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**Cover: Revd Roger Nicholls and Ruth Andrew dedicate three trees on the Playing Field - for more see p26 (photo MRJ-J)**

## ***Editorial - Revd Roger Nicholls leaving***

Roger will be sorely missed. The twinkle of his eye, the warmth of his heart and the sharpness of his mind have made him not only the ideal parish priest but also a valuable magazine team member. I have come to rely on his good judgement and sympathetic ear and I thank him most sincerely for his many contributions.

*Michael Jeans-Jakobsson*

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## Vicar's letter ~ Revd Roger Nicholls

I have always loved the granite stiles of Cornwall, whether the flat cattle-grid ones of West Penwith or the more challenging hedge-high ones further east which require a bit of exertion to climb. These are the ones which give you an excuse to pause for breath and take in what lies ahead, or review what you have just walked through, from a different angle.



That pausing and reflecting is much like what I am doing now as I come up to my last days as priest-in-charge of the parish of St Mylor. ***All change is loss my wife used to say, somewhat lugubriously I thought then. But it's a wise adage if it prepares us to anticipate and so better cope with the costs of moving on.***

**Never an early riser, I shan't miss the early starts to Sunday worship. But I shall reckon as loss those dawns with the sun rising over the Roseland, the bird-song and the chink of sheets against masts. And I have learned to love that *Book of Common Prayer* service of thanksgiving and dedication, remembering God in those comfortable old words before the day has started for most – apart, of course, from those early joggers, gig-rowers and other bravers of the dawn chill.**

I recall the question of the wedding photographer as we waited for a bride by the bottom gate looking out over the water towards the Roseland: 'What did you have to do to be given a parish like this?' he asked. I didn't tell him how little I deserved the trust; and I didn't know then what a wrench it would be to leave.

There will always be regrets over opportunities missed and mistakes made. But the invitations to share in the lives of others at momentous times of celebration and sorrow have made service a privilege; and sharing the Peace with friends in a community of faith where the breaking of the bread has happened for over 1500 years has been a blessing and a joy. May St Mylor continue to be a focus for those who aspire to work for the kingdom. ***I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.***

We shall soon be celebrating Easter Day with its promise of new life and hope – it's a good time for me to jump down from that stile and face whatever God's future holds for me. God bless.

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Roger

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***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

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***Services during the Interregnum***

After 15 April, the services will be:

***St Mylor***

Holy Communion BCP most Sundays at 8am (check N/B in porch)

Parish Eucharist every Sunday at 10.30am

***All Saints***

Holy communion every Wednesday at 11am

Evening Prayer BCP every Sunday at 4pm

***Bishop's Announcement***

*The Rt Revd Tim Thornton MA*, Bishop of Truro is pleased to announce that the ***Revd Jeffrey Aneurin James BSc (econ) MSc***, at present Associate Priest of the Beacon Benefice in the Diocese of Gloucester, is to be House for Duty Priest in Charge of St Mylor in the Diocese of Truro.

He will be licensed by the Bishop of Truro on Tuesday 18 June 2013.

## ***Church news***

**Chapel news:** Don't forget the sponsored bike ride Saturday 27 April - Lands End to Mylor Chapel. If you are not quite up to that why not join the welcome home party at the Chapel. Come and have a cream tea and cheer the cyclists in. See posters for times. We are hoping to hold our first Messy Church on Sunday 19 May from 4 - 6pm. Fun for all ages with dance, crafts, music and tea provided. See posters for more details.

Those of you that came last year to our Family Service with **Andrew Nicholson** and his band will remember what a brilliant time was had by all. Well he has agreed to come back! Sunday 16 June at 4.30pm. Be there!

**Vera Moore** will be holding her annual coffee morning on 10 May. Plants, cakes books and usual stalls.

*Vyv Curnow*

**Church news:** By the time our Easter services are over, at the **very end of March, we will be very aware that Revd Roger's** retirement is imminent. His farewell lunch will take place on Saturday 13 April at the Ord Statter Pavilion at noon - please ring me immediately on 01326 259909 if you have not yet booked your place. On the following day, Sunday 14 April, he will conduct his last services and bid his farewells at 8 and 10.30 am at St Mylor, at 9 am and 4 pm at All Saints. Do please join us at any of these. The celebration of the completion of the restoration of the St Mylor organ takes place on Saturday 21 April at 7.30 pm in the church, when the success of the work will be proved by short recitals by Lance Foy and Sid Bryant. The Nankersey Male Choir will also be performing.

