

# ***Parish Newsletter***

## ***Benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne***

### ***October 2022***

**The parishes of VERYAN and  
RUAN LANIHORNE**  
**Priest-in-Charge:**  
Vacancy

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#### **Church services in our benefice in October**

**Sunday 2 October Trinity 16**  
9.30 am Holy Communion [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
**6 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENSONG at Veryan**

**Sunday 9 October Trinity 17**  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan  
*Canon Ken Boullier*

**Sunday 16 October Trinity 18**  
9.30 am Matins [BCP] Ruan  
10.30 Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan

**Sunday 23 October Trinity 19**  
9.30 am Holy Communion Portloe  
11 am Sung Matins [BCP] Veryan

**Sunday 30 October ALL SAINTS**  
10.30 am Morning Worship Portloe  
11 am Eucharist Veryan

#### **Readings for October (Veryan)**

**Sunday 2 October harvest evensong**  
Deuteronomy 8, 7-18 *Blair Jobson*  
Luke 12, 16-20 *Trounce Guy*

**Sunday 9 October**  
Jeremiah 29, 1 & 4-7 *Christine Edwards*  
2 Timothy 2, 8-15 *Sue Truscott*

**Sunday 16 October**  
Jeremiah 31, 27-31 *Doreen Freeman*  
2 Yimothy 3, 14 to 4,5 *Sharron Cartwright*

**Sunday 23 October**  
Joel 2, 23-32 *Margaret Cortis*  
2 Timothy 4, 6-8 & 16-18 *Sue Jeremy*

**Sunday 30 October**  
Daniel 7, 1-3 & 15-18 *John Veness*  
Ephesians 1, 11-end *Julia Pound*

*NB Please feel free to ask others to read if you're not available!  
Rota from Harvest onwards will we hope include two additional  
readers: volunteers always welcome!*

***Variations in regular services at Veryan - dates for your diaries***

***2 October Harvest Evensong 6 pm***

***9 October 11am Eucharist led by Canon Ken Boullier***

***23 October 11 am Sung Matins led by David Hughes***

***13 November 10.50 am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY***

***20 November Christ the King 11 am Eucharist led by Bishop of Truro***

***4 & 11 December 11 am Eucharist led by Revd Martyn Pinnock***

***Wednesday 15 December 6 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols,  
with Roseland Churches' choir***

***18 December 11 am Eucharist led by Bishop Graham James***

***Saturday 24 December 11.30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass***

With wise advice from our Quinquennial inspector we're hoping to plan a programme of major refurbishment over the next few years.

Clearly the priority is to make the building weather and water-tight and drain pipes, launders [gutters to some of you] and ground drainage will be top of the list for inspection, repair/replacement, with regular maintenance to follow.

The tower is in need of re-pointing, to make it safe for years to come, while one of the oldest windows in the church, also in the tower,

**VERYAN PCC REPORT**



***Books of Condolence***

*We are required, as part of a national scheme, to retain the book of condolence for the late HM Queen Elizabeth II among our church records for the time being, and in due course transfer the document to the Cornwall Record Office for permanent preservation.*

needs work to repair the tracery [a specialist job].

We will make sure to replace the weathervane which Margery wished to see back in place.

Internal decoration, inspection for wood beetle, a new lighting system - this will take time, funds and the active involvement of dedicated volunteers as well as significant grant support, but our next PCC meeting [November] will be asked to discuss how to proceed.

***From the Registers***

***Wedding at Veryan  
Saturday 10 September 2022***

***Judy Boylan & Christopher Vulliamy***

**Veryan Church Flowers**

**High Altar      Porch**

**1 October: HARVEST LIST**

**15 & 22 October**

Sue Truscott   Barbara   Savil

**29 October/5 November**

Sue Fallick   Ann Preston

**12 & 19 November**

Nicola Bush   Jo Elliott

**NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT [27 November]**

**Bellringing Practice**

**Veryan Church—Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. Further details from 01872 501825**

### A letter from the editor

Dear readers

It is my intention to step down from editing the benefice newsletter at the end of this year, after too many years of involvement in 'Parish News' in its many forms.

There will soon no longer be a joint benefice of Veryan with Ruan Lanihorne as we move into the new parochial arrangements determined by the 'On the Way' process [though I do hope that we will continue to maintain the links with our neighbouring parish which have developed over recent years].

