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Cornwall Country Link Programme

April, May, June 2018

Hi Fellow Country Linkers

Here is the second Cornwall Country Link programme of 2018 with lots of interesting and varied things to do. Do come along and enjoy what there is on offer. Thanks to all of those people who have contributed events to this programme. If you would like to put on an event on the next programme then come along to the programme planning evening in June. If you need ideas or help with an event then there are lots of people willing to help – ask me and I can let you know who they are.

We had the AGM on 5 March, luckily missing the snowy weather of the previous week. Thanks to those members who came along. Thanks also to the committee for the work they do to help make Cornwall the biggest and best Country Link group in the country! There is a precis of the minutes with this programme. You will see that we have kept the same committee as last year. I have decided that I will stand down as chairman at next year's AGM. I have enjoyed the many years I have been in this role but feel that the time is right for a change. Please give it some thought if you think you would like to be considered to take this on and ask me about the post.

In May several of the Cornwall members will travel to the city of culture, Hull, for a National Country Link weekend. There are still spaces available and I have booking forms if you need one, they are also available on the website www.country-link.org.uk There's lots of other interesting stuff on the website including reports of events YOU may have taken part in. There are also photographs of events and people from years gone by – interesting to see what we looked like when we were younger! You can also see what members from other parts of the country get up to, so if you were visiting another area you could go along to an event there too.

I have posters and postcard-size adverts for Country link - if you would like any to put up in your local area then let me know. I also have badges, car stickers and lapel pins (and a brand new blue Country Link tee- shirt) if anyone would like them.

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If you would like a Country Link lapel badge or car sticker, or would like to know about Country Link groups elsewhere let me know.

There is a new National Country Link website: www.country-link.org.uk

"Committee" / Steering group
Chairman – Valda 01872 86508
Programme Coordinator – Eve
Minutes Sec – Ann

New members contact– Clive, Steve or Lin
Membership Sec. – John

Treasurer – Peter
Advertising – Martin



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PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TOWARDS THOSE MEMBERS ORGANISING EVENTS – ALWAYS BOOK AND DO SO IN GOOD TIME. PROBLEMS CAN ARISE AT VENUES IF PEOPLE TURN UP WITHOUT BOOKING AND IF ANY DETAIL OF THE EVENT HAS TO BE CHANGED ONLY THOSE WHO BOOK WILL BE INFORMED.

MARCH

Tue 27 Mar

7.15 for 7.30pm Valda has a couple of spare tickets for “Evita” (direct from it’s West End triumph) at the Hall for Cornwall, Truro. Price £31 each.

Thurs 29 Mar

6 to 7pm Truro Museum – a lecture on Cornish astronomy. Members £4 and non members £7. Optional drink after at The Wig and Pen. Chris has reserved 5 tickets. C/L members to pay for ticket beforehand at the Museum, mentioning reserved tickets..

Sat 31 Mar

1pm This is a Saturday walk so that we can benefit from a visit to the tea rooms!! Meet in Chacewater car park at 1pm for a 2 hour walk in the area, followed by a short drive to a very pleasant café that serves huge slices of delicious cake!

Evening

7.30pm Meal at Buffet City, Camborne.

APRIL

Sun 1 Apr

12.00 lunch at the Mounts Bay Inn, Mullion, TR12 7HN, followed, at 1.30pm, by a walk in the area. Mounts Bay Inn doesn't have parking for guests, however there are 2 large free public car parks within 2 minutes walk on Lender Lane.

Evening

7.30pm Meet for The Man Engine Resurrection Tour 2018 at Heartlands, Pool. for “The Afterdarker” – promising a edgier explosive experience including white-hot pyrotechnics – spark will fly. Buy your own tickets - available through the website www.manenginetickets.com £12 (+£1.20 booking fee) in advance, or £16.50 on the night.

