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## WINTER DIARY 2018

Events held at Village Hall unless otherwise stated



### January

Wed 03	<b>All Saints Church</b> Community Coffee Morning	10am-12noon
Wed 10	Guided Walk with Jean	2pm
Sat 13	Afternoon Bingo with Cream Tea and Raffle	2-4pm
Mon 15 & 29	Luncheon Club	12 for 12.30pm
Tue 16	T. V. Flower Club - Members Demo	1.45pm
Tue 16	Film Club 'A Walk in the Woods'	7 for 7.30pm
Wed 17	W.I. 53rd Birthday Meeting with meal	7.30pm
Thu 18	Chiropody Clinic	1.30pm onward
Sat 20	Social Committee's 'Deal or no Deal'	7 for 7.30pm
Mon 29	Community Association Quarterly meeting	7.30pm

### February

Sat 03	Christian Aid QUIZ	7.30pm
<b>Sun 04</b>	<b>Open Garden 2018 meeting at Daisy Cot</b> (see page 20)	2.30pm
Tue 06	SHAME monthly meeting	7.30pm
Wed 07	<b>All Saints Church</b> Community Coffee Morning	10am-12noon
Mon 12 & 26	Luncheon Club	12 for 12.30pm
Mon 12	Village Hall Management Committee meeting	7.30pm
Wed 14	Guided Walk with Jean	2pm
Tue 20	T.V. Flower Club - Annual Lunch	
Tue 20	Film Club 'Florence Foster Jenkins'	7 for 7.30pm
Wed 21	W.I. Annual meeting and presentations	7.30pm
Sat 24	Social Committee Quiz Night with raffle	7.30pm

### March

Thu 01	Chiropody Clinic	1.30pm onward
Fri 02	St Piran's Eve Social with Cornish Entertainment	7.30pm
Tue 06	SHAME monthly meeting	7.30pm
Wed 07	<b>All Saints Church</b> Community Coffee Morning	10am-12noon
Sat 10	Annual Sale and Auction for Cancer Research UK	1.45pm
Mon 12 & 26	Luncheon Club	12 for 12.30pm
Wed 14	Guided Walk with Jean	2pm
Tue 20	T. V. Flower Club 'Wood Wonderful Wood'	1.45pm
Tue 20	Film Club - 'Selma'	7 for 7.30pm
Wed 21	W.I. open meeting 'History of Forensic Science' - Simon Dell	7.30pm





Village Hall Bookings Secretary  
Lorraine Palmer, 2, School Lane, Harrowbarrow PL17 8BS  
tel: 01579 350911 e-mail: [lorriepalmer44@btinternet.com](mailto:lorriepalmer44@btinternet.com)  
**PLEASE** contact Lorraine during reasonable hours,  
preferably not at weekends.

Deadline for next Hamlet (Spring) contributions : BEFORE 15 March  
diary dates and events etc. for April, May, June  
Sally Eccles, Wallcroft, Coombe, Harrowbarrow, PL17 8JH  
01579 350329 [sallyeccles1@gmail.com](mailto:sallyeccles1@gmail.com)

### Village Website

The website was set up by Ian Macdonald some time ago and has proved an invaluable tool. We thank him for all his hard work over the years. Karen Ward has very kindly offered to take over the running of the site. Please contact her if you wish to post news of village events etc on the website: [karen.willowview@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.willowview@btinternet.com)/ tel no: 01579 351971

### Some Good News from your Community Association

Following the last Community Association meeting, you will be delighted to hear that Chris Miller's endeavours to obtain a grant have been rewarded. We have secured over £10,000 towards a lighting up-grade for our Village Hall. As a consequence we are progressing with all the necessary documentation required before funds are released. Chris will be leading the project and working closely with Simon to create this new and exciting multifunctional lighting system.



### Community Association meetings 2018

Quarterly Monday, 29 January  
AGM Tuesday 29 May

### *Report on C.R.U.K Pink Coffee Morning*

The above which took place in the village hall in October was a great success and enjoyed by all who came. **£601.50p** was raised for the charity. Thanks to all who attended and helped in any way. It is hoped to repeat the morning in October 2018.

## Social Committee Events



**Sat January 13** Afternoon Bingo 2 - 4pm with Cream Tea & Raffle. Bring own dabber, and any extra drinks or nibbles.

**Sat January 20** : 'Deal or no Deal' - a game show with professional entertainer Ady Byng who hosted last year's Pig Racing night £5 tickets from the Post office or Frank 01579 351331

**Sat February 24** : Quiz Night with raffle. £6 includes Pasty. Bring own drinks and nibbles. For tickets and to register your team of up to 6 people, contact Adrian at the Post Office or Lorraine on 350911.

