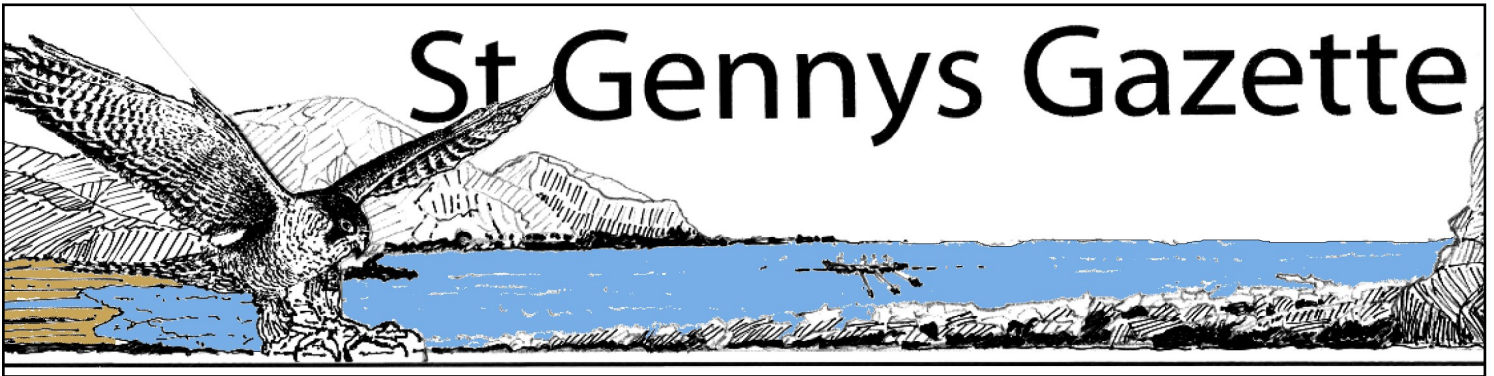


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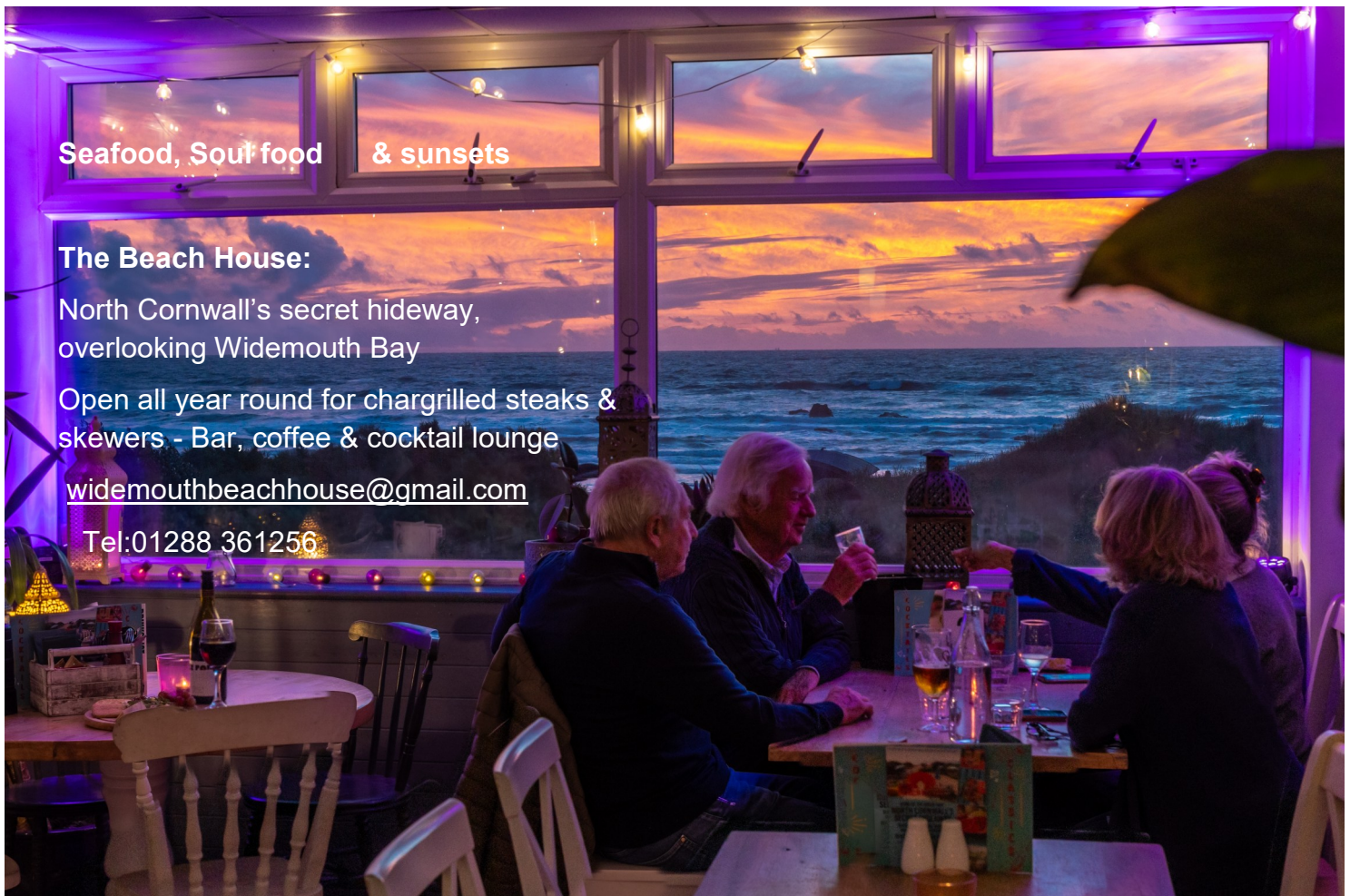


