

# Tywardreath News & Views

March 2026

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**Lent Series 2026**

## *“Christian Unity in a Fragmenting World”*

**Two sessions will be on held each Tuesday during Lent  
2.30pm - St Mary’s Methodist Church, Par (Note new time)  
7.30pm - Well Street Methodist Church, Tywardreath**

*The subject each week will be as follows:*

Tuesday 24th February

**Introduction and Renewing our Commitment to Unity**

Revd Shona Hoad

Tuesday 3rd March

**The Church as a wounded healer**

Fr Paul Keys

Tuesday 10th March

**Racial Justice/Interfaith relations**

Revd Paul Benney

Tuesday 17th March

**Reaching across boundaries**

Revd Canon Chris McQuillen-Wright

Tuesday 24th March

**Journeying forward / A new agenda for peace**

Revd Canon Paul Arthur

*A retiring collection will be taken at each session for  
Mount Edgcumbe Hospice and Cafod’s work in Nigeria*

**We were saddened to hear, as we were going to press,  
of the death on 20th February of Stuart Hunkin,  
Steward of Well Street Chapel and a good friend to many in Tywardreath.**

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## **Revd Shona Hoad writes ...**

Recently we discovered some torn and shredded cardboard that our dogs had been enjoying as they played a tug of war game between them. We then realised that the cardboard had actually been the packaging of a parcel delivered earlier in the day and which had been left on the kitchen table. As we have a small Jack Russell and a larger English Pointer, we assumed that the Pointer had been the one to get the cardboard down in the first place. Subsequently we also discovered that a packet of Club biscuits had also been enjoyed – the wrapping abandoned. Both dogs indicated expressions of “guilt” when we pointed to the evidence! [Dog lovers will be pleased to know that the dogs are fine: apparently there is almost no chocolate in a Club biscuit any more.]

A spy cam subsequently placed in the kitchen has enabled us to see that, on occasion, as soon as we have left the house, both dogs have been quite capable of jumping up on to the table and exploring what has been left there! Height was not an impediment for the smaller dog it seemed.

How many of us know the rules but when we think no one is watching will bend or break those rules for our own gain and hope that we don't get found out (think about driving a car in a 20 mph zone/ what to eat or drink for good health of body and planet/ working from home)? Sometimes it feels just too tempting for us to withstand and we give in without a second thought if we even think about it at all.

As we look toward Easter we have the opportunity in Lent to re-set our ways and to remember that we should always behave in an appropriate manner, as though we are being seen. Living our lives in such a way as to behave well, whether in front of others or not, is just one way in which we can demonstrate that we are thinking about and caring for others. The 10 Commandments were given as a way of helping people remember that we cannot be selfish in our actions.

Jesus himself invited us to consider what the greatest of the commandments was, saying “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself”. When we focus on God and seek first to love others and put them ahead of our own needs, then we will make decisions that can stand the test of being viewed by others.

With every blessing.

*Shona*



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All welcome. (There is no 11 am service on this day.)

## **News from St Andrew's**

Sunday 18th January. Shona and Martin led the monthly Family Service, which is informal and contemporary in style. We explored God's promise to us through Noah and the story of the rainbow. We concluded as usual with children's craft; and coffee and chat for the adults.

Sunday 25th January. Our priest today, Revd Anne Mitchell, speaking about the Gospel reading (from Matthew Ch 4), said that Galilee was far from being the religious and political centre of Israel; but Jesus wanted to speak to the ordinary people. He called four fishermen to follow him: Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John. Word spread about Jesus and crowds followed him but very few were disciples who were prepared to make a real commitment. Revd Anne said that Jesus calls us to be disciples too, in the places where we live and work; to use our skills to further God's kingdom. He says, "Follow me."

Sunday 1st February. Shona told us that she had just returned from attending a course at St George's House, Windsor. She had been impressed by the feeling of faithfulness in that place. Prayer had been the focus of our Gospel reading (Luke 2 v22-40). Simeon and Anna had continued to pray, confident that their faithfulness and patience would be rewarded. Shona said that when we pray we can attune to the Holy Spirit and have confidence that our answer will come.

Sunday 8th February. Revd Anne Mitchell led our service of Holy Communion today. In the Gospel reading Jesus told his disciples, "Do not worry about your life." "But we do worry, don't we?" was Anne's response. Jesus told the disciples that they simply didn't have enough faith. Anne said that our trust in God shrinks when we worry. If we put our trust in God, we can do amazing things with very little. We may not have great faith—but we have faith in a great God.