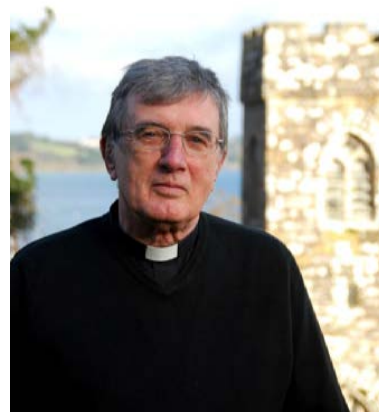
*Judy Menage*

**The Friends of St Mylor:** We held our Annual Parish Lunch on Saturday 16 February - a very successful event with 75 people attending. The menu was a three course lunch consisting of tomato soup and duck in plum sauce, with various delicious sweets donated by Committee Members, followed by coffee and mints. My thanks to all those who helped and all who attended. The raffle raised £116 which has been donated to Mylor School Funds.

*Pamela Cartwright*

## ***More About ~ Revd Roger Nicholls***

"He will be so missed" is repeatedly the reaction from those whose lives have been touched by Revd Roger Nicholls, as his five years as Priest in Charge of St Mylor and All Saints Churches come to an end. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have all been enhanced for those involved by his very special ministry.



He deems it a great privilege to join with people in both celebration and loss. His seemingly endless pastoral care takes him regularly to Treliske Hospital and to local nursing homes.

Born and raised in Penzance, he came late to the Ministry, following early retirement from teaching. He describes it as one door opening as another closes, yet he had never imagined this **change of career. He says he saw himself as a 'caretaker' priest** for St Mylor, designated part-time by the Diocese. Rather a misnomer, his busy schedule including four services every Sunday, two on a Wednesday, and countless other commitments.

It was difficult to pin him down to what he considered his greatest contribution to St Mylor life, but his many innovations must all qualify: the quiet summer churchyard service for those left behind; the special service to celebrate all those who work behind the scenes; his thoughtful themed evenings of readings and hymns; his legendary annual Parish outings, when some of the most beautiful churches in Cornwall have been explored – with on one occasion a detour to visit his favourite ice-cream shop in Newlyn. One of his best memories is the reading of the entire St Marks Gospel in St Mylor during the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible; this in itself incorporated into a summer of celebration for 1600 years of Christian worship at this place.

He says he will miss walking through the village, greeting and being greeted by many friends. In his relatively short time here he has won much respect and affection. However, his long association with Truro suggests that familiar faces will be in evidence when he returns to his home there later this month. He hopes too that he will be given opportunities to lead worship there.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.

***Judy Menage***

## ***Community News and Views***

**Playing Fields:** You may have wondered what's happening on the Playing Field? Many years ago Cornwall Council started a project to relieve a problem with flooding at the junction of Penoweth and Waterings Road. This involved running a drainage pipe across the field to the creek. Unfortunately the work was never completed and the pipe stopped two thirds of the way across! Don't ask. However, some funding has now been found by Cormac Solutions to finish the job. Hence the trench, which by now could well be filled in and turfed over. I am hoping that this will alleviate the considerable problem with flooding on the part of the field nearest to the Ord Statter Pavilion.

Three flowering cherry trees have been planted by the edge of the creek near to the shelter. These trees represent a fitting memorial to Tony Andrew for all the work he carried out in the village over a period of 60 years. Stored away in the shelter are a pair of oak gates which used to hang at the entrance to the Playing Field. It is our intention to reinstall the gates after a small amount of necessary repair work. We will shortly be erecting two new goalposts and marking out a larger pitch to complement the small football pitch. I'm sure this will be well used. Maybe someone would like to consider starting a club or offer training to our youngsters on a regular basis?

I am pleased to report that the new play area has worn well during a very wet winter and that mowing has started again. If anyone is interested in helping with maintenance please give me a ring on 372168. The committee has just been allocated a small amount of grant funding from Falmouth Firefighters Social Club to put **towards another piece of equipment for the 'toddler' area of the** play park. We are very grateful to the Firefighters and thank them for their generosity. We now need to find an additional £400 or so to enable us to purchase and install the new piece of equipment. Any small contributions would be gratefully received. The May Fair is our major fundraising event and arrangements are well under way to make this year's event even bigger and better. Please put 11 May in your diary and come along to join in the fun.     contd ...



## ***Community News and Views ~ continued***

As funding permits, we will continue to improve the Playing Field Facilities. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or what you would like to see next by phoning 372168 or emailing willmore2001@aol.com.

