

THE CAMELFORDIAN

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EDITORIAL

Sally Holden, Joanna Raymond Barker and myself are retracing the Camelford footpaths to update the booklet they produced some 20 years ago. For them it is, obviously, going over old ground and bringing back many memories of their childhood. But for me it is virgin territory.

They manage to skip over styles and gates like young gazelles and cross fields of cows and sheep that they welcome like old friends. They stop to pick, and eat, various nuts and berries and encourage me to do likewise.

They mock at my enormous backpack which I fill with plasters, wet wipes, water, Kendal mint cake, clothes for hot, cold, wet and dry weather and a mobile.

Camelfordians have embraced me as one of their own but, when push comes to shove, I am an inveterate Townie!

But, I can honestly say that I am having the time of my life and each walk simply confirms that the best decision we ever made was to move here.

And should I stay the course we shall be re-producing the booklet to enable many more to follow in our footsteps.



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As the nights draw in and the weather turns, it's clear that the festive season is just around the corner! Camelford starts each year with the Christmas lights being switched on, a firework display and carols sung around the tree in the park entrance. The key date for your diary is Saturday 29 November where some shops will be open late and it is a chance to catch up with old friends and maybe make new ones.

To add to the season of joy and friendship the Town Council in conjunction with Camelford Primary School will be holding a Christmas lunch for the senior members of our community. This will take place at the primary school on Saturday 29th November at 1pm and will be served to you by the Camelford Guides. We are hoping to provide some modest entertainment for a couple of hours after lunch with some light refreshment. Tickets will be available from the Pop in Centre and Stephens Home Hardware and will cost £5 each. We are limited to 50 people so purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

The vacancy on the Council has now been filled by an uncontested election. Mr Alan Burgis now takes his place as a Town Councillor as the only candidate to come forward for the by-election, which was brought about by the resignation of Bonnie Grills earlier in the year. You can find out details about your Councillors, including photos and profiles, on the website www.camelford-tc.gov.uk.

A quick update on the Camelford Neighbourhood Plan: as said in last month's *Camelfordian*, the Plan allows local people to have a real say about how the parish is developed in the coming decades. We are now developing a web page on the Town Council's website which will give some introductory information about the Plan, how you can get involved, and how you can have your say. We're hoping that an initial online survey will be available very soon, so please keep checking the website. If you feel you do have any time and skills that could help develop the Plan, please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

For any more information on the above content, please contact the Town Council on 01840 212880 or clerk@camelford-tc.gov.uk

Lee Dunkley – Town Clerk.

CAMELFORD & DISTRICT BOWLING

As a climax to the season the Annual Dinner and presentation of trophies was held at Trethorne on Saturday 4th October. The winners were as follows:



Men's Fours: Alec Luckin, Bob Coleshill, David Johns, Neill Wright

Mixed Fours: Maggi Iles, John Tarrant, Alec Luckin, Ken Davey

Men's Triples: Ron Shillaber, Errol Cato, Eric Lowe

Ladies' Triples: Margaret Stephens, Barbara Luckin, Joan Griffiths

Mixed Triples: Maggi Iles, Mike Lawrence, Colin Parsons

Men's Pairs: Francis Bennett, Stuart Hambly

Mixed Pairs: Margaret Shillaber, Errol Cato

Ladies' Two Wood Singles: Maggi Iles

Ladies: Four Wood Singles: Maggi Iles

100 UP: Geoffrey Risdon

Man's Singles: Stuart Hambly

Barbara Allen Cup: Geoffrey Risdon

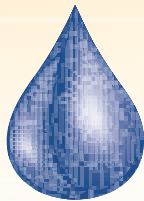
Club Member of the Year: Neill Wright

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DAY	Date	DESTINATION	XX	CONTACT	TEL 01840	TIME	DON	DRIVER
Tues	4	Trago	NS	Liz King	261710	9 am	£6.00	Brian
Thurs	6	Launceston	ST	Barbara Clutton	*****	9 am	£5.50	Dave
Thurs	13	Bude	ST	Barbara Clutton	*****	9 am	£5.50	Geoff
Tues	18	Tavistock	NS	Liz King	261710	9 am	£7.50	Brian
Weds	19	Tavistock	NS	Margaret Rush	779085	9 am	£7.50	Geoff
Thurs	20	Wadebridge	ST	Barbara Clutton	*****	9 am	£5.50	Michael
Tues	25	Barnstaple	NS	Cherry Whitehead	213391	9 am	£8.50	Brian
Thurs	27	Bodmin/Supermarkets	ST	Barbara Clutton	*****	9 am	£5.50	Georgie
Fri	28	Kings Arms Luxulyan	NS	Peggy Molesworth	250269	9 am	£6.50	Deborah

