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Rector's notes – MAY 2021

I write this on the weekend of Prince Philip's funeral, when on TV we have had a week filled with tributes and people reminiscing about the impact he had on the life of this nation and the Commonwealth.

It's been such a helpful corrective to hear these stories because I, like many people, had an image of Prince Philip as a slightly grumpy old man, apt to make inappropriate comments, from a world of privilege and little relevance to anyone. The stories that have been told have reminded us of his turbulent, rootless, early life; his energy and passion for so many good causes; his utterly selfless devotion to his wife, our Queen; and his humour. A friend from South Africa posted this anecdote about their friend at a garden party in Pretoria, South Africa

The headmasters, head boy and head girl of each of the schools in Pretoria were invited to a garden tea in honour of The Queen's State Visit to South Africa and Nelson Mandela. Through family connections, I was invited along. When the Queen walked up to us, I shook her lightly by the hand and she said "How do you do?", and that was really it. For some reason, I decided to present everyone to Prince Philip. Overconfidently, I stepped forward and said: "Your Royal Highness, may I present our headmaster, Mr. Lee; our head boy Conrad and our head girl, Tracey. A wry smile and the opportunity for a dressing-down flashed across the face of the old prince. "And who the hell are you?" He asked. I began to explain and he crossed his arms and stopped me, realising he was dealing with an amateur. "Oh, you're just a hanger-on, are you?" He said dryly. Defeated, I replied with a shrug: "Yes, Your Royal Highness, just a hanger-on." He leant in and with a wink said "Well, I know how you feel...", gesturing at The Queen.

But the thing I was most impressed by was a greater understanding of Prince Philip's Christian faith. The Queen is rightly well known for her clear expressions of faith from her Christmas messages, which have become more explicitly Christian as the years have gone by. But Prince Philip too evidently had a deep faith, made deeper through the asking of questions, leading to a very fruitful collaboration with Dean of Windsor Robin Woods and the setting up of St George's House, a centre for all sorts of influential people from the world of industry, science, education etc. to discuss matters of religious and social importance.

The other thing that struck me about the funeral itself was the benefit of planning one's own funeral. Often we're a bit squeamish to think about these things, but given the inevitability of our death, I would encourage you to think about it – even if you anticipate several more decades of life ahead. Apart from anything, it will make your loved ones' task easier when that time comes. Do have a word with one of the ministry team if you'd like some help – it can be a lot less sombre that you might think!

With my prayers and best wishes

Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS

Many apologies for the delay in detailing the FIRST SUNDAY EVENT giving for 2020, the ninth year of such events. THANK YOU so much for your support at the events and your generous giving over so many years.

THE 2020 FIRST SUNDAY EVENT CHARITIES

April, May, no events due to lockdown, and FP not getting organised via zoom!!

JUNE: Shelterbox / Tents for Lent £400.00
Providing care and support in places of disaster

JULY: Sense £175.00
Giving new opportunities to those who are deaf / blind

AUGUST: DEC Corona Virus Appeal £155.00
The DEC offers immediate support to people in despair

SEPTEMBER: Bishop Philip's Appeal for Lebanon £250.00
Bishop Philip's appeal for the people of Lebanon following the explosion in Beirut

OCTOBER: SPRA protection & recovery of animals £155.00
The Benefice needed this charity to care for Misty, a cat whose owner, Margaret had died

NOVEMBER: Postage to Mala £110.00
A member of the Benefice sends parcels of knitted clothing and blankets to Malawi

DECEMBER: AIDS appeal for the protection of girls £160.00
PLAN a children's charity provides funding for girls education

JANUARY 2021: Children of Yemen £200.00
This donation was sent through 'Save the children'

FEBRUARY: Children of Nepal £300.00
Christchurch has supported the Nepal Youth Foundation for several years

MARCH: United Nations Appeal for refugees £500.00
This charity does all that it can to provide help for refugees

TOTAL: £2,405.00

Father Peter

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

Easter celebrations in the church – after a prolonged absence, halleluia! The flower decorations were as dramatic and beautiful as ever, and our eyes were drawn to the moving Easter Garden beneath the high altar. We have much to thank the churchwardens for, and all the others who helped make this as bright an Easter as possible.

