

The Grampound Times Edition 101

Easter 2026



Welcome to the 101st Edition of The Grampound Times. This Easter Edition has all the news from the organisations along with events that are happening over Easter and the next few months. The deadline for the Carnival Edition will be **Friday 3rd July.**

Elliott

Front Cover

View of the fields from Reens Hill in February.

Inside Front Cover

Angie & Dave playing Curling at Bowls Social Evening February, Pancake Party at Tremethick in February (Dean), View of the village from Barteliver Lane in February, the School Pizza Workshop in January and Smoothie making with the WI in February, the Town Hall in December.



Grampound Veterans playing against Gunnislake Veterans in January

The Grampound Times

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Edition 101

Wordsearch

Here are 12 items you can find at Grampound Village Store but one of them is missing in the wordsearch below. Why not have a go, there is a prize for the winner (a draw will take place if there is more than one winner)

The deadline is **Sunday 10th May**, please send your answers to the Editor or email at grampoundtimes@btinternet.com

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Here is what is happening in Grampound over the next few months!

Friday 3rd April: 2pm procession from Grampound to Creed Church, for a stations of the cross service at 2:30pm.

Friday 3rd April: Bowls Easter Prize Bingo, 7:30pm at Village Hall

Sunday 5th April: Parish Praise & Easter Communion at St Nun's Church, 10am.
Holy Communion at Creed Church, 11:15am

Monday 13th to Friday 17th April: Arts & Craft Fair at Village Hall, 10am to 5pm

Monday 10th to Friday 14th August: Arts & Craft Fair at Village Hall, 10am to 5pm

Saturday 5th September: Grampound Carnival (see the next edition for all the Carnival details)

Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December: Arts & Craft Fair at Village Hall, 10am to 5pm

Film Club

1st Wednesday of the month at Village Hall, 7pm for 7:30pm start.

**1st April, 6th May,
3rd June, 1st July**

Record Fair

10am to 4pm at Village Hall on following dates

**Sunday 26th April
Sunday 28th June
Sunday 2nd August**

Hansons Auctioneers

11am to 12:30pm at Village Hall on following dates

**Monday 20th April
Monday 8th June**

Village Online Diary

The link below will take you to the Village Online Diary where you can see events planned throughout the year. There are plans to enable you to add events to this diary and more information on how to do this will be published in due course. If you have an event that you would like added now, please let Dean Jenkins/Village Hall know.

<https://grampoundvillagehall.org.uk/calendar.php>

NEXT EDITION: If you have any events that are happening from August to November, then please let us know. Thank you

Sports Fixtures

Grampound Bowling Club



A Team (6:15pm)

April 30th v IMERYS A
May 7th v Stenalees A
May 19th v Stenalees B
June 2nd v St Stephen A
June 9th v St Austell A
June 11th v Mevagissey A
June 16th v Trenance A
June 23rd v St Stephen B
July 2nd v St Austell B
July 7th v Vryan A
July 9th v Probus A
July 16th v Heavy Transport A

B Team (6:15pm)

May 1st v St Columb
May 8th v Trenance B
May 13th v Mevagissey B
May 20th v St Austell C
June 1st v St Stephen C
June 8th v Vryan B
June 22nd v IMERYS B
June 29th v West End
July 6th v Probus B
July 13th v Heavy Transport B
July 20th v Stenalees C

Ladies Rippon Cup (2pm)

June 4th v Lostwithiel
June 23rd v IMERYS
July 7th v Heavy Transport

Ladies Date Cup (2pm)

June 15th v St Austell
June 29th v Looe
July 27th v Probus

Ladies Evening League (6pm)

May 27th v Probus
June 2nd v IMERYS
July 8th v Lostwithiel
July 15th v Stenalees

County Competitions and Friendlies Matches

April 14th v Mevagissey, 6pm (Men's Friendly)
May 27th v St Austell, 6pm (Men's Top Team)
May 29th v St Stephen, 6pm (Mixed Millennium)
July 18th v Lostwithiel, 2pm (Friendly)
July 26th v Penryn, 2pm (Friendly)
July 29th v Mixed Vice Presidents, 6pm (Friendly)

Club Competitions - 10am start

May 30th - Men's Tippet Shield & Ladies' Stewart Cup
June 21st - Men's Rhoades Pairs & Ladies' Thomas Pairs
July 5th - David Andrews Open Pairs
July 19th - Ladies' Tippet Shield

Grampound Road Cricket Club

all games at 13:00 unless otherwise stated



May

2nd 2nd XI v Boconnoc (Div 3 East)
3rd Women's XI v Wadebridge Women (League)
9th 1st XI v Callington (Premier League)
 3rd XI v Tintagel 2 (Div 6 East)
12th Cornwall O60s v Cricket Wales O60s
 (ECB Competition)
16th 2nd XI v Roche 2 (Div 3 East)
17th Women's XI v Werrington Women (League)
23rd 2nd XI v St Minver (Div 3 East)
 3rd XI v St Stephen 2 (Div 6 East)
25th Women's XI v Truro Women (League)
28th Cornwall O70s v Somerset O70s
 (ECB Competition)
30th 1st XI v Wadebridge (Premier League)
 3rd XI v Werrington 4 (Div 6 East)

June

7th 2nd XI v St Blazey 2 (Div 3 East)
 3rd XI v St Neot 2 (Div 6 East)
13th 1st XI v St Austell (Premier League)
20th 2nd XI v Saltash (Div 3 East)
27th 1st XI v Helston (Premier League)
 3rd XI v St Austell 4 (Div 6 East)

July

4th 1st XI v Werrington (Premier League)
 3rd XI v Bude 2 (Div 6 East)
11th 2nd XI v Ladock (Div 3 East)
18th 1st XI v Redruth (Premier League)
 3rd XI v South Petherwin 2 (Div 6 East)
25th 1st XI v Penzance (Premier League)
30th Cornwall O50s v NSW Australia O50s, 12:00
 (Friendly)

All fixtures and scorecards can be viewed on our Play-Cricket website:

<https://grcc.play-cricket.com>

(All fixtures as of 22nd February)

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Grampound Garden Club

all talks begin at 7:30pm at Village Hall

8th April: Talk by John Walker on "The Humble Spud"

12th May: A visit to the Heligan Beavers (note this is a Tues)

10th June: A visit to Lametton Mill (£10pp incl cake etc)

July: Summer Celebration

For further information, contact Kathy Wells on 01726 337453



Antique & Vintage Fair 3rd Sunday of the Month at Village Hall

19th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July 10am to 4pm 50p entry

Breakfast at the Village Shop 3rd Sunday of the Month

£6.50 (add Toast for £1), Limited Availability, First Come First Served, 2 *Rashers of Bacon, Sausage, 2 Hash Brown, Baked Bean, Fried Eggs, Mushrooms & Tomato*

Carnival Cafe

Last Saturday of the Month at Village Hall

28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June, 25th July 10am to 12pm

Tea, Coffee, Quiches, Cakes, Sausage Rolls etc on sale. 50-50 raffle.

All proceeds to Carnival Funds.

Regular Services at St Nun's and Creed Church

1st Sunday: 10.30am Parish Praise with communion at St Nun's (refreshments first then worship from 11am)

2nd Sunday: 11.15am Holy Communion at Creed

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Parish Praise at St Nun's (refreshments first then worship from 11am)

4th Sunday: 11.15am Holy communion at Creed

GRAMPOUND BOWLING CLUB

EASTER PRIZE BINGO

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL
EYES DOWN AT 7:30PM

Grampound Village Hall

The Golden

Key



Cash

Snowball



Friday Evenings at Grampound Hall

May: 2nd* 15th 30th*

Everyone

June: 12th 26th

Welcome

July: 10th 24th

(*Saturday)

Line Prizes, Chicken Dinners,

Raffle, Refreshments

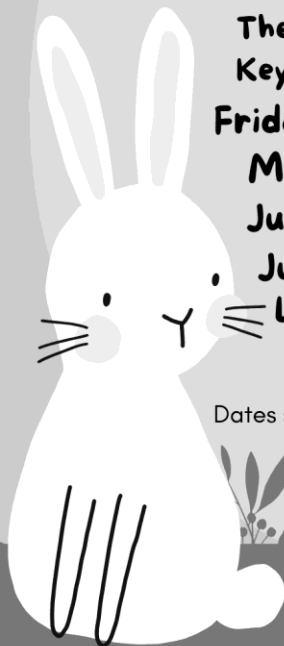
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Good Friday: 10.00 -12.00

Saturday 5th: 9.00 – 12.00

Easter Sunday: 10:00 – 12:00

Easter Monday: 10:00 – 12:00



Grampound Notices and News



Grampound Carnival

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Charlotte Obie on 07798906859 by 1st June 2026

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Grampound Village Store

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Wednesday from March 4th.

