



WOLF VALLEY NEWS

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Greetings and welcome to the new Wolf Valley News!

This is a re launch and new layout following the successful development and circulation of the Roundabout. Much heartfelt thanks go to Liz and her team for all their work over the years.

This news sheet is supported by your Parish Council for Germansweek and Eworthy and covers those areas and beyond. The first few editions may be experimental but the layout and inclusions will get better as the months progress.

All are welcome to be involved. Please send your copy to the editor, details here and on the back page.

We hope to include all events locally, some advertising and all upcoming events along with ideas, suggestions, jokes. Please send us all that helps and encourages the community.

Regular contributors will be from the Vicar, the Parish Council and local clubs.

Copy deadline is the 25th. day of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue.

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For interest:

The name of this valley may come from a Celtic or earlier name recorded by the Roman, Ptolemy, a map-maker as Ουολιβα or Voliba, a town of the Dumnonii said to be Broadbury Castle, rather than referring to the wolf animal. Dumnonia was the name for this south west area, used right up until Saxon times.

Germansweek Parish Church:

This month's narrative from the Reverend

My faithful, comfortable old dealer boots finally gave up last week, the soles wore right through and I started getting wet feet. I would liked to have had them resoled but no-one seems to do that anymore. What's happened to all the old cobbler shops that used to do shoe repairs? The key cutting type places that claim to do shoe repairs just seem to send them off somewhere else and they come back with a flimsy bit of sole glued to the old one which lasts about week before it falls off, what's more they charge nearly as much as a new pair of shoes would cost.

Reluctantly I bought a new pair, nice leather uppers and reasonably priced. They seemed to fit OK in the shop, although no-one bothers to measure your feet anymore even though you can't get half sizes and a size 10 seems to come in small 10, OK 10 and too big 10. I didn't expect them to be as comfortable as my old ones, which after all had had a few years of moulding themselves to my feet, we had been many miles together and were a perfect fit but I wasn't prepared for the pain that ensued after the first short walk. They rubbed the skin off of my toes and reduced me to a limping wimp. I checked the size in case I had picked up the wrong ones and even considered taking them back because they must be faulty. I was given plenty of advice on how to break in new shoes from standing in the bath, to stuffing them with potato peel and even urinating in them. Being not quite ready to walk around smelling like an incontinent old man I took what I thought was the best advice which was 'the best thing to put into new shoes is feet.' Eventually the leather eased along with the pain and I can walk again.

The whole experience reminded me of a saying of Lao Tsu, 'When the shoe fits, the foot is forgotten.' We all take things for granted at times, even important things. So much of our way of life that we take for granted is actually rare. The relative peace, equality and tolerance we enjoy, is not the natural order of things, if you want to see the natural order of things, look at most of the rest of the world and consider most of human history.

Nowhere is perfect but here's a few things in Britain that we think of as normal have only been here for a short time in the greater scheme of things: hospitals, schools, equality of women, right to own property, right to vote, abundant food, freedom of religion, freedom of movement, freedom of speech, rule of law, state pension, access to clean water, holidays etc. A lot of these things are the result of our Christian heritage and the sacrifices made by our forefathers, we need to learn to cherish these things or we will not protect them. If we lose what we have, the thing that replaces it may not be as comfortable.

Germansweek Parish Church Services, Notices and Events:

Church Services in October

3rd Holy Communion	11.15am	Germansweek
Harvest Thanksgiving	4.30pm	Bratton Clovelly
10th	No Service	
17th Holy Communion	9.30am	Bratton Clovelly
24th Evening Prayer	4.30pm	Bratton Clovelly
31st Benefice Service	11.00am	Lydford

Roadford Lake Rowing Club - It's Rowing but not as you know it!

After a not unusual delay to the launch of the club in 2020, we finally formed a Committee and The Club in June 2021 and opened up to Members in early August.

Matt Lennox of South West Lakes Trust Activity Centre has to be congratulated for allowing another club to operate in our local lake, and without that vision and permission, this club would not exist. Thanks Matt.

'Rowing is for the rich!' Well, it can be, of course, but most clubs I know are definitely local grass roots clubs running on a small budget and always looking for funding. Roadford Lake Rowing Club is definitely grass roots, under canvas and with a few home made boat racks and trestles! Very Heath Robinson. But we now exist - brilliant!

All those who have joined the club as either Rowing / Social Members, Coxswains, Coaches and those giving their time to help the club are very much living locally - which is great! However, we are an inclusive community amateur sports club, open to all and open to more members!

We are not a Gig Rowing Club, but what is termed as 'Sliding Seat Rowing' - so busy sliding on a seat up and down a track with an oar (or blade) in our hands. We have ex-Gig rowers as members too and they have been great doing this sliding seat stuff.

