

ST. TEATH TIMEPIECE

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O to be in Cornwall now that June is here and even those of us with no gardening talent whatsoever can enjoy the beauty of the wildflowers in the fields and hedgerows. I'm sure the bluebells this year are bluer, the campions a brighter shade of pink and the violets a bolder purple than ever before.

Our thanks to Sue Hughes for this lovely photo of a Cornish lane

FROM OUR (RE-ELECTED) COUNTY COUNCILLOR

On May 6th the political landscape of Cornwall changed completely. The number of Cornwall Council seats up for election had been reduced from 123 to 87, the divisional boundaries had all been redrawn to reflect this, and the people of Cornwall have chosen a Conservative controlled council for the first time.

I am pleased to be one of the handful of Liberal Democrats re-elected and I would like to thank all the people who voted for me, (and all of the people who didn't), in the new division of St Teath & Tintagel. Ours was one of the highest turnouts in the county which tells me that local elections matter in rural North Cornwall and people value their local democracy.

I now represent six parishes: Tintagel, Delabole, St Teath, Michaelstow, St Tudy and St Breward. This will be a challenge that I am looking forward to. I am a strong believer in bringing decisions back to the local level and spent much of the last four years making the case for Delabole to be a stand-alone parish council. I strongly believe this will be better in the long run for both St Teath and Delabole and I wish to offer all the parish councillors who have stood this time my thanks and support for the next four years.

I will also be working hard to secure more affordable housing for local families. The pandemic has exacerbated the housing crisis with properties in Cornwall now more than ever beyond the reach of families earning typical local wages. Whilst this should always be based on evidenced need, I know that most of the villages will require small numbers of quality-built affordable housing to sustain their communities.

Finally, I shall continue to highlight and address Climate Change at every opportunity. The Green Party secured more votes than ever across Cornwall at the elections, reflecting the importance that many people now put on the environmental agenda. This is one of the main reasons I entered politics in the first place, and I can assure any such voters that their care and concerns will not be neglected by me and that they will be well represented at County Hall.

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ST TEATH COMMUNITY BUS

For the time being the Bus will still only be taking 7 passengers so both trips will still be bookable. Please call Tom Imber on 01208 592711.

From the 21st June we will, all being well, be running at full capacity with no need to book! It will be lovely to get back to normality and for the Bus to be used properly again. If any restrictions are still in place at this time, we will of course adhere to them.

In a few months' time we will be thinking of running some special trips. If anyone has any suggestions for these trips, please let us know.

We are also trying to book some tickets to see the Fisherman's Friends musical at the Hall for Cornwall in October (as suggested by Lorraine Jasper). If anyone would be interested in this please let Mandy Woods know on 01208 851346.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the Bus soon.

MONDAYS - Truro 9.30am from the White Hart

FRIDAYS - Wadebridge/Tesco 9.30am from the White Hart

MANDY WOODS

EDITORIAL

On a dismal, damp Saturday morning early in May, St Teath witnessed the end of an era. The weather that day reflected our mood as we bade a sad farewell to Kerri and her girls at Churchtown Café. Over the last seven years – yes, *seven* years – the café has grown from a pleasant place to drink coffee and enjoy delicious cakes to an essential amenity at the very heart of our village community. It has become everyone's favourite meeting place for everything from business meetings and discussion groups to tea-parties, annual dinners, birthdays, anniversaries, family celebrations and festive occasions of all kinds.

Everyone from the most elderly and disabled to the tiniest tot has always been made to feel welcome in the café and our oddest quirks and peculiarities have been accepted and catered for without question. Kerri and her girls have created a warm friendly environment where everyone (and his or her dog) felt at home, whether they were ordering a full, three course meal or just needing a cuppa and a chat.

In addition Kerri 's cafe has organised and supported fundraising for local charities and good causes of all kinds in very practical ways, thereby making a real difference to so many needy and vulnerable people's lives.

To say we have missed our get-togethers in the cafe during lockdown is a huge understatement. We would like to thank Kerri and her loyal staff from the bottom of our toes – the bottom of our hearts doesn't seem deep enough - for all they have contributed to the life of our village and for all the happy times they have given us over these last seven years. Thank you so much!

ED.

AND A MESSAGE FROM KERRI...

