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**HARROWBARROW & METHERELL
ANNUAL SALE & AUCTION
SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023
Harrowbarrow & Metherell Village Hall**

**This is a reminder of our ANNUAL SALE & AUCTION for
Cancer Research UK**

As a result of the generous support from villagers, during the past year we have raised over £2,850 to help in the fight against Cancer.

Please join us ON 25TH MARCH to help continue support for medical research and the progress being made.

The Hall will be open to receive your donated goods Friday 24 March from 6 pm to 8.30 pm & Saturday from 9 am to 11.00 am.

Please bring ONLY SALEABLE GOODS. (See below for types of stall.)

CLEAN JUMBLE will be accepted but will go direct to Cancer Research UK ...

GOODS WE CAN NOT ACCEPT:

FOOTWEAR, HANDBAGS, ANY item containing foam unless bearing a 'Fireproof' certificate. ELECTRICAL GOODS OR LARGE, HEAVY ITEMS INCLUDING FURNITURE as disposal of SUCH unsold items has become difficult & expensive.

Cash donations are always very welcome with
ALL funds raised going direct to Cancer Research UK

Offers of help for this event are also very welcome

2 PM STALLS OPEN

Fancy Goods, Cakes, Plants, Books, Children's Toys, Nearly New, Household and Bric a Brac, Glassware, Refreshments.

3 PM AUCTION STARTS

Hoping we will be able to maintain our excellent record by your continued support and/or attendance on Saturday 25 March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jenny Snuggs – Chairman (01579 350546)
Lin Pearce – Secretary (01579 350578)



REGULAR Activities, Clubs, Meetings

Held at the village hall unless otherwise stated

Community Association: 3 meetings per annum (*Jean Miller* 01579 351081)

Hall Management : 2 monthly (*John Roberts* 01579 351911)

Social Committee : monthly (*Eileen Sturt* 01579 350639)

Hamlet Committee: 3 monthly (*Jean Miller* 01579 351081)

Lunch Club: 2nd Monday 12.30 for 1pm (*Jenny Snuggs* 01579 350546)

Film Club: 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm (*Eileen Sturt* 01579 350639)

Yoga: Monday and Thursday 7pm, Tuesday 1pm
(*Juliet Johnson* 07871714401 julietmiayoga@gmail.com)

Pilates: *Mat:* Thursday 5.30pm and 7pm, *Chair :* Friday 1.15pm
(*Jayne Dowdeswell* 07838 842943 movementmedicineuk25@gmail.com
Website:movementmedicine.uk)

Knit & Natter: 1st Friday 2-4pm (*Margaret Willson* 01579 351208)

Short Mat Bowls: Thursday 2.30-4pm (*John Eccles* 01579673196)

Art Club: Mon. more or less fortnightly 2-4pm (*Jean Miller* 01579 351081)

S.H.A.M.E. Amateur Dramatics: 1st Wed 7pm (*Frank Ellwood* 07786338061)

Guided Walk: 2nd Wednesday 2 pm. Start at the village hall car park
(*Jean Miller* 01579 351081)

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

Scouts & Cubs: Tuesday term time: tamarvalleyscouting@yahoo.com
(Group Scout Leader *Louise Morton* louisemorton69@yahoo.co.uk ;
Group Chair *Lesley Smith* ilgismith@btinternet.com)

All Saints Church Community Coffee Morning: 1st Wed 10am - 12 noon
(*Kathy Thomas* 01579 350659)

Community Vineyard (*Rachael Forster* : hmvineyard22@gmail.com)

Please note: there will be no Friendship Club until further notice

Decluttering? Like to donate to Cancer Research UK

Please bring any **saleable items** to the village hall

24th March at 6pm and contribute to fundraising for
Cancer Research UK.



Quick check of ONE-OFF EVENTS in the Village Hall

21st March : Film 'Edie'

25th March 2pm : Annual Sale and Auction

1st April : 'Future Pub' by Carn to Cove's Small Acts.

18th April : Film 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'

1st May : May Day

6th - 8th May : Coronation streaming, disco, community lunch or cream tea.

16th May : Film Club - title TBA

22nd May 7pm : Community Association AGM

20th June : Film Club - title TBA

18th July : Film Club Title TBA

9th September : Pete Allen Jazz Band.



Village Hall Bookings Secretary: Jill Roberts (01579 351911)

Book the Village Hall for a special family event or new club !

Atmospheric lighting effects available - just ask when booking.

Please contact Jill during reasonable hours, preferably not at weekends.

