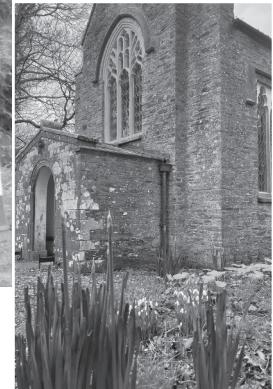


Tywardreath News & Views

February 2026

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Storm Goretti uprooted this tree in Tywardreath churchyard. It was one of several thousand trees in the county lost during the night of Thursday 8th January.

Snowdrops and daffodils are appearing at Tregaminion

Revd Shona Re-licensed

On Thursday 22nd January, in a short service at St Fimbarrus Church, Fowey, Revd Shona Hoad was licensed to Fowey as Interim Priest in Charge and re-licensed to St Andrew's, Tywardreath and St Sampson's, Golant, for a further period of one year. The Archdeacon of Cornwall, Clive Hogger, conducted the licensing service. He spoke on the passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians about each of us using our different gifts to build up others.

It is expected that before the end of this appointment the three parishes will have become one Benefice and Shona will then become Incumbent, with responsibility for all three. Once this happens, Shona's appointment will become permanent.



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Revd Shona Hoad writes ...

We now have a family weather station which was a Christmas present. It is positioned on top of the washing line pole in the back garden. The slight downside with this positioning is that it is in a fairly sheltered position behind the house so the wind measurements may not reflect the same reality that the front of the house is feeling as it faces in a westerly direction which is where most of the prevailing winds are from. It was quite exciting, watching the measurements recorded for the gusts of wind during the recent storm Goretti and seeing how quickly the rain gauge was changing. The impact of the storm has been less damaging in this part of Cornwall than that experienced further west but none the less, for those who went without power or who have had to deal with tile damage or trees down, the effects were very real. It has been a reminder to us that the forces of nature can have long lasting consequences.

Many of us with smart phones will have received the red alert warning text message advising us to take action ahead of the storm's approach. Some of us were "fortunate" enough to receive it a second time about an hour or so later, and for some reason others did not receive the alert at all – which was the experience we had in my household! It was enough of a prompt to make me go outside and ensure the bins were secure. However, no preparation could save the fencing which blew down, the randomness of the way branches were snapped off trees or the surprising way individual trees fell among a whole woodland of trees that otherwise seemed unaffected. Sometimes it is more about managing after the event, and it was good to see people in the area helping their neighbours with repairs and supplies.

A reminder to be alert and pay attention to what is happening around us is often useful as it is easy for us to become complacent. When St Paul was writing to the people of Ephesus he reminded them that they were equipped with everything they needed to withstand the difficulties of the world, telling them "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." And remember of course to offer practical help for those in need, as James writes "faith without works is dead".

As we move further into 2026, may we be people who are alert to, praying about, and where appropriate offering practical help, with what is happening in the world around us.

With every blessing.

Shona



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News from St Andrew's

Sunday 21st December. Shona and Martin led the monthly Family Service, which is informal and contemporary in style. This had Christmas at its centre of course and included carols which were easy to sing. We concluded as usual with children's craft; and coffee and chat for the adults.

Christmas Eve. The Family fun Christingle at 4pm and the Midnight Mass were both well attended.

Christmas Day. At Tregaminion, Christmas was greeted with carols at 10am.

Sunday 28th December. Worshippers from Tywardreath and Golant joined those at Tregaminion for a service of Holy Communion. Carol singing was accompanied by the Golant hand-bell ringers.

Sunday 4th January. Martin Hoad gave the sermon for Epiphany Sunday. He spoke about the Wise Men. They would have been much respected for their knowledge of astronomy and would have been accompanied by a substantial number of servants in their camel caravan. They had put a lot of trust in their own judgement to make this long journey. Martin said that, throughout history, God has used all sorts of people to share his Word. We should ask God to give us wisdom and courage to sense his promptings in our own lives.

Shona thanked everyone who had helped to make Christmas so special at St Andrew's and Tregaminion. We had an amazing time with traditional carols, choir and candlelight through to informal and buzzing! Across the specifically Christmas services we were able to welcome around 650 people, plus of course the wonderful time that was had when Tywardreath School came in and the church was packed on two afternoons.

Sunday 11th January. Today we remembered the Baptism of Christ. Shona said that, at that time, baptism was performed on adults and was the occasion for a fresh start. Jesus did not need to repent or be forgiven and had to persuade John to baptise him. Shona said that we might like to compare baptism with the opportunity which we have for a fresh start in our parishes as she is licensed for a further period of working with us.

Shona said that baptism, as with the Holy Spirit, is sometimes likened to the wind: a wind of change. The power of wind can bring destruction, as we had experienced over the last few days with "Storm Goretti"; but it can also make way for new growth. People have worked together to counter effects of the storm. We can continue as a community in which we care for one another.

