



# *Paul Parish Church Magazine*



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As well as commending this month's contents to you (though the latest episode of Alf's memoirs is not for the squeamish!), I want to give everyone advance notice of the 2010 **Christian Aid Week, 9-15 May**. There'll be the usual brilliant and fun fund-raising meal, and of course the usual collections to be done - hopefully by the usual kind and (mostly!) willing volunteers.

What won't be usual this year is that Eryl and I are organising the deliveries and collections instead of Marta. So we need all the (usual) suspects, plus any other people who'd like to volunteer to do a round, to be very understanding and supportive and help raise an even bigger total than ever before.

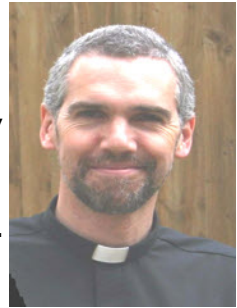
More details next month, but in the meantime, if you *really* don't feel you can do your usual stint, please let us know in good time so we can plug any gaps.

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Dear Friends

April begins this year on Maundy Thursday and as last year we shall be having a simple communion service that evening which will recall the Last Supper and prepares us for Good Friday.



The next day at 2pm we will have a Tenebræ Service which should finish around 3pm – the hour of Christ’s death. Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." During the service we will hear the Passion story and as we reflect on Christ’s pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion we will gradually extinguish six candles, symbolising the apparent victory of the forces of darkness over light, until only the seventh candle, the Christ light, remains. At the end of the service, the Christ candle is carried out of the church and as this is done a bell will be rung 33 times, once for each year of Christ’s life. Finally a loud noise (the strepitus) is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of His death.

It is a powerful service and gives us some idea of how the Disciples must have felt that day as the light in their lives was extinguished and they were left demoralised and without hope. Psychologist Victor Frankl describes in his book "Man's Search for Meaning" how without hope life becomes meaningless. Frankl survived the Nazi death camps and it was there that he saw that for those who hold on to hope life never ceases to have meaning, even in the face of suffering and death.

The hope that carries us through Good Friday is of course Easter day and Christ’s resurrection. More than that; it is the resurrection which turns us into Christians – worshipers of the living God who is alive and at large. And it is the understanding of this which will help us to hold on to hope for the rest of the year - regardless of what life throws at us.

Atheists may accept this is in effect true, but would argue that the resurrection is a false hope – something created to give our lives meaning but not an actual event. Others may say that Jesus lives on spiritually in the hearts of his followers but was not physically resurrected.

But something truly amazing did happen in Judea 2000

years ago. The Romans killed another Jewish troublemaker (as they had many times before), his followers fled (as they had many times before) but suddenly they found new hope. Uniquely something happened to turn this particular collection of demoralised and dispirited disciples into a group that went on to change the world. Something must have given them hope. This is what Peter says: "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen--by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead".

There needed to be Good Friday in order for there to be an Easter Day. But it is the events of Easter Sunday which provide the hope we need to give our faith and our lives meaning - and which enables us hold on to hope whatever the circumstances.

May that hope be strengthened in all of us this Easter.

God Bless

**Tim**

## **Christian Aid Sponsored Walk**

Each year Penzance and District Christian Aid Committee organises a sponsored walk and this year it is our turn to plan it. The walk will be on April 7th starting at 2 o'clock from the church hall.

Nigel Haward has planned the route which will be led by Nancy and Thornley. The walk is usually between 3 and 5 miles long and is planned with the 'not so young' in mind. As far as possible it is on footpaths and is never too arduous. The circular route will come back to the hall where all share tea and sticky buns together along with their experiences of the afternoon.

Why not come and enjoy a nice walk in the country, perhaps to hidden parts of West Penwith you have never seen before. Sponsor forms are available from David and you are asked to bring a contribution of cakes, sandwiches, sausage rolls etc for tea. As we know, April weather comes in all shapes and sizes so come prepared.