Mon 2 April - Easter Monday

1pm. Join Valda and Martin for a great day out at Point to Point racing at Trebudannon, St Columb Major TR9 4LP . First race is 1.30pm. At time of writing this I am not sure of the cost, but usually charge is per car so contact Valda so that we can arrange car sharing. Food is available to buy, or bring a picnic. Have a little flutter on the gee gees if you feel lucky!

Sat 7 Apr

3.30pm Play, "The Spring Hare" at Tehidy Country Park, (North Cliffs) 4 sheltered story areas & final stage area undercover. Car Park directions signposted along the B3301 Rd. Refreshments, hot drinks + cold, wine, beer, cider, hot cross buns, snacks & hot woodland veggie stew available. Wear wellies, warm coat. Please buy own tickets from your local CRBO, or 01726 879500



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Sun 8 Apr

12.00 Lunch at Goldolphin Arms, Marazion (**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**)

1.30pm Easy walk over causeway to shops etc. in the little village on island where improvements have been made over winter and the tide is ok for this visit.

Mon 9 Apr

7pm Meet in the foyer at Falmouth cinema for a pot luck evening.

Thu 12 Apr

7.30pm. John T's First Farewell Tour - All other dates cancelled!! Doubling as his favourite Pie and Pint Night at the Lemon Arms, Mylor Bridge, Falmouth, TR11 5NA. John will be leaving us for pastures new so we expect this to be very popular. We have a limit of 24 places so we suggest you book early.

Fri 13 April

6.15 for 6.30pm Charles Causley Poetry Celebration at Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro. Cost £6 (museum members) or £10 (non-members of museum). Speakers include Patrick Gale and others reading some of the poet's work. The museum are holding a few tickets for us – please book and pay for a ticket by contacting the museum direct (01872 272205 or drop in). We will go for a drink, or maybe cocktails after!

Sat 14 Apr

7:30pm For all you bowling enthusiasts, join us at Truro Bowl - one game and a meal from £11.

Sun 15 Apr

8.30 AM - yes an early start!!! Meet for an early morning bird walk at Tehidy woods, at the car park near the café (South Tehidy, post code is TR14 0HA). Dress warmly and bring binoculars if you have them. We will have a hearty brunch after the walk at 10am in the Tehidy woods café. Sure to see plenty of wildlife.

Wed 18 Apr

6.45pm for 7pm Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. Starts at 7pm and finishes around 9.30pm. Tea, coffee and cakes available for donation in the interval, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

Fri 20 Apr

6.45pm Meet at Murdoch House, Redruth for Redruth Café Scientifique. The evening starts with conversation over a glass or wine or juice, and maybe nibbles, then a short talk (starts about 7.15) from a speaker on a scientific topic. Then there's a break for more refreshments, followed by questions and discussion. No charge but please give a donation to cover costs. Speaker is Dr Ian Garrard on "Biotechnology: Humanity's Slippery Slope" – the last talk was very oversubscribed hence advise to **get there earlier** than usual

Sun 22 Apr

12 noon Lunch at Tywardhale pub in Perranporth.

1.30pm moderate 4 mile walk to Bolingey village.

Wed 25 April

7.30 for 7.45pm Devoran Films for our future- The Wrecking Season – Jane Darke, director, presents the topical film about pollution from a beachcomber's investigation. Devoran Village hall, tickets are £5 and £6 from 01726 879500 or

www.carnocove.co.uk/events



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Thurs 26 Apr

7.30pm Tickets £10.00 senior £8.00 Play, "The Incredible Balti Celtic Carpet Ride" at Mills Hall Carharrack TR16 52W. Please buy own tickets, 01209 821181 or from your local CRBO

Sun 29 April

12noon. Meet for lunch at The Bay Tree Restaurant at the Goonhavern Garden Centre (post code is TR4 9QQ). This is followed by an easy walk in the area down some of the many footpaths.

MAY

Fri 4 May

7.30pm Meal at the recently refurbished (and beautifully done I'm told) Pier House, Charlestown.

Sun 6 May

12 noon Lunch at CJ's, Budock Water (previously The Old Sanctuary)
1.30pm Circular walk to College reservoir and back. Easy 4 mile walk.

