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### ***Editorial***

As this will be the last issue in which *Malcolm Clark* will write the 'On the water' feature (p37) I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all he has contributed to the magazine, both as editor and feature writer, during the past two years.

*Michael Jeans-Jakobsson*

### ***Village Diary***

#### **December**

- 2 **PH** 7.15pm Parish Council
- 8 **MC** 4pm Christingle service
- 8 Enys 2.30 Treverva **Con**
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- 7 **FH** 7.15pm Parish Council
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**Key:** **AS:** All Saints Church, **Con:** concert, **CL:** Christmas Lights, **CM:** coffee morning, **FH:** Flushing Vlge Hall, **FSM:** Friends of StM, **MC:** Methodist Chapel, **MFC:** Mylor Flower Club, **MGC:** Mylor Garden Club, **MM:** Mylor Movies, **MS:** Mylor Sessions, **MYH:** Mylor Yacht Harbour, **OS:** Ord Statter pavilion, **PF:** Playing Fields, **PH:** Parish Hall, **Sch:** Mylor School, **StM:** St Mylor Church, **TH:** Tremayne Hall, **TL:** TDFAS lecture, Mylor Theatre, Truro College.



## ***Vicar's letter ~ Revd Jeffrey James***

Christmas is coming, and the pace of Christmas activity is hotting-up. For some months now, the James family letter box and inboxes have received a steady stream **of invitations and encouragement. We've been invited** to buy all manner of things from Christmas cards to tools for people in developing countries. So far it has been mainly religious and charitable organisations. In the last two weeks, this has begun to change. The sign that shows me that we have changed gear is the thickness of magazines and newspaper colour supplements. Suddenly, there are more adverts setting out the wares of makers of food and drink, of clothes and presents just right for that special person in your life. Their message is really hard to miss; Christmas means spending money on ourselves and those we love.



**Even people who don't know much about the Christian story can sense** that, whatever it might be, Christmas is not at its heart a festival of **conspicuous consumption. That's not to say that Christmas is a time for** joyless solemnity. It certainly is a time for joy but the celebration is for all regardless of how rich or poor they might be. The clues to this come from the facts of the story itself. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of a child who had no proper home of his own. This child was visited as many new babies are, but not by adoring grandparents or aunts and uncles. He was visited by a rather rough and undesirable bunch of shepherds, people who in the society of that time lived on the margins of life. This simple unfussy unglamorous birth tells us about the nature of the God who steps into human history, shares our everyday existence as Jesus did. He comes humbly so that no-one might feel that **they aren't able to greet him.**

**This is what's at the heart of Christmas and as we gather with friends and family to celebrate, it can be at the heart of our Christmas too. Christmas isn't about presents; it's about presence, the presence of the baby in the stable, of God among us sharing our humanity. It's also about our presence too, our being ready to greet the Christ child when he comes.**

On behalf of the people who worship at St Mylor and at All Saints, I wish everyone a happy, joyous and peaceful Christmas.



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4pm	Evening Prayer*	All Saints

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***Wednesdays***

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## **Church and Chapel News**

**Church news:** Our services over the Christmas period, to which everyone is warmly invited, are as follows:

Sunday 15 December, All Saints Church, 6 pm . A service of Readings and Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Eve, St Mylor Church, 4 pm Christingle Service.

Christmas Eve, St Mylor Church, 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist.

Christmas Day, St Mylor, 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Christmas Day, All Saints, 10 am Family Eucharist.

Our Remembrance Sunday service was a very moving occasion, when we were joined by members of the Ganges Association, together with Brownies and Guides. Wreaths were laid and prayers dedicated at both the Mylor War Memorial and the Ganges Memorial.

Several members of our congregation accompanied **Jeff James**, our Priest in Charge, to an ecumenical service at Bodmin, addressed by **Archbishop Justin Welby**, on the concluding day of his three day visit to Cornwall.

*Judy Menage*

**Chapel news:** On 19 October we held a Coffee Morning in the Tremayne Hall for the first time. Bunting was put up, stalls decorated, cakes made and a super get together was had by all. Many friends had a chat and gave generously. We raised £347 for Chapel funds. Many thanks to all who helped and supported.

**We would also like to say a big 'thank you' to Alan and Leanne** at the Lemon Arms for kindly giving the Chapel a donation from their great Harvest Festival evening.

