

Serving Gwennap Parish

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This is one of the few remaining photographs of the Miners Arms which was one of several local pubs in days gone by. It was situated roughly opposite the gates of the current United Downs Recycling Centre. It became so busy on the miners pay day that the landlord reputedly filled up a bath full on beer in preparation, handing out mugs to them on arrival. Sadly business declined with the local mining industry and just before the pub closed the landlord was quoted as saying that he had only sold six pints of beer all week! Photo courtesy of Paddy Bradley (Redruth)

Happy Easter !

Here we are with Issue 3, bringing you a variety of news and articles from the Parish, plus some notice of events taking place over the next few months.

Thanks for your continued suggestions and offerings – please keep them coming as we are only as good as our content and we need YOU to give us information on events and local issues.

Remember to support those companies who advertise in the newsletter, without their help we could not flourish. If you own a local company, serving local people then please feel free to call us about advertising. The newsletter reaches all households in the Parish so give it a go? As well as the newsletter please be sure to log on to the parish website for more up to date news and advertising from the locale.

You will also find there the minutes of Parish Council Meetings and lots of information on how your parish is managed.

The website address is www.gwennap-parish.net



**First Car Boot
6th April !!!!!!!**

Since the last edition of the newsletter the Parish Council have met on three occasions. Areas of interest/concern that have been debated include:-

- The illegal occupation of land at Pulla Bridge/Trehaddle by “travellers”. This is a most unsatisfactory situation from many points of view and a large attendance at our January meeting emphasised the feelings of the local residents. The District Council has served an enforcement order on the owner of the land but whilst a planning application to reside there is decided, the enforcement has to wait.
- At the time of writing this, we have heard that Carrick are recommending approval of the planning application on a five year temporary basis. The Parish Council has written to voice their strong objections to this, as Carrick seem to be making our parish pay for their failure to address the lack of gypsy/traveller sites in their development plans.
- The County Council is also being asked to investigate the role of their Gypsy Traveller Liaison Officer in the matter. We do not accept the ‘traveller’ status of the landowner and it is because of this status that Carrick have recommended approval.
- By now, all footpaths in the Parish should have received at least one trim during the year. If you are concerned about a path near you that is overgrown please contact the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council met in January with other agencies including the Environment Agency (E.A.) to discuss how to handle the contamination of Parish Land at Wheal Maid. The E.A. hope to have produced their recommendations for remediation by the end of March, and this will form the basis of the next meeting to be held in April. Meanwhile, the Parish Council have erected signs to indicate to valley users where the contaminated area and the rights of way are and also erected signs provided by the County Council to indicate the rights of way.
- Carrick Environmental Health department are also preparing a press release in conjunction with the E.A. This will be sent to every household in the Parish, so if by the end of March you haven’t received one, you can request a copy from Carrick on 01872 224400.
- The Parish Council has recently lost two of its seven councillors. Adverts have appeared on the parish notice boards inviting applications for the co-option and following the first deadline Michael McInnes of Cusgarne was co-opted. We are currently interviewing for the remaining vacancy.
- The Parish Council has pointed out to Carrick the problems of car parking on their estates at Carn View and Trelawney Estate. They claim that the finance available to resolve this type of issue was used up in 2006, when each tenant was written to for their views on how their particular site could be improved. Apparently no one replied from our two estates.

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Parish and Parish Council Meetings 2008 – 2009

Date	Location	Type
Thursday 27 th March 2008	Frogpool Chapel Rooms	Monthly and Annual Parish
Thursday 24 th April 2008	Crofthandy Village Hall	Monthly
Thursday 22 nd May 2008	Gwennap Church Hall	Annual
Thursday 19 th June 2008	Frogpool Chapel Rooms	Monthly
Thursday 24 th July 2008	Crofthandy Village Hall	Monthly
Thursday 28 th August 2008	Gwennap Church Hall	Monthly
Thursday 25 th September 2008	Frogpool Chapel Rooms	Monthly
Thursday 23 rd October 2008	Crofthandy Village Hall	Monthly
Thursday 27 th November 2008	Gwennap Church Hall	Monthly
Thursday 18 th December 2008	Frogpool Chapel Rooms	Monthly
Thursday 22 nd January 2009	Crofthandy Village Hall	Monthly
Thursday 26 th February 2009	Gwennap Church Hall	Monthly
Thursday 26 th March 2009	Frogpool Chapel Rooms	Monthly

Any other Meetings will be advertised on Parish Notice Boards.

