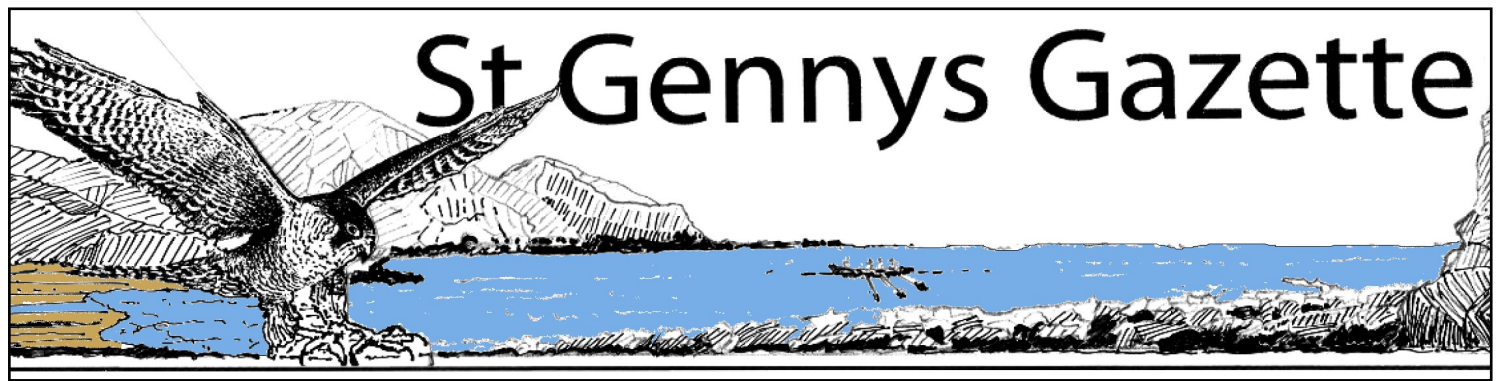
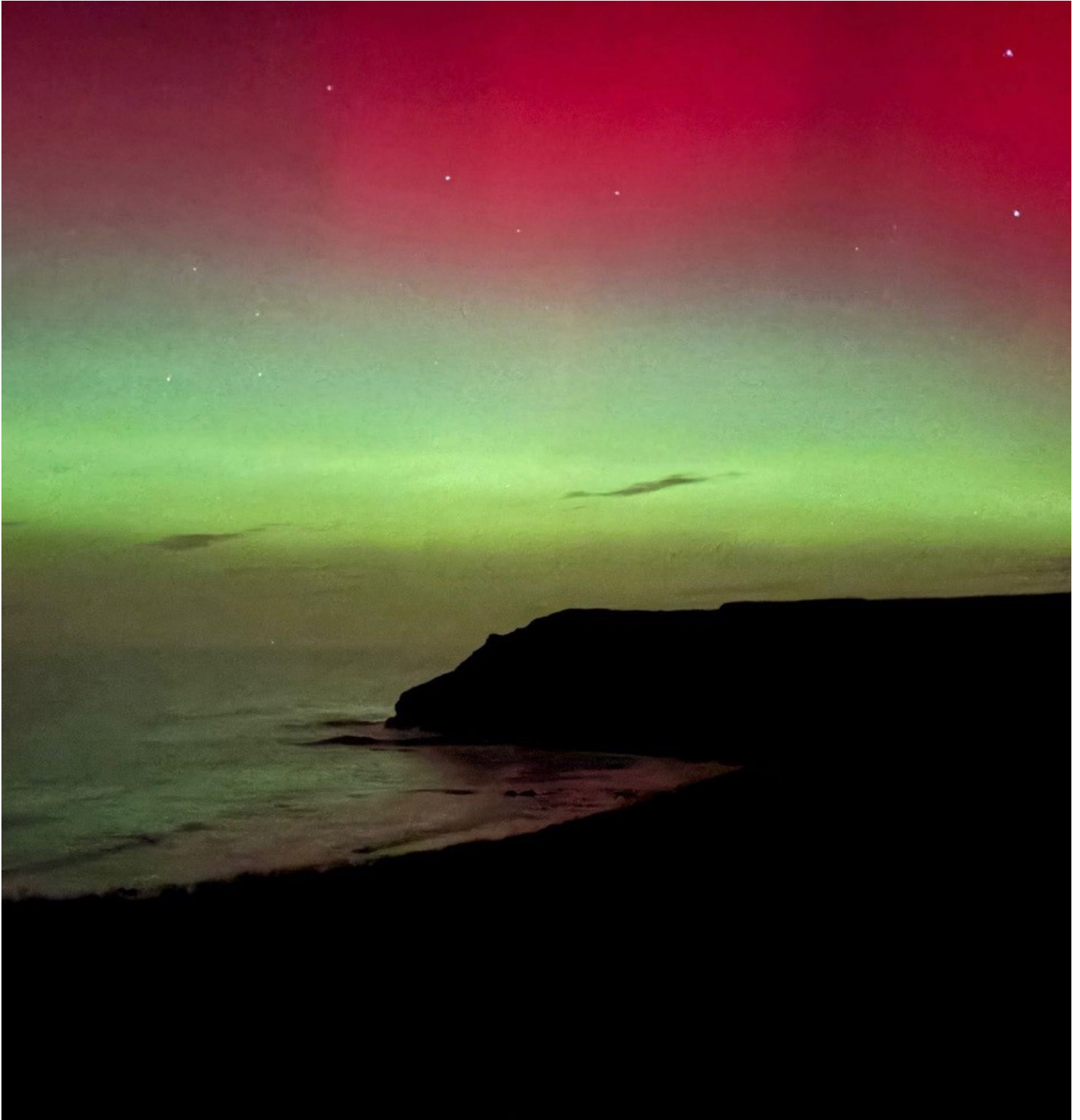




