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Lay Reader's letter ~ Dorrit Smith

The word Pentecost just means 50 days. It comes from the Hebrew tradition and refers to the number of days elapsed from the offering of the Barley sheaf at the beginning of Passover. The 50th day was the feast of Pentecost. The time that elapsed was seven weeks and so it **was also called the 'Feast of Weeks'.** In later Hebrew times, it was regarded as the anniversary of the Law giving on Sinai, that is seven weeks after the Exodus.

It is no strange matter then, that the same pattern was kept for the timing of the coming of the Spirit. The **new** law - the **new** concept of God. The exodus and, later, the giving of the law, marked out Israel as **God's peculiar people. So just what will Pentecost 2013 do for us? What mark will it lay upon us?**

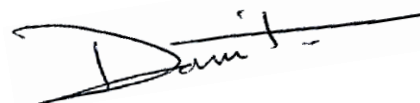
We might think that the Spirit will take us out of the worldly realm, or else fear the possibility that it will mark us out as a bunch of has-beens. But, the Gospel writers make it clear that the spirit is the agent of renewal, not retirement; the agent of wild stirrings and wonderment, of active participation and focussed prayer. It is the same spirit that brooded over creation; that spoke through the prophets; that will create all things new and bring about the reconciliation of young and old, slave and free, male and female, heaven and earth.

Too idealistic? Don't settle for anything less. We must, however expect that in embracing it, we may be called to join the world, not reject it; called to be challenged as the Jewish disciples were challenged; called to give up some things for the sake of the new and to allow the reinterpretation, the re-seeing, of some of our dearest held beliefs. If Jesus had not been subject to the will of His Father, and sacrificed himself, there would be no Pentecost, no coming of His spirit into the world. There would be no coming of that mystical super-strength that sometimes overwhelms us, and sometimes just quietly sustains us in the face of trouble, criticism, bereavement and the like.

This power, this liberating burst of knowledge of the ever present Christ, is what makes us Christians able to keep going. God certainly knew what he was doing when he gave out his Spirit for free. It is there all the time waiting for us to receive and use for his purposes. It is not some airy fairy notion, something wrapped up in the mists of time, something that happened a long time ago. It is here, now, and it is for the taking.

It does however come with a health warning. If you take it, be prepared for its energising power to take hold of you, sweep through you and bring a new light to your life. The spirit of Jesus disturbs us into new thought and it makes those who are filled with it feel compelled to sing out of tune with the rest of the world. Be prepared to want to do things for Jesus sake; to begin to love your neighbour, serve your community, look out for the needy and even to feel like going along to your local church to be with others who have also found themselves so empowered.

With every blessing.



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Services for May

See Below

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Services during the Interregnum

During the interregnum, the services will be:

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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 and Chapel News

Chapel news: in March we held a meeting to discuss future plans and fundraising at the Methodist Chapel. Thanks to all who took part in or helped in any way to our very successful Sponsored Bike Ride and Cream Tea Day. Our Spring Clean weekend went very well as did the saffron cake and home made biscuits. The Junior Church Room was painted and now we would like to start a new project to modernise and update our kitchen area. We need a second hand kitchen with cupboards to replace our tired old one. Can you help? We are hoping to start our new project this summer, maybe you know of someone who needs to get rid of theirs? Please contact Vyv Curnow 01326376241 if you can help.

Vera's Coffee Morning: this annual event will be held at Lord's Piece, Bells Hill on Thursday May 16, 10 to noon. Plants and all the usual stalls. Come and have a chat and coffee with friends. Sunday 19 May the Junior Church are hosting a **MESSY CHURCH!** Come along and find out what this is all about at the Chapel from 4-6pm. Tea will be provided, adults and children of all ages welcome.

Don't forget our Family Service on Sunday 16 June at 4pm with Andrew Nicholson and his Band.

Vyv Curnow

Church news: The day after his wonderful farewell faith lunch on Saturday 13 April, **Revd Roger Nicholls** presided over his final communion service at St Mylor, at the end of five years as Priest in Charge. In his sermon he spoke of the privilege and joy of Parish ministry. The hymns sung at the service were chosen by Revd Roger, and included ***Praise my soul the King of Heaven, Dear Lord and Father of mankind*** and ***Lord for the years***. **Elise Shoolbraid** sang a hymn during communion, accompanied by **Hazel Carruthers**. Revd Roger concluded the service at the church door with a Celtic blessing. His successor, **Revd Jeffrey James**, is due to be licensed in June, so we only have an interregnum of two months. We are very lucky to have locum priests for virtually all the main services during that time.



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The Ord Statter Pavilion: The future - A public consultation:
Part 1, should we consider renewal?

The Ord Statter Pavilion is nearly 50 years old and in need of repair and attention.

The trustees estimate that the cost of repairs, replacements



and works necessary to meet current standards will exceed £50,000. Only £8,000 is currently available in Pavilion Funds. The trustees are considering a redevelopment of the building to provide a community facility fit for the 21st century.

Mylor Parish Council resolved that before any decision is made, the community must be consulted. Please let us know your views.

1. Do you agree that consideration should be given to redeveloping the Pavilion?
2. If you think it should not be developed but repaired, where would the money come from?
3. The Trustees believe that capital grants for redevelopment are available; in the event that plans are drawn up to redevelop the Pavilion, please indicate what facilities you would like the new building to provide. For example, a modern facility could include a sports hall, meeting room, kitchen, lounge/sitting area, changing rooms for playing field sports activities etc. It could also include facilities for Scouts and Guiding.
4. Any other comment?

Thank you for taking part in this consultation. We would be grateful if you could give your name, address, phone number or email address. If you use the Pavilion now please provide details of your club or organisation.

Please return your completed consultation comments to the Chairman of the Trustees, **Mike Willmore**, 7 Trevellan Road, Mylor Bridge, TR11 5NE, by 12 May 2013, email willmore2001@aol.com, telephone 01326 372168.

