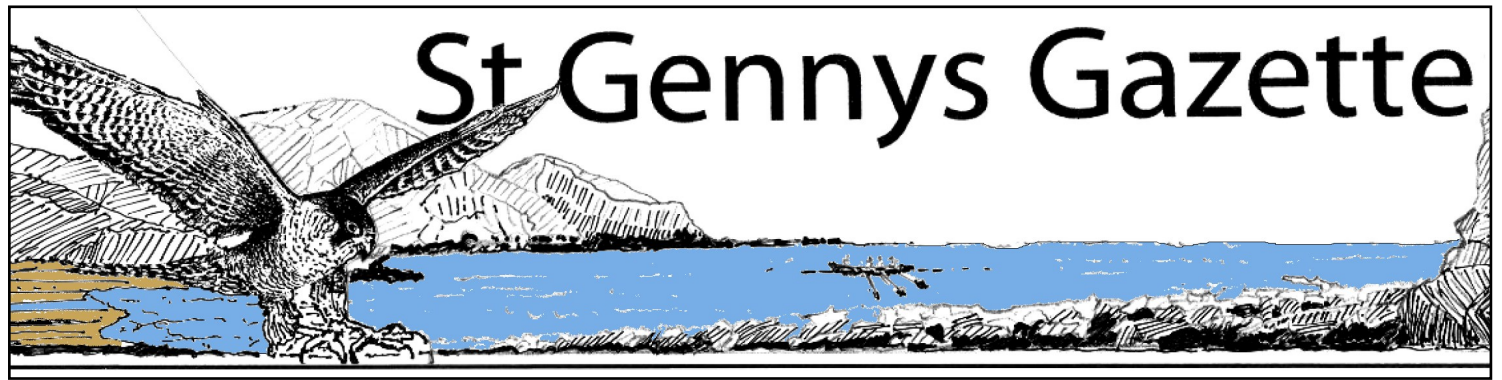




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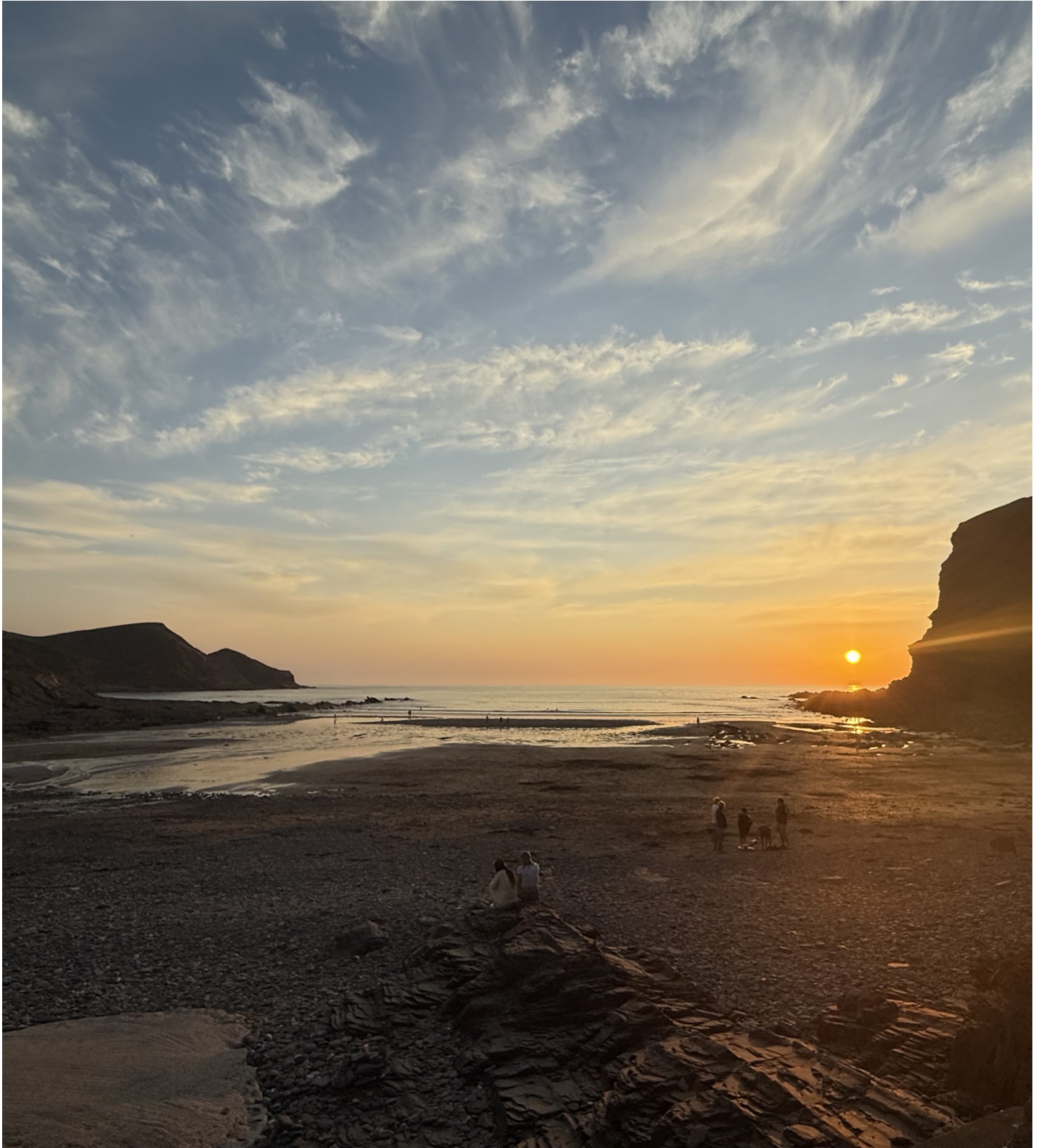