All Parish Council Meetings will start at 7 pm and will end at 10 pm. Any unresolved items on the Agenda will be carried over to a supplementary meeting to be held within 7 days

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FOOTPATH WALK - Twelveheads – Tolgullo & return. 5.5 miles, approx. 1hr 45 mins.

A longer walk this time, and good footwear required for those muddy parts.

START by leaving your car in the large lay-by on the right as you approach Twelveheads (1) from Point Mills.

Walk towards Twelveheads and take the track that leads straight on signed “Poldice Valley”. This is the Mineral Tramways cycle route passing through Hale Mills (2) and Todpool (3) to Portreath. Follow the black arrows pointing to Portreath on the granite posts along the route UNTIL you see one that says “Devoran, (walkers only)” (4). Portreath is arrowed on the same stone but ignore it this time.

Follow the Devoran route on your left for 100 metres, turning sharp LEFT just before the main St Day to Scorrier road. Go through the small swing gate with the misleading rough sign about “Phypophtholia” on it. Ignore the sign, this is a public footpath open to everyone. You are now heading back in the direction you came, with the cycle trail across the valley to your left.

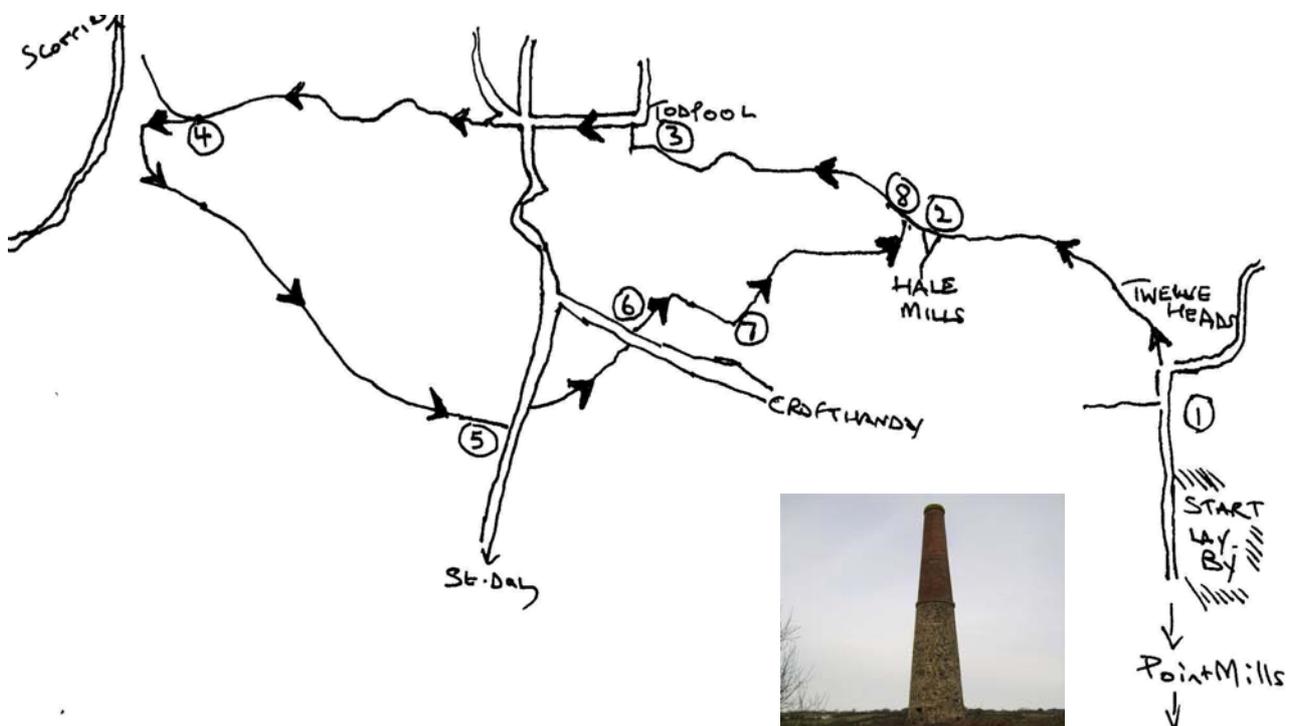
Follow the wide path before taking a LEFT turn onto a narrow track some 10 metres before a farm gate with a sign saying “Private” & “Cattle in Field”. A glance to your left will see Wheal Unity looking down over the valley. Over the stile and continue until the path meets the St Day to Chacewater road (5). You will have noticed granite stones set in the path – they were the bed of the Portreath – Crofthandy tramway.