Mike Willmore

Community News and Views ~ continued

Churchyard Restoration Group: There are visible signs of spring in our Churchyard. At last, I hear you sigh! The primulas, daffodils, violets, wild crocus and cyclamen are all breaking into flower and are a joy to behold.

We were delighted to see that the Bronze Age boat – built at the National Maritime Museum – has almost been completed. Some months ago we were approached by the NNMC and asked if we would be able to provide the team with some branches of Irish **Yew. Various lengths of Yew were taken to the museum and “thin whips” were then made and used as laces to tie the planks of wood** together. Great to know that a little bit of Mylor has gone into the building of this quite remarkable boat.

Following an approach by a Falmouth University student studying wildlife film and photography we have become very aware of the amount of wildlife living in and around the Churchyard. Her interest is welcome and she has asked to help with the maintenance work as well as carrying out her studies. With her guidance we have used twigs to build little areas in which all sorts of Critters can hide. Our large woodpiles provide habitat for hedgehogs and larger creatures.

Following the decline in the Hedgehog population we have joined the Hedgehog Street campaign and would be thrilled if we were to find some Hedgehogs in our Churchyard. We are also looking into ways that we might encourage bees into the environment. Both of the above are threatened and if we can do anything to encourage them to return we would feel a great sense of achievement.

We have bags of logs for sale at £1.00 a bag. These are stacked adjacent to the bell-tower and are easy to carry. We have now **planted our first ‘Donated’ shrub and look forward to further** requests.

The team is always looking for extra pairs of hands – nothing too strenuous unless you want it to be! We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am in the Churchyard – unless it is really very cold or wet.

Helen Fletcher

Community News and Views ~ continued

Elections: Thursday 2 May is election day for you to choose your new Parish and Cornwall Council representatives. Fifteen people are standing as candidates for Mylor Parish Council and six for our Cornwall Councillor. You can vote for 13 candidates for Mylor Parish Council and one candidate for Cornwall Council. We need councillors who represent our views. It is vital that you get out and put your votes in that box.

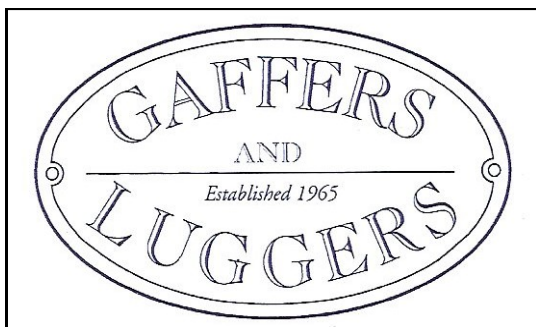
Vote at Tremayne Hall on Thursday 2 May between 7 and 10 pm.

Tremayne Hall Management Committee's AGM is on Thursday 2 May 2013 at 5.30pm at the hall. We are still looking for a Secretary to take over from me (*Julie Peart*) after the AGM. We have about 10 meetings a year each meeting on average lasting about an hour and a half. The Secretary needs to take the notes at the meeting and send out an Agenda for each meeting. All current committee members have email to communicate.

If anyone is interested in becoming a general committee member to help with organising the upkeep and management of the Hall they would be most welcome to join the committee. Please contact any of the committee members, contact details listed on the notice board in the Hall.

Julie Peart

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Community News and Views ~ continued

Mylor Movies have two films for this month.

On Saturday 4 May we are showing ***Les Miserables***. This screen adaptation of the hugely popular musical will begin at 3pm in the Tremayne Hall, with an interval when we will be selling tea, coffee and cake.

This will be a ticketed event and tickets costing the usual Mylor Movies price of £4.50 can be purchased at the Tremayne Hall on Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning, but please telephone 01326 372142 for availability.

On Wednesday 29 May at 7.30 we are showing ***Love Is All You Need***. Tickets available at the door.

This film was a big hit at last year's Venice Film Festival and will only just have gone out on general release. Well drawn characters, real situations, high comedy and tragedy intertwined give a feeling that you do not know which way the film will end. The colour is astonishing – it is summertime Amalfi so of course it is delicious to watch. But it is the character drawing that sucks you in. Pierce Brosnan's Philip is an impossible boor and Trine Dyrholm's Ida irrepressible, courageous and yet fragile. They go together like gin and tonic! There are some subtitles alongside English dialogue, as everyone speaks their own language, but this really does put you in the middle of two very different families brought together for an Italian wedding with all the complications you can expect. We are assured that this is a lovely film, so please come along and see what you think.

June's film will be ***Hitchcock***.

Jo Robertson

History Group: on March 23. we had a meeting with a difference, we were entertained by several members, the topic included a talk given by ***Maggie Farley*** and ***Margaret Way*** about the past and future of the Perran Foundry. We were all amazed at the size of the development, and many questions were asked. The second talk was given by ***John Spooner***, who showed us many stamps and postcards with a mining theme. The last talk was given by ***Jill Quilliam*** and ***Felicity Collins*** who gave us an illustrated talk about old Mylor Bridge. It was a jolly evening, and we all enjoyed a glass of wine to finish the season of talks. We look forward to our trip to Geevor Mine on Friday 17 May, and our first talk in Sept.

