

## Gulworthy Notes July 2021

The continuation of “Nature Notes from Gulworthy” – hasn’t it been a weird spring? Everything is so late.

The roses in our garden are at least a month behind but are finally in full bloom. The welcome rain of the last few days may have watered them but has also battered their petals – I guess that’s just par for the course! I am fighting an often-losing battle with the massed populations of voles and sparrows who find every beetroot seedling irresistible. I haven’t quite given in to razor wire and minefields but there are rolls of netting protecting all the juiciest of plants from the invading wildlife and I can only comfort myself by remembering that various owl species rely on voles for their own sustenance, so I am helping the local population by feeding said rodents!

Ongoing saga of the Morwellham Pear – 10 fruits hanging on in there which is 8 more than last year, but as yet, the beautiful friendship anticipated with this attractive but barely productive tree is struggling. Does anyone else have one of these? No information to be found anywhere!

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June we asked for volunteers to help tidy St Paul’s after 18 months of not being able to do so; 14 people turned up and we managed to stay masked and socially distanced whilst we polished, washed, hoovered, strimmed, hacked and weeded. The result is that St Paul’s looks and smells wonderful without a sign of spiders’ webs or bat droppings and with the dust of many months swept away. Outside the gravel has been weeded, shrubs cut back and paths cut for children to enter Gulworthy school from the churchyard.

Thank you so much to everyone that came – there was great camaraderie and it felt like we were sweeping the cobwebs of the past months away, taking a deep breath and readying ourselves for the return of some degree of normality.

There are no events in our church diary as yet, but in our next PCC meeting we shall be looking to the future and planning for the Autumn and Winter. Meanwhile, if anyone has ideas for social events or for fundraising then please do let us know. We had many plans for 2020 which could not be carried out so the more ideas the better! Hopefully, by the beginning of August, we shall know if we can have large gatherings again, meanwhile we shall, as we have done all year, pray for the continued wellbeing of Gulworthy parish and for all our loved ones.

May we continue to live in love and faith

St Paul’s, Gulworthy.