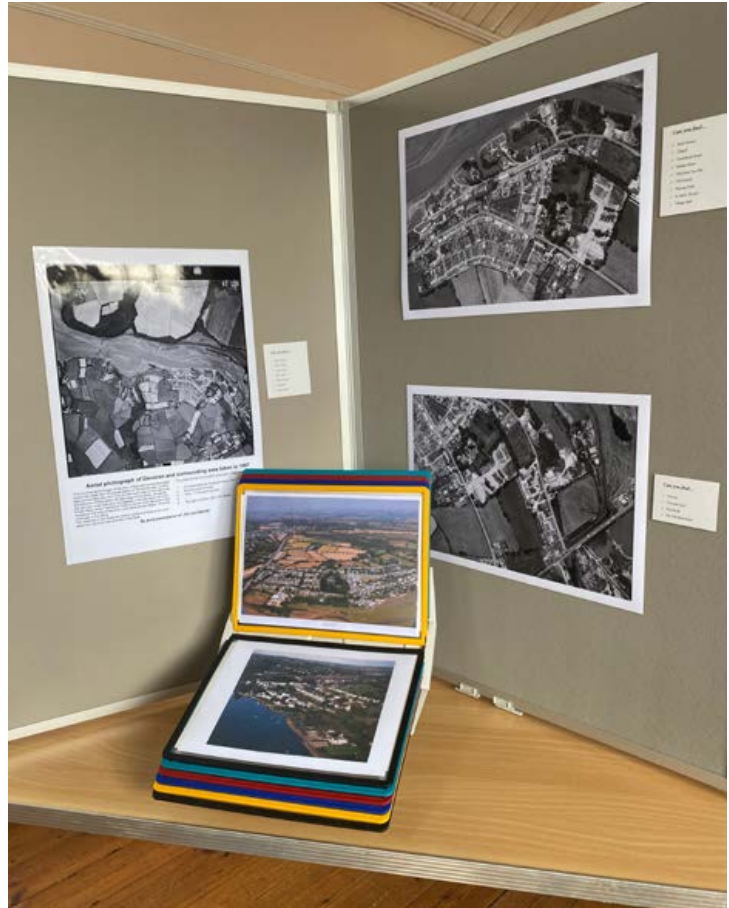
Hailed a great success, the 3rd Photo exhibition event held in Devoran Village Hall took place on Saturday, March 2025.

Proceeds from donations and refreshments were shared between Devoran Village Hall and Devoran Quay. This exhibition expanded from the previous 2024 successful April and August exhibitions, 2-day events, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Devoran Village Hall, proceeds for the Hall.

Exhibits included:

- Marie Bird (photographer)
- Mark Norris, Devoran War Memorial
- Bissoe Mining info/videos
- Bob Richards, Cornish books/photos
- Garden Club
- Devoran Spring Flower Show
- Devoran Pilot Gig Club
- Devoran Quay Preservation Society
- Feock Parish Council
- Hanneke Boon, James Wharram Design
- PPT Pres & audio, Ralph Bird's last gig talk
- Local paintings by different artists

*Editorial and images: Marie Bird*



*Left: Local Paintings displayed on the stage, leading to the refreshments area.*

*Above: A flip-file of colour aerial images of Devoran taken in different years. Poster board a3(+)blown up sections of a fabulous amazing detailed image of the village in black and white - aerial photo taken from a plane in 1967.*

This time, the content included embracing a wider area of interest, more photos offered by locals, including historic colour images of the Quays during repairs and restoration, along with their previous industrial black and white historic images.



*Above: Poster boards show local Carnon Downs and Devoran Home Guard; a village fête with ladies in their 'Easter bonnets'; old and newer boat pics; Devoran view from across the river; the Village Hall excavation and renovations; a Street Party Royal celebration; Village Hall after renovations. Below: A general view of the poster boards in the main hall, includes lithium mine info (centre).*



Additional exhibition items showing the surrounding mining area which included, leaflets about the Cornish Lithium projects, Bissoe Mining, including videos, photos and even more about the Devoran Railway, which coincidentally coincides with GWR 'Railway 200' celebrations that are taking place in 2025.