Tregaminion

After a busy December, with three services and nearly 200 people attending, it was sadly time to put the tree and decorations away—but nature has stepped in and we have snowdrops, daffodils and primroses already appearing!

Our first service of the year was a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion led by Rev Mary West, with the faithful few braving the aftermath of the storm.

Our next service in February is on the 8th at 10.00am for Morning Worship.

All are very welcome.

Nigel & Tracey

Tywardreath & Par Over 60s Group

On 9th January we enjoyed a Bingo session. Our February meeting on Friday 13th will take place at 2pm in the Village Hall, with entertainment by Rachel Best. All are welcome to come and enjoy Rachel's singing.

For further information please contact Linda 814459 or Liz 812256

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.

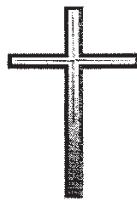
Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society

The February meeting will be held in Tywardreath Chapel on Monday 9th from 7.00 p.m. Our speaker this month will be Steve Batt, whose talk will be "Butterflies in the garden and more".

New and old members will be made welcome, membership being held at only £12 for the year. Talks are by a variety of speakers, not just fuchsias. In March members receive a free fuchsia and pelargonium to take away and nurture and hopefully bring along to our annual show in July. The talk then will be by Derek Dexter who always brings along a wide variety of fuchsias to purchase.

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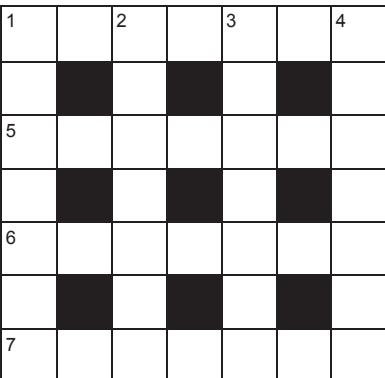
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Crossword

Across:

1. Bottled tomato sauce.
5. In name only.
6. A woman's small bag for items.
7. A man's knotted fashion accessory.

Down:

1. Room where cooking is done.
2. Immensely strong.
3. Large edible flatfish.
4. The opposite of "apogee", when referring to the orbit of a moon.

This way and that

(same answers each way)

1. Smelling stale.
2. To avoid capture.
3. Moved from a place; apprehended.
4. Conceptions.
5. Thick and heavy.

1	2	3	4	5
2				
3				
4				
5				

Last month's answers, This way and That

1 Wafer, 2 Arena, 3 Feint, 4 Ennui, 5 Ratio.

Last month's crossword Across: 1 Meerkat, 5 Oversee, 6 Interns, 7 Gremlin. Down: 1 Mooring, 2 Electee, 3 Kestrel, 4 Treason.

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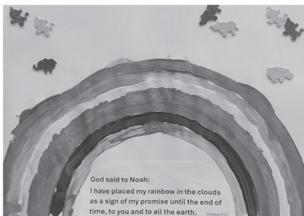
Monday	9 am - 1.00 pm & 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9 am - 1.00 pm & 2.15 pm - 5.30 pm
Friday	9 am - 1.00 pm
Saturday	9 am - 1.00 pm

Church & Chapel services in February

ST ANDREW'S		TREGAMINION	WELL STREET
Sunday 1st February	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service - Mrs Maria Truscott-Robins
Sunday 8th February	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Anne Mitchell	10.00am Morning Worship Nigel and Tracey	10.30am Service Mrs Carol Thornton
Sunday 15th February	10.00am Family Service Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service Mr J Draper
Wednesday 18th February	10.00am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion		
Sunday 22nd February	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Andy Higgs		11.00am Holy Communion Rev P Benney

Every third Sunday in the month - family fun at St Andrew's at 10 a.m.

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In January we explored God's promise to us through Noah and the story of the rainbow.



Tots' Group at St Andrew's

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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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Village Hall & Scout Hall - February Diary Dates