The Easter Garden was just visible from the ‘zoom church’, but the camera is set to hold the dramatic St Andrew’s reredos in view throughout the service, with the great East Window above.

‘The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters’ is the name of a newly published book by Helen Wilson, and our reredos is mentioned, along with many other works for around 92 churches in Cornwall and 76 churches in Devon. For it was a creation of ‘Miss Pinwill’ (Violet Pinwill), a skilled and notable craftswoman of the late nineteenth - early twentieth century, by then running her own workshop from Plymouth, continuing the trade set up by three daughters of the Rev. Edmund Pinwill of Ermington with Kingston, near Ivybridge, Devon. It may seem strange to us now, but wood carving was a popular skill taught to girls in 1880s-1890s Plymouth, the unusual aspect being the decision for these young women to go into business, encouraged by their mother. On their father’s side, several generations had been employed in shipbuilding and wood carving or as clergymen, in their grandfather’s case combining both, so the family had a heritage of skilled craftsmen. The sisters were highly successful; their work being sensitive and proficient was sought after by churches throughout their career. There was a family connection to Cornwall through their paternal grandmother and all of the seven sisters were highly accomplished artists in some field.

Sir Edward Nicholl is remembered in St Andrew’s on a plaque on the west wall, near the North Door. Born and brought up in Redruth he was a choirboy at St Andrew’s and was honoured for his work during the First World War, being knighted in 1916. Although he moved away as a young man to ‘make his fortune’, he retained strong bonds with his birthplace and donated generously to the church when the call went out for funds for the new extension in the 1930s, including paying for the reredos. Violet Pinwill never advertised but her skill was sought after and she undertook many projects with the architect R.F. Wheatley, who designed the extension to St Andrew’s, both of whom had worked on several projects in Truro Cathedral. It was their expertise that we treasure today.

St Andrew’s features on the website set up by Helen Wilson, with a description of the reredos and mention of the carved wooden candlesticks, which are still in use. For anyone interested the website address is: <http://pinwillsisters.org.uk/the-catalogue/churches-in-cornwall/redruth-st-andrew/>

Sadly, due to the current ‘plague’ restrictions, the white cross was not placed on Carn Brea this year, but St Andrew’s has its wooden cross placed in a prominent position in the top garden. It stands just next to the wooden bench made from an oak pew by our current skilled wood-craftsman, David Doble. Complete with floral decoration for Easter, the cross and bench stood as an invitation to reflect and pray for all who pass by.

Linda Beskeen

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open as in previous months:
PRIVATE PRAYER: Monday & Friday; 2.00pm – 4.00pm
HOLY COMMUNION: Wednesday; 11.00am

The new development is that on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month there will be a communion service at 10.30am. This will continue until the last Sunday of May, when services throughout the Benefice will return to their usual times.

The community pantry remains OPEN and is well used. Many thanks are extended to Linda who monitors the contents every day and to all those who give regularly.



EASTER was a very moving event within the church community, with stations of the cross, services of Holy Communion, a meditation on Good Friday and a triumphant fire on Holy Saturday ... thank you Ron.

The church community has been asked to host rehearsals for the latest production from RAMPS, which will be "SHREK", due to be performed in September 2021. This signals a real return to normality, but COVID safety measures will remain in place.



Following an on-line FIRST SUNDAY EVENT, £500.00 was sent to the 'Nepal Youth Foundation, which supports the Christchurch link with the children of Makwanpur. A letter of thanks has been received detailing how important such donations are in safeguarding the future of Nepalese children.

The church was pleased to be able to host a service of remembrance for HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The church community extends its sympathy for the Royal Family at this time.