*Above: Flip book with interesting true stories about bygone events. Here, the open pages show an intriguing story regarding the Roll of Honour wall plaque (inset top left) which hangs in the main hall. Renovations revealing a hand-written draft tucked behind the calligraphy, discovered when the plaque was being repaired, a list of the local people who served in the Great War... And so the search for the calligrapher began. The initials GLB, was Gwendolin Layton Blunt, the woman who scribed it, led to finding her wedding photo, a daughter of Dr Edwards, from the Driffold.*

*Below: A rare black and white image of Devoran village and deer in the Deer Park in the foreground.*





*Left: Tables zig-zagged the length of the main hall, holding poster board displays, ensuring the hundreds of photos were displayed for people to get around easily to view.*

*Below Left: Early days after purchasing Devoran Quay. The tireless fundraising efforts of the villagers to buy Devoran Quay, ensured it always remained open to everyone, then began the hefty task of restoration meant the fundraising continued. This image shows the amount of materials needed for shoring up and supporting quay edges so that further erosion would be halted.*

*Right: Close shave between two Working Boats racing at a very recent Point and Penpoll Regatta.*



The delicious refreshments from the kitchen volunteers, used the Annexe area, which had decorated tables and chairs, each with tablecloth, a vase of local flowers along with a mixture of colourful images of the quay and village hall, these were placed in small stands. Thanks go to the many volunteers, too numerous to mention individually here, who volunteered their time and effort helped on the Friday to set-up, and also on Saturday at the end of exhibition day break-down, as well as helpers in the kitchen with the refreshments, and to the the generous donations of delicious cakes to go with the drinks. The funds raised, in the 6 hours the doors were open on this one-day event, shared a total of £455.91 equally between the Devoran Village Hall and the Devoran Quay Preservation Society, thanks to the generous donations at the door and sales in the kitchen from the wonderful Refreshments Café from cups of tea, coffee, soft drinks, and kind donations of home-made cakes and everyone assisting in this memorable event!

*Many thanks to all those who helped making the day a great success.*





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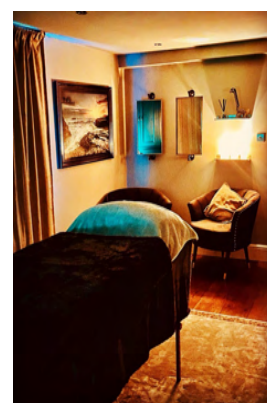
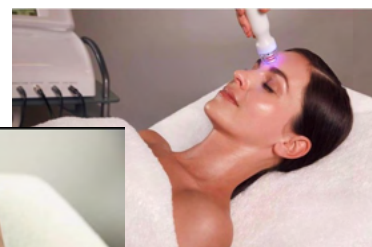
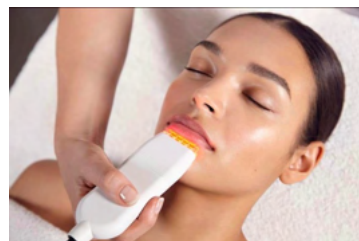
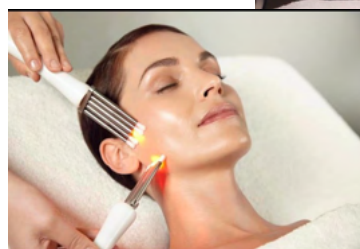
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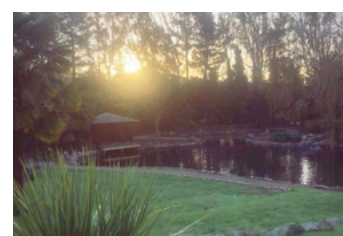
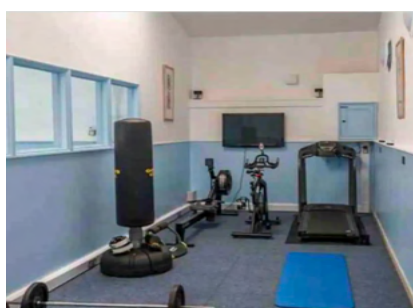
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We have had a good year and I have been voted in again as President. We are a small W I, gradually building up numbers & always welcome new members. We need to raise money to keep going to cover venue hire & other expenses. However, we never forget charities. Often our speakers receive their fee and donate it to the charity they are involved with or a portion of the proceeds from events are donated to charity.