We can also open 'on demand' at other times.

Please contact us:

heritage@grampound-pc.gov.uk or Liz on 07469 253662

We also do a 'Walk and Talk' event for groups and societies.

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The Mobile Library van comes to The Recreation Ground on the following Wednesdays from 12:20pm to 12:40pm.

8th April, 6th May

for more dates – see Cornwall Council website

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Contact Friends of the Fal

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Friends of the Fal



Remembrance Day 2025

Members of the community and the school children attended the annual Remembrance Day service on 11th November outside the Town Hall with the service led by William Trinick. After the outdoor service, the service continued in St Nun's Church and there was an exhibition in the Heritage Centre.

Photo – Dean

Grampound Village Store and Coffee Shop

Telephone – 01726 983125



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The Coffee Shop serves hot and cold food and drinks including homemade cakes

Opening Times

Weekdays 8:30 to 4:00

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Coffee Shop Open Monday to Saturday.
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Antique Fair Sundays Shop and Coffee Shop
open 10:00 to 4:00

Post Office Tuesday 9:30 to 11:30.



Christmas in Grampound

Above: Members of the Garden Club enjoying their Christmas Party (Photo – Kathy)

Below: The cast, singers and musicians at the Church Christmas Eve Crib Service (Photo – Dean)



St Nun's Carol Service

St Nun's Church was almost full for the annual Carol Service which was led by William Trinick with readings from Rev Caroline Husband, Kay Chapman, Simon Fielder, Julie Cunningham, Tricia Colenso-Wright, Jonathon Croggon, Claire Below, Ben Dyson & Sarah Roberson along with the choir.



Here are some photos of the school during Christmas including making Lanterns & Christingle with the Church

Edition 100 Competitions

Wordsearch: We had 6 entries which were all correct and after a draw, Jo was the winner. The missing word was 'St Crida'. Thank you to Jo who kindly donated the prize back to the Grampound Times.

Quiz: We had 4 entries which were all correct and after a draw, Charlotte was the winner. The answers were; 1) Wall at front of School, 2) Bin outside Town Hall, 3) Outside Light at Coffee Shop and 4) Box by wall of Lindley.

Thank you to Annette who did the draw for the competitions.



Bowling Club Social Evenings

The Bowling Club have welcomed bowlers and villagers to their Social Events held over the Winter months such as Skittles, Quiz Night, Table Top Curling and Darts which have been enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to the residents of Grampound who helped with clearing the trees around the village after Storm Goretti in January.

Grampound Cookery Club Members Going Back to School.....

Sarah McGowan

In February Grampound WI Cookery Club was invited into Grampound with Creed primary school to support a DT opportunity with the children. Three of our members were able to support this exercise and we had a great deal of enjoyment supporting it. Our involvement on the day was helping to make smoothies. This was the culmination of a whole project looking into healthy eating and fruit that the children had been working on for several weeks.

Grampound Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

Clarence Juleff who celebrated his 97th birthday
in February

Tim Lobb who celebrated his 80th birthday in
December

Annette Egerton who celebrated her 80th
birthday in January

Sylvia McKay, Dave Geal, Tricia Colenso Wright
who celebrated their birthdays

It was a joy to be able to join the school for this and whilst the learning for the pupils was huge, so too was ours. Much fun was had on the day but the greatest thing of all was observing how the children worked so well in supporting each other.



Church Pancake Evening

The Church held their annual Pancake Evening on Shrove Tuesday at Tremethick fundraising for Grampound with Creed Churches and Truro Foodbank.

Photos from Dean & Helen



Well Done Lynn

A big well done to Lynn Ranson who over the last 4 years has been walking to raise money for Cancer Research and since she started fund raising, she has raised £4,248.50. She would like to thank everyone who has donated over the last 4 years and supported her.

Congratulations Brian

Congratulations to Brian McQuillen who on 28th June will celebrate 50 years since he was ordained a priest in Birmingham Cathedral and God has blessed him with the ability to continue to serve in the local churches.

NEXT EDITION: If you've got any news, birthdays, special occasions, let us know. Organisations – if you held a recent event please let us know about this and feel free to include photos if you wish.

We welcome all new residents that have moved into Grampound over the last few months and hope that you are settling in well!

Grampound Sad Page

In this edition, we say farewell to

Pamela Harvey (nee Rowe) who passed away in October 2025 aged 91. Born in Tregony and one of 6 children to William & Julia Rowe/Allen. She attended Grampound School. She married Trevor Harvey in 1964 and moved to Whitemoor. She spent many happy holidays with her brother Ernie & Jenny Rowe.

Joanna Pritchard who passed away in November 2025.

Marcus Vellenoweth formerly of Mill Lane who passed away in November 2025, aged 73yrs.

John Warne of Penans Farm who passed away in January aged 52yrs. Son of David and Late Marion and brother to Debbie.

Christine Brewer of Sticker who passed away in January aged 74yrs. Wife of Rob Brewer (dec) and mother to James, although not a resident of Grampound, she was a founder and partner of Bennetts of Grampound/Fal Valley Pets for many years.

Ken Adams of Trevaran Fore Street who passed away in January aged 101. Ken was a resident in the village for over 60 years. Ken worked in Truro at Walters Shoe Shop and George Edwards Outfitters. Ken was a regular visitor to the Antique Fair and in October 2024 celebrated his 100th birthday at The Dolphin Inn with his friends and neighbours. See the next page for an article on his life from Geoff Hodgson.

David Crowe and Leonie Crowe (nee Spry) of St Austell formerly of Grampound. David passed away in January aged 87 and Leonie passed away in February aged 84, parents of Angela (dec) and Alan.

Leonie was a Grampound girl born in Radnor House, eldest daughter of Frank & Olive Spry who ran the Post Office, sister to Penny and Malcolm (dec). She attended Grampound School and Truro Grammar School. She was Ladies Cornwall County AA Champion for 100 yards at the aged of 15yrs and sang in the Grampound Children Choir. She was the post lady for Grampound for over 20 years.

David & Leonie married at the East Methodist Chapel in Creed Lane in April 1961 They lived in London briefly before returning to Grampound living at Brooklyn for 25 years. They both restarted the Grampound Scouts as group leaders in November 1975 till 1987. David was also a member of the Parish Council. On leaving Grampound in 1987, they moved to Glastonbury, Coventry and then returned to St Austell.

Ken Adams

Thank you for Geoff Hodgson for the following about Ken's life.

Ken was born in Longton Stoke on Trent October 1924. He was moved around via occasional Children's Homes to end up in London abandoned. 1935 Ken was adopted by Cecilia Adams a 60-year-old spinster. Cecilia completely changed Ken's life, he was loved, educated and gained a love of music, film and theatre that lasted a life time.

1936 after an illness his mother took Ken on a cruise to Casablanca, Madeira and The Azores, this started his love affair with overseas travel which continued on 7th June 1944 in Normandy, courtesy of the army. Ken made friends easily, several of which were families he was billeted with in Belgium, these friendships lasted 70 odd years. Ken often told me he did not consider himself a soldier but a "civilian in uniform", an excuse that did not help when he was brought up on a charge!