Every Wednesday	11.00am	Tai Chi Class
Every Friday	7.30pm	Line Dancing (Beginners 6.30 pm)
Friday 13th	2.00pm	Tywardreath & Par over 60's Group - Rachel Best singing. See page 6.
Saturday 21st	doors: 7.00pm	Village Hall Quiz. Teams of 4. £6 each to include a pastry. 7.30pm start.
Monday	from 1.30pm	Tywardreath Quilters at Well Street Chapel. Sewers and knitters are most welcome.
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 2nd	noon-1.30pm	Soup & Sweet Lunch at Gott Hall, Par. All home made at £7; no need to book.
Thursday 5th	7.00pm	Water Quality Monitoring on the Par River talk by Roger Smith, citizen scientist (with Friends of Par Beach) in the Gott Hall, Par Green.
Monday 9th	7.00pm	Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society Talk on "Butterflies and More". See page 6
Saturday 14th	10.00-11.30am	Coeliac Local Meet-up at Par Garden Centre to chat, share experiences and find support.
Saturday 21st	10am-4pm	Health and Wellbeing Day at Merlin Neurotherapy Centre, Hewas Water. £30 per person. More details isobel@merlincentre.org.uk or 01726 885530.
	2.00pm	Fowey Harbour Heritage Society "Arthur's Hall. A Foweymore Conundrum". Speaker: Peter Herring. Venue: Fowey Town Hall.
Thursday 26th	2.30pm	Mark Butterworth, Author talking at the Fowey Harbour Hotel. Tickets: www.foweyfestival.com
	7.00pm	ISOT talk about traditions by Jo Tagney, entitled: "The Wheel of the year in eight points". Well Street Chapel, £5 entry at door.
Saturday 28th	2.30pm	Par Old Cornwall Society in the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall, Par Green, Par. Speaker: Jim Lewis, "The Glynn's of Cardinham and Glynn House 1764-2020. Refreshments served from 2pm.

Tywardreath School 1970-1989

From "Tywardreath Past and Present," published 1993 by Tywardreath Women's Institute

The adventures of 1983 included holding the Speech Evening on the school playground for the first time. Mr D Fryer, Secretary for Education, was the guest of honour. We were all very relieved that the weather remained fine. This set the venue for the next five years and only once were we worried about the weather. 1983 saw another first when the Tradewinds Parachute Team landed in the school field as part of the Summer Fayre activities. In August, the school was re-roofed and all the redundant chimneys removed.

March 1985 marked a rather unique thank you to the school when Mr Harvey Stephens presented and planted a horse chestnut in the field to mark his son's happy days at the school. It would be nice to plant some of the conkers elsewhere in the village and record their origin. We should also note the history of the oak trees planted by children at the Moorland Road side of Par track.

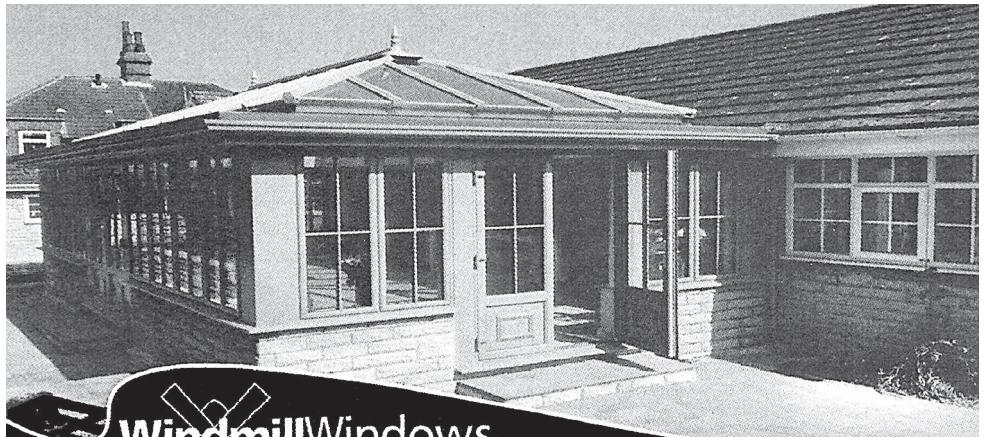
3rd September 1939 saw the outbreak of war and 3rd September 1986 was the day on which the plans were approved to link the two main buildings, in the process creating new permanent classrooms, a library, kitchen and hall to replace the inferior spaces which up until then had served these purposes. The plan also brought all toilet accommodation inside.

The physical work started on 6th May 1987 and at times the school looked like a bomb site, but we were fortunate in having an excellent team of workmen under the able leadership of Mr George Whetter. That and the outstanding help and co-operation of all the staff, the responsible behaviour of the children and the understanding attitude of the parents, enabled the work to progress smoothly. As a result, we were pleased to hold our 1988 Speech Evening in the new hall which was officially declared open by Mr G Tate, the then assistant Secretary of Education in charge of Buildings and Sites.

The workforce finally left the school in September 1988. During this time of building, Mr P Lake undertook to try and restore the old school bell which had been removed from the original boys' school block. Certain identification marks were discovered on the bell and some very persistent detective work traced the firm which had originally cast the bell. They had been taken over by Conex Sandra, one of the largest manufacturers of plumbers fittings in Europe. Phil Lake's enthusiasm rubbed off on them and they offered to refurbish the bell and make a stand for it. The workmanship was excellent and I hope the bell will continue to add charm and history to the school for many years to come.

After rambling through 20 years of Tywardreath CP School history, I can think of no better way to end than to quote my final entry in the school log book "I leave Tywardreath with fond memories of happy hours and many good friends."

