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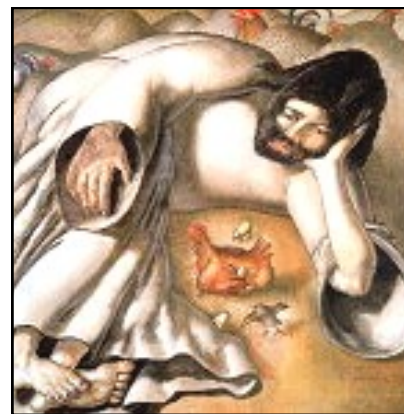
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Vicar's letter ~ Revd Roger Nicholls

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

So begins Psalm 19 set for Morning Prayer today. **Lent is springtime** I suggested last month, and as I write, the daffodils which have been with us in cut bunches since Christmas are beginning to flower in gardens and hedgerows under a cloudless sky. We shall have them for another month or more, along with the snowdrops, the primroses and, perhaps my favourites of all, sky-blue periwinkles.



For most people, the season of Lent has gone the way of Advent – no longer a time of preparation or self-examination, let alone abstinence: my supermarket has been tempting me with hot cross buns for months. Still the old ceremonies of Lent, Passiontide and Holy Week - Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday - are remembered by a few, and some still turn out for a series of Lent meetings. This year our ecumenical group will ponder the 40 days of our Lord in the wilderness through some of the paintings Stanley Spencer created for the chancel roof of Cookham Parish Church. He managed to complete only eight of the 40 he planned, one for each day of Lent, each illustrating a verse from scripture.

My favourite is based perhaps on Matthew 23,37-39, where Jesus, in Jerusalem for the Passover, anticipates his own death. He addresses *the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it. How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.* We may also be reminded of that familiar verse from psalm 17: *Hide me under the shadow of your wing* – an image of God for a hot country where people covet the shade. In **Spencer's painting, Jesus lounges, pondering the maternal care of the mother hen, his own calling and mission, and the end of the road he must follow.** Anselm's old prayer gives us: *Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.* Jesus is the mother hen who wants only to protect and gather her brood: his posture here suggests the safe haven against storms of a Cornish harbour – see how he leaves open a way in for all of us.

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.* (Psalm 19)

Roger

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Services for March

Sundays

8am Holy Communion, 1662, St Mylor
 9am Holy Communion, CW, All Saints
 10.30am Parish Eucharist, St Mylor
 4pm BCP Evening Prayer, All Saints

Tuesdays and Fridays

9am Morning Prayer, All Saints

Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion, St Mylor
 11am Holy Communion, All Saints

Easter in Mylor

Palm Sunday 24 March: -

8am BCP Communion.

10.15 Lemon Arms, Donkey-led walk of witness to HC at Methodist Chapel.
 4 pm BCP evensong at All Saints.

Holy Week compline 8.30pm All Saints (25-28 March), refreshments.

Good Friday Reflections: -

Noon at All Saints, 2pm at St Mylor.

Easter Eve 9pm Eucharist at St Mylor

Easter Day Usual services at St Mylor but no services at All Saints.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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We look forward to seeing you

The Friends of St Mylor held a successful coffee morning on Saturday 19 January. This was a very enjoyable event with plenty of cakes, books and bric-a-brac for sale. My thanks to all the helpers and to all who attended.

Pamela Cartwright

Church news

Chapel news: On 24 February we held the second of our Family Services this year. Once again this was ably led by our Junior Church, who sang and played a variety of instruments to **everyone's delight.**

We also held a Friends Of Mylor Chapel meeting to discuss future fund raising events. Our first event will be the Sponsored Bike Ride from Lands End to Mylor Chapel. Last year this was a huge success and we have decided to repeat the event on Saturday 27 April. Get training now!! For more details phone **Martin Jewell** on 377491.

On Saturday 9 March we are having our annual Spring Clean at the Chapel, from 9 am. Any volunteers with buckets and brushes will be welcome. Coffee and saffron cake at half time!

The children and **Martin** meet every Sunday morning from 10.30 - 11.30 for fun, songs and crafts for all ages. Come along and see what they get up to!

Vyv Curnow

Church news: Work has commenced on the restoration of our 100 year old organ, and it will be out of action for the whole of Lent (back to normal for Easter Sunday). However, we have an adequate substitute, which will ensure we shall not be required to sing unaccompanied. We shall celebrate the completion of the work with a concert in church on Sunday 21 April, at 7.30 pm with organ solos and the Nankersey Male Choir, together with a presentation to mark **Sid Bryant's** forty years as organist.