Our speakers continue to bring interest to our sessions. We had the Blood Bikes, and their riders join us recently to tell us about the important work they do in transporting blood & organs. They are a real lifeline & everything is done by volunteers and fundraising with no other funding. Well done to the marvellous riders on call night or day.



We enjoyed a Garden Party in July. Heather hosted this at her lovely farmhouse and gardens. The weather was incredible as we sought out the shade & enjoyed cream teas and cool fruit punch.

August was busy with V J Day celebrations kindly done with the Chapel. We also had a fabulous trip over to the Roseland on the Feock Community Bus and will be doing another trip in the autumn details tbc.

We will be hosting a **Christmas bazaar on Saturday 1st November** in the Village Hall.. If anyone would like to run a stall, please contact me.

Our Knit & Stitch ladies are fabulous; they have now made coming up to **four thousand** Heart cushions gifted to women after breast surgery. They are exquisite, soft and decorated with love. Each is unique. Well done to all involved. If you love sewing, then you would be welcome to join the ladies. You don't need to be a W I member. They do make other things as well, all for charitable organizations.

We meet in the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 7pm in the summer & on Wednesdays at 2pm in winter. Just turn up or contact me first if you have any questions. You can also find us on Facebook (click on QR code).

Pet Chapman - President 07941411993  
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## MEADOWSIDE NURSERY REPORT

It has been a very busy season here at Meadowside with the spring plants and summer veggies. Lots of you have visited us to buy basket, patio and border plants and enjoyed seeing the lovely displays, which I think have been some of the best so far.

Late July brought a slight shift to what was happening, with the plants taking a back seat while we began planting the winter veg. Leeks were the first to go in closely followed by pumpkins, which were starting to flower and take shape early. The last crops to go in are cauli, kale, cabbage, sprouts and - everyone's favourite - purple sprouting. We hope to have begun harvesting the first veg towards the end of August.

At the time of writing this article, we had just had a really dry week, and this allowed the hay to be cut and baled and all the veg plants to be hoed, making the most of the hot sun to shrivel the weeds.

Although it's still rather early to mention Christmas we must think ahead which means trimming and tidying the Christmas trees. Last year we introduced a "choose your own tree" scheme which proved a huge success and people have already enquired if we will be doing it again this year. This is a definite "yes" but with a few little changes in store so keep an eye on our Facebook page for starting dates or pop into the nursery closer to the time and we will be more than happy to help.



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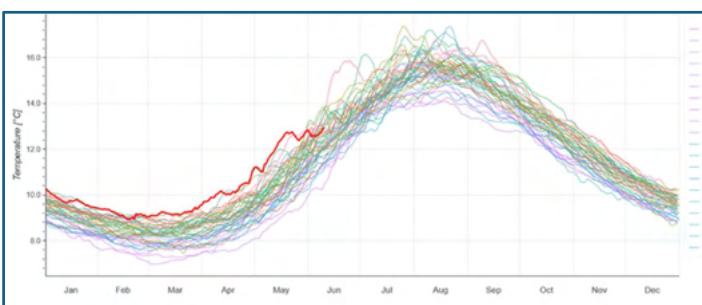


## WEATHER RECORDS

According to the Met Office, the UK experienced an unprecedented season of warmth and sunshine in spring 2025. For most of the season, the UK's weather was dominated by high pressure, building either from the Azores or continental Europe, bringing prolonged spells of warm, dry, sunny weather. The spring was sunnier than all but the summers of 1911, 1976 & 1995.



*Photo of 'dry' field in vicinity of Penpol*



The UK recorded its tenth warmest March, third warmest April and fifth warmest May in monthly mean temperature series, and the fourth warmest March, third warmest April and warmest May on record in monthly mean maximum temperature series from 1884.

In 2025, mean sea-surface temperature was the highest on record for four consecutive months (red line above) February to May, since records began in 1980. The sea temperature hit 13 degrees C in June and 16.2 degrees C on 7/8/25.

## Carnon Downs Film Club

The third Friday of each month from September to May (excluding December) is film club night at the village hall. Doors open at 6:30 for free refreshments and the film begins at 7:30. Our selection of films is chosen by our regular film-goers and admission is just £4 per film. After paying for the hall hire and any other small expenses, all profits are donated to local good causes and it has been our pleasure to contribute many hundreds of pounds to a wide variety of good cause down the years.



