

BRINGING YOU NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

# COMMUNITY

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## HEALTHY FUTURES: CORNWALL LEADS THE WAY

**Health and environmental issues are the focus of research by the Duchy's universities, as new projects and facilities unlock potential and address challenges – bringing benefits to Cornwall and across the UK.**

At Penryn Campus, the University of Exeter, Cornwall is opening a new £10 million centre funded by UK Research and Innovation, which aims to deliver research on climate change and its impacts on health across each stage of life. A second pioneering research centre has received £4.5 million in new Government funding to accelerate critical mineral extraction in Cornwall and Devon, which is crucial for the delivery of clean and digital technologies.

Further work is underway to seek solutions for health equalities in local communities, through a £5 million research collaboration between Falmouth University, the Universities of Exeter and Plymouth and Cornwall Council. In its initial stages, the project is creating new jobs and career development opportunities for the area.



## DO YOU KNOW A BUDDING SCIENTIST?

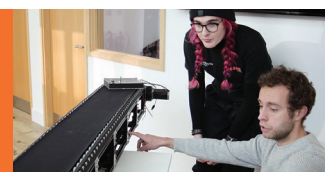


Don't miss the Festival of Physics, a fabulous FREE family-friendly science day featuring demos, talks and exhibits from across the South West. The theme is 'Worlds from Space', with topics ranging from our Earth to exoplanets around other stars.

The festival, brought to you by the Institute of Physics and Exeter Science Centre, takes place in the Exchange Building at Penryn Campus on Saturday 22 February. Find out more at: [iop.eventsair.com/sw-worlds-from-space](https://iop.eventsair.com/sw-worlds-from-space)



**"WE DRESSED THE DAME!"**  
**CREATING PROPS FOR TRURO'S PANTO**  
See more inside





## LOCAL PRIORITIES CAPTURED

Edited by researchers from the University of Exeter's Institute of Cornish Studies, *My Manifesto for Cornwall/Ow Derivadow Rag Kernow* captures concerns raised by local residents during the general election. A Cornish Assembly, strict action on Cornwall's housing crisis and official recognition of Cornish people's ethnic minority status are among the key priorities, along with stronger measures to protect the environment and improve transport infrastructure. The manifesto aims to make a practical contribution to grass roots-level policy debate in Cornwall.

Find out more at: [bit.ly/4eU47Hk](https://bit.ly/4eU47Hk)

## CENTRE RANKED FOURTH GLOBALLY

The Centre for Ecology and Conservation (CEC) has been ranked fourth globally in the latest Academic Ranking of World Universities, a remarkable achievement that highlights the exceptional quality, impact and reach of the centre's research and ambition to find solutions to the global biodiversity crisis. The centre will soon also benefit from the signing of a new agreement between the University of Exeter and the University of Khorfakkan in Sharjah, UAE, to increase research and education in the field of marine biology.

Below: Colleagues from the CEC, Penryn Campus



## ST PIRAN'S DAY

Join the University of Exeter for a St Piran's Day celebration, where we will consider Cornish stories, what they tell us about contemporary Cornwall and how we might update them to reflect current questions and challenges. Come along to the Upper Stannary, Penryn Campus on 7 March, 5pm-6.30pm, for discussion, music, dancing and a pasty.



Left to right: Jayne Kirkham MP, Andrew Climo, Dr Garry Tregidga, Noah Law MP and Professor Martin Siegert.

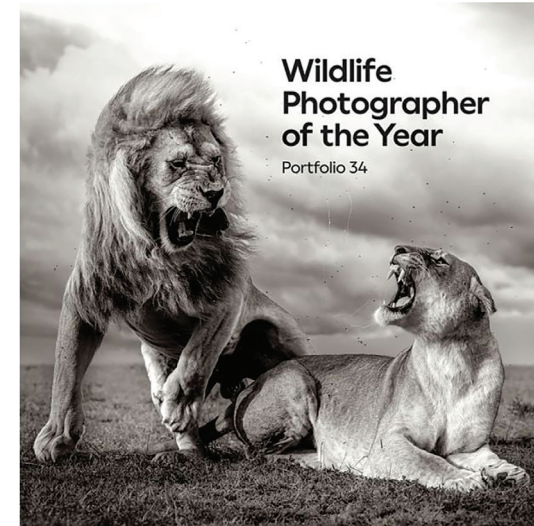


Example of a Pollinator Pathmaker, courtesy of Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg Ltd

## DESIGN YOUR OWN LIVING ARTWORK

The Pollinator Pathmaker is an online tool that allows people to create garden designs optimised for local insect pollinators like bees, butterflies, and moths. Developed by Dr Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, the tool uses factors such as garden size, location and soil to generate unique planting designs that support pollinator diversity. Researchers from the Centre for Ecology and Conservation are working with residents in Constantine to plant a network of Pollinator Pathmaker 'living artworks' in their gardens to see if this can help drive conservation.