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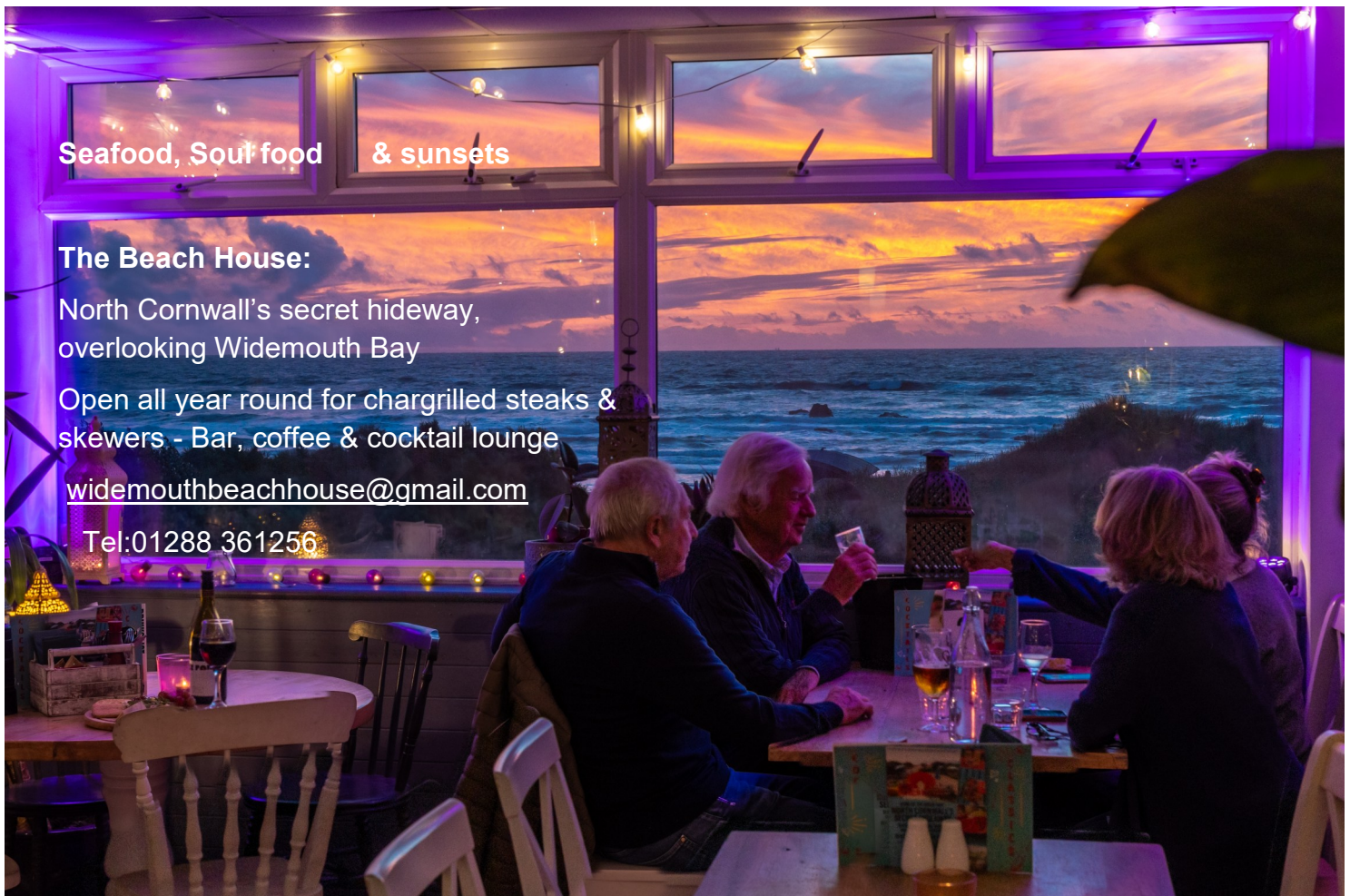


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Editorial

Summer holidays are finally upon us and we have experienced unusually warm weather which has enabled us to enjoy more outdoor activities. The beach at Crackington Haven is now being patrolled daily by the RNLI until the end of the school holidays and we are grateful to have them keeping bathers safe. Visitors should make themselves aware of the restrictions of dogs on our beach for the benefit of all. The prolonged warm weather has allowed us to enjoy some spectacular sunsets and I make no apology for including another picture on the front cover. One of the main events in our calendar is our annual Carnival, and this is due to take place on Saturday 1st August down in the Haven and a fun time should be had by all - please support it if you can.

