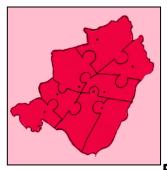
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#### Letter to the editors

I'd like to thank Farmer Jules for another excellent article in June's edition of Pieces of Eight.

The key point, as Farmer Jules points out, is that this isn't just about trade, it is about the food we eat. I've heard several people say that giving way to the US on farming standards doesn't really matter as we can simply refuse to buy meat imported from there. Fine, if you're buying a whole chicken or a steak from the butcher or supermarket - you will know where it came from and can make an informed choice. However this ignores some uncomfortable truths.

In any event I'm not sure we will see any imported US meat on shop shelves. Most of it will be supplied in bulk to the food processing and catering industries, where by far the most important factor in processed food products and meals is the cost of ingredients, not their provenance. As Jules mentions, if imported foodstuffs undergo processing here the product label does not have to include the country of origin of the ingredients. The Red Tractor logo will help, and no doubt some producers and supermarkets will use labels such as "Made with British chicken" as a marketing slogan on own-brand products.

If you eat ready-made sandwiches, take-aways or ready meals, eat in the office or factory canteen, your

children eat school meals, you have a stay in hospital, or have the misfortune to have to eat at Her Majesty's pleasure, it is quite possible you will be eating food whose ingredients were produced to a standard that would not be allowed for UK-produced food once a trade deal with the US is signed.

There are also wider implications of course - from the impact on UK farmers having to compete with lower quality imports to the problems of introducing yet more inequalities in society.

At the risk of straying off-topic, it is not just a matter of lower food and animal welfare standards. Trade deals could also involve weakening of our environmental standards, healthcare regulation, intellectual property rights and digital privacy laws to name but a few. I do worry that the UK will become involved in a race to the bottom of regulatory control, and the public at large will not realise the future impacts this will have.

Name and address supplied

#### **EDITORIAL**

Here's hoping that everyone is slowly able to start getting back to some kind of normality. The recent rain, although very welcome, does make our tentative garden socialising more challenging, but it is still important to keep safe.

With Cornwall opening up to holidaymakers in July we must continue our efforts whilst also welcoming our guests. So many people love Cornwall, whether they are holidaymakers or second home owners or even visitors from other parts of Cornwall and they are all so important to our economy. The recent statement from Cornwall Council discouraging visitors to the area demonstrates the difficult balance between keeping our community safe during the ongoing pandemic and the economic survival of local businesses.

A piece of good news comes from The Cornwall Community Foundation who award grants to local projects. At the beginning of lockdown a fund was set up in order to help the Cornish communities worst affected by Covid-19 The aim, back in March, was to raise £100,000 but donations have now reached £1.3m, which is really amazing, and 60% of donations come from people who live outside the county. To date the CCF has awarded £460,000 in Emergency and Crisis grants across the county, but they also have a North Cornwall Fund which directly benefits our part of Cornwall. Wadebridge Food Bank and Concern Wadebridge are among those who have been helped in this way.

I know many people were worried about second home owners coming down at the height of lockdown, but the other side of the coin is that many people who cannot live here all the time, still love Cornwall and feel a responsibility for the county.

We hope everyone has a good holiday season. We take our own summer break next month but look forward to bringing you another issue in September.

Keep Safe everyone.

Philippa

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We are hoping that we will be able to go back to print with September's magazine.



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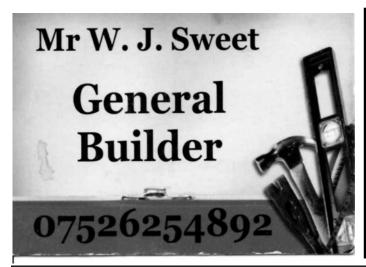
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#### The View from the Allotments .....

and yet another turnaround for our plots

Two weeks ago we were grumbling, because we had to lug so many watering cans back and forth, from the plot to the water trough and back again. It was taking about three-quarters of an hour, just to keep all the seedlings and plants watered and we were (almost) regretting the sunshine. Now today, it has rained and rained and we haven't even been able to walk around the corner to check on the greenhouse. Everything else can look after itself, as the plots have been watered with real rainwater and are looking healthy and happy. WEEDS! I have never seen so much chickweed and groundsel and it's been a losing battle, keeping the onion bed clear. And, oh, my knees are suffering, too, though Tony has bought me a special kneeler with "arms", so that I don't have to push myself up off the ground so much. Remember the old joke for us elderlies? "Is there anything else I can do while I'm down here?" I used to laugh at that – now it's not so funny!

But, and it's a big but – all the plants are looking so happy and healthy. We've nearly done all the planting and are only clearing a couple of patches more – one for some surplus sweetcorn and one for the brassicas. And here we're trying something different. Tony had been so annoyed with losing the brassicas last Summer/Autumn when they were stripped bare almost overnight by a particularly virulent caterpillar that he has bought us a frame to erect over the seedlings when they go in. It's a walk-in affair with a door and should do the trick. I'll hope to report in the next letter whether it's been a success.

The tomatoes in the greenhouse are looking fantastic (thanks to Dick Godden for the seedlings) and already showing their first fruits. I've cut off the lower leaves, so that a bit more light comes on to the plants and shall cut a few more away in a couple of weeks.

