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Looking ahead to Farming Futures with our Horticulture project

Welcome to another newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP)

On 20th January 2020 a group of growers, farmers and advisors gathered at the St Buryan Farm Shop for the launch of the Farming Futures Horticultural Project, working with LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming). The event was led by Caroline Drummond MBE (LEAF Chief Executive) and Lucy Bates (Project Coordinator). Caroline introduced the national work of LEAF including the LEAF Network, made up of 39 Demonstration Farms and 11 Innovation Centres nationwide; LEAF Marque which is a leading global assurance system recognising more sustainably farmed products; the annual LEAF Open Farm Sunday event sees over ¼ million people meeting farmers on their land. Their education and training is supported by a dedicated team at LEAF Education.



This was followed by a session led by Lucy looking at the unique opportunity being presented to horticultural businesses in the PLP area through this project, and the added value of undertaking them collectively. These are:

- Individually tailored sustainability auditing
- Support to attain LEAF Marque certification by 2022
- Development of two demonstration farms to act as regional and national knowledge exchange hubs
- Potential for additionally funded farmer-led research and access to relevant training

The core of LEAF's work is in delivering win-win outcomes in the agricultural environment through promoting and developing Integrated Farm Management (IFM). A range of resources giving practical guidance on this site specific approach can be accessed at

<https://leafuk.org/farming/integrated-farm-management>

If you are a horticultural farmer/grower and would like to get involved please contact Phil Pengelly on 01736 805300 in the first instance.



Events

We have the following free events coming up. If you would like to register or learn more please visit www.penwithlandscape.com/events or ring 01736 805300.

- 26th March, 2-4pm – **Bygone Penwith: Shared Memories**. See overleaf for details.
- 11th April 2020 – **Penwith Green Fair**. We will once again have a table at the Penwith Green Fair, held in St John's Hall Penzance. Come and see us and other local conservation organisations.
- 26th June 2020 – **Butterfly Identification Workshop**. A workshop for those who wish to be able to identify and record the butterfly species of Penwith.
- Every Weds and Thurs – **Volunteer Days** (various locations 9.45am-3pm). Join our regular volunteer days undertaking a range of tasks from footpath improvement to Cornish hedging. Training, tools and refreshments supplied.

Introducing the new PLP team members

There have been some staffing changes recently here at the PLP.

Julian Branscombe joined the PLP in November as the new Programme Manager. In this role Julian oversees and supports the PLP team in delivering our programme of work, and reports and advises on this to our Executive Committee and Board, as well as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other funders. Julian managed to move the entire length of the UK to take up the role, as he relocated from Orkney! Although a newcomer to Penwith he is already appreciating the beauty and uniqueness in our landscape – if you would like to read more about his initial impressions of Penwith then read his Blog post on our website at <https://www.penwithlandscape.com/blog/post/from-harts-tongue-to-polypodies--first-impressions-of-penwith>



Nick Taylor is the newest member of the PLP team, joining in mid-February to take up the role of Volunteer Programme and Penwith Hedges Coordinator. As well as taking the prize for the longest job title, Nick will be working to help recruit and support our volunteers and organise training for them, as well as managing our Penwith Hedges project. Nick joins us after many years at Duchy College. We look forward to seeing what he brings!



We have had to say a fond farewell to our previous Volunteer Coordinator,

Holly Berwick, as she moves on to a new role supporting volunteers at the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Thanks for all your hard work Holly!

If you wish to contact any member of the PLP team, you can find their details on our website at <https://www.penwithlandscape.com/about-us/meet-the-team/>

Share your memories of Bygone Penwith

On 26th March, 2-4pm at St Just Miners Chapel, we invite you to join us and share your memories of Bygone Penwith. Come for a bit of chat, a cup of tea and a saffron bun with Tony and Loveday, our Cornish team. Learn about our **Taking Names** project looking at field and place names across Penwith. Bring your memories of old Penwith and chat with friends about the old days. Be entertained by Trevor Smitheram with dialect and tales. All welcome – bring your friends. For catering purposes please let us know if you are coming by contacting Claire on claire.backhouse@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk or ring 01736 805302.

Who is on the Partnership?

Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership board are:

Bolitho Estates
Cornwall Ancient Sites Protection Network (CASPN)
Cornwall Archaeological Society
Cornwall AONB
Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Farm Cornwall
Farming representatives
National Trust
Penwith Access and Rights of Way (PAROW)
Penwith Community Development Trust

Save Penwith Moors
Spider Eye Animation
St Aubyn Estates
Towednack Parish Council
Zennor Parish Council

Chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna

Advisors to the board include:

Natural England, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service and Cornwall Rural Community Charity

If you would like to keep in touch with our work please contact us to sign up to this newsletter.

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