Geoff Morris

Get in touch with the Gazette Editors at stgengaz230@gmail.com

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St Gennys Parish Diary August 2026

Saturday 1st	Crackington Carnival	Haven	From 2pm
Saturday 1st	Art Exhibition	St Gennys Church	11am - 6pm
Sunday 2nd	Farmers Market	Institute	10am - 1pm
Sunday 2nd	Art Exhibition	St Gennys Church	11am - 6pm
Sunday 2nd	Folk Club	Snooker Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 5th	Craven Players AGM	Institute	7pm
Thursday 13th	Knit'n'Stitch	Institute	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Saturday 15th	Parish Footpath Inspection Walk	Burden Car Park	11am
Sunday 16th	Art Exhibition	Institute	11am - 4pm
Monday 24th	Let's Get Together Quiz & Bingo	Institute	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 19th	Mobile Library	Institute	10.25am - 10.45pm
Thursday 27th	Knit'n'Stitch	Institute	2.30pm - 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
Wednesday (Every)	Tennis Club	Tennis Courts	From 6pm
Wednesday (Every)	Pilates Imp/Beginners	Institute	6.30pm
Wednesday (Every)	Line Dancing	Institute	7.00pm-9.00pm
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

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Even though it is August, most of the regular users and classes are continuing. Do take a look at our booking calendar for all the details. Although the Life Drawing Class will take a break in August, they are still going to be busy putting on an exhibition of their work on Sunday 16th August from 11am to 4pm. Refreshments will be available and they will be supporting "Breast Cancer Now."

We are also excited to announce a brand new class coming to the institute blue room on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.30pm. It is a 50 minute class based around a movement experience that's designed to help mobility, flexibility strength, agility & stability, helping you to recharge and reconnect at the end of the day. Blending elements of dance, martial arts & mindfulness with functional movement to support coordination, alignment and overall wellbeing. The Sessions will be engaging, energising and FUN. It is accessible to a whole range of ages and fitness levels as you participate at your own pace. The session is taken barefoot or with soft soled indoor shoes. £10 per session or block booking of £45 for 5 sessions. Any questions feel free to email melinajoyofnia@gmail.com

You will see that the Craven Players are holding their AGM on Wednesday 5th August and this is when they will announce their next family production. Performances take place in the February half-term and they will commence rehearsal from Wednesday 16th September 5pm until 6.30pm. Do go along if you are interested.

Some of you will be aware that we purchased a new basket swing for the playground but due to misuse it has been broken. The basket swing should not be twisted around, as it is not designed for this. The repair will result in an unexpected cost for the Institute, which is disappointing as we want to keep our playground safe and enjoyable for everyone. Please continue to enjoy the playground, but we kindly ask that everyone treats the equipment with care, respect, and kindness so it can be enjoyed by all for years to come.

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

Online booking calendar available at: ***hallbookingonline.com/Crackington***

We are still at the end of the phone on 07397 019697, or you can email us at Crackingtoninstitute@gmail.com for any queries or help with bookings.

Methodist Musings

This month saw the departure of the Rev Steve Swann and Julie Swann from the Camelford and Week St Mary circuit. He is retiring to West Sussex to be nearer children and grandchildren and has been a regular contributor to the Gazette with his amusing observations on life and spirituality. He is being replaced by the Rev Debbie Keegan who takes over responsibility from 1st September. We are grateful to Steve and wish him well during the next phase of his life and look forward to hearing from Debbie in future editions of the Gazette.