And the strawberries have been a triumph this year – a reward for weeding and tidying them through the Winter, I think. And the raspberries and the loganberry are producing well, too, so I shall probably finish up freezing a lot of fruit. I know they don't keep their shape after freezing but they are a welcome addition to fruit salads in the depths of Winter. One of the loganberries has gone rogue and reverted to being a large and flourishing blackberry, which is covered with fruit and will be laden by August. More for the freezer.

Yet again, I planted 20 left-over potatoes which I found in the back of a cupboard and they have all come through and look happy. Shan't know for a week or two what I shall find underneath them but they usually produce several pounds of nice little potatoes. Waste not, want not!

Over the past few weeks, we have welcomed new tenants to the site and we are now FULL! First time for a couple of years. Mind you, we shall probably have a little turnover at the end of our year, 31 October, but it's nice to see all the plots in use and productive.

Maybe next time I write, we shall be grumbling about the drought again – who knows!

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There are so many different systems in agriculture - abroad and in the UK - us farmers forget these methods are not automatic knowledge to most people.

Why might it be of interest to anybody and everybody? Because food is what we all eat, and food is the product of agriculture. And there's a great deal of snapshot data around these days, often only telling a partial story; therefore often promoting misinformation. So, a Farmer Jules series on the various sectors might be in order, with this month being 'beef' - just because cattle are always at the forefront of my mind!

In the UK prime beef is produced either from suckler herds (beef cows) or the dairy sector. The latter are the calves born to dairy cows to trigger each milking lactation (once a year) and will be sired by either a beef or dairy breed bull; while suckler beef is from animals born to cows whose sole purpose is to produce and rear (suckle) a beef calf every year. These beef cows may be a pure-bred (or even pedigree) beef breed, or themselves be crossbred between 2 beef breeds (for hybrid vigour), or even dairy/beef cross breed (the female calves from a dairy cow by a beef breed bull).

The purists amongst us love eating pure-bred beef reared in its native environment (more on rearing systems shortly) as to us: it's the crème de la crème. This can be bought at certain butchers or some farm shops; both of whom will have advertising material in shop or on their website for the full back story.

Many butchers' and supermarket's 'best' ranges rank crossbred beef (either from a dairy or beef cow but always by a specified beef breed bull) as the best eating beef to be had. I admit it's good beef, but I still prefer the option that the dam (mother) is a beef cow - not only because the maternal traits carry, in my opinion, a heavy influence on the animal's confirmation (beefiness); but also because it's been reared on the cow.

So what's the difference between rearing systems? If born into a dairy herd, the calf stays on the cow for a day or two and naturally sucks - receiving the essential colostrum which is high energy and passes certain immunities to the calf.

A few dairy farms may then have designated 'nurse' cows, who are probably past their peak productionwise, that are turned in twice a day to bunches of up to 4 calves per cow; but usually dairy calves are either penned in small groups or individually (next to each other) and either fed milk twice a day in buckets or via a machine with teats. Whether this is fresh milk from within the herd or rehydrated milk powder varies from farm to farm and is dependent on a great many circumstances that would be the subject of another whole article!

These 'dairy' calves are then weaned at somewhere between 5 to 8 weeks (when they are eating a specified amount of specialist dry feed) and are then known as stirks. Calf rearing on a dairy farm is a specialist job and there'll always be a designated stockman in charge, usually along with specially designed housing (good but draught-free ventilation being a core element).

From weaning to yearling (1 year olds) the dairy 'beef' calves are put on a rearing ration and are kept in peer groups either at pasture in summer or housed in winter. Somewhere between the age of 18 and 24 months, most of these animals will be considered fit to go as prime beef: the farmer being paid on carcase weight, confirmation grade and fat cover. Different buyers (outlets) have specifications e.g. mainstream supermarkets fulfil consumer fashion for leaner meat whereas butchers often supply more mature meat; and most require the beast has been reared on a minimum of 70% forage (grass) diet.

During spring and autumn, there will be significant trading of 'store' cattle; where breeders (dairy or beef) sell anything from weaned calves through yearlings to forward stores (only need a couple of months finishing) to specialised rearer/finisher farmers. This frees up acres, shed-room, feed and labour to concentrate on their core enterprise while the finishing-farm can specialise in putting the bloom on the animals: to his buyer's specification.

Two other systems are bull-beef and veal. Bull beef is often dairy bred males, left entire (as opposed to being castrated) for faster growth rate: finishing around 16 months of age (becoming prime beef at a younger age = being more efficient business-wise and producing meat from a younger animal which can be viewed as more tender and succulent). Bull beef tends to be a house-based system - groups of young bulls racing about on pasture can be a management headache if they break out; although I did see it working successfully in New Zealand in the 1980s - but a very long way away from any public access!

British veal is produced very differently from on the continent - our production systems have been thoroughly modernised and legislated, and is now managed in an acceptable manner for the welfare of the dairy calves. This is known as 'rose' veal due to the meat colour which is acquired by the animals being 'fit' at nearly a year old (rather than much younger). Forget those outdated images of the calves living in small individual pens for their lifespan, British veal calves are now grouped into peer groups and free range it around straw yards or even paddock pastures.