Rosemary Spooner

Community News and Views ~ continued

Mylor Christmas Lights Easter Egg Raffle:

Mixing our Festivals again, the Christmas Lights Committee and courtesy of Allan and Leane, held a very successful Easter Egg raffle in the *Lemon Arms* on Easter Monday evening. Our thanks go **as ever to Barbara Taylor in organising the event, to the pub's team in selling so many tickets, and to everyone who bought them helping to raise the funds that keep our fabulous Christmas display going. The evening included the auction of a bottle of 'House of Commons Champagne', kindly donated by Mrs Sarah Newton MP.** Bidding was swift, with the bottle eventually going to the generosity of Christmas Lights stalwart, *John Clymo*. Thanks for all you support, John. Together, the evening raised a much needed £264. A huge thank you goes to all who gave of their time, effort and money: it really is needed and appreciated. Continuing our fundraising mix of festivals, we will be holding a book stall at the May Fair, all donations for which would be gratefully received; and **then it'll be our big one, the Christmas Lights Summer Fair.**

Terry Chapman, Mylor Christmas Lights



Mylor Sessions: *Los Pacaminos*: TexMex comes to Mylor – a fabulous outfit of musical heroes, led by the superb Paul Young, brought more than a hint of the Mexican Border to Tremayne Hall on Sunday 14 April with a fantastic two hour bash that left everyone with a strong desire for tequila. You may remember that we had to make a hasty replacement at Christmas when they were unable to make

our date; then *Paul Young* had a clash of engagements and **couldn't make the planned Saturday night, so we were very thankful when the whole lot of them stomped on stage on Sunday evening! And we're very grateful to our loyal supporters who happily changed their plans and continued to support us on a Sunday night. Thank you.**

Of course, those who *did* turn out on Sunday night also had the added pleasure of an opening set from singer/songwriter and all round great guitarist, local rising star *Tom Cary*. Watch out for more of this chap, not least when he plays at our midsummer celebration weekend in June.

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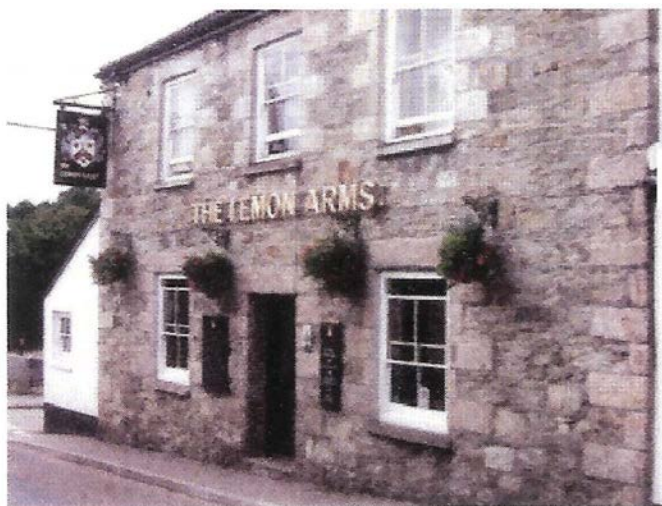
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Community News and Views ~ continued

MyloRhythm: *Everyone can sing!* This is my firm belief and I have just started an exciting new singing group in Mylor. The first meeting was held at the Tremayne Hall on Monday 11 February, when nine ladies were brave enough to come along to see what was happening. The numbers have quickly grown and in just three weeks we are over twenty.

The group is very informal and friendly and welcomes ladies of all ages and singing abilities. We aim to sing a variety of songs: Gospel; Folk; Traditional; Blues; Pop; Rock and Roll and everything in between! We sing in two, three and four part harmonies, rounds, 'World Music' and original compositions and arrangements. Something to suit everyone.

If you love to sing, but aren't confident enough to join a more formal choir why not come along and give us a try? We meet at the Tremayne Hall on Mondays 1.30 – 3pm. A chance to find your voice, make new friends and, above all, have *fun!*

For further details contact me on 01326 618375 or 07890 207119 or e-mail: pat.hobden@tiscali.co.uk

Pat Hobden

The Trefusis Singers: A very big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our very happy Coffee Morning held on Saturday 6 April, in the Mylor Parish Hall, when we made over £200, after expenses, to enable our choir to buy new music.

Rehearsals are well under way for our concert on the June 15 in the Tremayne Hall, starting with a buffet supper at 7.00pm. It would have been the Mylor Ladies' Choir 40th Anniversary and will be the first main concert by the newly formed Trefusis Singers' choir, so, we hope to make it a very special occasion. Do please support us if you can.

We are still looking for new recruits, so if you are interested in joining a very happy, conscientious but fun loving choir, look no further than us. You will have the equivalent of a singing lesson every week under our Musical Director, **Bridget Westlake**, and you will be amazed at yourself, no matter how rusty you are. If you are interested, please telephone **Irene Gardiner** on 01326 619019. We meet every Tuesday evening, 7.15pm in The Methodist Schoolroom. You will be very warmly welcomed.

Irene Gardiner

Community News and Views ~ continued

Book Group: *Miss Garnet's Angel* by Salley Vickers.

Miss Julia Garnet, retired history teacher, atheist, devout communist and virgin, prompted by the death of her friend to leave the self imposed confines of her life and small flat in London to go and live in an "out-of-the-way" address in Venice - the Campo Angelo Raphael. As she steps from the water taxi and her gaze is drawn upward to "the benevolent gaze of an angel", an angel with his arm around a boy holding a fish, with a dog at his side, she begins a journey of self discovery.

The people she meets, the emotional relationships she makes and the strange beauty of Venice, with its spectacular architecture and abundance of art, history and ancient mysticism, storm Miss Garnet's staunch English reserve and challenge her socialist ideology, opinion, judgements and attitudes that leave no room for wonder or transcendence.

Her discovery of a series of paintings in the nearby Church of the Angel Raphael, inspires a fascination in the ancient tale of Tobias, who travels to Media, unaware that that he is accompanied by the Archangel Raphael and it is this tale which underpins this novel of stories within stories. As Julia unravels the story of Tobias's redemption, so the threads of interwoven stories are also unravelled. This is a wonderful book and was enjoyed by all the members of the Book Group, highly recommended. ***Jo Robertson***

Cancer Research Race for Life: All ladies are encouraged to take part in Cancer Research UK's *Race for Life*, either in Falmouth on 12 May or in Truro on 14 July. You will be welcomed no matter what your ability and you can walk, jog, run or even dance round the course. Your sponsorship will make a valuable contribution to this important charity. Enter at their website: www.raceforlife.org