**Fri March 02** : St Piran's Eve - "A proper Cornish evening me 'ansome". Look out for posters closer to the date.

**Sat March 25**: Wedding Fayre. There will be exhibitors covering all aspects of a wedding, from cars to caterers, ball gowns to balloons. Entry is free and refreshments will be available. Times are expected to be 11am to 2pm. We hope to make this a glittering affair which will enhance the hall as a "go to" destination. Contact John and Jill Roberts: 351008

**Please support your local Harrowbarrow & Metherell Social Committee**

By your side, Mother Nature, the autumn leaves dance elegantly to the ground  
Surrounding you, Mother Nature, the tree vines gently pirouetting  
Starting at you, Mother Nature, the branches trying to hug you  
All I need to remember - Mother Nature, that the oak tree will survive  
Think of all that green, Mother Nature, that will appear in summer  
My word (please live, please live) reminds me of my father  
Snap, my words are gone.

by Grace Davies



## *Christmas Tree Festival*

Congratulations to Kathy Thomas and the hard working team for the delightful Christmas Tree Festival at Calstock St Andrew's Church. It was a great success, and a real challenge to the creative talent of the many local groups who entered. The trophies went to Calstock School and Knit and Natter. John Eccles won the 'Name the Teddy' (Hector) and has delivered it to a little local boy of the same name.

**Regular Activities & Group Meetings at the Village Hall  
OPEN TO ALL**

**W.I.** ~ 3rd Wed 7.30pm (Kathy Thomas 01579 350659)

**Luncheon Club** ~ twice monthly 12 noon. **(There are a few vacancies.**  
Please contact Jenny Snuggs 01579 350546 if interested)

**SHAME** ~ 1st Tuesday 7.30 p.m. (John Roberts 01579 351911)

**Beekeepers** ~ 4th Mon 7 - 9pm (Mary Hardman 01579 384345)

**Family History** ~ 1st Thu 10am - 12 noon (Eileen Sturt 01579 350639  
check for availability)

**Knit and Natter** ~ 1st Fri 2pm - 4pm (Margaret Willson 01579 351208)

**Scouts and Cubs** ~ Tue 6.15 - 8.30pm (Adam Harman 07733200314)

**Badminton** ~ Mon 7.30 - 9.00pm ((talk to John in the Village Hall)

**Zumba** ~ Fri 9.15- 10am (Liz Lazenbury 07484 157706 or  
lizlazenbury@gmail.com)

**Short Mat Bowls** ~ Wed 6.30pm Thu 2.30pm (Lawrence Parker 01579  
351952 / 07902148517)

**Guided Walk with Jean** ~ 2nd Wed 2pm ~ meet at village hall (01579  
351081)

**Line Dancing** ~ Thu 7.30 pm (Christina Myers 01822 834228)

**Tap Dancing** ~ Fri 7.30pm (Lin Sawyer 01822 832181)

**Tamar Valley Flower Club** ~ 3rd Tue 1.45p.m. (Maggie 01822 832200)

**Amateur Dramatics (SHAME)** ~ 1st Tue 7.30pm (Jean Miller 01579 351081)

**Art Group** ~ fortnightly termtime Mon 2 - 4 pm (Chris Hart 01579 350909)

**Hamlet Film Club** ~ 3rd Tue 7 p.m. (Eileen Sturt 01579 350639)

**Chiropody** ~ bi-monthly Thurs 1.30 - 4pm (Neil Oliver 01822 258604 or  
07828 7378140)

Please contact the Bookings Secretary if you are interested in  
starting up a new group in the village hall

### Hamlet Film Club

The Hamlet Film Club is into its third year and still going strong! Membership in future will be from January to January at £6 per year (still with the first film free on joining). The £6 goes directly to C-Fylm to pay their umbrella licence fee etc.

Subsequent visits will be £4 as before. If you are thinking of joining or re-joining, please do so as soon as you can, to obtain the best value from your membership but we need you to keep coming along with your £4s afterwards to keep our club afloat.

The films (please see Diary) have all been chosen by membership votes.

There will be links on our website to the trailers for the films.

High above you, Harrowbarrow child  
The smooth blue sky roars sad, sad tears  
Underneath you, Harrowbarrow child  
the stony gravel says hello  
Behind you, Harrowbarrow child  
The brick wall comes closer to you  
And whispers gently, Be safe, be safe  
Around you, Harrowbarrow child  
The different colour autumn leaves wave hi  
Remember your teacher's words  
Like a thousand fireworks lighting up  
(telling you Harrowbarrow child, Do your very best  
in whatever you do)  
And you, Harrowbarrow child



Be nice, be nice by Abi Dancer

(Thank you to the Harrowbarrow School children in Melissa Pinfield's Year 5/6 class for their imaginative poems interspersed throughout this Hamlet and which were inspired by the poem 'Windrush Child' by poet John Agard.)