On 10 November we held our Remembrance Service led by **Mrs Rowse**. The children of the church read a moving poem about this **special day, they decorated the chapel with poppies and sang 'The Pollen of Peace'** beautifully.

We are now looking forward to our December celebrations. At 4pm on 8 December we are holding our annual Christingle Service. The children lead this family service and all children will be given a Christingle. A collection will be taken for Action For Children. All are welcome to join us.

On Christmas Eve we will also be holding our usual candlelit service of Nine Lessons and Carols, with a Nativity Tableaux. This will start at 6.30pm in the Lemon Arms car park and then all will walk up to the Chapel. **Revd Peter Facer** will lead the service.

*Vyv Curnow*

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

**Parish Council:** The monthly meeting was on Monday 4 November at Flushing Village Club. Concern was expressed by members of the public about the withdrawal of the 400 bus to Truro. The Parish Council will be writing to Cornwall Council to register their concern over this, and ask for a meeting with an officer dealing with buses. If you have your own concerns about this, do contact our ward councillor ***Tony Martin*** on [www.tomartin@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:www.tomartin@cornwall.gov.uk) and ***Bert Biscoe***, Portfolio Holder for Transportation on [bertbiscoe@btinternet.com](mailto:bertbiscoe@btinternet.com), or 3 Lower Rosewin Row, Truro TR1 1EN tel. 01872 242293. We are all concerned.

Two very successful Public Meetings have been held regarding the Parish Plan update. 121 members of the public attended at Mylor and 66 at Flushing, with 18 names put forward to join the Parish Plan Team. A committee is being formed to move the Plan on. Thank you all for turning up and putting your comments down regarding the future of our parish.



There was a good community atmosphere at both meetings.

The car park meeting at Flushing was also well attended. Land below Poplar Terrace, St Johns Hill, was voted the most popular site for a possible car park where around ten parking spaces could be facilitated, costing £21,000 at the last count. There is a possibility of 38 more spaces on the opposite side of the road but this could cost another £121,000. The Parish Council has very limited funds and this is always going to be a problem.

The Public Meeting about the application to develop land north of Cogos Park, was also well attended. No members of the public spoke in favour of it, and the application was unanimously opposed by the Parish Council. The application for 5 dwellings off Comfort Road was supported by a majority vote by the Council.

The precept or budget for 2014/15 was approved by the Council and will be submitted to Cornwall Council. The ***Parish Work Party*** has tidied/weeded around the entrance to the Leats Car Park and on Mill Quay. Depending on the weather we hope to paint the bollards on the edge of the Pub Car Park, so beware wet paint! Details can be found on [www.parish-council.com/mylor](http://www.parish-council.com/mylor).

***Jan Robson***

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

**Flower Club:** "Can you do me a wedding bouquet, please"? asked a bride one morning when she visited the flower shop of **Brenda Banfield** from Wendron who was our demonstrator on 4 November. "Certainly", replied **Mrs Banfield**, "When would you like it"? "Mid-day" was the reply. This story caused much laughter. She then explained that she has now retired from running her shop.

**Mrs Banfield** made six arrangements and ended the evening by demonstrating how to do a tie bunch bouquet. Her arrangements ranged from a bamboo trough filled with ivy, skimmia, carnations and roses, through wicker baskets, trays and a square container, all decorated with great skill and using a wide variety of material. Her talk was full of useful tips and she ended by making a spectacular bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums and grasses threaded through green raffia and tied with gold ribbons.

**The Club's Christmas party will be held on 2 December starting at 6 for 6.30 pm.**

*Irene Gardiner*

**Carols in the barn:** This annual event will take place at Porloe Farm on Friday 20 December at 6 pm. There will be mince pies, buns and mulled wine and entry is £5 (children free). As usual, all proceeds will go to the NSPCC.

*Sarita Perkins*

### **Lights Switch-on and Carol Service:**

Monday 9 December.

Santa outside Newsagents from 6.15 pm

Service in Lemon Arms car park 7.15 pm

Followed by refreshments and draw in the Tremayne Hall.

**Everyone is welcome.**

*Terry Chapman*



**Can anyone help?** What happened to our fingerpost (signpost)? Several years ago, the third finger on the fingerpost at the Rosehill side of the bridge fell off or was removed.