I still enjoy meeting parents and ex-pupils. The teaching staff of 1989 keep in touch and we enjoy a reunion at Christmas time. It has been a privilege to be associated with that very important part of your lovely village, Tywardreath CP School, its children, parents and staff. God bless you all. John Libby



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Fowey Memory Café

Memory Café is held on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm at Squires Field Community Centre, Park Road, Fowey, PL23 1EF, with tea or coffee, cake and chatter. We spend time reminiscing and talk about current affairs.

We kicked off 2026 with Music and Dance Education from Helston. By the end of the session we were all conga-ing around the hall! For the second session in January we will welcome local duo Beatnik Skiffle who always have us joining in their jollity, singing and playing percussion instruments. In February we will be taking part in an Armchair Aerobics session with Sheila Brock and later in February we plan to get the games out and maybe set up some art activities.

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Par Old Cornwall Society

The December Meeting was a Cornish Tea which was enjoyed by many Old Cornwall members. The afternoon began with a talk by The Lady Time Traveller, resplendent in her Victorian dress with a very large hooped skirt, who gave a talk about Christmas in Victorian Times.

The talk began with the history of Carols, which down through the ages had been mostly what most people knew as folk songs. The word Carol is thought to have come from the old French word Carole which referred to dances.

The first carols as we know them experienced a renaissance during Victorian times being introduced more into churches and sung by Wassailers. This was largely influenced by Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert, who introduced Christmas traditions from their German heritage. We heard a selection of carols and were told of their origins.

For example "Silent Night", although originally written in German, gained popularity with the English translation at this time. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" was written earlier by Charles Wesley, but also gained popularity during the Victorian Era. "Away in a Manger" originally came from America, as did many of the carols of that time.

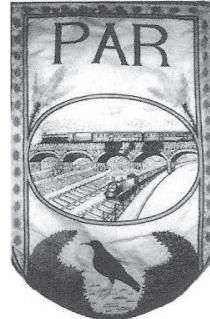
Prince Albert has always been recognised for introducing many things, for example Christmas stockings, and gingerbread. Mince pies, originally made from meat, then with all the left over dried fruit. Although he was thought to have introduced the Christmas Tree, Queen Anne, who was also of German origin, had already brought in the Christmas tree during her reign.

Christmas was a time of feasting and, while the hierarchy of England feasted on Turkey and Game at Christmas, the lower classes had no such luxury and it would probably be a goose a duck or other game if any. Christmas having been hugely popularised, entrepreneurs joined the celebrations, furthering their finances by introducing the Christmas card and Christmas cracker. The Victorians certainly seem to have brought the celebrating of Christmas to a different level.

It was a very interesting talk, enjoyed by all and the following tea of real Cornish splits (thanks to Anne Blake) with jam and cream, pasties and saffron buns was gratefully received with a welcome cup of tea. There was a large raffle and the afternoon finished with a rendering of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with a Cornish theme, which caused much amusement. Thanks must go to the Committee who organised the entertainment and made the Tea possible.

The next meeting of the Par Old Cornwall Society will be on February 28th at 2.30pm in the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall, Par Green, Par, when the speaker Mr Jim Lewis will talk about "The Glynns of Cardinham and Glynn House 1764 - 2020". All are welcome, visitors £2.

Anne Weaver



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.

February 1991

Wednesday 6th. Tywardreath Parish Council held their Monthly Meeting in the primary school at 7pm. 11 councillors and 4 public. I came home at 10.30pm.

We have had a spell of cold weather, the coldest for 4 years.

12th. The WI had a pancake lunch in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Tuesday 19th. The first Lent meeting was held in Well Street school room at 7:30. The speaker was Rev Richard Strannack and the subject was "Adoration".

Mr Richard Pearce of Vicarage Road died, age 81. He wrote several books, inc. "Three years in the Levant", "Coast and Ports of Cornwall". He worked for ECC.

Tywardreath Pantomime Company gave their first performance "Dick Whittington and his Cat". It was a great success, all tickets sold out.

24th. Charles John Charters died at his sister's home, age 78. Funeral at Well Street Chapel on Monday 4th. He was a linesman for British Rail. A large family.

Tuesday 26th. the second Lent Meeting was held at Well Street School Room, the speaker was Rev Leslie Barnes who spoke on "Thanksgiving".

Wednesday 27th. St Andrews Church Annual Meeting in St Andrew's Hall. 18 members present. Churchwardens Mr Norman Sales and Mr Derek Brown re-elected. Councillors Mr Bennett, Mr Hewer, Mrs Haksteeg, Miss James.

Doreen Mary Giles died at Trecarrel, aged 77. She lived at Porcupine, Penpillick.

Mrs Marjorie Money died in Fowey Hospital, aged 76. She lived at Well Street.

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