XX - NS - no shopping **ST** - visit to supermarket and time allowed for refreshments as required
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LEISURE CENTRE

After nearly two years of being a community led and supported Centre, we are pleased to announce that the recent cuts and closures being made by the Council to other Centres are not having an effect on your local sport and leisure hub. We are going from strength to strength and are looking forward to publishing the second year's accounts at the AGM next month. Staff and directors have worked extremely hard to keep Camelford Leisure Centre up and running, with essential support from volunteers at critical points throughout the year.

This year has seen an increase in membership by 70%, with customers and members being encouraged into the Centre by a programme that has grown and now offers more classes and lessons than ever before. Sessions such as Circuits, Core Fitness and Junior Badminton are just few of what is on offer. Due to the commitment of the staff we are able to offer larger and more swimming lessons, circuit training, netball training and swim fit, to name just a few sessions that have increased our timetable. Not only have we been able to improve our programme, but we have been able to extend our opening times to please those early birds and moonlighters. We have successfully developed our swim school and currently have 170+ students on roll, which includes both classes and one-to-one tuition. 15 lifeguards, 8 swim teachers and 2 gym instructors have been trained and brought through the Centre in the last 12 months, providing additional sessions to our already extensive programme.

Camelford Leisure Centre Going Swimmingly

When it comes to maintenance and extra hours of work, we rely hugely on the Friends and volunteers to help keep this community project up and running. Just last month the Friends gave up their time to refurbish the changing rooms and gym foyer while also creating a training room which allows us to provide a space for sports groups based at the centre to meet. Several volunteers also lent a hand with the refurbishment of the changing rooms and without their enthusiasm it wouldn't have been completed on time.

Lots of work has been done since the Council gave up their hold on the Centre. The Community-led project, which now relies solely on the money it makes and donations received, has moved towards becoming more eco-friendly while also cutting down large energy costs by installing a biomass boiler. On top of this, the fitness suite has been moved to allow all day access, and an electronic access system has been fitted to allow easy access for members. Add new Ping Pong tables to this list and you will see that this year can only be described as a success.

The withdrawal of the Council's financial support has had no adverse effect on the running and development of Camelford Leisure Centre. The staff and board of directors continue to work for the benefit of the community.

The Leisure Centre will be holding a Sports and Leisure Fayre on Sat 22nd November. There will be activities to take part in, stalls from local clubs and our AGM will be held on the same day. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Written by Sian Osborne

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CAMELFORD CARNIVAL ROYALTY

2014

From left to right ~
Taylor Marshall
Chloe Kitto
Maddie Marshall
Brooke Marshall

Maddie being crowned by Margaret Shillaber on Saturday 18 October

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS FOR SIR JIM'S

CROSS country runners from Sir James Smith's Community College proved their athletic skills over tough terrain recently.

The students, from Years 7 to 9, had great success in the East Cornwall Cross Country Championships, held at Liskeard. Both Harry Page in the Year 7 boys' race and Amy Randall in the Year 7 girls' race crossed the line in tremendous first places. Josh Bowker was third for the Year 7 boys and Dan Blackwell was sixth, which led to them becoming Overall Team Champions, a title also held by the Year 7 girls as Lucy Musgrave came second to Amy's first and Jasmine Greenaway was fourth.

The Year 9 girls also powered their way to becoming Overall Team Champions in their race with Ella Slade second, Isla Symons sixth and Eve Marshall tenth.

Other Sir Jim's runners finishing in the top ten in their respective races were Nicole Farrell who was eighth for the Year 8 girls and Alex Quinn who was fifth for the Year 9 boys. Their efforts, and those of all the school's students who participated, brought praise from Subject Leader for PE, Matt Dyson.

Mr Dyson said: 'The dedication and effort our students have shown throughout this event are superb. Their performances have been wonderful and they richly deserve these fantastic achievements.'