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Editorial

The summer of 2026 keeps on giving, even in late September as I type there are still warm sunny and summery days (between the drizzle). As a surfer, I'm pleased to see some swell return after the flattest summer I can remember—however I feel quite out of shape and not prepared for the winter swells ahead. As we say goodbye to the hottest summer ever, I thought it appropriate to have a big sunset picture on the front cover.

I apologise to Gill for losing the Gardening Tips and Art Exhibition last month. Beginner editor error! I promised her colour pages this month to make up for the month late publication!

When compiling this issue, I had more content than I had space so if something that you usually look forward to is missing, then sorry about that. But it's a great problem to have, so thanks for all the contributions. I tried to prioritise articles about Crackington and the people here.

Lloyd Russell

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

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St Gennys Parish Diary - October 2026

Sunday 4th	Farmers Market	Institute	10am - 1pm
Sunday 4th	Quiz Night	Coombe Barton	7:15pm
Sunday 4th	Folk Club	Snooker club	7:30pm
Thursday 8th	Knit 'n' Stitch	Institute	2:30 - 4:30pm
Sunday 11th	Board Games Afternoon	Institute	2:30 - 4:30pm
Monday 12th	Vaccination Clinic	Institute	2 - 5:30pm
Wednesday 14th	Mobile Library	Institute	10:25 - 10:45am
Saturday 17th	Parish Walk	Institute (starting)	11am
Saturday 17th	SLSC Under The Sea Ball	Institute	6:30pm - late
Thursday 22nd	Knit 'n' Stitch	Institute	2:30 - 4:30pm
Saturday 24th	Hour Before Nightfall (theatre prod)	Institute	7:30pm
Friday 30th	Halloween Family Bingo	Institute	6:30pm

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)	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

Crackington Institute News

Improvements to the Institute

We're delighted to share some positive developments at the Institute. Vanstone's will be improving the kerbs at the front of the building. We're also planning to purchase new picnic tables for the lawn and playground, creating a more enjoyable outdoor space for everyone in the community.

