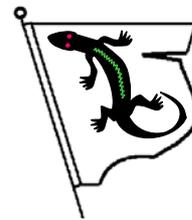


Lizard Peninsula Heritage Trust

An environmental charity dedicated to the recognition, protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the Lizard Peninsula



Friends of the Lizard 1997-2006

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Events programme 2010-11

Following the successes of the last two years, we have greatly increased the number of our events and planned them again in co-ordination with a selection of events by various other local organisations. Full details are set out on the separate sheet included with this Newsletter. If you wish to notify the Trust of your intention to go, enabling us to contact you if there is any late changes of plan, please contact: Gill Richardson 01326 280058, Ann Chapman 01326 221648 or Anne Roberts 01326 221243. Our own events up to the next Newsletter are:

Saturday 17 April 2010, 12.45 for 1.00pm President's Lunch, Polpeor.

Meet: Polpeor Café, Lizard Point (OS ref SW 701 116). Our President, John Grierson, and his wife Jane, have rearranged this postponed event and invite you to join them for a President's Lunch social occasion at the most southerly café in Cornwall, owned and run by Peter Hendy. Cost: Pay your own bill at Polpeor, but wine provided by the President.

Booking essential: deadline Saturday 10 April.

Contact: Jane Grierson 01326 290677 or pjcarmelin@gmail.com

Wednesday 12 May 2010, 11.00-3.00pm Botanical walk, Predannack

Botanical guided walk with Steve Townsend, Natural England Reserves Manager for Lizard National Nature Reserve, to see & identify wild plants in the Predannack & Vellan Head area.

Meet: Initially, Lizard Green carpark for transfer across airfield in a limited number of cars.

Cost: Free to LPHT members.

Bring: Picnic lunch, wild flower books & hand lenses.

Saturday 5 June 2010, 2.30pm LPHT event: Poldowrian – gardens & archaeology

Mrs Valerie Hadley (LPHT member) kindly invites us again to see her gardens, museum & nearby archaeological sites with the help of Margaret Hunt, followed by tea.

Location: 4 miles west of Coverack. OS ref SW 749 169.

Cost: Voluntary contribution in support of Shelter Box.

Saturday 12 June 2010, 10.30-12.30pm LPHT event: Roadside Heritage Survey - training

An introductory meeting, for our volunteer surveyors, with Jane Powning from Cornwall Council's Historic Environment Service. Come along and, over a cup of coffee, discuss the programme, methodology, site survey sheets, photographic and database requirements. Contact David Richardson if you intend to go.

Meet: Mawgan Village Hall, near the War Memorial roundabout.

Subscriptions

Subscription renewals are due on 1 April and, as members have already been informed, they remain unchanged at £6 for an individual or £9 for two adults at the same address. Last year, for the first time, we achieved 100% renewal and we are hoping to renew the feat. Approximately 15% of our members have paid a 'Life' subscription and a further 45% by Standing Order, which is easier for both them and us. If you are neither a Life Member nor someone who pays by Standing Order, there should be a renewal slip with this Newsletter.



Wind Turbines

The Lizard Trust has consistently opposed wind turbines on the Lizard Peninsula, not only because they are extremely inefficient and rely entirely on massive public subsidies, but because national and local planning policies require all development in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to enhance the landscape. I find it hard to believe that even the most ardent supporter of turbines

would claim that they enhance protected beautiful landscapes. Of course, such policies are totally ignored by central government that has the final say in the decision process. In support of our views, I was interested to see two recent comments in the local and national press:

Firstly, a quotation from Sir Tim Rice, in a letter published in 'Cornwall Today' (March 2010):

"Spending millions on wind farms is insanity and wrecks the landscape."

Secondly, an extract from editorial comment in the Sunday Times (21 March 2010):

"Wind farms appear to offer a perfect solution to the twin problems of global warming and the depletion of hydrocarbon reserves. The wind will be blowing long after the last petrol-engined car has been crunched into a lump of metal. Britain may be running out of North Sea oil, but you need only stand on our coastline to realise it will never lack wind. However, a detailed study of some of Britain's onshore wind farms suggest they do not come remotely near providing an efficient and reliable source of supply. Worse, they are a blight on some of our most beautiful landscapes."

