

Tywardreath News & Views

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New Bishop of Truro Announced

The Rt Revd David Williams is to be the 17th Bishop of Truro.

David is currently the Bishop of Basingstoke, a position he has held since 2014. Prior to his consecration in 2014, David was a parish priest for over 25 years. He began his ministry as a curate in Ecclesall, Sheffield.

On his appointment, David said: “I can’t tell you how excited I am to be coming to the Diocese of Truro. I’ve worked in and visited Cornwall many times over the last 30 years and each time have come back feeling refreshed and renewed – both spiritually and physically.

I am, at heart, a parish priest. I want to continue working for the flourishing of local churches. The local church is vital to a local community. It’s a place where we encounter God. It’s a place where you’re encouraged and comforted when you’re in trouble. It’s also a place where we are challenged and learn how to live in God’s light.

“So, as I look forward to coming to this place, I wonder if I can ask you to pray with me, as I will pray for you, that we would be faithful to who God is and what he calls us to be. That we would travel together would go on a new adventure together to discover the goodness of God, not in some distant place, but in our own localities. May the Lord bless you.”

David, along with his wife Helen, has been warmly welcomed by the Bishop of St Germans, the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, who has been acting Bishop of Truro since the departure of Bishop Philip Mounstephen. Bishop Hugh said: “I am delighted by David’s appointment and am looking forward to welcoming him and working with him. His wealth of experience, love of people and deep faith will inspire us on, as we continue to work for a fruitful and sustainable church in Cornwall.”



It is likely that Bishop David will be installed in Spring 2025 when a service to welcome him as bishop will take place.

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St Andrew's Church
AT THE HEART OF TYWARDREATH

Revd Shona Hoad writes ...

A new year begins so perhaps you will be planning a new year resolution. If you have not yet thought of something you might do there are plenty of charities and good causes that would love you to offer support over the coming months.

The Charities Aid Foundation produces an annual report on the way people in the UK are able to support charities and in 2023 it was estimated that the public donated £12.9 billion. The UK is a generous country and the CEO of the Charities Aid Foundation highlighted the fact that "The act of giving connects us to one another in communities and across society". It is not just financial donations that are important but the giving of time to volunteer as well. And the most surprising thing is that when we are able to spend a little bit of time volunteering to help out in some way (whether that is helping people, animals or the environment) we often find that we are the ones who benefit most. There is something within us that feels rewarded when we see the positive difference we are able to make so no wonder that Jesus encourages us to do so by telling us 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Over the course of the year many of you will have attended services at church and been invited to contribute to a charitable cause. We are very grateful for the generous response at our Christmas carol services to be able to support the Noah Jordan Foundation – a local charity set up in Tywardreath – and at our Christingle service to support the work of the Children's Society. You may also have seen the Food donation box in St Andrew's and we take any donations to Cornubia who offer affordable lunchtime meals to local residents as well as a warm space to meet and chat to one another.

Helping out as a volunteer comes in so many varieties and we know as a church that we are blessed by many who quietly help out in the background. Our Green Team have been working so hard to make the church grounds look smart and cared for in a way that also encourages wildlife to thrive. The bell ringing team are fabulous at teaching the next generation of campanologists. The flower arrangers have grown in number and the displays and arrangements at our special services are a wonder to be seen. It is definitely possible to have fun while being a volunteer, so find what you enjoy doing and then bring blessing to others. As you do so you will discover the many blessings you will receive in return!

With every blessing for the year ahead.

Shona



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News from St Andrew's

Sunday 24th November. This Sunday was the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday before we begin a new Church year with the season of Advent. Far from the usual Kingly pomp, this humble king wore a crown made of thorns. Rev Shona said that if we follow Jesus' example of kingship, we can understand what the kingdom of heaven is like. She advised us that, if we are in a difficult situation, we should listen for the voice of truth.