By the time you read this, Sam and Ruth will be settled in and the café will once again be full of hustle and bustle, back at the heart of village life. At the time of writing, I am completely overwhelmed by how lovely you have all been in my time at the café, and especially over my last weekend. All the cards and messages, and everybody who popped in to wish me farewell, I'm blown away by it all, not to mention emotionally drained and more than a little bit tearful. Thank-you so much to you all.

To everybody who is wondering where I'm going and what I'm going to be up to, I'm not going far, in fact, I'm not really going anywhere. I'll be working alongside my dad helping with the day-to-day running of his building company. I'm not sure he knows what he's let himself in for yet! I'll also be building myself a little house in the village, because, quite honestly, why would I want to live anywhere else?

But before all of that, I'm booking my first holiday since before the café opened and looking forward to spending a lot more time with the beauts that are my niece and nephew.

We hope you enjoy a well-deserved. relaxing holiday, Kerri, and wish you success and happiness in all your future plans. .

ED.

THANKS

CAROL would like to thank everyone on Rosewater Park and in the village for the flowers, cards and condolences received following the sudden death of ROGER DE'ATH. Hopefully when the weather is warmer, and we are free to meet up in larger groups, we can all get together to honour his memory over a drink.

(We are very sorry that this message from Carol did not appear in the May issue of Timepiece., as it should have done. The Editor would like to send Carol sincere apologies for this omission - and to offer her our condolences.)

The **TIMEPIECE team** would like to thank all those generous people in the village and beyond who have kindly responded to our plea for donations to our funds . Your gifts have been very much appreciated and will help to keep TIMEPIECE ticking along for many months to come. Thank you all very much!

A MESSAGE FROM A GOVERNOR OF ST TEATH SCHOOL

Eighteen months ago I was asked if I would like to become a governor at our village school. After some thought I agreed and was accepted.

We have an excellent school in our village, which makes being a Governor a real pleasure. At the moment there are five of us including our Headteacher. We do need others to join us. Each Governor has a special responsibility for a different area of the school. My role is that of safeguarding. This means that I look at how the school keeps its children and staff safe and secure, including any that have a particular difficulty or need. I also have a special interest in the teaching of English with a focus on how the pupils are making progress with their reading. Along with all the other governors, I take a general interest in the various school activities and in supporting our excellent team of staff.

Perhaps this sounds daunting, but it is not. The Governors are ordinary people: we are not special, and neither are we super-intelligent. What we are is an interested and committed group.

Being a Governor has at its core the interests and welfare of the pupils. Are they receiving the best possible teaching? Are they making good progress in their learning and are they happy and do they feel secure? Yes, there is lots of paperwork. Yes, there are six meetings a year. You will need to do some training and you will need to have an internet facility. However, there is nothing that cannot be done, and we are all there to support each other.

We need more people who are interested to join us.

Please think seriously about this. You can always have a chat before deciding and the people to contact are Emma Davoust-Zangari (emmamewton@hotmail.com) or me, Bob Fox Tel.01208 850401. I can promise that you will find the experience of being a governor really rewarding and enjoyable. We look forward to hearing from you.

WISE WORDS

The world is full of pots jeering at kettles.

To refuse to accept praise is to want to be praised twice over.

We all have strength enough to endure the troubles of others

LA ROCHEFOUCAULD

ST TEATH SCHOOL REPORT

It has been simply wonderful watching children of all ages playing with one another outside once again. At long last, we were given the green light to allow children from different classes to mix, when playing outside. It's been well over 12 months since we were last able to do this and the excitement amongst the children was palpable.

I sincerely hope that our school community will soon be able to resume full normal service, where all children can enjoy lunch in the hall, experience daily assemblies and walk together again throughout our corridors.

The children in Oak class have been writing instructions and learning about sustainable living. A few weeks ago they spent an afternoon in our garden and school grounds planting a range of seeds and plants. It is hoped that the fruits of their labours will be used in the school kitchen later in the year. Crops included potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, pumpkins, leeks and lettuce. In addition they also planted over 100 saplings, which were donated by the Woodland Trust. These included, Oak, Willow, Rowan, Silver Birch and Cherry trees! Hopefully if the children come back to school in the future we will have a beautiful copse for the next generations to enjoy.

You know you're working in a very special place when interesting visitors pay you a visit. On two occasions recently, we have had a visit from a very inquisitive neighbour, who seemingly thinks the grass is greener on our side of the hedge! 'Lionel', the lamb has made his presence known a couple of times during playtimes, when he is clearly intrigued by the exciting noises emanating from our school field. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this new addition to our school and, although he is always dutifully returned to his mother, he seems determined to join Team Teath and visit all the children!