Returning home after the war Ken worked in several large stores in London as well as a year at Kew Gardens. Ken's mother died in 1954 and in 1960 he moved to Cornwall and bought a house in Mullion planning to run a Summer Guest House, but fate had other ideas. March 1961 some 4 months after purchasing the house fell into the sea! There was no insurance as it was considered an "Act of God"

Ken spent several years helping a lady who ran the Cats Protection League before buying the Toll House in Grampound which he was convinced was haunted, even having the local vicar exorcise it!! Then to Brouard Cottage and finally Trevaran

Ken worked in several shops in Truro before settling at George Edward's Gentleman's Outfitters until it closed in 1984, then always keeping himself busy with part time jobs in Grampound. He loved his garden and travelling, he travelled extensively around Europe long before the Costa del Sol became popular.

Ken was a kind gentle man who passed away in January 2026 believing himself to be Grampound's oldest resident.





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Message from Rev Caroline Husband

**Parishes of Grampound with Creed, Ladock (& Grampound Road),
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Merther**

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Happy Easter!

You may be wondering what all the fuss is about and asking yourself why do Christians get excited about someone who died on a cross.

It is a strange thing, but imagine if through the years you never celebrated a special anniversary or birthday...our lives are so much greyer without a cause to celebrate. Giving thanks and expressing our joy is a very human thing to do just see how the crowds will gather to watch their favourite football or rugby team. I will be gathering with others to go and watch the cricket later in the summer and I hope that there will be great excitement and joy as I share in that experience with many others.

It is a fact that approximately 2025-30 years ago there was a man called Jesus who was crucified on a cross for subverting the status quo of fear and intimidation that represented the Roman Rule at the time. It is a fact that this man called Jesus was laid to rest in a tomb and that a heavy stone was closed over the place. It is a fact that guards were posted to ensure that Jesus' body could not be taken away. And yet, on that first glorious Easter morn an incredible thing happened, Jesus' body was not in the tomb! This fact caused great fear of recrimination to the guards yet they could not fathom how Jesus' body had escaped out of the enclosed space.

This event is recorded in several historical documents. We know that this is true. The bible is also an historical document and records the events that followed and how they affected the closest of Jesus' followers at that time.

The women disciples were the first on scene, they could not believe their eyes, imagining some form of desecration, yet, what is recorded is that Jesus spoke to them!

At risk of being accused of fabrication, madness etc the women went and told the other followers that Jesus had risen. The male followers came and witnessed for themselves that the stone indeed had been rolled away and that Jesus' shroud was folded neatly on the shelf. We call this a miracle. It is something we find hard to understand.

Jesus then appeared to them. Again, at great risk of losing their own lives, they told people what was going on. And the final pieces of the jigsaw that they had witnessed in the presence of Jesus came together so they knew without any doubt that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Man.

And this is why we celebrate today -to remember those first stories and witness accounts. To allow Jesus to be born in us again to give us hope and a cause worth living for.

We get excited and want to celebrate and, in keeping with the season, we give each other eggs to represent the new birth and new season of life and the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through us.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:3)

All are welcome to join the celebration, do come along to church where a warm welcome awaits you,



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It has been such an encouraging season in our two churches. Over Advent and Christmas we saw packed congregations, for the carol service and crib service at St Nuns and for Christingle at Creed where we had record numbers of children from the School with the lanterns they had made, braving flooded roads in the procession to get there.

St Crida and St Nuns Churches

**By William Trinick, Local
Church Leader, St Nuns**

At St Nuns we are seeing our numbers gradually swell at the twice-monthly services, and at our mid-week groups. Open the Book continues at the School where various prominent members of our community have great fun dressing up with fake beards and the like to act out the Bible. It is not clear who enjoys it most, the children or the adults.

And so the life of our church continues, seeking to grow in the knowledge and love of God and to make him better known. This involves us being, we hope, a visible and positive presence in the community.

Most visible still though are of course our two much cherished buildings, St Crida and St Nuns. In a way, these belong to the community as a whole. Only a proportion of Grampound residents might be regular members (more always very welcome) but for most people, perhaps, the churches have meaning. Which comes to the subject of maintaining them – and specifically right now St Nuns:

You may remember the major works done around five years ago, in particular to take all the cement plaster off the walls which has made such a great difference both to eliminating damp and to the whole ambience of the Church. In fact the original plan was then to re-plaster but everyone liked it so much as bare stone that it was decided to leave it, except for plastering the chancel area (up at the front). What has not been done to date however is the work to make good that bare stone. It needs to be pointed (raking out the loose dusty mortar and infilling with new mortar) which is a major job, together with the chancel plastering.

So once more we are looking for community support. There are grants we can apply for, but the lion's share of the large five-figure expected sum will need to come from our pockets. Our regular church members, who fund the ongoing ministry and life of the church, need the help of the wider community for this one, to ensure the walls of this lovely church building are made good for the long term. More details will follow but we really hope people in this already generous community will be able to help.

Regular Services at St Nun's and Creed Church

1st Sunday: 10.30am Parish Praise with communion at St Nun's (refreshments first then worship from 11am)

2nd Sunday: 11.15am Holy Communion at Creed

3rd Sunday: 10.30am Parish Praise at St Nun's (refreshments first then worship from 11am)

4th Sunday: 11.15am Holy communion at Creed
Easter:

Good Friday, 3rd April: 2.00pm procession from Grampound to Creed, for a stations of the cross service there at 2.30pm.

Easter Day, 5th April:

10.00am Parish Praise & Easter communion at St Nun's

11.15am Holy Communion at Creed

Grampound Village Store

By Mary Digweed

Hello Grampound Times Readers!

What a mad ol' start to 2026 we've had! From losing all of our power (and subsequently all of our frozen and chilled stock) after Storm Goretti; to becoming a waterside establishment during Storm Chandra- we've certainly had our fair share of drama.

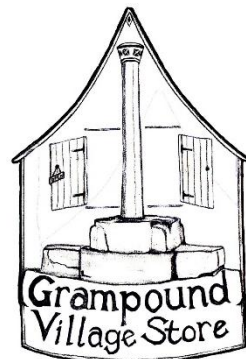
Normally, January and February in the retail world are flat, uneventful and super-quiet; but not even the storms have put people off. We seem to be busier than ever, especially in our coffee shop. We're super grateful for establishments like Probus Surgery and Andrew Toms, who order lunch with us, as well as all those who come down (some daily!) for lunches and coffees. We're committed to keeping our menu prices low, so that everyone can enjoy good food and get stuck in with all the weird and wonderful conversations (and of course, Saturday French Club over a coffee- something that more often than not resembles a dodgy version of 'Allo 'Allo!).

The shop side is doing well too, and we're trying really hard to get some fun things in. Martin's have been working with us to package up some pastries for our shelves, and we're in talks with some new suppliers. If ever you're after something, or think something would work well in the store- please let us know!

So (of course) to a plea! We're very proud of all the hard work our volunteers put in to this shop on a weekly basis- without whom we would have no shop at all! However, we could do with a few more able and willing bodies, especially with summer fast approaching! Even if you couldn't offer help on a regular basis, we'd be chuffed for a couple of hours here and there with an offer of helping price the shelves, take orders or even mop the floors! Every little helps; and most importantly it keeps our community shop just that- a community venture.

Claire and I have been lucky enough to visit and meet up with some of the other community shops around Cornwall, and with more popping up all the time! They're truly fantastic places, so if you're ever visiting an area with a community shop, do pop in and see what they're up to! Weirdly wonderful, full of character and proper community spirit; what's not to love. Why not come and join in with all the fun (and chaos) at your very own one?!

Thank you all for the continued support, it does truly mean everything.



Grampound with Creed School

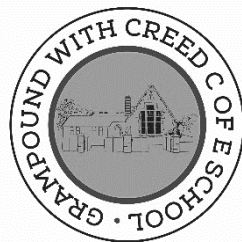
By Bex Jane, Headteacher

It has been an extremely busy start to 2026 here at Grampound with Creed. The children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and their usual joyful spirit. We began the term navigating fallen trees, disrupted communications and wild weather, but despite this, there have been many memorable learning moments over the past few weeks.

Our pizza-making workshop filled the school with delicious smells as the children learned to knead, top and bake their own creations. Class One have also enjoyed energetic music sessions with the Cornwall Music Service, and Class Two continue to benefit from the Joy of Moving programme with Plymouth Argyle, which blends physical activity with fascinating learning about how our bodies work.