WINNERS of their respective Year 7 races at the recent East Cornwall Cross Country Championships were Sir James Smith's Community School students Amy Randall and Harry Page.

A wonderful amount of food has been donated from the Harvest Festivals, thank you so much to our local Churches and Schools, all your kind donations help to replenish our store cupboard.

Since we opened our doors in 2009, we have fed 10,000 people in our local communities. Thank you for all your continued support which enables us to help local people in crisis. *Pictured here are some of our lovely volunteers from our Foodbanks in Bodmin, Camelford and Wadebridge.*

With Christmas on its way, why not pop into the StoreHouse Shop and have a look at our advent calendars and Christmas cards. We also have a selection of Christian books on sale on behalf of the Aquila Fellowship Christian Bookshop, Launceston.

This year's Tesco Food Collection will take place on the 27, 28 and 29 November at the Padstow and Wadebridge stores. All food donations are greatly appreciated and will be a welcome addition to the festive food boxes.

If you would like to donate to this year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, please drop off your gift-filled shoebox at the StoreHouse Shop between the **3 - 27 November**. We will be checking shoeboxes from Monday 17 November, if you would like to help us check and pack boxes please give us a call on 01208 815374. All boxes will be sent on Sunday 7 December to arrive with the children in need in Romania and around the world in time for Christmas.

We are currently updating our database and Gift Aid records, if you kindly donate to the Foodbank please could you contact us either by calling on 01208 815374 or emailing us at contact@wadebridgefoodbank.org so that we can check we have your correct details. Thank you for all your continued support of the work we do.

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CAMELFORD AND THE FAMOUS PITT FAMILY ~ PART 2



*William Pitt the Elder,
brother of Thomas Pitt 2*

The story of the amazing life and staggering wealth of Thomas 'Diamond' Pitt was told in the October edition of the Camelfordian. His son Robert (born 1680) was Clerk to the Prince of Wales from 1716 until he died in 1727. Robert was also an MP like his famous father, but was something of a disappointment because he tended to vote against him in Parliament and mix with members of the opposition Whig Party. In one of several letters to his son, Thomas described him as "cursed and ungrateful". In spite of this, Robert inherited most of Thomas's wealth including Boconnoc, near Lostwithiel. But Robert died a year later and the whole estate passed to his eldest son (born 1705) who was called Thomas after his Grandfather. He will be called Thomas 2 because there are 4 Thomas Pitts in this story and it could be confusing! Thomas 2 was the brother of

William Pitt the Elder, the famous prime minister.

In 1727, when he was only 22 years old, Thomas 2 inherited Boconnoc together with his grandfather's (Thomas 1) great wealth and two Parliamentary Boroughs. He also inherited his grandfather's ambitious nature but sadly not his ability to make money. Nevertheless, Thomas got off to a good start in his adult life of wheeling and dealing. He 'elected' himself to be MP for Okehampton, and also became part of the Prince of Wales' retinue following in his father ~ Robert Pitt's footsteps.

When Thomas 2 was 30 years old he became Recorder for Camelford which suggests that he must have had some legal training as his job was to advise the Mayor of Camelford on aspects of the law. In 1738 Thomas became the Assay Master for the Cornish Stannaries and then Lord Warden until the Stannary Parliament closed in 1751. At the same time as these responsibilities Thomas 2 was working on behalf of Frederick Prince of Wales to manage the Prince's interest in Cornwall. This proved to be very expensive, especially 'bribing' voters in Grampound - a notorious rotten borough. He also got involved in expensive lawsuits against voters and even against members of his own family.

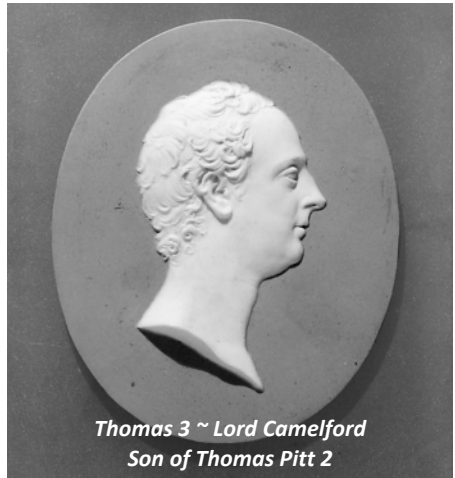
In 1755, when Thomas 2 was 40 years old, he was threatened by his debtors and was on the point of bankruptcy and arrest when he escaped to France for 3 years