At 6pm there was a period of informal prayer with Shona and Martin.

Sunday 15th February. Shona and Martin led the monthly Family Service. Martin told us about Jonah and his encounter with the whale; and the children joined in some whale related craft work.

## **Tregaminion**

For our February service as we looked forward to St Valentine's Day, the theme was 'love.' Specifically God's love for us and our response as we love others. We considered 1 Corinthians 13 and Nigel quoted the Victorian evangelist Henry Drummond's words from his book, 'The Greatest Thing in the World', echoing Kate Winslet at The Duchess of Edinburgh's Christmas Carol service. "You will

find as you look back upon your life that the moments you have truly lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love.”

Our next service will be Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion at 10am on Sunday 8th March. Looking further ahead, Tregaminion will celebrate Easter Sunday on the 5th April at 10am. All very welcome. Nigel & Tracey

### **Tywardreath & Par Over 60s Group**

We welcomed Rachel Best to our February meeting; she entertained us with many songs from the 50 and 60's for an enjoyable hour. This was followed by a home made tea of sausage rolls and a selection of cakes.

In March Dr Gwen Magg, from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, will give a talk on 'From Tor to Shore'. For 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.

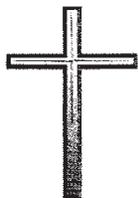
### **Fowey Memory Café**

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.

In February we met twice. Our friend Sheila led a session of Armchair Aerobics. The music is right up our street, mainly from the 1950s and 1960s and we can't help but join in! There may have been a few aching muscles the next day! We also had an 'in house' session where our members and volunteers led in various arts and crafts activities and we played table top games, such as dominoes and Beetle. We have a busy March and April: music, a visit from Bodmin Museum, singing, lunch out and planting with our young friends from the primary school.

New guests and carers are always welcomed. Ring for more information on 07525 488329. Next dates are: 5th and 19th March; 2nd, 16th and 30th April.

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## Tywardreath Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Tywardreath Branch meets once a month in the New Inn and the membership is growing. However other members are very welcome.

The Bernard Hitchens Trophy (right) has been awarded to Mike Philp, Standard Bearer of the Tywardreath Branch, in recognition of his sterling efforts in support of Royal British Legion ceremonial duties. Mike took over from Dave Stephens in 2006.



At the last meeting, among the items discussed was the setting up of a Facebook page for RBL.

Mark Bardsley, the County Chairman said that the Lord Lieutenant has approved an Armed Forces Day on Saturday 20th June for St Austell, details later.

There has been an invitation from the St Blazey Railway Club for horse racing on Friday the 20th February and Bingo on Wednesday the 25th March, in aid of the Local Sea Cadets. Also to raise funds for a new Standard for the branch. Gifts towards this would be very welcome.

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday March the 4th at 7.30pm in the New Inn.

Warren Nicholls, President

*Above: The Lord Lieutenant presenting the Bernard Hitchens Trophy to Michael Philp, Standard Bearer of Tywardreath Branch, in recognition of his sterling efforts in support of Royal British Legion Ceremonial Duties.*



## Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society

The next meeting is on Monday 9th March from 7pm - venue to be confirmed, please look out for details on Facebook.

The speaker will be fuchsia expert Derek Dexter who will be bringing a large selection of plants for sale at very reasonable prices and will also give advice and tips on cultivating your plants. Visitors welcome, raffle and refreshments. £3 per person.

Gill Smith



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(same answers each way)

1. Allow to enter.
2. Semiconductor in which current can flow in only one direction.
3. Clothes show-off.
4. Something perfect.
5. Informs.

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### Last month's answers, This way and That

1 Fetid, 2 Evade, 3 Taken, 4 Ideas, 5 Dense.

### Last month's crossword

Across: 1 Ketchup, 5 Titular, 6 Handbag, 7 Necktie. Down:

1 Kitchen, 2 Titanic, 3 Halibut, 4 Perigee.

### Crossword

Across:

1. Of exceptional importance.
5. Preserves a corpse for the tomb.
6. To form a mental image.
7. Framework for climbing plants.

