

Dear member,

We hope life in lockdown has been manageable and you are keeping well. Due to continued Social distancing Government guidelines we are unable to meet as a group. Sadly the visit to Kresen Kernow, planned for 23rd July has been postponed, as the resource centre is not open for visits from groups for the foreseeable future. We will keep you posted with regard to other future suspended events and meetings.

We are still continuing to look at planning applications which have been submitted to Cornwall Council during the past month and where we think it necessary, make detailed comment. A list of these can be found at the end of this newsletter.

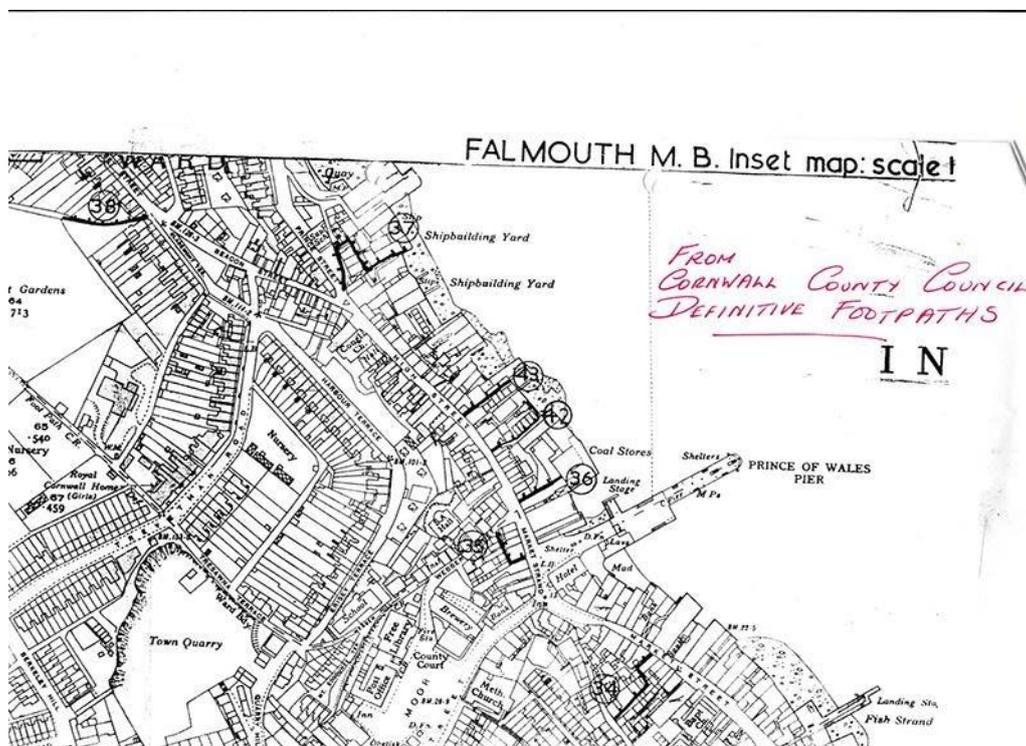
As circumstances have not altered very much since our last newsletter went out and as there are no FCS or indeed any local events/ talks to feature or report on, we have included in this month's issue some articles and photographs from our committee and FCS members for you to peruse.

## HISTORY

### *From the Archives*

#### Falmouth's Opes and Alleys

Last month I gave you a list, found from the archives, of a survey of Falmouth's Opes as they were in 1981. There was one piece of feedback asking why the Opes in the High Street didn't open out to the water? I thought the answer was because of the building of the Packet Quays, but looked in the archives and found this map of the footpaths pre 1984, which proved the point.



Not all the opes have a photograph pre 1984, so if you have one, I'd be delighted to see it. The opes are listed in order going from the top of the High Street, so to start my up to date record, I have started with the first part only. More to come!



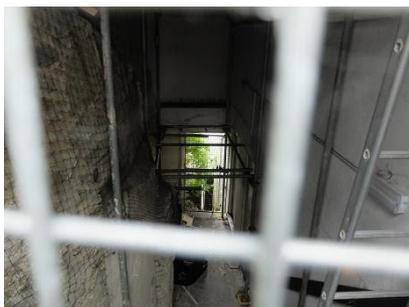
The first one listed is Jackett's Steps:

Then comes Barrack's Ope, but you had a photo of that last month.

After that comes Jane's Court and that is where I met a problem. I knew I had seen Jane's Court and sure enough Jane's Court is part of the Packet Quays development. However where is the ope to it? I retraced my steps and you can get down to it from Barracks Ope



but this what the Jane's Court ope is like now:



Closed to the public and just a service entrance to the flats on the High Street.

Briton's Yard comes next:



Beside Malin's Hall, the condition of which is a disgrace. We have made representations to the Conservation Officer previously. Perhaps we should try again?

Next is Tregoning's Yard, which you must look carefully to find.



Now Mulberry Passage:



And then the entrance to Mulberry Square which is considerably improved compared to the 1981 photograph.