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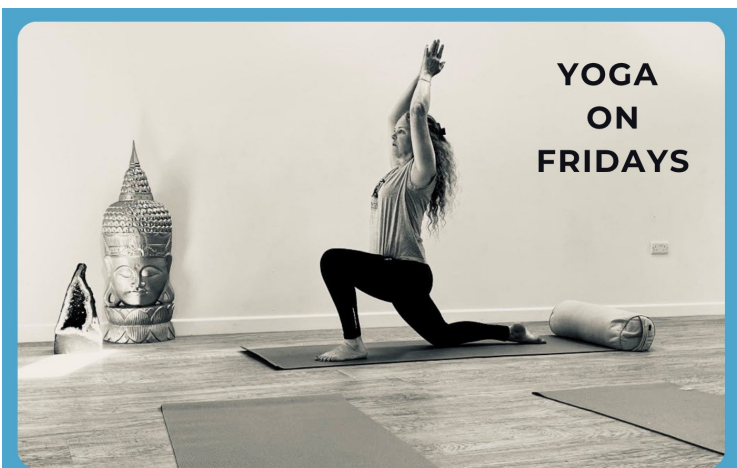
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Tues	18	Tavistock		Liz King	261710	9.00	£10.00	Dave
Thurs	20	Wadebridge/Bodmin	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.50	Peter
Fri	21	Tamar View Nursery		Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£10.00	Sadie
Wed	26	Memory Cafe		Kelly	07780644916	1.30	£2.50	Ivor
Thurs	27	Bodmin	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.00	Jeremy

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This was well attended despite the rising morning temperatures. 13 enthusiastic walkers set off from the Legion Hall heading for Coxford and Footpath 5 to Higher Tresmorn. We stopped at the fish pool to admire the goldfish then crossed the stream at the bottom of the road only to start the long uphill walk to the top at Tresmorn, recording issues with stiles and gates along the way - which is why we walk!! Then along the lane past both farms to Cleave Farm for a sit down, drink and chat in the shade of the trees. FP 1 back to the church was nice and shady in parts and then another climb up to the church to see the newly cut and now golden graveyard, before heading back along the road back to the Legion Hall. Thanks to everyone who came - it was a lovely morning!

The next Parish footpath volunteer inspection walk is on Saturday August 15th.Meeting 11am at Burden Carpark. Route: Ludon – Trevigue – cliff path back to beach.

All welcome, plus dogs on leads. Stout boots essential.

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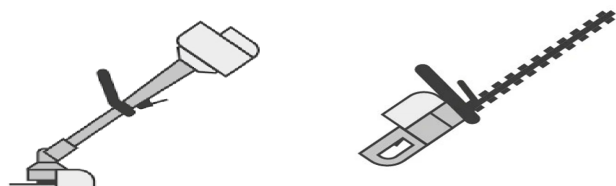
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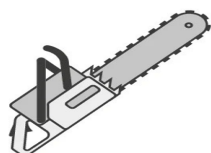
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By Monday the 21st things were very different. High pressure to the east into the continent along with southerly winds started to pull much warmer air up from the mid-latitudes, it was 28°C by midday and an associated elevated moisture stream imbedded in the southerly drift set a thunderstorm off to the SSW in the afternoon. The 22nd and the 23rd saw 30°C by the afternoon locally, and a sultry night was followed by 31°C on the 25th in the afternoon. It became extremely humid and a severe thunderstorm was observed in the evening. This intensified as the evening progressed and by 21.30h I had recorded 88 strikes within sensor range here at Canworthy. It became a little cooler by the last week, just a trace of rain on the 28th with it becoming more settled by the month end with just light drizzle at times. A total of 3.39", 86mm was collected as against my 10 year average for June of 2.96", 75mm. The thunderstorm didn't produce much in the way of rain here, but some places in North Cornwall had torrential downpours that in a few hours exceeded my total for the month.

July has started with indifferent conditions giving overcast early mornings along with hill mist and fog on high ground and modest temperatures for July, but as at the 10th it has become very warm again with 30°C by early afternoon.

Mike Gaskin

Puzzle Corner

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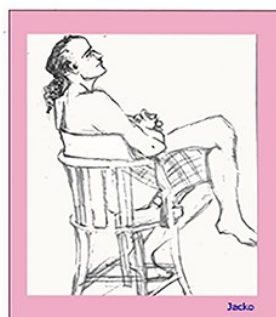
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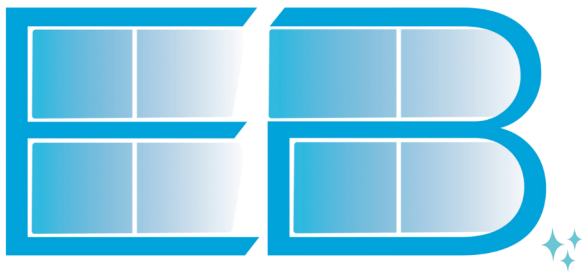


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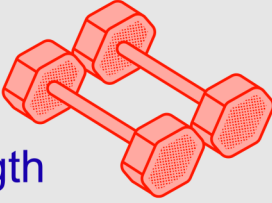




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Gardening Tips for August

The longest hot and dry spell in many years has decimated flowers and plants

- Cut back sun dried plants and flowers, cut off dead material.
- Deadhead spent flowers.
- Water and feed. Most will comeback next year.
- Harvest produce that is doing well, Feed and water with high potash feed.
- Make a few focus points in the garden with pots and new plants.
- Don't worry about the grass. It will come back.
- Prune wisteria to 6 buds from main stem.
- Tie in tall floppy plants.
- Look out for aphids and vine weevils and treat at once.
- Hoe the weeds. Dig out bind weed.
- Clear algae and blanket weed from ponds and top up with stored rain water.
- Sow hardy winter salads.
- Take cuttings: Lavender, rosemary, hydrangeas, ceanothus, fuchsias. salvia, verbena, and penstemon.
- Cut long grass

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Lightning strikes above the Haven on 25th June 2026 captured by Lloyd Russell



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St Gennys Calendar 2027

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The Greatest Showman Singalong

"Wooooaaaa! Wooooaaaa!"