MOST EXCITING OF ALL though, in my view (are you still with me?): is the single suckled beef that has come from a beef breeder/finisher farm (on the one farm from birth to beef) - particularly from a breed native to the region!

Let me explain... single suckler means the cow is rearing just 1 calf (in a beef herd that almost always means the calf she's given birth to) and is different to multiple suckling where more than 1 calf is reared by each cow (like the dairy nurse cows). A single suckler beef calf will stay on the cow for between 6 and 10 months, dependant on both cow and calf condition, the farm's geographic location, seasonality and the farm's set-up e.g. if all calves are sold at weaning so the holding is fully stocked with cows or if less cows are kept so there's enough pasture and houseroom to keep bunches of yearlings and finishing stock.

This type of beef production tends to pride itself on pasture based production: extensive but in an efficient manner. The calves are at foot with their dam to around the time the cows are naturally drying-off from their current lactation - the cows having earned a rest period of a couple of months before the next calving season (during this dry period the cow is not idle: the next calf she's carrying has an in-uterus growth spurt during the last 2 months of gestation, and in the fortnight immediately prior to calving the udder gears up toward the all important colostrum production).

These beef calves are weaned at nearly yearling age (often called 'buss' calves) and look very different from their dairy counterparts - heavier boned, rectangular blocks on legs full of mother's nurture and nourishment. However placid a breed they are or quietly tended, suckled calves are not regularly handled in the way dairy animals are; and therefore have character, know their own mind and can be somewhat wilful. Just like a fine Cornish maid (you're still with me then?)

The weaned calf group go through adolescence together as yearlings, then at around 14 - 16 months of age are split into 2 bunches: heifers (the girls) and

steers (castrated boys). This enables both groups to be managed differently feed-wise (heifers tend to mature earlier and lay fat down sooner while steers have a bigger frame to fill), and it can be a distraction to Daily Live Weight Gains all round when heifers come bulling (are in season) as the steers - even though castrated - will jump the heifers (which can bruise the heifers as they're not yet truly old enough for such antics). These 'youngstock' stay out grazing for as long as the season permits, while there's grass growth and the ground is dry enough underfoot not to make a quagmire.

Heifers being retained for breeding (the pick of the crop) join the cows before the bull goes in: to settle and adjust to the pecking order. Age of primestock becoming fit in a grass based beef herd varies greatly according to farm (lowland or upland) and breed, and UK regulations/pricing encourage finished primestock to be under 30 months. Our cattle - on this farm and system - will be an average of 26 months old as steers while the heifers would be around 24 months.

How/why does breed make a difference? Native breeds of the British Isles have adapted over hundreds of years to the conditions in their region so should thrive in similar systems across most of the UK, and be fairly relaxed roaming grassland as this is their inherited genetic default.

The 'local' breeds in Cornwall are the South Devon in East and Mid Cornwall while the Red Ruby Devon (that we have) are renowned for being hardy so were traditionally found in North Cornwall and anywhere else with harsher conditions e.g. moorland and cliff farms.

Across the UK you'll find mention in supermarkets and butchers of other popular breeds: the Hereford, Shorthorns and of course Aberdeen Angus. There are many more British breeds that produce fabulous beef and are a wonderful gene-pool of genetics that will survive if we keep buying their beef! Without buying such produce, the farms will stop keeping these cattle and they will become rare breeds with a shadow of extinction hanging over them.

None of this is to the detriment of the continental beef breeds (Charolais, Simmental, Limousin and Belgian Blue for example) which started with the import to the UK of the Charolais in the early 1960s. It was driven by a double edged sword: the UK government (Ministry of Agriculture as it was then) encouraging increased efficiency and output from farms; alongside supermarkets becoming established and taking off in the UK (which had the knock on effect of increasing the size of processing plants).

Why did these factors trigger a swing to continental breeds? Because of their larger frame size and often more meat per carcase ratio (double muscling). I'm no fan of beef from a double-muscled beast - to me it has a tendency to be tough and it certainly doesn't have the marbling of a native breed: the flip side of no marbling is leanness though, but it's not so succulent.

The larger continental carcases are not just more valuable (price per head) to the farmer, they're also more efficient throughout the processing system: bigger carcases on each hook means more efficient use of refrigeration storage space, boning staff will cut more meat from each side of beef, and there'll be more 'specified sized cuts' from each animal to fit standard supermarket packaging.

So how does native breed beef compete with this, particularly as ninety-something percent of food is bought through supermarkets? Larger breeds like the South Devon have ensured their breeding policies have kept abreast of market demand and hold a nationwide share of the beef chain, with herds the length and breadth of Britain.

Like so many native breeds, the Devon (our Red Rubies) are a medium framed animal - less suited carcase size wise to mainstream buyers but valued by specialist butchers for the high-end market. As farming fashion swings back toward more environmentally sensitive agriculture, these medium size beasts (that thrive on more extensive systems) are keeping themselves a place in modern agriculture. To us they're sound business: we can keep more of them on a designated acreage

(because they're not so big), they don't require the same bought-in feed ('cake') and we're paid a premium by the butcher we supply for producing beef he can sell into top quality restaurants.