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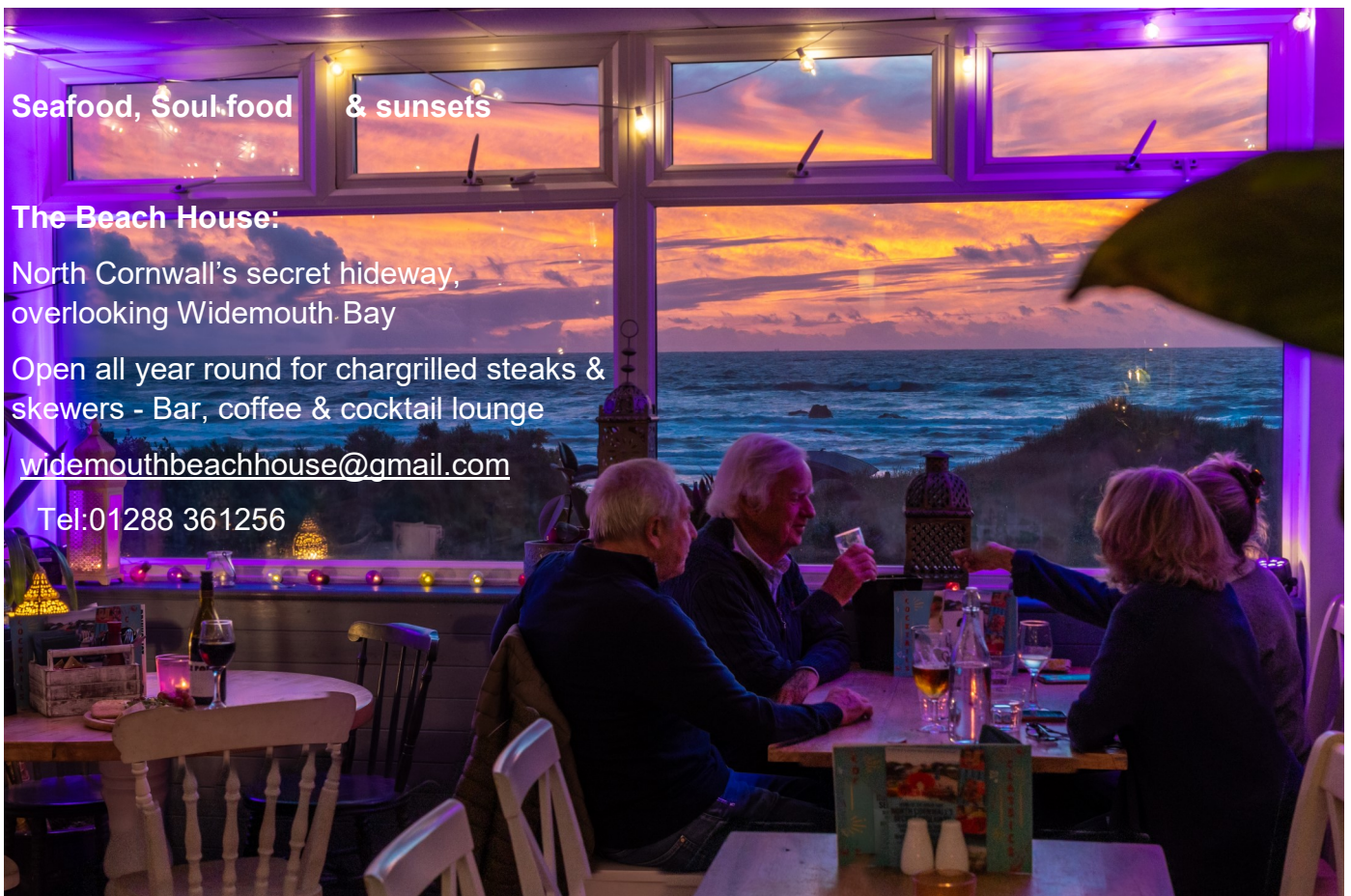
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Editorial

As the days are now starting to visibly lengthen, Spring is now just around the corner and the Craven Players are about to perform their annual production. Rehearsals have been going on for some time now, involving many junior members of the community, so please go along and support them. An entertaining time is guaranteed!

Behind the scenes the editorial and management teams of the Gazette are actively looking at ways to secure the financial viability and future of the magazine. We are confident that we can achieve our target and you can help by mentioning to our advertisers that you saw their advert in the Gazette when enquiring about their services. However, the success of the Gazette is still dependent on contributions and support from the readership so please send in your ideas and articles for publication. We are trying hard to broaden the content of the magazine with articles that we think will be of interest - if you have any ideas please let us know.

Geoff Morris

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Home Guard on Parade in the Haven



The Crackington & St. Gennys platoons of the Home Guard on parade at the Haven. In the background are well tended vegetable gardens helping the war effort.

Courtesy of Adrian Abbott "From his book Images of England, Bude & District, the second edition."



6242. The Watersplash, Crackington Haven.

And on a similar nostalgic theme, an earlier Sweetman postcard from the 1920's. Note the cars in the car park !

Crackington Institute News

After all the festivities, it is rather nice to restart all the classes and activities again and catch up with everyone.

We were very fortunate to be given a quiz slot at the Coombe Barton on Wednesday, 14th January, and we decided to take the opportunity to raise funds for the playground that sits on Institute land. We must say a very big thank you to Glyn for being an amazing quiz master and keeping us all on our toes. Thank you to everyone who came along, we raised £515 towards the repairs needed.

Now hold on to your hats, everyone, because we are in for an exciting February with the Craven Players production of "StarWarts" a family musical taking place at the Institute. Tickets are now on sale at the Crackington Community Shop. Please come and support them if you can. So much hard work and time go into producing this. Performances are on Friday 20th February at 7pm, Saturday 21st February at 2pm, and then again at 7pm.