Hamlet Committee (meets just 4 times per year)

New blood very welcome - if interested please contact :

Jean (Chair) jean.g.miller@btinternet.com 351081

or Sally (Editor) sallyeccles1@gmail.com 01579673196

To include a piece in the next **Hamlet** contact Sally before 1st June with details of events for July/ August /September

New Residents

If you are new to the area and would like a WELCOME PACK with details of local businesses/groups you can join and other useful information contact Jean ...

And then..... let Sally know if you'd like a welcome in the next Hamlet

Don't want to buy anything at the Sale and Auction on 25th March? Just come along for a bite to eat and a cuppa. You might meet up with an old friend you've not seen for some time!



Community Association Meeting
41st AGM Monday 22 May 7pm
Come and Join Us ! All most welcome.

AGENDA

Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies for absence (please let the Secretary know if you are unable to attend 01579 351081 /

jean.g.miller@btinternet.com

To approve the Minutes of the 40th AGM (23/05/2022)

Chairman's and Trustee's Report

To receive accounts for the year ended 31/03/2023

To consider and accept the Accounts

To appoint an Independent Financial Examiner

Annual Reports to include forthcoming events from:

i) Hall Management ii) Social Committee iii) Hamlet & Welcome Packs
iv) HAMLET Film Club v) Technical Team

Election of Officers & Standing Committees (please let the Secretary know if there are any nominations for committees)

Date of the 2024 AGM

Immediately following the meeting there will be an **open forum** where members may ask questions and express their views. Questions may be submitted to the Secretary in advance to enable a more comprehensive response.

The expected discussion will be on following topics:

i. Village Hall promotion through Social Media and Websites

ii. Up-date on Play Park

iii. Any other business



This is likely to be our last ever Sale and Auction in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Come along on 25 March and join in all the fun of the auction.

Super Supervisors Supper!

On 10th February, The Hall Management Committee held a Pasty and Pint supper to thank our redoubtable Hall Supervisors for their vital voluntary service. A really jolly occasion! The refreshments were arranged by Jill Roberts, whilst husband John, Chair of the Committee, paid tribute to those present. Chris Miller, Chair of the Community Association also joined us. Particularly pleasing was that we were able to welcome Zillah and Matt Robertson and David Phillips who, we are really pleased to say, have agreed to share supervisory duties with:-

John Briggs, John Eccles, Steve Evans, John Flesher, Peter James, Paul Quick, Geoff Roberts, Malcolm Rowe and Paul Thomas.

Thanks to All, John Eccles

Harrowbarrow & Metherell Social Committee Events

Eileen Sturt, Chair 01579 350639

We are still smiling after the Holly Jolly Christmas party success and are looking forward to more collaboration with the school and PSA for May Day and the Coronation. Can't believe we are thinking about May already! The Christmas lights around the outside of the hall have been magnificent and enjoyed during the pantomime and St. Piran's as well. They have to come down now for safe keeping but there are coloured lights available for weddings or other special occasions so if you are planning something which would be enhanced by outside lighting, please ask Jill when you book the date.

The annual quiz on 4th February was well attended and enjoyed by all. Having to turn teams away to conform to insurance requirements was sad, but rules are rules. Early booking next year to secure a place! There will be a new quizmaster next year so 'Watch this space!'

Carn to Cove, Cornwall's own drama company, is coming to Harrowbarrow again on **1st April** to entertain with a look at what a pub of the future might be like. They say, "You will laugh, you'll cry, you may win a prize and you'll never take pubs for granted again."

Tickets are £10 from the Post Office in Harrowbarrow, online from Ticketsource or Eileen 01579 350639. There will be a licensed Bar.

May Day this year will be innovations, including a Coronation date so close, celebrations but decided to



bigger and better with some dog show (**1st May**). With the we could have combined keep them separate.

The Coronation will be streamed in the hall as it happens on the **6th May** as well as other London events as they happen throughout the weekend. Plans are afoot for a children's disco and a community lunch or cream tea, probably on the Monday. There will be posters around the villages and in the post office and on all the local Facebook groups' pages nearer the time and when the BBC has published the timings for the televised events. Events after May are still in the planning stages so please watch out for the posters etc.