*Mike Willmore*

**Parish Council:** *John Symons (right)* was elected Chairman after the death of Tony Andrew and he is keen to get to know you and to support local activities. We very much hope to have more reporting of council activities in **future issues. Don't forget that there are council elections on 2 May!**

*Michael Jeans-Jakobsson*



**Flower Club:** "I am afraid that these are failed glycerined beech leaves" said *Cindy Bayley* from St Austell to the ladies of the Mylor Flower Club as she held up a twig of dried up beech leaves for one of her arrangements at The Ord Statter Pavilion on Monday 4 March. *Mrs Bayley* was a forces wife and it was only when she reached 70 that she went in for flower demonstrations. The theme **of her demonstration was 'Memories' and, as well as enthralling us** with her six wonderful arrangements, all with magnificent flowers, she told us of her very interesting life. Each arrangement depicted **a memory, one being in the shape of an aeroplane's wings as she and her husband were in the RAF.**

Other arrangements were a simple garden that her father had loved, an arrangement in a very large heavy glass container filled with sand and shells for when they lived by the sea and a modern continental arrangement in a very long low container showing the regimental side of her life. Her last arrangement was reminiscent of Singapore, a place where Cindy and her husband had lived. **For this, she had used a 'make believe' palm tree.**

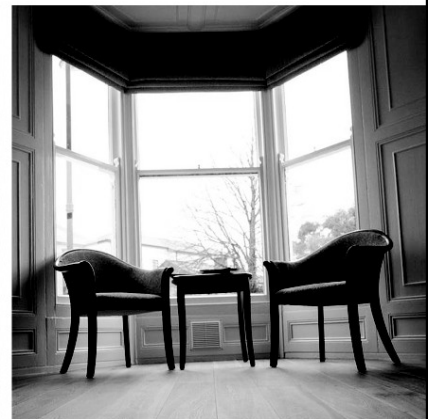
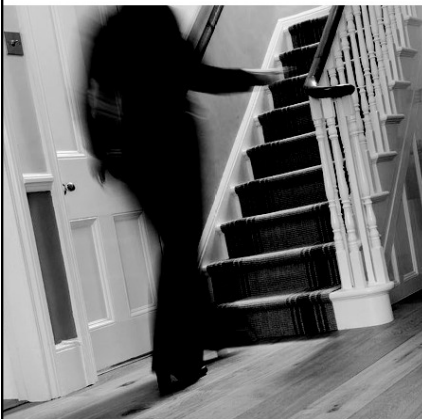
Because of the timing of Easter this year, the next meeting is on Monday 25 March, and it will be a Members Night of Fun, Food and Flowers.

*Irene Gardiner*

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## ***Community News and Views ~ continued***

**History Group:** On 23 February we were entertained by *Diana Smith*, who gave us a very detailed and informative talk about old Penryn. She told us that although now overshadowed by Falmouth, Penryn was an important harbour throughout the medieval period, **exporting granite and tin. Penryn is one of Cornwall's most ancient towns**, with a wealth of history. It was founded in 1216 by the Bishop of Exeter. In 1265 a religious institution called Glasney College was built. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII, Glasney was dissolved and later demolished. Much of the building material was used to build the splendid houses we see today in Penryn. By the mid 17th century the port was thriving with the trade in Cornish fish, copper and tin and by the 19th century much granite was exported. Diana showed us many slides of Penryn including important houses along the high street and talked about the people who lived in them. We also saw pictures of the quaint alleyways (called opes) and cottages. This very good talk was followed by many questions. The next meeting is on 22 March when we will be entertained by various members.

*Rosemary Spooner*

**Garden Club:** At their February meeting Members listened to an illustrated talk on 'A Range of Climbers' by *Charles Pridham*. He is an excellent speaker and very informative. He brought with him many plants for sale.

On 8 April *Tracy Wilson* of Radio Cornwall will tell us what goes on 'Behind the Scenes' at Chelsea. **This is bound to be a very popular evening.** Don't forget to bring your bulbs for judging. As usual, 7.30pm at the Ord Statter Pavilion. Visitors welcome.

*Maggie Farley*

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## ***Snippets ~ Local comments collected anonymously***

Do you know about the Toy Library at the Falmouth and Penryn Children's Centre? We have found it invaluable for entertaining and occupying our grandchildren. Call 312493 for details.

*I hope that Mylor is going to have another car park to cope with all the extra traffic when the new houses are built!*

What has happened to the Parish notice board? It disappeared weeks ago, along with the dog bin!