This year's first film night will be on Friday 19th September and you can be assured of some good entertainment and good company if you choose to come along. Film shows are advertised around the village, by posters on strategic telegraph poles and by messages on the Carnon Downs Community Facebook page.

We welcome everyone to our film nights and hope to see you there this coming season. For further details, contact Caroline Richards on 01872 864567



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## **Carnon Downs Old Cornwall Society**

Our programme for the new season has now been finalised with several speakers from last year returning as requested by our members. Roger Radcliffe will be presenting a further section along the coast from St Agnes while Trevor Smitheram is offering a talk on Rick Rescorla from Hayle who was in charge of security at the twin towers New York.

Paul Gainey is returning with another Lizard Peninsula presentation while new to us is Kai Greet with his talk on the role 'Cornwall Played during the Cold War' including original photographs.

Our December musical evening brings the return of Mike O'Connor and Barbara Griggs with harp and violin and some of Mikes unusual stories. They gave us a very enjoyable evening a couple of years ago. How about getting the pasties in for this one?

The inclement weather meant that the much-anticipated guided walk with Michael Bunney at Gorran Haven had to be postponed but has now been rescheduled for the end of October the exact date to be agreed at our meeting in September.

There was better luck with the Sunday afternoon River Helford boat trip when our 'sailor' members spent over 3 hours on the Helford with refreshments being the traditional Cornish Pasty and tea.

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.

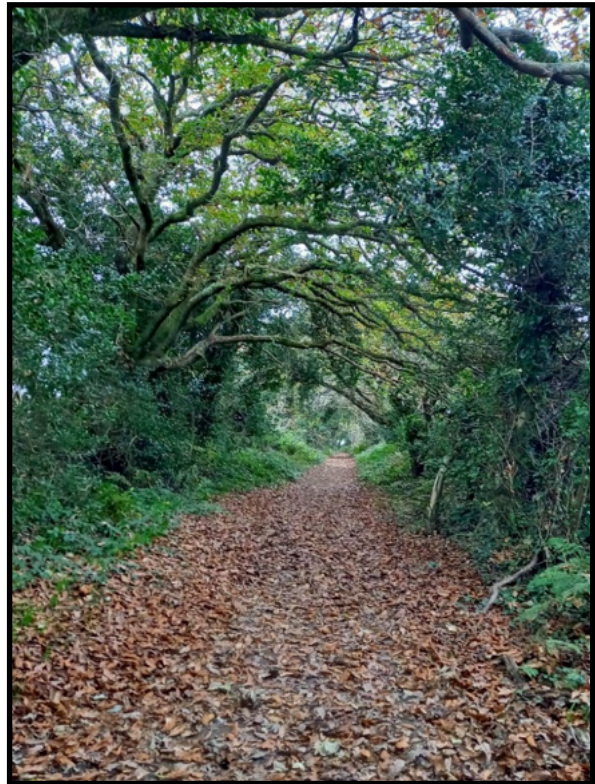
LH Chairman





# *Rolling* *back* *the years*

This Autumn picture shows the well-used footpath which winds up from Quenchwell Road, past Chyreen, and out onto the main Truro-Falmouth road at the top of Killiganoon Hill. According to more than one source, it was known in former times as Ralph's Lane or Rafe's Lane.



Though only a footpath now, the hedges on either side indicate that it was once a wider track. Local tradition says it once formed part of the main route from Truro to Falmouth - probably until the early 1800s when the Truro Turnpike Trust constructed the more direct approach to Carnon Downs that we know today.

Writing in the Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall 2016, John Dunstan relates the name of the lane to Ralph Dunstan, one of his forebears who had a blacksmith's shop at Chyreen in the 1800s.

The name Ralph was continued in the family with the christening of his nephew Ralph who was born at Hazeldene, Bissoe Road, and who became well-known in Cornwall as a collector and publisher of folk songs. He is remembered for his books 'Cornish Dialect and Folk Songs' and 'The Cornish Song Book'. Living much of his life away from Cornwall at the Westminster Training College, he made music and its teaching his life's work and he was the author of numerous successful textbooks.