Down:

1. Pharmacist.
2. (To take) offence.
3. Hostility; unkind feeling (3,4).
4. Concentrates on hearing something.

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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 March

	ST ANDREW'S	TREGAMINION	WELL STREET
Sunday 1st March	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		10.30am Service Mrs M Truscott- Robins
Sunday 8th March	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad	10.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	10.30am Service
Mothering Sunday 15th March	<b>10.00am</b> <b>Family Service</b> Martin Hoad & team		10.00am Together at the Parish Church
Sunday 22nd March	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Andy Higgs		10.30am Service Mr J Diaper
Palm Sunday 29th March	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Shona Hoad		11.00am United Service at <b>Leekseed</b>

### 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.*

### St Andrews is hosting an exciting concert on Saturday 28th March, 7pm.

This concert is raising funds to enable three very hard working people - Rachel Bentley, Tania Daniel, Brett Daniel - to take part in the London Marathon in April 2026 for these three special charities that have helped a family relative in Cornwall - Bristol Children's Hospitals, Teenage Cancer Trust and Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust. See page 7.

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## Village Hall & Scout Hall - March Diary Dates

Every Wednesday	11.00am	<b>Tai Chi Class</b>
Every Friday	7.30pm	<b>Line Dancing</b> (Beginners 6.30 pm)
Friday 13th	2.00pm	<b>Tywardreath &amp; Par over 60's Group</b> - Dr Gwen Magg, from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. See p 6.
Saturday 21st	doors: 7.00pm	<b>Village Hall Quiz.</b> Teams of 4. £6 each to include a pasty. 7.30pm start.

Monday	from 1.30pm	<b>Tywardreath Quilters</b> at Well Street Chapel. Sewers and knitters are most welcome.
Tuesday & Friday	10am-noon	<b>Coffee mornings</b> at Well Street Chapel
Wednesday	2-4pm	<b>Friendship Club</b> at Well Street Chapel. All invited to join the club. Contact Jo Langford 815921.
Monday - Friday	10am - noon	<b>Par Community Library</b> at Par Track Cafe.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	10.30am to 1.30pm	<b>The Hub @ Cornubia</b> (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	<b>Soup &amp; Sweet Lunch</b> at Gott Hall, Par. All home made at £7; no need to book.
Wednesday 4th	7.30pm	<b>Royal British Legion</b> meeting at the New Inn. New members welcome. See page 8.
Saturday 7th	10am-noon	<b>World Book Day.</b> Soroptomists' children's book giveaway at St Austell Library.
Monday 9th	7.00pm	<b>Fowey and District Fuchsia and Garden Society</b> Derek Dexter with fuchsias for sale. See page 8.
Saturday 14th	2.00pm	<b>Fowey Harbour Heritage Society</b> "A Headland Through Time - The Archaeology of St Catherine's Point and Covington Wood". Speaker: James Gossip. Venue: Fowey Town Hall.
Monday 23rd	6.30pm	<b>Eddystone Lighthouse</b> talk by Lyndon Allen at St Austell Library. £5 ticket. Book at library / email <a href="mailto:staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk">staustell.library@liscornwall.org.uk</a> / or phone 03001234111
Thursday 26th	7.00pm	<b>ISOT</b> talk: Lyndon Allen on "Local shipping". Well Street Chapel, £5 entry at door.
Saturday 28th	10am-1pm	<b>Craft Fayre at St Austell Library.</b>
	2.30pm	<b>Par Old Cornwall Society</b> in the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall, Par Green, Par. Speaker: "In the Steps of Daphne du Maurier". Refreshments served from 2pm.
	7.00pm	<b>Concert</b> in St Andrew's Church. See page 7

## **Tywardreath and Par Parish Council**

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

Devolution. The Parish Clerk reported that earlier in the day she had received the County Council's responses to the enquiries regarding Polmear Orchard. She had raised one query with the solicitor. Subject to clarification in respect of this to the Parish Clerk's satisfaction it was agreed to complete the transfer of ownership of Polmear Orchard to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council solicitor had yet to receive any response to her repeated requests to Cornwall Council regarding the clearance of the Vine Place site, which was essential prior to the devolution process progressing.

Par Beach dunes. Cllr Wilson reported on the removal of alleged Invasive Species. He said that the resulting devastation had left many residents very angry. He encouraged residents to attend the public meeting at Gott Hall on the 9th February, where they can air their views and ask questions. He said that he would be in attendance at the meeting.