International recording artistes the **Pete Allen Jazz Band** are coming to our hall on **9th September** : to play a varied swinging repertoire of happy jazz music and songs. Led by Pete blowing clarinet, who is an honorary citizen of New Orleans USA, his six-piece band will play an entertaining programme of musical tributes to the jazz greats such as Louis Armstrong & Thomas Fats Waller. The show will start at 8pm with an admission of £15 which must be reserved in advance by either calling Eileen on 01579 350639 or Pete on 07899925194. Try him out. www.peteallenjazz.com



Hamlet Film Club

It was wonderful to see so many at the screening of the Fisherman's Friends film in February. Thank you so much for restoring our faith in the club. We had seriously considered calling it a day as the numbers were so low and

we were losing money hand over fist. Now, though, we will keep going and hope future attendances will at least cover our costs.

The March film 'Edie' is a really good one, with Sheila Hancock putting all 'couch potatoes' to shame! The licence for showing it is double our usual cost so we need double the audience to cover it. Please come along, help us out. **The April film (18th) 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris'** is another award winner, well worth watching. Remember, membership, which actually only costs £2 per year, entitles entry to any other CFylm venue in Cornwall including all the local ones and further West if you are away on holiday.

Lunch Club

3rd April, 15th May, 12th June

If you are over 60 and live in the Hamlet distribution area, you would be very welcome to join. Anyone with catering experience willing to head a team of volunteers, please phone *Jenny Snuggs* on 01579 350546.



Could you help make a difference at your local school?

Harrowbarrow School is currently looking for community governors to join our board. While some of our governors are school parents, we also need governors to come from the local area to help embed our school at the heart of our community.

You do not need to come from an educational background to volunteer. Anyone from a professional background or with experience of finance, IT, HR, Health and Safety, with the drive and commitment to help ensure the future of our school will be welcome to join our team.

Being a school governor is a very rewarding and effective way of making a voluntary contribution to the lives of children within your community. Governors look at the strategic bigger picture and are not involved in the day-to-day operational running of the school. We ask the challenging questions to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcomes for the children at Harrowbarrow.

Our governing body meets in school every half term, six times a year, on a Wednesday from 4pm until 6pm, and our sub committees also meet every half term on a Thursday or Friday morning from 9am until 10am. Once a term our governors also visit the school to check on progress and gain a better understanding of our school.

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must agree to have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.

If you would like to find out more, please email:

clerk@harrowbarrow.cornwall.sch.uk



**Always Many bargains to be had at the
Sale and Auction!**

Don't forget 25 March 2pm onwards



Art for All
in the Village Hall : Monday 2 to 4 pm
Spring Sessions:
03/17 April

A friendly group, we help each other and enjoy the occasional workshop run by invited local artists. Drawing, pastels, ink, acrylics, watercolours, water based oils, charcoal and mixed media. We all enjoy trying out new skills! It is a special time set aside to paint or sketch in company and enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Beginners are most welcome.

Please contact Jean Miller on 01579 351081 for more information.



'Out and About' Walking Group

12th April 10th May 14th June

Contact Jean 01579 351081 / jean.g.miller@btinternet.com

If you enjoy walking, join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month starting at the Village Hall Car Park at 2 pm. There is lots to explore on our regular walks around our beautiful Tamar Valley.

Dogs welcome on static leads

Christmas Tree Festival 2022 - A Great Success!



Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Tree Festival which was arranged by the Friends of Calstock Parish Churches and held in St Andrew's, Calstock. There were 23 lovely trees, all very different and over the three days more than 200 people came to enjoy them. Lots of tea, coffee and cake was consumed over the weekend. Thanks due to Tesco for donations of tea, coffee etc. On the Friday evening Levowan12 put on a fantastic concert and on the Saturday afternoon we were all in good voice for the Big Sing. The trophies were awarded to Harrowbarrow & Metherell WI, (adult cup) and Harrowbarrow Pre-school, (children's cup). Look out for the 2023 festival, which will be in St Anne's, Gunnislake!

Kathy Thomas



S.H.A.M.E. 'Panto makes dreams come true'

The village Panto again delighted. Enthusiastic players, wonderful scenery, excellent sound and lighting, and the costume department excelled. The programme was very

professional and informative and as usual the kitchen was a great asset.

We are very fortunate to have some gifted actors and singers, and it was so good to see the young people's involvement, such confidence!

SHAME obviously work as a team and it shows. Well done!

An entertaining evening, the prompt was a little stretched at times and momentum was lost but that surely is a village Panto.

from an audience member

'The Land of Dreams' was chosen as the SHAME pantomime in the summer of 2022 with worries about whether enough people would come forward to ensure the production could go ahead. After the three performances on 17th and 18th February the organising committee can let out a collective sigh of relief and sleep a little more soundly at night, having heard the reaction from the audience.