*Signs of Spring: My favourites are: the daffodils leaping out of the Cornish hedges; birds chattering in the garden; lighter evenings; drying washing outside again; the smell of lawns being mown by an optimist!*

I have noticed that the subject of a bus shelter for Mylor has been mentioned again. Why has the Parish Council not taken some action? Standing in pouring rain for half an hour is no fun.



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## ***Local exploits ~ Traditional chair making***

Len Hadley's dad was a pattern maker so there were always tools around the house as he grew up. He quickly learnt to mend things and then to make small items and this hobby has stayed with him all his life. When he and Caroline decided to close the shop at 32 Lemon Hill (where they still live), he obtained a job at Foyle's and became interested in furniture. He started to hand build these beautiful chairs simply by looking at examples and then finding ways of making them.

*Michael J-J*



*Double Bow Windsor Chair*



*Smokers Bow Chair*



*Children's Windsor Chairs*



*B.J.'s Rocker*



## ***Local Arts and Crafts***

**Book Group:** *The Great Gatsby*. F Scott Fitzgerald is regarded as one of the most influential American novelists of the 20th century; a spokesman for the 'Jazz Age', America's decade of prosperity, excess and abandon, beginning after the First World War and ending with the 1929 stock market crash.

The story is set in the summer of 1922 on Long Island NY, where millionaire Jay Gatsby lives in his opulent mansion throwing lavish parties. He is there because he is in love with Daisy Buchanan, who lives immediately across the bay, with her husband Tom, also obscenely wealthy.

Gatsby, a poor mid western boy, met Daisy, the belle of Louisville, while stationed nearby waiting to be deployed overseas in WW1.

Daisy is under the impression that their circumstances are similar and agrees to wait for him, but Gatsby returns to find her married to Tom. Gatsby determines to win her back, makes his fortune through, among other things, bootlegging and arrives in Long Island. There he pursues his dream to its tragic conclusion.

Fitzgerald writes long, descriptive, evocative prose. He shows us the decadence and carelessness of the wealthy and the emptiness of their lives and relationships. It is not a lengthy novel, almost a short story, but beautifully crafted. The group generally enjoyed the read, with one or two reservations, partly the style and perhaps also the sadness of reading about such wasted and unfulfilled lives! Personally, I loved it and would recommend it highly

*Jenny Cooke*

**Mylor Sessions:** Two humungus concerts coming up - both two night bookings and both sold out! By the time you read this, Alistair McGowan will have performed (25/26 March) and 19/20 May brings Fairport Convention for what promises to be an **amazing concert as part of their UK tour. If you didn't get tickets,** make sure you register on our website [www.mylorsessions.co.uk](http://www.mylorsessions.co.uk) and you will receive early email notification.

*Celia Fraser*



## Local Arts and Crafts ~ continued

**Mylor Movies:** On Wednesday 24 April we have **Argo**. This film is megastar **Ben Affleck's** first attempt at directing and it has been universally praised. It is based on an almost unbelievable true story: When the Iranians famously seized the US Embassy in Teheran in 1979, six US diplomats fled to the Canadian Embassy. An extraordinary plot was concocted to get them out under the cover of a fake film being shot in the Iranian desert, without compromising the neutrality of the Canadians and of course without the Iranian revolutionaries finding out. It actually did happen. This is a thrilling film. Far far better and more intelligent than the conventional action movie. By turns dramatic, nail-biting and hilarious. **Ben Affleck** and the always excellent **John Goodman** star.



*Mike Marshman*

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## ***Local Arts and Crafts ~ continued***

**Truro Decorative & Fine Arts Society:** Wednesday 10 April 'Wonder Workers & The Art Of Illusion' by **Bertie Pearce**. If you have ever considered coming to a lecture - this is the one not to miss! Bertie visited last year to talk about the history of Punch and Judy. He is a wonderfully entertaining lecturer and we had tears streaming down our cheeks with laughter. I am sure we are in for a great night again. This time he will take us on a whistle stop tour of the history of mystery from 3000 BC to the 21st century. We would love you to join us - 'Be careful!' says Bertie, 'you might be amazed and bewitched'. Mylor lecture theatre, Truro College, 7pm - free coffee from 6pm. Visitors £5. More info at [tdfas.com](http://tdfas.com)

TDFAS has had a busy month including a fantastic study day at the Tremayne Hall on Sutton Hoo, the Saxon boat burial site. **Veronica** organised a delicious lunch. Everyone commented on the high quality venue and how well equipped it is - the best venue we've used. Thank you Mylor!



