



News from Lanner Parish Council Winter 2020

Welcome to the winter edition of the Lanner Community Newsletter which aims to bring you up to date with news and views from your Parish Council and offers opportunity for you to get involved in the community. We hope you find this newsletter both interesting and informative and welcome any feedback you would like to offer. Please contact us at:

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Changes Ahead

With Christmas on the horizon, thoughts go to family, friends, and community. Beyond that, the New Year calls on us to re-evaluate where we are and how we can improve life for ourselves and others. Which leads niftily to volunteering.

Parish councillors are, as you know, volunteers. From May, the size of the council will increase but it will still be small relative to the new responsibilities it is taking on and its ambitions for the future. Some of these changes are outlined elsewhere in this newsletter.

Many of us do not want or just cannot take on the commitment of being a parish councillor. That is understandable. But if you have a particular interest, talent or single-issue passion which could be applied for the benefit of the whole community, why not come forward as a volunteer for a particular project or task. The parish council can take the weight of raising funds, administration and all the things that burn up time so that you can be an activist who is actually active.

Lanner needs people who are concerned about delivering on the environment: mapping waste ground; planting trees; gardening; maintaining wild areas; reporting litter and fly-tipping. Lanner also needs more volunteers for its Emergency Response group; for Neighbourhood Watch; and a host of events which will need setting up, taking down and stewarding.

Can we count on you?

Lanner's Boundaries Remain Intact.

It proved to be a fairly close call, but the voice of the community has been acknowledged at County Hall and Redruth Town Council's attempt to incorporate part of Lanner parish into its own jurisdiction has failed. That means we can now concentrate on the future: not least with an eye on the May 2021 elections. It has also been agreed that Lanner parish council will have 11 councillors next term and it is very much hoped that candidates will come forward from South Downs/The Paddock/Beauchamp Meadows to help steer the community through the next five years.

Village Hall Moves Closer to Council Management

The parish council has agreed to become the sole corporate trustee of the Village Hall Trust and has recently received approval from the Charity Commissioners to alter the governing document. Now that this first stage has been passed the full proposal will advance and hopefully will be given effect early in the New Year.

The administration and accounts of the Village Hall Trust will be kept entirely separate.

Investigations are proceeding to try and get the hall away from oil fired heating and instal solar panels to the roof and, possibly, consider ground source heating. Initial enquiries indicate that this will be very expensive and cannot be contemplated without a substantial grant. However, it is thought sensible planning to have all necessary research done now so that there can be a quick response when any opportunity arises.



Message from the Chairman of the Carn Marth Trust

Back in 1986 there was a threat that Carn Marth was to be shaken again by the activities of quarrying. This threat was coming from the Penventon Concrete company which, having purchased the old quarry, (now the amphitheatre) and surrounding land had applied for planning, to construct an explosives store to store quarrying explosives. Some residents were in favour of this change, as the possibility of jobs was tantalising. Many however opposed the plan, fearing the disruption, noise and pollution associated with quarrying. Residents from Lanner, Carharrack, St Day and Redruth, together with their town and parish councils, joined forces to try to prevent the quarry reopening. The Carn Marth Protection Group (CMPG) was born. During a brief but intense period, a committee was formed and a plan formulated. Each Cornwall Councillor was approached and given an impact assessment on the area should the planning permission be approved. This lobbying worked. The planning permission was refused by a large majority and the plan was abandoned. Penventon Concrete then went into liquidation and its assets put up for sale. Nineteen acres on Carn Marth including the quarry and the flooded quarry were to be sold by sealed bid. The committee of the CMPG managed to secure

donations from all of the councils involved together with donations from local residents and businesses. A bid was entered and was successful. The land was now safe.

Having purchased the land, what to do with it? Firstly, with a derelict land grant all of the ruined and obsolete buildings were removed and buried and the walls of the quarry made safe. With further funding a stage and seating were built and electricity installed. Carn Marth became a venue where many local theatre groups honed their skills. The most successful of these, Kneehigh Theatre, has gone on to national and international acclaim. Miracle Theatre, which is an annual performer on the Carn, last year celebrated 25 years of open air theatre.

Using the funds raised from the initial events, the debts left over from the purchase were paid off. The CMPG was now solvent. These events have continued every year, ranging from those with audiences of 3-400, to much smaller ones with only a few watching. They range from theatre to music, to private parties and the blessing of weddings. Carn Marth is there to be shared.