## SHAME does it Again!

Congratulations to SHAME members on their November show of three one act plays, all themed 'Never Again'. I surmise that the main protagonist in drama one will be marooned again only with the greatest reluctance, after agonisingly being put through the mill by the annoying chorus of his fellow 'shipwreck-ees'. In the second playlet, the poignant dramatisation of the real life event centring upon concentration camp survivors was hauntingly backed by Martin Crawford's musical tribute. The third and final play provided a light note (after our "light bite") by highlighting the all too familiar problem a drama company faces, of coming up with ideas to encourage villagers away from their televisions and computers. Their solution had US all tickled anyway! Thanks and "Hats Off" to all who contributed to make the evening another successful and enjoyable one. We await the next show with interest! **Ed**

In front of you, little wolf pup

A decaying wall of ivy blocking the daylight



Above you, little wolf pup

A night wing soaring by

Beside you, little wolf pup

Wolves scrutinising you with its blood-shot eyes

Think of your mother giving comfort to you

Her words a light in the pitch black

Saying "Be safe, be safe."

by Emily Bushell-Crane

## School Governor Required

Harrowbarrow School is at the heart of Harrowbarrow & Metherell community. As a thriving village school it currently has 116 pupils and has been oversubscribed for the last three years. It provides education for children aged 4-11 and has recently welcomed the local preschool on site.

A vacancy has recently become available on the school's governing body and the governors are seeking to co-opt someone from the local community. A background in law or finance would complement the

existing skills on the governing body but this is not critical. By becoming a school governor you will be making an important and rewarding contribution to education in your local area. You would be expected to contribute to the work of the Governing Board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In order to perform this role well, a governor is expected to:

- get to know the school, including visiting the school occasionally during school hours, and gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses.
- attend induction training & regular relevant training & development events.
- attend meetings (full Governing Board meetings and committee meetings) and read all the papers before the meeting.
- act in the best interest of all the pupils of the school.
- behave in a professional manner, as set down in the Governing Board's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence.

If you think this is something you might be interested in doing, or would simply like to know a bit more about the role, please contact clerk to the governors **Lesley Connell: [clerk@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk)**  
Alternatively, you can contact **Headteacher Andrew Hunt 01579 350576.**

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### **Above you, army soldier**

Bombers glide past

Beneath you, army soldier

Damp, muddy ground under your boots

Sinking in the damp mud

Beside you,

Loneliness looms over you

In front of you, army soldier

Tanks roaring over towards you

Death roams free

Remember your captain's words

- You are not as good as you think

- You can do it

- Be brave

by Joseph Becker



### Next Term Dates for Art Group

2 - 4 pm in the Games Room of the Village Hall

Mondays: 08 & 22 Jan, 05 & 19 Feb, 05 & 19 March

Watercolour, pastels, ink, acrylics, water based oils & mixed media

Enjoy a special time set aside to paint or sketch over a cup of tea.

Newcomers very welcome. Contact: **Christine Hart 350909**



We made over £570 at the Coffee Morning and grand raffle and were very pleased with the continued support from the villages. Many local people won one of the 21 raffle prizes. We continue to collect used stamps and soft toys now unwanted by growing children! Please pass them in to me at Chapel Lodge, Harrowbarrow. **Hilary Dent**

The pallet of midnight colours dances in front my eyes  
Artemis' flag fills the sky  
Her eyes digging into me  
Searching for secrets  
The scent of death is in the air but  
No-one will see it  
No-one will see it  
by Erin O'Shea



**Saturday 03 February 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

***Christian Aid QUIZ***

Quiz master - Ken Aspinall

teams of 6 maximum

£3 pp - bring own drinks - glasses and nibbles provided, raffle

contact **Ian Courtis - 01822 832370**

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Trade Craft stall selling fairly traded goods





## **Saturday 10 March - Annual Sale and Auction 1.45pm Stalls and 3pm Auction**

All types of saleable goods accepted, including books, as long as they are in reasonably good condition, and working order electrical goods, but **not** large items of furniture etc. or furniture that contains foam - unless with a fireproof certificate.

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The village hall will be open to receive goods on  
Friday 09 March (6pm to 9pm) and Saturday 10 (9am to 11am)

Offers of help always welcome

**Contact Jenny Snuggs 01579 350546**

### **Report on last September Fund Raiser**

I write with such gratitude to all the people who supported and attended the Fund Raiser at the village hall 23 September. We attracted a huge crowd and people travelled from far and wide to enjoy an afternoon of fun and cake. The afternoon started with Crooner pilot CLIVE Gun (Pete Brown) singing 'There could be trouble ahead'. The Arrowbarrows danced with any willing or not-so-willing partners, the Red Barrow did his worst, disrupting proceedings, only to end up in gaol and have wet sponges thrown at him which proved quite popular. Children enjoyed Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, and colouring competition. Then, when all were full with cake-y tea, The Arrowbarrows performed the 2017 display 'Foul Play'.