This year, why not add a little extra to Christian Aid.

David Carpenter

## Cornish lamb finds happy home in Haiti



We have read in the past Emily Bell's reports of her work in Burma and Liberia working with MSF out there.

She's currently helping to manage a project for the charity Merlin in Haiti, where they've set up tented field hospitals to treat and re-habilitate victims of the earthquake there.

Her Mum, Rhona, had picked up this toy lamb in Paul for her to take out with her, and Emily found it a delighted new owner when she visited a local orphanage.

## **MEETING OF THE P.C.C. – 16th MARCH, 2010**

- 1.** Tim reported and the PCC welcomed the news that John Harry had accepted his invitation to take on with immediate effect the role of Choirmaster in addition to that of Organist.
- 2.** Review of recent services. The funeral of Darren Hicks and the Mothering Sunday Service, were each in their own way felt to have gone well, with only the microphone system in need of further attention. Tim reminded the PCC of our aim "to be a worshipping community that has a generally relaxed atmosphere but is able to be formal when the occasion calls for it" and said these two contrasting services showed we were able to do both.
- 3.** The end of the formal parish year is approaching with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 16th April in the Church Hall. This will begin with the Vestry Meeting which will consider the election of a new churchwarden (Chris Osborne is having to resign through pressure of work) followed by the APCM which will approve the annual report and accounts for 2009 and elect new members of the PCC in place of those due to retire by rotation.
- 4.** The PCC will meet briefly on April 16th to approve the annual report and accounts prior to the APCM but the next full meeting of the PCC will be on Monday 10th May. Topics agreed for the discussion element of future meetings were 'Provision for children', 'Mission and evangelism' and 'The Anglican/Methodist Covenant'.

John Dancy.

### Gardeners Question Time on 15th March

was a great success, raising £119-90p to help fund

Open Gardens Day,

which will take place later in the year. Thanks to you all.

**Take a gallon of gin.....** the story you've been waiting a month to read!

We recently bought (yet another) Indian cookery book. The problem was finding space on the cookbook shelf, so I thought I'd work on the 'one in, one out' principle you're supposed to use when you get new clothes (?!).

The book I got down to re-cycle was a 'see the TV series, buy the book' one of my Mum's - catchily entitled 'Westcountry Cookery' by Leslie Hoare, Westward Television Chef. Now my mum wasn't the world's keenest cook, but I don't remember her *ever* using this book. The pages aren't splashed, there are no notes alongside any recipes, no sticky residues. Maybe she was just a neater cook than me - or the following recipe we found when leafing through might indicate why it's still so pristine. Text is as in the book...

### **Runner Beans Au Gratin.**

***Cold cooked runner beans      Grated Cheese  
White Sauce                      Hard Boiled Eggs***

***"This dish can be made with leftover beans and for about a pound of beans you need half a pint of white sauce and two hard boiled eggs. Place a layer of beans about an inch deep in the bottom of a casserole, cover with slices of hard boiled egg and then place a further layer of beans on top, cover this in turn with hard boiled egg and repeat the process until you have used up all the beans. When you have done this pour the white sauce over the top, sprinkle with grated cheese and put in a fairly slow oven to brown for about three quarters of an hour. This sounds terribly simple. It is. It is also quite delicious!"***

I actually found that quite hard to type out.... Sorry if it's one of your favourites, but if you can top it as the last dish you would choose on the menu - send in your candidate !! Most of you have resisted the temptation to share your *favourite* recipes, but how about your *least* favourite, or the

one which went disastrously wrong.....

### **And my Nanan's little secret?**

She was a lady who only drank sparingly, high days and holidays only, nothing apart from sweet sherry and sweet white wine, and frowned on those with less moderate habits. Or so I have always thought..... till a page of her writing fell out of *Westcountry Cookery* with not one, not two but three recipes for sloe gin...