To support these and ongoing improvements, we're organising a couple of fundraisers. Every event you attend helps us maintain and improve our much-loved village hall.

Halloween Family Bingo – Friday 30th October 2026 Doors Open 6.30pm

Join us for a fun and friendly Halloween Bingo evening suitable for all ages.

Fancy dress is optional, but there will be a prize for the best costume, so feel free to get creative.

Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 28th November 2026

From 11am – 3pm our festive Christmas Bazaar returns with craft stalls, pre-loved items, refreshments, and family activities. To book a table, contact **Cathy** on **07943 646291** or crackingtoninstitute@gmail.com

Table Prices are: 8ft – £15, 5ft – £10, 4ft – £5. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended.

Board Games Afternoon Returns – Sunday 11th October

After a short break, our popular Board Games Afternoon is back from 2.30pm, this relaxed session is open to all ages, with a wide selection of games available. Everyone is welcome.

Bottreaux Surgery Winter Vaccinations

If you're visiting the Institute on Monday 12th October or Monday 9th November for your annual winter vaccinations, the sessions coincide with our social afternoons in the Blue Room. Please feel free to call in and join our Let's Get Together group. Stay and have a chat and enjoy hot drink and cakes. We will be extending our session to coincide with the clinic so we'll be there from 2 pm until 5.30pm.

Children's Party Hire

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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.

Stay connected by following us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for updates on events, classes, and activities happening at the Institute.

Institute Events



The play based on the intriguing true story of Frederick Densham, a mysterious living hermit who lived in the remote Bodmin Moor Village of Warleggan from 1931 until his death in 1953.

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The Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal 2026

The 2026 Poppy Appeal launches on Thursday 22 October and runs until Armistice Day on Wednesday 11 November. Remembrance Sunday is Sunday 8 November.

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Jane Wardlaw

St Gennys Poppy Appeal Organiser



Astronomy in October

Eclipses always come in pairs, so two weeks after our amazing August solar eclipse, we had a lunar eclipse early morning on 28th August. I got up early, and saw a partial phase (about 50%), then it clouded over and started to rain, so I gave up and went back to bed. It was about 93% covered in the UK. I saw some pictures from around the UK and it showed a deep red moon with a bright corner where the sun was still shining on the moon.

Saturn is well placed for October observations whether you are an evening astronomer or an early riser. It rises in the east around sunset, is overhead towards the south around midnight, then in the west in the early morning. Saturn reaches opposition on 4th October. Opposition is when the Earth is between the outer planet and the sun, so at opposition, the planet is at it's brightest. Saturn is always the most fun planet to look at through a telescope because of its bright rings. It looks like a proper planet out of a film! Through binoculars, the rings may just about be possible if you can hold them still enough.

Here's one for the early risers... Mars and Jupiter do a merry dance with the star Regulus (79 light years away) through October in the morning sky in the east. At the beginning of October, the three objects are spaced well apart. As the month progresses, they get closer. At the end of October Regulus, Jupiter, Mars (from left to right) are in a line, with a similar spacing to Orion's belt. On 16 November Mars and Jupiter are in conjunction, very close together in the sky. By watching these three objects move around relative to each other throughout the month, the three-dimensional nature of the solar system against the more distant stars becomes apparent.

And finally, some daytime astronomy! On 6th October at 11:24am, the moon will be in the southwest. If you use binoculars, you may just be able to see Jupiter about one moon diameter above the moon. I've never done this before, but I'm keen to try to spot a planet in broad daylight, using the moon as a guide to help me focus my eyes. Obviously, be careful not to look at the sun through binoculars otherwise you'll damage your eyes.