That truly sums up the incredible atmosphere at The Greatest Showman Sing-along. Our MC, Andy, absolutely captured the crowd with his humour, enthusiasm, and infectious energy. Hands waving and clapping, feet stomping, great voices, pantomime style 'Boos' and laughter. The event was so well organised, from the practice run-through to the grand finale that left us all feeling like it was 'Never Enough'. Special thanks to Andy, Cathy, Steve and Seth and everyone who supported the event.



Astronomy August 2026

August is always bumper month for astronomy with the darkening skies and Perseid meteor shower. However, in August 2026 there are two eclipses too. On the evening of 12th August is the best solar eclipse we've seen in the UK since 1999. In 1999 it wasn't quite a total eclipse in Crackington, but it was total further south but blotted out with cloud. I was lucky enough to be in France and viewed totality there.

This is a big astronomical event that everyone and the animals will notice even if they are not trying to notice (if that makes any sense!). It will probably be best viewed from the wall or the beach because the sun is in the west in the evening. It will feel like it gets dark much earlier than normal, then get light again before getting dark again at sunset.

6:18pm: First contact. The first tiny nibble taken out of the sun will be visible on the right-hand side of the sun.

6:35pm: 20% of the sun's disc is covered by the moon.

6:41pm: The temperature will noticeably begin to drop as more of the sun is covered by the moon.

6:46pm: Shadows start to look unusual. Shadow edges that are aligned with the Sun's narrowing crescent become sharper.

6:52pm: As the eclipse progresses, the sky starts to become noticeably darker.

6:58pm: The temperature drop will really be noticeable, and wind will change (probably drop depending on weather conditions).

7:04pm: Light levels will noticeably drop. Colours will become greyer.

7:10pm: Animals will start changing their behaviour, reacting to falling light levels.

7:15pm: Maximum eclipse when the sun is 94.6% covered in Crackington Haven. It won't get completely dark because the eclipse is not total here.

Then the sky will start to lighten again until 8:09pm when the eclipse ends.

Never look at the sun directly; you could damage your eyesight for life. Definitely never look through binoculars at the sun, you'll go instantly blind.

Safe ways to view the eclipse:

Solar filter glasses. You can buy these from www.firstlightoptics.com. Even when viewing through such glasses, you must limit your viewing time to 30 seconds at a time to be safe. The safest way to view the eclipse is to project an image. You can do this with a hole in a piece of paper projecting the image on another piece of paper. However, with binoculars you can get a bigger, sharper and brighter image. You'll need to focus your binoculars on an extreme setting because the paper is further away than your eyes would normally be. The photograph on the next page shows me doing this for the 2021 partial eclipse.

Astronomy August 2026 - continued

Always supervise children when viewing the sun. I remember in the 1970s, before the times of decent sunscreen, we viewed eclipses through smoked glass. This isn't safe and fails to block dangerous infrared and ultraviolet radiation. Don't do it!

It would be worth going to Iceland or Spain to view 100% totality. That is truly spectacular on a different level with the stars coming out and the sun's corona visible. You'll also notice that the tides will be quite extreme the next few days after the eclipse.



On 12-13th August is the peak of the best meteor shower of the year, the Perseids. This is a particularly pleasant meteor shower to watch because it's not freezing cold at night! It's rated at 100 meteors per hour (but you never see that many because some will be below the horizon etc). If it's cloudy on this night, then a few days either side will produce many meteors too. 1am-4am is the best time to view because the Earth is facing more into meteors, however any time from an hour after sunset should be good. There is a chance that you'll see fireballs that make a noticeable shadow if the meteor is big enough.

Eclipses always come in pairs. In the west, in the morning of 28th August there is a partial lunar eclipse with 93% coverage. The Earth's shadow will not be completely dark. Light refracts through the Earth's atmosphere giving the moon a red hue in the shadow. All lunar eclipses are different because depends on how much dust there is in Earth's atmosphere on that day. The eclipse begins at 3:33am with maximum lunar eclipse at 5:12am but it will be low to the horizon by then and getting daylight.

Lloyd Russell

St Gennys Church

Reflections for August

During the month of August the church celebrates a few events.