Deviating from the list a little, I found this sign in the ope way, leading to Bakehouse Yard, next to the Prince of Wales Pub.



Next month I will continue my walk up Smithick Hill.

Angela Shields

### **Godrevy, John Tovey's Sticky Toffee Pudding Recipe, Queensferry Harbour...**

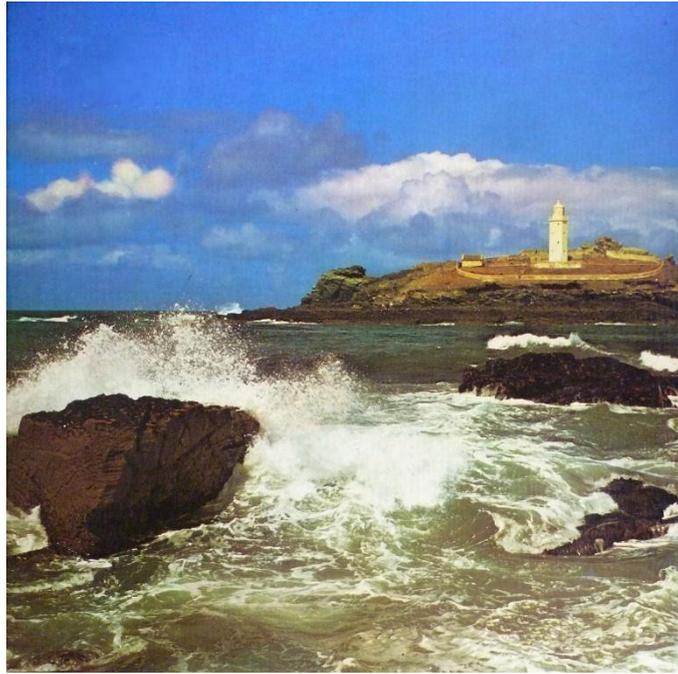
What am I on about? A clue might be in the numbers: 250, 500, 1000.

If you guessed jigsaws - you'd be right. We have joined the band of jigsaw 'solvers' during these strange few weeks and months. There is probably a collective term for us – I'd be interested to hear it.

The Queensferry Harbour puzzle, from a painting by artist Terry Harrison, features the Forth Bridge. So, plenty of sea, sky and over 100 pieces of bits of bridge to figure out. Frustrating and satisfying in equal measure.

During the lockdown, jigsaws have become big business and sales on-line have rocketed.

We find it helps to start at the outer edges and then sort like-with-like. We look at the picture – which some people think is cheating! So, the puzzle sits on a table and we do a bit when we're in the mood – no rush!



Margaret Jenks

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We were taken by the wonderful and inspirational Mrs Pauline Williams, Natural History teacher at Truro High Junior School. I can still remember the delight I felt at the abundance and variety of creatures and coloured seaweed we were let loose on to hunt and identify. One that still sticks in my mind from that day more than 50 years ago was the "Mermaids Fingers". It looks like a Seaweed but if you break off a little piece of it, what seems to be a miracle happens as the break heals over again in front of your eyes. This is because it is actually a colony of animal organisms acting in unison.....not a weed at all.

I still enjoy the rockpools there, some of the best in the area . Why not clamber ( totter and slither) down to the sea at low tide and see what's lurking under the seaweed ? But watch out for the Velvet Swimming Crabs, unlike the common shore crabs which prefer to sidle away, these stand their ground and will happily give you a pinch.

Here is a little acrylic paint sketch inspired by all the beautiful colourful weeds and corals lit up by the sunlight.

Sarah Penna.

## **Transition Falmouth and Falmouth LETS meetings continue online**

### **Transition Falmouth**

Transition Falmouth is part of a movement addressing the two greatest issues of our time: a changing climate and declining oil production.

We are working to develop low energy solutions in all aspects of our lives. Transition Falmouth has set up a number of working groups including food, arts & crafts, transport, health & wellbeing, waste, built environment and economics.

We believe solutions will arise from engaging the creativity, imagination and knowledge of people in Falmouth. Our aim is to create active and supportive partnerships between individuals, groups and local government.

Help us put Falmouth on the map as a community that engages its collective creativity and genius in building an abundant future.

Transition Falmouth (and Falmouth LETS) will continue to hold their meetings online using [Zoom](#) for the foreseeable future. Anyone interested in the environment, climate, and re-localisation issues is most welcome to join us!

TF's monthly meeting is still on the **second Thursday** in the month at **5:30-06:10pm** (11th June, 9th July, 13th August, 10th September) but the coregroup also meets on all other Thursdays too (also 5:30pm).

Please [contact us via our website or join our TFdiscuss mailing list](#) for details of how to join any of these meetings.

Also, Falmouth LETS monthly meetings are now moved to the **second Wednesday** in the month **5:30-06:10pm** (but also meet on all other Wednesdays too (5:30pm). Contact the group via <http://falmouthlets.org.uk> to find out more and get an invite to the meeting if you wish to join the group and participate.