Another date for the diary is the next Book Club on Tuesday, 24th February at 7pm in the Blue Room. Everyone is welcome, and do get in touch with Kate at Crackingtonbookclub@gmail.com if you wish to know more.

Follow us on Facebook as we regularly post events and happenings.

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Letter

This is a letter written by my Mum Jan Reece explaining about our many happy memories in Crackington Haven.

"Some twenty years ago now my daughter and I were sat having coffee browsing through the holiday lets in The Lady magazine. We came across a bungalow to let (Trelawne) that took dogs, from that first visit we've never gone anywhere else.

The late John and Pat Rogers were to become good friends over our many visits. Often 3 / 4 times a year as we had family near Newquay At that time Steve and Pauline had the shop with Shirley helping. We were made very welcome from our first visit. We've enjoyed many pasties, heavy cake , Danish pastries and Bloomers from Hillcrest bakery.

We made cakes , scones for the church coffee mornings and I went to St Gennys for communion. Our dogs loved the walks and beaches at Crackington and Widemouth bay. One memorable February with Rapsie and RJ it started snowing heavy whilst on the beach by the time we got back to the car it was a challenge to get up the hill to our holiday let.

Thanks to Simon and Shelia now we'll be back again soon with our new pup Dash for his third visit he loves the sea already.

So many people have made us so welcome to Crackington Haven it's like a home from home

Jan Reece

Events

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Tues	10	Trago (Liskard)		Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£10.00	Stephen
Thurs	12	Bude	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.00	Pete H
Tues	17	Tavistock		Liz King	261710	9.00	£10.00	Sandie
Thurs	19	Wadebridge/Bodmin	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.50	Susan T
Thurs	26	Bodmin	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.00	Jeremy

XX: [Visit to a Supermarket]

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Winter Bus Timetable No.95 Bus

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Bude to Boscastle

Bude, The Strand	06:30	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:15	17:40
Wainhouse Corner, Garage	06:48	09:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:58
Crackington Haven, Cabin Cafe	06:56	09:51	11:51	13:51	15:51	18:06
Higher Crackington, Post Office	07:00	09:55	11:55	13:55	15:55	18:10
Tresparrett Posts, B3263	07:04	09:59	11:59	13:59	15:59	18:14
Boscastle, Car Park	07:16	10:11	12:11	14:11	16:11	18:26
Boscastle, Doctors Corner	07:18	10:13	12:13	14:13	16:13	18:28

Boscastle to Bude

Boscastle, Doctors Corner	07:39	10:19	12:19	14:19	16:19	18:19
Boscastle, Boscastle Bridge	07:44	10:24	12:24	14:24	16:24	18:24
Tresparrett Posts, B3263	07:54	10:34	12:34	14:34	16:34	18:34
Higher Crackington, Post Office	07:59	10:39	12:39	14:39	16:39	18:39
Crackington Haven, Cabin Cafe	08:04	10:44	12:44	14:44	16:44	18:44
Wainhouse Corner, Garage	08:13	10:53	12:53	14:53	16:53	18:53
Bude, The Strand	08:37	11:12	13:12	15:12	17:12	19:12

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Parish Walk

ST GENNYS PC WALK, SATURDAY 17th JANUARY 2026

Well, sometimes things don't quite to plan, and this was certainly the case today when 20 enthusiastic walkers set off up the rather muddy Ludon and Eastwood valleys heading for Pengold! The stream crossing at Sheepdip to the Pengold fields had been rather badly gullied by the recent downpours to such an extent that it was unsafe to cross because of the very steep drop! So we instigated plan B, turned back and went up to Trevigue Farm instead, pausing part way up the hill to admire their views instead!! We all enjoyed our coffee break and chat before heading up to the coast road, turning right and heading northwards, branching off at Woodgate to descend that path back to Ludon again. All worked out well and the sun shone on us for most of the walk to put the icing on the cake!! Huge thanks to all of you for making our walks so enjoyable and entertaining - we'll see you next month!!

Jane Anderson

The next Parish walk is on Saturday 21st February. Meeting 11am at the British Legion Hall.

Route: Tresmorn - Cleave - coastal path to church – lane back. There will be mud! All are welcome, plus dogs on leads. Stout boots essential. Reasonable level of fitness necessary. Thermos always comforting.

Any questions phone Gill on 01840 230393

Craft & Art Workshops at Crackington Institute

CRAFT

Back in the early part of last year, Debbie and I (Cathy) decided to hold a Craft Workshop to raise money for the Car Park. A lovely lady called Jean came along and taught us how to make an Easter Rag Wreath. It was a great event and much enjoyed by all those who attended. We were all so happy with what we took away, our skill levels did not matter in the least and it was such a warm and friendly atmosphere.

And so, we thought Why not carry on and do some more and we are pleased to say that we have now held a Silk Scarf Decorating Workshop run by Debbie, 2 x Willow Weaving Workshops thanks to Julie, 2 x Felt Making Workshop with Heather and a Christmas Decorations Workshop with Debbie, Gina and Amy.

It has been wonderful to see all these people share their hobbies and skills with us and give up their time so freely, which has kept our costs down and made these workshops accessible for everyone. Thank you everyone, you have been amazing!

Whenever they can, Julie and Geoff add to the enjoyment, generously providing lovely refreshments for all - serving teas, coffees and superb cakes.

And so, our journey continues and we are pleased to let you know that we have a Jewellery Making Workshop with Beads on Sunday 8th March from 2pm until 5pm. We thought this would be a great opportunity for anyone who would like to make a gift for their mother or someone else, or just for themselves and is open to adults and children over 8 years accompanied by an adult.

Followed by some pottery workshops in April and May run by Reid Pottery ... details to follow. This will be two sessions, one to make the pottery item and the other one to decorate and glaze after firing.