*Karen Kitson*

**The Trefusis Singers:** (formerly The Mylor Singers) will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 6 April in the Parish Hall from 10am until noon. There will be all the usual stalls, plants, bric-a-brac, cakes etc, so do please come along and support us. The new choir is preparing for its June concert in the Tremayne Hall on Saturday 15 June at 7pm, starting with a buffet supper. It will be **The Mylor Singers** Ruby Anniversary and the beginning of **The Trefusis Singers** which is very exciting for us. We would love gentlemen to join us as well as new ladies, in time for our Summer concert and we hope to make that a gala evening called 'Show Stoppers' as many of the songs will be from the shows. If you would like to join The Trefusis Singers, please contact me on 01326 619019 or come along to the Methodist School Room on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. You will be so warmly welcomed.

*Irene Gardiner*



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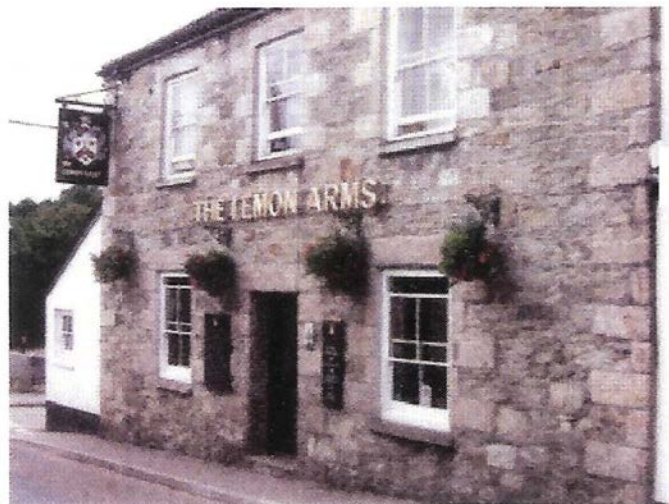


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## **Local History ~ Cricket at Carclew**

*This is an article published in the West Briton on 25 June 1847*

A number of young men connected with the Perran Foundry having formed a cricket club, obtained permission to play in Sir Charles Lemon's park at Carclew, on condition that one of them should become responsible for the good conduct of the rest of the party.

Last week, however, the gamekeeper discovered a line stretched across a part of the fish-pond, to which were attached about a dozen and a half hooks.

Having mentioned this to Mr Booth, he was told to watch the pond with a number of men and on Saturday evening last, the young man who had offered to become responsible for the good conduct of the rest, was seen with another young man in the act of taking the line out of the water.

The other members of the club are of course very sorry for this event and hope it will not occasion Sir Charles to withdraw his kind permission for them to play in the park.

**The team mentioned above might have resembled this picture from *The Book of Mylor* of a Carclew team led by Captain W Tremayne in 1902.**



*Janet Mosedale MLHG*

Could Mylor raise enough interest to start a cricket team again? A **summer's afternoon** watching cricket on our field, with tea and cakes or ginger beer, feels like something we could really do with!

*Jill Quilliam MLHG*

The Archive Centre in the Tremayne Hall is open during Thursday afternoons. Do call in and have tea with us. Our next meeting is on Saturday 22 March at **7.30 pm and is a member's meeting. All are welcome. For more details on the Local History Group, see the website [www.tremaynehall.org](http://www.tremaynehall.org) or contact *Jill Quilliam* on 01326 376403.**



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## **Wildwatch ~ Dorrit Smith**

The Cuckoo sings from St Tiburtus' Day (15 April) to St John's Day (24 June). It arrives in different parts of the country at different times during April and in various counties of England there are traditional 'Cuckoo Days'. **The bird is about the size of a dove and can be mistaken for a kestrel or other smaller bird of prey because of its striped breast and its swept back wings in flight.** Its song is among the most familiar yet the Cuckoo is not common in this part of Cornwall. Listen out for it. You may be lucky. If you hear it, turn your money over for luck! The recent decline in its numbers have put it on the RED list for endangered species. It needs scrubby land for its parasitic egg laying habits. It eats caterpillars, especially the hairy variety, and flies off again to Africa in July or August leaving behind its large babies for small warblers to feed and fledge. These take off for Africa when they are grown. Here is an old English Rhyme about the cuckoo.