6th August is when we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is an event described in the New Testament where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. Though the disciples do not understand his meaning, the Transfiguration and Jesus' charge to the disciples present a promise of what is to come. There is hope, because he will soon triumph over sin and death, and be raised in the fullness of glory – the glory of which they have just been given a glimpse.

10th August is celebrating St Laurence. He is the Patron Saint of children, poor people as well as archivists and librarians. He was known for his incredible work with the poor and was devoted to Christ.

14th August is Holy Cross Day. It commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena and honours Christ's self-offering on the cross for our salvation, reminding believers to take up their own crosses and follow Him.

15th August is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

24th August is celebrating St Bartholomew the Apostle. Bartholomew was one of the original twelve Apostles. Being a close friend of Christ, being transformed by Him, faithful to Him, and later evangelizing and giving up his life for Him, we look to St. Bartholomew as an example of holiness.

As we go into August let us think about all the Children and teaching staff who are now on their summer break. Let them all have a wonderful time with their loved ones and all are able to recharge their batteries ready for the coming school year. We especially think of those children who are starting a new school, either at the beginning of their education or transferring to the secondary school. May they all have a happy experience throughout their time there.

Services

2nd August St Gennys 10.30am Holy Communion

9th August Forrabury (Boscastle) 10.30am Holy Communion

16th August Tintagel 10.30am Holy Communion

23rd August Jacobstow 10.30am Holy Communion

30th August Boscastle Harbour Lawn All age Worship Service and Fate 10.30am

Carol Goundry - Reader in the Church of England

Beach Safety

In 2025, RNLI lifeguards aided 36,213 people on the beaches in the UK. Choosing to visit a life-guarded beach gives the protection of highly trained lifesavers. They can see the dangers develop, prevent accidents before they happen and respond instantly if anyone gets into difficulty. RNLI lifeguards patrol over 240 beaches across the UK and Channel Islands.

When you're heading to the beach, it's important that you know the risks and what you can do to minimise them. From rip currents to tides, cold water shock to waves, being aware of the dangers will help you to stay safe.

Always carry a means of calling for help and if going into the water, you can carry your mobile phone in a waterproof pouch. That way, if you find yourself or spot someone else in an emergency situation, you can get help. If you visit a lifeguarded beach, there will be flags on the beach to show you where it's safe to swim. If you're planning to swim or bodyboard, stay between the red-and-yellow flags. For surfboards, stand-up paddleboards or other non-powered craft, go between the black and white chequered flag. You should not swim there.

If you find yourself struggling in the water, or if you fall in unexpectedly, Float to Live. Relax and try to breathe normally. Tilt your head back and submerge your ears. Use your hands to help you stay afloat. Once your breathing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.

If a red flag is flying, the water is dangerous. Do not enter the water under any circumstances.

In a coastal emergency, call 999 and ask for the coastguard.

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Puzzle Corner Solutions from Page 11

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Word Game

Nine Letter Word: MALFORMED

Other Words: afore, deaf, deform, fade, fader, fame, famed, fare, fared, farmed, farm, faro, fear, fedora, femoral, feral, flam, flame, flamed, flamer, flare, flared, flea, fled, floe, flora, foal, foaled, foamed, foam, fold, folder, ford, fore, form, formal, frame, framed, from, leaf, loaf, loafed, loafer, refold

View From Westminster

Dear St Gennys:

Recently I celebrated two years since I was elected as your Member of Parliament, and it has been an incredible privilege to serve my constituents so far. Looking back over the past two years, we've achieved so much together: securing new investment for Cornwall; standing up for our farmers, fishermen and small businesses; challenging South West Water over sewage dumping; campaigning for better NHS dentistry; protecting our Minor Injuries Units; fighting for better transport and affordable housing; helping thousands of constituents through almost 20,000 casework items - the list goes on. There is of course still so much more to do, but I remain as determined as ever to put North Cornwall's needs right at the forefront of debates in Parliament, and keep fighting for the issues that matter most to local people here over the years ahead. Thank you for all your kind support!

One issue I raised in Parliament on behalf of constituents recently was the need for much tougher action against animal cruelty. I called on the Government to introduce a complete ownership ban for people convicted of the most serious acts of animal abuse, because I truly believe anyone capable of deliberately torturing or seriously harming an animal should never, ever be trusted with animal ownership again. I also argued that stronger sentencing powers are needed to ensure those responsible face punishments that truly reflect the severity of their crimes.

I've also continued my campaign to protect North Cornwall's volunteer coastguards, which is an issue many of you have got in touch about and urged me to keep pushing on. I challenged Ministers over the Maritime and Coastguard Agency's plans to overhaul the way volunteers are compensated. The current payment is modest (£11 an hour) but it helps volunteers who already make considerable personal and financial sacrifices to remain available for emergency call-outs. I pressed the Government on whether Ministers had actually consulted coastguards before making these proposals, whether a full impact assessment will now be carried out, and whether alternative approaches could be adopted that protect recruitment and retention. Volunteers perform an essential service for North Cornwall, and need the support and respect they deserve.