Our farewell lunch for Revd. Roger Nicholls on Saturday 13th April, at the Ord Statter Pavilion, 12 noon onwards, is open to anyone **who would like to attend. This is a "faith" lunch, similar to those** held at Harvest time, and we ask everyone to bring a plate of food, savoury or sweet – there is no other charge. As we need to monitor numbers, please contact me on 01326 259909 if you are intending to join us.

Judy Menage

Women's World Day of Prayer: A service for Mylor and Flushing churches will be held at St Peter's Church, Flushing at 2.30 pm on Friday 1 March. The speaker will be **Angela Brown.**

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History Group: On 26 January a full Tremayne Hall welcomed ***Ann Gregg*** of the National Trust. She gave a very interesting talk about ***Godolphin, Past and Present***. One of Cornwall's most historic houses, Godolphin was built in the late fifteenth century on the site of an earlier fortified house, ***Godolphin Castle***. It was rebuilt in the seventeenth century with a remarkable colonnaded range on the North Front.

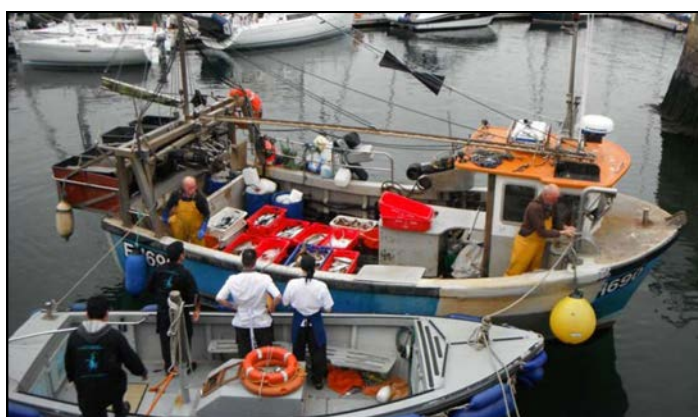
The estate passed by marriage to the ***Dukes of Leeds*** and was neglected by its owners in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In the 1920s it was owned by ***Peter Treloar***, then bought by ***Sydney and Mary Schofield***, finally being acquired by the National Trust in 2007.

Ann showed us many pictures of the Godolphin family and showed what a terrible state it was in before the NT took over. It is now well worth a visit. It also has some high-quality holiday apartments available.

Next meeting: member's evening, 23 March. ***Rosemary Spooner***

Oyster Gathering: There will be an Oyster Gathering and Local Food Harvest on Flushing Quay over Easter weekend, 9am - 11pm on 29 March - 1 April. NB. No parking in the village but late ferries and water taxis are running and there is

parking at Tregew Farm. There will be food, drink, nautical stalls and traditional vessels. Saturday will be the end of the oyster



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season and a drift race is planned from the fishery to Flushing, followed by big entertainments in the evening. Sunday celebrates the start of BST and there will be an Easter Sunday roast. So come along—all welcome.

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Christmas Lights: The lights were much admired this year, with many kind comments passed on. Of course, there is no magic involved. Apart from the hard work of a dedicated team, we also rely on a year round money-raising effort. We were helped this year by generous donations from Mylor Sessions and from **Tony Andrew's family (in his memory) which enabled the purchase of** some new displays and the incorporation of more reliable and economical LED lamp strings.

Our next fund-raising event is our traditional ***Easter Egg Raffle*** which will be drawn in the Lemon Arms at 9 pm on Easter Monday, 1 April. Tickets will be available in the pub throughout March and there will be a range of excellent prizes. Please buy tickets and come and support us.

Tony Deacon

Tremayne Hall Supporters Club: Regular *Mylor Magazine* readers and users of our marvellous Tremayne Hall may well have **noticed that we've been having a bit of a recruiting drive to attract** new members to the Hall Supporters Club. Half the money raised **in this monthly draw goes on prizes and half to the Hall's upkeep.** We are happy to report some success in our efforts, with nearly 20 **new members over recent months, but there's always room for** more: particularly as the Management Committee are facing some hefty bills in the near future, not least of which is the need for external redecorating which involves scaffolding and is therefore likely to be a significant cost. So, if you are not already a member, and would like to support this key village asset while enjoying the chance to win up to £100, for the stake of just £1 per month, please complete an application form to be found in the Hall foyer or call me on 374073 for more details.

Terry Chapman

Flower Club: *Emma* and *Angela* from Jackie Phillips' flower shop gave an excellent demonstration on 'Flowers and Fabric', standing in for a guest who was unable to attend. They admitted to being nervous as it was their first demonstration in front of an audience but it was very well received and enjoyed. The next meeting is on 4 March and will feature Angela Hyland from St Austell.