LEFT at the road, down the hill 20 metres then RIGHT at the black arrow on the granite post. STRAIGHT ON, bearing LEFT past a shaft with a new stone wall around it until you meet the road (6). STRAIGHT ACROSS towards Devoran. A choice of 3 paths very soon, take the middle one passing the tall arsenic stack immediately on your left. Then RIGHT up the track towards Crofthandy village.

LEFT before you reach the main road (some 40 metres away), up past the property “Pensilva” (7).

Bear RIGHT where the path forks and continue on this track. It will get narrow after the last property on your left, then even narrower as you now descend. Keep bearing left down over the mine waste (the orange water of a Wheal Maid tailings pond is below you on the right).

This path will then meet the original cycle trail at Hale Mills (8) so turn RIGHT and follow it back to Twelveheads and your start point.



MINERAL TRAMWAYS network to be extended

HERITAGE PROJECT REDRUTH and CHACEWATER RAILWAY TRAIL

Work to construct the second of four new multi use trails as part of the Mineral Tramways Heritage Project is nearing completion. By the time this edition of the newsletter reaches you it may well be open.

The latest route, which is based upon the former Redruth and Chacewater Railway, takes bridleway users from the tranquillity of Carn Marth towards the village of Carharrack before following the disused tramway near United Road towards the Wheal Maid Valley and the Coast to Coast Trail at Twelveheads. Readers may have noticed the works on the Crofthandy – United road opposite the entrance to the Wheal Maid Valley (see photos below).

The sometimes challenging terrain and desire to meet the needs of local residents has required some imaginative design and engineering solutions to construct the new multi use trail along rights of way based on the route of the former mineral tramway. **Simon Murray**, Cornwall County Council Mineral Tramways Project Officer said **“The work to construct the mining trail marks an other exciting stage to expand the network of trail’s and help to tell the story of the areas mining history. The surface finishing makes the new routes very accessible to all types of bridleway users, from the inexperienced cyclist to seasoned walkers and riders”**.

To find out more about these exciting new trails and the work to conserve some of the areas World Heritage Site assets visit the Mineral Tramways web page at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/mineral-tramways

Funding for the trail scheme was secured as part of the Mineral Tramways Heritage Project, aimed at consolidating some of the areas former mine site landmarks and making them fully accessible by the general public, from the Heritage Lottery Fund, South West Regional Development Agency and Objective One.

The Redruth and Chacewater Railway Trail is one of four new trails being developed as part of this next phase of the Mineral Tramways Heritage Project.

For further information please contact:

Simon Murray
Cornwall County Council Mineral Tramways Project Officer
(01872) 323468



The new route across the hill from Crofthandy to United after leaving Wheal Maid



Into Carharrack Parish, heading towards United Road



Consols Road, Carharrack where the path will exit (close to Bensons B&B)

General Interest – Crofthandy Area

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CROFTHANDY METHODIST CHURCH

Service every Sunday at 3 p.m.
Everyone welcome.

Steward (and contact), Richard Snell 01209 820556

Crofthandy Village Hall

We were all disappointed to hear that our bid for lottery funding would not be forthcoming this year. So now it will be down to some hard searching for support from elsewhere.

In the next few months our committee will be contacting organisations who provide small grants for projects such as ours. It is interesting to note the call for more housing in our communities, by definition this will mean more people.

This would be welcome as it would bring new life to the villages. Would it not be better to get the infrastructure in place first, or are our village halls like our post offices – no longer considered a necessary part of village life?

Steve Trelease 01209 822153

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General Interest - Frogpool and Cusgarne Area

Burials in Frogpool Cemetery.

The Parish Council owns the cemetery at Frogpool and is the burial authority for the Parish of Gwennap.

What does that mean exactly?

Well, if there is a bereavement and the close family want either a burial in the cemetery or perhaps the cremated remains interred in the cemetery, they will approach a funeral director and he will make the arrangements with the Parish Clerk. The family will buy the grave space, granting them the exclusive rights of burial in that plot. Most plots are sold as doubles, allowing a second interment at a future date, although singles are possible.

Residents of Gwennap Parish are entitled to be buried in the cemetery and also those outside the parish who can show links with the parish (e.g. relations already interred in the cemetery, perhaps previous inhabitants who may now be in a nursing home).

Burial plots can be purchased in advance if required. An indication of some of the current fees charged are:

Purchase of grave space/ashes plot

Single grave	£126
Double grave	£176
Ashes plot – single	£76
Ashes plot – double	£88

Internment in a grave

Adult	£113
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Internment of ashes

Adult	£88
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Fees for those outside the parish who may qualify for internment are approximately double. The fees have not increased since 2005.