In Early 2001 the CMPG became a registered charity. The name was changed and the Carn Marth Trust (CMT) was formed. The trust has three trustees at present, together with a Management Committee who take care of the day to day running of the organisation.

The land managed by the CMT has over the years become a haven where many come to enjoy themselves. Over last summer and the restrictions imposed because of COVID, there were no events in the amphitheatre for the first time ever. The Carn however proved its worth to the local population. Hundreds, (and I do not exaggerate!) of people used the Carn as their place of choice, to walk, run, ride their horses, swim and fish. It was genuinely heartwarming to see so many enjoying the space. With the pressure of so many people, we expected to have to cope with increased levels of litter and dog poo. Remarkably and thankfully we didn't. Visitors have been brilliant, taking their rubbish home with them. Of course, there are the rare exceptions but that's life!

The land surrounding the amphitheatre has recently been established as common land. This was thanks to a change in the law and a campaign by the pressure group, the Open Spaces Society. The management committee was opposed to this decision, as it added another layer of bureaucracy to the management of land which already has open access.

The future? One thing is for sure. Carn Marth has been and still is, a sanctuary and a stunning place for people to enjoy and also protect, and will be so for many years to come. Please come and share this special place.

Chris Bosworth
Chairman CMT



Carn Marth Trust also to Transfer to Parish Council

A similar arrangement is being made between the Carn Marth Trust and the parish council, whereby the existing trustees will stand down and the parish council will become the sole corporate trustee of the charity. The request for this has only recently come forward from the trust and the proposal now goes to the Charity Commissioners for approval.

The amphitheatre will continue to be available for booking by theatre groups and other entertainments. It is also the intention to increase biodiversity on land held by the Trust and promote community access and engagement.

Hedgehogs needing your help!

We all want to take care of the wildlife around us and one such species that need us to help them is the hedgehog. According to the British Trust for Ornithology, sadly hedgehogs are in decline, the population is estimated to have reduced by over 25%. You can help hedgehogs by keeping an eye out for them in your garden and helping them if they appear to be suffering. We'd love to know if you have any of these nocturnal creatures in your gardens, feel free to share your pictures with us!

Check out these tips from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for helping hedgehogs.

HEDGEHOG S.O.S.

BELOW ARE SOME SIGNS THAT SHOW A HEDGEHOG IS IN NEED OF HELP:

- LETHARGIC**
Hedgehogs don't sunbathe!
- FLIES**
If there are a lot of flies around a hedgehog it needs help.
- WOBBLY**
If hedgehogs are wobbling as they walk there is something wrong.
- OBVIOUSLY INJURED**
Wounded or clearly in distress.
- TRAPPED**
Have been caught in netting, a pond, drain, etc.
- HOGLETS**
If seen out in the day without an adult and / or squawking.

IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS PLEASE CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING FIRST AID:

1. Use gardening gloves or a folded towel to gently pick the hedgehog up and pop it into a high sided cardboard or plastic box.
2. Bring the box indoors away from flies.
3. Keep the hedgehog in a quiet room away from pets and children and don't be tempted to look at it any more often than you must to carry out first aid.
4. As long as there is no blood, wrap a warm hot water bottle in a towel and place the hedgehog on it, with another towel gently draped over the hedgehog to keep the warmth in, make sure it has room to get off the bottle and that it stays warm (but not hot) at all times.
5. Offer a small amount of hedgehog food or meaty cat or dog food and some water, don't force feed.
6. If it is a small hedgehog or hoglet do check nearby for others from the same litter that might also be in trouble.
7. Call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890 801 for the phone number of your local hedgehog rescue volunteer or look online and go direct to the rescue if you have their contact details.

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Lanner Post Office



Christmas Opening Times & Posting Dates

The Post Office will be open as normal throughout December.

Christmas Eve 12:00 till 2:00pm.

Make sure you beat the festive rush and get all your letters and parcels in the post on time!

Latest recommended posting dates for UK

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Monday 21 December	1st Class and 1st Class Signed For and Royal Mail Tracked 48*
Tuesday 22 December	Royal Mail Tracked 24*
Wednesday 23 December	Special Delivery Guaranteed

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Monday 5 October	All non-European destinations (except South Africa, Canada, Middle and Far East, USA)
Monday 12 October	Middle and Far East, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa
Monday 2 November	Canada, Cyprus, Eastern Europe, Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey, USA
Monday 16 November	Western Europe

International Standard & International tracking and signature services

Friday 4 December	Australia, New Zealand
Wednesday 9 December	Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America, Far and Middle East
Thursday 10 December	Canada, Cyprus, Malta
Friday 11 December	Greece, Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia) and Turkey
Saturday 12 December	Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA
Wednesday 16 December	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Friday 18 December	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!