Lloyd Russell

Parish Footpath Inspection Walk

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Fri	9	Par Market	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£10.00	Dave
Tues	13	Bodmin Steam Train		Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£9.00	Ivor P
Wed	14	Memory Cafe		Kelly	07780644916	1.30	£2.50	Veronica
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Thurs	29	Truro Shopping trip	XX	Fran Keats	07931152882	9.00	£10.00	Peter W

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Bude	8.32	11.12	13.12	15.12	17.12	19.12

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Bude	8.10	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00
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Crackington, Haven Road	-	10.02	12.32	14.32	16.32	18.32
Bude	-	10.35	13.05	15.05	17.05	19.05

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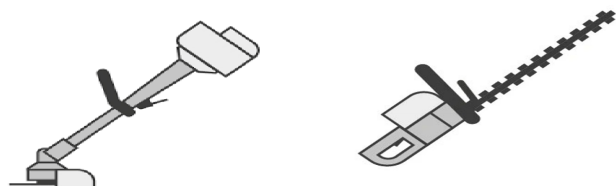
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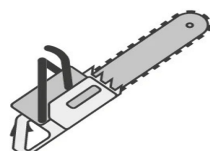
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The carnival will be held on the 7th August 2027, so put the date in your diaries so you don't miss out on the fun.

Facebook page: [thecarnival@crackington](https://www.facebook.com/thecarnival@crackington).



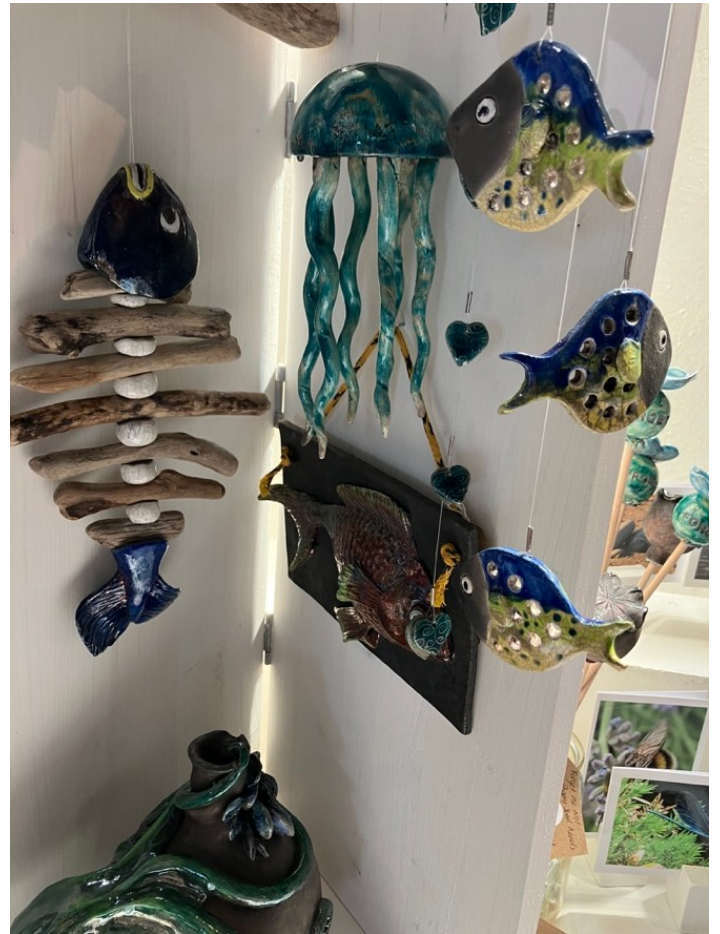
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Attendants: Lola Davies, Isla Self

St Gennys Art Exhibition

St Gennys Church from Jul 31st - Aug 2nd 2026

A fabulous collection of talented works and a successful event.

A total of £1,455.93 was raised for the Church by the Art Exhibition.



We would like to thank all the artists for taking part and for their hard work, and beautiful art, making it such a success. Thank you to all who supported the Art Exhibition by coming along and buying art and refreshments or donating.

Thank you also to those who provided wonderful cakes for teas, and to those who gave raffle prizes. Thanks to those who publicised on web sites. Also, our grateful thanks to those who kindly helped with stewarding and teas. No expenses at all were taken. Special thanks to those who donated paintings solely for church funds and to those who bought or helped very generously and they know who they are!