Parking charges. Cllr Wilson said that, although Cornwall Council had consulted about the new charges at Hamley's Corner, Par Beach and St Andrew's Road Nature Reserve, it was likely to impose charges regardless. The Parish Council had submitted an objection and given reasons, including that charges would encourage on-road parking; and impact on local people's ability to use the beach for off-road dog walking and exercise. There would be a negative effect on physical and mental health.

Parking Restrictions Tehidy Road/Church Street, Tywardreath. Councillors had not been involved in the scheme and felt that it would not address the problem. However, Cllr Wilson had advised that the scheme could either be implemented as it stands or the current arrangements be left in place. A majority of Councillors agreed that the proposed yellow lines should go ahead.

Well Street Wells. The Parish Clerk reported that ISOT had requested permission to hang a commemorative plaque on the railings at Well Street Wells as part of a planned Well Dressing event. The plaque would not stay in place permanently. It was agreed that this should be permitted. Cllr C Wildish and Cllr Phillips agreed to decorate a tile for the event on behalf on the Parish Council.

Fallen tree. Cllr Hughes reported that the fallen tree in the Churchyard was the responsibility of Cornwall Council and arrangements to deal with it were in hand. No human remains had been exposed by the soil disturbance.

Cllr Wilson included in his report that Cornwall Council had been working hard to clear the backlog of storm damage caused by Storms Goretta, Ingrid and Chandra. Sadly, our Ward has suffered significant tree damage, and many trees that did not fall, now need to be felled due to their unsafe condition. Severe flooding also affected several areas including Highway Garage.

Potholes. Cllr A Wildish noted that roads in the parish were very badly potholed and encouraged members to report them to Cornwall Council.



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## **Tywardreath - Life after Mining**

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

Of all the innovations of the 19th century, none had more social impact than the coming of the railways. Treffry, employing Isambard Kingdom Brunel as surveyor and technical adviser, had the Cornish lines from Falmouth as far as Saltash running by 1850, to be linked to the rest of England via Brunel's mighty bridge across the Tamar and Great Western Railway nine years later.

Stations at Par and St Blazey were within easy reach of the village and provided work for a score of men. Mining still employed a handful and many went to sea. Par harbour was opened for shipping in 1830 and the docks constituted a busy little industrial complex all of their own. By the middle of the century China clay was on its way to becoming as important to the economy of mid-Cornwall as had been tin and copper.

In the village itself the variety of trades reflects the changing pattern of life. Miners were down to eleven by the 1880's, but there were now 23 farm labourers, seven gardeners, 20 domestic servants, a medley of blacksmiths, masons, carpenters, quarrying and road-workers, with 10 teachers, 16 grocers, a basket maker, 3 postmen, 3 printers, 2 bank clerks, 2 coachmen, 2 policemen, a Curate, a nurse, a doctor.

The streets were no longer muddy tracks and were lit at night. Standpipes were replacing wells and would themselves be replaced by piped water. A system of sewers now removed what had previously occupied the centre of the village. At the same time fine stone houses were going up where the ancient cottages had been and the village's ground plan was finally established.

As for the richness and diversity of social life, this was remarkable. Some of the many societies have already been mentioned. Now there was the "Chew Bacon Club", the Constitutional Club, the Choral Society, the Freemasons, the Wesleyan Band of Hope and the Liberal Club.

Cookery classes (with a choice of "Superior" for sixpence or "Cottage" for twopence) were being organised – and were presumably sufficiently well attended. A drum and fife band made melody. Sunday Schools (Church of England and Methodist) instructed the children, who were conveyed on regular "treats" to Menabily and elsewhere – for the Rashleigh family still took a paternal interest in the village.

The impression of a busy and serious-minded community is reinforced by the story of "The Cornish Metaphysician" Samuel Drew who, unaided by education, combined his trade of cobbler with the production of learned works. These had such inviting titles as "An Essay on Immateriality and immortality of the Soul." He lived from 1765 to 1833, and no doubt there were others like him then and later. Some of the subjects studied by the Tywardreath Scientific Society suggest that this may have been so: "The chemical composition of water", for instance or "The formation of chalk."

Less taxing to the intellect perhaps was the Pig Club (twopence a week provided insurance for the pigs which were kept by most working men in 1886) and of course the Tywardreath Rural Gardening Society Show, dating from 1830 – and still going strong.