Closer to home, I visited Camelford alongside Cornwall Councillor Mark Burnett to discuss the proposed extension of the Camel Trail. This exciting project has the potential to bring many more visitors into the town, increase footfall for local shops and cafés, and provide a significant boost to Camelford's high street. We discussed the next stages of the bidding process and how we can continue building the strongest possible case to secure funding for this important investment.

I also tabled a Parliamentary motion recently that called on FIFA to protect the integrity of football following reports of political interference in disciplinary decisions involving the United States national team. Sport should be free from political influence, and decisions affecting the game must remain independent, transparent and fair. I also highlighted the growing problem of excessive ticket prices, because football should remain accessible to ordinary supporters rather than becoming something only a privileged few can afford.

To bring things to a close, the past two years have really reminded me just how much can be achieved by working closely with residents, community groups, local Councillors, small businesses, and other organisations across our constituency. Every campaign, every case-work success, and every improvement here begins with people speaking up - which is why anyone with questions, queries, or campaigns for me is welcome to get in touch - via ben.maguire.mp@parliament.uk to make sure your voice is heard loud and clear in Westminster.

Ben Maguire

Cheque This Out!-from the BBC website

A woman who campaigned against Lloyds Bank removing cheque deposit services at the Post Office has shared her "delight" after it announced plans to reintroduce the service. Annabel Yates, from Crackington Haven, Cornwall, had struggled to deposit a cheque and urged the bank to "not forget" rural communities, after what she described was a "backwards thinking" decision to stop the service in January.

Lloyds Banking Group said although cheque usage was in decline it "recognised some customers want greater choice" and was in talks with the Post Office to re-establish the service.

Yates said she felt "very optimistic" her voice had been heard. Yates had urged the bank to "reconsider their policy" as she believed it "disenfranchised the rural population".

She said: "Sometimes you have to speak up for things that you believe in, even though it can be a little bit uncomfortable along the way. To take on a big banking group with a small issue like ours, and for them to actually listen, it's incredible that they've made this decision."

"We're really, really thankful." Joanna Bickersteth, postmistress at Marshgate Post Office near Boscastle in Cornwall, said it was a "positive turnaround" and she was "really pleased" for her customers saying many of her customers used cheques regularly and had commented to her how difficult it had made their lives.

She said: "I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the Post Offices - it just didn't make sense at all. It's just making it back to, as it should be. Banking should be easy for all."

Lloyds Banking Group, which includes Lloyds, Halifax and Bank of Scotland, said most of its customers deposited cheques through its app, at branches and via its free post service. However, it added: "While these services are working well, with many customers choosing these quicker, more convenient options, we recognise some customers want greater choice and we're working to make cheque deposits available through the Post Office and Banking Hubs until 2030."

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Parish Council Report

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Gennys Parish Council held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 19.30h

In attendance, Cllrs Adamson (Chair), Spettigue, Anderson, Colverson, Waite, Wren, Bird, Piper & Comber. Also present the Clerk B Jordan present & 20 members of the public

Public Participation.

Mr M Ure made representation from the residents about a proposal in the Haven. Mention was also made regarding the installation of unsightly poles in Lundy Drive

Apologies: CC Nicky Chopak

To receive and approve the Minutes of the 9th June 2026

Cllr Adamson proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.30pm, having previously been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr Bird and agreed.

To receive Clerk's report on Matters Arising: 57/2026

Legion Hall. Weeds sprayed

Dogs without collars. Complaint received & dogs on the beach, dogs are not allowed on the beach between the hours of 10am and 6pm.

Co-option after 17th July, if there is no request for an election, clerk will put up the co-option notices.

Clerk referred to the changes in the audit procedures from 2027, Cllr Bird proposed that the clerk attend a seminar in St Mellion on the 26th November, seconded by Cllr Adamson and it was agreed.

Clerk to check the signage on the 'No use' of Jet Ski's from the beach

Planning Approvals:

PA26/02507 Granted (CAADs, PIPs and LUs only)

Proposal Permission in Principle for change of use of redundant building to single dwelling (minimum 1, maximum 1)

Location:- Whitelanes Wainhouse Corner St Gennys Bude Cornwall EX23 0BG

Applicant:-Mr And Mrs Hannaford

Portfolio Reports:

Beach –Nothing to report.

Rights of Way – Clerk to contact Growing Concern regarding the trimming of the footpaths

Transport – Waiting for contact from Highways. Pot holes filled at Pencuke

Community Area Partnership – Report on Housing

Financial Statement – All good

Planning Working Group update - Report given

Follow up Items – Report Given

Emergency Plan Update: Organising the next meeting

Correspondence:

Email from Dwr Glan. Complaint against SWW. After much discussion from Cllr Comber he proposed that the Council should sign the letter of complaint against SWW, this did not receive a seconder so failed. Response from SWW. Noted

Parish Council Report - continued

Correspondence (continued):

CALC EGM Thursday 23 July 2026 at 10am. Council to appoint rep. Cllr Adamson will attend on behalf of the Council

CC Councillors at PC meetings. Clerk to respond in the affirmative.