Sunday 1st December - Advent. St Andrew's Day, falling on 30th November, makes it hard for us to mark our church festival day as it is also the beginning of Advent. But Shona reminded everyone that the Old Testament prophets would have been well known to Jesus' disciples and so St Andrew would have been familiar with the reading we heard from Jeremiah. She reflected on the fact that those early disciples would have been trying to work out whether this was the long-awaited Messiah and how they should respond.

Rev Shona said that Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet because he despaired over what is happening to his people, condemning false worship and social injustice, with calls to repentance. If we look at the way people were living in Jeremiah's time we can find many similarities with our society today and the way we have pushed God to the background of our lives. But the verses in today's reading are full of hope. Rev Shona asked us "How are you feeling about the world today?" We may see only despair and desolation but, in spite of this, we are able to remember that God is with us still, that his steadfast love endures for ever: it is then that we are able to see hope.

At 3pm in St Andrew's, our congregation joined in a service of Advent meditation, organised by Par District Council of Churches.

Sunday 8th December. The second candle of our Advent ring was lit for us by Freddy, assisted by his Dad. Rev Shona said that in December everybody is preparing for Christmas; but preparation for Jesus' second Coming is more challenging, because we do not know when it will be. In the lesson which we had heard from Malachi, the prophet, writing 400 years before Christ, foretells the first Coming but warns that being present at the time will not be an easy experience. Malachi tells the Jews that they must mend their ways and prepare. He threatens them with the "refiner's fire." Rev Shona asked if we thought that we would be ready. She said that goodness can grow in us, as we follow the model of Jesus Christ but, once again, the process will not be easy.

Sunday 15th December. Rev Shona began her sermon by saying that Christmas music reminds us this is a season of joy. Today's first reading, from Zephaniah, was a Song of Joy. In the second reading we heard John the Baptist telling would-be followers that they must try again and try harder! Rev Shona said that we have to be honest with ourselves and ask: are we the best that we can be? John the Baptist told his listeners that they had a duty to share what they had. Advent is a good time to re-examine the way we live our lives.

At 6pm we were invited to join Shona and Martin for informal prayer.

Tywardreath & Par Over 60s Group

At our Christmas party in December we were entertained by Gill Butler's group. This was followed by a Christmas tea, enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is on January 10th at 2pm, when Mike Blake will be showing some interesting slides of 'A walk around Par'. For further details contact Linda 814489 or Liz 812256/07914605619.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club meets on Wednesdays from 2-4pm in Well Street Methodist Chapel. All are invited to come and join the club. Contact Jo Langford 815921.

Tywardreath Royal British Legion

The monthly meeting of the Royal British Legion was held on Wednesday 4th December 2024. The Chairman Ivan Barrett opened the meeting and accepted apologies from three members. There was discussion on the recent Remembrance parade. Everyone was very pleased with the whole event.

The financial report was given. The question of welfare was discussed. There being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8pm. The next meeting will take place on the 8th January in the New Inn, at 7.30pm.

Warren Nicholls President.

Fowey River Lions

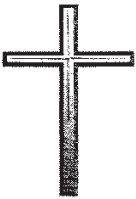
Thank you so much for all the old spectacles you donated to our October and November appeal: 14.5kg of glasses to sort for onward travel to the third world.

We were delighted to welcome 70 Senior Citizens to our Christmas Party at Fowey River Academy. Entertainment was provided by Lankelly Shout.

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Tywardreath

This introductory article was written for "Tywardreath Past and Present," published in 1993 by Tywardreath Women's Institute.

Tywardreath has a long, honourable and fascinating history, partly because of its position at one of the main crossroads of the county, partly because of the Priory, which for 400 years dominated its life. As a result, there is a great deal of detail, in ecclesiastical, parish and other records, to give the village and its inhabitants substance.

The sources – many of them in Latin – have been patiently and exhaustively investigated by our dedicated researchers.

From Domesday Book onwards we know the names, occupations and income (or lack of it) of many of the people who lived here. We know who owned the land, what they grew, and what it was worth. We know who lived in the Marsh and how often it flooded, and how the village itself grew from a straggle of mud and thatch hovels into its present handsome and substantial form.