We were also delighted to work with our lovely local WI volunteers, who helped Class One bring their smoothie recipes to life. This hands-on session was full of laughter, measuring, chopping and tasting — a wonderful example of inter-generational community support enriching the children's learning.

Our older pupils completed their level 2 Bikeability training, developing crucial road-safety skills and showing great maturity as they practise both in the playground and around the village. Across the school, children continue to work hard on their 99 Club arithmetic challenges, celebrating new levels reached each week thanks to practice in school and at home.



Our Collective Worship has been especially meaningful this term, with visits from Reverend Caroline, Reverend Linda and the Open the Book team offering peaceful moments of reflection. A highlight has been seeing our pupil worship team begin to plan and lead their own worships with the support of Reverend Caroline — something they approached with real thoughtfulness and pride.





We would also like to thank our families for the wonderful support shown during our parent drop-ins. It has been lovely welcoming so many of you into school, and your encouraging feedback has meant a great deal to staff.

As always, we are hugely grateful to our families, governors, volunteers and our wider village community for the support you give our school.



This half term's *Pupil Voice*

"Everyone here is accepted for who they are."

Year 4 pupil

"This is a really wonderful school."

Year 3 pupil

**Grampound with Creed
C of E School**



*Where every child flourishes,
achieves and shines their light*

"This is a kind and a safe school where you get lots of opportunities."

Year 5 pupil

"This is a school where you learn a lot and go home with something good to say about your day."

Year 6 pupil

Parent Feedback

January 2026

Grampound with Creed
C of E School



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"My child feels celebrated, listened to, recognised, guided and welcomed in this school."

"The school goes above and beyond for children with exceptional needs. Every single teacher demonstrates care and compassion beyond what could ever be anticipated."

"The schools communication is fantastic - there is regular and clear communication. As parents, we feel confident we are up to date and know what our child is doing in school."

"Staff truly go above and beyond to make this is special and safe place for children to grow and flourish."

"We are so happy with this school we don't think you can do anymore, thank you!"



Staff show a strong awareness of individual pupils' needs, particularly key and vulnerable children.

Pupils were highly motivated and eager to succeed.



Exciting Feedback!!



Focused approaches helped children quickly catch up on any gaps in their learning and make good progress.

Grampound with Creed
C of E School



Where every child flourishes,
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Clear behaviour routines were well embedded and supported positive learning behaviours from the youngest pupils.



Grampound Bowling Club

By Elliott



During the winter, some of the members have been playing indoors at Carnmoggas. Grampound played in a Challenge Match against Carnmoggas in December and after a very close match, Grampound were the winners by 5 shots.

Along with the regular Prize Bingos in the Village Hall, the club held Social Evenings across winter such as Skittles Evening, Quiz Night, Table Top Curling & Darts which have been well attended by members of the club and community. The club have their annual Easter Prize Bingo on Friday 3rd April.

The club are getting ready for the 2026 season with Opening Day taking place on Saturday 11th April when the green is due to be open by the Parish Council Chairman, Simon Fielder and hopefully members will play for the Hobbs Trophy. A couple of friendlies are planned before the league season starts, you can see the fixtures elsewhere in this edition, on the club's website or our Facebook page.

After holding a 'Bowls Dash' during Carnival Week, we will be holding another 'Bowls Dash' at some point at the beginning of the season, please look out for the poster and leaflets for more information.

If you have any questions about bowls or want more information, then please contact the Club Secretary Joyce Barrett on 01726 75346 or email grampoundbowls@btinternet.com



The Bowling Green under water in late January

Grampound Branch of the Women's Institute

By Alice James

Grampound WI meets monthly at 7:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Grampound Village Hall.

2025 finished with a jolly, fun-filled Christmas party in December, where many members took part in a BOLLYWOOD workshop.

2026 – 21st January – we had a very informative talk about Climate change, changing weather patterns and also the importance of recycling.

18th February – “Behind the Scenes” at Nuremberg – an in depth insight into the trials of the four leading nazis.

19th March – we look forward to “Coast Watch”. Also in March there will be an outing to Newquay for Ten Pin bowling and lunch.

15th April – “Dressing a Tudor Queen”

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on 20th May, when the new programme for 2026-2027 will be presented.

There are 3 sub-groups within our WI.

1) Cookery Group – which started their 2026 programme with the title “Friendship around the table”. In January, group members shared an evening where they made varied canapes and shared their experiences of the process involved. In February, they have a trip to Pilleigh School of Cookery for a demonstration and lunch.

2) Book Club – members meet regularly to discuss specific books they have all chosen and read.

3) Walking Group – in the process of being set up, with a varied mix of walks to suit all abilities.

Some members are also involved with reading sessions and other activities in the school.

Visitors and prospective new members are warmly welcomed to meetings. For further information, email grampound@cornwallwi.org.uk

The WI helping to make smoothies in the school



Grampound Gardening Club

By Kathy Wells



The weather recently has certainly put paid to any gardening, but hopefully we can look forward to the Spring and plan for future planting etc. I have some plug plants potted on and thriving in the conservatory with dreams of a colourful Summer.

In December we had a most enjoyable Christmas Social and our popular free event in January, a Quiz with wine, also went down well, with our committee member Roger setting the questions.

The Garden Club continues to thrive, with many members signing up for the year ahead. The membership is £10 for the year, with each talk being £2. All talks begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We have a varied programme for the year with talks and visits and new members will be made most welcome. Why not come along for a 'taster' session, with no obligation to join.

We held our AGM (which is always very brief!) on 11th February with the current committee being re-elected. We then enjoyed a talk on Soil by Lorraine Campbell. Next month we look forward to hearing one of our favourite speakers George Kestell talk around a bucket of Spring Flowers. No doubt George will be fun and most entertaining.

Do come along and join in the fun!

If you are interested in joining, or just curious, give one of the committee a call.

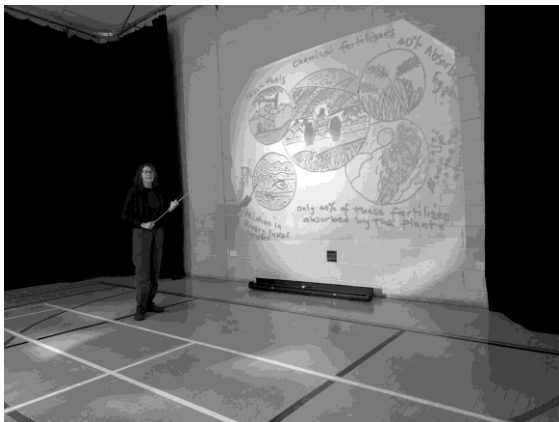
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Lorraine Campbell "Soil" – 11th February



Hello Grampound Times readers 😊

Just a short report from me this Easter as at the time of writing this we haven't started our meetings yet however we have held our AGM and are happy to report our bank balance is looking very healthy. I have also been re-elected as chair (not sure I have much choice haha) and this is my 10th year doing so, time flies! Unfortunately for us our lovely secretary Lindsey has stepped down from her role, so we are looking for a new secretary to come and join us asap. We are a friendly bunch who have a monthly meeting from March-August and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. An easy task for someone with a laptop who can touch type and would like to get involved with a long-standing committee who bring an event for the whole community to enjoy. Please get in touch with me at the below details if you can help us 😊

As always if anyone would like to speak to any of us on the committee about Carnival related things we are always happy to listen.

See you all soon at a coffee morning 😊

Charlotte Obie 07798906859 charlottejuleff@gmail.com

Grampound Carnival

By Charlotte Obie



Grampound Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

By Emma Sharp

On Sunday 22nd February 2026 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides had a great afternoon dancing, crafting, cooking and making music to celebrate 100 years of World Thinking Day! We ended the afternoon by renewing our promise, like millions of Guides around the world.

The day reminds us of the power of friendship, unity and the impact girls and young women have around the world. For a century, World Thinking Day has inspired kindness, confidence, leadership and a sense of global community — and that legacy continues to shine brightly today.