*Aunt Clara's Sloe Gin* recipe is quite moderate in quantity terms - 1 pint of gin to half a pound each of 'best' sugar and sloes.

*Dr. Johnson's Sloe Gin* recipe upped the balance of sloes to sugar - half a gallon (?!) of gin to 4 lb sloes and 2lb sugar candy.

*Ma's Sloe Gin* recipe is given much more space! A gallon (8 pints) of gin to 3quarts (6 pints) of sloes, 2.5 lbs sugar candy and 2oz. of bitter almonds (kernels). More detailed instructions than the others too and sounds as though it's been tried, tested and refined over time.

Yes, I'm sure she scaled it down, but in that case why the full amounts in the first place? I dare say it was taken as a 'medicinal' remedy, downed with a shudder...

I bet 'Ma' was a popular lady, though!

Mary

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## **Calling All Old Mobile Phones**

If anyone has any old mobile phones lying around at home,  
I would be pleased to have them to raise money  
for '**Dogs for the Disabled**'.

They can be in any condition, working or not,  
but with SIM card removed. I will leave a box in church  
for anyone wishing to dispose of any.

This request is from Max Levene, the Truro boy who broke his neck in a school rugby accident in October, and who is now doing well in his rehab at Ostock Hospital, Salisbury.

Many thanks.

Mary Griffiths

**Paul Church**  
**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April. 7.30p.m.**  
**Paul Church Hall.**

This is a really important meeting, similar in commercial terms to a company AGM, and is concerned with the proper management and operation of Paul Church, its finances and its activities. All who are on the electoral roll (just like the shareholders of a company) are encouraged to attend and participate, and to vote for officers to oversee the management of the organisation in coming years.

Anyone in the parish may attend the APCM and may vote for churchwardens, but only those on the electoral roll may vote in the main part of the meeting when PCC members are elected. Contact Sue Snell, Hon. Secretary to the PCC, on 01736 363386 if you need to get your name added to the electoral roll.

Business begins with the Vestry meeting, during which our two Churchwardens are elected (usually for 3-4 years but they need to be elected every year). David Carpenter will be seeking re-election this year but Chris Osborne will not be doing so. Nomination forms can be found at the back of the church or are available from Sue Snell. It is vital to have the right people as churchwardens, because so much depends on their loyalty, leadership and hard work, and it is not a post to be taken on lightly or hastily. Anyone who is asked to stand or is considering putting themselves or someone else forward for election may find it helpful to talk to Chris, David or Tim to get a clearer picture of what is involved.

The main part of the APCM follows, at which the Annual Report and Financial Statement of the PCC are presented for the meeting's approval. This Report includes a review of main events in the church during the previous year, both spiritual and secular, together with detailed financial information. The Report and Financial Statement are made public for two weeks prior to the APCM. A copy will be available in the church or you can request an individual copy from Sue Snell.

Other brief reports follow, covering the various church activities (bell ringers, pretty committee, choir and so on). Sidespersons and other officers of the church are elected, and if there are vacancies on the PCC, new members are elected - normally for a period of three years.

This year four members' terms of office are ending and one member has felt unable because of work commitments to continue in office, so five new PCC members are needed. Once again, decisions to stand or to propose a candidate should not be taken lightly. Any current member of the PCC (a list of members is posted in the church porch) would be happy to tell you more about the role.

For the PCC to be effective, members have to take on the responsibility of 'co-operation with the incumbent in promoting in the parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. Meetings are currently held monthly; routine business is dealt with, and there follows prayerful debate about aspects of the church's business, now and in the future.

There is open and democratic discussion, respect for differing views, and collective responsibility for PCC decisions. Each individual undertakes respect confidentiality about details of PCC debate, to promote and support all PCC decisions when eventually made, whether or not those decisions accord with that individual's personal view, and regardless of how popular or otherwise those decisions may be when made public.

## **Hunger Lunch in Paul Church Hall 21st March**

£100 was raised through the hunger lunch.