Much of this material consists of list of names, accounts of legal squabbles, change of ownership and so on, the raw material of history, interesting in itself but too detailed for a summary such as this.

Some of it is included in the appendices, and the rest is available to anyone who is curious as to who, for instance, lived here in earlier times. All we have attempted here is to extract from the mass of information a reasonably coherent account of the village's progress through nearly ten turbulent centuries, and the changes, social, political and geographical which have shaped it.

A few of us visited Kresen Kernow on 3rd Dec 2024 and saw a magnificent 16th century book, leather bound, written in Latin, about the Priory and its day to day life. We also copied details of the lands being rented after the Dissolution, which have yet to be collated .

Early Days

Although the written history of the village really starts with its entry in the Domesday Book in 1080, there are many signs that the parish and the country round about had been settled for centuries before that. The most notable evidence lies of course in the Iron Age fort at Castledore, which was established as early as 200BC and occupied much later on a number of occasions; but there have been finds such as jewellery and weapons dating from the Bronze Age in the neighbourhood, and Roman coins at Menabilly. Less convincingly, perhaps, a Roman ghost has been reported in the village.

Later, during the early centuries of the Christian era, saints from Wales and Ireland landed on the north coast and made their way across the county. There is something about these lonely cowed figures striding along the ancient ridge ways, through what was then "a wild and savage land", up Kilhallon Lane, through the straggle of the huts that was then Tywardreath, through the forest to Golant and Fowey, that stirs the imagination.

Churches such as St Sampson's mark the places where they halted and built a chapel, before moving on to take ship to Brittany. They were followed along those same paths by the no less indomitable pilgrims on their way to the holy shrines of Canterbury, Walsingham, Santiago de Compostella, Rome and the Holy Land.

Castledore recurs as the place of King Mark, whose bride to be, Iseult, was brought from Ireland by his son Tristan, who inconveniently fell in love with her on the way. The cross on the Fowey road bears the inscription "Here lies Tristan, son of Mark" – which may or may not be true.

Tywardreath suddenly emerges complete with a habitation and a name, out of the mists of the past, in 960 AD when it was "given" to one Eanulf, on the improbable condition that "he built bridges". Perhaps he did. It then passed to someone with the delightful name of Colo, on conditions unknown. Neither these transactions, nor the discovery in 1954 of Saxon coins of the reign of Edward the Elder (900-924) and his successor Athelstan, give the village more than a shadowy existence. The Normans were to change all that.

More to come next month.

Helen Barden

ISOT (In Search of Tywardreath)

ISOT hosted a talk by Keith Wallis at the Chapel in November, when we had a full house and a very appreciative audience.

After such a brilliantly successful event this year we are hosting another Wassailing event on 11th January, led by our very own "Green Man" David Quoroll. We shall be starting at the Ship Inn at 2.30pm for dancing and singing, then proceeding to the Community Orchard at Polmear Parc at 3.30pm. At 4pm comes the Wassailing, which will awaken the spirits of the trees. We proceed around the orchard making noise to drive the bad spirits away. There will be singing, a Cornish serpent dance and much more. Please come along with something to make a noise to scare away the evil spirits, to ensure a fruitful harvest. Please do not park at Polmear Parc unless you have mobility problems. At 5pm we return to the Ship inn for more merriment, hot drinks and soup etc.

On 22nd February there will be a Games Night at the Village Hall.

The following guest speakers will give talks at Well Street Chapel on Thursday evenings at 7pm:

27th February - Barry West
27th March - English Heritage
24th April - Garry Tregidga
22nd May - Tom Goskar

For further details see our Web Page: tywardreath-uneartingthepast.co.uk/
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(same answers each way)

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2. By oneself.
3. Gripping tool, e.g. for lumps of sugar.
4. Solid block of metal.
5. Homes for birds.