CAMELFORD AND THE FAMOUS PITT FAMILY ~ PART 2 CONTINUED

He was only able to return to England because his son Thomas 3 had agreed to give up some of his inheritance from his great grandfather Thomas 1. On returning to England Thomas 2 remained in Cornwall, but only lived for another 3 years and died in 1761 aged 56 soon after marrying for the second time. His first wife, Christian, the daughter of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, died in 1750 and was very badly treated by Thomas 2 who banished her from the household as soon as she had produced four children. Even after being rescued financially by his son Thomas 2 once again got into debt and was liable for arrest.

So why go into this detail about a man who was by all accounts an unpleasant man - described as an 'odious father' by Horace Walpole. His son, Thomas 3, described him as 'provoking awe rather than respect - a man given to violent passions who was involved in perpetual litigation against his family and others'. The reason is that Thomas 3 was made a Baron for services to the state and became the first Lord Camelford. He was

a completely different type of person from his father. Highly cultured, multi-talented and a highly respected member of society. Nevertheless, Thomas 3 was a sensitive man and blamed his father for his lifelong poor health. More details of the life of the first Lord Camelford will be the subject of a future article in the Camelfordian.



*Thomas 3 ~ Lord Camelford
Son of Thomas Pitt 2*

No portrait of Thomas Pitt the Second could be found but the family images shown have a family likeness which is probably similar to that of Thomas 2

Hi everybody!

For those of you who are guided in time by our magnificent town clock, you may have noticed that at the March and October period, when the time alters, the clock is either changed a day or two early or a day or two later than the appropriate day, especially if it falls on a weekend. Because I can only go into the Town Hall to amend the time whilst the library/One Stop Shop is open I am restricted to those times. Apologies to all!

Chas Bennett, clockminder for nigh on 50 years



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Old Cornwall Society



October's meeting began with our chairman, Phillip Lesells welcoming everyone, followed by the AGM. Sadly our President, Mrs Ethel Broad, tendered her resignation due to health reasons. We all recognise the outstanding contribution that Ethel has made over the years, having been involved since 1985. We would like to express our thanks and good wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Phillip then introduced Mr Ivor Bowditch who gave us a very informative and interesting talk on China Clay in Cornwall.

China Clay, or Kaolin, is decomposed Granite and is found in parts of Devon and Cornwall. William Cookworthy patented a way to use the clay in 1768, with its particularly fine quality being recognised by the large British potteries. This enabled the gentry to have white porcelain instead of earthenware and stoneware. As well as for pottery, clay was also beginning to be used to whiten paper.

The extraction of china clay was very labour intensive and therefore provided employment for many men. In the early twentieth century wages were low and working conditions poor. By 1910 Cornwall held a virtual monopoly on world supply, producing nearly one million tons a year, 75% of which was exported. It was shipped out from places like Par, Charlestown and Boscastle. Clay is obtained from open pits, the walls of which are sprayed with water at high pressure. This carries everything into the bottom of the pit. After repeated washes the clay becomes separated from the waste and pumped to the "Micas" on the surface where it undergoes further washing and filtering. The waste is conveyed to the top of the burrow and tipped. The clay is moved to the "dry" where the surplus moisture is removed. These dries were once coal fired. They had a furnace at one end and the floor was heated to create the warmth needed to extract the surplus moisture. The North Cornwall Clay

Company built six of these at Wenford Bridge.

In 1919 English China Clays was formed through the amalgamation of three of the largest producers (Martin

Bros, West of England China Clay and Stone and North Cornwall China Clay Co). These companies accounted for about half of the industry's output at the time. Between 1929 –1931 output fell by a third. The solution was a merger of three of the leading producers and assets transferred to a new operating company – English Clays Lovering and Pochin. By 1954 all the minority shares were owned by ECC and four operating divisions were created – china clay, building, quarrying and transport.

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In 1999 ECC was acquired by the French company Imetal – now Imerys. It currently exports 90% of its production to countries such as Finland, Sweden and Germany for use in paper manufacture. There has also been an increase in demand in the niche markets such as pharmaceuticals and ceramics.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th November at The Clease Hall, Camelford at 7.30 p.m. Dr Alan Kent will be giving a talk on The Cornish in North America. Everyone is welcome.