A big thank you to all who helped organise this super day, it was really humbling to see every one's enthusiasm. My family and I are so grateful for the support we have received. The Cornwall air ambulance, and The Grand Appeal Bristol Children's Hospital share a total of £2,600, a fabulous amount. Thank you.

**Graham Carter**

### **Ladies beware!**

Hi all, Just to make you all aware that while out walking locally at approx 3pm (towards the end of November) Bev was approached by a man in a white Transit type flat bed tip truck down the lane by Todworthy Farm. He was approx 45 years of age, of medium build, with short dark hair and unkempt looking. He was very insistent and persistent that Bev should get in his truck "for a lift home"! Bev declined but he only sped off when told that I was on my way to meet her. Please be aware of this and take care when out walking alone. The local Police have been informed. Cheers!

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**Rick (Stead)**

In front of you, Harrowbarrow child  
Oak trees try to snatch at you  
Behind you, Harrowbarrow child  
The wolf growls.....die!  
Around you, Harrowbarrow child  
The night fury soars by  
Think of:  
Sparkling moonlight  
Fresh summer  
Lazy mornings  
And your brothers and sisters  
Telling you to be careful  
And with one last breath – run good, run good



by Shannon Parnell

### **People.....People.....People**

**Congratulations to:** Peter and Marian Mayall on their 65th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated at home in September at 59, St Dominick Park. It was in 1993 that they moved here from Accrington in Lancashire where Peter worked as a welder and Marian was in Local Government.

**Condolences to** the family and friends of Eileen Doney, a much loved and well known villager who sadly passed away 25 November aged 98. Many of you will remember the Doney's when they lived in Trethemus, Higher Metherell. Eileen was a member of the WI from 1981 but left the area after her husband Cliff died in 2012. A funeral service was held at All Saints Church in Harrowbarrow on 15 December.

**We wish a Happy Retirement to** Chris and Tamara Mercer (one of our regular Hamlet advertisers) who started the Archway Dental Surgery from scratch in Callington 34 years ago and have provided such a professional and caring service ever since. Although they will be much missed they have taken pride in assuring clients that the new dentist and her support team are keen to provide continuing good dental care.

**Welcome** to new residents: Maxine aka Mim and Birt aka Brian from Norfolk who have moved into Oakey Orchard;  
**and**

Jill and Mick Bond from Chesterfield, Derbyshire, who now live at Summer Cottage, 1 Chapel Terrace;

**and**

Julie and Andy Meade from Sussex, at Berjaya, Harrowbarrow

**Hats off to** Sharon Daw who has completed the amazing achievement of completing her 170th marathon, the last 10 in just 10 days at the beginning of December. Now a Lynher ward councillor, Sharon still finds time to deliver Hamlets in and around Sevenstones in between farming duties.

**A Huge Thank You** to Alan Davis for all the work he has done over many years for the Village Hall and its grounds and the community as a whole. Alan is standing down from being a hall supervisor but we know that he will continue to take a keen interest in all things related to the village. (See his piece at the end of Hamlet.)

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### **Bird Report by Geoff Roberts**



I would recommend anyone to buy a nature camera to put in a bird box or in the garden: the photos you get are sometimes out of this world and you capture images you would not get if you were standing or sitting around for hours for the right photo opportunity. My top image these last three months is of a Sparrowhawk on the bird feeders. Luckily it must have missed its target but it is a brilliant photo.

Is there anyone else out there that thinks, like me, there are more Starlings at the moment? I have seen more in the last few months than I have for a while, even seeing mini 'murmurations' on my way to work just outside Callington.

These last three months have been very busy for birds in the garden but I am yet to see any winter visitors - Redwing, Brambling and Fieldfare. I think the following list of birds we have as frequent visitors in our garden is phenomenal: Greater Spotted Woodpecker, Jay, Magpie, Jackdaw, Heron (on Lawn), Rook, Crow, Sparrow Hawk, Tits - Great, Coal, Long-tailed and Blue, Chaffinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin, House Sparrow, Dunnock, Nuthatch, Starling, Pied Wagtail, Robin, Wren and Song Thrush.

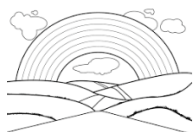
The Owls have been vocal throughout the nights and I have even

seen a couple of them flying from one tree to another. Buzzards have been soaring overhead and I have spotted Kestrels hovering.