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Last month's answers, This way and That

1 Cross, 2 Radio, 3 Odder, 4 Sieve, 5 Sores.

Last month's crossword

Across: 1 Explain, 5 Israeli, 6 Enlarge, 7 Tuxedos. Down:

1 Evident, 2 Perplex, 3 Averred, 4 Nailers.

Crossword

Across:

1. Give up completely.
5. A skin condition causing redness.
6. Ordained ministers of the Church.
7. Was a popular social media topic.

Down:

1. Outdoor fireplace.
2. Temporary relief.
3. Charged with wrongdoing.
4. Passed by (speaking of time).

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Friday	9 am - 1.00 pm & 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday	9 am - 1.00 pm

Church & Chapel services in January

	ST ANDREW'S	TREGAMINION	WELL STREET
Sunday 5th January	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service Mrs N Cook
Sunday 12th January	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad 6.00pm Informal prayers with Shona and Martin		10.30am Service Mr S Hunkin
Sunday 19th January	11.00am Morning Worship Martin Hoad	10.00am - BCP Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad	10.30am Fellowship
Sunday 26th January	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		11.00am United Service Par Chapel

Tots' Group at St Andrew's

Mondays in term time, 10 to 11.30am for 0-4s with parents/grandparents/carers. Play, story time, singing and a snack. £1 per family.

St Andrew's Church is open most days from 10am (11.30 on Mondays) to 3.00pm approx. Please feel welcome to come in for quiet reflection, prayer and the air of peacefulness; or just to look around your historic Parish Church.

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An illustrated talk about Daphne du Maurier, looking at her early life and some of the events and places that gave her inspiration for her novels. Discover more about Daphne's beloved Cornwall and the countryside that became part of her life and was intrinsically woven into her work.

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Village Hall & Scout Hall - January Diary Dates

Every Wednesday	11.00am	Tai Chi Class
	8.00pm	Tywardreath Morris Dance Practice
Every Friday	7.30 pm	Line Dancing (Beginners 6.30 pm)
Friday 10th	2.00pm	Tywardreath & Par over 60's Group - Mike Blake will be showing some interesting slides of 'A walk around Par', followed by the afternoon tea with savouries and cakes. Entrance fee £3.
Saturday 18th	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall Quiz Teams of 4. £6 per person entry to include refreshments.

Monday	from 1.30pm	Tywardreath Quilters. All are welcome to join us at Well Street Chapel. If you are not a quilter but a sewer or knitter, you are most welcome.
Monday & Thursday	10am-noon	Par Knitwits knit & crochet at The Welcome Home
Tuesday	10am-noon	Par Knitwits knit & crochet at Cornubia
Tuesday & Friday	10am-noon	Coffee mornings at Well Street Chapel
Wednesday	2-4pm	Friendship Club at Well Street Chapel. All invited to join the club. Contact Jo Langford 815921.
Monday - Friday	10am - noon	Par Community Library at Par Track Cafe.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	10.30am to 1.30pm	The Hub @ Cornubia (Moorland Road entrance) Enjoy an affordable, tasty home-made lunch in a warm and friendly environment, free access to games, books, activities and support. Contact Sonia 07980 838578.
Monday 6th	noon-1.30pm	Soup & Sweet Lunch at Gott Hall, Par. All home made at £7; no need to book.
Wednesday 8th	7.30pm	Tywardreath Royal British Legion meeting at the New Inn. All members are welcome to attend.
Saturday 11th	2.30pm	ISOT Wassailing event starts at the Ship Inn. See article for more information, page 8.
Thursday 16th	7.00pm	ISOT meeting at Well Street Chapel. Open to all.
Sunday 19th	10am-4pm	St Blaise Fete and craft at St Blazey Football Club
Saturday 25th	7.00pm	Par Old Cornwall Society meeting. Mr Andy Trudgian will talk about "Charles Rashleigh" in the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall. Guests welcome, £2.
Sunday 2nd Feb.	10am-4pm	St Blaise Textile Fair at the Railway Club
Monday 3rd Feb.	5.30 for 6pm	St Blaise Lantern Parade from King Edward Gdns.