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Reopening of the House at Enys ~ Wendy Fowler

The family originally lived in a relatively modest Elizabethan manor house on the present site until it **was burnt down in the 1830's. The present house was**



built using stone from two estate quarries and is a typical Georgian house with fine proportions. The family continued to live there until the Second World War when the Admiralty requisitioned the house as a headquarters for the Dutch Navy. After the war it became a school for a while and it reverted to the family when my Father, Gordon Rogers, inherited it in 1980. He did various essential repairs to the roof but it remained unoccupied and in a poor state of repair and by the time my **brother and I inherited it following my Father's death in 2006, its** condition had deteriorated badly.

We have begun repair and renovation in a number of phases, but the main problem will be to raise the money needed to complete the project. We have engaged Mylor Builders to strip the walls back to the original stonework where necessary and



also to make extensive repairs to the floors, main staircase and windows to treat various forms of rot. The picture above shows the interior construction, with horizontal grooves in the masonry for wooden beams, then vertical wooden studs attached to them, then horizontal lathes on top to support substantial plasterwork. Some roof beams have had to be replaced or extended with steel supports and further work is needed to render the roof watertight.



The main staircase in the large hall (left) is one of the most impressive features and is fortunately in quite a good state of repair, though a steel support had to be added, as well as some remedial wood treatment.

We hope very much to be in a position to open the house for public inspection in this coming season, depending on progress with the roof, so watch out for further announcements in the near future.



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Local Arts and Crafts

Mylor Movies: The film for Wednesday 27 March is *Quartet*.

Dustin Hoffman's first turn at directing a film with a dream Moviola cast: *Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Michael Gambon, Billy Connolly, Andrew Sachs* and *Trevor Peacock*. This is a

version of *Roland Harwood's* much loved play, set in a retirement home for ageing musicians where preparations for the

annual gala are thrown into chaos by the arrival of Opera Diva

Jean (*Maggie Smith*). One reviewer called this film a 'shed load of fun' and one can see how much everyone involved enjoyed the

thing. *Pauline Collins* steals the film from everyone – a lovely, fragile performance – but there are so many memorably sweet and poignant moments.

On Wednesday 24 April we have *Argo*. More about that next month.

Mike Marshman

Book Group: Restoration by *Rose Tremain* (discussed on 29 Jan 2013). The book is set in the time of the restoration of King Charles II. The coronation of the King in 1661 brought great and rapid change to the country. During the interregnum, civic duty and modesty were the norm, but with the dawn of the new king's reign a very different way of life emerged. Self-sacrifice was replaced by greed and self-indulgence of every kind.

The central character of the book is Robert Merivel. His story begins when the King singles him out as someone who is amusing and possibly useful. From the start it is clear that Merivel is obsessed with the King and would gladly sacrifice his soul for him. All that follows comes back to this fatal relationship.

The book is full of vivid descriptions of the times and the story progresses at a good pace. However not everyone in the group enjoyed the book: some found it hard to relate to Merival. Also, while some thought the book was cleverly written, others thought it was formulaic. As a result, this led to a good group discussion.

Linda Coburn



Local Arts and Crafts ~ continued

Truro Decorative & Fine Arts Society: Are you fascinated by the ancient art in the caves at Lascaux, France? Or maybe you just have to pop into that church on holiday to see the painted interior. If so our next lecture is for you. 'To Hell & Back' - Painted Church Interiors. By Tom Errington. He will explore the reasons for painting decoration on the walls of places of worship through a wonderful digital display of examples from the earliest representations through to the 19th century Gothic revival. Do join us on Wednesday March 13th 7pm in the Mylor Theatre, Truro College. £5 for non members including refreshments from 6pm. More information about the lecture and the society at tdfas.com

Karen Kitson

Mylor Sessions: Sunday 3 February. *Xuefei Yang*, with five CDs available on EMI Classics, is well known within the classical guitar **cognoscenti**; we don't have too many of those here, but Mylor knows her now. From the first notes played at 7.30 to the final encore two and a half hours later, we were enthralled by the music and the range of her repertoire; amazing classical pieces were greeted with the same enthusiasm as her more popular programme. The happy smiles as we queued up to have our CDs signed by the artist at the end of the evening said it all - this was a terrifically appreciated performance. The love of music, in all shapes and forms, is alive and well in Cornwall.



Next Mylor Sessions dates – hugely entertaining Alistair McGowan on Monday 25 March and the fabulous Fairport Convention on 19/20 May. Tickets at www.mylorsessions.co.uk, where you can also join the mailing list for updates of future shows.