Continental breeds don't tend to 'finish' off grass like native breeds, so need 'corning' (feeding corn or manufactured compound cake) to become primestock. This will be the standard beef on supermarket shelves, and there'll be nothing wrong with it whatsoever - as long as it has the Red Tractor logo on it (been farmed in the UK to British standards). Just be aware a Union Jack on the package label IS NOT the same as the Red Tractor logo - due to the quirkiness of labelling laws, a Union Jack often represents where the last stage of processing occurred e.g. it could be South American beef packaged in the UK or burgers/stewing steak/beef pie made in a UK factory using beef from an undeclared country of origin.

Why worry where the core ingredient's been produced? That's what last month's article was all about. Suffice to say food from UK farms leads the world in animal welfare and environmental standards, is fit for human consumption (to British legislated standards) and hasn't the food miles of imported produce. 'Backing British farmers' is not to me the main driver here, it's about what I - as an insider - choose to put on my plate. And I feel everyone has the right to know the reason why. With that knowledge, individuals can make informed choices.

Happy shopping!

#### **Choccie Quiz**

Thanks to Rod P-B we have another quiz for you - identify the chocolate-related comestibles from these clues. *Answers further on.* 

- 1. Red planet...
- 2. Our Solar System is part of it...
- 3. Triangular prism...
- 4. Talk quietly...
- 5. Chocolate village...
- 6. A drink costs 10 cents here...
- 7. A hunter goes in search of this...
- 8. Pub for the king of the jungle...
- 9. Subject...
- 10. Not straight...
- 11. Citrus sphere...
- 12. Throw a stone to make these...
- 13. Feline equipment...

- 14. Two storey bus...
- 15. Clever people...
- 16. Nomad...
- 17. The 'crumbliest' chocolate...
- 18. Leaves or snow can sound like this...
- 19. Cows' produce...
- 20. Locals from Malta...
- 21. Wandering musicians...
- 22. Spin around...
- 23. Marriage arrangers...
- 24. Outside meals...
- 25. Definitely not before 20.00....
- 26. This sounds like a sadistic nut...
- 27. Superman, Spiderman & Batman...
- 28. Christmas and birthdays give rise to these...
- 29. A posh thoroughfare...
- 30. White ones, red ones, Tudor ones...
- 31. Only cow juice on sale here...

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Thank you!



#### VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY (VJ 75) 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020 is to be remembered as the day 75 years ago that Japan surrendered and World War Two was finally over. The formal surrender ceremony was on 2nd September 1945 on the United States Ship 'Missouri' in Tokyo Bay, some three months after the war ceased in Europe. The Forces who fought on in the Far East were known as The Forgotten Army.

The British Legion, through the Pageantmaster, planned to ask the nations throughout the world to remember the impact that the war in the Far East had on those returning and on those welcoming them back, and not to forget them and the missing and deceased. The Covid pandemic has meant the original remembrance and thanksgiving events 14th–16th August 2020 have had to be reduced to the one event at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Near Lichfield, Staffordshire on 15th August 2020.

The Trustees of the charity Far East Children & Families of Prisoners of War (FEPOW) have decided to run events in 2021 as VJ75+1, so that they can properly honour those who gave their lives and those whose sacrifice and spirit enabled the survivors to get through their ordeal.

FEPOWs were prisoners on the Thai/Burma and Sumatra railways, the Sandakan Death Marches, in the copper mines in Formosa, steel factories in Japan, building roads in Burma, airstrips on Ambon, Haruka, Java, Raboul, North Guinea, and the Soloman Islands. Thousands died battened down in holds on the 'Hell Ships'. Many of the FEPOWS were civilian internees and their story in Changi Jail and Singapore should also be remembered. However, thousands survived to return and for them the suffering continued for many years after and many bear testament to their constant nightmares and recurring illnesses.

In our parish we remember especially Horace John Lyle whose name is on the St Kew War Memorial. Horace was a Leading Aircraftsman of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and was aged 33 when he died on 11th February 1946, and is buried at the Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore. He was born at Lower Whitely, North Petherwin on 21st May 1912 to Beatrice Lyle; no fathers name is recorded. Beatrice was sister to Francis Lewis Lyle (a parishioner who died 16th October 1918 in France with the 7 DCLI) and was brought up by his grandfather who farmed at Hendra. Horace married Gladys Beryl Langford at Bodmin Register Office on 27th July 1937; she was residing at Higher Compton, Plymouth when Horace died.

According to current plans, it is unlikely the parish church will be open on Saturday 15th August; however, I will be at the war memorial at 10.00am to pay my respects.

William Garland



Kranji War memorial, Singapore



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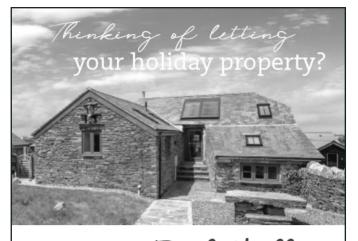
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**@Port Isaac community farmers market** Or call: 07835255607

Everyone and all ideas welcome

#### Cynthia Cooks

Do you find that your home-made bread is a bit dry, a little tasteless, or too dense? Fear not - here is a foolproof bread recipe that works every single time, tastes delicious with sweet or savoury toppings, toasts brilliantly and stays soft for ages.