A further £50 was donated at the (cheese & wine)

AGM of Village Theatre on Mon 22nd March

**A cheque for £150 will be sent to St. Julia's Hospice  
Grateful thanks to organisers and supporters of  
both events.**

## THE STRANGER - SO TRUE!

A while ago, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our village. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger ... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the major sporting events. He made me laugh and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave?)

Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our house ... Not for us, our friends or any visitors. Our visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked ... and NEVER asked to leave.

More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' house today you would find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name? .....

We just call him "TV". He has a wife now ..... We call her "Computer". Their first child is "Mobile" and their second is "I Pod".

## Money Matters - Finances for the year 2009

PCC members were delighted to learn at their March meeting that Paul Curch ended 2009 with a small surplus, and that income so far this year is up compared with the same period last year.

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2009 Receipts:</b>                    | <b>£66,273.82</b>                                |
| <b>2009 Expenditure:</b>                 | <b>£65,037.34</b>                                |
| <b>Balance carried forward to 2010:</b>  | <b>£1,236.48</b>                                 |
| <b>Income for first 9 weeks of 2009:</b> | <b>£6,672.74</b><br><b>(or £741.41 per week)</b> |
| <b>Income for first 9 weeks of 2010:</b> | <b>£7,667.47</b><br><b>(or £851.94 per week)</b> |

During subsequent discussion everyone recognised that we only managed to balance our books and end up with that small surplus because of the generous response to the Gift Day last November, which raised a total of just over £6,000.

We are fortunate that experienced and prudent oversight of the accounts last year led us to realise that the Gift Day was necessary. That same prudent approach won't now allow us to be complacent about 2010 finances.

A weekly rise in income so far this year of some £110 is in the right direction, but won't be enough to fund running costs and outreach. Our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund will undoubtedly go up in 2010, along with utilities and other charges and costs. We cannot hold repeated Gift Days, but must find other ways to increase income year on year to keep pace with outgoings.

It was agreed that we should review the whole range of our charges for building hire, heating, musical and other services so as to increase income from our own resources. Possible economies of expenditure on upkeep will also be examined.

*We also want to ask and encourage those who gave so generously at the Gift Day last year to consider whether they could afford to increase their regular giving by the same amount this year and into the future, spreading it over twelve months rather than in one lump sum.*

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## **Evacuation and Strange Ablutions September 1939**

My brother and I were eventually billeted with Mr and Mrs George in Newmarket. They had a recently built, new, detached house just outside of the town. This appeared to Ted and myself to be a palace when compared to our London home, which was one of a terrace built around the mid 1800's. It did, however, have the advantage of being linked to the London sewers.

The Georges' house, though new, did not have this very important advantage. The toilet of their house emptied into a cess pit in the back garden. Hence we were informed that we were not allowed to use the toilet for pees during daylight hours, for fear that too much flushing might cause the cess pit to fill too quickly.

There was a shed in the garden with a bucket in it and we peed into this. The bucket was then emptied into a water butt into which Mr George also put his cigarette ends. From time to time he drew a quantity of this evil brew off into a bucket which he then strained through a cloth; the resulting liquid was then used to spray the roses and I suppose any other plants being attacked by greenfly. I don't know how the greenfly felt about this, but it put me off roses and strawberries for quite a long time.

Back at home in London we bathed and change our clothes twice a week. Wednesday evening was one bath night, when the large tin bath would be brought in from the backyard, the copper in the scullery would be filled and its fire lit and in the course of the evening we all bathed ourselves. The other bath day was Saturday afternoon when we all went to the Council Slipper Baths. There one could have a bath for 3d (or one new penny). I think you were allowed about 20 minutes to bathe yourself.

At Newmarket we were only allowed to bathe once a week. We had to wear our vests for two weeks, but were allowed to change our underpants each week; I can't remember what happened about socks. Shoes however had to be cleaned daily. We had never cleaned out shoes before; Dad always did them

before he went to bed.