With a rammed diary, the end of this 'interesting' academic year will no doubt soon be upon us. Trips, camps, sports days and performances, to name but a few, have been squeezed into an already full diary. The end of the 2021 academic year is clearly going to be great fun!

PAUL HOWARD

Acting Head Teacher

THE WISDOM OF WINNIE THE POOH

To the uneducated an A is just three sticks.

They say nothing is impossible, but sometimes I do nothing all day.

When having a little something to eat with a friend, don't eat so much that you get stuck in the doorway on your way out.

When trying to ignore a knock on your door, don't yell out "No!" when someone asks if there's anybody at home.

Sometimes, if you stand on the bottom rail of a bridge and lean over and watch the river slipping slowly away beneath you, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known.

A.A.MILNE

HOPEFULLY

Sunday 18th July will see the beginning of the St Teath Carnival week. **Carnival Day is on Saturday 24th July** when there will be great celebrations and we will all once again be able to have fun.

Hopefully all will be well, but a final decision cannot be made just yet. Fingers crossed. Of course, it will be a bit different. If the parade does go ahead on the 24th it will be shorter, it will be for walkers only and for children large and small!

There will be several events including music, a children's afternoon on the 18th and the Carnival afternoon on the 24th. There will be a Fun Dog Show on Tuesday 20th in late afternoon. There will be lots of classes for children and adult owners including dog fancy dress, tricks, races and games.

More announcements and a fuller programme will be published in Timepiece at the end of June.

I think you can begin to get just a little bit excited. Watch this space!

BOB FOX

A METHODIST MINISTER'S VIEW

Because of the Covid epidemic many celebrations have not happened or have been very muted over the past year.

Amongst these is the celebration of the fact that Christian Aid is 75 years old this year. Christian Aid came into existence at the end of World War II to make provision for refugees in Europe and has grown from those roots to become an organisation which has made an impact in many of our under-developed countries in the world. This impact has happened through campaigning work on worldwide issues such as 'Fairtrade' and currently 'Climate Change'.

Christian Aid also partners organisations in many parts of the world to create projects which have a direct impact on improving people's life situations. There are many who can only survive by walking large distances for water, and work with elementary tools to provide food – we are in the privileged minority.

Christian Aid is also one of the organisations that forms the membership of our British 'Disasters Emergency Committee' whose current campaign is focussed on the Covid crisis in India. How fortunate we are, despite the hardships, in our experience of Covid in comparison to their situation.

Christian Aid and other such organisations have evolved from Christians working together to care for their brothers and sisters across the world and thus demonstrate love and care for the less fortunate. These roots of love and care can be found in the Old Testament of our Bible and in Jesus' command to 'love your neighbour as you love yourself'.

In recent years our British Government has contributed seven tenths of one per cent of our national income to meet some of the world-wide needs in its Overseas Aid programme. The decision has been made to reduce this expenditure to a half of one per cent - by some 4 billion pounds - in view of the country's economic situation. Our Prime Minister hopes that the general public will understand the reason for the cuts. My concern is that the Overseas Aid budget, small as it is, has been reduced, and that this will have consequences for many projects in such areas as sanitation, water, hygiene and children in the poorest areas of our world. It is a matter which should be of concern to all of us in the 'fortunate and privileged' minority of the world's population.

We can all take to heart Jesus' command to 'love our neighbour as we love ourselves' and work out how to demonstrate that in our actions.

Every blessing,
BRYAN EDE

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

What a relief that the Covid restrictions are starting to be lifted and we are gradually re-emerging from lockdown. What a strange year we have had! Thank God that in this area, most of us have been protected from the worst experience of the pandemic as infections and losses have been comparatively low. But, of course, some have been ill, some still suffer from the effects and some have lost loved ones, locally and elsewhere in the country. We have all faced unprecedented restrictions on our lives.

As we emerge into the new 'normal' we know it will not be the same as it was before, we are going forward not back. I have been reflecting on the things we have learnt and might want to take with us to make the future better.

We have learned again the value of our relationships, of time shared with family and friends. I for one, want to give them priority in future – not to let pressure of time or the demands of a busy life get in the way of spending time with the people I love and value. As we have struggled with unexpected isolation, I want to be mindful of those who always feel alone and unloved.