*In April I open my bill  
In May I sing night and day  
In June I change my tune  
In July far, far I fly  
In August away I must.*



The Swallow also makes its reappearance during April. In earlier times folks were mystified by the disappearance of these birds during the winter and thought at one time that they spent the cold months hidden in the mud at the bottom of ponds. This was **probably due to the Swallow's collecting mud for their nests and also its habit of constantly swooping low over water, feeding upon midges, before these birds too fly off to Africa.** Swallows are found in areas where there is a ready and accessible supply of small insects. They are particularly fond of open pasture with access to water and quiet farm buildings. Swallow numbers in the UK have fluctuated over the last 30 years with pronounced regional trends. The species is AMBER listed due to population declines across Europe. They are often mistaken for martins or swifts - so look them up to see the differences.



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## ***Farming Notes ~ Matthew Dale***

Perception it a funny thing, one person's positive is another's negative. The same is often so with farming, the perception of what farming is about. What happens on farms and the way farmers think and work depends hugely on whether you are inside looking out or outside looking in.

Yet again recently I heard mention on the radio that farmers need to be adaptable and be prepared for change. This time it was in relation to climate change and the predicted shift in weather patterns. I agree that I will have to adapt and change how I work or what I grow but only if the weather patterns change long term.

**As yet we don't know if this shift will happen and if it does what the new weather patterns will be:**

more rain, less rain; wetter summers, drier summers. All have been mooted

**by the 'experts' so without any** certainty and the inability to plan as a consequence I think that I might just wait and see what happens.

Change, however, is the one fact of life that farmers are perhaps more used to than most other people. There

is no certainty in farming and Mother Nature ensures that there is a constant state of flux in our way of life. Add to this the vagaries

**of politicians' whims and the constant flow of red tape and policy**

changes from Brussels, not to mention consumer demands that bear no resemblance to those of the past. Change is part our life.

On the work front we finally had a dry spell, we knew one had to happen and as usual February proved to be one of the driest

months of the year. Ploughing, planting, fertilizing; it all got

packed into a very busy few weeks before rain gave us a breather and watered in the new seeds. We just have to hope that the slugs

**don't attack the new crops with the same vengeance that they did**

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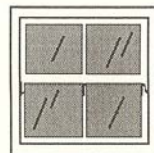
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## ***On the Water ~ Malcolm Clark***

**Bronze Age News!** The Bronze Age boat (re-)constructed at the Maritime Museum took to the seas on March 6th. After some initial confusion the paddlers (doubling as stalwart bailers) took it out from the pontoon,



sailed a few hundred metres and returned safely. Well done to all concerned. The initial leakages should diminish as the wood and caulking swell and tighten up. And for advice on rowing, any of the many gig clubs (see below) will be happy to help.

**Nankersey Rowing Club** gained a new corporate sponsor – local business Flushing Holiday Cottages. Stuart Cousins, proprietor of the agency which specialises in high quality holiday rental properties in the Flushing, Falmouth and Mylor area said "Our own business was founded in 2008 at around the same time that Nankersey Rowing Club was formed, and we have watched the club grow as we have grown ourselves. They have always welcomed our guests out onto the water, and we are happy to support and help them in any way we can." For more information on Nankersey Rowing Club or Flushing Holiday Cottages, visit their websites: [www.nankerseyrowingclub.com](http://www.nankerseyrowingclub.com) and [www.flushingholidaycottages.co.uk](http://www.flushingholidaycottages.co.uk)

**Flushing & Mylor Pilot Gig Club** goes from strength to strength! The new Boathouse (the result of a £46,816 award from Sport England) is almost complete. The image is of the build on Wednesday 5th March. We will



be holding an official opening on Saturday 23rd March at 1.00pm. Please come along and join us to see this new community facility. The Club was recently awarded a grant from SITA Cornwall Trust for the construction of a new wooden gig. An order has now been placed with David Currah of Looe, who will deliver the new gig in November 2013 when she will join Pinnacle, Penarrow and Trefusis, taking the club's complement of wooden gigs to four.