'Is Rowing only for the young?' - Nope! Some of us have not been in a rowing boat for 30-40 years and seem to have picked it up easily again and rowing is great to keep the ol' ticker fit and you don't need to be super fit either! Have you seen me?! We are completing our first set of 'Taster Sessions' (a 'Try before you Buy' facility) later this month, for those who have an interest to row but are complete beginners. This first set is full and will be a test as much to us as it will be for them but hopefully fun too! They will be out on the lake in a boat with an oar and doing that sliding seat stuff. Hopefully, we will run some more sessions in the not too distant future.

The Club does have an initial Facebook Page - unsurprisingly named 'Roadford Lake Rowing Club'.

Currently, Club Days are usually on a Sunday at 10am (details are posted on our Facebook Page each week though), so if you want to come and see us

Thank you for reading this far and best wishes from all of us at RLRC.

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Germansweek and Eworthy Flower Show:

This September saw the return of the ever popular Flower Show. After lockdown, the organisers were unsure of how well supported it would be but there was no need to worry. Ex villagers, visitors, residents old and new turned up and did the show proud. There may have not been as many entries this year as we got back into the swing of it but it was a great opportunity to meet each other. New friends and acquaintances were made over the relaxed pic niq and friendly competition.

Results as follows:

Vegetable class most points Kate Bence

Vegetable best exhibit Ann Dudley Warde for her tomatoes

Craft class most points Jamie Collins

Craft best exhibit Val Painting, mixed media

Photography class most points and best Lydia Fenely

Cookery class most points and best Jo Tope

Flower class most points Frieda Greenaway

Flower class best exhibit Claire Pullinger Dahlias

Teen class was won by Ghislaine and the Junior class was a tie between Jovann and Marla

Most points in show went to Lydia Finely and Best in Show to Ann Dudley Warde

The show ended the week long Scarecrow Festival which demonstrated how creative and humorous you lot really are. As you walked around the village, you felt as though you were being watched. Crows, Superman, conscientious tidier, painters, alpacas, pirates, mermaids and who could forget local celebrity: Wally the Walrus? Wally was the well deserved winner and was made by Gill Palmer, winner for the second year in a row.

Thanks must also go to the show this year for donating it's proceeds to a residents' fund raising group which is raising money to buy a village defibrillator. Thanks to some generous private donations also, the sum of £365 was raised to kick the fund off.

Thanks to this year's helpers: Tracey, Roger, David and Lydia, we couldn't have done it without them and to those who've signed up next year to help. We already have some ideas, one of which includes a barrel! We look forward to doing it all again in 2022.

Vicky, Angela & Les.

The Parish Council Missive

The evenings are definitely drawing in now and winter is just around the corner. I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, the warm weather and time with the family. It won't be long before the thick coats will be back out and you know what will be here in December, but I won't get onto that just yet!

We had a positive meeting in September and have started planning ahead. We have been discussing ideas for the Queens Jubilee celebration next year. It would be nice to celebrate it in some way. A

street party has come up as an option, how does everyone feel about that? Any other suggestions would be gratefully received.

It has been nice to see some work done on the roads around Germansweek, however there is still some areas that need attention. We are trying to feedback regularly but it would help if you see any potholes to report them on the Devon County Highways "Report it" website: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

It only takes a few minutes and could go a long way in helping get the roads around Germansweek where they need to be. The more people that report a problem, the more likely a positive response. The Germansweek Parish council website has come together really well, although we would like to update the history page and would appreciate any Germansweek history information anyone may have and any pictures of the village.

Here's hoping we have a mild autumn and can make the most of the dry days we hopefully have to come.

I'll bid you farewell and leave you with a parting gift...

The wisest men in the village could not figure out where the sun went at night. So they stayed up all night discussing it. And then it dawned on them.

(I'll see myself out.)

Councillor Carlie.

Germansweek Village Hall;

Here's a catch up of the 100 Club winners.

June 2021- 1st Bevill Smithers. 2nd Kate Bence. 3rd Trevor Ward

July- 1st Elaine Morgan. 2nd Elliot Collins. 3rd Diane Reardon

August- 1st Jaq Bryne. 2nd Sid Collins. 3rd Paul Bryne

September- 1st Gill Verity. 2nd John Morgan. 3rd W & S Whitbread.

The Hall is again open for business and a lovely time was had by all at the recent Village Flower Show. Small but perfectly formed! Thank you to Vicky and Angela for their efforts. As we approach the Winter, the overhead heaters which were installed nearly two years ago, are finally able to be put to good use making the hall a far more comfortable environment for those dark evenings events.

Sid

Upcoming/regular events or meetings;

Much local information and events can be found on www.nextdoor.co.uk Please take some time to join up and keep up!

Ivyhouse Garden Club (Broadwood) is holding meetings again starting on the second Monday of every month at Lakeside Conference Centre, Roadford Lake. 7pm for anyone who would like to come along!

'Sing along round 2' hold sessions every month in Germansweek Church.. All are welcome. At this time, please check www.nextdoor.co.uk (Germansweek) for October dates.

Germansweek Cribbage Social meets regularly every month. Again, at this time, check www.nextdoor.co.uk for regular updates and meetings.

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