No wind farm can produce 100% of its maximum power output; the realistic operating maximum is about 50%. Many wind farms fall well below that. The norm for onshore farms is 25% to 30%, based on data from Ofgem, the energy regulator. More than 20 farms produce less than a fifth of their maximum output and some produce less than 10%."

This might not matter except that such low output adds to the already high cost of wind generation. More seriously than that, many of these wind farms get planning permission only because they have claimed levels of power output that have never been achieved. Communities have been left with the huge and noisy wind farms on their doorsteps, knowing they are producing little energy."

This is the kind of problem that arises when renewable targets are set from on high, in this case from the European Union. It wants 20% of energy across Europe to be generated from renewable sources by 2020. This is folly of the highest order, if the only way it can be done is inefficiently and expensively and at the cost of damaging our environment. Far better to push on with technologies we know can deliver, such as nuclear and clean coal."

David Richardson

Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Kynance Cove

The Cornwall 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' (AONB) is one protected area, split up into 12 separate parts, representing the finest of the County's coast, moorland, farmland, rivers and estuaries. It is an internationally important landscape, valued for embodying the special character of Cornwall, underpinning the local economy and everyone's quality of life. The whole of the Lizard Trust's defined area is included in the 'South Coast Western' part of the Cornwall AONB. Below, are three extracts from the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's Spring 2010 Newsletter, reminding us of the importance of these designated areas, their management and international recognition.

Early Day Motion

MPs of all parties signed an Early Day Motion (EDM) to mark the 60th Anniversary of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949. The wording of the EDM is as follows:

"That this House welcomes the 60th anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949; notes that this visionary piece of legislation led to the creation of National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, National Nature Reserves, the Public Rights of Way framework and National Trails; sees the UK's protected landscapes as assets to the nation which enjoy widespread public support and are enjoyed by millions of visitors, as well as being home to farmers and local communities who are vital to sustaining them; celebrates the diversity of the UK's protected landscapes from upland to lowland areas across Great Britain; notes that they provide havens for wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural heritage, opportunities for promoting physical, mental and spiritual well-being, a playground for learning for all ages, and are exemplars in sustainable farming, links between urban and rural communities, demonstrators of sustainable development in practice, stores for carbon and places that promote solutions to the challenges of climate change; welcomes the significant achievements obtained from those working in partnership in these areas; acknowledges that the benefits of protected landscapes are enduring though the challenges they face have changed over time; welcomes the support that successive Governments and all political parties have given to protected landscapes; and urges future administrations to demonstrate continuing support for these special areas."

Management Plan

Following a review of the current AONB Management Plan, the production of a new Plan is now well under way. A comprehensive public consultation was held during the summer/autumn 2009 to elicit information from the general public about our protected landscapes and to help inform the Plan. A detailed questionnaire was produced for considered responses and a series of maps and post-it notes for fast 'off-the-cuff' ideas. Both methods proved popular and successful.

Cornwall Rural Communities Council (CRCC) was appointed as consultants and sixteen events were attended by the AONB Unit in association with CRCC as well as four by the AONB team alone. These ranged from craft fairs and farmers' markets to large festivals. At least one was held in each AONB section and two in the larger ones. Over 1,700 responses were received in total and at each event a significant number of views were expressed - nearly all of which demonstrated just how much local people and tourists alike valued the Cornish landscape and cared about its management for the future.

Following this consultation, the AONB Unit also held a series of workshops with key stakeholders on the following themes: heritage, tourism, landscape, transport, economy, biodiversity, climate change, marine issues, planning, communication, communities and farming. The Plan is now in production with both strategic and local chapters being developed along with sections on planning and communication. The first draft will be sent to all AONB Partners for comment, as part of the statutory consultation process, during June this year.

Europarc Charter

The Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has formally been awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism by the Europarc Federation. Europarc is the voice of Europe's protected areas with over 400 members in 36 countries, who themselves manage the 'green jewels' of Europe's land, sea, mountains, forests, rivers and cultural heritage. The aim of the Charter is to increase awareness of and support for Europe's protected areas and to improve the sustainable development and management of tourism within them.

The Europarc Award was obtained thanks to the efforts of the small team at the Cornwall Sustainable Tourism Project (CoaST) and the Sustainable Tourism Working Group (including the National Trust, Cornwall Council and the Cornwall AONB Unit) who worked with businesses large and small across the county to drive forward the message that green tourism brings business as well as environmental benefits. Working together, they developed a best practice approach that directly led to the achievement of this prestigious award.

At a recent Partnership meeting on the Lizard, the Charter was officially presented to AONB Partnership Chairman Peter Mansfield by Dan Bloomfield of Europarc Atlantic Isles. The Partnership heard from VisitLizard tourism association chair-person Sandy Pulfrey who also runs The Hen House B & B near Manaccan: "The Charter will have a triple benefit for our business," she said. "There will be an increase in European visitors, more shoulder and winter season holidaymakers who are in search of pristine countryside and peace and quiet and also those who have a particular interest in the environment and the beauty of our protected landscape and who want to take an active role in conserving it for the future."

Local Businesses - St Keverne Bakery - Pierre Vial



Pierre Vial - "I am French, I like big muffins"

Continuing our series of articles on businesses on the Lizard Peninsula, with particular reference to those that are unusual or have an interesting story to tell, here is St Keverne Bakery:

As you come into St Keverne, on the right among the rural workshops you will find Pierre Vial, who presides over a paradise where anyone with a sweet tooth will believe that all their Christmases have come at once, the amazing St Keverne Bakery. This is a little craft bakery where you will find all you could ask for of cakes, bread and pasties.

Most people have no idea that you can just wander in and find just what you are looking for to go with your coffee, tea, or with those moments of greed we all enjoy. Pierre believes in satisfaction – the size of his gorgeous muffins will convince you of that – frequently producing a fresh variety, they really are BIG!



Pleasure you could carry off

He has well-developed plans to offer coffee, tea, ice cream, and apple fritters to enjoy on the spot, so that you can pause and imagine the pleasure you could have in carrying off a few of his offerings.

Many will be familiar with the St Keverne Bakery shops in Porthleven and Helston, and more than likely will have met his products in various bakeries around the Lizard. The Helston shop will be closing soon, but his plans for Porthleven to extend its facilities well compensate for that – open longer hours, every day, where you will be able to sit in the sun and enjoy a coffee, sandwich, a pasty or a self-indulgent and generous cream slice. No more pleasant way to relax for a while in this typical Cornish harbour.

Pierre is indeed a master baker and confectioner. Cakes are a speciality, from wedding to the outrageous – you want a fishing-boat or helicopter, Pierre will make it. His sugar decorations (look at the flowers on the wedding cakes - no they're not real) are works of art. He trained in the UK, and has baked for thirty years, although for a while he ran a couple of pubs, the Lion and Lamb at Ashton and the Star Inn at St Earth.

Pierre has always been open for regular sales, and of course everything is cheaper than when bought in a shop, and more and more people are buying regularly direct from the bakery. For pasties and bread it is a good idea to order the day before (note when he is open, hours below), but you can always look in and take a chance.

The St Keverne Bakery,
Rural Workshops,
St Keverne.

Open from 8pm, through the night
and until 1pm (ish).

Ring 01326 280074 with orders for
the following day.



Sugar flowers on a wedding cake



Cakes are a speciality

Chris Towner

Contact by Email and Gift Aid

With our subscription rates static and so modest, while postage costs constantly increase, we have to look for ways to economise. An idea that might appeal to some members would be to receive all communications by Email instead of by post. This would also have the advantage of speed and seeing the illustrations in our Newsletters far better in their full colour. We would like to encourage more of our members to go for this option so, if you want to participate, just send your Email address to David Richardson (see bottom of back page).