Fri 11 May

Pot luck cinema evening at St. Austell cinema.

Fri 11 to Mon 14 May –National Country Link weekend- in Hull

Join a few of your fellow Cornwall Country Linkers and lots of others at the National Country Link weekend in Hull. You should have had booking details but Valda has spare copies if you would like them. It's a weekend of interesting visits, fancy dress, posh frocks, good friends – and all from just £155 for 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast. **Please let Valda know if you are going and could offer one of our members a lift, on 01872 865038.**

On Sun 13th May - The National Country Link AGM will be held in Hull as part of the National Weekend. Valda will have copies of the agenda and previous minutes so if anyone would like a copy please let Valda know on 01872 865038. Details will also be available on the website www.country-link.org.uk Also let Valda know if you have any points you would like to be raised at the AGM or if you might like to take on the role of South West area rep.

Sat 12 May

7:30pm For all you bowling enthusiasts, join us at Truro Bowl - one game and a meal from £11.

Sun 13 May

12.30 lunch at Mullion Golf Club.
2pm walk in the area, followed by cream tea at the farm.

Wed 16 May

6.45pm for 7pm Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. Starts at 7pm and finishes around 9.30pm. Tea, coffee and cakes available for donation in the interval, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).



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Sun 20 May

12 noon Meet for lunch at The Four Lords, St. Blazey Gate, Par PL24 2EE before going on to Tregrehan Gardens, Par PL24 2SJ for it's charity Open day in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care– admission £7.

Evening

7.15 for 7.30pm Live music at Devoran village hall, with Daoiri Farrell double BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner 2017 with a deep love of Irish traditional song. Get your tickets (£10.50 each) from the Hall for Cornwall 01872

Mon 21 May

6pm Meal at the Chain Locker in Falmouth. Meet upstairs in the restaurant.

Wed 23 May

7.15 for 7.30pm Valda has a limited number of tickets at £25 for "Beauty and The Beast on Ice" with the Russian Ice Stars at Hall for Cornwall. The magical show combines an original musical score, stunning choreography, beautiful sets, costumes and special effects with some of the world's finest ice skaters and aerial acrobats.

Thurs 24 May

6pm Talk "A History Of Cornish Mining" at Royal Cornwall Museum, River St., Truro. TR1 2SJ Talk given by Dr Keith Russ. Please buy own tickets from museum, tickets £7.00 Members £4.00. Option after to have a meal or drink at Wig & Pen, close to Museum.

Sat 26 May

7.30pm Meal at Buffet City, Camborne.

Sun 27 May

7.15 for 7.30 Liza Pulman sings Streisand in the big top in a beautiful location overlooking the water at Portloe Farm, Mylor Churchtown TR11 5UD. Seating is on straw bales, feel free to bring blankets or cushions. Car parking is available in a nearby field. Tickets online £20 (inc booking fees) from www.mylorsessions.com or £15 cash only from Mylor Stores & Mylor Café.

Thurs 31 May

7.30pm Meal at The Stable Bar, Custom House Quay, Falmouth, followed by Jazz at 5 Degrees West.

JUNE

Sat 2 June

The Great Estate Festival at Scorrier House. (1 – 3 June) Many fun events, and music each day. There will be jousting, burlesque, various stalls, food, book reading and much more, To book please go online to the website www.greatastatefestival.co.uk Some Country Linkers will be there on Saturday 2nd.

Sun 3 June

12 noon Lunch at The Countryman, Piece.
1.30pm 3-4 mile easy walk to Carn Brea.



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Tues 5 June

7.30pm Planning Meeting at Punchbowl and Ladle, Penelewey. Please try to come along - offer a few suggestions for the programme and have a drink. If you can't attend the meeting and want to put an event on, **please contact Eve**

Sat 9 June

7:30pm For all you bowling enthusiasts, join us at Truro Bowl - one game and a meal from £11.