Being ill at the Georges' was also to be avoided at all costs. A cough, cut or graze meant the application of a hot bread poultice, which was slapped on your chest or wound. This would be replaced with a fresh poultice daily, until recovery was achieved. We were subjected to many other strange and arcane practices; they didn't seem to do us much harm. As I said in my last article the Georges were a nice couple and we both very much enjoyed our time with them. To be continued....

Alf Steggles

## Metal Thread Embroidery Weekend Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June in the Church Hall

Jenny Adin-Christie is a professional freelance embroiderer and Graduate Apprentice of the Royal School of Needlework who has ten years experience as a tutor and is a member of the commercial Studio of the RSN.

She came to Paul before a couple of years ago, leading a similar weekend. This time she will be helping a class to create fabulous brooches and decorative panels. She is a really enthusiastic and skilled teacher, relating well to both experienced and novice embroiderers.

The charges vary according to preferences. Posted on the left hand side notice board in the porch is a laminated notice giving details of the weekend and a sheet of class details, charges and application details.

To apply, please phone Jenny Adin-Christie (tutor) on 0208 391 5622 or Jane Bedford (organiser) on 0208 977 7625 for an application form.

# Diary for April 2010

(Church Services are at Paul unless stated otherwise)

## **Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday**

7.30am Holy Communion followed by "The Watch"

## **Friday 2nd April – Good Friday**

10.30am Methodist Service at Mousehole. Miss M Richards

2.00pm Tenebrae Service

## **Sunday 4th April – Easter Day**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

10.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole. Sacrament.

Preacher: Rev. Julyan Drew.

(Please note early timing)

6.00pm Evensong

## **Wednesday 7th April**

10.15am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Morning and Mini Market in Hall

2.00pm Christian Aid Sponsored Walk - Church Hall

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 2nd Sunday of Easter**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Service

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole

Preacher: Mr G Bodilly

6.00pm Evensong

## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

2.30pm Local Pastoral Ministers Meeting at the Vicarage

## **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

2.30pm Devonia House Home Group

### **Wednesday 14th April**

10.15am Holy Communion

**2.30pm Paul Community Outreach Group**  
**"Something About Helicopters" an illustrated**  
**Talk by David Carpenter.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Anglican/Methodist Group Meets at Mousehole

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church Hall

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm IMS Concert

### **Sunday 18th – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer  
with the Baptism of Mathew Bateman

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole. Sacrament.  
Preacher: Rev. Julyan Drew

6.00pm Taize Service

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

10.15am Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

### **Sunday 25th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion

11.00am Methodist Service at Mousehole  
Preacher: Rev. M Lumbers

6.00pm Evensong

### **Wednesday 28th April**

10.15am Holy Communion

7.00pm Methodist Gift Day - Mousehole Sunday School.

## **A Burning Issue!:** by Trevor Walker

Am I allowed a rant? Hang on while I get my soap-box.....

Scarcely stopping short of capital punishment for people who do not recycle their waste (all right, I exaggerate!), the 'powers that be' are now stuck with a 200,000 ton mountain of medium and low grade waste paper materials for which demand in the UK and Europe has collapsed. There is some requirement in China, Japan and other Asian 'sunrise economies' for the better grades but at 'bottom end' prices and with all the attendant shipping costs. The lower grades are piling up all over Britain at an estimated rate of around 8,300 tons a week.

Why do the philosopher-politicians, who decide these courses of action, not consider the history of reclamation before they plan its future? What did they think we were going to do with all the extra "recycled" material?

I spent a large part of my working life at the sharp end of the reclamation industry. In most cases there is a finite capacity for the admix of reclaimed materials in proportion to virgin materials and in the industry we saw numerous periods when supply exceeded demand; the mills shut their doors until their stock was cleared and charities up and down the country were stuck with sheds and barns filled with lovingly collected - and now unwanted - recovered material of every description. And that was decades before governments applied the whip to make us "recycle" on the basis that the methane generated by landfill contributes to global warming.