Su Skinner

Local Arts and Crafts ~ continued

Mylor Singers: held their AGM on 28 January in the Methodist School Room. Unfortunately, the President, **Maureen Walkey**, the longest standing member for 40 years, was not able to attend through ill health. This year will be the choir's 40th Anniversary and a special concert will be held on Saturday 15 June in the Tremayne Hall to commemorate this event. It was reported that the choir had had a successful year, singing in eight venues and that funds were healthy. There had been some loss of membership for various reasons, so the musical director, **Mrs Westlake** suggested that the choir be relaunched under the new name **The Trefusis Singers**. Nicholas Trefusis was approached and gave his blessing to the name. It is hoped that this new choir will attract gentlemen as well as ladies, so: any budding singers out there will be very warmly welcomed. We will meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the School Room behind the Methodist Chapel. If you are interested, please ring me on 01326 619019.

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As Fitness Instructors, the Welcoming Fitness team have started some Welcoming Slimming group meetings – other people always talk about diet and exercise whereas with us you might talk about exercise and clean, healthy eating, because we know exactly how helpful exercise can be when it comes to toning up and shedding some of the excess pounds.

You can also factor in the way that going on a diet tends to make you think about food, food, more food, nothing but food!! If you get out **there and get moving however, you'll be too busy to think about food**, let alone eat it! We are simply advocating good healthy food, all in proportion, moderation in all things of course and making use of the NHS live well website - www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/Pages/Livewellhub.aspx This website is packed with information on how to go about improving your eating, giving you advice on every aspect of health and nutrition, inspiring you with over 100 recipes for which you can even download shopping lists – it is well worth taking a look.

One of the topics covered is alcohol – predictably you might think – and some of the stories on there are pretty scary. However, there is also sensible advice on how to cut down as well as a calorie guide for different types of drink. There is a suggestion that you should keep a diary of how much alcohol you drink so that you can review your habits clearly and accurately. That does require you to measure each drink – easy enough in the pub to know exactly what volume is involved for anything that is a pint, a half or a measure of spirits. Not so easy to assess how much wine you might be drinking. Take the test – pour yourself your normal size glass of wine, then use a measuring jug to **see how much you poured. If you'd like us to start a Welcoming Slimming Group in Mylor**, then please contact me on Truro 865017 or via one of our websites -

www.welcomingslimming.co.uk or www.welcomingfitness.co.uk

Rhiannon Parsons

I have just been to ***Rhiannon's Chair Exercise class***. Most of us did some exercises standing behind our chairs. It was not difficult, you do **what you can manage and it's great fun! Many of us elderly people have** to live alone and some feel quite lonely. There are many special people in the village who help us to enjoy life and even provide transport so we can get out and meet people. No one needs to be lonely - from a **grateful 'oldie'** .

Liz Ferris

Local exploits ~ Sailing to St Helena

James McCabe (18), of Trevellan Road, has just arrived in **St Helena** having taken part in the **Governors Cup** race. This is a short account of his experiences when we were all enjoying the Christmas festivities.

'The **Governors Cup** is a 1765 nautical mile race from the small naval town of **Simonstown** in the Western Cape of South Africa to the remote island of **St Helena** in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. It is a biannual event with this year hosting the



largest number of entrants on record with a total of 19.

'On arrival in Simonstown in late November I met with my crew; **Sandi, Ross, Kathryn** and **Hedge** (skipper). I had never met any of them before which could have made it difficult, but we gelled very well during our time in the Cape. Instead of training, most of the time was spent cleaning, refurbishing and repairing the numerous leaks in **Patches**, the 30ft **Miura** yacht we were going to sail.

'The race is known as being a 'downwind dash' with light SE winds and a constant SE swell, but this year was different. The crews experienced northerly and easterly winds of varying speeds with a SE swell, making uncomfortable sailing. The race began however in a slow way with boats experiencing very little wind for the first few days. We could still see Cape Point for 36 hours after the start! What all crews did experience though was an electrical storm on the second evening with lightning breaching the surface of the water around the yachts. We also saw a variety of wildlife including very inquisitive seals, sharks, whales, dolphins and a number of albatross. Once the wind kicked in on day 6, the yachts started to race towards the small dot we were aiming for on our GPS. There were some scary moments when the seas got rough and most of our spinnaker hoists failed.'