Note: Par Old Cornwall Society has, for some time, been searching for the original banner of the Tywardreath Old Cornwall Society. If anyone knows its whereabouts, please contact Diana Osborne on 01726 814017.

Tywardreath and Par Parish Council

These notes have been abridged from the Draft Minutes of the 5th December meeting.

Tehidy Road Broken Drain. Cllr Virr said that he had received an update from Highways regarding the broken drain awaiting repair: “We are in the process of programming the permanent repair of the broken drain in this area. As the work requires a road closure we intend to complete the works after the school term.”

Tywardreath Hill Road Closure. Cllr Virr relayed the latest update from Highways. He said it is very frustrating. “There is still legal work to be finalised, but the easement agreement is progressing. Once we have confirmation of the easement date, we can advise a proposed restart date for the works.”

Bench opposite Par Station. PL24 had requested that the Parish Council accept responsibility for a new bench that they would buy and which would be sited on the grass area owned by Cornwall Council opposite the entrance to Par station. The Parish Clerk had discussed this with Cornwall Council and confirmed that the responsibility of the Parish Council would be limited to maintenance and, ultimately, removal of the bench. It was agreed to proceed on this basis.

Glenview Allotments. Cllr Truscott had spoken to a contractor about removal of the wood/rubbish at Glenview allotments. The contractor would require payment in advance. The Clerk was authorised to approve this when the final cost was known. Cllr Truscott agreed to continue to liaise with the contractor.

Public Questions. Luxulyan Valley. Caroline Stephenson addressed the meeting. A small part of the valley is in Tywardreath & Par parish. She said that landowners, business owners and stakeholders had attended a meeting. This had really brought it home to her that landowners within the valley boundary were being poorly treated by Cornwall Council and should be better supported, including financially, if the valley is to be protected and enhanced as a visitor experience. Her vision was to create ‘Gateways to Heritage and Nature’ and with landowner support create a special area that ordinary people want to see, including managing and reducing the number of cars in the valley by creating designated car parks on adjoining farmland, improving the surfaces of footpaths, removing barriers for less mobile people. Other possibilities for development could include bike hire, using horses for woodland maintenance, creating craft workshops using local materials. She considered that local management would become essential as going forwards Cornwall Council have no money to allocate a budget for the valley and the existing valley pot of hydro funding of £44K must be flexible so that she can access it to promote her ideas.

Poldrea allotments. A member of the public queried the overgrown boundary hedge between 6, Mount Bennett Road and the allotments. He had obtained a quote of £500 to cut the allotment side; he would cut his side. The clerk had discussed this with members who felt that the price was high and a second quote would be required. This had yet to be secured; but if the owners of 6, Mount Bennett Road wished to cut their side of the hedge and access the allotment site to do so, that would not be a problem.



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In Quires and Places where People Sing - Al Bermimi

Memories of the places I visited during my army adventures. by Warren Nicholls

These two soldiers were not baddies after all. I had not noticed there was a unit on exercise, not far away and very well camouflaged. They were looking for water. I suggested they did not drink from the stream that was running where we were, as the water was very hard.

Two of their unit were very unwell with tummy upsets, and far from home. I went with their CO to see them. They were very hot, very dehydrated. I gave them what water I was carrying and suggested they came back with me, where they could recover in a cool room. After a good sleep, shower and food, they went off, not wanting to let their unit down.

Back in the unit there was a Sunday service with a visiting chaplain. This was followed by some instruction on water purification and spraying for cockroaches and lice. For me, there were more places to visit.

A short flight from Shajah was the Fortress at Al Bermimi. It was almost round and painted white, with a moat almost all the way around and an outer wall. The moat was full of water and was used for swimming. Close by was other accommodation for the local forces who trained there, buildings for vehicles and stables. The stables were something else: stone built to keep cool, with floors and walls that were easy to keep clean, and feed brought in by plane. I was not sure who the horses belonged to, but was told that they were used to go hunting wild deer or gazelle, a sport for the Royal family and friends.