If there is anything you want to ask please feel free to contact me :

[geoffreyhroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffreyhroberts@btinternet.com)

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### *Country Diary for 20 December 2017 - Virginia Spiers*

Interludes and flashes of sunshine bring sparkle and colour to the drab midwinter landscape. Before streaks of orange brilliance mark the sunrise, a blackbird chortles and pitches into the remains of ripe fruits on the Kousa dogwood; blooms of the camellia Cornish Snow glow beside dark foliage and yellow spikes of fragrant mahonia, and myrtle berries are prospected by another blackbird. Southwards, beyond the vacated shadowy pastures, first light catches in plumes of steam and smoke rising from the wood-chip boiler that warms glasshouses growing acres of alstroemeria, picked throughout the year. To the north, by breakfast time, a rainbow stretches from the old beech clump and across skyline fields to form a perfect arch above two crows, flying up from the sheep-trodden grass into a louring sky.

Overnight, wind has knocked twigs, chunks of rotten branches and tufts of lichen into the wet lane that leads downhill towards the Radland and Morden mill-streams. Down in those wooded valleys much land remains in shadow but intermittent sunbeams filter through the trees to reflect on shiny leaves of harts tongue fern and ivy, illuminate moss on sides of tree trunks, pick out a spiral of gnats, and side-light a flock of sheep on the sunny side of the valley by New Houses. Streams, swollen with run-off from the steep and muddy lanes, converge and race towards the pool and weir that serves Cotehele Mill. Onwards to the restored water wheel that used to grind corn, and the shed that houses the modern electric generator, the quarter mile leat appears as a sky-lit ribbon above the turbulent stream, both hemmed in by bare trees. Past the mill, high tide slows the tributary's flow, water backs up and is temporarily stilled; a gang of drakes float among the reed beds and, out in the main river, ruffled water dazzles in the morning sun. For now the quay is relatively free of visitors, the gig club's boats remain in the yard and a pair of swans waddle and dabble at the top of the hard.

Tomorrow there will be snow on the eastern horizon of Dartmoor.

**Calstock Parish Local History Group**  
**([www.calstockhistory.org.uk](http://www.calstockhistory.org.uk))**

Meetings Saturday at 7.30pm at the new Methodist Church, Albaston  
followed by light refreshments

27 January 'The Dartmoor Conchies' by Simon Dell

24 February 'Listening to the Enemy- the cold war years'  
by Mike Griffiths

24 March 'Okehampton, Historic Gateway to Northern Dartmoor'  
by Andrew Thompson

**Contact Jill Lane 01822 833856**



**Add Your Voice to our Friendly Local Choir!**  
'Calstock Singers' invites newcomers to join its friendly crew. The choir meets Mondays at 7.30pm at Calstock Arts Centre. It rehearses between September and May and performs at Christmas in Calstock Arts Chapel and under the garland at Cotehele House; then in spring at different venues.

The choir is led by Ann Sutcliffe, trained singer and teacher, who was guest soloist with Marcus Alleyne and South West Philharmonia and Chorus in Plymouth's Guildhall for the hugely popular Last Night of the Proms. The choir's piano accompanist is Peter White who also performs in several jazz and other groups.

The choir sings a varied repertoire - from choral works and Cornish folk songs to carols and pop. Sessions cost £3. Ann says, "There are no auditions and you don't need to be able to read music. But you should love singing, be able to hold a tune and be willing to put in extra time learning the songs. The choir is a very friendly group, composed of people who love singing, enjoy performing together and creating beautiful harmonies."

Ann also offers private singing and piano lessons. Anyone interested in joining the Calstock Singers, please contact Ann on 01822 833247.

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## January - Booking already

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| Date     | Destination                            | Cost plus cost of entry | Depart | Home  |
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| Mon 8th  | U3A Callington                         | £3                      | 9.30   | 12.30 |
| Tue 9th  | Trago Mills Liskeard***                | £5                      | 10.00  | 4.00  |
| Mon 15th | Truro***                               | £8                      | 9.30   | 5.00  |
| Thu 18th | Callington/Library*                    | £3                      | 2.00   | 4.00  |
| Mon 22nd | Exmouth                                | £6                      | 9.30   | 5.00  |
| Mon 29th | The Willows,Torquay<br>(M&S, Next etc) | £6                      | 9.00   | 5.00  |
| Tue 30th | Pub Lunch                              | £5                      | 11.00  | 4.00  |

## February – Booking opens Wednesday 10th January

|          |                          |    |       |       |
|----------|--------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| Mon 5th  | U3A Callington           | £3 | 9.30  | 12.30 |
| Tue 6th  | Afternoon Tea            | £4 | 1.30  | 4.00  |
| Thu 8th  | Callington /Library*     | £3 | 2.00  | 4.00  |
| Mon 12th | Friendship Club          |    |       |       |
| Tue 13th | Trago Mills Liskeard *** | £5 | 10.00 | 4.00  |
| Mon 19th | Truro***                 | £8 | 9.30  | 5.00  |
| Tue 20th | Dartmouth                | £6 | 9.00  | 5.00  |
| Mon 26th | Trelawney Garden Centre  | £5 | 10.00 | 4.00  |
| Tue 27th | Pub lunch                | £5 | 11.00 | 4.00  |

\*\*\* TRAGO and TRURO free to concessionary pass holders \*50p to concess.