'We were all thrown around the cabin, but I was the only person to actually fall out of bed, much to Hedge's amusement. Hedge and I were the only two not to get seasick. There were some very amusing moments including two flying fish deciding my right cheek was the best place to land. We experienced a number of crystal clear evenings with no moon, where all you could see were millions of stars lighting up the sky with the odd shooting star flashing past. All of this managed to take our minds away from food, which was another story, since we ended up eating just one meal a day consisting of plain pasta or noodles.

'After 15days 8hours and 30minutes and a few seconds (not that I was timing us) *Patches* crossed the line to take fourth place overall to a very warm welcome from the people of St Helena on the wharf. We took pride in winning the *Miura* trophy for the first Miura yacht across the line - what we don't tell people is that we were the only one in the race!

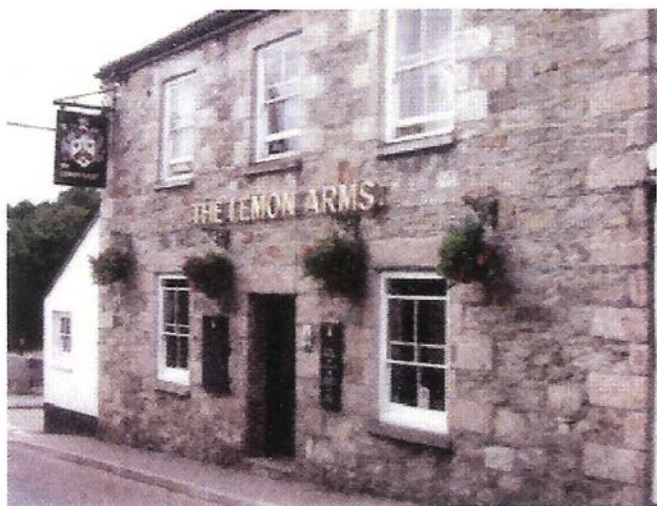
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Local History ~ Mining Memories

This interesting, if rather alarming little 'nugget' came to light during the continuing task to digitise our Archive:

"He came to work in the uranium mine in Ponansooth, taking a piece of uranium to put in his bedside locker."

Among other things, the quote from the memories of Ukrainian, **Michael Malik** while at the displaced persons camp above Mylor, perhaps shows how one little item can lead into any number of different research areas. More can of course be learned of their time here from *The Book of Mylor* (MLHG 2004, p.151/152) and there are probably plenty of other secondary sources to find out more about the terrible circumstances from which they had fled.



**Group thought to be Ukrainian refugees at Mylor Camp
(MLHG Archive)**

More about the involvement of foreign nationals and others in Cornish mining during the Second World War will be found in the County Record Office X/611 series of documents. Geology students might be interested in worthwhile uranium deposits in Ponsanooth; possibly from Roskrow United mine, '200 yds east of the Victory Inn', (Dines 1956 reprinted 1988, p.272/273) and there's also the question of what uranium was then being used for. Finally, while MLHG 2008 research concluded that although not owners, the Parish Council were **'custodians' of the village War Memorial: who would claim to be** such for the poignant memorial on the road to Restronguet Barton?

Terry Chapman MLHG

The Archive Centre in the Tremayne Hall is open during Thursday afternoons. Do call in and have tea with us. Our next lecture is on Saturday 23 February at 7.30 pm and is on **'Old Penryn'** by **Diana Smith**. All are welcome. For more details on the Local History Group, see the website www.tremaynehall.org or contact **Jill Quilliam** on 01326 376403.

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Wildwatch ~ Dorrit Smith



'If March comes in like a Lion it will go out like a Lamb' is an old English proverb. I sit here in February, thinking about Wildwatch for March, wondering just how it will come in. There seems to be no end to unusual, severe weather events even within these first few weeks of 2013. Nothing seems predictable

except that we are being told to expect more.

"I wonder why" says she with one environmentalist's eyebrow raised. I was down on Lucy's Beach, Flushing doing some bird watching on an afternoon when the sun managed to get through. We saw *Shag*, *Cormorant*, *Slavonian Grebe*, *Blacknecked Grebe*, *Little Grebe*, *Great Northern Diver*, *Razorbill*, and many others all fishing in sunny safety. It was quite a 'bag' for our annual list.