Parish Matters:

1. Speedwatch

After some very positive discussion the Clerk to contact Speedwatch to ask for the Police to check site for safety for Speedwatch sessions.

Balances 30/5/2026

Current Account	£914.72
Reserve	<u>£32,044.29</u>
Total	£32,959.01

To approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Wren proposed that the accounts of £3,889.75 be paid, seconded by Cllr Bird and agreed

Date of next meeting 11th August 2026 if needed

Thank you

We were invited to the Summer Roast at the Institute on 28th June. It was a really lovely afternoon and a chance to meet all our friends from the Monday Afternoon Group. The effort to keep a bunch of senior citizens happy and content was fulfilled by the excellent team of helpers providing us with a delicious meal. My husband and I unfortunately have dietary problems which often makes it difficult for us to eat out but the team accommodated our needs brilliantly. Every Monday we go with eager anticipation for the cakes they have prepared especially for us and the roast was no exception! A wonderful afternoon – good food, good company – what more could you ask for? We would like to thank the organisers and the team for all their hard work.

Dee and Mel McCoull



Bus Timetable -Number 95

Please be aware that there are changes to the Number 95 Bus Timetable with effect from 26 July 2026

95 Bus Timetable from 26 July 2026 Monday to Saturday

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Boscastle Doctors Hill	7.38	10.08	12.08	14.08	16.08	18.28
Boscastle Doctors Hill	7.39	10.19	12.19	14.19	16.19	18.19
Crackington Haven Road	8.00	10.40	12.40	14.40	16.40	18.49
Bude	8.32	11.12	13.12	15.12	17.12	19.12

95 Bus Timetable from 26 July 2026 Sundays only until 26 August 2026

Bude	8.10	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00
Crackington Haven Road	8.31	10.29	12.29	14.29	16.29	18.29
Crackington Haven Road	-	10.02	12.31	14.31	16.31	18.31
Bude	-	10.34	13.04	15.04	17.04	19.04



Directory of Clubs and Societies

<u>Group/Society</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone number (or Email)</u>	<u>Venue/Info</u>
Beavers	Josie Shepherd	07855 001284	Scout Hut Wainhouse
Board Games	Cathy Turner	01840 230365	Institute
Circuit Training	Frankie Bamford	07479 382942	Institute
Community Equipment Store	Heather Smith	07794390807	All enquiries
Crackington Folk Club	Kevin Johnson	01840 230792	Snooker Club/Monthly
Crackington Institute	Gina Oliver	07397 019697	Booking/All Enquiries
Crackington Playgroup	India Skinner	01840 230558	Institute/Thursdays
Crackington Village Shop	Liz Houghton	01840 239919	Institute Car Park
Craven Players	Mrs Lesley Cooke	01840 230490	Institute/Weds
Cubs & Scouts	Mrs D Dowling	01288 352786	Scout Hut Wainhouse
Friends of St Gennys Church	Jon Shipsides	01840 230727	St Gennys Church
Gardening Club	Rachel Martin	07598 934405	Various
Guides/Brownies/Rainbows	Louise Cowling	07817 985661	Jacobstow Parish Hall
Healthwise	Melinda Weldon	07967790458	Institute/Mondays
Horticultural Society	Tony Stedham	07515863591	Meetings as notified
Jubilee Club	Diana Hall	01840 261366	Mondays as advertised
Knit and Stitch	Julie Morris	01840 230106	Institute
Legion Hall	Barry Jordan	01840 230141	Booking Enquires
Let's Get Together	Julie & Geoff Morris	01840 230106	Monday afternoons
Life Drawing	Mike Owen	07836315367	Institute/Weekly Weds
Line Dancing	Maureen Shepherd	07881707450	Institute/Wednesdays
Parish Council	Barry Jordan	01840 230141	Legion Hall
Parish Walk	Gill Nicholls	01840 230393	Various
Pilates	Martin Brooks	07812 959879	Institute/ Mon & Weds
Qi Gong	Kieron Chatterjee	07581388768	Institute/Thursdays
Snooker Club	Gary Cummings	07765 430606	Lower Institute
St Gennys Church	Robert Andrews (Moses)	01840 230006	St Gennys Church
St Gennys Silver Band	Heather Smith	07794390807	Legion Hall
Surf Life Saving Club	Secretary	secretary@crackingtonslsc.org.uk	Surf Clubhouse
Table Tennis Club	Julie Morris	01840 230106	Institute/Tuesdays
Tennis Club	Mike Cowling	07980 120663	Tennis Court
Yoga	Laura Griffin	07815140755	Institute

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