ART

Another exciting turn of events that came from all of this, was the start of some Art Workshops. We have now held two of these on a Saturday morning, one a Watercolour Session with Jamie and the other an Acrylic Session with Caroline. Please watch this space because we really hope to be able to continue these as well.

If anyone would like to share with us other ideas for Craft or Art Workshops that they would like to run or see put on, then just get in touch with Cathy on 01840 230365 or email contact@hentervene.co.uk.

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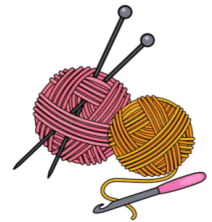
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Now celebrating its **seventh anniversary**, Repair Café Bude is run by more than **25 volunteer repairers and helpers**, who have collectively given over **1,185 hours** of their time. To date, the café has saved **over 440 items** from landfill — from lamps and fairy lights to smoothie makers, mobile phones, laptops, toys and clothing — and has provided practical repair advice to **more than 100 people**, despite a pause of over a year during Covid. At its core, the Repair Café aims to reduce waste, challenge throwaway culture and pass on practical repair skills. In practice, it has become much more than that.

“What we love is the unexpected extras Repair Café has brought,” says **Miranda Clarke, Manager of Neetside Community Centre**. “There’s a real sense of community among the repairers, café team, runners and receptionists — all volunteers who have found common ground in wanting to help reduce waste, share skills and make friends with like-minded people. There’s always a real sense of achievement at the end of the café.”

If you have something in need of repair — or would like to volunteer — join us at Repair Café Bude. We meet on the last Saturday of each month (except August and December) at Neetside Community Centre, from 10am to 1pm (last repairs by 12.30pm). Refreshments are available, and donations towards running costs are always welcome.

Follow **Repair Café Bude** on Facebook or Instagram.

For enquiries or volunteering, contact **Neetside Community Centre** on **01288 353403** or email **enquiries@neetside.co.uk**.

Puzzle Corner

		7	9			3		
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			2		4			
4		2		3	7	9		
9		1					6	3
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		4			8	2		

SUDOKU

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 , each row and also each column must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9

E	T	E
D	T	G
R	E	N

WORD GAME

Create words of four letters or more, always using the centre letter. Proper nouns and plurals are not allowed, and you can only use each letter once per word. There is one nine letter word

Answers on Page 35

New Bude Banking Hub

Banking hubs provide a shared space for everyday banking, run by the Post Office with services from multiple banks, ensuring access even as local bank branches close. You can visit the hub for standard transactions or meet a community banker from your specific bank on their designated day for personalized help, as noted by Cash Access UK.

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Wednesday: Barclays
Thursday: Barclays
Friday: Lloyds

Geoff Morris

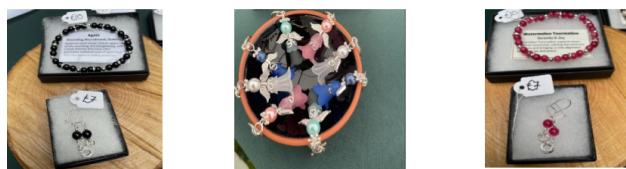
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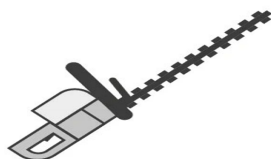
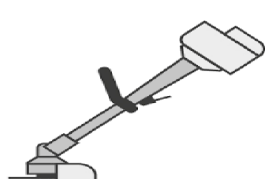
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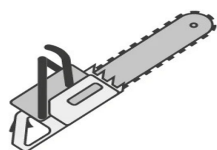
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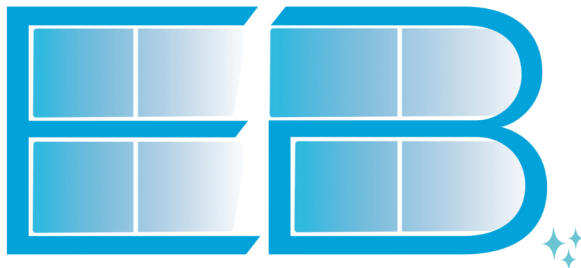


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Felt Making Workshop



Heather ran a second class in felting...this time, a 3D object - a bowl or a bag - no seams and, incredibly, no experience necessary. It was hard to visualise how this was going to work, but with a range of glorious colours of merino tops to choose from, highly individual creations were soon on the go. Hot soapy water, bubble wrap, pieces of net curtain, more soap and water, bits of bamboo blinds, old towels...who came up with this magical process? Heather and Maureen moved through the group teaching and guiding every step of the way.

Everyone enjoyed a welcome brew of tea or coffee and freshly baked cakes and biscuits all thanks to, and served up by, Julie and Geoff. General consensus: delight and surprise with the results and what a lovely way to spend a weekend afternoon. Thanks for doing it again, Heather!