Someone came around the corner and said "Oh, what is that gorgeous smell!" Well, I knew it wasn't me, but at my feet was the culprit. A great patch of *Winter Heliotrope* (*Petasites fragrans*). You will all know its pink flowers and large leaves. It is a relative of *Butterbur*, but that always flowers before its



leaves and is native to this country whereas *Winter Heliotrope* was introduced as a garden decorative from North Africa. It has now become a rather invasive species. It has a wonderful vanilla scent, is a member of the Daisy family and related to the *Coltsfoot*. It is sometimes called



Sweet Coltsfoot and is a source of nectar for early insects. Curiously, it never sets seed. It is what botanists call dioecious (separate male and female plants) and only the male is found in Britain. It only survives because it has a huge rhizome food store from which it grows each year. Its leaves make food and replenish the store throughout the summer. Its common name is

interesting. In Botany, something which is heliotropic follows the sun round but all plants do that to some extent. Heliotrope is also the name of a mineral, a form of Chalcedony called bloodstone. This is classically dark green and spotted with red. I suppose the mix of leaves and flowers could conjure that up. It is also the name of a shade of purple - so you can make up your own minds on that one.

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Farming Notes ~ Matthew Dale

If there is an upside to all this wet weather, on a purely selfish note, it is that I am no longer a stock or dairy farmer. We sold our dairy herd in 1999 when the price of milk fell to well below the cost of production. It was horrible loading the cows onto the trucks at 4 am on a dark December night. It was also a really weird feeling to have a farm with no cows. It took us most of a year to adjust to the change, but it was the best thing we ever did. With an already established arable enterprise to build on we had options. Not all stock and dairy farmers have that luxury. It was tough enough running a dairy herd over a decade ago but it is infinitely tougher now - and not just for dairy farmers.

It is always an uphill struggle when animals are involved. If it is too wet or too dry then your whole source of both summer and winter feed is affected.

There are fertility problems with breeding stock, udder infections in cows, foot rot in sheep and cows – a massive problem with all this wet weather – and a whole raft of illnesses



Matthew - A five day old Texel lamb

that would take too long to list. Plus there is the natural propensity for stock to just die. You check them last thing at night and they are fine. You check them again in the morning and one is dead; a picture of health apart from the fact of not breathing.

Bovine Tuberculosis is now rife and showing no signs of abating thanks to years of Government inaction. Blue Tongue swept through Europe and the UK and now another midge borne disease is causing huge damage to sheep and cattle. The Schmallenberg Virus causes abortions and awful birth deformities in foetuses and it has affected all but the coldest parts of the UK and Europe.

With all this to contend with plus poor winter forage due to the wet summer and high animal feed prices, stock farmers are not having much fun right now. So when you next buy some meat think of the **effort that has gone into getting it to the butcher's or supermarket shelf.**



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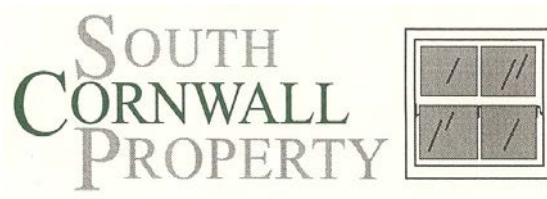
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Border Force cutters: we often see one of the Border Force Cutters in the Roads. Over 2013, all will undergo maintenance, part of which includes a change to the hull signage that will make the cutters more conspicuous to maritime



partners and the boating community. HMC Searcher, pictured above, operates round the coast of Scotland. Border Force's remaining cutters, HMC Valiant, HMC Vigilant, HMC Seeker and HMC Sentinel will undergo the same maintenance and re-branding this year.

Harbour Quay developments: Mylor Yacht Harbour have recently applied for planning permission to demolish the listed building on the Quay. The application cites 'structural issues', which will come as no surprise to members of Mylor Yacht Club, who until recently, used part of the buildings as a clubhouse. Mylor Yacht Harbour hope to build a new single storey Moorings Office. The Harbour Quay is a Grade II listed building.



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More About ~ Allan Cottle

Allan Cottle was brought up in Perth and Adelaide but came back to the UK with his parents when he was 19. He worked in the motor trade first in London and then later in Cornwall. He was employed by National Tyres for a while until a workmate left and then returned driving an ambulance. Allan thought he might like that so he joined the service and found that he loved it. In those days it was largely first aid and transport, with little medical expertise. He was soon going on training courses and his career followed the trend for an increasingly professional ambulance service and he became fully qualified as a paramedic.