Here's to the past, present and future generations of Guides who think of others, stand together and help make the world a better place.

Other Exciting news from Grampound Girlguiding. Due to popular demand we have opened a Ranger Unit for girls aged 14 to 18. Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up with good friends, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about. It's the freedom to be more independent, earn qualifications, badges, awards and to do what makes you happy.

From crafting to camping, sports to inventing. There's something for every girl to explore.

Whether your child would like to join Rainbows (4-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) or Rangers (14-18), start their Girlguiding journey here.

News from Your Cornwall Councillor

By Julie Cunningham

Dear Residents of Grampound and surrounding areas,

It's now been just over eight months since I was elected as your Cornwall Councillor, and I wanted to take a moment to share how much I'm enjoying the role and how grateful I am to be serving you.

The learning curve has been steep, there have been challenges along the way, but I genuinely feel privileged to be in a position where I can make a real difference. Nothing gives me more satisfaction than helping constituents resolve issues, whether big or small, and knowing that someone's day (or home, or road) has been improved because we worked together.

I've been particularly impressed and heartened by how welcoming and collaborative Grampound Parish Council has been. We've already teamed up on several local concerns and I look forward to many more joint efforts in the months ahead.

Since Storm Goretti (and more recently Storm Éowyn), flooding has been a major focus in parts of the ward. I met directly with residents in Creed Lane alongside Highways officers to address serious surface water issues affecting properties and I'm pleased to report that, after persistent pressure, those problems have now been resolved. Elsewhere, I'm continuing to chase ongoing issues with potholes (especially at the top of Fore Street) and blocked drains. It's frustrating to see poorly repaired potholes reappearing within weeks, this wastes both time and taxpayers' money, and I'm pressing for longer-lasting standards.

I'm committed to being as visible and accessible as possible this year. I'd love to meet more of you, hear your concerns directly, and work together on the things that matter most in our community.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch, my email is always open:

CLlr.Julie.Cunningham@cornwall.gov.uk

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

CLlr Julie Cunningham

Grampound with Creed Heritage Project

By Liz Fisher



Our look at a house this time is a cottage at the eastern end of Fore Street, Brouard Cottage which used to be called Ivy Cottage.

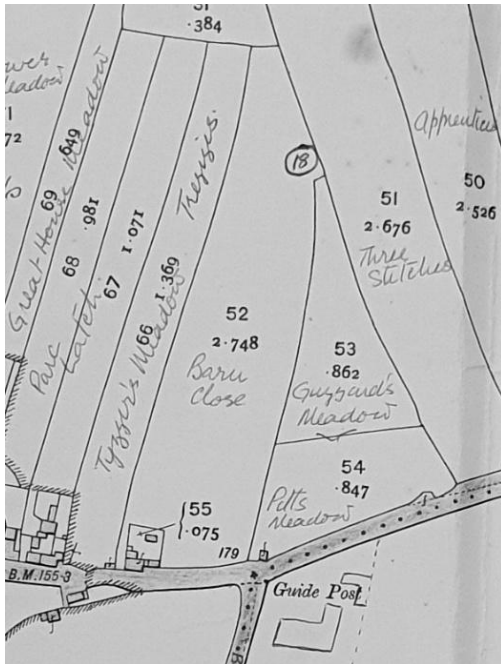


Here it is, on the left on one of our oldest photographs in 1886. It is a Grade 2 listed building dated as mid 18th C. It is shown on the tithe map of 1860.

The cottage belonged to the Trewithen Estate and first appears in a newspaper death record for Eliza Clemmow in 1893 and later for her father Richard in 19112. It was put up for sale in the 1919 auction by George Horace Johnston. It was not sold at the auction but was later sold to Fred Teague along with three decent sized fields on the northern side of Fore Street. At the time of the sale it was stated that Messrs Mitchell and Kemp rented the property at £10 and £9 14 shillings. The cottage had 2 front rooms, kitchen, pantry, coals, washhouse and 4 bedrooms.

Fred Teague is not listed as living in Grampound on the 1921 census but Francis Mitchell (builder) is and had a 16 year old son who worked for Thomas Kemp as a Dairyman's assistant. Thomas Kemp is listed as a Farmer and employer. Sadly the 1921 census does not list addresses except for the 'big' houses or specific places e.g. police house.

One of them may have been living in Ivy Cottage? Francis Mitchell lived in a 7 room house with 8 people and Thomas Kemp lived in a five room house with 4 people. However, on a newspaper article we see that in January 1930 Mrs Emily Mitchell died and is listed as Wife of T Mitchell, Ivy Cottage. In September 1933 the house and land is sold to Thomas Kemp.



In October 1943 the 3 fields attached to Ivy Cottage were sold to Dr Stewart who lived at Bonython House.

On a Women's Institute map dated 1960 the fields are numbered 66, 53 and 54 known as 66 Tyzzer's Meadow (Tregidgeo), 53 something unreadable but possibly Guggard's(?) and 54 Pit Meadows.

If anyone can correct 53 please let us know.

In 1963, still as Ivy Cottage, Mr Kemp sold the house to Mr Wilfrid J Edwards and his wife Mona Alice who lived there until Mona died in 1976.

Mrs Kemp was listed as living at Brouard Cottage so it was they who changed the name.

It was purchased soon after by Ken Adams who had been living in the Toll House, Grampound since the mid 60s.

When Ken Adams sold the cottage to Jane Sloan in September 2005 he wrote an explanation of a couple of features. This one is lovely : In the past 'The Dairy' was used as such and there are still village residents who remember coming to the door of the entrance lobby to buy their milk and cream from the owners of Brouard's Cottage. The slate benches used to keep the milk and cream cool are still in situ in the dairy.

Jane still lives there.

IF YOU HAVE OLD HOUSE DEEDS WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE THEM – IT'S ALL PART OF THE BIG JIGSAW!
Contact Heritage@grampound-pc.gov.uk



Grampound with Creed Countryside Access Project

By Kay Chapman

Grampound with Creed Countryside Access is a committee of the Parish Council. We aim to improve access to the countryside in and around the parish for everyone.

Since the Christmas edition of the Grampound Times, it seems to have rained almost continuously! We hope that folk have been able to enjoy the countryside, despite the weather.

Over the last couple of months, Watery Lane, the footpath that links the end of Mill Lane and Pepo Lane across a field, has been a focus for Countryside Access. Two trees (one dead, one diseased) were removed from the Mill Lane end, where the stream runs along. This was to make that section safe. The work was completed before Storm Goretti struck, and as there was no damage to any of the other trees, the path remained safe and accessible.

The other end of the Watery Lane footpath, where it exits onto Pepo Lane, has been improved with the addition of a handrail over the stile and gravelled steps with a handrail down the slope to Pepo Lane. Many thanks go to our volunteers for making these improvements happen.



Before: standing at the bottom of the slope down to Pepo Lane

After: the new gravelled steps and handrail



New handrail over the stile:



If you use the Watery Lane footpath, please do take care and watch out for traffic when stepping down onto and walking along Pepo Lane. There is now a warning sign on the post to remind you.

You may find livestock in the field. As of March 2026, there are changes to the law surrounding dogs and livestock. Please see the article about dogs, livestock and the law in this issue of the Grampound Times for further details.

The Trail Board project is nearing completion; please keep an eye out for further details soon.

To contact Countryside Access and Grampound with Creed Tree Wardens with your feedback, observations and questions on footpaths and bridleways around the parish, please follow our Instagram page [@gwccountrysideaccess](https://www.instagram.com/gwccountrysideaccess) for news and DM us or email



our new address countrysideaccess@grampound-pc.gov.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Do you know... What kind of tree is growing above the stile with the new handrail at the Pepo Lane end of the Watery Lane footpath? The answer will be posted on our Instagram page on Easter Monday, 6th April 2026 and will be in the next edition of the Grampound Times.