Debbie Coulter



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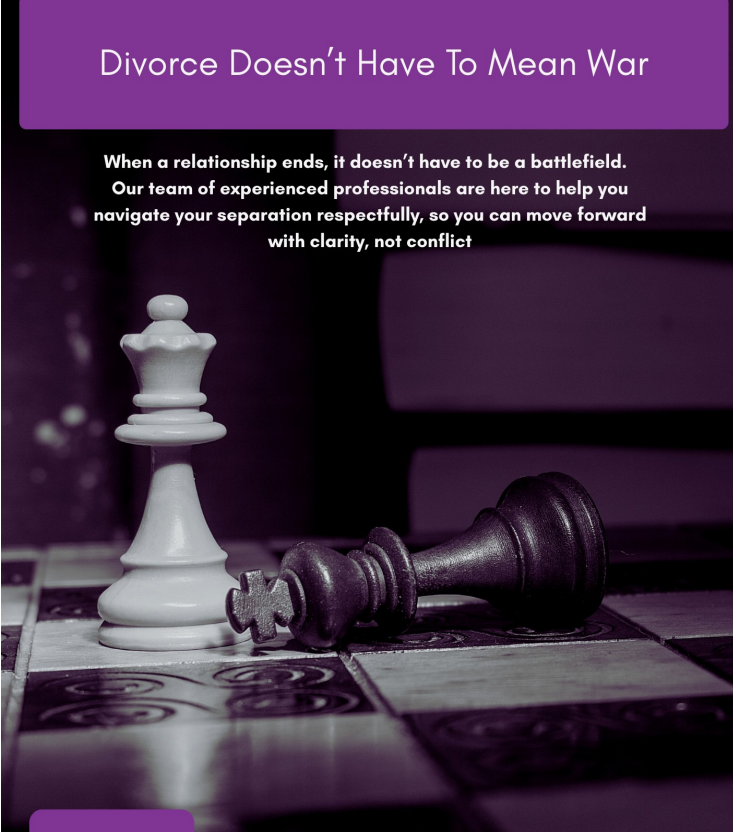
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New Beginnings

New Year's Day might seem like a distant memory now that we've settled back into our regular routines – whatever they may be, but did you take the opportunity at the turn of the year to do something new – maybe a new hobby or job? And what about those New Year resolutions – did you make any, and if so . . . have you kept them?

Many people use this time of year to become healthier, or perhaps they decide to give up something in order to improve their lifestyle e.g. stop smoking, use phones less etc. Then there are the more unusual New Year's resolutions: learning to juggle whilst riding a unicycle; switching to an all purple wardrobe; trying every flavour of crisps!

I don't usually make New Year's resolutions because I know by the second week of January they'll be a fading memory. But I do like the idea of a fresh start, the opportunity to begin again. It reminds me of receiving a new exercise book at school, with every intention of keeping it neat and tidy, often being disappointed when it was messed up shortly afterwards.

Whether we made any resolutions at the start of the year or not, it's still not too late to begin again, either with a new venture or to draw the line under something and start afresh. Maybe it's something, just like that school book, that started out really well, but then went a bit pear shaped. The good news is it's never too late to start again ... and we don't have to do it in our own strength – there are always others who will walk alongside us.

Christians believe that new beginnings are what a life of faith is all about – it's what Jesus came to offer us, a fresh start regardless of what has gone before. So many of us feel that the mistakes we've made in life, our misdemeanours and misjudgements can never be forgiven or forgotten – but this is exactly what can happen if we accept the love and forgiveness that we find with Jesus by our side – helping us along and enabling us to discover a quality of life that we might not have experienced before.

So whatever new start you might have wanted to make in 2026 I pray that you will have the confidence to either continue with it or decide to go for it and discover a sense of fulfilment and peace as your journey through the year.

"When anyone belongs to Christ, they become a new person. Their old way of life has gone. Their new life has begun!". 2 Corinthians Chapter 5 Verse 17

Julie Swann
Church & Community Worker

The deadline for submissions to the next Gazette is 17th February 2026

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Weatherwatch

December's can be very wet affairs, in recent years 2020 was at 11.38", nearly 290mm, but the average is usually around 6", 152mm. This December was typical of this, although only the first week saw a prolonged wet period. The 1st saw 1.25" collected here at Canworthy Water by the end of the day, and 3.21" had been collected by the 7th that also was pretty mild for the time of year, I recorded 15.4°C by early afternoon.

There was another wet day on the 8th, and by the 12th 4.32", 110mm had been collected. Further rain was observed on the 15th, giving exactly 1", 25.4mm by the end of the day.

The rest of the month could best be described as indifferent, temperatures generally on the mild side with winds hovering around south and then becoming more easterly with these winds holding around that direction to the New Year.

I only recorded a few frosts of note during the month, although New Year's Eve did produce a ground and air frost with -3.2°C recorded overnight. But that was about it.

A total of 7.21", 183mm was collected for the month, as against my 10 year average of 6.24", 155.5mm. The total collected for the year was 48.25", 1225.5mm. No real trend observed here, fairly average.

Mike Gaskin

More Life at Sea

I asked the new Polish 3rd Mate to give me a call at 0600 hrs in the morning because I have an urgent telephone call to make to the Office. 0600 hrs – Ring ring, ring ring – Hello, CAPTAIN, CAPTAIN, GET UP, GET UP, IT IS VERY URGENT Hang on I'll be there in a minute (Rushes up to Bridge) What's up? Nothing, you said to call you because it is urgent.

And one from me on my first trip and in charge of an anchor watch.

Captain – So, you know what to do, keep a good look out and call me if it's urgent.

Me – Yes Captain.

01030 hrs

Me – Captain, can you come to the Bridge please? I have got a ship on the bow and it is getting closer and closer and I cannot detect it on the radar. It's light is getting bigger and bigger.

Irritable Captain – Yes, what is it?

Me – Over there, a big orange light.

Captain – That's the moon rising you plonker, don't call me again.

Well, I lived in Leicester and never seen a moonrise before!

Paul Anderson

Astronomy

I thought that the aurora borealis display in May 2024 was a once in a lifetime; NASA reported that those were the strongest displays in 500 years. However, the display on 19 January 2026 came very close with vivid displays of green and red. See the photos in this Gazette. Visually, I thought the May 2024 display more prolific with lights overhead and even to the south and more variety of shapes, whereas the display on the 19th January was more confined to the north with the reds less bright. This is echoed by the readings from Lancaster University. In May 2024, the geomagnetic activity was over 1400 nT and sustained over many hours, whereas the 19th of January was a short burst of 1150 nT. It is remarkable to see the aurora this far south even as a faint glow just once, but it seems that this solar maximum keeps on giving over a period of two years – very unusual. We might have to wait 11 years for the next solar maximum. Lets see.