**Don't get me wrong; unnecessary landfill is a bad thing. It is not a cheap option and it does generate methane.** But every living organism on the planet generates methane. Rotting and long dead vegetation generates methane. Deep in the bowels of the earth methane is being brewed and brought to the surface. But methane burns ..... can we not use it efficiently?

A huge proportion of the 'stuff' we were asked to recycle, and is now piled up unwanted, has a calorific value; it will

burn. Not as well as coal, admittedly (and why are we buying gas from Russia when we are sitting on 300 years reserve of coal in Britain?), but well enough if we go about it the right way. Very large incineration plants have been established in major centres such as London but these also have high attendant transport costs if waste is to be moved from rural areas to big cities.

I believe that the best solution is to process surplus waste material to heat water and all as close as possible to its arising point. It can be much more efficient than covering the countryside with wind farms dependent on the weather. I saw one answer to our requirements forty years ago in a village in Finland.

The Finnish village, acting as a community, had a properly organised system for recycling waste materials. The villagers received 'credits' at the local store, not cash, for these materials when they were in demand. They had also installed a waste incinerator-heat exchanger system made by Viessmann of Germany, a manufacturer of superbly engineered products for heating from a variety of fuel types. Viessmann turned their attention to burning waste materials a long time ago and had then an unsurpassed expertise in this field. The clever bit was in the Viessmann boiler exhaust which 'scrubbed' the vented gases to near-zero emissions.

The system the village installed for burning waste cellulose materials started with a brutal shredder that could turn even pallets into matchwood in seconds; because it operated at low revs it was surprisingly quiet. The shredder delivered the particles into a press which extruded them into netted cylindrical plugs of uniform length, rather like huge sausages. The plugs could be stacked and stored until required. Next in the line was an extremely efficient boiler with an entry chute which would automatically feed the plugs and the system could operate for a whole night without recharging. The Viessmann system delivered pre-warmed water to the boilers of the nearby school, cottage hospital, and old folks' home. Each institution's individual boilers would then raise the temperature as required for radiators and washing.

The beauty of the system was that it all worked in the immediate locality of the village and was demand led to get the best value for the material in whatever trading conditions applied at the time. The villagers, and local industry, brought to the site scrap wood and anything else that would burn and through the shredder it went. At times when demand for wastepaper was low, this too joined the scrap lumber. The installation had been expensive but, through the co-operation of all the different community factors, the villagers had amortised the cost in five years and were in clear profit.

A British demonstration unit was needed. I found an ideal situation where the system would have worked admirably; if the local council, the local education authority, the local health authority would pool their individual interests to amortise the cost as the Finns had done. For fifteen years I tried to get that island community to install the system. Every attempt failed on the one issue, co-operation - or rather the lack of it. So, collectively, they continue to pay unnecessary thousands of pounds every year to dispose of their waste, and to heat the school and the hospital with oil, every drop of which has to be imported. And I know that up and down the land taxpayers are forking out because the diktats of ideology count for more than co-operation and common sense.

*Thank you for your attention; I'll get off my soapbox now.*

### Make A Will Week 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010

If you have not yet made a Will, or it needs updating, this is your chance to have it done and at the same time help Cornwall Hospice Care.

During Make a Will Week, participating solicitors are giving their time to write or update standard Wills in return for a donation to Cornwall Hospice Care.

Suggested donations are £75 for a Single Will, £110 for a pair of Mirror Wills and £40 for a Codicil to update an existing Will. Every donation will support the work of both St Julia's Hospice in Hayle and Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in St Austell.

Should your Will require specialist legal or tax advice and not be a standard document, the solicitor will make you aware of this and agree a fee with you before proceeding. There is no obligation to include Cornwall Hospice Care in your Will, but should you choose to the charity would be very grateful.