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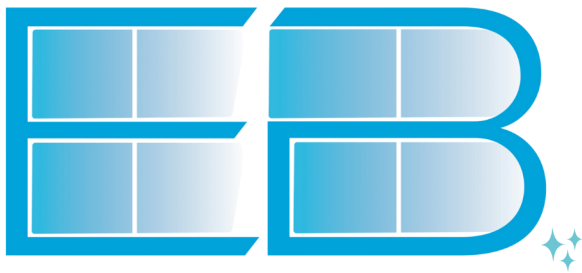
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Under The Sea

With the lack of swell and rain, this summer saw the clearest seas we've ever seen. Ideal for snorkelling. These pictures were taken off Crackington rocks with an Olympus OM System Tough TG-7 Digital Camera. Photos by: Helen Cooley



Spider crab



Spiny starfish

Gardening Tips

After the record dry weather and now some rain, the garden may be a bit straggly and uninspiring. Some plants have died or struggled to survive. Any perennials with dead or straw-like foliage can be cut back and hopefully will revive next year. Roses and flowers can be deadheaded and cut back to healthy stems. Harvest whatever crops have succeeded and clear the ground. There were some bonuses; grapes appearing from an outside vine which was once inside a glass house. Echinacea loved the heat.



Echinacea thrived



Perovskia, Achillea & Echinacea



Grapes outside for first time

Autumn pots of flowers can make new focal points and hopefully the lawn is greening up. Time to sow winter crops like spring cabbages, garlic, overwintering onions and plant spring bulbs; daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths and enjoy the Autumn sun and produce.... apples and blackberries! Trees and shrubs can be planted while the soil is still warm and hardwood cuttings taken. Prune climbing roses. Divide plants, lift tubers and add mulch to beds. Think ahead about preparing for winter:- protecting tender plants ahead of frost and standing pots off the ground to avoid water-logging. Tidying and updating sheds and greenhouses is strangely rewarding as is gathering catalogues and books to plan next Spring's garden; ready to browse beside the fire.

Gill Shipsides



Nudibranch

Nudibranchs, also known as sea slugs, are soft-bodied marine molluscs that lack external shells. They are often brightly coloured.

This specimen was less than 1cm long so we were lucky to see it floating in open water.

St Gennys Calendar 2027

The 2027 Calendar has been published and is available to buy at the Crackington Village Shop and at the Wainhouse Country Stores for £8,50. All profits go to the St Gennys Gazette and a display copy is at both shops for you to peruse before purchase.



It's not too early to be thinking about photos, landscape format, for 2028. Please send to: st.gennys.cal@gmail.com



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Weatherwatch

August is still high summer. The month started on a quiet note, little in the way of rain and with westerly winds temperatures were cool first thing some days but very warm by late morning, 28.7° was recorded here at Canworthy Water on the 3rd and 24.7° on the 4th. The trend was for a more westerly wind direction towards the end of the first week, however with these westerlies being only fairly light generally and settled high pressure afternoons were warm. The second week was similar to the first, with a hot day on the 12th at 30.8°C by mid-afternoon. It tended to remain warm and close into the evenings, although I did notice that sea fog encroached inland by early evening on the 13th.

The following Friday morning (the 14th) was noted as remaining very warm from overnight with a minimum of 19.3°, almost a tropical night with a high relative humidity.

Saturday the 15th was the beginning of a breakdown in the warm and settled conditions with low pressure developing to the northwest. Winds became more north-westerly, the first rain of note since the 2nd of July was observed on the 18th, and the following two days were very wet. I collected 0.52", 13mm on the 19th, and 0.6", 15mm on the 20th. It became cooler and fairly dry towards the weekend of the 21st, and this continued into the new week with only light showers on the 25th not amounting to much, though.