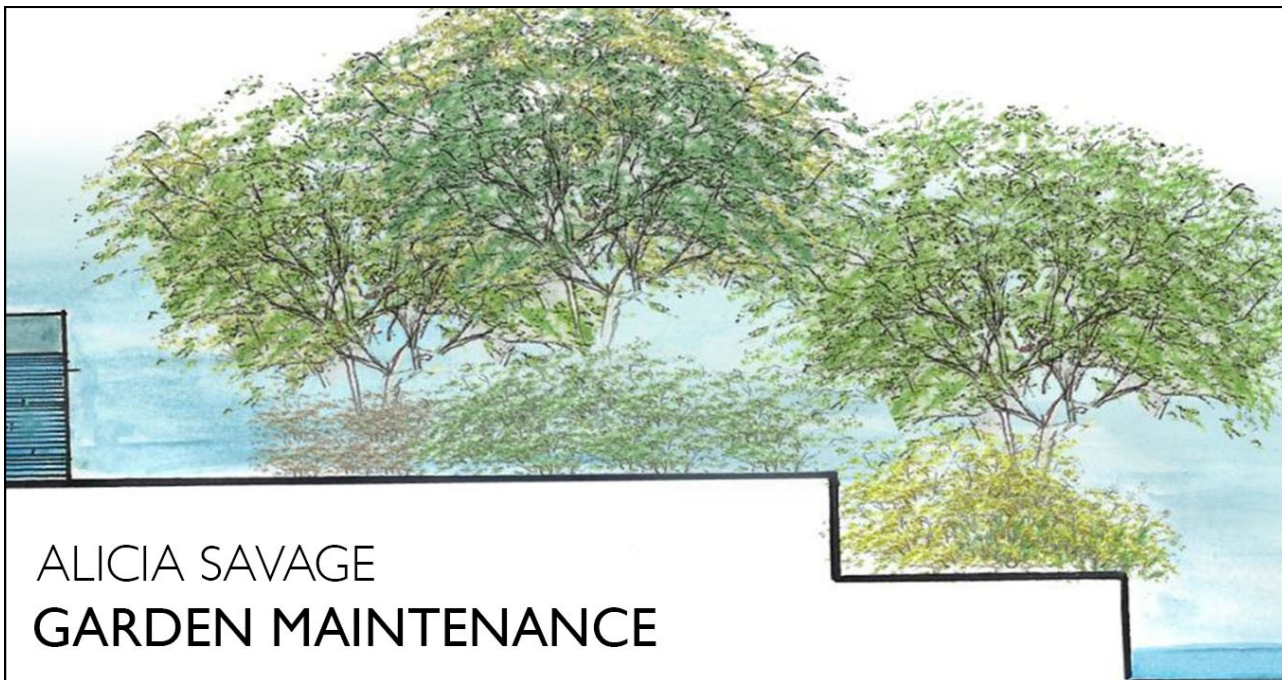
He married a long-standing friend, **Jackie** in 1990 and they moved to **Mylor to live next door to Jackie's mother in Comfort Road, where they still live.** Jackie was working for the police service until they had their two children, **Sophie and Marcus.** Later, she became the school secretary, a job which keeps her very busy and which she still enjoys. Allan became involved with the Culdrose Search and Rescue team and has developed much of their paramedic training programme. They have evolved a cooperative venture between the Royal Navy, the paramedic service, the health service and the ambulances that is now highly regarded and emulated throughout the country. He also works with **COSARM** (College of Search And Rescue Medicine) and **ORMS** (OutReach Medical Skills) in training both military and private SAR services up to paramedic standards.



At the Olympic sailing, Weymouth

When you hear a 771 squadron SAR helicopter landing on the playing fields, it is probably picking up Allan to go on a rescue mission to the Isles of Scilly, a cliff or boat rescue or some other serious incident. He also rides a paramedic motorcycle and drives a rapid response vehicle. He went out to Sri Lanka with **Shelterbox** to help with tsunami rescue, he has recently been training the Algerian Military SAR at the Agusta Westland academy in Yeovil and he will be on the Isle of Man in May to provide paramedic support for the TT races. Allan sees his work as a vocation and he obviously loves what he does. Thank goodness for dedicated people like him.

Michael Jeans-Jakobsson



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Point of View ~ A personal observation of interest