Julia Knight-Bennett

St. Andrew's Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church 'FLAPJACK'

Working, praying and worshipping together as 'One in Christ'

St. Andrew's Church remains open for private prayer on **Tuesday and Saturday** afternoons from **2pm to 4pm.**; also for Covid-19-safe services of Holy Communion at 6pm each Wednesday evening. The usual weekly Sunday benefice Service will continue to be held at 10.30am on Zoom. On **Sunday 2nd May**, a service of Holy Communion (with said/hummed hymns) will be held at **Four Lanes Methodist Church** at 10.30am, followed by the St. Andrew's **Annual District Church Meeting**, at **11.45 am** at the same venue. On the **third Sunday, 16th May**, a Service of the Word will be held at 10.30am at the Methodist Church and Holy Communion at 6pm at St. Andrew's Pencoys. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 6pm live and on Zoom at St. Andrews Pencoys on **Ascension Day 13th May**. For more information, please see the weekly prayer sheet, available online at www.redruthchurch.org.uk or contact Fr. Peter (07903 807946). The Zoom links to join all services are available from Revd. Caspar Bush, at casparbush@gmail.com. (01209 216958). Fr. Peter also continues to publish his weekly informative and interesting 'Together' sheet at www.redruthchurch.org.uk. On 23rd May **Pentecost**, Holy Communion will be celebrated in church at 10.30am at Christchurch Lanner and St. Euny, Redruth. The original, pre-pandemic pattern of services will resume on **Trinity Sunday**, with Holy Communion being celebrated at St. Andrews Pencoys, at 11am on 30th May. (Please see the previous weekly sheet (23rd May) for confirmation of this).

The last **LAMP First Sunday Evening Event**, held via Zoom on **Easter Day 4th April**, was led by Bishop Hugh of St. Germans and celebrated the 140th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Andrews Pencoys Church, when he spoke about significant anniversaries and milestones in our Christian lives. We also heard about the charities supported over the past year, and thank everyone who has donated to these, totalling £2405. Bishop Hugh's chosen charity is "A Rocha", Christians working for the protection and restoration of the natural world, and encouraging believers and churches to engage in the care of the environment. If you would like to donate to this charity, please contact Fr. Peter.

Our sincere thanks also go to all who donated to the United Nations Appeal for Refugees following the March Event, led by Jane LePage, which has now totalled £500. If you would like to donate to this charity, please contact Revd. Caspar Bush (above) for online banking details. The next Event, to be held on **Sunday, 2nd May** at 6pm at **Christchurch Lanner**, will feature **Nurses** (celebrated nationally on Sunday, 9th May), to whom an immeasurable debt of gratitude is owed by the whole country for their loyalty, skills and dedication, especially during the past year. There will be an opportunity to donate to a charity supporting these outstanding members of our communities.

We continue to thank our Clergy and especially Jim (Seth) for working hard to keep us connected via Zoom for services and other events during the past year and our Heavenly Father for his endless love and guidance through the pandemic, for the miracle of vaccination and for persuading our hearts to follow the safety guidelines, for the benefit of all. At this time we give him thanks and praise for the life and service of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, as we pray for the Queen and her family. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in Glory. Amen

Jill Tolputt

ST EUNY

Spring is most definitely here, with our Sunday service punctuated by hefty hail storms and sunshine.

The newly installed MiFi device enabled us to zoom last Sunday's service easily and effectively and we are very excited about the world of opportunity which has been opened up for us, not least the chance to offer an internet cafe within our established 2pm Open Cafe on Wednesday afternoons - watch this space for the starting date.

We have arranged for Smartline to run the first few sessions and to train volunteer facilitators to run the sessions thereafter.

If you have a talent for computing and think that you might like to become a volunteer, then please do contact Revd. Deb Grigg to find out more.

The sessions themselves will be for absolute beginners, using lap tops and tablets that have been purchased specially for this purpose.