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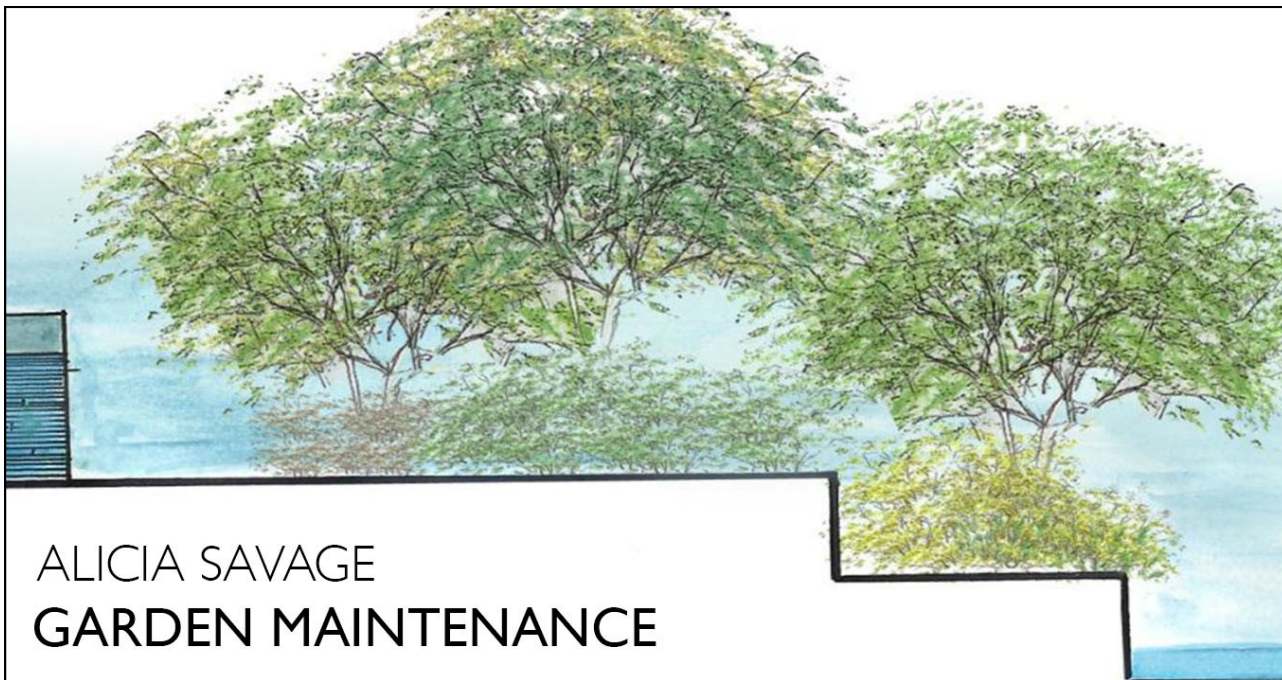
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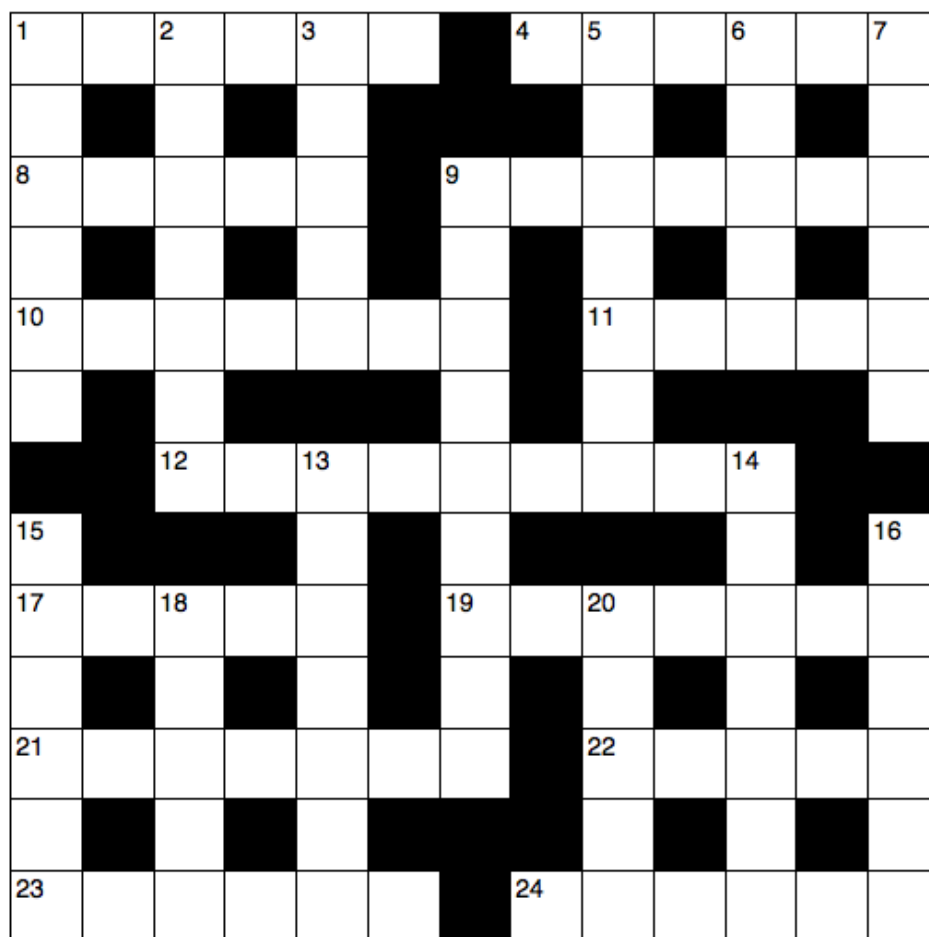
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## Crossword