Last year, Make a Will Week raised over £28,000. Why not take this opportunity to have your Will written and support your local hospice? Please call Kevin Marsh on 01726 65711 or visit [www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk](http://www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk) for details.

# The Women's Institute

February 2009



Well there was such a good turnout of members, plus our new member, (welcome Carole) that we almost ran out of chairs on the night.

It may well have been that members wanted to welcome our new team, Donna Rodda as President and Liz Anderson as our Secretary. With such a good team the business was over very speedily. Donna mentioned that we are hoping to arrange our own outing to the races, possibly to Newton Abbot.

Our speaker this month was born to be a dancer, and has done so all her life. Olga Statham escaped from the school system as early as she could in order to pursue her ballet career by studying the Italian Cecchetti method, particularly noted for beautiful hand and arm movements. She had great success in her career, which included a period when she was based as a member of the Swedish Royal Ballet in Stockholm. Luckily the company spoke English. More recently Olga has been involved in dance locally with Shallal. She continues to dance to this day, by dancing impromptu for us; once she found some suitable music on the radio she had brought with her!

Dance however has been only part of her story. While working in London and between ballet tours she thought that it would be good to find additional work, perhaps in one of the large museums, but here her early escape from school worked against her - no qualifications. Luckily she was interviewed and given training by a very sympathetic employer based just behind Harrods. This allowed her to have time for her ballet career yet also to learn under the direction of a Wedgwood ceramic expert and to restore pieces, very satisfying.

This tiny woman gave birth to triplets (hardly believable to some of us) and later on she would climb into her babies' playpen in order to work on her restorations while the toddlers rampaged around the room. Mothers do what they have to in these situations.

20 years ago the family moved to West Cornwall. Olga spoke movingly of her son Joe who when born was thought to be blind but despite severe eyesight and other serious health complications lived an adventurous and fulfilling life before his sudden death 4 years ago while in his thirties. He was a sailor on the tall ships, fearlessly climbing the rigging as part of a race winning team, a homoeopathist, and finally a gifted potter.

After all the stories a delicious supper was provided by Lynn Picknett, Bev Robinson and Sue Searle. Our monthly competition result 1st Ann Maddern, 2nd Sylvia Pezzack and 3rd Jean Torrie.

Next month both Donna's sons will be with us to tell the story "47500 strokes later – can I smell garlic". Matthew is possibly the first Cornishman to swim the Channel, he did it in memory of his dear Gran and to fund raise for Macmillan. Guests are welcome to come and hear the inspirational story, 7.30 pm on Thursday 8 April, don't worry we'll get all the chairs out ready.

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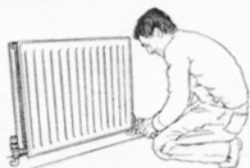
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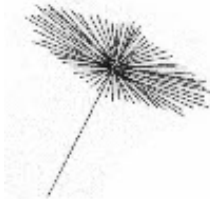
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| 19th April | Peter and Bev  |
| 26th April | Pam / Margaret |

### ***Wednesday Market Refreshments***

|            |                     |
|------------|---------------------|
| 7th April  | Nancy and Betty     |
| 14th April | David and Utee      |
| 21st April | Jane and Esther     |
| 28th April | Sue H and Stephanie |