Does anyone know what the finger said? Or even better, is there a photograph of it anywhere? The Mylor Local History Group would welcome any information, either on Thursday afternoon in the Tremayne Hall or to me on 01326 386403

*Jill Quilliam*



## ***Feature ~ A process of metamorphosis.***

Fifty years ago the old farm at Tregatreath began a steady change. My father, ***Terry Heard***, began the process to turn the lowly stone sheds and byres into a busy boat yard that would become known in distant corners of the sailing world. That meant the quiet backwater of Mylor creek would have to change. Where a small dairy herd had meandered for generations, the changing attitudes and new found affluence of the sixties meant that there would be boats of all sizes and shapes to lay up. Before long the retaining dyke had been levelled to allow deep keeled yachts and working boats to be hauled almost to the front door of the cottage on the beach. Sometimes the spring tides drove Mylor Creek to within a few yards of the front door. When these high tides were imminent, family and friends would drag and drape long chains over any loose timber giving the impression of a heavy metal crochet, ensuring that no flotsam with our name on it would be able to vacate. These same high tides brought an exciting selection of pelagic sailors to our table. The yard was soon regarded as a safe haven, somewhere one could get repairs to a weather beaten yacht and a steaming cup of tea at the kitchen table. We were fascinated by these birds of passage; foreign sailors, French, German and American and often retired English gents in search of tropical seas and treasure islands. From these we learned scraps of navigation, heard our first foreign voices, read our first real life adventures; of Heyerdahl, Slocum, and Sherwood. The yard also attracted people who wanted good boats built. Terry had established a reputation for seaworthy craft and with yacht designer, ***Percy Dalton***, had created a good looking and capable working boat, ***St Melorus***. She eventually sailed to the Caribbean and now resides in New England. Two ***Paul Johnson*** designed Venus ketches were also built in the yard for blue water sailors; but it's for the Falmouth working boats the yard was best known. Over the years the yard produced many of the spectacular cutters we see racing in Falmouth harbour throughout the summer months.

Tides and times have changed but the fifty year legacy of Terry and Martin Heard remain. The boats they started to build half a century ago endure, and many can be spotted in harbours around the world; a lasting testimony of the little farm yard at Tregatreath.

***Ian Heard***

***(Ian will have a second 'bite at the cherry' next month when he talks about laying up and the more recent history of the yard - Ed.)***

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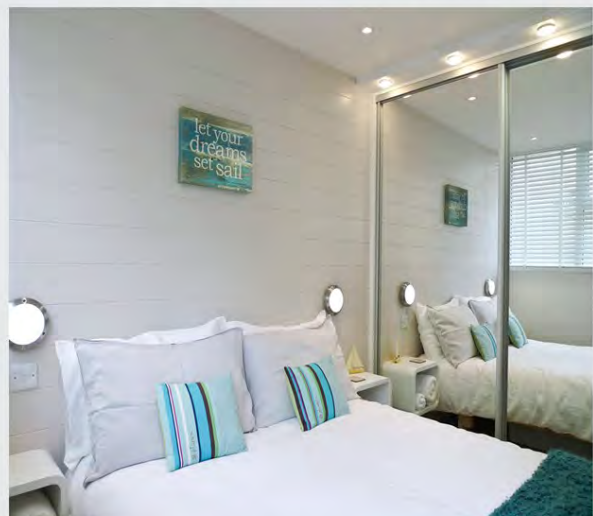
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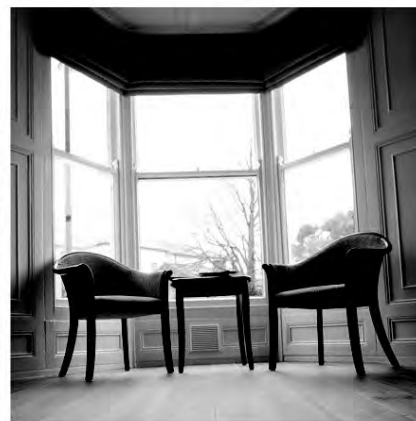
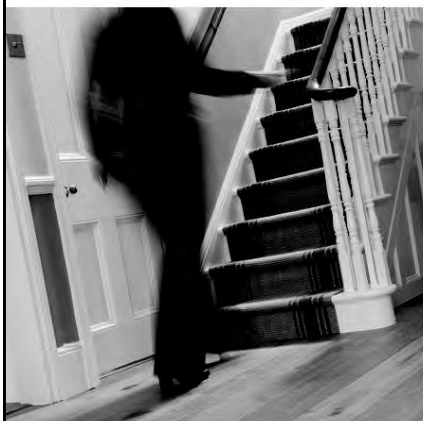
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## **Local Arts and Crafts**

**Book Group:** The House of Silk, a new Sherlock Holmes novel by Anthony Horowitz, was largely enjoyed by the book group.