The outward flight was interesting, if a little scary. The small plane could carry twelve but there were just three passengers. The pilot had company, an army officer taking films: "Circuits and Bumps." The plane took off, climbed, flew away from the town, then took a sudden dive, almost reached the ground and pulled up again, doing this several times till we landed on a sandy air strip.

Having had a good look round we ate. When it was dark, there was a film show, just sitting in the ground, well wrapped up as it was cold. I stayed the night, then left early and was driven towards the mountains (large hills really). The driver, a local Corporal, spoke very good English. There was also a younger soldier "riding shotgun." We were to visit a small unit situated somewhere in these hills. The driver knew where we were going. We passed a pond, where we stopped so that I could have shave and a wash. I had my overnight bag, much to the amazement of the other two, and another bag which was sealed and contained personal letters and restricted information for the officer commanding the unit. We pressed on through these hills until we came to a few shacks, with goats and camels wandering about and vehicles going .. somewhere!

The unit cook had gone "down country" for a rest, so the Sergeant and I cooked on a petrol stove before dark, then did the usual Stand To. Before returning, the driver said we were to go to a town called Herib, where he had heard that a man had a daughter of about 14 or 15, for sale in return for 12 goats.

We eventually arrived at this man's house. It was single storey with an enclosed yard, and other rooms surrounding it on two sides, maybe for his wives or children. We went into the house, where we were expected. After the usual salutations, I sat on a cushion along with several men, and was given a cup on a handle, and some very gritty tea.

They chatted. There was no hurry, bargaining over the value equivalent to twelve goats. The boy (he was no more than twenty) had to explain that he didn't have goats but did have cash in his hand. They agreed, but before we left someone needed to see this girl, to see that everything was in place.

The girl was in the yard; two women were removing her clothes. I supposed that it was the first time her skin had seen the sun. She was dirty, to say the least. I went inside, gave a nod, and we got ready to go. The girl came out, head covered, and this was the first time he saw her. The soldier threw her few worldly possessions on the back seat and pushed her in. I said she should be in the front. But no, off we went back through the hills, out on to the open desert.

We took a short comfort break; my stomach was not too happy: it was that tea! Eventually we stopped in the middle of nowhere. There was sand, small hills, some scanty trees, and a shack. Then he spoke to her for the first time: "Get off," which she did. Then he pointed to the shack, saying that he had friends there and he would be back in four days. Her mother, or other women, would have told her what to expect when he returned. We drove off. I gave him a very hard look and we did not speak until we got back. I have wondered many times about that girl and how he treated her. If I spoke to anyone about it, I was told, "Don't interfere—that is the way it is!"

Getting back to camp, I bought a print of the fortress, and waited for the plane. On the return journey there was another passenger, an Australian nurse of a religious order. The local governments did not mind the medical help, provided they did not touch on religious subjects. She had come from way out in the desert, where they had a medical centre. She was coming back for a rest and to get supplies.



An Omani fort similar to Al Bermimi

Back in the unit there were things to do, which included sending off Christmas parcels, although it was already mid December. The Church and Methodist choirs were practising carols and one of the major units was going to perform "The Mikado" for four nights. The orchestra was made up of a few instruments and four pianos, but it sounded very good.

Then I made a request to see the boss, ready for a Christmas visit, a messy one.