Truro Decorative & Fine Arts Society host *Twigs Way* who will introduce us to the life & work of the accomplished Victorian botanical artist ***Marianne North*** (1830 -1890). This talk explores her unconventional life including why her paintings troubled a conservative Victorian society. In the 1870s she travelled to far corners of the world documenting plants before photography became widely available. On her return she offered her collection to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. Join us Wednesday 8 May at 7pm (refreshments available from 6pm). Mylor Theatre, Truro College. Guests £5. More information at tdfas.com

Community News and Views ~ continued

Mylor Garden Club's meetings for this season drew to a close on Monday 8 April with a hugely entertaining talk by **Tracy Wilson**. Her bubbly personality, which we hear on Radio Cornwall, kept us laughing all evening with tales of organising a stand at Chelsea Flower Show. This included transporting huge plants and slate from Cornwall and even hundreds of hot Cornish pasties, these apparently driven across London in a red sports car. This was a joint venture between several local businesses and Tracy used her considerable charm to convince many companies to give time, manpower and expertise to make the stand a success. Such a success that they won a gold medal, which she brought along, quite a feat for a first time entry.

The club is running a coach trip to Tapley Park, a very attractive garden in North Devon on 17 June at a cost of £21 for coach and entry. Anyone interested in going can see more details on the village notice board.

Our next meeting is on September 9 when there is an illustrated talk by **Tom Clarke**, head gardener at Trelissick. **Maggie Farley**



New Orleans? one of the excellent line-up of bands performing during the Oyster Festival held on Flushing Quay from Good Friday to Easter Monday. Ranger Rules!

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Health and Fitness ~ Rhiannon Parsons



As we 'progress through life', things which used to be easy can get harder, both physically and mentally.

Remembering what you had for breakfast can be challenging – or even if you had any breakfast at all! Running and jogging might be things of the past – not too difficult to accept for the majority of people. However, when just walking becomes hard work, then you may be forgiven for wanting to give up altogether. A good friend of my parents, now in his eighties, was in a motor-bike accident aged about 20. Doctors did manage to rebuild his ankle, but it left him lame in that leg and gradually, gradually, it has become too difficult for him to walk without some support.

Being how he is, he's found it difficult to come to terms with the situation and doesn't want to walk with a stick or anything else to help him. He would hate to appear to be that 'weak' and so refuses to use any kind of walking aid. This means he can go out only in the car and as a result, his existence has become increasingly sedentary – not quite housebound, but if he has to give up driving, then that will be the next stage. And a sedentary lifestyle is obviously very unhealthy for anyone.

Another good friend of my parents, also now in his eighties, has developed a nerve problem which makes it hard to use his left leg. Unlike the other chap, after a brief while, he learned to accept help willingly and so still leads a busy and relatively active life.

Which choice would you or I make? How long will it take us to deal with the challenges of the ageing process? Will we prefer to stay indoors most of the time, rather than get out and about with some kind of help? How can we remain independent for longer? Would we rather just move into a residential home where the staff will look after us?

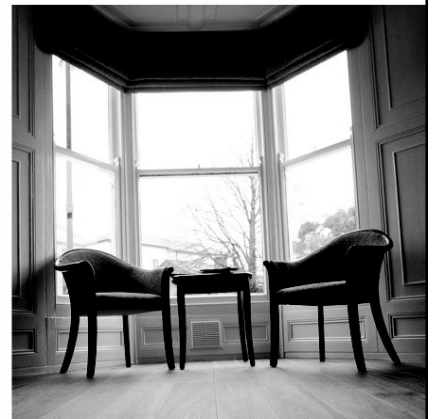
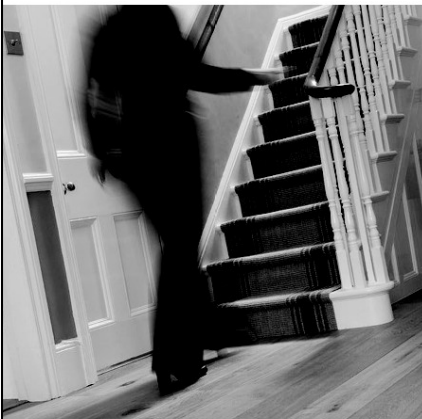
Realising our limitations as we go through life has to be the best basis for decision making. From when you decide you might not make it as a neuro-**surgeon and so train to do something you'll** actually be good at, to looking after your physical and mental health to the best of your abilities as you grow older, accepting yourself for what you are is key to getting it right.

Keeping moving is crucial to our health, both physical and mental. If you need support to keep moving, then talking yourself into accepting that fact, so that you can enjoy getting out and about **might be the right choice for you. If you're happier simply to sit** quietly indoors most of the time, then you can make decisions to suit that lifestyle.

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Local History ~ Trefusis - A New Resort?

This is an article published in The West Briton in 1859.

"We have had the opportunity of inspecting a plan of the contemplated new town of Trefusis, which is proposed to be built on the estate of Trefusis, opposite Falmouth, on the banks of Falmouth Harbour.

The main drive appears to be laid out in accordance with the contour of the hill and at the bottom of the wooded valley, just behind Kiln Quay. It is intended to erect a large crescent of fifteen houses of a superior class, with an ornamental garden common to the whole front; and behind, a public garden, with walks, fountains, trees and shrubs. The coastline is proposed to be



This might have been the site of the Greenbank Bridge across to Flushing and Trefusis Town!

fringed with marine villas and terraces with gardens on the hill side; the higher ground to have castellated villas, crescents and terraces, with accommodation land **behind."**

The new resort was proposed by Lord Clinton, the then owner of Trefusis Estate. Four years later, although the project was not started, he was also

considering the building of a swing bridge across the Penryn River from Greenbank to Trefusis, to enable the development of the proposed town without impeding navigation. Neither of the two schemes was ever commenced.