The most significant astronomical event in February won't be visible from Crackington. If you have the means, it would be worth visiting Antarctica for an annular eclipse of the sun. An annular eclipse is like a total eclipse, but the moon is closer to Earth than normal, so it's smaller than the sun, so it doesn't blot out the sun completely but leaves a "ring of fire". I've never seen one of these, but getting to Antarctica is too expensive for the likes of me. On the subject of eclipses of the sun, book 12 August 2026 in your diary for a 95% solar eclipse in Cracky – a spectacular sight. Or if you can, visit Iceland or Spain for 100% totality - the best astronomical event you can witness with the stars coming out in the daytime and the sun's corona visible; I've seen two in my lifetime.

Closer to home, Jupiter has been bright in the sky for a few months now. It was in opposition in early January which means it's at its closest point to Earth, so at its brightest. However, it remains good for viewing all spring. In February, it's certainly easy to spot as the brightest object in the night sky apart from the moon. Jupiter will be visible after sunset in the east. Then at pub closing time, it will be in the south, so worth looking up after a night out in the Coombe. Through binoculars it might be possible to see the four biggest moons around Jupiter (see picture for typical binoculars view). Through a telescope, the four moons are easily visible, as are the red stripes that are the storms and weather systems. On the 30 January (if you get your Gazette in time), Jupiter will be right next to a near full moon which will be a spectacular sight.



By the end of February, Venus might become visible again as competition for the brightest object in the night sky apart from the moon. Currently it's very close to the sun so will be mostly blotted out. However, towards the end of February it starts to move slightly further from the Sun, so will be visible as a bright companion just after sunset in the west.

Slightly up and left of Venus in the west at just after sunset, is Mercury (which is always tricky to see) and Saturn. Saturn looks great through a telescope with the rings. Saturn will be easiest to find on 19 February because it will be just left of the slender crescent moon.

After the long dark nights around the winter solstice, we can now look forward to the days getting longer. I remember when I was a kid, my best friend's Dad always said, "Second week of February, that's when we notice the day light returning, second week of February."

Lloyd Russell

Parish Council Report

Draft report of the Meeting of the St Gennys Parish Council held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 19.30

In attendance, Cllrs C Adamson (Chair), T Comber, Ms D Waite, R Wren, J Ward, Mrs M-A Colverson, & Ms N Bird and Cornwall Councillor Nicky Chopak Tony Stedham, Charlie Barnett & the clerk present.

Public Participation.

CC Nicky Chopak wished everyone a happy new year, Not to much storm damage in this area. There were some issues with broadband and telephone signals and CC are going to have a working group to look at what can be done, CC were very quick to respond to the storm damage. Parishes with an emergency plans are more resilient. The budget is out for consultation so if anyone has any ideas how CC can save money please fill out the form online, the Government grant is far less than expected. Tomorrow the Local Plan consultation presentations are in Bude from 10am to 1pm and Camelford from 4pm until 7pm.

Mr T Stedham reported on the Emergency plan and the need for an updated plan to be produced, new coordinators are needed, a list of resources and settings for emergency centres in case there is a serious emergency.

Mr Charlie Barnett is going to set up an ultra marathon event, a 5km run for charity, from Cleeve Farm around the area on Saturday 3rd October, more details will be in the Gazette.

Apologies:

Cllrs Mrs J Anderson, (Illness) T Spettigue (Family) & Ms E Piper (Holiday) Cllr Ms N Bird proposed the apologies be accepted, this was agreed

Cllr T Comber proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 7.30pm, having previously been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record, this was seconded by Cllr Ms N Bird and agreed with 1 abstention

Matters Arising:

Legion Hall, All good, no problem at this time, clerk to get quote to check the electricity in the hall.

Toilets. Working on getting a new lock fitted so that in an emergency the door can be opened from the outside.

Village Signs. Clerk to get quote for village signs

Highways Improvements. CC want to know if the PC have any requests for improvements in our area, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Salt Bins. Clerk to get prices and the PC need to decide preferences for the placement of the bins

CIL Funding. Clerk explained what the fund is, there is a possible £100k available for projects.

Loan Equipment. CC and the NHS are asking for all equipment, i.e. Crutches, wheelchairs etc to be returned, PC have been asked to help.

Planning Approvals.

PA25/07774

Applicant:- Mr Ian Robb

Location:- 6 Penkenna Close Crackington Haven Bude Cornwall EX23 0PF

Proposal Proposed single storey rear extension, rooflights and photo-voltaic panels to roof to single family dwelling with variation of condition 2 of decision notice

Portfolio Reports:

Beach – Cllr Mrs J Anderson. I have nothing of substance to report, other than it's been astonishing the amount of beach material which has been constantly on the move for the last month. At least we still have some sand left!

Rights of Way – Cllr Mrs J Anderson. I have reported several issues - mostly bridge slats and railings rotting away - to Highways and have received acknowledgements. Also trees/branches down on various footpaths - mainly in Ludon area - which have also been acknowledged. I have not heard anything further from Highways regarding FP540/2/3 Coast Road to Penkenna Head.

Parish Council Report - continued

Transport – Cllr T Spettigue. Since the last meeting I've had a phone call from mat from highways about the hill side opposite the end of lovers lane. He had said that he was hoping to come out and have a look at it and also find out who owns the hill side. But I've not heard anything more from him. This morning I've reported the new slip. I've also reported the loose slate cap stones on the bridge and wall on the sea side of the road as one was in the road and a few others had moved in towards the road.

I was going to ask Barry to find out the cost of salt bin's as the parish council would have to pay for them to be fitted and maintained. - If we thought the cost was worth it i was thinking of one at the cross road at Nancemellan - one halfway up the hill just going out past Roundhayes - and one on the bend on mill ball hill.I've also seen that roads is on the agenda so was wondering if we could move that till Februarys meeting or if not could you let me know what was going to be discussed beforehand and I'll try and give my ideas and feedback so you've got them for the meeting on Tuesday.