Email seemed, a few years ago, to be 'the way forward' especially as there would no longer be a need for a subscription; printed copies were produced for readers without computers or fancy phones, but even emails now seem to be outdated...

The past few years have not been easy for me, personally or physically, and at 82½ I have projects that have for too long been sitting on my study floor untouched: research and the Trewarthenick saga must now take priority if it is ever to be completed.

It is also likely that I will step back from several church-related activities, but will discuss this with the PCC before making any final decisions.

So unless there is a volunteer out there ready to take on the newsletter in whatever format he or she wishes, the Christmas issue will be the last. Thank you for your support, comments and occasional contributions – it has on the whole been fun...



### School report

September already and back to school for a new and exciting academic year. This also heralds the start of autumn. We've enjoyed blackberry picking and making jam. Thanks to the farmer who kindly kept the cows from the field to allow us to do this! Archie was so inspired by our lessons that he went home and made more jam with his Gran.

It's conker season too which is always eagerly anticipated- with the children dashing to see how many have fallen between each playtime .

Our school harvest festival was well attended with a full church .

Donations for St Austell Foodbank were collected, creating a generous pyramid of food ! Harvest poems and prayers were shared to give thanks for the success of harvest . It was all rounded off very nicely with very welcome tea and cake !



# The Royal Proclamation

*After the reading of the Proclamation on 11 September several people asked about the history of the document and the process: I promised to try to explain—Ed.*

A Royal Proclamation is a formal and public announcement made by the monarch and read out in public throughout the kingdom.

The process has hardly changed over the centuries, though some details have been updated. From the Middle Ages onwards [when the keeping of government records began, documents being for the first time regarded as more reliable than people's memories], the original Proclamation, compiled by the Clerk of the Crown instructed by the King's Privy Council, has been, and still is, inscribed on parchment [prepared sheepskin - not vellum, which is technically the skin of a newborn calf – think 'veal']

What has changed is the way in which the Proclamation is distributed. In the days before printing, handwritten copies would be sent out to the High Sheriffs of the counties, who were then expected to produce further copies for Justices of the Peace to distribute and read publicly in every town and parish. After the public reading, the Proclamation was required to be displayed in a prominent place, or 'posted' [hence 'poster'] [Bear in mind that at this date society was largely illiterate, the document would probably have been in Latin, one wonders how intelligible the information would have been..]

The ability to make paper using cotton and linen rags reached Europe from the Arab world in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, through trade and the Arab settlement of Spain. The technique spread gradually through Europe, though not to this country: the first English paper mill was not established until the 1490s. By this time printing had been developed and the two discoveries revolutionised the production of many documents,

It was during the days of the Tudors that printed paper documents began to be used regularly for national and especially local government: the ability to produce multiple identical copies of an official document certainly improved accuracy and probably also the speed of distribution,

Copy Proclamations produced by the King's Printer were carried by 'riding messengers' to the High Sheriffs, and thence to each town and parish. There were however complaints about non-delivery: in any case the whole process must have taken weeks..

By the early eighteenth century the government's Post Office had become an efficient organisation and in 1709 the Privy Council discontinued the use of mounted messengers and ordered that in future Proclamations should be sent to High Sheriffs by post [still using horses of course, but with speedy and reliable post-chaises].

What has probably surprised many people this September is that in spite of the ubiquitous internet the whole system has changed so little. The difference is that for the first time we have been able to watch the workings of the Privy Council on television.

The members of the Privy Council who make up the Accession Council had formally instructed the Attorney General to create documents which, after the King had signed in permanent black ink, were witnessed, following which the Great Seal - a large circular piece of sealing wax and resin, impressed with the image of the monarch - would be affixed to the foot of the documents. These parchments, 'signed and sealed', were, and are still, retained permanently among the records of government.

The Accession Council also made an Order requiring High Sheriffs to cause the Proclamation to be read 'in the areas of their jurisdiction'.

Our High Sheriff read the Proclamation in Truro in the early afternoon of Sunday 11 September. Later that day mayors and chairmen of the 212 town and parish councils throughout Cornwall were required to read the Proclamation in their own local communities, after which the Proclamation was to be displayed 'in a public place'.