Janet Mosedale 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 28 Sept at 7.30pm and is on 'The Pharmacy of Yesteryear' by Kingsley Rickard**. 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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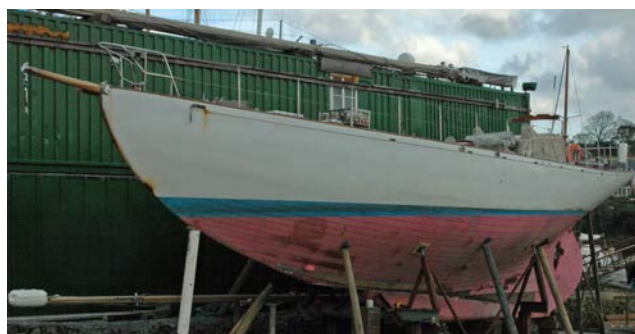
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Amokura has come to our yard from the Mediterranean after a recommendation from the captain of ***Argyll*** (a boat Cockwells have previously worked on). Some of the work being carried out includes re-furbishing the deck and topsides, inspecting the keel, servicing the engine and modifying the internal joinery. Once the work has been completed ***Amokura*** will be sailed back to the Mediterranean for a summer of sailing. She was famed in the novel ***Oyster River*** by George Millar.



We lifted ***Sceptre*** into our mobile dry dock and floated her up to our boatyard for a major structural refit last November. The work included removing the ballast keel from the boat, something that has not been done since she was first launched.

A summary of the work carried out on the boats can be found in the refit section of Cockwells website: www.cockwells.co.uk

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Wildwatch ~ Dorrit Smith

My Mum, who would have been 100 this year, used to say when I complained about the rain in April "*March winds and April Showers, bring forth the May flowers.*" I'm sure you have all heard it but one must never take the old sayings for granted. For example last year we had a heat wave - the only one to occur all year! - and the spring flowers were superb.

The month of May is a wonderful time to see wildlife. Our summer migrants have all now arrived and their songs and calls mingle with the resident bird species. Summer specialities such as warblers have arrived and fill the woodlands and hedgerow with their songs, and the sea cliffs clamour with breeding birds, each squabbling for their own little space. Look out for Guillemots, Shags, Cormorants and Puffins as well as Fulmar Petrels, and all the other Gulls. In the gardens and parks blue tits, great tits, robins, blackbirds and song thrushes lead a frantic life seeking food to satisfy the insatiable appetite of their young. After one or two broods the blue tits particularly look frazzled and in a good year all these species will have more than one brood. They all start much earlier than you imagine. Our Robins were building in late March! The hedge banks cascade red, white and blue in true patriotic fashion and the woodland flora is at its best in early May when the woodland floor is awash with bluebell flowers. In the damper woodlands these are often mixed in with, or replaced by, the white flowers and pungent leaves of wild garlic. There are two main types of this which we should be able to distinguish. There is the Three Cornered Leek, *Allium triquetrum*, which has a loose head of blunt, white flowers with each petal having a green line down the middle and a very noticeable triangular stem, hence its name. Then there is Wood garlic or Ramsons, *Allium ursinum*, which has a tighter head of star-like white flowers without the green stripe and a much broader leaf. Both are associated with bluebells in England and are often a



pointer to the presence of an ancient woodland site. Both are edible. The leaves of Ramsons can be used in salad, boiled as a vegetable, in soup, or as an ingredient for pesto in lieu of basil. The bulbs and flowers of both are also very tasty. Why not give them a whirl? But **don't eat the Bluebells** - they are poisonous!

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Church News ~ continued

Revd Roger Nicholl's farewell lunch: Sad as we are to see him go, and he will be much missed, Revd Roger's farewell lunch was a wonderful event. One hundred and thirty people enjoyed a splendid faith lunch at the Ord Statter pavilion, church members, members of village organisations with which he has been involved, all people who will miss his warmth and generosity of spirit. Everyone contributed to the feast, bringing sweet or savoury dishes. By special request of Revd Roger, the Lemonaires sang a selection of their vast repertoire of wonderful Cornish songs, some even linked in some way to previous Vicars of St Mylor. Tributes were paid by Revd Geoffrey Bennett, Rural Dean, Cllr John Symons, chairman of Mylor and Flushing Parish Council, and Judy Menage, Churchwarden. Gifts were presented, including a mini-ipad, a dvd recorder/player and a word picture representing the many facets of Revd Roger's inspiring ministry.

Judy Menage

Community News and Views ~ continued

Mylor Local History Group: *Mrs Pam Cartwright* now moved away but well known in the village, recently and very kindly dropped off some documents she thought we might find interesting. Among them were some pre-war programmes for the Mylor Amateur Dramatic Society (MADS?), accompanied by a press review of part of a November 1933 performance. Much can be learned from the two documents about the plot, players and production of *Service*, a First World War spy story by local playwright *Mr A Bailey*. But as well as facts, such historical documents can also be said to give 'unwitting testimony', revealing the influences, assumptions even bias of the period and originator. For instance, and as was probably customary then, the evening opened with a rendition of 'The King'. The press review is entirely laudatory, with everything being positively commented upon, even the audience. Some 80 years before *Mylor Sessions* started something similar, with its 'large and enthusiastic audience' Mylor was even then, 'making a name for itself in the dramatic world'. If you are interested in viewing any of our collection, or indeed would like to contribute, come along between 2 to 4 on any Thursday afternoon.

*Terry Chapman,
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Farming Notes ~ Matthew Dale

I am officially in mourning, not to the point of wearing a black armband but mourning none-the-less. My loss **isn't that of an iconic** and, at times divisive, former Prime Minister, rather the demise of my old Land Rover. After owning it for sixteen of its nineteen years it met its end when another driver pulled out in front of



Faithful surf truck too

me. It looked as though the Land Rover had suffered little more than a scratch, the front end of the other car was ripped right off, but the chassis was twisted and deemed too expensive to repair. It may be rebuilt by an enthusiast and thus reincarnated as they are such revered machines, but not by us.