I'd also been on to southwest water and given them an earful and also the highways about the poor signage of the road closure on Pencuke Lane especially the junction to the B3265 as there was some issues with delivery's and collection's for the people of Pencuke. Also to try and help with the road flooding i was just wondering how we go about getting our roads swept, again is this something the parish council have to pay for and if so what is the price? I've just been on the Cornwall website and I can request a road to be cleaned but not as a councillor for some reason.

Community Area Partnership – Cllr Waite Gave an update on recent meetings, housing being the main one.

Planning Working Group update - Cllr C Adamson. Nothing to report

Follow up Items Cllr C Adamson. Gave an update

Financial Statement Cllr Mrs R Wren. Meeting with Clerk next week

Items to Review:

1. Hedge cutting and damage to our roads and drains.
The Clerk reported on the flooding in the area, this was caused by the rubbish left on the roads from the hedge trimming, landowners, contractors are just leaving the trimming in the hedgerows and on the roads to rot away and it is causing problems,
2. Speed-watch. Volunteers have now come forward, Clerk to proceed with safe areas with the Police.

Balances 31/12/2025

Current Account	£711.38
Reserve	<u>£24,049.54</u>
Total	£24,760.92

Cllr Mrs R Wren proposed the accounts of £2,131.16 be paid, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Ward and agreed

11.c To note Income.

Toilets	£15.47
Interest November	£21.58
Community Chest	£250.00
Paper	£14.34

The meeting ended at 20.40

Date of next meeting 10th February 2026

Items for next meeting

Salt Bins
Village signs
Highways improvements
CIL Funds.

St Gennys Church

ST GENNY'S CHURCH REFLECTIONS ON FEBRUARY

February is not just about Valentines Day. It is however remembering St Valentine. Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop, in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since at least the eighth century.

Within the Church of England February's theme for scripture quotes is "Strength and Courage" featuring Bible verses about being strong and courageous.

Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go".

Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint".

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear".

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world".

Exodus 15:2 "The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation"

Enjoy your time in February, remember that our Lord is always with you no matter what is happening in our lives. Be Strong and Courageous, God is with you.....Amen.

Services

- 1st Feb St Gennys – Holy Communion – 10.30am.
8th Feb Forrabury (Boscastle) – Holy Communion – 10.30am.
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Why Men Shouldn't Write Advice Columns

Dear John,

I hope you can help me. The other day I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled and, then it broke down about a mile down the road and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes, he was in our bedroom with the neighbour's daughter!

I'm 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbour's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counselling, and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

Sincerely Sheila.

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check the grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem. It could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope that this helps,
John.

Paul Anderson

Tips for the Garden in February

There's still a lot of clearing up to do after the storms. Any plant material damaged lying on the ground can be raked up and put on the compost heap or broken branches and twigs added to kindling wood or the bonfire.

Posts for support need to be replaced or made firm and climbers tied up and damaged excess pruned. It is a good time in any case to prune before the birds start nesting in March. Cut dead, diseased and damaged growth from hedges, late flowering shrubs, e.g. roses, buddleja, cotoneasters and winter flowering honeysuckle and viburnum.

Leave Spring flowering shrubs like lilac, until after flowering; also leave camelias, rhododendrons and evergreens and fruits with stones until Spring. Clear other dead material from the beds and compost it and mend lawn edges and seed bare patches. Add compost or mulch to beds and under hedges.

Seeds planted now will gain a head start for fruiting flowering. Easiest are **peas, broad beans, spinach, kale, and radishes** indoors or under protection (cloches/mini-greenhouses) while also beginning warm-season crops like **tomatoes, peppers, and chillies** indoors with heat for a longer season. For flowers, sow **cosmos, calendula, sweet peas**, or in cold frames for early summer.



Snowdrops can be dug up and split "in the green" and soon narcissus and daffodils and wood anemones will be flowering and Spring will be on the way!

Gill Shippies

Crackington Haven Snooker Club

More Than Just Snooker – A Club at the Heart of the Village

Our local snooker club has been part of village life for decades and continues to be a friendly, welcoming place for people from the Parish and beyond. While snooker is at the heart of what we do, the club is about enjoying good company in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

We have three excellent, fully heated snooker tables, along with a pool table and dart boards, so there's always something going on. The club is warm and spacious, with plenty of room to play or simply sit back and chat. There's also a cosy TV corner with comfortable seating for those who prefer to watch and socialise.

We run occasional games nights and social evenings, which are always popular. One firm favourite is our Christmas "Turkey Trot" snooker competition, where members compete in good spirits for festive prizes such as a turkey and Christmas puddings. We also host folk singing nights from time to time, where everyone is encouraged to come along for a sing-song — just like the snooker, ability really doesn't matter.

For refreshments, the club has a bar, which is open when there is a committee member present, and when the bar isn't open there's an honesty fridge where members can help themselves to non-alcoholic drinks. We currently have three teams playing in the local snooker league, but there's absolutely no pressure to take part — many members are quite happy playing socially.

One of the things members really value is the flexibility the club offers. All playing members are issued with their own key, giving them 24-hour access to the club. There are no set opening hours, so you can play when it suits you.

Membership is very affordable at £30 for the year, with junior and student membership available for just £10. A social membership for £5 is also available for those who want to enjoy the atmosphere without playing regularly.

We're always happy to welcome new members and are also on the lookout for helpers who would like to get involved and support this much-loved village club. So why not give us a try? Whether you're an experienced player, a complete beginner, or simply looking for a friendly place to spend an evening, you'll be very welcome.