It was amazing to see well over fifty people present as the chairman of Vryan Parish Council, Graham Webb, read the Proclamation. Yes, electronic copies have been whizzing around the ether, but it is clear that we do need sometimes to feel 'a part of history', of a process that has been in place since mediaeval times.



*Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth I*



*Great Seal of Queen Elizabeth II*



## Old Cornwall Society



Gerrans and Portscatho Old Cornwall Society's  
new season begins on  
**Wednesday 12 October** with the [very brief!] AGM  
followed by a talk by Martin Brockman on the history  
of the lifeboats of Penzance, Newlyn and Penlee.  
[see page 8 for details]

Last year we heard Martin talk on the Torrey  
Canyon wreck and it was absolutely riveting.

In **November [Wednesday 9th]** we hope to hear  
Christine Edwards on 'Who needs Recipes?'  
[not a cookery programme, more a ramble round  
centuries of cooking, eating, trade, shopping,  
gardening...with archival recipes to try at home],

while on **15th December** we are in for a treat with  
former Grand Bard Merv Davey, a talented  
musician, and his wife Alison, presenting Music  
Traditions of the Clay Country.

If you're interested in the past of your native or your  
adopted county, why not come along? Meetings are  
held in Gerrans Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm, and the  
annual subscription is only £10 [visitors pay £2.50 a  
session], so for ten talks and events from October to  
May, the subscription is real value for money!

## CORNWALL HOSPICE CARE ROSELAND COMMITTEE

We are holding a Hot Potato Lunch in  
Veryan Parish Hall on **17 November**  
**12 noon for 12.15 pm** with a glass of wine on  
sale too.

We aim to raise funds for our two adult  
Hospices and hope that you will come and join  
us on that day. This has proved to be a very  
popular event in previous years: come and enjoy  
a delicious two-course lunch and take the  
opportunity to buy some Hospice Christmas  
cards as well

Tickets [£10] will be available by ringing  
Margaret [01872 501256]

## \*\*VERYAN MARKET\*\*

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(Mar to Dec)  
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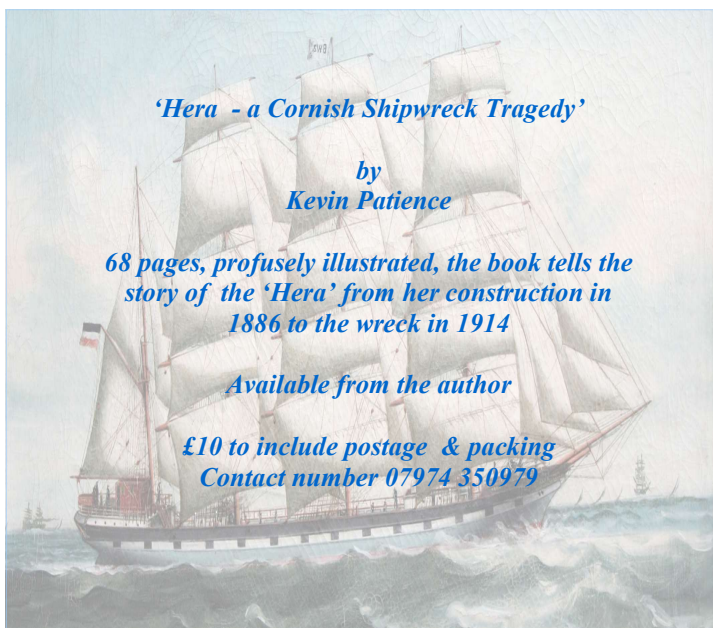
## 'Hera - a Cornish Shipwreck Tragedy'

by  
*Kevin Patience*

*68 pages, profusely illustrated, the book tells the  
story of the 'Hera' from her construction in  
1886 to the wreck in 1914*

*Available from the author*

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Contact number 07974 350979*



## THE PIG AND THE PUMPKIN

As Deputy Chair of Veryan Show committee I have to say how sorry I was that we had to cancel the September Show this year but of course we all know why, and for two reasons I believe it was the correct decision.

The first and obvious reason was the death of Queen Elizabeth, bless her.

The second reason is perhaps less important to you but to me was fairly devastating. Two weeks prior to the cancellation I went to feed my pigs as usual only to find that Matthew, who is elderly and has never put a foot wrong in his life was gazing up at me with a bright orange face. He had found and eaten, in its entirety, my prize pumpkin.