**Caraway Seed Bloomer** 

#### Ingredients

- 500g British strong white flour, ideally from a small independent producer.
- 25g fresh yeast, or 10g fast action dried yeast.
- o 275ml warm water
- 15g table salt
- o 3½ tbsp oil any vegetable oil will do.
- 1 heaped tbsp caraway seeds

Heat the oven to 200°c.

If using fresh yeast put it in a small bowl with ½ tsp caster sugar and mash it around a bit with back of a spoon. It will rapidly turn into a loose creamy paste.

Put everything except the water & oil into a large mixing bowl and mix together. Pour in the oil and gradually add the water while mixing with your hands until the dough comes together. Turn out on to a floured surface and knead for 10 minutes, making sure you give it (and yourself) a good workout until you have a smooth elastic ball. Don't worry if it's a

bit wet and sticky to start with, it will soon come together. If you don't fancy a gym session use a food mixer with a dough hook - for 10 minutes on medium speed.

Wipe some oil round the mixing bowl, drop in the dough, cover with a clean tea towel and leave in a warm place to prove until at least doubled in size - around an hour.

Tip the dough out on to a floured surface and bash it around a bit to let it down. Stretch it out with your knuckles into a very rough rectangle around 25cm x 15cm. Roll the top long side towards you. Squidge the edges together, then roll so the join is underneath. Finally, tuck the shorter ends underneath to produce a log shape with no joins showing. Pop this onto a large baking sheet lined with baking paper and with a very sharp knife make diagonal slashes across the top around 4 cm apart and 2cm deep.

Leave the loaf in a warm place until it has at least doubled in size - around an hour in warm weather.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, turning halfway to get even browning. Cool completely on a wire rack.

Cynthia's tip: The recipe also works very well using half wholemeal flour, producing a loaf with a nuttier flavour and slightly denser texture.

Cucumber is usually thought of as a salad ingredient but it is much more versatile than that, and works well cooked in light fish and chicken dishes, especially with herbs and cream.

#### Chicken with cucumber & tarragon

#### Ingredients

- 2 chicken breasts, preferably free-range
- o 1 medium cucumber
- 1 medium white onion, finely chopped
- o 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- Small handful of tarragon leaves
- 150ml crème fraiche
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 spring onion, cut into chunky rounds
- Sea salt and black pepper

#### Serves 2

Gently fry the chicken breasts in the olive oil with half the garlic stirred in. Cook gently without browning until the meat is cooked through with no pink juices, but take care not to overcook. Keep in a warm place to rest.

Peel the cucumber, halve lengthways and scoop out the seeds with a teaspoon. Cut both halves width ways into 1cm chunks.

Fry the onion & remaining garlic in the pan used for the chicken (add a drop more olive oil if necessary) until translucent but not browned. Add the cucumber and stir for a few minutes until softened but not collapsing.

Add the crème fraiche, mustard and tarragon and stir gently until heated through. Season to taste with sea salt and a few grinds of black pepper.

To serve, cut the chicken breasts into a few strips and arrange on top of a bed of the creamy cucumber. Serve with buttered new potatoes and a slice of the caraway bread.

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#### **NEWS**

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All the news and highlights from the top of the hill! Don't forget, you can keep up with all the school antics in our monthly newsletters, published on our website: www.st-kew.cornwall.sch.uk

#### St Kew opened again ...

St Kew was able to open the doors once again on Monday 1st June and it was a pleasure to see familiar faces waiting for us, albeit socially distanced from one another. Following the Government guidelines, we have welcomed back children from Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 alongside children who have parents in Key Worker roles. We are currently operating 4 'bubbles' of children in our 3 classroom and hall spaces – we are almost full in each of these and it is a pleasure listening to the 'busy noise' coming from these spaces.

#### Learning in School ...

With the children being back in school, they have been busy getting to know each other again and back into the usual routines... using BBC Bitesize and class projects as a focus for learning.

#### ... and at home!

Those children at home have also been extra busy continuing with the learning activities suggested by their teachers. Take a look at some of the things they've been doing – I'm sure you'll be impressed!

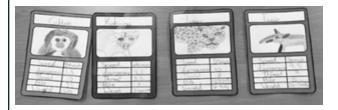


Playing in the playground

Writing our names!









Baking treats

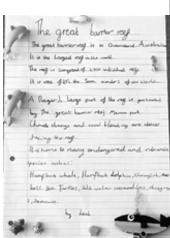
Making & playing castles





Being 'at war' with our siblings

Looking after the animals





Researching the Great Barrier Reef

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school as soon as it is safe to do so!

#### No Need for Translation

Today is one of those bright blue days with hopeful breezes and heartful bird-song, for today is a day with no need for translation, whether l'angue d'oc or Portuguese, mandarin, swahili or early Sanskrit.

In Siena the painter looks up from his fresco at a loss to capture the fleeting clouds, while Left Bank existentialists stop their circular dispute, carefully replace their coffee-cups and regard the ciel with affirmation. Even in Washington American Presidents put down their smart-phone, look up in wonder at the giant blue ceiling above the world, over-arching everything.

For today is a day with no need for translation.