*PD – Carnon Downs Old Cornwall Society*



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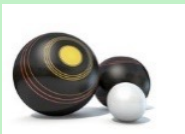
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## KEA SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB



The Short Mat Bowls Club meets at the Kea and District Community Centre in Playing Place, twice weekly from 6.30pm to 9.00pm on Mondays, and 1.30pm to 4pm on Thursdays.

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](mailto:jeffries869@btinternet.com).



# The Methodist Church

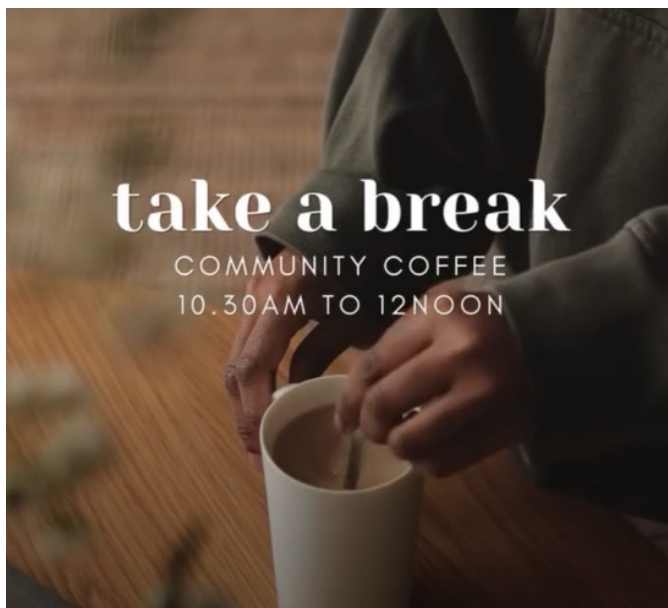
Adrian Mitchell is the Pastor for The Hub: Carnon Community Methodist Church and a Local Preacher in the Truro Methodist Church Circuit.

The Hub: *'Sharing the Love of Jesus across the whole of the community.'*

**SUNDAY 10.30**  
Morning Worship

**MONDAY 10.00**  
Sunbeams Parent &  
Toddler Group

**MONDAY 16.00**  
Youth Club (9-14 years)



**TUESDAY 1030 Bible Study**

**TUESDAY 10.00-** Repair Café (last Tuesday of the month)

**WEDNESDAY 0930 Prayer Group**

**WEDNESDAY 1030 Community Coffee**

**FRIDAY 1430 Wesley Guild (October to March only)**





# REPAIR CAFE

**If you can carry it, we'll take a look!**

- Wooden items - bolting, tightening, gluing & creating new pieces and woodwork
- Bike repairs and maintenance advice
- Clocks (not battery or electric)
- Electrical - plugs, fuses, basic wiring (no PAT testing)
- Clothing & textiles - mending, zips, darning, repairs
- Soft toys, knitting and crochet
- Minor jewellery repairs
- Technology



Held on the **last Tuesday of each month**  
**The Hub**, Carnon Community Methodist  
Church, Carnon Downs from **10am**.

Help to reduce waste and bring along  
any broken items to see what can be  
done before you throw away.

*Some photos from  
our June cafe*



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skills to share then  
get in touch"*

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## St John and St Petroc Church, Devoran

Your church serving Carnon Downs, Devoran and Point - we are a very welcoming and inclusive church community and are part of the united Waterside Benefice alongside St Feock and St Piran's in Perranarworthal. It is also one that supports the local community spiritually and with practical help.

Our Sunday services take place at 10am and we offer Worship for All family service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Holy Communion and BCP Evensong and evening Celtic services as well as a young peoples church, Sunday Stars for youngsters (aged between 8 and 13 years) meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 16.00 – 18.00. Also see details for Messy Church, an ecumenical group with the Methodist Church.

Our church is open daily for private prayer and provides a place of tranquility and peace for all.

Our website [www.thewatersidechurches.com](http://www.thewatersidechurches.com) and Facebook pages (for both the Waterside Benefice and Devoran Church) are updated regularly, so please do keep an eye on what is going on.

For further information please contact the Vicar, Revd. Karen Wilson on 01872 276 357 or 07591 240 640 or our Church Warden, Mrs. Anne Ramsden on 01872 864 049.