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IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CLASSES LIKE THIS, PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE YOULTON ON 01209 200551 OR WRITE TO LANNER PARISH COUNCIL, LANNER VILLAGE HALL, 9 LANNER HILL, TR16

SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT INTEREST AND FUNDING, CLASSES WILL THEN BE ARRANGED.



A393 Review and Other Motoring Matters

Regular readers will recall that a Review of the A393 between Sandy Lane roundabout and Comford is being undertaken by Cornwall Council. Progress is being made. The Review has been split into two parts: one for the road from Sandy Lane to the edge of Lanner village, and the second from there to Comford. Meetings between the main interested parties have been held on the internet and the following statement has been released by Natalie Warr, Cornwall Council's Local Transport & Road Safety Lead.

Following concerns raised by elected Members and the communities and Parish Councils of Lanner and Gwennap, Cornwall Council commissioned a conceptual feasibility study to review potential improvements aimed at reducing speeds, improving positive driver behaviour and minimising opportunities for overtaking, within the extents of the 50mph speed limit. The conceptual feasibility report outlines a range of conceptual options and Cornwall Council are considering whether these will also achieve a reduction in speed, permitting the speed limit to be changed to 40mph.

Detailed design will now be commissioned to consider proposals in depth (including aspirations for improved pedestrian/cycle provision). This would include further design development including land requirements, a road safety audit and review dates for public consultation. Whilst funding has been secured to complete this stage, funding for construction is not yet secured and will need to be considered within future programming, all with limited funding. We acknowledge that this is a priority for both communities and will continue to work collaboratively to review opportunities to bring the measures forward for delivery at the earliest opportunity.



Both Lanner and Gwennap parish councils have indicated that priority must be given to the Lanner-Comford section with the aim being to reduce the speed limit to 40mph. This should see a marked increase in traffic complying with the village 30mph limit as they pass the playing field and doctors' surgery, as well as improving safety on the straight stretch of road down to Comford. A detailed scheme will go out to consultation.

The complete scheme will probably need to be subject to further phasing as finance becomes available, so our second priority is to see a higher level of compliance with the speed limit from Sandy Lane to the Lanner village perimeter. The first step here is the moving of the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) to the junction of Lanner Hill and Pennance Road in October and this will be reinforced from time to time with the parish council's Mobile Speed Activated Sign (MSAS) further down the hill (hopefully with extra impact by the Speedwatch team). Again, the eventual detailed scheme will go out to consultation.



The parish council has, once again, pressed for action to reduce driving accidents along Pennance Road following a series of reported incidents: one with a car causing structural damage to the front of a bungalow. A submission has been made for a full Review of this road for its full length into Carharrack to include speed limits, road markings, chicanes, pedestrian/cycle protected areas and vehicle restrictions. Traffic increased by nearly 80% between 2008 and 2016 (from 1038 vehicles a day to 1847) and has increased even further as Satnav encourages its use as a "short cut". Our aim is to see daily use reduced to something near the 2008 level.

A Little Christmas Cheer!



Cemetery Extension Completed

The extension to the cemetery, reported on in the last Newsletter, has now been completed. It will accommodate “natural” or humanist burials as well as more formal plots as the lawn cemetery fills. The extension also provides access for hearse and cortege, a marked improvement from access only being on foot through the now-closed Churchyard via the lychgate.

The Churchyard and the cemetery feature extensive plantings and although many areas will be maintained as “wild” for optimum biodiversity, the key word in that sentence is “maintained”. Core maintenance work will be carried out by contractors, but the detail in managing shrubs and flowers will fall to volunteers.

If you would like to get involved in helping to maintain this tranquil area, please get in touch.

Further details about the facilities are available on the Council website and if you would like to purchase a grave space please contact the Clerk.



Tree Planting

Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to plant trees following our last plea – only to have all plans thwarted by coronavirus. We are optimistic that we can resume this project in February 2021 although what started as 420 ‘whips’ have now developed into saplings. Not only that, but another 500 trees are due to arrive for planting in April.