We have learned the value of face-to-face communication. I've hated having to wear a mask and the barriers that immediately raises between us. I have sometimes found myself avoiding eye contact with people as I've passed them in the street whilst concentrating on being careful to maintain social distance. I'm looking forward to unrestricted smiles and warm greetings and the understanding that is added by facial expression and body-language.

We have learned the value of our freedoms to go where we want and do what we wish, within reason; to feel safe in our own environment; to share our homes with whoever we like, whenever we like.

We have learned the value of those who serve us in the NHS of course, but also in the day-to-day services that keep our lives functioning: our local shops and supermarkets; the bin-men; our posties etc. etc. We are all connected and each one is valued and needed.

In our churches we have learned the value of singing – how we have missed being able to sing as a congregation – even those like me who can only make a joyful noise! One day soon we'll raise the roof and appreciate the freedom!

These are some of the 'lessons' that come to my mind – what would you add to the list? As we emerge take care and continue safely – look forward to seeing you soon!

ANGELA COOPER

Rector

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY/JUNE

SUN 30 th May	11am	CHORAL COMMUNION
SUN 6 th June	11am	CHORAL COMMUNION
SUN 13 th June	11 am	MORNING PRAYER
SUN 20 th June	11 am	CHORAL COMMUNION
SUN 27 th June	11 am	MORNING PRAYER

We are planning on being able to hold the above services in future but social distancing must still be obeyed and facial covering must be worn.

The church will continue to be open on Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm for PRIVATE PRAYER.

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THE HISTORY OF PENGENNA MANOR (PART 3)

By Richard Blewett

As we enjoy this last part of the story, our thanks go to Richard for giving us this fascinating insight into the history of his splendid family home.

When we left Pengenna last month, it was 1895 and William Hocken had just retired, leaving the tenancy to Thomas Blewett, a former worker on the farm and husband of William's niece, Ann. Now read on...

Thomas' son, John married a local shopkeeper's daughter, Mary Gill from Trelill, and they settled at Pengenna. going on to have five children [Photo 8]. When Thomas retired John took over. He was a clever man and, as well as working the farm, was a livestock agent, District Councillor and founding member of the new Wadebridge Cattle Market. In the early 1920s he purchased another farm, Lower Hendra, near Pendoggett. By 1925 the landlords of Pengenna, the Molesworth-St Aubyns, were facing huge death-duties following the deaths of three senior family members in quick succession: two Baronets, as well as Mary Ford, who had been given the living of Pencarrow by her brother in 1910. In common with hundreds of other estates across the country, they approached tenants, including John Blewett, to see if they were willing to buy the properties they were leasing. Being the shrewd businessman he was, John said he would purchase Pengenna, but only if the mineral rights to the ground were included. (Exploratory mining work had been done on the edge of Pengenna land in the 1870s, and, although it had been unprofitable, John knew the explored seam connected with those at the nearby successful Treburgett Mine.) The es-



Photo 8: John Blewett's wife, Mary and their 5 children in 1913



Photo 9: John's daughter, Ann's wedding to Archibald Cann in 1925

John's success enabled him to look after all his children in fine style. He bought Ann a Tintagel hotel to run with her new husband, Archibald Cann from Tintagel [Photo 9]. The hotel building is still there, now called the Pengenna Pasties Bakery. John's son, Gordon bought a farm in Trelill adjoining Pengenna, called Pencreege, which is still owned by Gordon's youngest son and family. Some of Pengenna was split off to make up that farm, and Mollie, John's granddaughter was given a smallholding and farmhouse next door to Pengenna, at Trewethen, when she married Freeman Isbell from St Endellion in 1937 [Photo 10 - opposite], my grandfather, was given Pengenna to run together with his father John.



Photo 10 - Mollie outside Pengenna on her wedding day with parents, John & Mary (seated) and siblings Ann, Roy, Reg and Gordon].

In 1937, Roy married Doris Dinnis from Trelay Farm, Davidstow, after meeting her when buying cattle from her father. Roy, like his father, was also a clever businessman: running Pengenna and Lower Hendra farms while standing as a District Councillor. He was also involved with Wadebridge Cattle Market, helping to establish Wadebridge Abattoir and was a founder member of masonic lodges at both Tintagel and Wadebridge. They had five children, including Gerald, my father, whom so many of you know.