Sun 10 June

12 noon Meet at the Jubilee Outdoor Bathing Pool, Penzance (post code TR18 4FF) for a swim, and lunch in the café. Prices approx.£5 for adult bathers, non-bathers £2. Hoping for a warm sunny day! There is plenty of parking in the area.

Fri 15 June

7.30pm Meal at The Meadery, Redruth.

Sun 17 June

12.00 Lunch at Carnon Downs Garden Centre
1.30pm easy 3-4 mile walk in the area after.

Wed 20 June

6.45pm for 7pm Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. Starts at 7pm and finishes around 9.30pm. Tea, coffee and cakes available for donation in the interval, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

Thurs 21 June

6.30pm Bring an evening picnic to Trelissick Garden before an evening walk starting about 7pm through the woodlands on the longest day of the year. We'll drop in to the Punchbowl and Ladle after the walk for a bevvy or two.

Fri 22 June

7pm Meet at a local pub in Falmouth to follow Falmouth Sea Shanty singers around the various pubs (a good old fashioned pub crawl!).

Sun 24 June

12.00 Lunch at The Golden Lion, Stithians.
1.30pm A new walk of approx 4 miles, starting at Stithians Church.

Fri 29 June

7.30pm Meal at Gurkha, Falmouth.

JULY

Sun 1 July

12.00 Lunch at the West Cornwall Golf Club (Church Lane, Lelant, St. Ives, TR26 3DZ - Park on the golf club overflow car park opposite), followed at 1.30 by a circular walk to Carbis Bay. 4 miles. Return to the golf club for coffee and other treats. The golf club requests that we confirm numbers with quite early so bookings need to be in by Tues 26 June.



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Sat 7 July

“The Trench, Bodmin” immersive theatre in Bodmin involving Cornwall’s Regimental Museum and Bodmin & Wenford Steam Railway. Audiences will follow in the footsteps of men from Bodmin who fought in the First World War being transported by steam train to Lanhydrock Estate and back to the Regimental Museum. Several Country Linkers are going along – why not join them? At time of writing I do not have full details available but these should be available by **end of March**

Sun 8 July

11am Meet at the Maritime Museum, Falmouth to see the Titanic exhibition, with lunch after.

Sat 14 July

7:30pm For all you bowling enthusiasts, join Paul at Truro Bowl - one game and a meal from £11. Anyone wishing to come along

FOR YOUR DIARY

31 March to 14 April Prussia Cove Concerts
7 April Vegan Festival, Mount Pleasant Eco Park
20 to 22 April Porthleven food festival
21 April to 5 May Roseland Festival
19 to 28 May, Open Studios, across Cornwall
25 to 28 May Falmouth Street Food & Craft Ales Festival
18 June to 15 July The Trench, Bodmin
6 Apr Music and food at Falmouth Marine Bar.
13 April – Music and food at 5 Degrees West.
16 Apr to 8 July Trelissick House, Exhibition of 100 years, including life of Ida Copeland
Fri 27 April or Fri May 25th Archaeology of medieval Manor Farm, Trerice at Kestle Mill near Newquay. (National Trust).

GENERAL NOTICES

Salsa at The Burrows Centre, Par, Nr. St Austell. Wednesday evening (7.45 for beginners - £2 and 8.15 for Improvers £4.50).

Salsa on Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Falmouth Watersports (next to Trago Mills). Starts with beginners/intermediate classes with additional sessions and freestyle after an interval; generally well attended. £6.00 for the evening

10 pin bowling every 4 – 5 weeks at Truro Bowl. Average attendance is 12-14 people. 2 games of bowling plus a very good meal for £11. 7.15pm start.

Anyone interested in **folk dances/barn dances/ceilidhs** please contact Celia– and she will let you know of any upcoming events.

Jive

Jive classes are held at the following venues. Beginners sessions normally start at 8pm followed by free dance time & the Intermediate session starts at 9.30pm.

Thurs Indian Queens Social Club; Helston Godolphin Club

Music

Finn MColl, Killigrew St, Falmouth has great music every Thursday.



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