David Penhale

#### **Lockdown Playlist**

Continuing our series of top tunes for coping with lockdown, here is Bella Randall's top 10:

Soundcheck - Catfish and the Bottlemen

Mr Brightside - The Killers

Waste a Moment - Kings of Leon

Kathleen - Catfish and the Bottlemen

Amsterdam - Imagine Dragons

Fluorescent Adolescent - Arctic Monkeys

Naive - The Kooks

Chocolate - 1975

September Song - Sunset Sons

Subeme la Radio - Enrique Iglesias

#### **Latest Church News Update**



We remain unable to gather for worship in church, but our church buildings are now able to open for individual private prayer. Many people find a sense of peace, holiness and God's presence when praying in these ancient, sacred buildings. If you would like to visit to pray individually, you are most welcome.

Help us keep them open by staying as safe as possible. Please take great care to cleanse your hands regularly and keep a 2m distance at all times. We ask you to follow all the guidance on display in the buildings and please do not visit if you have cold or flu symptoms.

If you would like some resources to help you pray, you can find a range on our website. We continue to provide weekly worship services via YouTube, and have a friendly Facebook group to help us stay connected. We'd love to welcome you, whether

you're a churchgoer or not. For details, see our website: <a href="www.northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk">www.northcornwallclusterofchurches.org.uk</a>

If you would like to pray with someone else, or would like pastoral support, please do get in touch with Revd Elizabeth Wild. Be assured that we continue to pray for all in our community, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Revd Elizabeth Wild – 07758 407661 / elizabeth-wild@live.co.uk
Revd Rose Jones – 01208 592353 / revrosejones@gmail.com
Revd Geraldine Ashton – 07957609085 / gezzalou@aol.com

#### **Church Opening Times**

St Endellion: daytime, every day.

St Enodoc (Trebetherick): daytime, every day.

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St Kew: daytime, Thursday-Sunday.

**St Minver:** open by appointment. (Please contact

Revd Elizabeth).

**St Peter's, Port Isaac** remains closed due to construction work.



#### St Kew Help!

In response to Covid-19, we got together locally and St Kew Help volunteer teams have been formed to cover all parts of the parish and offer support.

Our aim is to help those who are self-isolating or shielding from Covid 19 and who don't already have assistance from friends, neighbours or family. If you are unable to get shopping delivered for whatever reason, we can pick it up for you as well as provide a list of local shops who now take telephone payments and who do home drop offs. We can also collect medical prescriptions or supplies, post letters, or just chat on the phone. Or maybe you know somebody who you think might need help who you can put in touch with us.

We are affiliated with the national Covid Mutual Aid organisation, registered with Volunteer Cornwall and have representatives from the Parish Council, Church and Health professions overseeing what we do.

Two weeks ago we leafleted most of the houses across the parish to provide telephone numbers for volunteers living locally in each village. You can also contact us by telephone on: 01208 841366, e-mail at <a href="mailto:stkewhelp@gmail.com">stkewhelp@gmail.com</a> or via our Facebook page – see our poster on the next page. So don't hesitate to get in touch if you can't get out or are struggling in other ways because of the current Covid-19 crisis – we would love to help!

Rob Soley

#### Help available

**St Kew Help**: see above.

**St. Kew Farm Shop**: Veggie boxes available for delivery (free delivery on orders over £20) - 07497 287749

**Trevathan Farm Shop**: - 01208 880164 From 4<sup>th</sup> July with the planned re-opening of the restaurant, a Phone-and-Collect service will replace the local delivery service.

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**Chapel Amble Post office**: Still open. For orders it helps if you ring ahead to order what you need. Pay by direct transfer to avoid using the new plastic bank

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Free Take Away Dinner: 'The Red Lion' (in conjunction with one of their customers) will be giving a free meal to anyone in St. Kew Highway who is: A vulnerable person or pensioner; NHS worker; First Responder; Care Giver; plus, if you've lost your job and are in need of some help.

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### Are you affected by COVID-19? Help is available now!

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Hello! from St Kew support volunteers

### The Puzzle Page

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#### **Word Square**

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How many words of 4 letters or more can you find? No proper nouns or plurals are allowed, and the centre letter must be used in each word. There are 51 words listed in the solution this month, which includes 1 nine letter word to find.



For further details please contact Alison on 01208 841469

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#### SOUPER LUNCH

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For any enquiries please phone Ken Godden on 07968 481520, or message us on our Facebook page.

#### Puzzle page solutions

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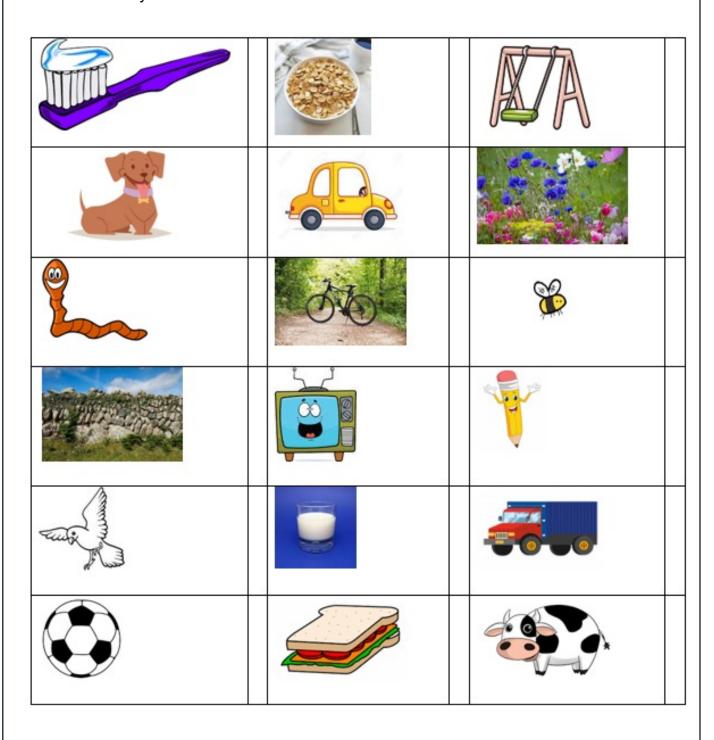
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Codeword Square Sudoku