WEDNESDAYS 9.30 - 1.30 – Callington/Co-op/Tesco - £3 return

THURSDAYS 9:45-12:15 - Post Office Gunnislake /Coffee morning

FRIDAYS 9.30 – 2.30 (approx) – Tavistock/Morrisons - £3 return

**New! BOOK with Mavis 01822 833412 Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm**

*Cwll Council's last (31 October) update on 'Double White Rise' traffic calming measure on the road out of Harrowbarrow to St Ann's Chapel*

The Road Safety Audit stage 3 has now been carried out. The audit has considered all of the concerns raised and these were discussed at great length. The audit has recommended that a road narrows warning sign is installed for motorists approaching the build-out from the A390. In addition remedial works will be carried out so that the full width of virtual footway has red surfacing and the white lining (of the footway) has a better alignment. **Kate Venner** kvenner@cornwall.gov.uk

*and OUR Kate's reply:*

Thank you for letting me know. The road sign is clear and does give some warning. If the hedge opposite the new dwellings was cut back we may as drivers have a chance of seeing cars coming round the bend. As you probably know it is impossible to avoid driving into the red pedestrian area if passing an approaching car. I will pass your comments on to our concerned readers.

**Yours sincerely Kate Jennings**

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**Pioneering Railway Modeller who lived in Harrowbarrow**

**Rev Peter Denny 1917 - 2009 (by Alan Davis)**

My sharp eyed grandson Dan was looking around this year's Model Railway Exhibition at the NEC Birmingham when he came across what was obviously a much older layout. On studying the attached information he gleaned it was constructed by the Rev. Peter Denny who was the curate for Harrowbarrow All Saints Church and lived in the adjoining Church House from 1952 until 1956.

On researching this further I was intrigued to find out Peter Denny is highly respected in railway modelling circles and classed as the pioneer of modern model railway layouts. He started his layout in 1947. At that time a model railway consisted of a circular track with an engine pulling two or three coaches. Peter decided not only to work with the then new concept of EM gauge (00 with 18mm track, more in keeping with the scale of the rolling stock) but to extend the boundaries of the track by adding the scale model buildings, scenery and cars we are so used to seeing today. Over the next 30 years Peter hand built everything to scale and added items to his project. This, of course, had to be made in such a way that the railway could be dismantled and moved to a fresh vicarage when required. It was a true labour of love. Everything was made to scale, he even chipped real coal into tiny pieces to fill the locomotive tenders! He



moved from Harrowbarrow to Newlyn East and then to Truro where he eventually retired in 1984 to a house with a separate 'railway room' where he carried on working on the network. Railway buffs have hailed it a "masterpiece of modelling".

Filmed in 1980 as part of the BBC 'Small World' series and presented by Eric Thompson three people can be seen operating the controls.

Peter's masterpiece was being exhibited by two of his sons Stephen and Crispin at the exhibition. They are currently looking for a museum to give their father's 30 year project a permanent home.

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### **New Business in Harrowbarrow - Earthborn**

**Earthborn** aims to produce items for sale from natural materials. John Rowe and Gudrun Taresch are making wood and glass artistic creations in Rising Sun.

Gudrun has a scientific background but her first love is art, making stained glass, torch formed glass beads and kiln formed glass.

John was a teacher of design technology. He makes bespoke furniture and is now incorporating Gudrun's glass in wooden boxes. They inspire each other to produce multi-material works of art - like pictures, furniture, boxes and jewellery

Their designs will be displayed shortly in a cabinet outside May Cottage.

Telephone calls are welcome:- contact Gudrun at 01579 350896

John lives at Roanoke :- Telephone 01579 350246

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### **'National Garden Scheme' Open Garden**

**21-22 April 10am - 5pm £4.50 p.p.**

**Mary Martin** is opening her garden for charity in support of the above organization, at Ash Barn, PL178BP, opposite Glamorgan old mill for two days in April, when the garden's woodland site shows off a profusion of mature flowering shrubs with their under-plantings of bulbs, a collection built up over the many years since converting grandfather Harold Langsford's old stone built store to act as both artist's studio and living quarters for herself and steam expert husband James. She plans to put on home made teas and welcomes locals and visitors alike to come and admire both the setting and contents of her 'labour of love', her garden, which has been an inspiration for her pictures and an escape from the stresses and strains of painting for a living. You can see preview photos on the National Garden Scheme website and find out more about the scheme. Visitors will need stout footwear to negotiate the terrain.