(The answer to our question in the last edition of the Grampound Times:

The Countryside Code says "Leave gates and property as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates. Farmers close gates to keep animals in or leave them open to give access to food and water. Do not interfere with farm machinery, horses or livestock. If you think a farm animal is in distress, try to alert the farmer." The Countryside Code: advice for countryside visitors - GOV.UK)

Dogs, Livestock and the Law

This is an information article from Grampound with Creed Countryside Access

New livestock worrying laws come into force on 18th March 2026 with the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Act 2025. The aim is to increase protection for farm animals from dog attacks through tougher penalties and greater police powers. The definition of livestock includes horses, ostriches, farmed deer, enclosed game birds or poultry, camelids (such as llamas and alpacas), as well as sheep, cattle and pigs.

The reason for the change is that the previous legislation, introduced in 1953, is not in line with changes in the countryside. There are more people with dogs visiting the countryside and livestock numbers have increased.

The changes are intended to allow everyone to continue to enjoy the countryside, whilst protecting animal welfare and the livelihoods of rural communities.

Summary of the changes:

- Distinction is now made between attacking and worrying livestock
- Includes livestock worrying and attacks that happen on roads and paths
- Includes camelids, such as llamas and alpacas
- Introduces a new defence for dog owners where the dog is in the charge of someone else without the owner's permission
- Courts can now order offenders to pay expenses for the police seizing and detaining a dog
- Fines no longer have a maximum of £1000; there is no maximum fine
- Gives the police new powers to enter premises, seize and detain dogs, take samples or impressions from a dog where they have reasonable grounds to do so

So, what do the changes mean for dog walking in the countryside? The Countryside Code advises that you should keep your dog away from wildlife, livestock, and horses, and it is good practice wherever you are to keep your dog on a lead around livestock.

Useful links:

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Act 2025

Law changes strengthen protection for livestock – The Farming Blog (Defra)

The Countryside Code: advice for countryside visitors - GOV.UK

The current regular activities in the hall are:

Last Saturday in the month – Community Café morning fundraising for Carnival

Third Sunday in the month – Antiques Fair from 10am

Every Monday evening 7pm Line dancing with Heather

Tuesday – 6.30 Pilates with Jem: two classes if sufficient demand

First Wednesday in the month: film club doors 7pm, film starts 7.30pm

Second Wednesday in the month: Grampound gardens autumn and spring (March, Sept, Oct, Nov, Jan and Feb)

Third Weds Women's Institute 6.30-9.30

Fourth Wednesday in the month – Bonsai 6.50-9.30

Thursday morning and afternoon Toddlersense play group

Thursday - Regular Group Booking

Friday fortnightly Bowling club bingo – check Facebook for details

Various days of the week Pickleball club hire (contact info@grampoundvillagehall.org.uk if interested)

Grampound Village Hall

By Simon Fann



In addition to these regular bookings there are ad hoc events such as kids sports with Rory Webb in the school holidays and, frequently, the space is used for children's birthday parties. Also Hansons valuers hire the meeting room for a couple of hours monthly and we are seeing an increase in daytime hire for meetings, training sessions and there will be more to come in the new year.

These hirings are especially important now that the school no longer use the hall. This is not just an impact on the school children it is also very significant for the financial wellbeing of the hall. We have some regular daytime hires now with Pickleball and Toddlersense but we have room for some more, so if you have a club or interest that might want to use the hall please get in touch. The cost of utility bills has increased significantly for all of us and the hall is no exception. Quite simply we need to generate as much income as possible.

ART AND CRAFT FAYRE

Many thanks as always to Audrey and Alison for all the tireless work that goes into making our craft fayre one which enjoys such a good reputation for quality items. Dates for 2026 are: Mon 13th to Fri 17th April, 10th to 14th August, 30th Nov to 4th December 2026.

LIVE EVENTS & THEATRE PERFORMANCES

For 2026 we already have dates for Cornwall Youth Theatre to bring us *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* (Sat 14th March) and *The Importance of being Ernest* (Fri 27th March). On Sunday 22nd March Shon Dale-Jones brings "Stories from an invisible town". Shon has performed regularly in Cornwall and the Edinburgh Fringe – his shows combine wonderful humour and poignant observation. Tickets available in Grampound Store. There will be more Grampound Sessions this year – info on facebook and posters around the village when dates and acts are confirmed.

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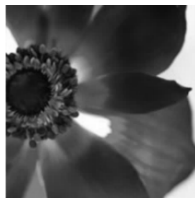
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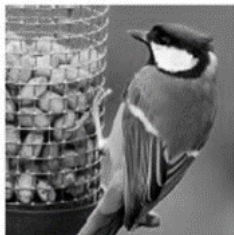
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Grampound WI Cookery Club

By Christine Micklewright & Sarah McGowan

Tiffin

In the British Raj, Tiffin was used to denote the British custom of afternoon tea, consisting of typical tea-time foods at about 3pm.

Chocolate Tiffin originated in a Scottish bakery, in Troon, in the early 1900s. It is probably better known as Refrigerator Cake, a no-bake tea time treat, which is full of chocolate and the perfect addition to an Easter tea, although, as it is quite sweet, small squares are suggested. Try telling my husband that!

There are loads of Tiffin recipes on line but I like this one which is from "Baking with Granny". The recipe does not have too many ingredients and no sharp utensils are needed, so it is a nice treat to make with younger members of your family.

For the Tiffin you will need:

100g Butter or Margarine

25g Caster Sugar

3tbsp Cocoa Powder

4tbsp Golden Syrup

225g Digestive Biscuits (approx 15)

100g Raisins

230g Milk Chocolate

White Chocolate to decorate



Method

Grease and line a 20x20cm (8-inch) baking tin with greaseproof paper and set aside.

Crush your digestive biscuits. You want most of it to be quite fine but leave some bits in bigger chunks to give your Tiffin some texture.

Add the butter/margarine, sugar, cocoa powder, golden syrup and 30g of milk chocolate to a large bowl and melt in a bowl over a gentle heat. Be careful not to let the bowl touch the water. If it does the chocolate will go lumpy and the butter may separate. You can also do a short burst in the microwave, stir often in both cases.

Add the crushed biscuits and raisins, and mix well. Press the mixture into your pre-lined tin.

Melt the remaining milk chocolate and smoothly evenly over your base. Pour the chocolate over the biscuit mixture and smooth over your base. Decorate with melted white chocolate if desired.

This keeps really well in a tin in not too hot a kitchen.

Another chocolate recipe for Easter to share with either friends or family, courtesy of Cherie Denham from Country Living.

It is very simple to make and yet these little half chocolate, half biscuit treats are really scrumptious.

CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BISCUIT BITES

Ingredients

55g blanched hazelnuts
55g Digestive biscuits
55g Lotus Biscoffs
110g Hazelnut chocolate spread
110g milk chocolate
55g dark chocolate (70% solids)
Sea salt flakes

Method

1. Preheat an oven to 200°C (180°C fan oven) gas mark 6. Place the nuts on a baking sheet and roast in the oven for 5-7 minutes. Allow to cool before placing in a chopper, otherwise the oils will be extracted and the nuts will be heavy and greasy.
2. Crumble the biscuits into the bowl of a food processor, add the hazelnuts and pulse until they are like large breadcrumbs. Pour into a large bowl, add the chocolate spread and mix.
3. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Roll spoonfuls of the mixture into little balls and place in the fridge or, better still, the freezer for an hour or overnight to firm up.
4. Melt the chocolate and roll the truffles one by one to cover. Place a salt flake on each one, then put in the fridge until set. Dust with cocoa powder.

Grampound WI Cookery Club members wish you all a very happy Easter and hope that the holidays provide an opportunity to relax with loved ones.



The History of Grampound Road Cricket Club



Thank you to Grampound Road for supplying the history of the Cricket Club.

Almost ever since the village of Grampound Road came into existence in the late 1850s alongside the railway station, cricket has been a part of the community. There is evidence of a club existing from 1880 onwards, playing friendlies against local sides such as Veryan and a local 'derby' versus Grampound. The club in its' present form was founded in 1937 during a meeting at the Memorial Hall in the village. Jim Brewer, who was an auctioneer in the village, allegedly used to go around the village and inform people they would be playing cricket the following day and wouldn't take no for an answer!