There were many set-backs along the way, including two cast members turning up to rehearsal with broken wrists, gall bladder disease laying low another one week before curtain up and one of the young girls unable to rehearse in the week before the show. At times it felt that the curse of 'The Scottish Play' was hanging over us! But 'the show must go on' and every one rallied round to keep it on the road.

The backdrops, costumes and special effects would have graced any production whilst the cast and production team worked tirelessly to ensure the final delivery was as polished as possible. The youngsters brought energy and enthusiasm to their roles and it was very rewarding to see their confidence develop through the process.

As Chair I would like to record a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who in any way contributed to the production and also say a big thank-you to everyone who came along to support us in the audience. Special thanks to Director David for being so calm and patient.

As to the future we will sit down as a group "dreckly" and decide what to do next and when to do it -. If you have any inclination to be involved with SHAME in whatever role suits you please get in touch via my number.

Thanks, from Frank. 07786338061

PEOPLE... ..PEOPLE... ..PEOPLE

Heartfelt thanks to Rev Chris Painter for all his hard work and absolute commitment to the church and our community over the last six years. We wish him, his wife Andrea and their two children all the very best when they leave us after Easter. They will be much missed. (see page 19)

Welcome to new residents:

James and Tanya Maunder with Alana, Reece and Tyler and Murphy the dog at no 1, Longacre.

Jonathan and Rachael Elliott have moved into Rising Sun Bungalow with Ottie their black Labrador from Horsebridge.

and not so new residents:

Claire Pengelly and Steve Pearce at Stamps Lodge, Mine Road.

Belated Congratulations to: Sam de la Haye and Tristan Mallett on the birth of their little girl Nisla last June, a sister to Edison.



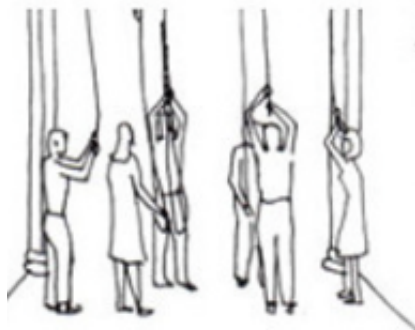
A Spring Concert by Calstock Singers

We would love to see a crowd at Calstock Arts on Sunday April 16th for our spring concert, entitled 'Down to the River'. It will be at 3pm with entry by donation and tea and cake will be served. Having an afternoon concert in this way is a new venture for Calstock Singers but we think it will be popular.

We have welcomed some very good new recruits recently and are sounding better than ever. Our musical director Ann Smith has found some lovely songs for us to sing, so do come along for a relaxed afternoon's entertainment.

Campanology to celebrate King Charles's Coronation Year

This year there is a drive to recruit new bellringers to the great hobby of bellringing. It is a wonderful physical and mental exercise and gives a lifetime of social activity too.



Throughout Britain and abroad, once you have learnt, you are welcome at any tower when you are on holiday and it gives an instant circle of friends when at University.

I learnt as a guide when a badge was still available and it has given me a lifetime of friends, romance and healthy exercise.

My greatest privilege was in Windsor where I rang for 30 years at the castle and was able to be part of Royal weddings and the Garter ceremony. Royal birthdays were also part of the ringing calendar.

Tavistock with its ten bells has a good number of learners. Phil Dunn is the organiser (07753425846) and the local coordinator is Sue McClachry at: www.bellringers.com. There are bell towers at Calstock, St Dominic, Callington, Pillaton, Landulph and St Mellion.

Traditionally, ringers tend to congregate in the local pub after ringing to socialise and quench their thirst.

Learning at any age is possible but stair climbing is essential!

Kate Jennings



Harrowbarrow and Metherell Village Show

Saturday 15 July

After a fairly benevolent winter and early spring your thoughts are perhaps turning to the Village Show, the summer event which offers everyone the opportunity to shine in the many classes. The prize of a rosette or a

cup is an incentive but it is taking part which brings the greatest satisfaction and feeling part of a village event that is open to all.

There are some new classes (see schedule in the last Hamlet) which we hope will provide greater interest and incentive - so please do consider the classes you might enter which would use your skill or speciality.

Your committee has made some important changes to the junior photography classes, in particular the medium through which photos may be presented - for the first time digitally (which will be explained in

the next Hamlet). Hopefully this brings these classes up to date given that many of us would not now print photos, though might display them in slide show format. We will still judge equally any photos printed in traditional format.