Above you, school child  
 The cold oak tree stretches out from his long sleep  
 Behind you, school child  
 The freezing snow falls down  
 Like a shooting star shooting down  
 Beside you, school child  
 The cold snowflakes fall down  
 Think of the soft snow filling your garden  
 and cold mornings  
 (Will things turn out alright?)  
 Your sister's words a shining light  
 Saying "goodnight". by Evie Hughes



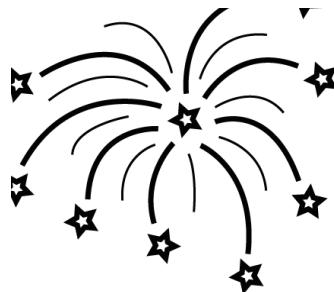
### Harrowbarrow Open Gardens 2018 - 10 June

Harrowbarrow Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 10 June. In preparation for this we are meeting with Wayne Marshall, Open Garden Coordinator from St Luke's Hospice, on Sunday 04 February at 2.30pm. The meeting will be held at Daisycot, Harrowbarrow, and anyone who is interested in opening their garden or helping in any way is welcome to come along. This will be the third year of Harrowbarrow Open Gardens & it would be wonderful to build on the previous years' successful fundraising.

If you have any queries please contact Norma & Graham, Daisycot.

Tel: 01579 351981

*Good Health  
 and  
 Happiness to all our  
 readers in 2018!*





*Kate made the below as a treat for our last committee meeting. Try it - yummy!*

### Alternative Christmas/ Easter Cake - Cherry and Almond

11 ounces plain flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
8 ounces margarine  
8 ounces caster sugar  
4 large eggs  
1 ounce ground almonds  
1 ounce flaked almonds  
6 ounces glace cherries  
6 ounces sultanas  
half a bottle almond essence  
8 inch loose bottom tin lined

Cream margarine and sugar  
Add eggs one at a time with a little flour to prevent curdling  
Add all the other ingredients  
Flaked almonds on the top  
Bake at 150 degrees C for 90 minutes  
covered with foil and uncovered for 15 minutes



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*you free of charge - please mention when contacting them where it was you saw their e-mail address or phone number.*

*New blood is always welcome! If you are interested in contributing in any way to Hamlet, please contact Jean 351081 or Sally 350329.*

*The main function of the newsletter is to inform villagers of local events and concerns arising throughout the year in a concise and, we hope, interesting way. Please let us know of any achievements which you would like us to print and of newcomers who would like a Welcome Pack. We welcome any pieces that contribute to the harmonious atmosphere in our villages.*

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"If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into committees. That'll do them in". Author Unknown.  
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**"Could Hamlet have been written by a committee, or the Mona Lisa painted by a club?... Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps from the finger of God to the finger of Adam." Alfred Whitney Griswold**

# **Harrowbarrow and Metherell Annual Show Schedule 14th July 2018**

*To encourage early preparation. Please notice extra new classes.*

## **OUTDOOR FLOWERS**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Sweet Peas - 6 stems                       | <b>6</b> Vase of grasses                              |
| <b>2</b> Pansies or Violas - 4 stems                | <b>7</b> Vase of mixed garden flowers                 |
| <b>3</b> Marigolds (Calendula) - 4 stems            | <b>8</b> Hydrangea - single head                      |
| <b>4</b> Alliums - 3 stems                          | <b>9</b> Dahlia - single head                         |
| <b>5</b> 4 Different stems of foliage - not grasses | <b>10</b> 1 Specimen bloom - not hydrangea            |
|   | <b>11</b> <b>Rose Cup</b> for the best Roses -3 stems |

## **FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS (ADULT OVER 16)**

**Exhibitors in Classes 12 - 14 must notify Lynda Harman 01579 351413 of the number of entries by 8th July. Only fresh plant material to be used.**

- 12** Diamond Celebration 60 x 60 cms any height  
**13** Granny's Attic 60 x 60 cms any height  
**14** **Novices Class** - Summertime 45 x 45 cms any height  
**15** Arrangement in a Teacup 25x25x25 cms

## **COOKERY**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>16</b> A Loaf of bread                     |   |
| <b>17</b> 3 Bread rolls - Mediterranean style | <b>22</b> 4 pieces of caramel shortbread                    |
| <b>18</b> 4 Sausage rolls                     | <b>23</b> Victoria sandwich - jam filling                   |
| <b>19</b> 4 Decorated cup cakes               | <b>24</b> 6 Ginger biscuits                                 |
| <b>20</b> 4 Flapjacks                         | <b>25</b> <b>WOMEN ONLY</b> - Decorated cake - no chocolate |
| <b>21</b> 4 Cheese scones                     | <b>26</b> <b>MEN ONLY</b> - Decorated cake - no chocolate   |

