

The Village Crossroads
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Greetings one and all!

Here we are again. I apologise in advance for any errors, I am currently enduring the fitting of a new kitchen and it's a tad stressful!

May I start with a thank you to Jenny and Trixie for your help with the food at the Duck Race (I missed you last newsletter - sorry)

****Would anyone be interested in hosting one of our coffee mornings?** These are usually held on the first Monday of each month but this is flexible. If you would be prepared to do this, please email or call me or contact one of the friends.

Anyone who has items to share with the community, please let me know.

Lynne

What's been happening?

There was another DIY coffee morning on 6th August on the green. It was someone's birthday (mine!) and a wonderful birthday cake had been made by Alisha's fair hand and was enjoyed by all the attendees. Delicious. Thank you so much. May I also thank all of you who came along on the following evening to help me to celebrate my 60th, it was so lovely.

The Village Fete took place on 12th August on a day which dawned grey and wet. Things did not look good but this did not dampen our enthusiasm (that is not strictly true!) and the fete was formally opened by Nanny Vera at 2pm.

A good afternoon was had by all, eating cakes, bowling the rolls, shooting arrows, guessing the location of buried treasure and naming bears to name just some of the events. My friend Jan, on holiday from Spain, took several prizes (damn cheek if you ask me!) and a total of £613.70 was raised. At 4.30pm we were just finishing as the heavens opened and the threatened downpour arrived.

Lucky... you bet!

Many many thanks to all the people who worked so hard in the background, setting up the event and manning the stalls and to everyone who attended on the day.

Sunday 26th August saw Peter Bellenes last service at Herodsfoot All Saints. He has now retired and will be missed by all. He was presented with a beautiful picture, the work of artist Ian Guyver, as a memento of his time here. This was much appreciated and now has pride of place in the hallway of his home in Harrowbarrow where it will always be a talking point.

And now...a plea for help..... Could you give some hens a happy home?

The British Hen Welfare Trust is a charity which finds pet homes for hens (from mainly caged systems) when they reach the end of their commercial laying careers at 72 weeks of age. These hard-working hens, affectionately known as ex-bats, would otherwise be destined for slaughter, despite having several years if their natural lives left.

The BHWT has a network of local teams of volunteers (there's one in Liskeard) who hold re-homing days at the weekend every 6-8 weeks throughout the year. Since 2005 the Devon and Cornwall teams alone have managed to re-home, and thus save, 82,000 hens.

Ex-bat hens make fabulous pets and wonderful additions to your family. They will amaze you with their distinctive personalities and their amusing antics. Having spent so much of their lives confined without access to solid ground and natural sunlight, it is as if they are making up for lost time. They will stay out in rain and snow and will push the boundaries of bedtime when they feel there is still fun to be had!

These delightful ladies will soon occupy a special place in your heart and you will never want to be without them. Watching a newly re-homed hen flourish and transform from a timid, often tatty little creature into a confident, fully-feathered character is a real life-changing experience and one that many re-homers want to be part of again and again. This is one of the many reasons BHWT has so many second and even third time re-homers. Most ex-bat hens will continue to lay delicious free range eggs for you to enjoy and share with family and friends - a lovely added bonus from your new companions.

If you would like to re-home some hens, or want more information, please visit the website (www.bhwt.org.uk) or call Hen Central on 01884 860084 where a friendly and knowledgeable member of the team will be happy to help you.

<p><u>Future Dates for your diaries</u></p> <p>A Coffee Morning will be hosted by Jane and Nigel at 10.30am on Monday 3rd September at The Old Vicarage. All refreshments will be provided so come along and join in. We do not propose to hold a raffle but any donations are appreciated.</p> <p>Sunday 9th September <u>Pop up Barbecue</u> on the Green at 3pm (<i>weather permitting</i>). Another opportunity to gather together, eat and drink and enjoy the company of all.</p> <p><u>Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th September</u> in the Church at 6.00pm. Service to be followed by the Produce Auction which should be excellent fun!</p>	<p>Monday 28th September <u>Coffee Morning at Hir Garth for MacMillan</u> 10.30am. Another opportunity to gather together to drink tea/coffee and eat cake while raising funds for a worthwhile cause.</p> <p><u>Other events for information.</u> (More to follow in future newsletters).</p> <p>No coffee morning on 1st October as the MacMillan event is only 4 days prior. Next one will be November.</p> <p>15th October Friends of All Saints AGM 7pm in the Church. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.</p>
<p><u>Events outside the village</u> <u>Duloe Beer & Cider Festival</u> at the Recreation Ground on Sat 15th September 12 noon.</p>	<p>Lanreath Walking Group starts walks at 10am from the Village Hall. 3rd Sept West Looe River, Watergate. 17th Sept Sibleyback Lake.</p>

The Sharing of Marriage

The old man placed an order for one hamburger, french fries and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the french fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them.

As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, "that poor old couple, all they can afford is one meal for the two of them".

As the man began to eat his fries, a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said that they were fine, thank you and that they were used to sharing everything. People closer to the table noticed that the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat watching her husband eat and occasionally took turns sipping the drink.

Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old lady said "No thank you, we are used to sharing everything".

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady, who had yet to take a single bite of food, and asked "what is it you are waiting for?"

She answered.....
"the teeth!"

Snippets & very useful information too!

A little quotation for you...

"Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved away the dessert trolley." (Erma Bombeck)

<p><u>Duloe Community Shop, Jubilee Centre 01503 265592</u> General Store open Mon-Fri 8.00-1.00 & 2.00-5.00; Sat 8.00-1.00; Sun 9.00-12.00 Post Office available Mon-Sat</p>	<p><u>Lanreath Community Shop</u> Open daily 7.45-1.30 & 2.00-5.00 (open 'til 6.00 in summer). Sundays & Bank Holidays 9.00-12.00 Post Office Mon-Fri 9.00-1.00</p>
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Don't forget the Book Swap in the church and the appeal for crocheted/knitted poppies!