

Newlyn archive AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025

I attended the annual general meeting of the Newlyn Archive yesterday at the Boathouse Newlyn.

#### OVERVIEW

Newlyn Archive has been based in the Boathouse for some 16 years and holds a unique and comprehensive archive of all aspects of village life focusing on the harbour and the wider community.

It was agreed that there will be an Open Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and all were encouraged to attend or help with the organisation and promotion of this event.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer reported that sales of books, one of the major contributions to funds, has declined from previous years by approximately 62%. This was very concerning to all members in attendance. The members were requested to come up with some new ideas for fund raising in the short term. It was hoped that the open day would generate some much needed income.

The archive has some substantial expenses such as printer ink (£750p.a), an A frame advertising board replacement (£700), increase storage fees (£700), Talk Talk internet provider charges currently (£1300p.a) and an increase this year of the public liability insurance to (240p.a).

Furthermore the Paypal link on the website is not functioning, and therefore online purchases cannot be made. To date, efforts to contact the agent have been unsuccessful.

The treasurer will be seeking my help in applying for a grant from the town council at the end of the month to help fund the maintenance of the Archive in order to retain this valuable resource financially viable going forward.

#### ARCHAVISTS REPORT

Newlyn Archive is very fortunate in as much as it gets the offer of many local artifacts from the public. The shelves are full and cover a wide variety of subjects from Artists past and present, family history, harbour landings, the history of land and buildings and most notably the characters and people of Newlyn. There are 36 large files covering a myriad of subjects. It boasts the most comprehensive archive of the Newlyn Artists anywhere in the country.

The Newlyn archive also has an extensive library for reference and use of the public who wish to research the history of the village or family history. The latter is frequently

accessed by visitors to the village in the summer months who come to find out more about a long lost relative.

#### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The membership secretary confirmed there were 102 members of the archive with a mix of life members (one off Fee of £100) and some who pay a yearly subscription (£25pa). She is intending to keep a close eye on those who are due to pay with a gentle reminder. In addition she will ensure that a quarterly news letter is sent out by email to encourage engagement with the archive.

A car sticker is being produced to be given to members old and new in order to promote interest for the archive in the wider community. A membership drive is planned for the open day on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Richard announced that 2026 would be his last year in his role as Chairman. He has been a stalwart of the archive for many years and those in attendance were sorry to hear his intention to stand down.

The Treasurer also said she was also considering standing down within the next 12-18 months. Members were sorry to hear this. Finding suitable candidates to replace these posts will be a focus in the coming 12 months.

#### OTHER REPORTS

A short update from The Fish Trust outlined the latest position regarding the future use of the old ice works. No planning decision was made by Cornwall Council and Historic England has now formally objected to the development of flats on the site. It appears to be a 'Mexican stand off' where no one knows what the next step will be.

I was asked about progress on the Newlyn Artists memorial project. I was able to advise that the Harbour Commission has no objection to us using the small parcel of land above the old quay. This land is owned by Cornwall Council and now that the site has been cleared, we are hoping to get their permission to install benches and potentially a modest statue on this site in the future. This would be subject to considerable fund raising as well as gaining the necessary planning permissions.

The Facebook page is being updated and should be ready for relaunch very shortly.

15:35 Meeting closed.

Paul Trevail

## **GOOD OLD FURNITURE AVAILABLE (GOFA) REPORT – January 2026**

GOFA continue their amazing work providing furniture and fittings at affordable prices to the local community. Perhaps of more importance than even what is regarded as their **core** business, is the fact that GOFA continue to distribute furniture and fittings at no cost at all in circumstances where clients are observed to be particularly vulnerable, in exceptional need and/or without access to financial resources. This aspect of GOFA's approach to their work is perhaps what marks them out as exceptional in their field.

Several volunteers, without whom the work could not be done, have joined GOFA during 2025.

Unfortunately, The Trustees received the resignation of [REDACTED] as a trustee and their Treasurer. This is a crucial role for the Trustees, particularly as ongoing funding and fundraising is a key task for the Trustees during 2026. Determined efforts are being made to replace [REDACTED] as Treasurer.

GOFA would appreciate being told of any individuals who might be interested in joining the Trustees as the Treasurer. Applications would obviously be particularly welcomed from Accountants, retired or otherwise.

It has proved complicated to bring busy diaries together in 2025, but GOFA will be prioritising the setting up of a Finance Sub-Committee (to include Councillor Andy Law), to examine income generation and fundraising.

**Andy Law**

PENZANCE FLORA GROUP REPORT – January 2026

As always, amazing work continues to be done by a small number of dedicated, committed and hard-working individuals in this group, keeping the streets of Penzance blooming, full of colour and vibrancy; particularly important during the Spring and Summer months (and the Golowan Festival), when the town is full of visitors and the importance of making a great first impression rises. This does not of course take away from the pleasure us locals gain from seeing the plants and flowers in our town on a daily basis.