*Answers inside back cover*



### 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, 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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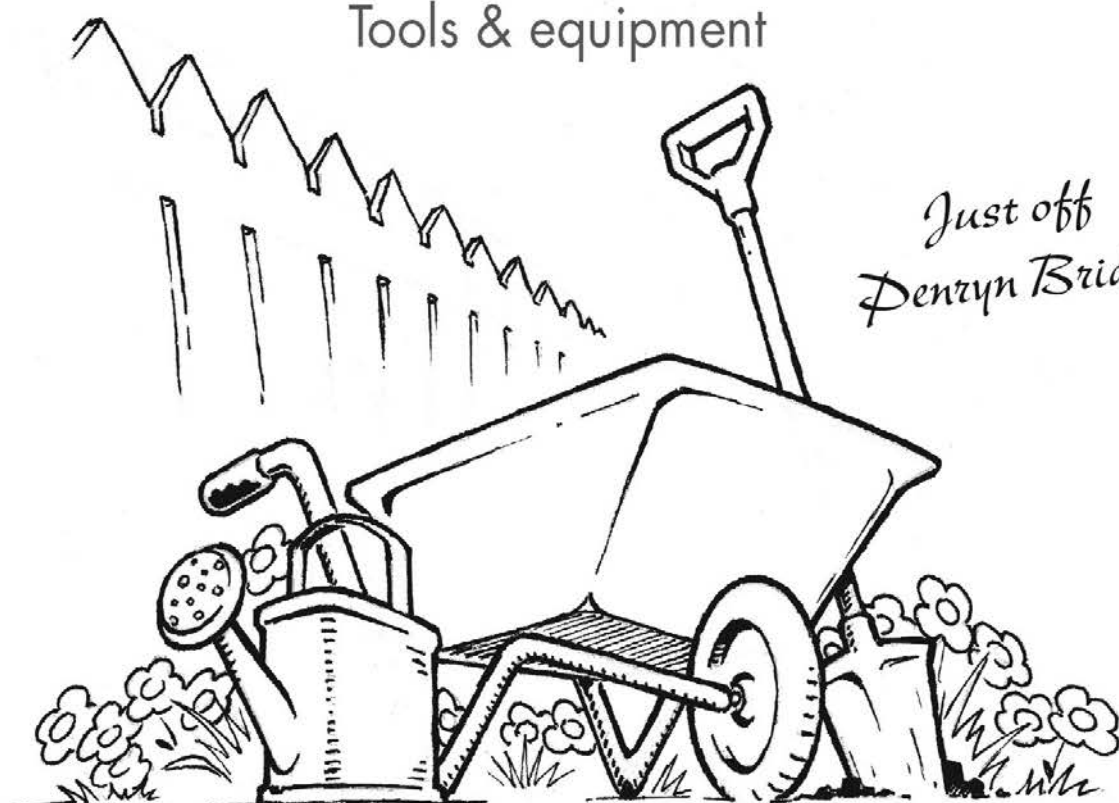
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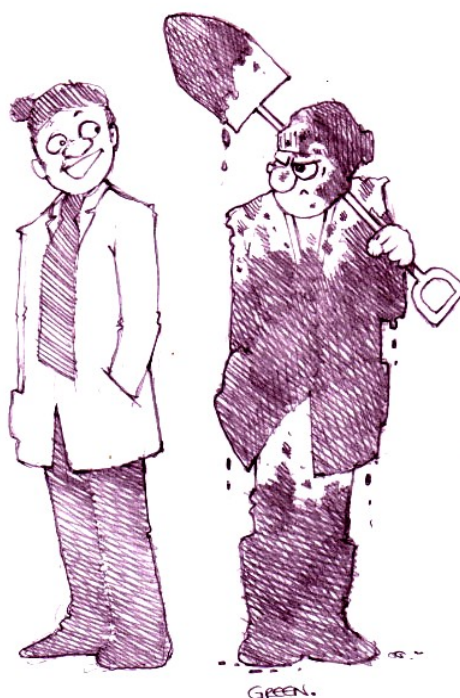
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