A thousand trees will make an attractive enhancement of our parish and by increasing carbon sequestration will reduce our impact on the climate.

It isn't too late to join in the fun – if you haven't already got a spade, add one to your Christmas list and watch out for details on advertised planting events in the New Year. Better still, email your interest to lannerparishcouncil@outlook.com and you will receive advance notification and updates of our tree planting programme.



Hanging Baskets

For many years, the council has provided hanging baskets of flowers in Lanner Square. It has always proven difficult and expensive to arrange for them to be watered during the summer months. If they start to wither and die, then they look worse than if they were not there at all. Council has now found it virtually impossible to find anyone willing and with the right equipment to water them and it looks as though they won't be with us in 2021.

Council would like to know how important this floral display is to you.

A small portable water bowser and long lance could be purchased so that watering can be carried out “in house”. If sufficient support for keeping the hanging baskets going then Council will look at this again.



Christmas Lights: They Will be ON!

The restrictions resulting from Coronavirus have not made operations easy, but the Christmas Lights team is confident that all the usual decorations will be in place.

Support from local businesses to help purchase, transport and erect a Christmas tree at Lanner Square has been invaluable. Bill Bannister Estate Agent generously sponsors the purchase of the tree, which is supplied by Kehelland Trust, and Shaun Abrahams will be helping to get it lifted into position with his tractor. Then the team begin the decoration!

This year an additional tree has been purchased from Trevena Cross, which will be planted at the Playing Field and we hope to enjoy seeing it grow to new heights in the coming years.



This year the team will be split into groups of families and couples who are able to work together in 'pods' so that tasks requiring close proximity working can be carried out with due regard to Covid compliance. It is no mean task without such restrictions, but the team is determined that Lanner will be lit up as always. This year the need for a little light, cheer and festive spirit seems more important than ever!



We have been in touch with Father Christmas and it seems he may manage a visit to Lanner this year. Watch out for details on Facebook and the website and you will find out when he will be travelling around Lanner so you can wave from your doorway or window.

A very Merry Christmas and healthy and safe New Year from all the Team.

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A Message from Pastor Jenny and the Methodist Congregation

Lanner Methodist Church are still working in your village.

Although unable to worship as freely as we would like at the moment, we are here if anyone needs us.

We look forward to a brighter and safer New Year, meanwhile take care of one another.

The Christmas Message is still the same, no pandemic can ever change it :

"Unto us a child is born - and His name shall be called Jesus"

On behalf of the Church family I wish you all a safe, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Pastor Jenny

A Message from Father Peter and the Anglican Congregation

Although Advent and Christmas will be different this year, please know that at the moment, the church is open every MONDAY & FRIDAY 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

In the second lockdown all church services are cancelled but if after December 2 services can resume, then there will be a service of Holy Communion every WEDNESDAY at 11.00am and at 10.30am on the SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS each month.

The community pantry outside the church is there for YOU to give to or take from. It is open all the time. From Monday December 21 there will be some special Christmas 🎄 items.

If services resume in December then we hope for

TUESDAY DECEMBER 15, 7.00pm. CAROL SERVICE

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24, 2.00pm - 3.30pm. VISIT THE CRIB IN SOCIAL DISTANCED BUBBLES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24, 8.00pm. BETHLEHEM COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25, 9.30am. CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

The churchwardens and church council of Christchurch wish you, your family and friends and all whom you love a peaceful Christmas 🎄 and hope to see you in church or around the village.

God bless you,
Fr Peter





The Twelve Days of Lockdown

On the first day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, a workout with Joe Wicks

On the second day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, two metres far

On the third day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, three lie ins

On the fourth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, four daily walks

On the fifth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, five toilet rolls

On the sixth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me six banana breads

On the seventh day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, seven daily briefings

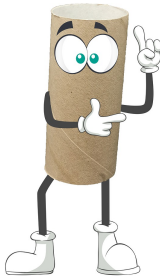
On the eighth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, eight fun zoom quizzes

On the ninth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, nine jokes on Facebook

On the tenth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, ten panic buyers

On the eleventh day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, eleven face coverings

On the twelfth day of Lockdown, my true love gave to me, twelve virtual meetings.



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Council usually meets on the last Thursday of each month and the Planning Committee on the second Thursday. All meetings start at 19:00 and have a spot reserved for public comment and questions. But do check with website or notice boards to ensure no last-minute changes have been made.

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