Now we have the task of finding a replacement, something that we **hadn't anticipated doing for another decade or so. Decision time:** do we go for another Land Rover – they hold their value, excellent off-road, almost indestructible, and could pull a beach hut from a bog. But they are uncomfortable, poor on the road and have the aerodynamics of said beach hut. Then there are the Japanese pick-up trucks. They are very good off-road, robust, reliable and, importantly comfortable on the road and to drive. Life is full of dilemmas.

A recent example is that of the oil seed rape (OSR). The slugs ate all but thirty acres of the one hundred and thirty-five we planted back in September. Pigeons have been doing their best to finish off the rest. We decided, after much debate, that we would keep what is left rather than rip it all up and only plant a bit more barley in the part fields that are bare. More crop for beer and less for cooking oil – **it's not all bad.**

We might have actually decided on a replacement for the Land Rover by the time this is printed. Hopefully it will be as good a **servant as the 'Landy' was. Those that know me will have to get used to a passing 'thumbs-up' from an unfamiliar vehicle.**



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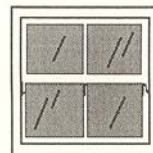
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On the Water ~ Malcolm Clark

Flushing and Mylor Pilot Gig Club: March 23 saw the official opening of the club's new Boathouse. A huge turnout of members, friends, local dignitaries and residents came along to help in the celebrations.

Sarah Newton MP, along with the oldest and youngest rowers of the club did the honours whilst the Chairman, Simon Thompson, thanked the many people and organisations who had been involved in the funding and



construction of the new building. Now in its 9th year, the club can finally house its 4 gigs in a safe, dry and welcoming environment and will benefit from attracting more people into the sport.

Following the official opening, Nankersey Male Voice Choir entertained at the champagne reception and food was served on the beach. Unfortunately the sea was too rough to allow any gigracing but, now that the boathouse is operational, the club looks forward to being able to put on an official regatta soon.

Nankersey Rowing Club enhanced the Oyster Festival on Flushing Quay, running team challenges and



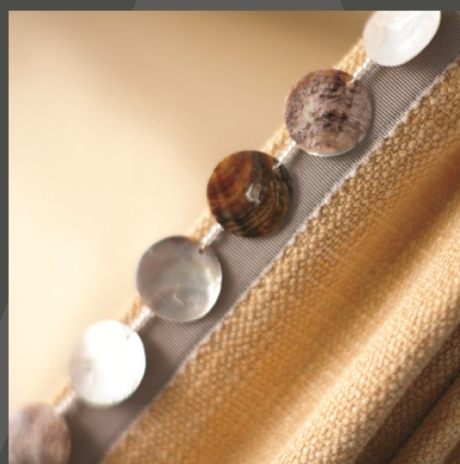
inviting members of the public to participate in rowing. All good practice for the Scillies, and for those who were hungry afterwards there was the possibility of fresh oyster, or venison hamburger, washed down by any number of refreshments.

Amidst all the extra activities and maintenance of Nankersey's gigs, *Circe* and *Serafina*, members of the Club are still training hard every week to get rowing fit for the World Pilot Gig Championships held annually on the Isles of Scilly. For many of the club this will be their first participation in a World Championship meeting, something only really brought home at the Scillies seeing all the other Gigs (forecast to be 138) taking part, and all the other crews!!



Good luck to both clubs at the Scillies.

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Feature: Winter of Content ~ Ian Heard

The winter of 1962/63 was a cold one. The freezing temperatures started just before Christmas and lasted until March. England shivered; in Mylor we went tobogganing. The village school was predictably shut but those of us that lived beyond Six Turnings made the most of being cut off. The steep fields behind Church Road were designed for slalom and anything that presented little resistance was commandeered for sledging; tin trays; corrugated roofing; and for the alpinists, custom made toboggans of tarry timber planed smooth in my father's workshop. The creek froze; not like the Thames, but enough to make an expedition to the other side a real proposition. Like Scott and Shackleton in woollen mittens and pom-pom hats, we set out in a small plywood dinghy - ***The Seagull*** - and rowed this way and that cracking the fragile ice floes. I was only nine years old; my cousin not much older but we were happy and brave as boys are that live and play on the water. Like much of Cornwall, Mylor was beginning to be touched by the sixties. Beatle-mania was about to strike and for those that had **TV, the BBC news following the "Big Freeze" was about the** Profumo affair. The news in Church Road however, was the imminent move to the old farm at Tregatreath. My father, Terry, had plans for a bigger boat yard than the small beach where we lived. He had built his first working boat, ***Result*** in the garage next to the house, launching her down the road on someone else's slipway. The opportunity for more space came from one of his first customers, local squire, Henry Trefusis. Through that winter Father had steadily been renovating the small cob cottage, pulling down walls that separated the dark rooms, replacing the box stairways with open steps and adding extra beams to the precarious ceilings. At six foot five; he could only ever stand between the beams and was forever cracking his head on the low doorways. The cluster of cow sheds with its orchard and marshes was a new world. The ground ran upwards to a bank in front of the cottage which protected the farm yard from spring tides, especially if driven by strong easterlies. Although the road ended on the beach, a well worn track ran on past the building, hugging the edge of the orchard wall to a spring called Crow Well. Salt marshes extended out from the well but its waters were always sweet and fresh. The orchard was our own kingdom, my brother and I, apples and sloes, hawthorn and dog rose gave fruit and the streams were full of elvers and tiny crabs. When the tide crept over the course grasses **I learned to swim and sail in a place known simply as 'the creek'.**

Feature: Local Author ~ Jane Jackson



I've been making up stories for as long as I can remember. Getting measles and chickenpox meant being dowsed with calamine lotion and having lots of time to read. I waded through *The Famous Five*, *The Secret Seven*, and *Summer Term at St Clares*. Next came adventure stories like *Children of the New Forest* and *King Solomon's Mines*.

I took books out on Mum's ticket at the Boots lending library above the shop in Falmouth. Then I joined Falmouth lending library, and though I have a Kindle and love it, I still borrow 6-8 books at a time from the mobile library van. At Mylor school I loved writing compositions and was encouraged by Mr Toms and Mr Hambley. Then I started work, married and had children.