An extensive elevated thunderstorm was observed across the Channel over Brittany late evening on the 26th. This was a prolonged affair but slow-moving and reluctant to drift northwards. This did eventually affect us the following day with heavy downpours along with a thunderstorm in the early evening, I recorded 0.94", 24mm collected in 30 minutes from 1730 to 1800, and further heavy convective showers gave a total of 1.53", 39mm by the close of the day. The 29th and the 30th were both wet days giving another inch or so of rain collected here along with the final day at 0.57", 14.5mm.

A total of 4.92", 125mm was collected for the month, as against my 10 year average of 3.25", 83mm. August's have generally been drier of late, with only 2012 being an exception in the past decade at 6.73", 171mm but the whole of that year was rubbish anyway.

We start September typically of the month, with westerlies, weak weather fronts giving hill mist in the mornings at times with light rain or drizzle, although the 8th saw light but persistent rain from overnight into the following morning giving 0.78", nearly 20mm collected by lunch time.

Mike Gaskin

Dog Show

The St Gennys Dog Show was held on Sunday 13th September afternoon, courtesy of Emma De Haan. Despite the dismal start to the day, the rain cleared up just in time for the various classes to be judged, when tails started wagging vigorously and tricks were performed perfectly! Everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and the awarding of raffle prizes ... altogether most definitely a lot of fun!

Thank you to everyone who came along to participate, whether 2- or 4-legged, and to everyone who helped on the day.



Rachel Champion
with
Bonny Kingdon champion dog



Buster Smith



Danny Newman

2nd Bude (Jacobstow) Scout Group

Here we are at the start of yet another Scouting term and this will see big changes within the Cub sector.

Daphne our Cub leader who started with our scouting group in 1979 has retired. Daphne has played a massive role with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts over the years. Daphne will be dearly missed by us all and we wish her a happy retirement.

We have also said goodbye to Maria, who again for many years has assisted Daphne and Josie on a Cub evening, helped Rob over many Scout evenings and participated in many walks/camps.

Several of our Cubs are attending a North Cornwall District Cub camp at Nine Ashes (Bodmin) and Daphne and Maria have kindly agreed to attend the weekend. The Cubs I'm sure will have a fun packed weekend. We massively thank Daphne & Maria for their time & dedication to our young people & the Scouting groups.

We have 2 new Cub leaders, Katy and Claire. Both are looking forward to the challenge of running the Cubs and getting to know our Cubs. Beavers and Scout remain the same, with a fun packed term ahead of us.

October will see some Scouts going off to the annual 'winter camp' at Nine Ashes (Bodmin). A weekend full of activities & evening entertainment and always a big hit with the Scouts.

Our annual Christmas fundraising evening is planned for Mon 7th Dec at the hut. More details for this will follow.

If you know any young people who would like to come and try out Scouting please contact from the list below. All young people are welcome to come along for a few weeks & see how it goes.

Cubs (age 8-11) = Mon 6.30pm – 8pm Katy Paynter 07884 263771

Scouts (age 11-14) = Tue 6.30pm – 8pm Rob Medland 07842 084971

Beavers (age 6-8) = Wed 5.30pm – 6.30pm Luke Parker 07525 166717



Parish Council Report

Minutes of the Meeting of the St Gennys Parish Council held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 19.30.

In attendance, Cllrs Adamson (Chair), Spettigue, Anderson, Colverson, Waite, Bird, & Comber. Also present, the clerk B Jordan & CC Chopak.

Public Participation.

Cllr Chopak congratulated the Carnival.

She commented on the telegraph poles in Lundy Drive and had been in contact with BT.

CAP meeting tomorrow with Transport being the topic.

Working with others on the reopening of the North Devon hospital maternity unit.

Safer town funding.

Cllr Chopak has been elected as chair of the Police and Crime panel.

In discussion with Stratton hospital regarding parking.

The Chief Exec of Cornwall Council on leave of absence.