Although a bit slow to get going, the story unravels to provide a **read full of twists and turns. The description of Holmes' thought processes is very in keeping with the original style whilst the picture of Victorian London conjures up an image of the poverty of the day touching on morals that would probably not have been alluded to at the time of Conan Doyle's writing. The group felt that Horowitz does an admirable job of recreating the voice of Conan Doyle and provides a good easy read that keeps you guessing to the end.**

*Jillie Dale*

**TDFAS:** On 11 December, Truro Decorative and Fine Arts Society has a star lecturer, definitely not to be missed. **Peter Medhurst** is a musician who you may have heard on the radio. He has visited the society several times and he never disappoints. This year he will delight us with 800 years of seasonal music entitled 'On Christmas Night'. His knowledge and skill is incredible. He will discuss and perform a wide range of Christmas pieces from medieval plain-chant and 17th Century English verse through to Mendelssohn and songs by Vaughan Williams. There will be something for everyone. This will be accompanied by wine and nibbles and a very festive atmosphere. As always, you are welcome to join us in Mylor Theatre, Truro College. Refreshments from 6pm. Lecture 7 - 8.30 pm. Guests £6. Check our website for more information:

**www.TDFAS.com**

*Karen Kitson*

**Trefusis Singers:** Come and join us for fun, frolics and food when we present our Christmas Concert 'Ring in Christmas' on 8 December, from 2.45 pm to 4.00 pm in the Tremayne Hall. We are very privileged to have **James Stevenson** as our guest artist, accompanied by his grandmother, **Joan Treloar**. James, who is 16 years of age, will be singing two solos, one religious and one secular. We **start the concert off with 'Joy to the World' and we hope you will sing along with us.** Words will be supplied for all those carols and songs we would wish you to join in; also in the first half we will sing The Candlelight Carol by **John Rutter**, plus some well known

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

carols. Before the last two songs of the concert, we will treat you to 'high tea' when we look forward to joining you at your tables.

There will be an Interval of 15 minutes and a raffle. The tickets are £6 and the proceeds will go to 'Help The Heroes'.

Our very happy choir meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm in The Methodist School Room, under our Musical Director, ***Bridget Westlake***. We are quite a small choir but are always on the look out for new talent, so if you enjoy singing, please give us a try. You can contact either ***Pat Hobden*** on 01326 618375 or me on 01326 619019. We should love to hear from you. ***Irene Gardiner***

**Mylor Movies:** On the 18 December our film is 'Robot and Frank', a touching comedy about an aging cat burglar who is given a robot to take care of him but who he enrolls as an assistant in robbery. A heart-warming evening - **don't miss it.** ***Jo Robertson***

**Garden Club:** On Monday evening members of the Garden Club had an informative talk by ***Bill Herring***. He introduced us to some of the seemingly exotic vegetables that are now available in local shops, or soon will be.

He showed slides of carrots, not just orange as we are used to seeing, but purple and also yellow. White cauliflowers? Old hat. Now they come in orange or purple! Striped beetroot, very pretty, achocha - small and spiky, for stir fry. Brokali, a broccoli/kale cross, and possibly daftest of all, square tomatoes so they fit your sandwich better.

The vegetable scientists may invent all these weird things, but will they taste good? Fortunately Bill, who is head horticulturist at the Duchy College, continued with good advice on growing our own vegetables at home, what works well in this climate and how to guard against pests and diseases.

Next meeting, 7.30 on 9 December at the Ord Statter Pavilion, will be on Heligan National Collection by ***Peter Lavis***. As this is our Christmas meeting there will be mince pies, snacks and festive refreshments. We will be repeating last years popular 'Bring and Share' a small plate of food.