Sleepless nights with a fretful baby were easier with a book to hand. So it was only a short step to deciding to have a go at writing myself. I did a journalism course, then one on writing for radio and television. I learned a lot. But what I really wanted was to write a book; a story of romance – because to love and be loved is one of nature's strongest forces – and adventure – because in desperate situations people find strengths and courage they didn't know they possessed. My first took three years to research and write. Entitled *Deadly Feast* and set in a Cornish village it was published by Robert Hale and kick-started my writing career. I've had 27 books published over 35 years, and have recently sent off number 28. Over the next ten months six of my historicals will be published in paperback by Accent Press, beginning with *Eye of the Wind* on 25 April. If you'd like to know more, please visit my website: www.janejackson.net

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More About ~ Peter Watson

In our March issue you will have seen a centre spread of photos taken in the wonderful garden at **Creekside** owned by **Peter and Judy Watson**. Their house, situated on a hillside in Restronguet near the Pandora Inn, has a magnificent view across the Carrick Roads.



Part of the house is probably five hundred years old and has a **garden first developed by Peter's mother in 1929. With its twisting paths on different levels and ingenious hidden flower beds, the garden is a true labour of love for the Watsons. It is unusual these days to remain in the same house, as Peter has done all his life, but the gradual improvements and care for the land have remained a constant pleasure and challenge for him.**

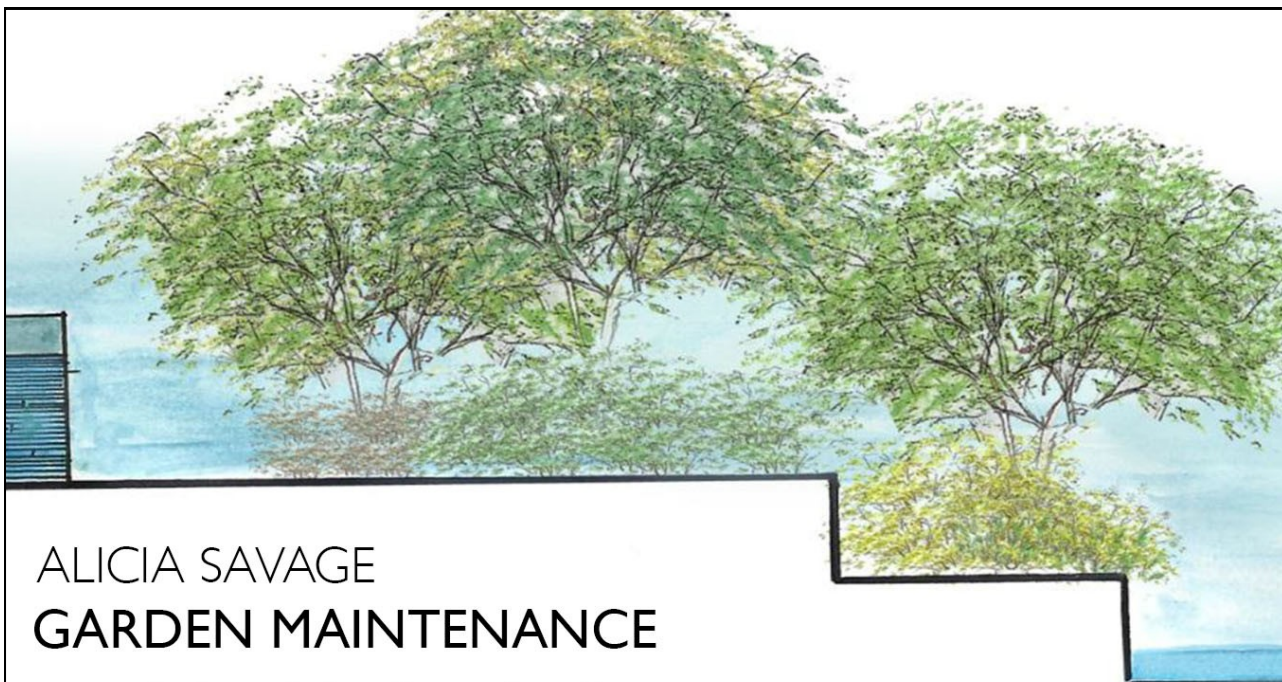
In the early days, Peter ran the property as a market garden with his family, gradually buying and adding more land. They grew fruit, vegetables and flowers, much of which went by train to Covent **Garden market. The original apple trees planted by Peter's father** are still there, along with a wonderful collection of Camellias, trees and shrubs.

Letting holiday houses became an addition to the family business providing useful income but plenty of hard work for Peter and Judy. **Now Peter's son Martin looks after about 40 properties which are** always popular in this beautiful part of Cornwall.

Peter remembers a very different Mylor – a time when he knew most people and played an active part in village life. He was a Councillor for both Church and Parish, a member of the St Mylor Players and a committee member of the Restronguet Sailing Club in the days when it **was** at Restronguet. He spoke warmly of leading public figures such as Escott Williams, Rodney Prout and of course Tony Andrew.

Peter also recalled the early days of the Pandora Inn, when it had no proper bar and was just a room at the front with a kitchen at the back and living quarters upstairs. I asked him if they were affected by the huge fire at the Pandora in 2011, but fortunately the wind was blowing from the South East, otherwise it might have been another story!

Val Jeans-Jakobsson



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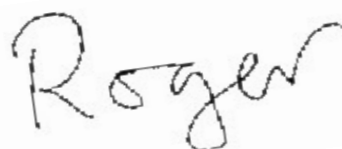
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The Revd Roger Nicholls wishes to thank all who have been in touch with him for their messages and prayers on his retirement.

Mylor is a very special place and it is a great wrench to leave the many very special people I have come to know and love here.