If, like myself, you just want to have tea, cake and chat, then there will definitely still be a friendly place for this.

Church services at St. Euny during May will be on Sunday 8th at 10.30am, followed by our ADCM to which everyone is welcome, Sunday 23rd at 10.30am and Trinity Sunday on 30th May, which will begin at 11.15am as there will be a service at each of the five churches in Redruth on that day.

The Wednesday service of Holy Communion held at 1.30pm continues to be well attended. Thank you to Clive Reynolds, who rang the tenor bell at half muffle 99 times to commemorate the life of HRH Prince Philip on Saturday the 10th of April.

A little prayer about primroses.....

One of the things that I have missed the most over the last year is the chance for every day encounters with people, and the little conversations that make you think.

Yesterday I was walking through the churchyard and remarked how very beautiful the primroses are this year. My companion replied that primroses were his most favourite of all the spring flowers. He led me through the grass to find out why. His reason? Because every now and then in the sea of yellow ones you find a purple one. Together, we celebrated the diversity of the beauty that we found, both in the similarities and differences of God's creation.

Father God,

We thank you for the primroses. We thank you particularly for the purple ones, as they stand out proudly and add to the beauty of life.

We think about the people who act as purple primroses in our every day lives. The ones who make us stop, and think, and wonder.

We remember that you created all of us in your likeness, but left a wonderful growing space for our individuality to shine through.

May we each carry that gift of diversity through our lives and bring joy and colour to whichever place it is that we ourselves grow, and to the people who we meet.

Amen

Happy springtime

Lucie Rogers

ST STEPHEN'S TRELEIGH



On Thursday March 25th a short socially distanced outdoor service for the blessing of the Palm Crosses took place. Rev'd Caspar Bush took the service and readings were by Churchwarden, Chris Cunningham. The weather was kind to us being sunny and a bit breezy.

The Stations of The Cross on Good Friday was held in The Hawthorn Garden at Treleigh, following the Covid guidelines, and taken by Rev'd Caspar Bush. It was a very moving service taking us through Jesus' fateful journey to The Cross and beyond, leaving us feeling as if we were making the journey with Him. So right and meaningful for the present and world problems.

The Maundy Thursday service was attended by a few Church members and The Passion from St. Mark's Gospel was read by Reverend Caspar, Anne Youlton and Mary Harris. Following Holy Communion the Altar and Sanctuary was stripped.

On Easter Sunday the sun shone gloriously through the primrose laden Churchyard to welcome the congregation of 23 adults and 3 children back into St. Stephen's Church for Holy Communion. The new Paschal Candle was blessed and lit by the Reverend Caspar Bush assisted by Len Cunningham and the 5 nails were inserted into the candle signifying the 5 wounds that Jesus suffered on the Cross. The Easter Garden was artistically arranged at the base of the Altar by Carol and Doreen and beautiful spring flowers adorned the Church, Altar and porch reinforcing the hope of new life. The Reverend Caspar Bush officiated and read the Gospel and the readings were by Anne Youlton. At the end of the service, Easter eggs with knitted chick suits were Blessed and distributed to the congregation. Thanks to Anne Youlton who gave the eggs and knitted the chicks. All COVID guidelines were followed including no singing but Easter hymns were played through an iPad and the service ended with "Thine be the Glory"

There will be a weekly Holy Communion Service at 10am every Thursday and a Sunday Holy Communion Service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30am until the end of May when it is hoped that we can return to a more normal service pattern of Holy Communion every Sunday at 11.15am.

For further details please see the Treleigh Facebook page or the Redruth Benefice Churches website www.redruthchurch.org.uk

Very many congratulations from all her friends at Treleigh go to Pat Basset on the occasion of her being awarded Maundy Money by the Queen in recognition of her years of work with Voluntary Service Overseas. She has her Maundy Money and a letter from the Queen in which she expresses her disappointment at not being able to meet her personally due to the current situation. Her assignments with VSO have been in The Philippines twice, Ethiopia twice and Malawi 4 times. Her job description was teaching midwifery and nursing, but she said in essence they fitted in where needed most, working with the local community and putting on courses as required. She is still in contact with her friends in Malawi.