There are also charges made for the erection of a memorial stone. The type and size of stone are strictly governed by the Parish Council and a stone mason will submit a drawing of the proposal before any permission is granted.

All of the fees mentioned are payable to the Parish Council. The Funeral Director or Stone Mason will of course make their own charges.

FROGPOOL METHODIST CHURCH – EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday - Cluster Service at St Pirans Parish Church, Perranarworthal

Good Friday - Cluster Service at Ponsanooth, 10.45 a.m.–
Rev P. Facer

EASTER DAY - 10.45 a.m. Rev. Kathy Smith

Sunday May 18th **Sunday School 100th Anniversary**
Service at 10.45 a.m. conducted by Rev. Dr. Chris Blake –
Chairman of the Methodist District, followed by
Re-union of former Sunday School Scholars, Teachers,
Minister and anyone christened in the church
12.00 – 3.00 p.m. (including lunch)
For further details contact Philip Richards – 01872 863143

HICKS MILL METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. each Sunday

Easter Day Services 10.30 a.m. Graham Baines
6.00 p.m. Reverend Margaret Barnes

Occasional evening services

Coffee Morning held on first Wednesday of each month
from 10.30 – 12 noon. The details of the next three are as
follows:-

April 2nd	proceeds to Cerebral Palsy
May 7th	proceeds to Children's Hospice Southwest
June 4th	proceeds for Church Funds

All enquiries to Mr Derek and Mrs Freda Richards 01872
870996

FROGPOOL METHODIST CHURCH

Minister	Rev Peter Facer
	Telephone 01326 317427
Sunday Services	10.45 each Sunday morning
Sunday School	10.45 each Sunday morning

Weekly Prayer Meeting	Mondays at 3.00 p.m.
Coffee Mornings	10.30 - 11.30 on Thursday 27th March Thursday 24th April Thursday 29th May

Our rooms are available for hire. Contact Mr Whiting on 01872 864539

CUSGARNE-FROGPOOL W.I

Tuesday March 4th Annual Meeting. This will involve the election of officers and the details of the forthcoming programme.

Tuesday April 1st A Pottery Workshop with Viv Robertson, a local potter. We will learn how to make a pot which will then be fired at his studio, so we shall have something to keep.

Tuesday May 6th Resolutions Evening followed by some Barn dancing.

At our February meeting we heard a most interesting talk about Norfolk Lavender and were able to buy their products.

We have more informative talks planned and "hands -on" activities. More details in the next issue.

Visitors are always welcome; there is no charge. Tea or coffee is provided and there is a raffle.

PLEASE DO COME AND SEE

CONTACT : Nina 01872 864367 Anne 01872 862083 Details of meetings on Parish noticeboards

General Interest – Gwennap Churchtown

GWENNAP CHURCHTOWN ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 5th MAY - GWENNAP STREET MARKET 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

The street market takes place on the unclassified road between Gwennap Church and Comford, on May Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing you at this popular event.

If you would like to have a stall, please contact Vanessa Stone 01209 820355 by mid April at the latest. We ask you not to sell unpackaged food.

Cost of a stall and space for 1 car is £7.50.

Morning coffee and lunches will be available in the Church Hall.

FLOWER FESTIVAL - "OUR CHILDREN"

A Flower Festival in aid of the Children's Hospice Southwest on the theme of 'Our Children' is to be held over the Whitsun weekend in Gwennap Church.

The church will be open on :

Friday 9th May	10.30 – 6 p.m.
Saturday 10th May	10.30 – 6 p.m.
Sunday 11th May	12.30 – 6 p.m.
Monday 12th May	10.30 – 6 p.m.

There will be a concert on Saturday 10th in the Church Hall and Holy Communion in the church on Sunday 11th at 11 a.m.

Refreshments will be available in the church hall throughout the festival.

If you would like to help with this festival which is for our children who need specialised care and support, please get in touch with:

Tony 01209 820199 or Vanessa 01209 820355

Watch for posters with further information.

Gwennap Church

Services Sundays at 11.00am

1st & 3rd Sunday Holy Communion BCP

2nd Sunday All Age Worship

4th Sunday Matins BCP

5th Sunday Holy Communion CW

NB. BCP: Book of Common Prayer CW: Common Worship. For occasional changes of service see Notice Board outside the Church. **Easter Celebrations**

Palm Sunday 16 March 11.00am Sung Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 20 March 11.00am Holy Communion BCP

Good Friday 21 March 11.00am An Hour at the Cross

Easter Sunday 23 March 11.00am Holy Communion

Everyone is most welcome to come to our Services of contemplation and celebration.