Gerald started his first business at age 8 (trapping rabbits and exporting them from Port Isaac Station to the markets in London!) and worked with Roy and Doris through to the 1970s. In 1976 he married Kay Rowe from Port Isaac and she moved into Pengenna to run the farm with Gerald, as well as continuing in her profession as a teacher. Roy and Doris moved to Pencrest at St Kew Highway (next door to what was until recently the fish & chip shop). In 1979 Gerald and Kay welcomed the arrival of daughter Anne. I arrived in 1981, completing the sixth generation of our family to live at Pengenna.

Gerald, like his father and grandfather before him, ran a successful operation, diversifying the original farmstead at Pengenna into a large pig farming business across North and East Cornwall. His involvement in local organisations includes a 16-year tenure on St Kew Parish Council and 14 years as governor of St Kew CP School, as well as being involved with Wadebridge Cattle Market, Abattoir and Prime Stock Show. There is sadness as well as success: in October 2006, Kay passed away from ovarian cancer. In 2010 Gerald sold the pig business and retired and my ownership of Pengenna began.

I never had any interest in farming, and after working in graphic design, marketing, project management and business development for over a decade, I decided to turn Pengenna into a wedding venue. I am the sixth generation of my family to take over Pengenna, but the first not to farm it. Can you hear my ancestors turning in their graves? Pengenna Manor opened for weddings and events in August 2014 with an acre of new gardens specially designed for hosting marquee weddings and ceremonies. So far, five phases of redevelopment have taken place – establishing the gardens, refurbishing the house for B&B and then self-catering accommodation, restoring the former cow barn to create an indoor reception area, renovating the former stables to make a rustic events space, and building new toilet & shower facilities. In that time we have hosted over 100 weddings as well as outdoor theatre, open-air cinema, jazz nights and pop-up restaurant evenings.

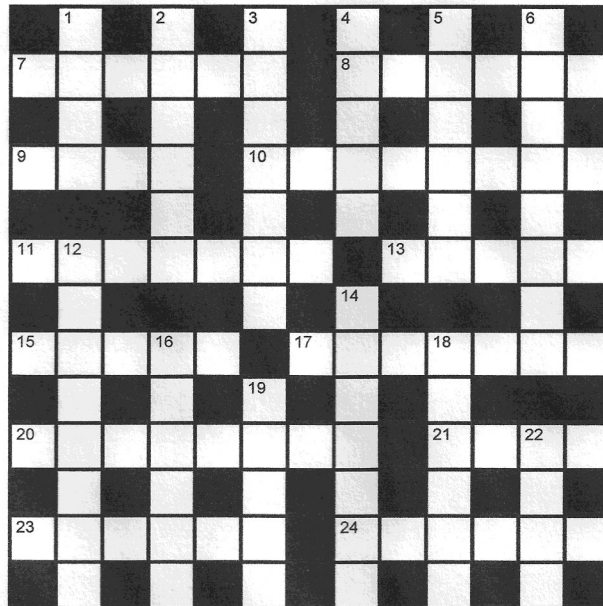
Each year, my team and I welcome more than 2,000 guests to Pengenna. 2020 should have been our busiest year to date with 30 weddings, but thanks to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were able to host only 3 small weddings and 6 ceremonies. This year we will host all the couples who couldn't get married because of restrictions last year, as well as those who had already booked for 2021. It's going to be a busy time, but I can't wait to welcome back couples and their guests to my family home.

JUNE CROSSWORD

Answers on Page 14

Across

- 7 Scrambled egg starter and usurp chase (6)
- 8 Darius shattered bone in the arm (6)
- 9 Opening Berlin looks over communist group of countries (4)
- 10 A previous age when Dave and Emil played together (8)
- 11 Pause the meeting in current times with a day in Paris North (7)



- 13 Headless peer that is a bit creepy (5)
- 15 Initially kippers in oil smoked knowledgably in cubicle (5)
- 17 Emergency calls sound like they could stun (7)
- 20 Farmyard waste pile dulling confusion around headstart (8)
- 21 Violent removal is penniless impulse (4)
- 23 Desperate rugby union turns on man (6)
- 24 Miner loses run with sheepdog (6)

Down

- 1 Middle of the board is informally unbelievable (4)
- 2 Violent, disturbed individual covered in gypsy chocolate (6)
- 3 Nation of strange dark men (7)
- 4 Endlessly reduce mixture of type of oil (5)
- 5 Strong supporter loses National Trust stick! (6)
- 6 Boldness from Caty - Audi steered recklessly (8)
- 12 Upstart Iraqi I'd mixed a cocktail for (8)
- 14 Battle with secure sorcerer (7)
- 16 Young swan heard in ring with small seal (6)
- 18 Sternly and roundly smashed after losing nice opening (6)
- 19 Sports clothes terrify extremes of communal fund (5)
- 22 Endless Stormzy music is bleak! (4)

Our thanks, as always, to LEE BACCHUS for continuing to send our monthly puzzles.