Take care & stay safe everyone
Trish Rowe

THE LORD'S PRAYER Part 7

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

The celebration of the Eucharist begins with the invitation to confession, the prayer of confession for us to pray and the declaration of the forgiveness given to us by God through the sacrifice of His Son on the Cross. This is the beginning point of the Christian Faith. We are invited to receive the resources made available to us at the Cross which changes our relationship with God and with other people, we are required to be realistic about humanity ourselves included. It is the fact that we have sinned that makes the Cross necessary to restore our loving relationship with God and restore our relationships with each other, The New English Bible reads 'Forgive us the wrong we have done' The Lord's prayer has moved from our request for daily bread to asking for forgiveness from bodily needs to the needs of our characters and personalities. Whilst we cannot for long ignore our bodily needs, this petition constantly said reminded us of the deeper needs of our lives. Pray this petition often and realistically and so receive the richness of the resources provided for us at the Cross.

The prayer uses the word 'us' and not the word 'me'. There is the wider picture of the failure of communities and nations to live together seeking the common good. We hardly need reminding of the capacity of human nature to commit atrocities against those who belong to another nation or community. This petition is a reminder of the need to build better relationships between nations and communities rather than those based on strife and hatred. There is also the serious damage that is being done to our environment by us. This petition requires us to change the way we use the resources of God's creation.

The word 'as' which joins the two halves of this petition need explanation. The 'as' must not be pressed to mean that somehow God's forgiveness is only given in proportion to us being willing to forgive others. We do not somehow gain more forgiveness by our improved relationship with other people. Forgiveness is the generous gift of God to us and not earned in anyway by us. Yet it is difficult to imagine an attitude which seeks God's forgiveness whilst still maintaining a hostile attitude to other people.

At this point we move on from the Cross to the Resurrection of Christ. God's forgiveness presumes that having been received as we are that we move on to living the new life that comes through the resources of the Resurrection, Jesus teaches us what has been called the golden rule 'in everything do to others as you would have them do to you,' Matt 7 vs 12.

Revd Ray Webber retired priest

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EXTRACTS FROM A JOURNAL

by Michael Tangye

This writer has written a page in his journal each day since 1970. They have proved to be so useful in recalling family, local and national events—with each day's comments referenced at the back of the volume. They also provide a source for writing articles in 'Five Alive'. The following is transcribed from the journal of 1985.

April 2 (1985) Princess Diana. All is ready at Redruth for her visit tomorrow. The barren flower beds fronting the new flats at Miners' Court, have been filled with daffodils freshly blooming, along with other plants in tubs placed alongside these, and within the lounges of the new building. The carpark, and the whole area have been smartened. A pity it takes a Royal visit to prompt such activity!

April 3 Rain and wind all day long—cleared at 4.30pm. The Princess of Wales opened Miners' Court today. She arrived, accompanied by Lord Falmouth as Lord Lieutenant, from St Mawgan airfield. Coming along Falmouth Road she waved to the pupils of Trewirgie School—then through Penryn Street, up Fore Street and to the Flower Pot carpark.

It rained continuously whilst she was at Miners' Court to unveil a plaque marking its opening, and to have tea with Mr Cecil Martin and his wife, who were originally residents of Portreath. Later, outside, she met the public, including the members of the Wesley Chapel based Boys Brigade. Young David Williams, son of Bernard and Carol, graciously kissed the Princess's hand whilst being televised!

The whole town was full of police, even the approach roads were all patrolled—no doubt in readiness to block anyone who should attack the Princess.