Apologies

Cllr Wren, Absent Cllr Piper

To receive and approve the Minutes of the 14th July 2026

Cllr Bird proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.30pm, having previously been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record, seconded by Cllr Colverson and agreed

To receive Clerk's report on Matters Arising:

Hall painting etc. Ongoing.

New coin box at the haven. Working well.

Boards for Beach. (Dogs on the beach). Clerk to get prices.

The Hand Dryer in the gents toilet has failed, Clerk to organise replacement.

Clerk reported on a meeting he had with the Chair with SWW regarding sewerage treatment plant in the Haven, Clerk to respond and ask when we are going to have the face to face meeting with consultants. Cllr Comber was very scathing and accused the company of being "A bunch of shysters" the chairman had to ask Cllr Comber to refrain from commenting in that manner.

Planning Applications

Application: PA26/05247

Proposal: Proposed Poly-tunnels and market garden, with barn to facilitate the maintenance and storage for the land.

Location: Land East of Pencuke Lane Higher Crackington Bude St Gennys

Applicant: Mr Stuart Swanepoel

Cllr Adamson proposed that The Parish Council are unable to make a decision on this PA as it stands as there are no dimensions included for the proposed polytunnels and agricultural building. We were informed that the dimensions of the proposed polytunnels and agricultural building on the previous application were around double the size of those on the adjacent land, which did concern us. We note that this revised application reflects a slight move east / downhill from the application earlier this year, however it is still more elevated compared to the tunnels and building on the lower adjacent land. In our opinion the proposal would still benefit from additional tree screening on the NE, E and S boundaries. Seconded by Cllr Comber and agreed.

Parish Council Report

Application: PA26/05634

Proposal: Proposed implement storage shed

Location: Land North East of Treryn, St Gennys, Bude

Applicant: Mr Watson Cllr Adamson proposed no objections, seconded by Cllr Anderson and agreed.

Portfolio Reports:

Beach – Lifeguards have finished for the season, there had been 3 minor rescues, 4 STP (Short Term Pollution) notices this year. Beach clean and pickers were mentioned.

Rights of Way – Pengold bridge on FP 18 completed and repaired. St Gennys is the only parish that completes footpath walks and reports and failures or other issues.

Transport – No report at this time

Community Area Partnership – Meeting tomorrow evening. Cllr Waite apologies

Financial Statement Clerk to arrange

Planning Working Group update Report given

Follow up Items Report given

Emergency Plan Update

A very fruitful meeting, we have spoken about an emergency box equipment, the next meeting is on the 6th September and we have more helpers coming forward.

Correspondence

Cornwall Air Ambulance. Request for a donation. Cllr Anderson proposed that a grant of £300 be made, seconded by Cllr Bird and agreed

Cornwall Council. Planning Committees. Note.

Parish Matters

Speedwatch Clerk has a meeting with Elaine Fell Speedwatch coordinator

Bus Shelter Clerk to arrange a meeting with highways

Legion Hall pricing: Prices to remain at £15 per booking for local groups but clerk to negotiate on other bookings

Finance/Accounts

Balances 30/5/2026

Current Account £188.72

Reserve £24,065.88

Total £24,254.60

To approve Accounts for Payment

Cllr Anderson proposed that the accounts of £6,667.98 be paid, seconded by Cllr Colverson and agreed.

Motion that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve likely disclosure of information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as defined in the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972.

Staffing

‘A complaint was made against an employee, the council has considered the related information and made a decision which will be made known at the next Parish Council meeting in public’. Cllr Comber became very abusive and aggressive to the Clerk, refused to refrain when the chair asked him to and left the meeting

NALC Pay increase. The Parish Council agreed the rise in accordance with the NALC agreement.

Date of next meeting 13th October 2026

St Gennys Church

Some interesting facts about Harvest time.

The harvest season is an important time of year for people everywhere, but it can also come and go without a lot of us noticing. We don't always spare a thought to where our food comes from and how it gets to our plate, and that's why harvest festivals exist – as a way to show gratitude and celebrate a good year's harvest.