You can find us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/CrackingtonSnooker>

Jubilee Club

We had a very successful year last year visiting some interesting places, the outings were well supported and enjoyed by our members. Our final meeting was a lunch at The Falcon Hotel, Bude which was excellent.

The programme for this year is as follows:

March 23 rd	Castle Drogo
May 11 th	Mevagissey
July 13 th	Rosemoor
September 14 th	Teignmouth
December 7 th	Christmas Lunch

I will be putting a notice in the St Gennys Gazette prior to each trip to remind everyone of the date. There are 2 pick up points in Crackington and new members are always very welcome to join us.

For any information or to book seat on the coach please contact:

Diana 01840261366
07546074409

or I can be contacted by email: jadewood@kernow8.plus.com

St Gennys Parish Diary February 2026

Sunday 1st	Board Games Afternoon	Institute	2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 1st	Talk on Nightingales UK	Institute	7pm
Wednesday 4th	Mobile Library	Institute	10.25-10.45am
Sunday 8th	Bead Making Workshop	Institute	2-5pm
Thursday 12th	Knit'n'Stitch	Institute	2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 15th	Crackington Folk Club	Snooker Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Quiz Night	Coombe Barton	7.30pm
Friday 20th- Saturday 21st	Craven Players Production	Institute	See advert for performance times
Saturday 21st	Parish Walk	Legion Hall	11am
Monday 23rd	Let's Get Together Quiz & Bingo	Institute	2.30-4.30pm
Thursday 26th	Knit'n'Stitch	Institute	2.30-4.30pm

St Gennys Regular Events

Sunday (Every)	Beach Clean	Beach	10am
Monday (Every)	Healthwise - Get Active	Institute	10am-11am
Monday (Every)	Let's Get Together	Institute	2.30pm-4.30pm
Monday (Every)	Pilates Intermediate	Institute	6.30pm
Monday (Every)	Pilates Beginners	Institute	7.45pm
Tuesday (Every)	Circuit Training	Institute	7.30am or 9.30am
Tuesday (Every)	Table Tennis Drop In	Institute	7pm-9pm
Tuesday (4th)	Book Club	Institute	7pm
Wednesday (Every)	Life Drawing	Institute	10am-12.30pm
Wednesday (Every)	Tennis Club	Tennis Courts	From 6pm
Wednesday (Every)	Pilates Imp/Beginners	Institute	6.30pm
Wednesday (Every)	St Gennys Silver Band	Legion Hall	7pm
Thursday (Every)	Qigong	Institute	5.30pm-6.30pm
Thursday (Every)	Crackington Playgroup	Institute	10am-Noon
Thursday (Every)	Table Tennis Drop In	Institute	7pm-9pm
Thursday (2nd and 4th)	Knit'n'Stitch	Institute	2.30pm-4.30pm
Friday (Every)	Yoga with Laura	Institute	3pm-4pm
Friday (Monthly)	Gardening Club	Various	10am-Noon
Friday (1st)	Board Games	Institute	7pm-9.30pm

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Nightingales UK

Rupert Jones, a resident of Crackington Haven runs a tiny organisation, basically a group of friends who've got together to support Ukraine. They've taken 14 four-wheel-drive vehicles and lots of van loads of medical aid to Ukraine in the last 2 years. This is to provide help to the civilian and military casualties. They are a very small, but lean, organisation and all the money goes to the right cause, but it is not a charity yet.

Delivering aid to Ukraine



Sunday 1st February
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Memory Cafés

Memory Cafés started in the Netherlands in 1997, pioneered by Dr. Bère Miesen as "Alzheimer Cafés" to provide a stigma-free social space for people with dementia and their caregivers, with the concept spreading globally in the following years, including to the UK in the early 2000s and the U.S. around 2008. In 2007 the first Memory Café in Cornwall, UK, was established by Cym Downing in Launceston inspiring a strong local network which has now grown to about 40 countywide

The Cornwall Memory Cafe Network supports Memory Cafes in their mission to enable people living with memory loss and their carers to live well through creating welcoming, safe spaces in their communities. They provide opportunities for: social interaction, sharing experiences, building connections, quality time, learning, gaining access to resources, cognitive and physical activity, all leading to enhanced emotional and physical wellbeing.

Memory Cafes in Cornwall are all independent, volunteer led community groups, are free to attend, and they welcome people with or without a formal dementia diagnosis (cafe dependent), along with volunteers from their local community. They usually run for two-hour sessions and can vary in frequency, such as fortnightly or monthly.

Locally to us there are three memory cafes - at Camelford, Bude and Week St Mary:

Camelford

Top Town Memory Cafe recently celebrated their 10th Birthday and meet twice a month on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month between 2pm-4pm at Clease Hall, Camelford. They are always looking for new members as well as volunteers and anyone interested or who would like more information can contact either Kelly (Café leader) on 07780 644916 or Sue on 07766 106277

Bude

Memory Cafe also recently celebrated an anniversary (their 15th) and meets at the Parkhouse Centre, Bude (EX23 8LD) on the first and third Friday of each month from 2pm to 4pm, offering a supportive and social space for people with memory loss and their carers with refreshments and activities. Contact Kim Tresidder at 01288 356060 for more information.

Week St Mary

Memory Cafe meet at St Mary's Church on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 2.30 to 4pm for more information contact Lesley on 01288 341221.

Geoff Morris

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WORD GAME

The following words of four letters or more, using the centre letter are listed below Proper nouns and plurals were not allowed, and only each letter was used once per word. The nine letter word is Detergent.

Other words are detente, deterge, entered, greeted, detent, getter, netted, netter, regent, rented, retted, teeter, tender, tented, tenter, terete, deter, egret, enter, genet, greet, tenet, tenge, terne, treed, treen, trend, dent, gent, nett, rent, rete, teed, teen, tend, tent, tern, tree, tret.

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