April 6 Met Cecil Martin in Fore Street. He told me how he had entertained Princess Diana on Wednesday. She spent ten minutes in his flat at Miners' Court. His wife had showed her around the flat whilst he with the Lady in Waiting, made a pot of tea. When they sat down the Princess asked 'who is doing the honours?' He was quite impressed with her, saying that he felt immediately relaxed; she showed 'no airs or graces'.

Apparently a well meaning John Sleeman, the organiser of the annual Southgate Week of Carnival and associated events, had caused a minor chaos during the Princess's visit. He had gathered his Fairy Queen and Miss Cornwall at the Wesley Chapel, and when Lady Diana and her security escort approached, he stepped in front of her car, in order that he could present her with a bouquet of flowers! Police came running from all directions at the unscheduled stop! No doubt they were relieved that it was not an assassination attempt!

April 14 'To Durgan. Walked with Pam through Bosloe garden where its small stream flowed through masses of rhododendrons, camellias and pink magnolias. Then through fields to Helford Passage. En-route at Durgan, warm sunshine, no wind. White cottages fronted by gardens filled with red camellias, contrasting with white washed walls—and everywhere wild violets, white garlic and yellow celandines flourishing in the hedgerows.

At Helford Passage it was quiet before the rush of summer. Empty chairs on the balcony of the Ferry Boat Inn—soon to be constantly filled with hordes of people from far afield—a village where only one Cornish woman remains.

Florence NIGHTINGALE

12th May 1820 – 13th August 1910

Florence NIGHTINGALE was born on the 12th May 1820 into a middle class family living in Lea Hurst, Derbyshire. The family's money came from lead mining. The family found the winters there cold and moved to Embley Park in the New Forest, Hampshire.

In 1853 Florence was Superintendent of the Establishment of Gentlewomen in Upper Harley Street, London. After a year she became bored and in 1854, volunteered to work in the Middlesex Hospital, London during the cholera epidemic, in a profession that was looked down upon. Later she moved to the Crimea and brought comfort to those in need during the Crimean War. In the Crimea she contracted 'Crimean Fever' which today is known as brucellosis. As a result she suffered exhaustion and depression. Artists depicted Florence carrying a candle as she walked among the sick in Scutari, Crimea. The Scutari Hospital was filthy and she found it appallingly underequipped and lacking food and bedding. She used her own money and public funds to buy scrubbing brushes, blankets, bedpans and the basics for nursing. Charles DICKENS was a friend of Florence's during the Crimea War and helped pay for laundry equipment in the hospital. Florence inspected the military hospitals in a Russian carriage which was named 'Florrie's Lorry'. The nurses at Scutari Hospital wore the first known example of a nursing uniform. She left Turkey on the 28th July 1856, rejecting an offer to travel home on a warship. When she arrived at her family home on the 7th August 1856 she collapsed with fatigue. After the war 'Florrie's Lorry' was shipped to the UK and given to the Nightingale Training Hospital, St Thomas's, London.

During the Crimean War, a public fund was set up in honour of Florence to be spent on training nurses. The Nightingale Training School in St Thomas's was opened in July 1860

Florence loved animals believing that they could be therapeutic to patients. Some of the soldiers in Scutari Hospital were allowed to keep pets one of which was Jimmy the tortoise which was allowed the run of the wards. She returned from the Crimea with a puppy presented to her by the soldiers.

Queen Victoria appreciated the work that Florence was doing and sent her a gold brooch with diamonds called the Nightingale Jewell.

On the 13th August 1910 Florence age 90, died in her sleep at 10 South Street, Mayfair. She did not wish to be buried in Westminster Abbey, insisting that she was given a simple grave in the family plot at St Margaret's Church, East Wellow, Hampshire. Her coffin was carried to her grave by soldiers.

As we struggle through the 2020/21 pandemic, field hospitals set up around the UK were aptly named NHS Nightingale Hospitals. Florence Nightingale is Internationally remembered annually on the anniversary of her birthday and is called Nurses Day. The Sunday nearest to her birthday is recognised as Nurses Sunday.