You might find this amusing but having nurtured this plant from planting seed last February, selecting the best growing plant, nurturing it in the compost heap where it always grows, feeding it though the hottest summer, watering it, cutting off all the flowers I didn't want to set and generally treating it better than a member of the family, he saw fit to destroy it in a couple of hours. He has never touched the pumpkins before in nine years and *even* the sheep leave them alone so I assumed they weren't attractive to them.

Stuart walked into the field in front of me and all I heard was 'oh Matthew!' - I couldn't speak. But the look of sheer joy on his face was a delight to behold and I just wish I'd had my phone on me to take a picture of his contentment.

Apparently worse things happen at sea and there's always next year?

**NB**

### Veryan WI

Our September meeting was an illustrated talk about recycling in Cornwall. The speaker, Rachel Reid from Cornwall Council, gave us a fascinating insight into what is recycled, how and why. Whilst we might have thought we knew all there is to know about household waste recycling, Rachel spoke about different types of recycling, how Cornwall compares with counties in England, local statistics and how we can all help cut waste. All material recycled from Cornwall is dealt with in the UK and produces materials which are used in other ways.

We are delighted to have welcomed several new members. Anyone can come for a 'taster' evening as a guest. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Lynn Goold, her topic The Way of St James - The Culture of the Route to Santiago de Compostella. Contact Mary Earp 01872 501636.

### TIDE TABLES: DAYTIME LOW TIDES AT CARNE FOR OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 15.43
2 16.29	3 17.37	4 6.19	5 8.17	6 9.46	7 10.48	8 11.36
9 12.21	10 13.02	11 13.39	12 14.12	13 14.40	14 15.09	15 15.34
16 15.57	17 16.34	18 18.08	19 6.46	20 8.16	21 9.25	22 10.18
23 11.03	24 11.45	25 12.25	26 13.03	27 13.40	28 14.16	29 14.53
30 15.35	31 15.26					

Full moon 9th New moon 25th CLOCKS RETURN TO GMT 30 October



## Harvest Festival with a difference

Anyone visiting Ruan this week will have seen Fred sat in the Lych Gate, inviting people to come and join him at the Harvest Festival.

Well, you did, and it was great to see so many people, plus Fred was joined by eight other scarecrows.

The church was beautifully decorated to reflect the harvest theme, with corn, pumpkins, apples, sheaves, and flowers.

The service was led by David, with two bible readings, a poem, and a reading about farmers. The hymns were the well-known harvest ones, and the Scarecrow Choir did "Bringing in the sheaves" which had a very bouncy Country and Western tune.

From the back of the church, I could see all the toe tapping and singing along with them!



At the end of the service, the owner of the best scarecrow was presented with a harvest hamper and then people were invited to join us in the Reading Room for a harvest supper.

The reading room was laid out with one long table and there was a huge amount of delicious food. Most of the congregation joined us and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

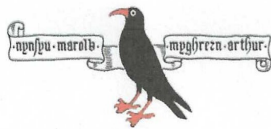
A huge thank you goes to the four readers, the churchwardens and all the people who supplied food for the supper. I must also say a big thank you to all those who took the time to make and bring a scarecrow, it certainly brightened up the church.

I also spotted one scarecrow after the service, who I think may have been in the pub a bit too long. **CH**





**Kowethas Kernow Goth - Gerens ha Porthskathow**  
**St Gerrans and Porthscatho Old Cornwall Society**



Kuntellewgh an brewyon eus gesys na vo kellys travyth  
*Gather up the fragments that are left that nothing be lost*

## **History of Penzance, Newlyn and Penlee Lifeboats**

**by Martin Brockman**



This audio-visual experience will take you through the history of the lifeboats in Mounts Bay, from rowing lifeboats to the very modern lifeboats located in Newlyn. It describes some of the most heroic rescues

**undertaken and of course the darkest hour in Penlee's history with the loss of the lifeboat and its crew.**

Martin comes from an RNLI family, he is the son of the late Nigel Brockman who lost his life in the Penlee Disaster in 1981. Martin's older brother, Neil, was turned away that fateful night, but he remained on the crew serving 33 years as a lifeboatman, 16 as a decorated Coxswain. Martin is now part of the RNLI heritage and volunteer education team and is passionate about preserving stories of heroism off our rugged coast.

**7:30pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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