### **What an amazing woman.**

The first American woman to walk in space has now become the first female explorer to reach the deepest known point on Earth - and the first person to do both. Former Nasa astronaut turned oceanographer Kathy Sullivan, 68, made the 6.8 mile journey down to Challenger Deep, at the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the western Pacific, on Sunday. She spent an hour and a half at her destination in a specially designed deep-sea research submersible, before embarking on the four hour ascent. "Moonscape was the

word that kept coming back to me, like I was seeing the Moon right here on our own planet, " she said.

### Word of the month

People are working on a vaccine for Covid-19, but did you know the word "vaccine" has a cow in it?

The 18th century doctor Edward Jenner thought milkmaids didn't catch the smallpox disease because they were in contact with a milder, but similar, disease in cows called cowpox.

Jenner gave people cowpox to protect them from smallpox, and the word vaccine, from the Latin word vacca, "cow" was born.

### Recipe Corner

With time on my hands, I've taken the opportunity to have a good sort through unread and unused cookery books and recipes which have sat languishing in my cupboard.

Now I am left with a streamlined collection of books and recipes which I will actually use and cook from rather than those that were a maybe.

Liberation on a small scale! Above is a great article I ripped out from a Sunday supplement many years ago. There are always some lemons and limes lurking around in my fridge, and sometimes stuck for ideas, I have taken inspiration from some of the great ways of using them.

Tanji Cork

On the theme of lemons and limes, Jane, our Social Secretary has kindly provided her recipe for her wonderful Lemon Polenta Cake which many of us have enjoyed at various FCS events. Here is her article.

This cake has appeared at several Civic Society talk and tea events and some of you have asked for the recipe as it tastes deliciously soggy and lemony. I have to thank Nigella Lawson for the recipe but I feel that it has been adopted into my baking repertoire as I have been making it for so many years. It is failsafe, so easy and goes a long way.

- - Works to trees namely - fell 1 Holly T1- fell 2 Palms T2 - fell 1 Yew Tree T3 - within a conservation area

19 Wodehouse Terrace Falmouth TR11 3EN

Ref. No: PA20/04550 | Validated: Fri 05 Jun 2020 | Status:  
Awaiting decision

- **5 day exception notice to fell one remaining stem of mature sycamore to remove safety hazard.**

Moat Walk Pendennis Castle Castle Drive Falmouth Cornwall  
TR11 4LP

Ref. No: PA20/01141/PREAPP | Validated: Wed 03 Jun  
2020 | Status: Decided

- **Felling of a Sycamore (T1)**

11 St Nazaire Close Falmouth TR11 5FP

Ref. No: PA20/04438 | Validated: Mon 01 Jun 2020 | Status:  
Awaiting decision

- **Pre application advice for the construction of a garden room with green roof and timber shed to the rear of existing property to provide additional family accommodation.**

14 Bar Terrace Bar Road Falmouth Cornwall TR11 4BP

Ref. No: PA20/01067/PREAPP | Validated: Wed 03 Jun  
2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use from office to single dwelling**

The Old Stable New Street Falmouth Cornwall TR11 3HX

Ref. No: PA20/04109 | Validated: Mon 01 Jun 2020 | Status:  
Awaiting decision

- **Installation of dormer window to south roof of property**

11 Florence Terrace Falmouth Cornwall TR11 3RR

Ref. No: PA20/04564 | Validated: Fri 05 Jun 2020 | Status:  
Awaiting decision

- **Retrospective change of use from an annex to a separate dwelling**

16 Kings Avenue Falmouth TR11 2QJ

Ref. No: PA20/04066 | Validated: Wed 03 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Certificate of lawfulness for existing parking area at the rear of the property**

70 Tresawle Road Falmouth TR11 2PN

Ref. No: PA20/02337 | Validated: Mon 01 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Submission of details to discharge condition 9 (Surface Water Drainage details) in respect of PA19/03635**

Falmouth Golf Club Swanpool Road Falmouth Cornwall TR11 5BQ

Ref. No: PA20/02151 | Validated: Tue 02 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

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- **Pre application advice for extension and conversion of detached bungalow to two 3- storey houses with off-road parking.**

River View Meadowbank Road Falmouth Cornwall TR11 2ND

Ref. No: PA20/01169/PREAPP | Validated: Mon 08 Jun 2020 | Status: Decided

- **Renewal of the ventilation system in the Science classrooms including new louvered vents in some windows and 4 no. ventilation shafts through roof with cowls .**

Falmouth Community School Trescobeas Road Falmouth TR11 4LH

Ref. No: PA20/04328 | Validated: Tue 09 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Creation of new 3 bedroom dwelling to the rear of the property**

2 Park Crescent Falmouth TR11 2DL

Ref. No: PA20/04163 | Validated: Tue 09 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

- **Conversion of seven bedsits to six ensuite flats including the construction of a fire escape platform on the first floor level.**

Clare House 14 Clare Terrace Falmouth TR11 3ES

Ref. No: PA20/03821 | Validated: Thu 11 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision