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## **Cornwall Country Link Programme** **January, February, March 2020**

Hi Fellow Country Linkers

I will start by welcoming you to your new programme, the first of 2020, and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas 2019 and a Happy New Year. I hope 2020 is a good year for everyone.

It was lovely to see so many at the Christmas Party, including potential new members, regulars and some people that we only see on "special" occasions. We were joined by our National Country Link Chairman, Charles, and his partner, June, and our South West Area Rep, Sarah, and her partner, Graham. Charles kindly presented me with a beautiful bouquet for my work with National Country Link over the years. It was a wonderful surprise! We also had a member from the Worcester group and a couple of our neighbours from North Cornwall. Thanks to everyone who came along, all those people who contributed raffle and tombola prizes, and the kind band of members who helped on the night, all contributing to a very successful evening. We have raised over £220 for charity and will be supporting Cornwall Blood Bikes and St Petroc's. Thanks to Martin for his help and support with the party and for leading 28 people for a bracing walk on the morning after.

We will be holding the club **annual general meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 3 March** at the Methodist Church in Carnon Downs. Please come along. We will provide teas and coffees, so you are welcome to bring cakes and snacks to make it a lovely social occasion. We will be conducting the business of the AGM and electing the committee to help with the smooth running of the club throughout 2020. **Please let me know if you would like to nominate someone, or volunteer yourself for a role.** Give me a call to find out what it entails. There will be a planning meeting following the AGM. Why not make it your New Year Resolution to put an event on the Cornwall Country Link programme?

Peter has stepped down as our Treasurer for health reasons. He has done an excellent job for several years and has always acted very professionally in the role. I would like to thank him for all his hard work for the club. He will continue to support Country Link in other ways. John has kindly agreed to be the interim treasurer and will combine this role and that of membership secretary.

**There is a membership renewal/application form with this programme. Memberships are due from 1 January.** You will see that this year it will be possible to pay online by bank transfer, or you can still pay by cheque. Whichever payment method you choose please make sure that you send the completed form through the post to John at the address given on the form. If we have not received your membership form and payment by the time we send out the next programme in March, then you won't get to hear of all the amazing and wonderful things that Country Link does! I am looking forward to seeing you all at something! Why not introduce a friend to Country Link too?

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](http://www.country-link.org.uk)

**"Committee" / Steering group**

**Chairman – Valda 01872 865038**



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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**

## DECEMBER 2019

### **Fri 18 Dec**

Shelterbox event – taken off programme as its no longer a public event. Apologies to those who maybe went along.

### **Sat 21 Dec**

Company B at Rumons Club, Redruth. Come along for a swinging evening.

### **Sun 29 Dec**

12.00, Simple linear walk, all on hard ground so no wellies required, from Mylor Bridge along the creek through Trelew (home to 'Arthur Christmas'), then on to the Mylor Cafe in Mylor Churchtown. Stop for refreshments then return for coffee in the Lemon Arms. Meet opposite the shop in the centre of the village.

## JANUARY 2020

### **Wed 1 Jan - HAPPY NEW YEAR**

New Year's Day walk and picnic.

12 noon Meet us outside the Atlantic café, Portreath (near the car park on the harbour front), bring a picnic and we will have an invigorating walk or a gentle stroll to start off 2020 on the right foot (or the left foot, or both). We will include a visit to a local hostelry to toast the New Year

### **Sat 4 Jan**

6.45 for 7pm Andre Rieu – “70 years young” – transmitted concert being shown at Falmouth's Phoenix cinema. Tickets £15 or £12.50 for Movie Magic Card holders. We are sitting in seats E11 to E14. Please buy your own tickets.

### **Fri 10 Jan**

7.15 for 7.30pm Join us at The Poly, Falmouth, for the Musical film from 1964 “The Umbrellas of Cherbourg”, a vibrant and inventive all-singing, all-dancing, bitter-sweet romance. A truly original film with subtitles. Tickets are £6.50 including booking fee and Poly fund. (There is also Pea Souk's special pop up restaurant before the film from 6pm for £8 – spaces limited and MUST be pre-booked.) Book your own tickets for film, and restaurant if required, on the Poly website or through the box office on 01326 319461.

### **Sat 11 Jan**

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



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**Sun 12 Jan**

12 noon Lunch Carnon Downs Garden Centre.  
1.30 New walk in the Perrenwell area. Quiet lanes and footpaths. Probably muddy, so sensible shoes.

**Tues 14 Jan**

7pm for 7.30pm. Cornwall Garden Society (CGS) evening lecture at The Alverton Hotel, Truro. The lecture is on "Westonbirt: The National Arboretum". If you are not a CGS member you will need to pay a donation (£5) for admission.

**Wed 15 Jan**

6.45pm for 7pm, finishes around 9pm. Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. . Tea, coffee and cakes available in the interval for a donation, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

**Thu 16 Jan,**

7.00pm The return of Roy's very popular Pie & Pint Night at the Lemon Arms, Mylor Bridge. **Spaces are limited** so book with

**Fri 17 Jan**

7.00 for 7.30pm Join us at the panto in Redruth's Regal Theatre. This year it is "Sleeping Beauty" and is performed by Redruth Amateur Musical and Pantomime Society (RAMPS). Tickets are £13 each (plus booking fee) from the box office 01209 216278 or on Merlin cinemas website. Please book your own tickets (we are in the circle in D15 and D16). Join us at 7pm in the bar for a drink before the performance.

**Sat 18 Jan**

7pm. Join us at The Old bakery Studios, Blewett's Wharf, Truro TR1 1QH for "Jazz lounge: Mostly Girls" celebrating women in Jazz with a line up featuring two members of the famous Ivy Benson All Girls Band and some favourite female jazz musicians here in Cornwall. Tickets are £12.50 in advance or £15 on the door from Old Bakery Studios on 01872 278804 or [www.oldbakerystudios.co.uk](http://www.oldbakerystudios.co.uk). **Book your own tickets.** Food platters may also be available.

**Sun 26 Jan**

12.00 Lunch at The Borough Arms, Dunmere, Bodmin PL31 2RD. Carvery £10.50 regular and £8.50 small.  
1.30pm A walk on the camel trail with a stop at the café.

**Thurs 30 Jan**

7pm Join us for a meal at the County Arms, Truro.

**FEBRUARY**

**Sat 1 Feb**

7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us for some music at Devoran Village Hall. "Phillip Henry: Solo". Solo explores the virtuosic limits of many instruments from the Indian Chaturangui to the Dobro. Tickets £12.50 from [www.crbo.co.uk](http://www.crbo.co.uk)

**Sat 8 Feb**

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



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**Sun 9 Feb**

12 noon Lunch at The Hawkins Arms, Probus.  
1.30pm very pleasant walk in the area and surrounding countryside.

**Tues 11 Feb**

7pm for 7.30pm. Cornwall Garden Society (CGS) evening lecture at The Alverton Hotel, Truro. The lecture is on "Lady Skelmersdale asks where did your garden grow?". If you are not a CGS member you will need to pay a donation (£5) for admission.

**Sun 16 Feb.**

12.00 Lunch at Rumons Club, Redruth (the Old British Legion club at bottom of the town by traffic lights).  
1.30pm Walk in Redruth area around back byways with a bit of history.

**Wed 19 Feb**

6.45pm for 7pm - finishes around 9pm. Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. . Tea, coffee and cakes available in the interval for a donation, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

**Thurs 20 Feb**

8pm Join Martin for a relaxed evening of Jazz at 5 degrees West, Grove Place, Falmouth TR11 4AU. No need to book, just turn up!

**Sat 22 Feb**

7.00pm Pizza Night at Pizza Express, Events Square, Falmouth. Book and **pre-order by 20 Feb.**  
The venue are asking for pre-orders so they can prepare our requirements beforehand to avoid delays. See the menu at <https://www.pizzaexpress.com/falmouth/our-food/restaurant-menu>

**Wed 26 Feb**

7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us at the Old Bakery Studios, Truro for "The Coastguard". This is a play with thought provoking humour and a song in its heart, by Mundic Nation. Tickets £10 or £8 from Old Bakery Studios on 01872 278804 or [www.oldbakerystudios.co.uk](http://www.oldbakerystudios.co.uk)

**Fri 28 Feb**

7 p.m. Meal at the Pier House, Charlestown. **Book by Monday 24th February**

**Sat 29 Feb**

7.15 for 7.30pm. "Winter Mountain" plus support at AMATA, Falmouth University, Penryn. This will be an evening of great music by a very gifted songwriter and musician with an extraordinarily soulful voice. Tickets £10 from [www.amata.org.uk](http://www.amata.org.uk) **Please book your own tickets.**



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## MARCH

### **Tues 3 March**

7.15 for 7.30pm **Cornwall Country Link AGM**. This is being held in The Vestry in Carnon Downs Methodist Church, Bissoe Road, Carnon Downs TR3 6HY. Plenty of parking available. We will provide teas and coffees; please bring snacks or cakes to share. Please come to support YOUR club. We would welcome volunteers to help on the committee. **Please contact Valda on 01872 865038 for more details of any committee roles and if you would like to nominate someone or yourself and if you will be at the AGM.**

Followed by Programme planning meeting. Please think about suggestions for the next programme. If you can't attend the meeting and would like to put an event on.

### **Fri 6 March**

7.15 for 7.30 RSPB talk at Chacewater village hall. "The Lone Kayaker", Rupert Kirkwood. These talks are usually very good with excellent slides. Admission is £3 on the door, and there is tea and coffee available in the interval for a donation.

### **Sun 8 Mar**

12:30pm Lunch at the Countryman Inn, Redruth, TR16 6SG. They offer a choice of roasts plus a great full varied menu for you to choose from as well. After lunch we will be entertained by live music from a renowned solo singer/guitarist for the afternoon.

### **Sat 14 March**

7.15 for 7.30pm "Keira Martin in Collaboration with Sioda Adams: Good Blood". Good Blood looks closely at the relationship of two sisters, using dance, live music, song and storytelling to bring hilarious, nostalgic and familiar family scenarios to the stage. Tickets £12 and £10 from [www.amata.org.uk](http://www.amata.org.uk) **Please book your own tickets**

### **Sat 14 Mar**

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

### **Sun 15 Mar**

12.30 Meet at the Waterside (holiday park), Old Coach Road, Lanivet, Bodmin PL30 5JJ for a swim before lunch. We will then have a tasty carvery lunch at 2pm. There may be a walk around the grounds after lunch, followed by tea or coffee, and cake or puddings. Swim and carvery £9.95, carvery only £8.95, small carvery available at reduced price.

### **Tues 17 Mar**

7.00, Spring has sprung (well nearly!). Time for an Equinoxial (good Scrabble word that - 26 points I reckon!!) Supper at the Old Quay Inn, Devoran, TR3 6ND.

### **Wed 18 March**

6.45pm for 7pm, finishes around 9pm. Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. Tea, coffee and cakes available in the interval for a donation, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

### **Fri 20 March**

6.30pm A yummy Fish and Chip supper at Morrish's Redruth.



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**Sat 28 March**

7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us for an evening of dance at AMATA, Falmouth University, Penryn. "Edge Dance Company: Triple Bill"  
Expect physicality, poetry, rigour and beauty as the 14 young dancers from across the globe invest power and passion into each work. Tickets £11 and £8

**Sun 29 Mar**

12.00 Lunch at the Atlantic Inn, Peverell Terrace, Porthleven, TR13 9DZ (small car park but quite a lot of on road parking available), followed by a walk in the local area.

**APRIL**

**Sat 11 Apr**

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

**Wed 15 April**

6.45pm for 7pm, finishes around 9pm. Quiz night at Carnon Downs village hall in aid of Cornwall Ostomy Support group. £2 each. . Tea, coffee and cakes available in the interval for a donation, but you may wish to bring other drinks/snacks. Raffle too (prizes welcome).

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

Just a few of the many many things happening in the county over the next few months

- 14 Dec – 4 Jan.** Mousehole Christmas Lights
- 18 Jan** – Cornwall Beaver Project film, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Gweek
- 25-26 Jan.** Healing Light Festival, Heartlands, Pool
- 20-22 Feb.** Banff Mountain Festival World Tour, Regal Theatre, Redruth
- 29 Feb.** World Pasty Championship, Eden
- 5 Mar.** St. Pirans Day
- 20 Mar.** Looe Blues, Rhythm and Rock Festival, Tencreek Holiday Park, Looe
- 20-23 Mar..** Country and Western Weekend, St. Ives Holiday Park, St. Ives

**GENERAL NOTICES**

Anyone interested in a **cinema evening** in Falmouth either at The Poly or Merlin cinema.

**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 email 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