During the early years, the club played numerous friendlies and started to realise they could compete with the bigger league clubs – indeed, in 1951 The Road scored seven successive wins against league opposition. Finally, the club entered the league system's eastern section for the 1960 season and promptly won all 14 matches that season. A second title followed in 1961 and Grampound Road were elected to the Senior Leagues – then the top tier in Cornish cricket. Here they remained until the formation of county-wide leagues in 1990. During that time, the first XI won the Senior One East title twice (1975 & 1984) while losing the County Final on both occasions and also appearing in seven Hawkey Cup 20-over finals – winning one in 1983 and following that with the Edwards Cup the same season.

Once the county-wide leagues were implemented the club began a bit of a period of struggle through the 90s. The first team were relegated for the first time in 1991, and following a promotion straight back suffered the same fate in 1993. The only Hawkey Cup final in the decade was in 1990 which resulted in a victory over Veryan and again the Edwards Cup to follow but that would be the last final for 12 years.

As the Premier League was formed in 2000, the club was back at the top table. A 3rd place finish in 2002 is the best position so far, but also two relegations have been suffered. For the 2026 season the first XI is again competing in the Premier League.

In addition to the local competitions, the club has competed notably in the national Village Cup. They reached the national quarter-finals in both 1975 and 1990 – losing to the eventual winners on both occasions. However, in 2023 and 2024 new ground was broken and the semi-final was reached – just one step away from playing at Lords's. The first time was a big defeat by 137 runs, but in 2024 a packed crowd at Grampound Road saw a thrilling contest with visitors Foxton Granta winning in the last over by just 8 runs.

A second XI was formed in 1961 and has been a useful stepping stone for the younger players coming through. They have won eight promotions in that time – including one season in the second tier of Cornish Cricket in 2010 – and four divisional titles For the forthcoming season, the side will be looking to achieve promotion number nine to get back to Division Two East for the first time since 2022.

A third XI has been run intermittently since 1990. Having been re-entered in 2001, the team won two titles in two years, and a third promotion followed in 2016. The highest league position for the team was 4th in Division Four in 2018. Following relegation last season, the side will be competing in Division Six in 2026.

For a number of seasons a fourth XI was also competing. When the club was at its' strongest, it was a competitive side with some senior players dropping down and helping to bring on the youth players getting their first experience of adult cricket. Unfortunately, a lack of numbers in recent times saw that side withdrawn from the league in the 2024 season and is yet to be restarted.

In 2006 a women's team was started. From humble beginnings, the side grew and grew in competitiveness. The tireless work behind the scenes culminated in a huge achievement in 2019 by becoming County Champions for the very first time. They enjoyed it so much that they repeated the feat in the following season.

After 66 complete league seasons (to the end of 2025), the club has managed to win two Womens League titles and 13 Divisional titles in the Saturday leagues. The Hawkey Cup and Edwards Cup has been bagged five and three times respectively and a total of 457 County appearances for Grampound Road cricketers. Not bad for a small village club!



Premier T20 Finals Day at Grampound Road in 2022

It was mid-August 1960. We'd arrived at Benallack Farm, our new home, about three weeks earlier. My new school in St Austell had been decided, and Mum and I were off to town to buy uniform. As yet, we were car-less, so depended on cycle and public transport to get anywhere. Benallack is located about halfway between Grampound and Grampound Road, so the choice in getting to St Austell lay between bus from Grampound or train from Grampound Road. With a son who was – and remains – a train nerd, my mother made a popular choice.

To St Austell and Beyond!

By Bob Digby

Grampound Road was one of those Cornish railway stations which lay some distance from the settlement it was designed to serve. Before coming to live in Cornwall, we'd holidayed as a family in Port Isaac, so were familiar with Port Isaac Road station about two miles from the village. So too with Grampound Road. The old gag about stations like this used to go as follows:

Q – “Why did they build the station so far away from the village?”

A – “Happens that they wanted it near the railway tracks”.

In 1960, many such stations were on a limited lifespan. Few passenger trains stopped at Grampound Road – about six a day in each direction. But in earlier decades, rural stations like this had been important in the growth of villages and the rural economy. Opened in 1859, Grampound Road station had two platforms, a signal box and two goods yards (some of which can be seen in the photo). Passenger ticket sales were low, but the goods yards were busy with traffic until the early 1960s. The village of Grampound Road grew up around the station from almost nothing; by 2021, its population (over 1200, including Ladock) was nearly 50 percent larger than that of Grampound-with-Creed.

The website Heritage Gateway regards Grampound Road as Cornwall's best example of a 19th century 'railway village'. The goods sidings – visible in the photo below beyond the buildings, with a taller engine shed between that and the station building – provides a sense that goods were probably as important as passengers. The station was accessed either from the left in the photo on to the eastbound platform from the Four Burrow pub, across what is now known as The Square and Station Yard, now built upon; access to the westbound platform on the



Grampound Road station in the early 20th century (from the westbound platform looking to the east)

Photo from Heritage Centre Photo Archive

right was via the Commercial Hotel, itself a village pub. In the 1960s, there was a depot from where goods brought by rail could be collected – a bit like an early Amazon! My Dad used it to order parts for milking machines or tractors.

And so Mum and I set off on our bikes to catch the 1.32 pm train from Grampound Road. The train crawled in, having struggled to climb the steep three-mile incline from Probus. It was steam-hauled, to my delight, and a railway history lesson awaited us in its carriages. Part of the 1950s plan to modernise the railways (following the 1948 nationalisation) had involved upgrading carriages and developing faster diesel locomotive traction. This train had clearly missed out in the queue; no freshly painted and refurbished carriages, and certainly no new diesel loco. But it was fascinating, nonetheless. The carriages – probably 30-40 years old – dated from the pre-nationalisation era when the railways had been run by four major companies. The carriage in which we travelled had once been owned by the London Midland and Scottish (LMS) network; its compartments were panelled with tropical woods and the seats upholstered in deep soft fabric with sumptuous armrests; framed prints of Scotland and the Lake District gave a sense of destination. The whole train was greatly in need of refurbishment and smacked of shabby gentility. But its shabbiness was both oddly beautiful and comfortable, and I remember it clearly now.

Of even greater interest to me was the paper strip pasted to the carriage window. In the pre-electronic age, destinations were shown in this way. Amazingly (it seemed to me, aged 10) our carriage was destined for Glasgow. I began to wonder at what time these carriages would reach their destination. Already on our short journey to St Austell, it was clear that this train was no express by any stretch of the imagination. The journey to St Austell (six miles) was scheduled for 18 minutes. I'd already consulted the timetable on the platform at Grampound Road and seen that our train had left Penzance at 12 noon and had stopped at every station before reaching us, at a time when there were several more stations than there are now. Its arrival time into Plymouth was timetabled for 3.30 pm – three and a half hours for a journey of 79.5 miles! To be fair, this particular train also contained parcels carriages, and lengthy stops allowed loading and unloading.

Forever a train nerd, I have a copy of the 1960 British Railways timetable ("Of course you do", I hear you say)! It's worth tracking this train on its journey to Glasgow. Had we travelled beyond St Austell to Plymouth, we would have witnessed the attachment of more carriages, these destined for Manchester. Many West Country trains had multiple destinations, with trains being assembled and disassembled accordingly, and trains of 12 or even 15 carriages were common. Together with its Manchester portion, the train left Plymouth at 3.45 pm. Unlike its slow trundle through Cornwall, it developed express qualities, stopping only at principal stations – Newton Abbot, Exeter, Taunton and Bristol by 7 pm. Most daytime long-distance trains included a buffet and (usually) a restaurant car. Not this one! Take your own was the order of the day for this long haul, or else rely on the refreshment trollies which would meet the train at many of the stops en route. It's a shame – railway meals were excellent, not at all expensive, and a good way of passing the time on longer journeys.

From Bristol, the train took a different route to that commonly used now via Birmingham, arriving into Shrewsbury at 10.28 pm and Crewe at 11.21 pm, where the Manchester portion was detached to continue its journey to Manchester, where it arrived at 1.46 am, 13 hours and 46 minutes after leaving Penzance! And if that thought doesn't exhaust you, think of the hungry and tired souls journeying on to Glasgow, as the train reached its final destination later that morning at 7.24 am!