Whether because of its healthy situation or its high moral tone “the pretty little town of Tywardreath” – as it was described in an article in the Illustrated News in 1905 – was a byword for longevity. It was reported that, out of a population of 700, a surprising 27 men and women were over 80 and one resident, a Mrs Matthews, was 103 years old. She remembered the celebrations that marked the Battle of Waterloo.

In the mid-century there were no fewer than 17 shoemakers. All have gone – the last one a year or two ago [writing in 1993] – and most are forgotten. One, John Lobb, however is not. Born in 1892, he was seriously injured as a boy and limped badly all his life, but this did not stop him becoming a master cordwainer [a shoemaker, as opposed to a cobbler] He emigrated to Australia, making his fortune in the gold fields. On his return to England, he established a most illustrious shop for hand-made boots and shoes in London, Lobb’s of St James by Royal Appointment etc.

From measuring the feet of England’s finest in town, he would regularly return, one is pleased to know, to the village of his birth, to hand out largesse to the old folk and sponsor such activities as wrestling. He died in 1895, four years after Tywardreath had been the site for the Royal Cornwall Show. Whether John Lobb had a hand in this choice of site is not recorded.

Thirty years earlier a far more famous character appeared briefly in the annals of the parish. In 1864 the great Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi, who visited England that year, came west to see his old friend Colonel Peard of Penquite and received a rapturous reception.

Nor was that all, for here we have the unlikely event of a Cornishman who had fought with distinction with Garibaldi’s Red Shirts in the liberation of Italy, being presented with a mansion in Cornwall, designed by an Italian architect, by one of the most romantic guerilla leaders of all time. Colonel Peard duly moved from Penquite to Trenyhton, thereby establishing an improbable link between the unification of Italy and the parish of Tywardreath. After Peard’s death, Trenyhton was bought by Bishop Gott and so became the palace of the Bishop of Truro. That it should subsequently become a convalescent home for railwaymen, and finally a holiday hotel, merely compounds the oddity.

And so into the 20th Century, which is beyond the scope of this brief chronicle. Let it be said, though that despite changes even more fundamental than those of previous times, despite wars and cars, supermarkets and television and far more houses, the heart of the village remains sound. Moreover, it is entirely in keeping with the quirks of its long history that our one surviving butcher should, through his sausages and the powers of television, have spread the fame of Tywardreath far beyond its boundaries.

## Par Old Cornwall Society



The talk at the January meeting was entitled “Charlestown and Drinnick Engineering” and was given by Mr Jeremy Jackson, who had worked in the industry. There were originally two foundries in St Austell, one at the bottom of West Hill and the other at Blowing House Hill owned by James Matthew Hamilton and they were principally set up to work for the mining industry.

Charlestown Foundry is believed to have started in 1827 and was situated higher up than the harbour, on the road to St Austell and is now a large housing estate with street names reflecting the industry. In 1827, J and R Michell from Redruth ran a successful business there until it was taken over by John Thomas in 1855, when it became The Charlestown Foundry and Iron Works Company Ltd, Engineers and Ironfounders, Charlestown, Cornwall, making among other things beam engines, waterwheels and winches, gravel pumps and other equipment for the Clay, Rail and other industries. The water wheel at Wheal Martyn, used to pump clay slurry up from the bottom of the china clay pit, and the original engine house on the Charlestown site are still in situ today.

In 1859 a beam engine was transported to Australia, an amazing feat. During World War 2 munitions and targets for bombs were made there and the famous Chough Steam Engine owned by Bernard Broad, which is still being used by his grandson today, started out at Charlestown Foundry; as well as the harbour gates at Pentewan in 1871. If you look around you may see a drain cover that came from there too. The gates of the site of Charlestown Foundry were sadly locked for the last time in 2004.

In 1936 a new power station was built at Drinnick in Nanpean and by the following year the site had grown and soon became busy, with a large Store containing components needed for the clay industries. On the same site was a spacious workshop employing those skilled in engineering and where apprentices were also trained in the skill. We saw many photographs of the workshop through the time it was in operation, and how it grew into an extensive and thriving part of the St Austell Clay Industry, as well as making things for the war effort during WW2 and producing a large range of engineering components for other industries. It is sad to see that these worthwhile sources of employment and skills are no longer available in our communities for the young of today.

It was interesting to hear all the facts about the Foundry and the Engineering Department at Drinnick and to see so many old photographs, which to many of those attending the talk, brought back memories of times spent and workmates who are now all part of history.