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“BROWN” OR PAINTED ?



When I opened Magpies' Nest in June last year I had every intention of having a shop full of “shabby chic” furniture to sell, but as things have turned out my stock is still mainly “brown”. This sounds very dull and boring, but seeing the light reflecting off a well polished surface with the soft silky sheen created by years of love and elbow grease is anything but boring, the depth of colour, the sharpness of the carving, the grain of the timber not to mention the feel of it, why cover all this up with paint?

There are of course certain pieces that are crying out for a lick of paint, and in smaller houses they can brighten up a dark corner either with the classic, off white or cream, a vintage mellow tone or a bright “colour pop”, but before you reach for the chalk paint or emulsion, consider lining a cabinet or book case with some eye-catching wallpaper or fabric. Dresser shelves and small tables can look amazing with vintage lace shelf trims or doilies and a display of your favourite things, plus which, when the brown stuff comes back into fashion, you'll be spared all that paint stripping!

*Many thanks for this contribution by Cath Little
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A METHODIST MINISTER'S VIEW



Forces Memorial which records the names of some 16,000 Service personnel who have lost their lives whilst serving in the Armed Forces since 1945. Since 1945 until the present time our Armed Forces have been involved in some 50 conflicts and operations across the world. These names are recorded on 203 carved plaques, and the memorial has space for the years

I find it incredible that on Christmas Day 1914 a group of English Soldiers played a football match against their German opponents in No-Man's-Land, the space between the trenches. This fact of history is being commemorated by the English Football Association in two ways in early December.

All of those playing in the FA League and Cup Matches on the first weekend in December will have a group photograph taken and placed on a Commemorative Web Site. This will coincide with the unveiling of a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, designed by a 10 year old boy from Newcastle. Over that weekend the 1 million or so people who regularly watch professional football will be involved in an 'Act of Remembrance' and recalling that sport can over ride 'politics'.

Sue and I recently had the opportunity to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The arboretum is a developing area of some 150 acres of planted woodland with memorials placed there by some 170 organisations that have cause to remember members whose lives have been surrendered in the War efforts and the cause of peace making through the years until very recent times. One of the largest of the Memorials is the Armed

ahead in anticipation of future conflicts and the consequent loss of life. The fact that in the design of this memorial conflicts in the future were anticipated is a sobering thought.

As I reflect on my experiences of visiting the National Memorial Arboretum and the fact that Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day 2014 are upcoming events two thoughts come to mind. Firstly, I am asking myself whether I am grateful enough for those who have contributed to my experience of life through the loss of their lives in the cause of seeking to secure my freedom and peace. A question that all of us need to ask of ourselves at this time of year especially.

Secondly, I am left asking myself whether I am fulfilling my role fully in the cause of bringing about a world in which all people experience freedom, peace, justice and an adequate share of the world's resources. In talking with his early followers about True Happiness in living in community Jesus said "Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!" – see Matthew Chapter 5 verse 9 in the Good News version of the Bible

Some thoughts to ponder in our Remembering.

Every Blessing, *Bryan Ede*

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On 19 October Camelford's Granite Poppy was unveiled at Valley Truckle by Louella Hanbury Tenison, former High Sheriff of Cornwall



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	morning	afternoon	evening
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Tuesday		<i>Camelford Youth Drama Group</i>	<i>Bingo</i> <i>Camelford Town Council</i> (3 rd Tuesday)
Wednesday	<i>Keep Fit</i> (Term time)	<i>Youth Karate Class</i>	<i>Flower Club</i> (1 st Weds)
Thursday	<i>Toddlers Stay And Play</i>		<i>Slimming World</i>
Friday			<i>Short Mat Bowling Club</i>
Saturday			
Sunday			<i>Spiritualist Church</i>

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Moor Harmony Ladies Barbershop Chorus

News from Moor Harmony on the Singing Course



After our successful Open Evening for friends, family and prospective chorus members, we were pleased to welcome nine singers onto our Singing Course. Delyth our MD is leading the course and has been delighted with the response and the progress the singers are making. From the beginning the group engaged well with the warm ups, voice training and the 2 new songs the chorus are learning. In the first few weeks everything was very new, but supported by the chorus members, who remember what is like when they first began, the course members are quickly settling in. In the first weeks much of the chat was about, which singing section

of the chorus did they feel most comfortable, Bass, Bari, Tenor or Lead ? The chorus members arrive for rehearsal at the end of the course and join in. They appreciate how lovely it is to work with a large group of singers.