## Readings and Lessons for April

| <i><b>Morning</b></i> |     | <i><b>Evening</b></i>                         |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1st April             |     | <i>David Carpenter</i><br>1Cor 11 v 23 - 26   |
| Maundy<br>Thursday    |     | <i>Diane Bond</i><br>John 13 v1-17&31b-35     |
|                       | 1st | <i>Chris Osborne</i><br>Acts 10 v 34-43       |
| 4th April             |     | <i>Roger Bond</i><br>1 Cor. 15 v 1-11         |
|                       | 2nd | <i>Sue Varlow</i><br>Luke 24 v 1-12           |
|                       |     | <i>Elizabeth Stubbings</i><br>John 20 v 19-23 |
|                       | 1st | <i>Nancy Renfree</i><br>Acts 5 v 27-32        |
| 11th April            |     | <i>Nigel Haward</i><br>Isaiah 53 v1-6, 9-12   |
|                       | 2nd | <i>Lil Carter</i><br>Luke 24 v 13-35          |
|                       | 1st | <i>Rod Varlow</i><br>Zeph.3 v 14-end          |
| 18th April            |     | <i>John Dancy</i><br>John 11 v 27-44          |
|                       | 2nd | <i>Anthony Howlett</i><br>Acts 9 v 1-20       |
|                       | 1st | <i>David Carpenter</i><br>Acts 9 v 36 -end    |
| 25th April            |     | <i>John Harry</i><br>Isaiah 52 v 7-10         |
|                       | 2nd | <i>Mary Wooding</i><br>John 10 v 22-30        |
|                       |     | <i>Diane Bond</i><br>Mark 1 v1-15             |

### Parish Registers

Holy Baptism *"a child of God"*

14th March 2010     Jayden Gartrall

Christian Funeral *"underneath are the everlasting arms"*

2nd March     Iris Green

5th March     Darren Richard Antony Hicks

16th March     Jean Harvey

|                                     |            |                         |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Intercessions<br>Roata              | 4th April  | Rob and Sue             |
|                                     | 11th April | Nancy                   |
|                                     | 18th April | Antony                  |
|                                     | 25th April | Jane and Chris          |
| Administration<br>Of the<br>Chalice | 4th April  | David and Julie         |
|                                     | 25th April | Rod and Hilary          |
| Church Hall<br>Cleaning Rota        | 4th April  | Steve                   |
|                                     | 11th April | Rogr and Diane          |
|                                     | 18th April | Jane                    |
|                                     | 25th April | David                   |
| Sunday<br>Service<br>Coffee<br>Rota | 4th April  | Angela and Derek        |
|                                     | 11th April | Julie and helpers       |
|                                     | 18th April | Betty and Nancy         |
|                                     | 25th April | Pam and helpers         |
| Church<br>Cleaning<br>Rota          | 4th April  | Marlene, Goff and Betty |
|                                     | 11th April | Mary and Eryl           |
|                                     | 18th April | Richard and Pauline     |
|                                     | 25th April | Nancy                   |
| Brass<br>Cleaning<br>Rota           | 4th April  | Betty                   |
|                                     |            |                         |
|                                     | 18th April | Lorna and Gordon        |

### Sidespersons Rota for April

|            | <i><b>Morning</b></i>                                        | <i><b>Evening</b></i> |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4th April  | T Renfree, R Chaplin, S Chaplin<br>Welcomers J Ball, M Walsh | N Haward              |
| 11th April | T Hogben, M Walsh, R Birton<br>Welcomer S Varlow             | L Carter              |
| 18th April | R Bourne, P Jones<br>Welcomer A Steggles                     | R Bond                |
| 25th April | J Starling, R Starling<br>Welcomer R Varlow                  | M Walsh               |

# To End All Wars

Who decides we should go to war?  
Not the men who fight,  
but those who sit behind their desks  
and think that war is right.

“ ‘Go fight for king and country’  
was their battle cry,  
I’m sorry I can’t leave my desk  
with paper work piled high.”

So, feeling patriotic,  
the young men would obey  
the call to arms, and off they went  
ready for the fray.

Leaving loved ones far behind,  
they did as they were told,  
thinking that they would return  
and naturally grow old.

The row on row of headstones  
all tell a different story,  
of young men cut off in their prime  
as they marched on into glory.

‘That was the war to end all wars,’  
‘They did not die in vain’ -  
so we were told, so tell me,  
Why did it happen again?

Will someone sit behind a desk  
and vow that wars will cease,  
and from now on, the world will live  
in everlasting peace?

Lil Carter