The March meeting will be held in the Bishop Gott Memorial Hall, Par on Saturday 28th March at 2.30pm and the subject will be “In the Steps of Daphne du Maurier” (a change of subject from what was previously advertised). All welcome, visitors £2.

Anne Weaver



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## The du Maurier Fowey Literary Festival

The 2026 Festival runs from 1st to 9th May. The full programme will be available later this month. Tickets are now available for **The Overtones** and for the Abba tribute **Take a Chance on us**. For tickets: [www.foweyfestival.com](http://www.foweyfestival.com)

**Thursday 9th April** is the date of our fashion show with **Salt Society** at the Fowey Harbour Hotel. Watch our socials for more details!

It's not too late to enter our competitions. **Adult Short Story** closes 20th March and **Young Writers & Artists** closes 1st April. The theme for both competitions is "After Midnight". For full details, see: [www.foweyfestival.com](http://www.foweyfestival.com)

## Fowey River Lions

We are excited to be back at Havener's in Fowey on 11<sup>th</sup> March for a **Bingo fundraiser**. If you haven't been, these events are great fun with excellent prizes to be won, why not come along and try it out? We recommend you reserve your table early by contacting Havener's directly on 01726 834591.

Later on in March, the Lions will be helping the wonderful **Marie Curie** charity by providing street collectors for their Great Daffodil Appeal. Marie Curie supports anyone with an illness they're likely to die from, and those close to them. A typical two-hour collection shift raises enough to fund four hours of nursing care or five calls to their Support Line. If you'd like to help and have two hours to spare on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March please contact us by email or phone – we'd very much welcome your help. Our team will be taking some of the two hour slots and will be there to support you on the day.

With Easter approaching, keep a lookout for our traditional **Easter Egg** draw in the pubs and shops around the area – it's a fun way to support the Lions and you could win one of the many Easter Egg prize boxes.

Want to help your community? **Why not join the Fowey River Lions?** We are a small team of local people who work together to help others and support good causes. Across the UK, there are 600 clubs just like ours and together we volunteer for over 500,000 hours of service and raise around £9 million annually to support the needs of local communities. This seems like a lot, but individually, this commitment amounts to an average of just 1 hour a week. We are part of Lions Clubs International which has 1.4 million members in over 210 countries, making it the largest service club organisation in the world but, because we are local, we can serve the unique needs of our community. Drop us an email, we'd love to hear from you and tell you a little bit more about what being a Lion means

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please log on to your **Co-op account** and select us as your community project for the year. It won't cost you a penny and will help us to fund our Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch in December. To find out more about our project visit the website on [membership.coop.co.uk/causes/100031](http://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/100031)

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## Ewart Hancock's Diary

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

### March 1991

Friday 1st. The Women's Day of Prayer was held in Well Street Methodist Church at 7pm. The leader was Mr Norma Cook, of Woodland Avenue.

Saturday 2nd. Mothers' Union Jumble Sale in St Andrew's Hall took about £60.

Sarah Westlake, daughter of Iris Westlake was married at Well Street Chapel.

Monday 4th. Funeral service for Charlie Charters was held in Well Street Chapel at 2pm. Rev Leslie Barnes conducted the service and Mrs Barbara Crago was the organist. Several of his railway friends attended.

Tuesday 5th. Third Lent Meeting in Well Street Schoolroom. The subject was "Confession, Sin, Repentance" and the speaker was Canon M Oatey.

Wednesday 6th. Parish Council Meeting was held at the Gott Hall. Ten Councillors attended. Mr Burley gave a report on Par Beach.

Wednesday Guild entertained St Andrew's Mothers' Union to tea at Well Street.

Commander John Lamb died at Derriford Hospital. Funeral service at Golant 12 noon on Saturday 9th. He leaves a wife and 3 children.

Saturday 9th Tywardreath Old Cornwall Society held their annual supper in St Andrew's Hall at 6.30 pm. Entertainment by Mr Trembath singing, his mother Mrs Trembath with Cornish readings, and Lanlivery Hand Bell Ringers.

Tues 12th. Women's Institute annual meeting. Miss B James elected president.

At the fourth Lent meeting, the speaker was Mr Brassett of the Judah fellowship.

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

Parish Priest	Revd Shona Hoad shona@tandgchurches.uk	07476 900623
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### **Village Hall Bookings**

Secretary	Mrs Linda Haksteeg 10 Vicarage Road, Tywardreath. Par	814459
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