I call out to the artists, to those who sew, the woodturners, the pickle makers, the wine and cider makers, and all of you who would like to display your skills on a bigger stage. It is always a pleasure to see the quality and range of people's skills, as well as the vegetable and produce which is grown in our small community.

The Show is always well supported but we would like to reach out to new talents and give more of you the opportunity to enjoy a great community event. PLEASE give the village show your support, by entering as many classes as possible and, of course, by attending on the day.

Steve Matcham, Chair Show Committee

Happy Bird Watching! from G R

I don't know about the rest of the readers, but the month of January, now I am retired, does not seem as long as it did when I was working. As soon as the new year kicks in it is a pleasure to be outside - the sun rises, bird song fills the air. When you leave the house to get into your car, walk the children to school, just listen - song thrushes, great tits, blackbirds, robins and wrens belting out a song to attract a partner and establish territories. Winter birds are still around so look up and see flocks of redwings flying from tree to tree and fieldfares feeding on the last available fruit remains. These birds will be with us for a few more weeks yet before leaving for their breeding grounds.

Avian flu is still with us, the worst it has been for many a year though, saying that, I have not seen much of it around here so keep vigilant and if you see anything do not touch and report to the RSPB.



Calstock Parish Council Update



Calstock Parish Council have objected to Cornwall Council's Devolution Deal as they feel the funding offered is inadequate and any powers and benefits the deal outlines should stay with Cornwall Council whose elected officers will have less influence under the deal suggested.

We are delighted to report that installation is under way for speed cameras on the A390, thanks to Delaware Ward Members and councillor Dorothy Kirk. A crossing is still being negotiated and there will also be an extension to the 30mph limit from Blades Salon to the

tarmacked footpath by the road at Edgecombe Way. We think these improvements will benefit many people in the Parish. We are interested to know of any plans your community has for the King's Coronation.

In May we will announce this year's Citizen Of The Year. If you would like to nominate an unpaid hero please let us know before 31 March 2023 (we realise you may be reading this after this date so watch this space to see who received it).

In wider news, Calstock Car Park will be having some work done on the fluvial drains which we hope will help with the issues of flooding and we continue to press for information on spills into the River Tamar in order to campaign for a cleaner river.

For more information on any of our council business please contact us on clerk@calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01822 748847.

News from Calstock Parish Archive - *Lynda Harman*

In January we were pleased to welcome twenty very happy pupils from Calstock school who visited the archive to find some differences between their school now and as it used to be. One of the volunteers had attended the school and was as surprised as the children were at some of the changes. The archive holds various information, including interviews from past pupils both at Calstock school, and Churchtown, now closed of course. The children enjoyed photographs of pupils in the past, and found it interesting that they had no uniforms. We hope to see them again.

The archive was also involved with the project involving the Parish Council and Gunnislake and Delaware schools. The children will be helping maintain some of the graves in Albaston cemetery for people who are unable to maintain family graves themselves. Part of the project is to find out more about the people buried there.

Though closed during January due to the cold and cost of heating, we are open again. Last year we were fortunate to receive funding from Councillor Dorothy Kirk's community fund and from the Calstock Parish Local History Group to install secondary glazing on three windows of the cemetery chapel. This has now been done. In January we learned that we had been successful in our bid to the Cornwall Community Foundation to install secondary glazing on the other five windows.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to keep the archive open to the public because we need more volunteers. If you think you might be

interested, please contact me or just pop in during one of the sessions to see what we get up to. You might like to browse photographs whilst you are there. No experience is necessary, just a commitment to come in a couple of hours a week on a fairly regular basis. We are a friendly bunch with time always to stop for a chat.

Our opening hours are : Tuesday 10.00 – 2.00

Wednesday 12.00 – 4.00

Friday 10.00 – 2.00

If you aren't able to make these times, arrangements could be made to visit another time, and remember if you can't come to us we will do research for you, for a donation to cover our running expenses.

lynda.harman@btinternet.com Tel 01579 351413

Calstock Parish Local History Group

The Calstock Parish Local History Group meets once a month with outings in spring/summer and talks in autumn/winter. Membership is only £7 a year and includes three newsletters packed with articles about local history, and discounted entry to our talks and outings. Get in touch if you'd like to join or find out more. Non-members are welcome at all of our events.

Saturday 29th April - Our last talk for the winter season - Dr. Chris Smart will give us an update on recent excavations at Calstock Roman fort. If you have not yet heard one of Dr Smart's talks, you are in for a treat. Meet at the Methodist Church in Albaston. Start time is 7.30pm; members £1.50, visitors £3.