Juliet Jenkin

FROM THE REGISTERS

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WEDDING

12 April 2021 Craig Joe Clinton & Tyler Leanne Lawry St Stephen Treleigh

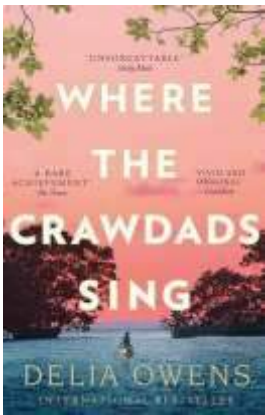
CARNMARTH NORTH DEANERY

A Deanery Synod meeting will be held via 'zoom' on Wednesday 05 May at 7pm. Guest speaker will be Bishop Hugh, with Revd Jonathan Rowe whose subject will be 'On the Way'. Details of the 'zoom' link will be available on the weekly sheet closer to the date.

Redruth PCC APCM for St Andrew Redruth, St Andrew Pencoyls and St Euny will be held at St Euny on Sunday 9 May at 11.45am following the service

BOOK CLUB FRIDAY 07 MAY

'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens



For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. But Kya is not what they say. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life's lessons from the land, learning the real ways of the world from the dishonest signals of fireflies. But while she has the skills to live in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. Drawn to two young men from town, who are each intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world—until the unthinkable happens. Thought-provoking, wise, and deeply moving, Owens's debut novel reminds us that we are forever shaped by the child within us, while also subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. The story asks how isolation influences the behaviour of a young woman, who like all of us, has the genetic propensity to belong to a group. The clues to the mystery are brushed into the lush habitat and natural histories of its wild creatures.

Please contact Sue Pearce for details of venue/zoom

<<Talkabout>> — Adventures © by Trish Rowe

Cornwall is an adventure all on its own and with a bit of imagination that adventure need not be too far from home.

In 2019 when my sister and her husband were down on holiday we planned a visit to Trelissick, with a difference. We began by catching the bus to Falmouth without realising that it was Stithians Show day and traffic leaving Redruth was at a snail's pace! Timing was tight as we planned to catch a boat from Falmouth Prince of Wales Pier to Trelissick and had almost given up when the traffic petered out at Pelean Cross and we made it to the boat with only minutes to spare.

On board we relaxed in the hot sun and enjoyed the trip up river with views across the water and the river life going on around us. The atmosphere of the river was absolute magic and the day made all the more special because we were footloose and fancy free with no car to go back to!

Arriving at Trelissick Quay we alighted with others voyagers and climbed the steep slope to the main footpath, where everyone went their own way. From then on we were on our own and following paths around the estate. We picnicked on our way round and spent time in the café and the National Trust Shop before catching a bus to Truro, followed by a bus to Redruth and home.

The place to be on a Thursday morning, as we found out, was Ruan Minor on The Lizard peninsula. We had caught the bus there on another of our walking adventures and a sign outside the village hall announced the weekly market. "Ah", we thought, "that means coffee!"

We had a delicious coffee and chatted to the locals who asked us where we were headed, where we had come from, and were we on holiday. Such a friendly atmosphere and we were made so welcome that as we took to the country lanes, leaving the babble of the market behind us, we felt as if we had belonged to the village for that half an hour or so. Our walk took us down grassy lanes where butterflies danced ahead of us, hither and thither on the light breeze. So peaceful, just us and nature. Idyllic. We are so lucky to live in the tranquil serenity that Cornwall offers. We had a picnic lunch at Cadgwith and then followed paths back to Ruan Minor where we caught the bus home.

So, adventures? They can be right on your doorstep!

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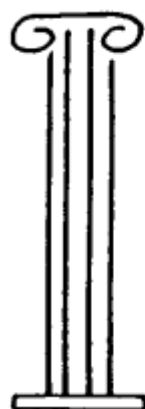


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