The British harvest festival as we know it today started in Cornwall in 1843, when Reverend Robert Hawker started a special harvest service at his church in Morwenstow. At these services, hymns were sung and people would give thanks for a successful and productive harvest.

However, harvest festivals actually date back much further. Lammas (or 'Loaf Mass Day') was an earlier harvest festival celebrated in August, and Christians would bake loaves of bread to give to their church. Some harvest festival tradition may even date back to pre-Christian times, being adopted into Christian practises in later years.

Harvest festivals take place at different times of the year in different places around the world. This is because of differences in climate and the types of crops grown all have an impact on when harvest time happens. For instance, harvest time here in the UK occurs during September and October, while the rice harvest in Bali, Indonesia falls in between May and June.

A classic harvest festival tradition in Europe is to make corn dollies, which are small symbols or figurines that are hand-made using straw from the last of the corn that was harvested. It all has to do with an old legend - people believed that the spirit of the corn lived among the crops, and by crafting corn dollies, the spirit would have a place to rest throughout the winter months until planting season the next year.

Another tradition, and one you may not have heard of, is that of Crying the Neck. Practised in Cornwall and Devon, it involved calling out a special cry when the last of the harvest's corn had been reaped. While it declined with the arrival of modern farming machines, it's still practised today in some places.

Loving God, we thank you for the many ways in which you provide for us: Food, family, friendship, health, happiness, freedom and home and the way we use our time and talents. We lift to you the ways in which we remain in need of these things. God of generosity, may your Kingdom come. Amen.

Services for October

6th October 10.30am – St. Gennys

13th October 10.30am – Forrabury (Boscastle)

15th October 6.30pm - Otterham

20th October 10.30am – Tintagel

27th October 10.30am – Warbstow and 4pm – Waves at Boscastle Village Hall

Methodist Musings

A long while ago, before I was ordained as a deacon in the Methodist Church, I trained and worked as a newspaper photographer. As a photographer I photographed many local events, and as a consequence everyone got to know my face and my name, but there was no way I would be able to remember the hundreds of people at whom I pointed my camera. So, the inevitable was bound to happen.

Once when I was having my lunch in a local cafe, by myself, minding my own business, someone came and sat opposite me and began talking to me as if we had been great friends for many years.

In order not to embarrass myself, I just nodded and was happy to let the person waffle on while I racked my brain to remember their name and where I knew them from. As they talked I tried to discern from the varying subject matter of the conversation what job they did, or where I had met them, or photographed them and even if I knew them at all. Fortunately, as I was still eating my lunch I didn't have to make conversation, just nod and say "That's interesting", or "I see", or something similar.

Eventually, after what seemed a lifetime but was probably only about five minutes, the penny dropped and I realised who they were and what their name was. Fortunately, I don't think they even knew I had been scrambling to recognise who they were. I have reflected on this incident many times. Part of my struggle in recognising the person was the fact that our meeting was out of the usual context. I was also distracted at the time and in my 'off-duty' mode.

It has always reminded me of the times when the disciples had similar experiences when they were with Jesus. Often the disciples were uncertain what Jesus' teachings meant, before Pentecost. Sometimes they didn't even recognise him, here I am thinking of Mary at the tomb (John 20:1-6), or the couple on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:13-35), and the disciples who mistook Jesus for a stranger when they were out fishing after the crucifixion (John 21:1-14).

It makes me wonder how often I mistake Jesus' presence with me in the humdrum of the everyday. Sometimes I think that maybe that urge I had felt to call such a person just to say "Hello", or "How are you doing?" might have been a prompting from Jesus. Or that nudge just to share a part of my faith experience with someone who is expressing a season of challenge in their life was Jesus prompting me to step out in faith.

I may be forgiven for forgetting someone's name in a conversation in a cafe now and then. But, please Jesus, teach me to recognise your presence, your small voice, even in the most mundane circumstances as I seek to be the disciple you have called me to be.

Amen

Deacon Dave Keegan

Methodist Minister

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