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CORNISH JOKES

A farmer from St Just took his neighbour to court over a land dispute. Discussing the matter with his solicitor, he suggested sending the judge a couple of fine ducks.

"Good gracious, no!" said the solicitor. "If you do, you'll lose the case, that's for certain."

Eventually the case went to court and the farmer won his case. Speaking to the solicitor afterwards, he said, "I sent him they ducks, you know."

The solicitor's dismay gave way to admiration when the farmer added,

"I sent 'em in t'other fellow's name, mind."

Tim, a miner, and his mate, Bob had both forgotten their pasties for croust. Another mate gave them a large piece of his. Tiim broke it in two. One chunk was rather smaller than the other and he gave this to Bob, keeping the bigger piece for himself.

"That 'idnt fair, said Bob. "I'd not a-done that! I'd a-given 'ee the bigger piece if I'd broken un."

"Well, I've got the bigger piece so what's 'ee complainin' about?"

Strict father to his son who was already tucking into his pasty., "You haven't said Grace, son."

"Yes, I have."

"Well I didn't hear you."

"I weren't talkin' to you."

"She thought 'twas I and I thought 'twas she," said Betty, "but when us got close 'twasn't neether one of us."



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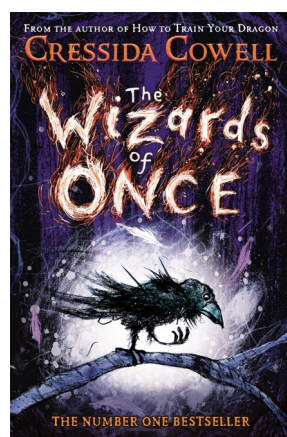
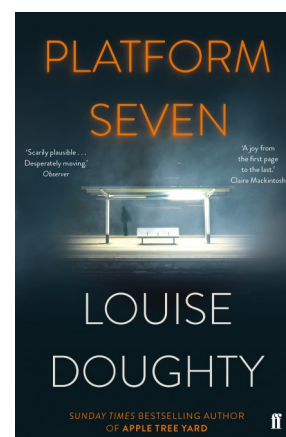
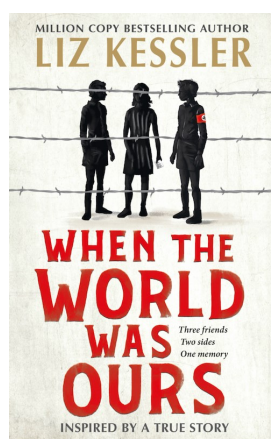
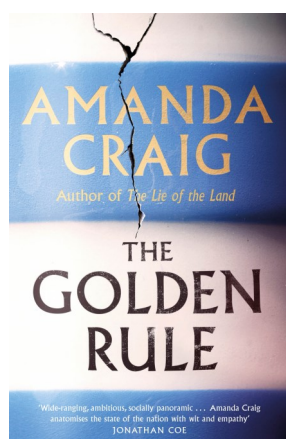


The School Days, by invitation only, are scheduled for 23rd and 24th,
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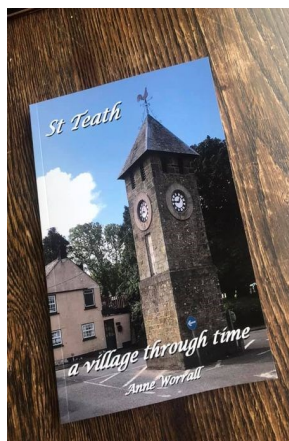
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12th It's **JUDITH's** Birthday! Best Wishes from all your friends at Rosewater and in the village.

26th Love and Best Wishes to **ELAINE** from the Ladies who Lunch and all your friends.

27th Birthday Greetings and love to **TOBY** from Jane and all the family.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS FOR JULY TIMEPIECE

BY **THURSDAY JUNE 10th**

PLEASE NOTE THE EDITOR'S NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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ITEMS FOR TIMEPIECE

JESS in the Village Stores has kindly agreed to continue to provide a TIMEPIECE box in the shop, so that those villagers who don't have access to a computer will be able to leave their items in the box as before. Our thanks to Jess.

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