It isn't surprising that the 1963 Beeching Report into the state of Britain's railways recommended the closure of rural stations on economic grounds. Grampound Road – together with other Cornish localities such as Marazion and Scorrier – closed in January 1964. The plan to modernise was ramped up; within a few years, steam locomotives had been replaced, with most being taken to Barry in South Wales where they awaited the cutters' blowtorches. Within 12 years, High-Speed Trains (HST) serviced much of the UK. All understandable, and much needed. But I wonder if railway journeys today will be remembered in 66 years' time by others as clearly as I remember the 1.32 pm from Grampound Road to St Austell.



This rare 19th-century sampler of a trout, expected it to make £1,200-£1,500, sold for £2,500 last year in Penzance, image courtesy of Hansons Auctioneers

Victor Bramley (1933-2014) *The Lighthouse, Penzance*, oil on board sold for £305, against an estimate of £100-£200, image courtesy of Hansons Auctioneers



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Thank you to Hansons Auctioneers for supplying this article.

Most houses have one great valuable squirreled away and nothing gives Darren Ashley, the associate director of Penzance-based Hansons Auctioneers, more pleasure than unearthing them

I don't know what it is about the good people of Grampound but of all the valuation days we carry out around the county our visits to the village hall are one of the most, if not *the* most, successful. Whether its antique silver, jewellery, watches or ceramics, my colleague Rob Bolton and I often come across some absolute treasures.

With the price of gold and silver being the highest it has been since the 1970s, jewellery tucked away in trinket boxes is currently selling for huge amounts. When people bring in what they think are worthless bits of costume jewellery their jaws drop when I tell them that it could be worth thousands.

I always say every house has one great valuable squirreled away and nothing gives me more pleasure than unearthing them. I am passionate about the county and its treasures, so I am always on the lookout for anything with a distinctly West Country flavour.

One of my favourite recent finds was this unusual needlework sampler of a trout, stitched by a 10-year-old Cornish girl around 1840. We had expected it to make £1,200-£1,500 when we offered it for sale but, thanks to its rarity and unusual theme, it went on to sell for £2,500 at our Penzance saleroom.

Back in 1984, as a 17-year-old, I was lucky enough to work with the TV celebrity Tim Wonnacott at Sotheby's in Chester. Among many specialisms rugs and carpets became my thing, and I went on to be an antique rug valuer at Bonhams in Chester.

When I moved to Cornwall I broadened my expertise into Asian art, assessing rugs as well as Chinese, Japanese, Islamic antiques. But the wonderful thing at every valuation is that you simply never know what you might discover. At one walk-in valuation conducted by one of my colleagues in Birmingham a blue and white Chinese pot, known to the family simply as "Aunt Beryl's vase", went on to sell for £800,000.

No appointment is necessary, just turn up with your hidden treasures and, who knows, you could discover you are sitting on a goldmine.

Our next valuations at Grampound Village Hall are on March 16 from 11am-12.30pm and then on April 20 and on June 8 at the same time, ahead of auctions in our Penzance saleroom on April 7, and then May 26 and July 7.

Where the Kettle's Always On A Conversation with Mary Digweed of Grampound Village Store & Café

By Fran Swanson Friends of the Fal, January
2026



Grampound has always been a village shaped by the people who choose to call it home, and embrace its community spirit, one person in particular is Mary Digweed, manager of the Grampound Village Store & Café.

Since taking on the role, Mary has become a familiar and trusted presence at the heart of daily village life — greeting customers, supporting volunteers, and helping the store thrive as one of Grampound's key community hubs. In this conversation, Mary reflects on her journey to the village, her experiences running the store, and the unique character that makes Grampound such a special place to live and work.

Background & Motivation

Where were you living and working before taking on the manager role at the Grampound Village Store & Café?

I lived in St Austell but commuted to Truro, where I worked as Deputy Manager of New Look, leading a team of 30-40 employees which delivered an annual turnover of £3.5 million. So, just a little different to a village store!

Role & Responsibilities

What do you enjoy most about managing the village store?

I love the people. I love the interaction between volunteers and customers, some of whom are complete strangers, but who are made to feel part of the community with ease, especially when they are forced to sit together in our tiny coffee shop! There is always something to chat about and find common ground, even if it's the good old Cornish weather!

Volunteers & Teamwork

You and Assistant Manager Claire Southworth work with a dedicated team of volunteers - What do you think motivates people to volunteer their time here?

I think #1 - it's a happy place, if a little mad and chaotic at times, but perhaps that contributes to the uniqueness of being such a bubbly, friendly environment for volunteers and customers alike, after all, who doesn't like a dash of craziness served with their cappuccino? Volunteers have a real sense of pride in what they do and what we want to achieve and that's massive.

Claire and I work super well together and meeting up at the Dolphin Inn for their pub quiz helps too! As Assistant Manager, Claire is a fabulous addition to the team and is really making the role her own.

Community Identity

Grampound has two strong community hubs — the Village Store & Café and the newly re-opened Dolphin Inn. How vital are Community Hubs and Groups in village life?

I think they are hugely important, especially post-Covid when people became more aware of being alone.

It means we can keep an eye on the more vulnerable residents in the village community and folk know there will always be an empathic, supportive listening ear to be had at the store & café.

We'll never be perfect, never have the cheapest goods and things will always be a bit chaotic, but it doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things as we will always be welcoming and here to help if anyone wants a chat.

Local Organisations

Both the Village Store & Café and the Friends of the Fal Community Group are volunteer led organisations serving the community in different ways. How would you describe the relationship between the two? (aside from delivering coffee and sandwiches to our woodland volunteers on occasions!)

I think we have a lovely partnership – people coming into the shop & café are always saying "we've heard there's a lovely woodland walk here", so we signpost them and explain about the Friends of the Fal Community Woodland Project.

Likewise, whenever Fran & Sarah and the Friends of the Fal team are working in the woodland, they always 'big us up' by praising the deliciousness of the offerings in the café and pointing them in our direction. People come from far and wide for the Fal Woodland and River walk, we get quite a few walking groups and dog walkers popping in for refreshments.

Do you think this has provided additional footfall to your establishment? If yes, is there more we could do, such as placing promotional flyers in our noticeboard in the woodland's main entrance?

Yes absolutely, without doubt it's fab for footfall in the store & café and the village as a whole. Cornwall Wildlife Trust are practically regulars and outside contractors in the woodland stock up on supplies for the day.

Flyers in the noticeboard would also be fab!

Community Life

How would you describe the character or personality of Grampound?

I would say it is very much community driven. It's so lovely that you can walk down the street and everyone will say 'Hello'. Everyone knows their neighbours and looks out for one another.

Future Vision

What are your hopes for the Store & Café over the next few years?

If resources were unlimited, what new idea or improvement would you love to introduce?

How do you see the Store & Café fitting into the wider Grampound community in the future?

The village shop & café has been going for 11 years, which ain't bad. We managed to survive the pandemic, even though so many businesses went to the wall. For a village store which was championed by the community and is run by the community, I'd like to think we will keep going in the right direction. I would love a bigger kitchen – but not too big!

If money were no object, I'd also love a bridge across the River Fal from the playing fields to the Fal Woodland, it would make giving directions to the woodland so much easier as I can just point across the playing field! The added plus of having a bridge is that I love a game of Pooh sticks!

We would love to do a few events in the summer, like feast nights/BBQ's outside on the decking and perhaps collaborating with other village groups.

Through Mary's leadership, her partnership with Assistant Manager Claire Southworth, and the dedication of countless volunteers, the Village Store & Café continues to be a place where neighbours meet, friendships form, and the village spirit grows stronger. As Grampound looks to the future, it's clear that Mary's enthusiasm and commitment will remain an important part of its heartbeat — one of the many reasons the village continues to thrive.

Mary's story reminds us of what Grampound has always quietly known: that a community's true strength is woven from the hands and hearts of those who tend it, and from the many volunteer groups whose steadfast, committed efforts help Grampound remain a place where people feel rooted, welcomed, and proud to call home.

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