**Volunteer Hours for October 2025 (most recent figures available)**

Volunteer hours 114

■■■■ 9, ■■■■ 2 hours admin.

Total Flora hours =125.

Considering the poor weather, PZFG have had good turnouts particularly on Sundays.

The Tourist Information Centre has now been weeded and some Cornish palms cut back or removed. The plantation palms have been trimmed on the roadside so they no longer hit the buses. PZFG have had 400 likes and 43 positive comments on Facebook.

Abbey Basin has had 300 comments.

The Heuchera has been dug out as it was getting rather large. Hopefully by open the area up it will be less likely to encourage anti-social behaviour. 6 cans of unopened cider and a vape were found hidden in the undergrowth alongside a few other items.

Pea gravel has been spread at Sullivan's Diner which was paid for from the money raised from the sale of ■■■■'s key fobs. Tête-à-tête bulbs PZFGre also purchased from the money and have been planted around various beds.

The trough at the Humphry Davey statue has always been a problem. ■■■■ has had a word with ■■■■ who has put it on his 'Cormac' list as something to do. Apparently, Cormac have offered to tidy up areas before they finish work along Market Jew Street.

The Fire Station has now been weeded and tidied and the poppy display arranged around the planters on granite posts ready for November 11th.

The planters outside Sports Direct have been weeded but not replanted. The planters at Premier Inn have been weeded and planted with Tête-à-tête.

All the planters on Causewayhead are weeded and planted with Tête-à-tête. PZFG are going to plant up with ground cover and then Cornish stones to be put on top to suppress the weeds.

Due to the increasing age and decreasing mobility and upper body strength of the current volunteers, PZFG are no longer able to maintain responsibility for the hanging baskets around Penzance. Penzance Council is currently in negotiations with a number of organisations/individuals to resolve this issue

*Andy Law*



## Chief Operating Officer Report – January 2026

It's a time of change at Jubilee Pool, as I took over from Nicola Murdoch in November. Nic was CEO, working part time. The Board recognised a slight change in focus was required, and so my role is as COO, based at the pool on a 5 day a week basis.

I've moved from National Maritime Museum Falmouth, where I was Head of Commercial Operations, as well as being a Director of Falmouth BID.

My initial focus is very much on financial sustainability, engagement and ensuring we further embed ourselves into the local community. As such, I'll be working on a number of opportunities and reaching out to a range of stakeholders, as I educate and introduce myself to the Penzance community.

As far as 2025 was concerned it was one of the best summers at the pool, with visitor numbers high and café turnover strong.

The local community uses of the pool remained strong with 1,351 free child uses and 11,315 discounted PZ adult uses of the pool, alongside 3,512 Adult, 677 child, 592 concession uses by PZ residents of the Geothermal Pool.

Dog Day was a huge success for us in terms of revenue, PR and brand awareness, as was the ITV drama *Playing Nice*, where the pool was prominently featured. Having worked on a number of media projects in the past, this is certainly an area that I'll be seeking to expand upon.

As some of you may know, we've recently been successful in a Round 1 NHLF application. This will allow us to make a number of more immediate tactical interventions, which will improve our revenue streams, as well as addressing a number of Health and Safety issues, and carrying out a number of feasibility studies. The outcome of these studies will further inform a potential Round 2 application. Work will start on all of these over the next few months.

It is also our current intention to apply to the Cornwall Council Community Infrastructure Levy Fund, which opens on 16<sup>th</sup> January, in an effort to create a temporary 6 lane 50m pool, within the existing pool. It is intended that this temporary structure would be

removable in around 30 minutes and would create the only 50m saltwater pool in Cornwall, opening up a whole new range of opportunities for usage outside of our core operating hours. This application is in its infancy at this stage.

I'm excited about the opportunities that 2026 brings, and having celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year, the centenary celebrations are now in our minds.

If anyone would like to meet me, or discuss anything in particular, please feel free to stop in or drop me an email [giles@jubileepool.co.uk](mailto:giles@jubileepool.co.uk)

Giles Gould

Chief Operating Officer

8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Cllr Peter Lapin

Chapel Street Creative CIO

Just a very brief update this time round, whilst the Charity continues to vigorously pursue its objectives. Although we were disappointed to learn our application for an Enterprise grant was unsuccessful, we still plan to move forward with kitchen refurbishments using funds from revenue from hires. We also plan to have a new floor fitted in studio two as the existing one is tired and in much need of repair. This will improve the space dramatically and will prove to be much more appealing to both existing and future activity providers.

We are delighted to welcome New Tai-chi classes, which commenced earlier this month.

Councillor Peter Lapin