## Carnon Valley Messy Church

Serving Carnon Downs, Devoran and Point and Penpol. This group, working in partnership with Carnon Downs Hub, meets on the 4th Sunday of the month for families to enjoy craft, fun, worship, and food, at Devoran Village Hall 16.00 – 18.00, Except August and December. Please look out for our Messy Church notices, call Anne Ramsden 01872 864049, or look on our Facebook and other local social media



### Carnon Downs Gardeners Association



We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Carnon Downs Village Hall from September to June. We welcome new members and visitors to join our sessions.

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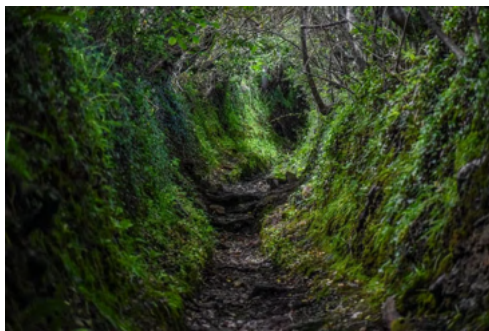




## Home at Last

When I moved to Carnon Downs, I hadn't expected my new surroundings to greet me with such quiet wonder. The house was barely settled when curiosity tugged me outdoors. Across the road, a modest sign pointed to Tresithick—a name as unfamiliar as it was inviting. With my dog Buster trotting beside me, we set off.

*The lane curved gently past a grand house with a walled garden, whose secrets whispered through its ivy-covered stones. Just beyond, in a sun-drenched field, two Gloucester Old Spot pigs lay napping. One lumbered to the gate, and Buster, ever the diplomat, extended a nose in greeting.*



*The hedgerows opened to an unexpected panorama: the Fal River gleaming like silk under the midday sun. Butterflies danced around me, and a curious robin kept close company. The path meandered past old cottages until we reached Tresithick Farmhouse. Straight ahead, chickens clucked contentedly among apple trees in a farmyard that smelled of summer hay and warm feathers. I pressed on, weaving past high hedges bursting with swallows and swifts, their acrobatics tracing joy into the sky. Past Penpol caravan site, over Harriss Hill bridge, I paused in Penpol hamlet, humbled by the quiet magic of the day.*

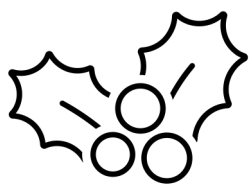
*On another day, Buster and I took the steep right-hand path. Fields of sheep lounged in the sun, their lambs like cotton clouds scattered across green. A kissing gate ushered us into knotty woods and fragrant meadows. Dragonflies skimmed the air, and buzzards wheeled above, watching.*

*Then came a moment of whimsy—a ladder over a hedge leading to the final fields. And there, a breathtaking sight: Restronguet Creek, alive with boats dancing on their moorings. In the last field, lambs frolicked freely, as if celebrating the joy of being alive.*

*I stood still, heart full. Tresithick lay just beyond, but I knew then—I was already home."*

By Debbie Earle

## RECIPE CORNER – Cornish Fairing Mince Pie (Philleigh Way)



You will need:

- 1 large jar mincemeat (about 600g)
- 2 satsumas, segmented
- 1 apple finely chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Splash of rum
- 375g plain flour
- 260g unsalted butter, softened
- 125g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground all spice
- 1 large egg plus 1 beaten egg for glazing



*Method...*

1. Rub together the flour and butter in a bowl to a crumb consistency.
2. Add ginger, all spice, caster sugar and the beaten egg, and mix together.
3. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and fold until the pastry comes together, be careful not to over mix.
4. Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for 10 mins.
5. Scoop the large jar of mincemeat into a bowl and add 2 segmented satsumas, 1 finely chopped apple, splash of rum and zest of 1 lemon.
6. Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.
7. Roll out the pastry to 3mm thick.
8. Using a round cutter (about 10cm), cut out 16 bases and place them into muffin trays. Put 1½ tbsp mincemeat mixture into each. Brush the edge of each pie with a little beaten egg.
9. Re-roll out the pastry to cut 7cm lids and press them on top to seal. Glaze with the beaten egg, sprinkle with the extra caster sugar, then make a small cut in the tops.
10. Bake the mince pies for 15-20 mins until golden brown. Leave to cool before releasing them from the muffin trays and dusting with a little more icing sugar before serving.





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