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Graham Jones

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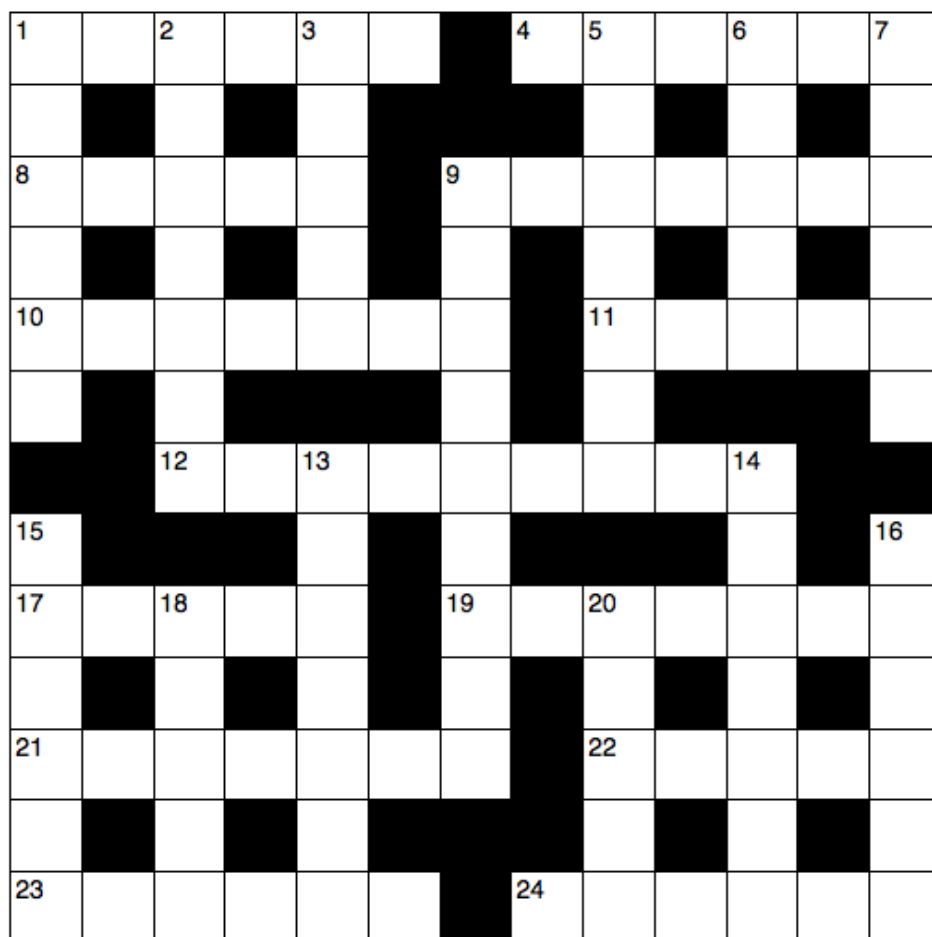
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Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 “‘They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!’” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

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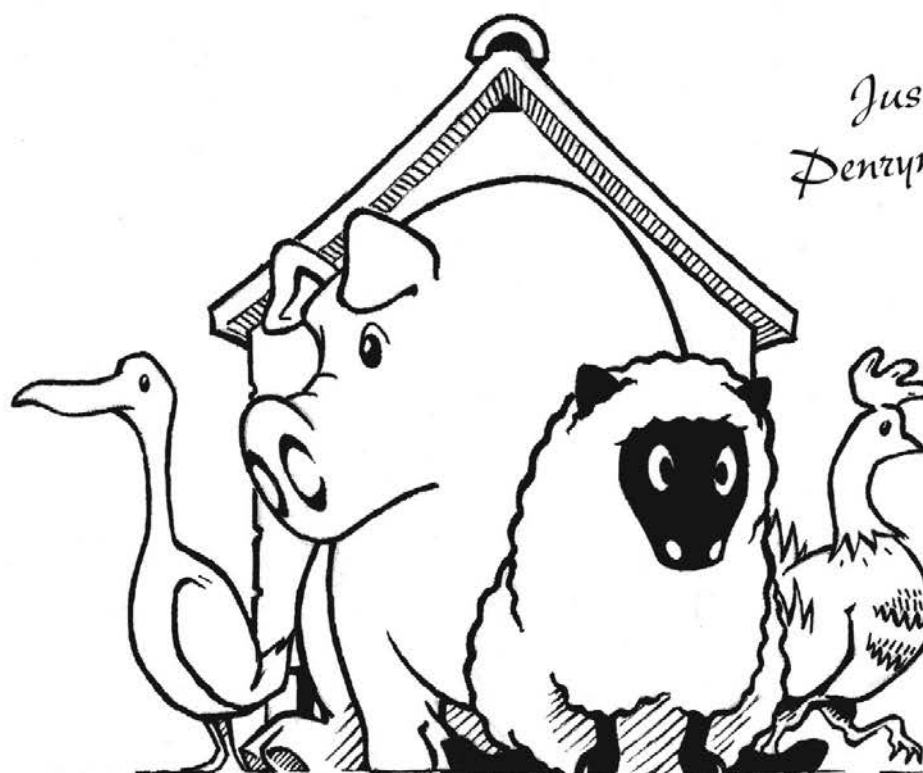


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Crossword Solution

Across: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar. **Down:** 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.



*'They were pulling your leg, dear.
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