#### **CHILDREN'S CORNER**

#### How about doing a Scavenger Hunt?

You can do it on any day you want. From the time you wake up in the morning try and find the things below and each time you find anything you can cross it off the list! See if you can find them all on the same day.



How many did you find? Well done!!

Hope it was fun!



An impressive painting of a feeding Jay - painted by David Balmford from a photograph





### St Kew Garden Association Show is cancelled

Owing to Covid-19 the garden show due to be held on Saturday the 5th of September Has been cancelled.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

#### Pilates Classes in North Cornwall

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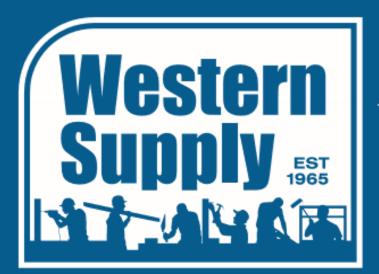
#### How do the classes work?

- Classes are limited to a maximum of 12 people Small classes mean you receive good personal attention and ensure you are performing the exercises safely, and correctly.
- Classes are progressive and operate on a school term basis
- All equipment required is provided.



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#### **Catholic Church Services**

Wadebridge

Tintagel

St Michael's Church Trevanson Street 01208 72833

St Paul The Apostle Bossiney Road 01840 770633

All services have been suspended until further notice

stmarysbodmin.org.uk stpaultintagel.btck.co.uk

#### **Wadebridge Christian Centre**

Molesworth Street, Wadebridge. Tel 01208 813110, wadebridgechristiancentre.org

We are a lively, active, family church where evervone is welcome. We have a crèche and Sunday school, and all our children's workers are DBS checked.

#### St James the Great Church at St Kew



All services have been suspended until further notice.

Please see the latest update from the North Cornwall Cluster of churches a few pages back.

#### Reflections

How are you feeling right now? Our world has been turned upside down and inside out over the past 3-4 months. Our routines disrupted, work (if there is any) being done in a different way. As I write this we might be moving onto the next stage of 'opening up' from isolation and lockdown. Although this is good news for some, for others it raises concerns, anxieties and more. It is a change, having gone from a 'normal' life into lockdown and learnt to live with it for a while we move into a new unknown way of life.

This change will probably bring more division of views than the lockdown 3 months ago. The impact of the Coronavirus on Cornwall has been mixed, on the one hand we have had far fewer cases of infection than most of the country, but the financial impact has been immense which in turn leads to other health issues not just mental but physical as well.

If July brings the proposed opening of second homes, self-catering accommodation, and maybe hotels, the local economy will receive a much-needed boost and yet it brings the fears of a second wave of infection. There is no easy answer to the situation we are now in.

So, are you fearful? Rami Shapiro, a teacher, rabbi and poet writes in his poem 'What we fear most' (from his book 'Accidental Grace', a fascinating read) that what we fear most is the unknown and that is what it is, unknown.

'What we fear in fact Is our projection of the known into the unknown. What we fear in fact is our own shadow, Our own darkside painted large Across the canvas of our mind.'

So, let us not project our fears into the future unknown. It is that unknown, live today in the many positive things that have arisen in the time of lockdown, the increased sense of community, the coming together of so many to help those less able to cope. May that continue, may our communities grow closer together. We will have our differences, but we have more that unites us that divides us. Let's drive the shadows of fear away!

David Elliot



### How our Foodbank helps our community

The last few months at the Foodbank have been some of the busiest we have ever experienced. Since the announcement of the lockdown we have restructured our Foodbank and adopted a delivery service. We have worked tirelessly to adapt the way we work to keep everyone safe whilst still being dedicated to supporting people unable to afford food as this situation continues.

Thank you so much to all our volunteers who have been busy packing and delivering food boxes to meet the demand. We now have an online referral system in place and 118 local professional agencies have signed up and are able to refer people to us.

Since the start of lockdown, our Foodbanks have provided 911 emergency food parcels to local people. Of this number, 395 were children, which is an increase of 100% compared to the number of children in the same period last year.

During these unprecedented times, the need for our service is even more prevalent and is likely to continue. With the holiday parks and seasonal shops unable to open their doors from Easter, people who have never needed the help of a Foodbank have found themselves in crisis. Thanks to the support of our community and local businesses, we have been able to continue feeding people.

We have been fortunate to receive weekly deliveries from Morrisons and Tesco as well as local organisations who have donated their stock to us and it makes such a big impact, thankfully our stock levels have been able meet the extraordinary demand. We are currently in need of tinned potatoes, tinned custard, rice pudding, household cleaning items (no bleach please) and toiletries.