***Maggie Farley***

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### ***Local History Group ~ Lecture***

The history of telegraph in Cornwall by *Professor Garry Perry*. It was in 1849 that the first successful trial of a submarine cable linking London with a ship in the English Channel was held. The secret of that success **was the insulation of a latex called 'gutta percha' from trees in the Malay peninsula**, but it was not strong enough for long distances. In 1851 they tried again with cable reinforced with galvanised iron and tarred hemp. After several attempts and broken cables, a link was finally made from Porthcurno in Cornwall to North America in 1866, with **the help of Brunel's Great Eastern. In 1872, a historic cable was completed that circumnavigated the world and continents could communicate in hours rather than weeks using the newly invented telegraph system.** They were still in use until WW2 when less vulnerable tunnels were dug into solid granite, At its height, Porthcurno was a hub of communication with 14 cables coming ashore. Fibre optics and satellites are used as they can carry much greater traffic. We also heard about the Porthcurno museum, which we thought might be a good place for a group visit. Our next lecture is on 25 January and is 'Fishing in the days of sail and oar' by *Professor Jan Pentreath*. *Rosemary Spooner*



## **Local History ~ Harry Moore's Christmas memories**

Looking back through old copies of 'St Mylor Church and Village News', I came across an article in the 1973 edition written by **Joan West**. She records some of the reminiscences of **Harry Moore**, who was born in 1881. Here he talks about his time as a boy when he was a member of the Carol Choir. What a busy Christmas he had!

There were between 40 and 50 in the Carol Choir. One of my uncles was the choirmaster and two of them were also instrumentalists in it. One played a flute, the other a cornet. The one who was the choirmaster sometimes played the flute and also the euphonium. I was the youngest member and played a flute.

We practised in Penhall's barn at Cogus at the end of Comfort Road. A famous character in the choir was **Mr Albert Row** (Bill's father). He had a fine bass voice and I can still hear him pouring out 'The gates of brass before Him bow, the iron fetters yield.'

On Christmas Eve, the choir journeyed to Falmouth, opened the programme at Market Strand and then toured the town singing outside the hotels. They reached Mylor about 11-12 pm.

At 7 am on Christmas morning the choir sang in the village, then went to Mylor Churchtown, singing en route, then around Trefusis to Flushing and back to Mylor to eat Christmas dinner at home.

After dinner we went to Restronguet and Weir and back to the farms on the road to Carclew, e.g. Halwin, Crownick, Restronguet and, of course, a call at the Pandora for refreshment. Then to Carclew, where after singing in front of the house the choir was entertained to supper in the servants' hall - beer, beef, pudding, cake, mince pies, etc.

From there we went to Broads Lane and on to Enys, with more refreshments on the road, especially at Canara Farm (occupied in those days by **Mr Lindsay Lawrence**). I remember on one occasion Lindsay enquiring: "What about it, boys, are you feeling dry?" The reply of one member: "Yes, and hurry up or we shall catch fire," brought the beer and cake. We small boys were regaled with either ginger wine or peppermint water, both home made, and a slice of Christmas cake.

At Enys the same ritual prevailed, and then we returned to Mylor just in time for another lot of refreshments before 10 o'clock.

My uncle and I always went to **Miss Elizabeth Johns's** house, and had supper with **Harry Connor** and then, like Pepys, 'to bed !'

**Margaret Whysall**

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The whole thing can be a bit of an ask. The spirits of goodwill and peace to all may already be a cloud of dust on a distant horizon. Perhaps now though, with Christmas on the horizon, you can find that extra focus, summon up that extra level of determination, simply be too busy to be distracted from your aims and get yourself well on that road to complete success.

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- ◆ a lie-down with your feet up listening to your favourite band
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## **Wildwatch: ~ Dorrit Smith**

I thought this was the month to write something about our most well known and best loved bird, the Robin. The Robins who live here do not migrate, but they are joined by birds from Scandinavia in the winter. These birds are paler than ours and have a duller red breast. The immigrants are also generally less tame and skulk about in woodlands. Only our British Robins are a tame garden bird. Indeed we saw some Robins in Spain recently and were surprised by their shy behaviour.



The sexes are similar and even in the breeding season are distinguished only by their behaviour. Robins are very territorial and will defend their patch to the death. I have seen them fighting their reflection in the hub cap of a car wheel! Males and females hold separate feeding territories in winter but, by around Christmas, many will have paired up. They then defend a territory big enough to feed a family or two. Initially they do not spend much time together, merely tolerating one another, but they will remain close until the following autumn moult when they again begin to defend a winter feeding territory alone. They seldom survive more than 1½ years.

Robins of both sexes sing their creamy song all year, mainly to advertise that a territory is taken. Singing only stops for a short time in late summer during the moult. They are adapted to life in poor light and are often active in half-light when few other birds are about. They are among the earliest birds to start the dawn chorus and one of the last to stop in the evening. Street lights are bad news for the Robin because they can trigger singing in the middle of the night, and if roosting Robins are disturbed, they will burst into song even in complete darkness. This tires them, using up valuable night energy stores.

They are one of the only UK birds to be heard singing in the garden on Christmas Day - which brings me to the folklore. They are often known **as 'holy birds' because of legends attempting to explain their red** breasts. The two most common stories concern the birth and death of Christ. A Robin is supposed to have flown down to remove a thorn from **the crown on Jesus' head, relieving some of his suffering. In so doing** the blood stained his chest which has remained red ever since. Another story tells of a Robin flying into the place where Jesus was born and finding that the fire had nearly gone out, so it fanned the embers with its wings. The resulting flame singed his breast. The Virgin blessed him for his courage and when his breast healed he kept his red feathers. Lovely stories for this season of the year and I wish you the very best.



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

Here we are at the end of another year, a far better year for farming than the one before. Not only were the crops better and the harvest better but it made the workload so much less. In 2012 it took me weeks to get over the long term tiredness induced by a prolonged harvest and planting season; not only prolonged but physically much harder work than an average year. The other facet of a good year is that all the work is done in a far more timely fashion.

With all the planting done by mid October (mid November last year) it leaves so much more time to catch up on the essential jobs that need to be done.

Maintenance on the fields, farm buildings and machinery; it all needs to be done and kept up to date. It is a time to get the chainsaw out whether it is used to clear the footpath of fallen trees or to fell dead trees to cut up for firewood. It is great to catch up on jobs on the farm kit from servicing machines and tractors or building modifications or improvements. With more than an acre of buildings there is never a shortage of tasks to do on that front.



Of course, December also brings with it the Christmas festivities. For us it means a family time when our two daughters come home from London. All four of us love to reunite our family unit and spend time together. Christmas is a far more relaxed affair than it was when they were small girls. Not because they were difficult but rather because we still had our dairy herd and all the grind and hard work that went with it. Milking and feeding 140 cows plus tending the 70 young-stock required a lot of time and effort. Now Christmas Day is my own to do what I choose with my family – a great improvement. Merry Christmas to you all, may it bring you cheer and happiness.

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

**Erratum:** The *Silver Oyster Race* which took place on 5 November commemorated the decision of 1902, not 1901. Important to get these things right!



**Quay redevelopment:** The old Mylor Yacht Club and marina office building has been deteriorating for many years due to subsidence in the quay. During the last couple of years this has become more unstable and so after careful consideration the decision has been made for it to be demolished and a new marina office built in its place. The quay is listed and the removal of the old club will ensure its survival for many years to come. After careful demolition piling will find solid ground to support the new office. The new office itself will be much smaller than the existing building and will mimic the look of the new clubhouse. Much of the end of the quay will be an open area for viewing the marina and watching the world go by. A temporary marina office in a hut on the quay will be set up for the winter; work should be completed in March 2014.

**Weather reports:** Mylor Yacht Harbour provide daily weather reports on Facebook and Twitter. And remember the webcams which allow you a bird's eye view of the harbour. More details on their web page: [www.mylor.com](http://www.mylor.com).

**Goodbye:** this is the last of my 'On the Water' features. I started writing them a couple of years ago in an attempt to focus or remind readers of the wetter parts of Mylor, and the way that the harbour areas are vital to the community, whether for commercial or leisure activities. In the summer months it was always easier to find things to say, but in the long winter months and short winter days it was sometimes a challenge. My thanks to all those who supported me by suggesting or providing material.

## **Picture feature ~ A recent wedding at St Mylor**



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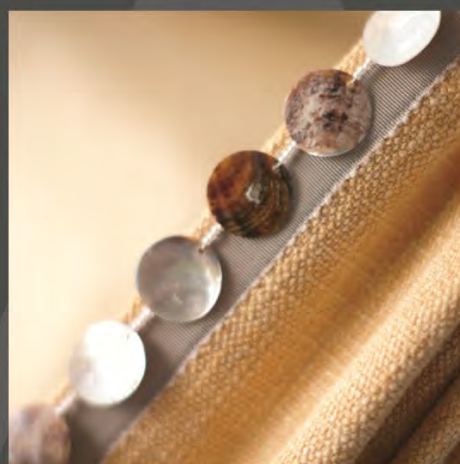
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## **More about ~ Kay Deeming**

When, last September, Kay received a letter inviting her to attend the Annual Gorsedh to be held this year at the historic centre of Glasney College Field at Penryn, she was quite taken aback.