Warren

Early News & Views items, 1964

The Churchyard Things have improved so much, that people are even talking about the change. The brunt of the work has fallen on the willing shoulders of Mr Jack Perry, who early and late has been doing more than his doctor would allow, were he consulted. Then Mr Sidney Bunney, younger than ever, has been hard at work, as have Brian Matthews, Mr D Elliott, Mark Tippett and some members of the Tower. Mr Ernest Tamblyn has done wonders with the scythe in difficult terrain. We could do with a few more strong young men to help with the heavy headstones

The remains of St Andrew's Priory

The other day I was presented with a carved stone face which had been dug up in a garden in Wood Lane and which had obviously come from the ruins of the former Benedictine Priory. This little religious house was founded about the year 1100A.D. It stood on the site of what is today the orchard of Newhouse Farm, below the churchyard. The acquisition of this fragment aroused my interest in the remains of the priory scattered about the neighbourhood and I thought it would be of some interest if the people of Tywardreath were acquainted with my findings. Of course, it is far beyond living memory since the priory ruins disappeared, but there were still some vestiges of them in existence in the 18thC. As a local historian has remarked, the ruins were being used as a free quarry by the villagers. Consequently the stones have been scattered far and wide and only a few of them can be located today.

An account of the discovery of the foundations of the chapel was given by a "J.R." of Falmouth in the Gentleman's Magazine of 1822. The building was revealed during a search by the Vicar for material to build the present Vicarage, and the north wall was found to correspond with the south wall of the churchyard. The internal measurements were 80 x 57 feet, the east end forming a semicircular apse, strengthened by four buttresses of Pentewan stone 2 feet wide with four pilasters resembling those described formed a part. The pavement consisted of beach stones and "killas", the local clay slate. The wrought stones were of compact hard porphyry from Pentewan quarry and hornblende from the cliffs between Duporth and Charlestown. The front of the present Vicarage contains the Priory arms and is faced with Pentewan stone from the ruins; above the front door is a fleur-de-lys elegantly carved in deep relief. Mention is also made by J.R. of a churchyard stile bearing similar carved fleur-de-lys. This stile has disappeared but the stones now lying at the foot of the church tower might have formed it.

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Café is held on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm at Squires Field Community Centre, Park Road, Fowey, PL23 1EF. Just give us a ring for more information on 01726 832864. We are supported by Fowey Community Bus and pick up in Fowey, Par, and Tywardreath. For any transport enquiries, please contact Jane on 01726 815463 or Viv on 01726 814737.

Dates of forthcoming cafés are: 9th & 23rd January; 6th February.

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Ewart Hancock's Diary

Ewart Thomas Hancock, born in February 1914. He lived with his wife Win and son Nigel at No. 4 Woodland Avenue. He recorded various village happenings in notebooks.

January 1990

- 1st. The monthly whist drive in St Andrew's Hall had 6 tables and one flirt.
- 2nd. Mr Malcolm Bambrick's funeral in St Andrew's. His mother Georgina & son from Australia were joined by 54 people. He was in the church choir for 10 years.
- 3rd. the Parish Council met at the Primary School at 7pm. Councillors Mr Snow, Mr Hawke, Mr Hooper, Mr Arlette, Mr Penny and County councillor Colonel Alexander attended. Mrs Margaret Phillips is the secretary.
- 6th. The funeral of Mr Bert Charters was held at Well Street Chapel. One of the biggest funerals there, with people standing in the gallery. Rev Lesley Barnes officiated; Canon Oatey gave the address; the organist was Mrs Westlake.
- 9th. Funeral at St Andrew's of Ted Adams aged 88 who died at Trecarrel.
- 8th. WI monthly meeting in St Andrews Hall with a talk on the Samaritans.
- 7th. Mrs Perkins of 61 Trevance Park died in Fowey hospital.
- 10th. St Andrew's MU meeting: Two men from ECC gave a talk with slides.
- 13th. Tywardreath Old Cornwall Soc meeting in St Andrew's Hall. The speaker was Malcolm Stevens who showed slides of Tywardreath old and new.
- Towards the end of the month strong gale force winds swept across Cornwall. Several houses in Tywardreath were without electricity. The roof of the New Inn was completely stripped. The corner of Bert Charters' house had several slates off. Ridge tiles of St Andrew's church were blown off during the gales.

St Andrew's, Tywardreath, with Tregaminion Chapel of Ease

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