Wadebridge Foodbank, Unit 2 Trevanson Street, Wadebridge PL27 7AR Tel. 01208 815374 Registered Charity No. 1166301

Email: contact@wadebridgefoodbank.org Website: www.wadebridgefoodbank.org

#### **Parish Council News**

Chairman: Cllr A Godden Clerk: Mrs Stephanie Tiplady The Barn, Kitts Hill, Chapel Amble



The Parish Council meets in the Parish Hall, St Kew Churchtown at 7.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend and address the meeting on any subject of concern.

#### St Kew Parish Council Meeting

Owing to technical problems there will be no Parish Council News this month. All news will be in September's magazine.

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#### **Mobile Post Office**

The mobile Post Office local calling point each week are as follows:

Monday

St Kew Highway 13.30-15.00 (Community Hall)

Thursday

St Kew Highway 14.00-15.00 (Community Hall)

#### **St Kew Historical Society**

All talks and meetings are held at St Kew Parish Hall on the second Thursday of each month, from 7.30pm.

Please come along to our next meeting after lock-down has ended.

Please check our Facebook page for further details:

www.facebook.com/StKewHistoricalSociety

John Raybould - Secretary.

#### **Events Diary July**

It would be so nice to put some thing in here, maybe in Septembers edition?

#### **News from St Kew Parish Hall**

Summer is usually a quiet time for the hall but not this quiet.

Hopefully by the autumn we can think of holding activities in the hall again but in the meanwhile we hope everyone stays safe.

Take care everyone.

Kathy

Wed

To book the hall, please contact Lianne Sproull on 01208 841808.

### The Regal in Wadebridge Tel: 01208 812791 www.wtwcinemas.co.uk



The Regal Cinema is closed for the time being.

But as their website says:

'As a line in a movie once said, "We'll be back!"

#### Recycling

Recycling takes place on a variety of days in the same week within the parish.

Recycling collections are in the weeks Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August.

Please see Cornwall Council's website for full details.

### ST KEW HIGHWAY COMMUNITY HALL ONGOING EVENTS

Registered Charity No 294140

Sun Methodist Church Service
Mon Yoga 10.00-11.30 am
Pilates 2.30-5.15 pm
Tue Pilates 1.15-2.30pm

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in a month 10am-3.00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> in month St Kew WI 7.00 pm

Thurs Chair Aerobics 2pm

 Marion Dingle
 01208 841388

 Bonnie Suchodolski
 07540 838267

 Martin Brooks
 07812 959879

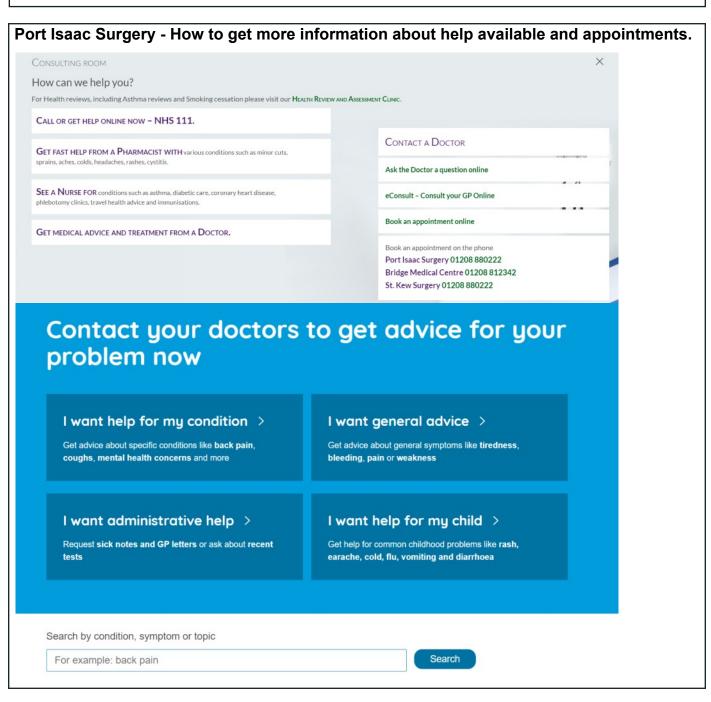
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West Country Embroiderers

Pat Scarborough 01841 521323
Alison 01208 841469
Pat 01208 841260

IMPORTANT: BEFORE ARRANGING YOUR EVENT AT THE HALL CHECK AVAILABILITY AND BOOK WITH SHIRLEY ROWE 01208 841257

Answers to the Choccie Quiz		15.	Smarties
		16.	Gypsy
1.	Mars	17.	Flake
2.	Milky Way	18.	Crunchie
3.	Toblerone	19.	Dairy Milk
4.	Whisper	20.	Maltesers
5.	Bourneville	21.	Minstrels
6.	Dime Bar	22.	Twirl
7.	Bounty	23.	Match-Makers
8.	Lion Bar	24.	Picnic
9.	Topic	25.	After Eights
10.	Curly Wurly	26.	Walnut Whip
11.	Chocolate Orange	27.	Heroes
12.	Ripple	28.	Celebrations
13.	Kit-Kat	29.	Quality Street
14.	Double Decker	30.	Roses



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