She was to receive the Samson Hosking Memorial Cup 'Singer of Cornwall' for 2013 in recognition of her services to singing in Cornwall.

"Why me?" she thought – 'why indeed?'. Kay was a Hayle girl whose father was the village butcher in St Erth and conductor of the Silver Band and whose mother was a well known soprano in her early days. This assured a background in music for Kay.

At school she studied Piano and Singing to grade eight, not to mention **Violin, dutifully lugged to and from home to 'Penzance Girls Grammar'**. All this along with singing in choir and madrigal groups.

Her early public performances, in which she took solo parts in two **shows, were with 'St Just Operatic'**. She was encouraged to take individual singing lessons with a member of the Welsh National Opera Chorus - on his visits home to Cornwall. All this together with the **'Day Job' at Barclays**.

**'Duchy Opera' was the next step - with Kay taking the part of 'First Genie' in the company's third production of 'The Magic Flute'**. Kay remembers feeling very much a small fish in a big pond.

Some time later the Cornish Baritone, **Ben Luxon**, attracted by seeing **Duchy's first production of 'Carmen'**, joined the Company to sing the eponymous lead in Tchaikovsky's 'Eugen Onegin'. Kay has happy memories of singing the female lead 'Tatyana' along with such a strong and generous personality.

Operas, themed concerts and country house recitals followed, whilst the germ of the idea of taking workshops to schools grew.

Kay and a small group of singers were to visit schools, outlining the idea of stories sung rather than spoken and to involve the children in singing along with them.

Received enthusiastically by the schools, one outcome was a new **children's' opera called 'The Little Mermaid' composed by Paul Drayton**, the Director of Music. This has been performed around the County whilst still the workshops develop.



*Roger Deeming*

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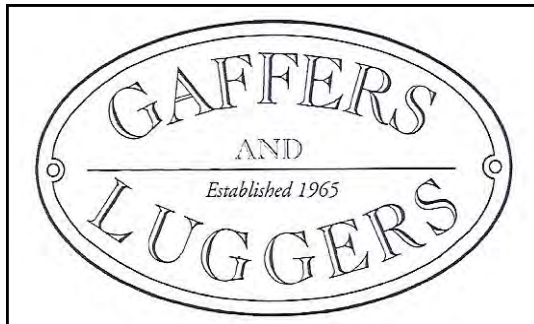
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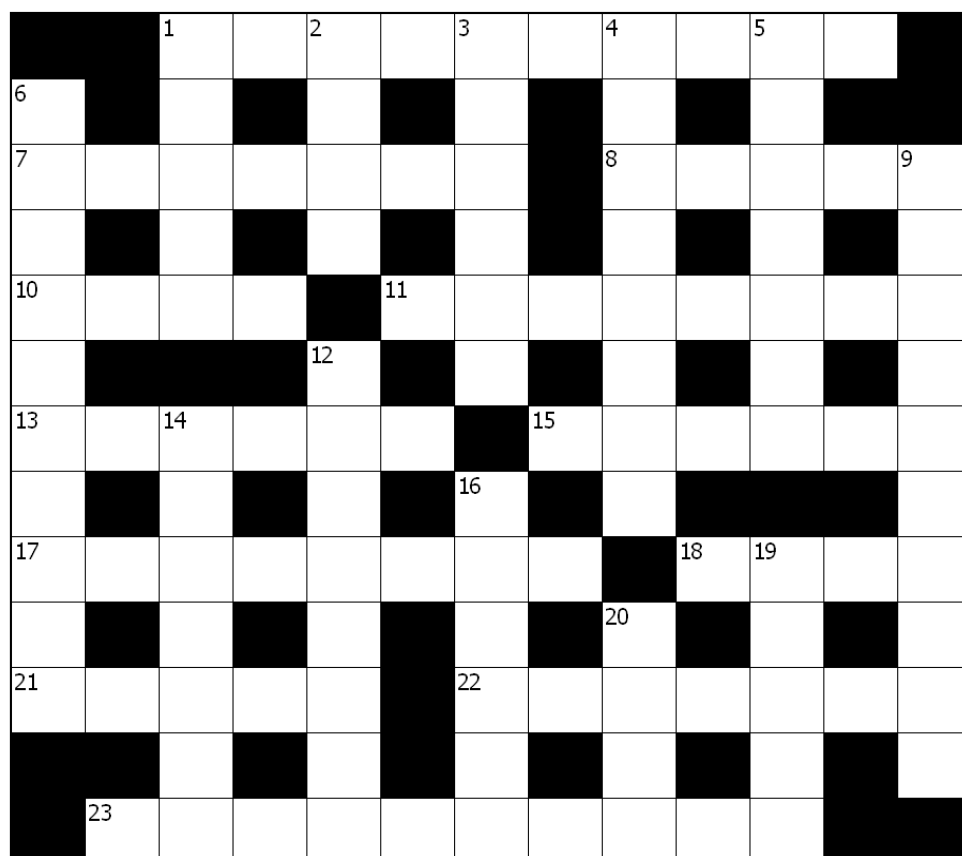
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## Crossword