Monday 22nd May – Visit to Drake's Island. This is fully booked but we are taking names for a waiting list. Become a member and be one of the first to know about our activities.

Saturday 10th June - Visit to Bodmin Keep Museum 2.30pm. £7. The Assistant Director will give us an introduction and then let us browse the museum. The collection includes a display of Rifle Volunteer uniforms. Hope you can join us. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Tish Valva Membership Secretary tishvalva@mac.com

No goods to donate but
Why not bake a cake or
the Cancer UK Sale and



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would like to contribute?
a quiche for Jo's stall at
Auction on 25 March?

Tamar Valley Health Update from the TVH Patient Participation group

A year ago was the Omicron shut down yet there have been several fantastic achievements by the new primary care network. These include 10,500 COVID vaccinations via the Spring and Winter programmes, 7,500 flu vaccines; restarting the chronic disease reviews; and the advent of more clinical and non-clinical roles in support of patient care. Saturday clinics have been expanded with a new service 'Enhanced Access' to help meet Tamar Valley Health's mission to support healthier lives.

NHS Digital published figures for October 2022 showing that Tamar Valley Health completed 12,161 face-to-face patient appointments. TVH is the 9th biggest practice in the County but that month were ranked 3rd for appointments, a huge achievement considering the challenges the practice faced. The practice continues to invest in both Gunnislake and Callington sites to improve the experience of staff and service users, including expanding the clinical space they have to see patients.

What is affecting the TVH practice over winter is the massive increase in patient demand due to RSV, flu and cold viruses. If you are at high risk and have not already done so, please consider booking a flu vaccination. Contact the practice on 01579 382666 to book your appointment.

Sharon Trafford TVH PPG Chair



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Thanks to Phil Brown for sending this.

Gorgeous Galanthus by Virginia Spiers

In early Spring my favourite gardening job is always splitting and spreading the snowdrops.

In our garden and steep patch of former market garden with rows of old fashioned daffodils, there were very few snowdrops when we moved here almost 50 years ago - just a few dainty late flowerers in a hedge. I was given clumps and buckets of different varieties by friends and relatives from old orchards and overgrown gardens - tall early singles, shorter ones, several doubles and a few more unusual varieties from specialist gardeners.

As soon as the flowers faded I used to split impacted clumps and spread them to different areas. Now they whiten hedge-banks, form drifts under the shrubs and brighten undergrowth in the regenerating woodland.

Church News

from Rev. Chris (Rector) (Harrowbarrow 2023)

I don't know how many of you have read, or are even aware of, the deanery plan. As our churches struggle with dwindling numbers (covid made a significant impact) and our income is reduced, we struggle. We struggle to keep church life going and we therefore are unable to support the 5 stipendiary clergy we have. The deanery

(parishes between, and including, Callington and Torpoint) will be cared for by just 3 clergy. The parishes are therefore being gathered into three groups with Calstock, St Dominick and St Mellion with Pillaton joining with the four parishes of the Callington cluster under one priest, whilst Landulph will be joined with Saltash Area Ministry. There is a lot more than this to the plan and I hope you will continue to support your parish church, whoever is providing pastoral care. It will continue with worship, mission and ministry.

You may have heard that I am leaving the parishes at Easter. I invite anyone who'd like to say goodbye (or ensure that I go!) to join me for a buffet lunch at St Dominic village Hall at 12.00 on Palm Sunday (2 April). Come to the 10am walk or 10.40 service at St Dominic if you can. The pattern of worship on Sundays will continue. Please contact Wardens for details, and send an email (we'll tell you where presently) for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

A reminder to you for your diaries. We continue to worship at All Saints on the first and third Sundays every month. For Holy week and Easter - On Palm Sunday (2 April) (as in past years) we walk through St Dominic stopping at places to have a dramatic reading of the Easter story. Maundy Thursday remembers the Jewish Passover, with the Last Supper and the Watch of the Passion. Holy Saturday (before Easter Day) sees a dramatic service of 'Easter Fire'. In the darkness we hear God's promise of rescue, there is fire and candlelight and Easter is proclaimed in a blaze of light and glory. On Easter Sunday, the first light of Easter Day at sunrise heralds the Resurrection as we gather at Halton Quay for worship at 6.35 (giving you a 25 minute lie-in over last year!) Several churches in the benefice will hold a service on Easter Day, and we will continue to celebrate the Resurrection.

Above all, we are a people of hope, and we seek to service our community by being a beacon of light and new life for all.

See you somewhere.....

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