The Gift Aid option significantly increases our income, without any extra cost to our Members, and without any intrusion into their tax affairs. We have been pleased with the response, but very many more could sign the form that would allow us to claim the extra from the Inland Revenue. You will notice that the renewals slip now includes a simple tick box for you to agree this facility.

Development on Garden Land

National policy on planning for housing is in 'Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing' which has recently been strengthened in paragraph 41 to say that 'there is no presumption that land that is previously-developed is necessarily suitable for housing development nor that the whole of the curtilage should be developed'. This follows a commitment given by the Government during the passage of the Planning Act in 2008 to carry out a review of development on garden land and to consider what, if any, action was necessary.

Personalities from our membership – Mrs Jill Morison DL



Continuing our series of interesting personalities among our members, here is Mrs Jill Morison. We were delighted to report, in the last Newsletter, that Jill has agreed to become our new Patron, a position that had remained unfilled since the death of General Sir Richard Trant in 2007:

Jill Morison was born in Cornwall into the large Fox family of Falmouth, and was brought up at Penjerrick near Mawnan Smith. Penjerrick is historically a sister garden to Trebah and Glendurgan, all made by the Fox brothers in the early 1800s. It's hardly surprising, therefore, to discover that Jill was a County Representative for the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book) for 15 years and that she is currently Chairman of the Manaccan Flower & Garden Club.

Jill was married to two Royal Naval Officers and is now doubly widowed with four children (two boys and two girls) and ten grandchildren aged between 22 and 3 years. Although all of her children live and work outside Cornwall, three of them have bought timeshares at Treloar Warren so still maintain strong links with the Duchy.

After living "out of county" for some years, Jill and her late husband Donald returned to Cornwall 21 years ago and set about looking for a place to retire. Their search began, where Jill grew up, on the north side of the Helford but they ended up on the Lizard Peninsula "almost by accident" after falling in love with their home at St. Martin in Meneage. However it was an accident she doesn't regret at all!

As well as the NGS, Jill has spent her "retirement" time supporting many other groups and charities, including 15 years on the King George's Fund for Sailors Cornwall Committee. She is currently President of the Cornwall Homecomers, (a very active group for those who, like herself, have returned to the County of their birth), Vice President of the Truro branch of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies, and Chairman of Macmillan Cancer Support in Cornwall. She is also involved with the Cornwall Community Foundation, Cornish Historic Churches Trust, a Friend of both the Bishop's Forum (Youth Activity Centre) and the Hall for Cornwall, a supporter of the Helford River Association and an ex Board Member of the Royal Cornwall Polytechnic.

During the year 1996/7 Jill was High Sheriff of Cornwall, a post dating back to Saxon times. In Cornwall the Sheriff is appointed by the Duke of Cornwall rather than the Monarch as in other parts of the country, and the appointment is for one year only. It is an independent and non-political appointment and the incumbent is the Queen's representative in all matters relating to law and order.

She is currently a Deputy Lieutenant in Cornwall, a post she has occupied for the last 10 years and enjoys greatly. The Lord Lieutenant is the personal representative of the Queen and is responsible for arranging visits by members of the Royal family, presenting medals and honours and taking part in many civic activities. The Lord Lieutenant appoints many Deputies to assist with these duties and they are chosen either to represent a particular expertise or an area of the county, and the appointment lasts until the age of 75. Jill is normally asked to deputise for the Lieutenant in the Lizard/Helston area, and sometimes Camborne, Redruth and Falmouth. She says she particularly finds the Citizenship Ceremonies interesting. These are held monthly in County Hall, Truro and the Lieutenancy take turns to officiate, together with a Registrar and the Chairman of the Council.

On a more local level Jill is Chairman of the Manaccan Flower & Garden Club and also the St. Martin Lunch Club for the over 60s. She is a popular and well known resident of St. Martin and can often be seen presiding over the Raffle Table at many a charity coffee morning or Church Fair!

That Jill is a supporter of the aims and objectives of the Lizard Trust goes without saying, and is readily apparent from the many groups which she supports. She says that she is now very honoured to become our Patron and hopes to take an active part in some of our forthcoming events.

Christine Chatfield

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