*Answers inside back cover*



### Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14–15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European & Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith — (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

### Down

- 1 ' — and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as — as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19–20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living — , holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will — his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)



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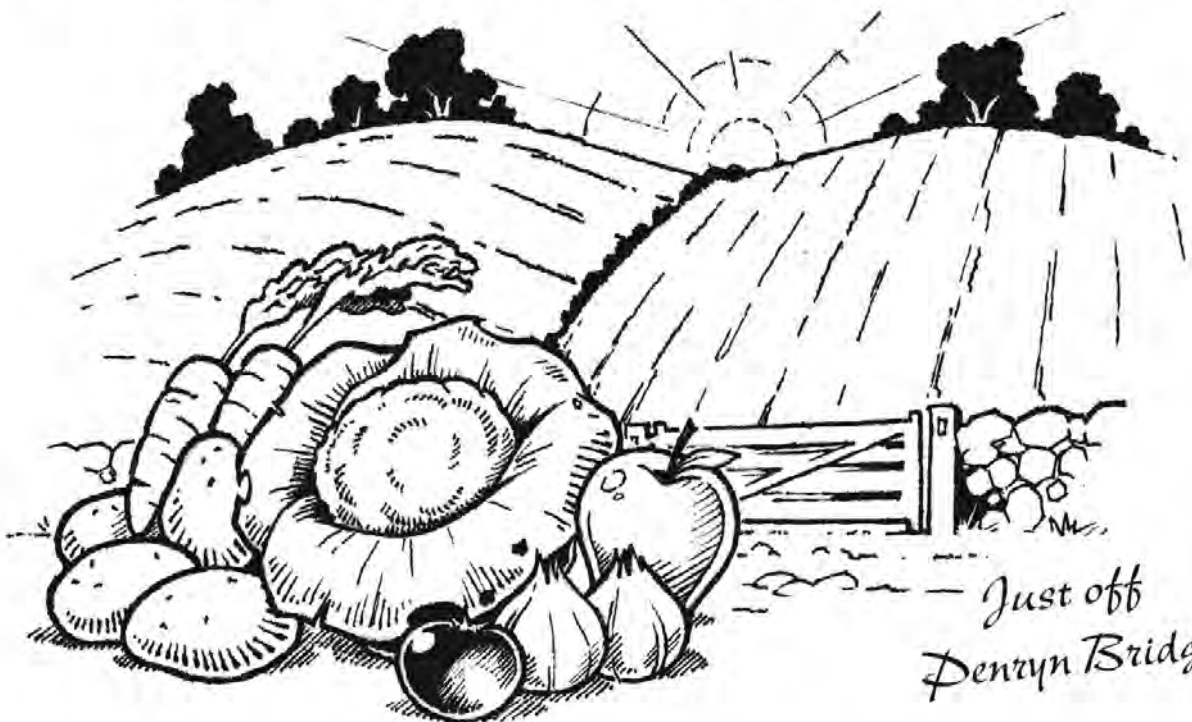


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## Crossword Solution

**Across:** 1, Tabernacle. 7, Absalom. 8, Incas.  
10, Roes. 11, Captured. 13, Fright. 15, Cavell.  
17, Cyclonic. 18, Herb. 21, Sonar. 22, Amazing.  
23, Settlement.

**Down:** 1, Taste. 2, Bold. 3, Raniah. 4, Abiathar.  
5, Lucerne. 6, Sacrifices. 9, Saddlebags.  
12, Theocrat. 14, Incense. 16, Pilate. 19, Exist.  
20, Save.



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