Visitors to rehearsal have also commented on the tingle factor feeling at the sound of our combined voices.

We are now planning an end of Singing Course Concert for the 6th November. Look on our website for further details.

www.moorharmony.co.uk

POLICE NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF ST TEATH AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

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STORIES FROM SIR JIM'S

POETRY Day led to an 'ambushing' of lessons at Sir James Smith's Community School on October 2 – by a group of students with a ready repertoire of their favourite lines. The eight Year 9 students, with banners and special postcards, appeared in selected lessons to read aloud their favourite poems. They were complete with a main banner with 'Freeze' written across it, urging fellow pupils to put their pens down for a moment and listen to rhyme. The theme of this year's National Poetry Day was 'Memory' and the girls handed out



postcards emphasising this and urging fellow students to tweet or post their favourite lines. Those taking part were Isla Symons, Beth Beare, Koral, Bryony Davis, Caitlin Colman, Jamie-Lou, Jess Ginger and Libby Reynolds. Subject leader for English, Chris Eames, also ensured posters were on view around the school advertising the event, and asked teachers if they could include a couple of lines from a favourite poem during their lessons. He explained that poems the students read included 'The Road Through the Woods' by Rudyard Kipling and 'Remember' by Christina Rossetti, as well as an original poem written by Koral.

PROMOTING National Poetry Day at Sir James Smith's Community School were Year 9 students Isla Symons; Caitlin Colman; Jamie-Lou; Libby Reynolds; Jess Ginger; Koral; Beth Beare and Bryony Davis

Garden Stories from Cedarcroft Plants

Although we had some warm days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. At Cedarcroft we're getting our winter show garden ready designed this time by Fern Carroll-Smith (yes that is her name!) a final year student at Duchy college who is now working with us on a growing scheme for the nursery as well. It will be a grand opening the first weekend of November put it in your diary, and don't miss a great weekend with our new farm shop also open and full of seasonal treats. Our café is under new management and has a scrumptious new menu pop along and have a look.

The Jobs

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots *in situ*. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up. This month is an ideal time to move trees and shrubs, and plant hedges. Plant spring bedding such as wallflowers, bellis, primulas and winter pansies for a fantastic spring display. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock. Stop winter moth damage to fruit



trees using grease bands around the trunks. *Our plant of the month BLUEBERRY PINK LEMONADE* offers four seasons of interest to your garden and landscape. In spring, when the leaves return it hosts tiny pinkish-white, bell-shaped flowers. The flowers give way to the fruit that is pale green at first, then

dappled pink, and finally turn to deep pink on ripening. In the autumn, beautiful bright orange foliage fades to deep red fall, making this shrub a great choice for a colorful autumn garden. Wintertime twigs are a dusky reddish-brown. I think blueberries are a beautiful plant in their own right the fruit is an added bonus and this new blueberry is lovely. Available at Cedarcroft now.

Creative activity: Make a quick festive chutney, takes no time -
700G Granny Smith apples, peeled and cored chopped into smallish chunks, 1 onion, finely chopped, 250 g cranberries, 350 ml apple cider vinegar, 200 g sugar, 1 tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp turmeric, 1 tsp ground cumin, 1 tsp ground coriander, 2 tsp salt. Put it all in a pan bring to a simmer and cook on simmer for 45 mins or until the chutney has started to thicken. Put into some sterilized jars and tie a lovely ribbon on and you will have a satisfied smile on your face, I guarantee!
DELICIOUS.....

The old time garden titbit!

Hints and tips:

An oldtimer told me to take a little epsom salts, mixed in water, to strengthen plants with weak stems. She also used it on all her seedlings, once they were a few weeks old.

I used to visit and revisit it a dozen times a day, and stand in deep contemplation over my vegetable progeny with a love that nobody could share or conceive of who had never taken part in the process of creation. It was one of the most bewitching sights in the world to observe a hill of beans thrusting aside the soil, or a rose of early peas just peeping forth sufficiently to trace a line of delicate green.

~Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Mosses from and Old Manse*

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At the Annual General Meeting on the 9th October of the Camelford Branch of the Royal British Legion the Branch President, Mr Robin Moore, took centre stage at a presentation. The Chairman, Mrs Lesley Valentine, spoke of his dedication to the Branch by being their long term Treasurer. She said that he had served in that position since the reformation of the Branch in 1999. She also spoke of the delightful afternoons spent in his garden with a summer barbeque and of the dozen summer trips that he organised. She concluded by presenting him with a cut glass whiskey glass which had been engraved "To Robin from his Legion Friends".

The new Treasurer, Mr Chris Wightman, followed by saying that on taking over the books he found them to be well kept and hoped that with the new computer system will be as accurate as Robin's old paper system. He continued by saying that an empty glass is no good to anyone and then presented him with a 15 year old single malt from the outer Scottish Islands.

Mr Moore responded by thanking everyone for their kind gift and said that he will savour each drop and think of his Legion friends.





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“Harbour Happenings”

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I've heard Soul's Harbour described as a "happy clappy" Church and I am so glad! We have a lot to be happy about, even with all that is going on in the world at the moment. The message of Jesus is good news and people are finding that to be true and putting their trust in Him.

We have a number of great musicians at Soul's Harbour but we are thrilled to announce that we have just been joined by top Norwegian pianist Jon-Eric Holtan and his family. John Eric, a graduate of the Norwegian Academy of Music has played all over the world; he has entertained on cruise ships and has had residency in some well known hotels including one in London. His passion though is Christian music. Having recently retired he decided to move here from Norway to be part of our Church.

This month our church celebrates its 27th birthday and to mark the occasion Pastor Randy Harvey from the USA is coming to speak. I know people get up tight about Americans but one of the reasons we like this fellow because of how un-American he is! He is the most humble and unassuming person but a marvellous communicator. You are welcome to come and hear what he has to say on Sunday 2nd November at 10.45am and 7.00pm.

Don't forget the Solid Rock Coffee Shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00-12.00.

We hope you enjoy reading about the 'happenings' at Souls Harbour each month, and that you'll consider joining us sometime. Souls Harbour Church is located on Cleese Car Park in Camelford (PL32 9QX). For more information, visit www.SoulsHarbour.com, email office@soulsharbour.com, call 01840 211258 or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/soulsharbour.



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A ROBOT FOR SIR JIM'S

A NEW, and rather different, 'member of staff' has recently joined Sir James Smith's Community School – a humanoid robot called NAO.

NAO, who is soon to team up with another such robot, is used in schools to combine science with creativity, so supporting teaching across the whole curriculum, but especially in computing and science. The second such robot, who is due to arrive at the Camelford school in November, will be used to inspire students with special educational needs.

Director of Finance and Business at Sir James Smith's, Michele Bacchus, explained that the school was 'absolutely delighted' to be awarded a generous grant from 'Awards for All' to engage children with use of the robots, which stand at 58cm tall and have also proved to be a huge draw for adults as well as young people. Mrs Bacchus added that NAO 'displays human behaviours, boasting voice and face recognition; talking and walking; singing and dancing; and powerfully engaging children in learning.'

Transformational opportunities lie in the robot's ability to be programmed very simply and animated by students of any age and ability – so creating a huge potential for use across the school.

The students were given a demonstration of the robot's powers during assemblies at the start of term, and have proved to be amazed by NAO, who will be at the centre of an 'After School Club' due to commence in a few weeks. Staff explained that it has attracted students to programming who would normally not be interested in the subject. Descriptions of NAO from students who have seen him have ranged from 'He's so cool!' to 'Amazing, I want one of my own'.

The school is working closely with its ICT support company, NCI Technologies, to develop further use of NAO with the young people of Sir Jim's.



A ROBOT called NAO, who has joined Sir James Smith's School following the successful receipt of a grant, was used in one of the school's Year 7 history lessons recently. NAO added input to a lesson on the Battle of Hastings, and then met with students including Caitlyn Sleep, Jenna Moore and Sam Boothroyd. History teacher, Zena Jones, will select the best submitted piece of work, by members of the class, on the Battle and NAO will then be programmed to read it aloud.



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