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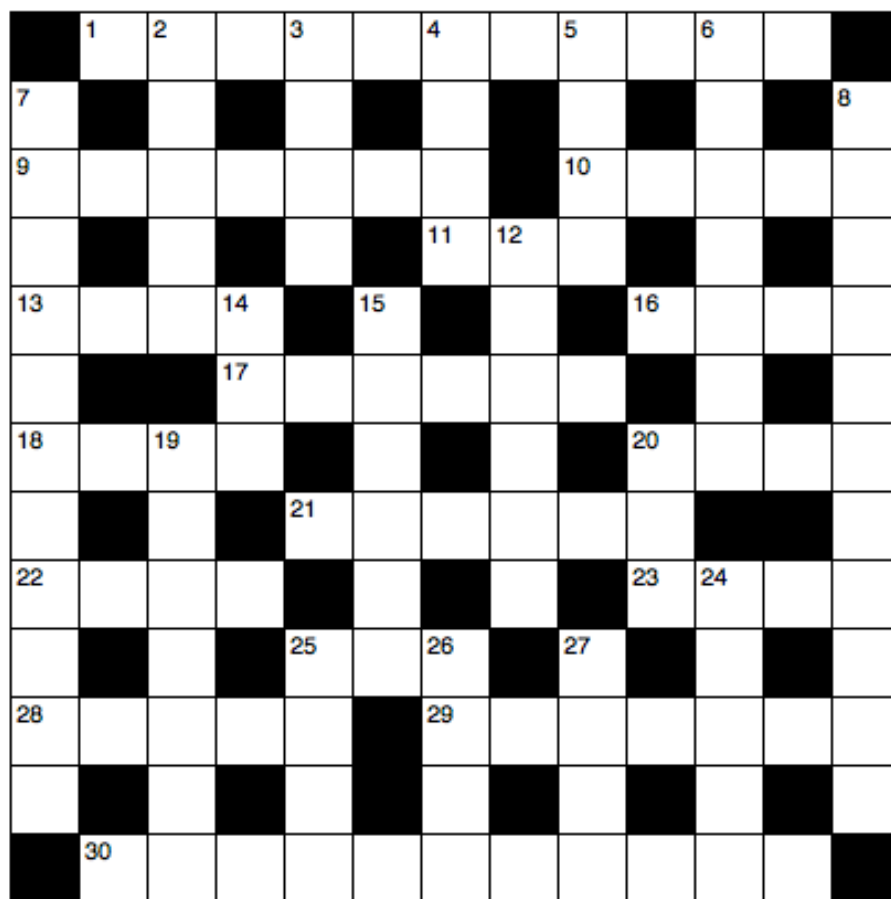
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Crossword

Answers inside back cover



Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
 13 Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
 16 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
 18 Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
 22 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has(anag.)(3)
 28 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire(2Timothy 2:10)(6)
 14 Container cover(Numbers 19:15)(3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on— —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain(1Peter 2:11)(7)
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke 7:38)(3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva(5)
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke6:30)(4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills;where does my— come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

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Down: 2, Value 3, Reed 4, Host 5, Lisp 6, Earlobe 7, Overflowing 8, Opportunity 12, Obtain 14, Lid 15, Across 19, Abstain 20, Wet 24, Hindu 25, Asks 26, Help 27, Hero

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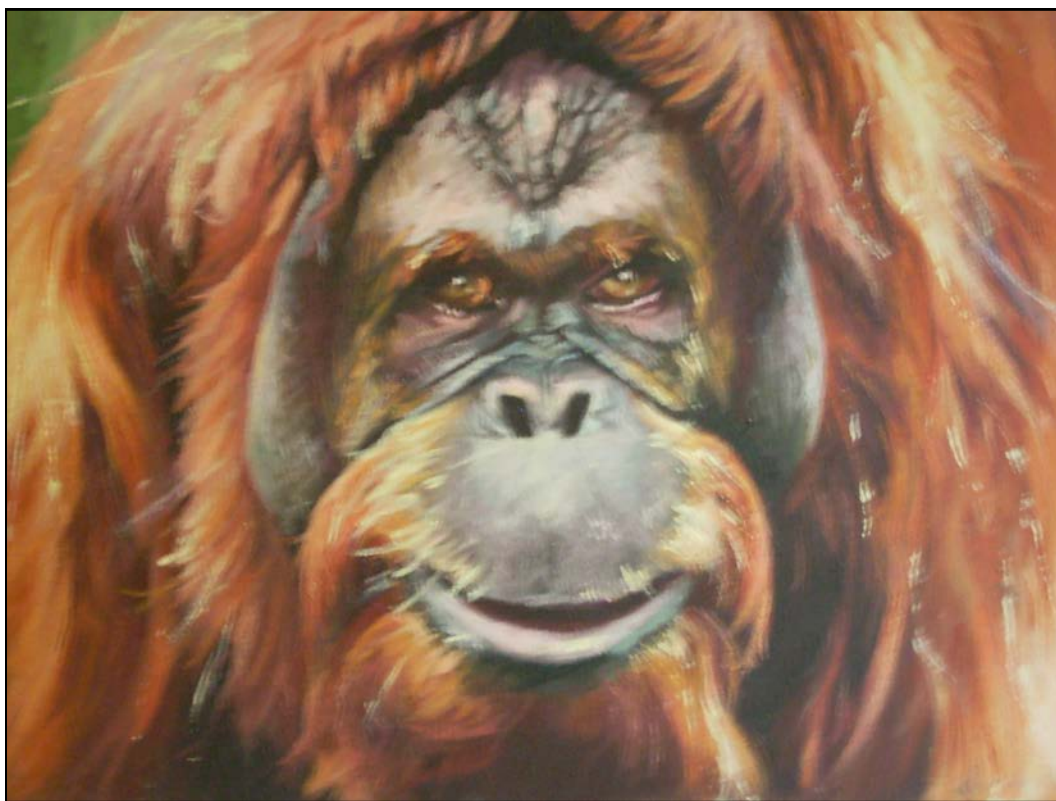
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