Lenten Lunches

The series of Lenten Lunches continues on Fridays 7th and 21st March in the Church Hall and on Friday 14th March at the home of Kath and Roy Jones, Pengreep Cottage.

Soup and rolls, cheese and pickle, tea or coffee will be served. Posters are to be found on Notice Boards around the Parish.

Burncoose Gardens Open Day

On Easter Monday, 24th March, by kind permission of Mr Charles Williams, Burncoose Gardens will be open from 2.00pm - 5.00pm, with proceeds for Gwennap Church.

Refreshments will be served in the Cafe with home made cakes a special treat.

We hope for a fine day. The Gardens are a pleasure to wander around - the Magnolias and Camelias a delight for us all.

Gwennap Ladies Guild

The Guild meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Venue is usually the Church Hall unless an outing takes place instead.

No meetings in August and December.

Further information from Sue Martyn - 01872 862670.

Gwennap and District Horticultural Society

Officers for 2008.

President	Mrs Vanessa Stone	
Chairman	Mr Brian Hiley	01872 862733
Secretary	Ms Pru Danby	01209 821891
Treasurer	Mrs Liz Smith	01209 820455
Annual subscription £7, guests £2.50 per meeting		

Meetings are held at Gwennap Church Hall at 7.30 pm on the third Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated.

Programme for the next few months:

March 20th Mr Simon Miles - Medicinal Herbs and You. Grow your own herbs to improve health and well-being.

April 14th (Monday) Mrs Helen McCabe - A Cornish Valley Garden through the Seasons

May 15th All day outing to Trewithen Garden, Probus in the morning, Poppy Cottage Garden Ruan High Lanes in the afternoon (time and cost to be advised).

SPRING TIME.

A nice little inexpensive present that would please any cook is a pot of parsley! One can buy a 10 litre black plastic pot for just over £1, some John Innes soil-based compost and of course, some parsley seed. Moss-curl parsley is the favourite though some may prefer the flat-leaf variety.

Put some crocks in the bottom of the pot or alternatively rake some moss out of the lawn and put that in. Fill the pot with compost (the soil-based one rather than peat as it deters the dreaded vine weevils which love to nibble the roots of parsley)> Sow a little of the seed very thinly and wait. After several weeks you can remove any weak plants, leaving about 10 to grow on. If no fertiliser was included with the compost, water with a liquid manure, (phostrogen is recommended) following the maker's instructions as required.

United Mines Landfill Site.

SITA, who now run the Landfill Site, are holding an open day on 5th April, see their poster on this page for the details.

If you want to be driven down to where the waste is being buried and have an explanation of how it all works please ring the number given in advance. This will give SITA some idea of how many to expect and will enable them to lay on enough transport.

If you have an environmental problem with the Landfill Site the number to ring is :

0800 807060 (Environment Agency)

If the problem is more to do with the regulatory conditions that SITA should be following, then the number to ring is;

01872 322624 (County Council)

Or, you can ring **SITA Helpdesk on 08456 300300.**

CAR BOOT SALES !!

Playing Field, Pulla Cross

Advanced notice of the dates that the Car Boot Sales will be held in 2008.

APRIL 6th & 20th

MAY 4th & 18th

JUNE 1st & 15th

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AUGUST 3rd & 17th

SEPTEMBER 7th & 21st

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please - NO dogs : contact 07808
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In 2007 the total profit made was £643.80.

We lost a number of 'Boots' due to wet Sundays - this is highlighted when the profit is compared with the £1,380 of 2006.

All profits are put back into the maintaining of the Playing Field



Landfill Open Day

SITA Cornwall invites you to find out more about United Mines landfill

United Downs, St Day, TR16 5HU

Saturday 12th April

Exhibition: 10am – 4pm

If you would also like a tour of the landfill please book with our helpdesk on 08456 300300



FLY TIPPING



A real problem in our area.

If there is an unsightly mess tipped in an area near you, phone Carrick District Council on 01872 224379. This is a number specifically for fly tipping.

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- 5oz unsalted butter
- 2 tsps. Horseradish sauce
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- pepper

Bone and skin the fish (vacuum packed supermarket smoked mackerel may have a few bones in it).

Mash it well. Melt 3oz. Of the butter, add to the fish with all other ingredients. Mix well.

Put into a dish. Melt the remaining butter and pour over the top.

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