## **PRESERVES**

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>27</b> Jar of jam       | <b>30</b> Jar of lemon curd         |
| <b>28</b> Jar of jelly     | <b>31</b> Jar of chutney            |
| <b>29</b> Jar of marmalade | <b>32</b> Jar of pickled vegetables |

## **HOMEMADE DRINKS**

**Classes 33-36 not to be made from a kit. Clear bottle with cork or screw top**

- 33** Homemade cider in 75cl bottle  
**34** Homemade wine any variety in 75cl bottle  
**35** Any homemade alcoholic drink - any size bottle  
**36** Any homemade non alcoholic drink - any size bottle

## **POT PLANTS**

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>37</b> Foliage plant   | <b>40</b> Bonsai tree                           |
| <b>38</b> Flowering plant | <b>41</b> <b>Cactus Cup</b> for the best Cactus |
| <b>39</b> Succulent       |   |

## **GARDEN PRODUCE**

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|--|--|
| <b>42</b> 3 Carrots - leaves cut to 3 ins          | <b>53</b> An arrangement of named herbs                      |
| <b>43</b> 3 Onions from sets                       | <b>54</b> 6 raspberries with stalks                          |
| <b>44</b> 3 Beetroot - leaves twisted off at 3 ins | <b>55</b> 6 bunches of currants with stalks - any variety    |
| <b>45</b> 3 Potatoes - any variety                 | <b>56</b> 3 Sticks of rhubarb - leaves cut to 3ins           |
| <b>46</b> 3 Broad beans                            | <b>57</b> Any vegetable other than in <b>Classes 42 - 52</b> |

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|---|--|
| <b>47</b> 4 Peas - standard                 | <b>58</b> Any other fruit  |
| <b>48</b> 3 Stems of parsley                | <b>59</b> A vegetable to make you laugh  |
| <b>49</b> 3 Courgettes - not more than 6ins | <b>60 Joynson Cup</b> - Selection of any 5 vegetables<br>- display tray provided |
| <b>50</b> 1 Lettuce with roots              |  |
| <b>51</b> 4 French beans                    | <b>61</b> 3 Chicken eggs   |
| <b>52</b> 1 Cucumber                        | <b>62</b> 3 Duck eggs  |

## **CHILDREN'S CLASSES PRE-SCHOOL**

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>63</b> A paper plate animal | <b>64</b> An A4 nature collage |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|

## **INFANTS 5-7 years**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>65</b> A4 collage or painting - any subject          | <b>67</b> Flower arrangement                           |
| <b>66</b> A small matchbox filled with different things | <b>68</b> Handwriting - a Nursery Rhyme -<br>State Age |

## **JUNIOR 8-11 years**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>69</b> Handwriting - 2 verses of a poem - State Age | <b>72</b> Model made from junk<br>(individual or team effort) |
| <b>70</b> A4 collage or painting - any subject         |   |
| <b>71</b> Any handicraft                               | <b>73</b> Miniature Garden 30 x 30 x 30 cms max               |

## **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY - Primary Age**

- 74** Photograph of a holiday or school trip  
**75** Photograph of an animal  
**76** A Selfie - bring phone and USB cable

## **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY - Secondary Age**

- 77** Photograph of a holiday or school trip  
**78** Photograph of an animal  
**79** A Selfie - bring phone and USB cable

## **HANDICRAFT**

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>80</b> Embroidery             | <b>85</b> A handmade stuffed toy or doll |
| <b>81</b> Cross stitch           | <b>86</b> A quilted article              |
| <b>82</b> A sewn article         | <b>87</b> A cushion                      |
| <b>83</b> A hand knitted article | <b>88</b> Any other handicraft           |
| <b>84</b> A Celebration card     |  |

## **ART**

### **Max 4 entries per class per exhibitor**

- |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>89</b> An oil painting         | <b>92</b> A pastel drawing        |
| <b>90</b> An acrylic painting     | <b>93</b> A pen or pencil drawing |
| <b>91</b> A water colour painting | <b>94</b> A mixed media image     |

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Unframed & un-mounted photographs size 6x4" or 7x5" except for classes 104 & 105**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>95</b> A landscape, seascape or sky-scape photograph | <b>101</b> A photograph of Industrial Heritage       |
| <b>96</b> A nature photograph                           | <b>102</b> A macro photograph - close up of anything |
| <b>97</b> A portrait photograph - head & shoulders only | <b>103</b> Architecture                              |
| <b>98</b> A humorous photograph - with caption          | <b>104</b> Coloured Photo up to 10" x 8"             |
| <b>99</b> A photograph of any sport                     | <b>105</b> Black and white photo up to 10" x 8"      |
| <b>100</b> A photograph of a flower                     | <b>106 Fred Ough Shield</b> - Photograph of a pet    |

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