Visit [pollinator.art](https://pollinator.art) to design your garden.



## LIFE IN THE RAW

A powerful image by Marine & Natural History Photography BA graduate William Fortescue has been highly commended in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2024 competition and features on the cover of its annual photography book. William, who captured *Romance is Dead* in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, has travelled from the plains of Africa to the Arctic landscapes to document some of the most extraordinary wildlife on the planet. His work features in exhibitions and also supports wildlife protection, having raised more than £110,000 for conservation charities.

See William's winning image at the Natural History Museum in London until next summer, or on the exhibition's UK tour.

## FUNDING BOOST FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Cornish businesses looking to grow have a new source of potential investment through the Cornwall Angel Network. The joint initiative from the British Business Bank and Cornwall Chamber of Commerce is progressing to the next stage as it launches with Falmouth University's venture studio and business incubator, Launchpad Futures, as its new home. The network aims to create a more diverse investment community by connecting local angel investors with startup and early-stage local businesses.

## OH YES, WE DID!

Falmouth University students played their part in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Truro's Hall for Cornwall panto, designing and making Dame Trott's show-stopping dress. The Kernow-inspired creation, worn by Cornish comedian Edward Rowe, was the work of Costume Design for Film & Television BA student Tabby Winchester and her team.

Fellow second-year student Florence Kenny designed a striking cape to complete an ensemble that wowed the audiences over 40 fun-packed performances throughout December. In addition, our robotics students helped the show's hard-working elves by constructing an ingenious stage prop to convey Christmas presents.

## MAKE 2025 YOUR YEAR...

... to enhance your business with cutting-edge training in sustainability practices, or to expand your personal skill set to move ahead in your career. Access Falmouth University's expertise through a range of on-campus and online short courses covering all aspects of development. Find out what's on offer, from disability equality training to mastering creative and digital skills, at: [falmouth.ac.uk/study/short-courses](https://falmouth.ac.uk/study/short-courses)





# EVENTS

Falmouth University's arts centre AMATA at Penryn Campus offers an exciting programme of performances and productions. This season's highlights include...



## PERFORMANCE 25 January

A Company Chameleon double bill: dance and movement duet Push and physical and theatrical trio Umbra.



## DANCE 1 March

Nothern Rascals: *SHED* – gritty realism meets contemporary dance in a portrayal of love, loss and friendship.



## MUSIC 8 March

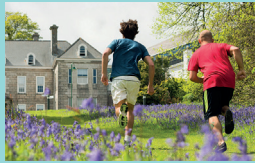
Jaclarabag. The multi-instrumentalist trio bring you heartfelt, eclectic folk songs from across the world.



## MUSIC 5 April

Kizamba. A taste of tropical sunshine with Cornwall's premier Latin and African-Caribbean good vibes band.

Visit [falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre](https://falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre) for info and booking.



## FITNESS

Park Run. Free and fun! Every Saturday at 9am, Penryn Campus. [parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus](https://parkrun.org.uk/penryncampus)



## EXPERT'S CORNER

Tim Cockerill, a lecturer on Falmouth University's Marine & Natural History Photography BA, is an entomologist (insect specialist), broadcaster and photographer. He has filmed with Sir David Attenborough, was scientific consultant for *A Real Bug's Life* on Disney+ and appears regularly on BBC Radio and TV.



### Tim's winter photo tips

"Midwinter can be a tricky time for watching wildlife, as many species are in hiding or hibernation to weather the harsh conditions and scarce food," says Tim. "But we can turn this to our advantage – a garden bird feeder can be more welcome over winter, bringing wildlife closer to your camera. The light can be beautiful on crisp mornings and evenings; photographing animals or plants with the sun in front of you can produce spectacular backlit images. For mobile phone photography, the sun being low in the sky produces a wonderful palette of colours for landscape shots. Most phones now have a decent macro function, so get down low and focus on the fine details of frosty leaves and grass."



## COME AND VISIT OUR CAMPUS GROUNDS

Walk around our beautiful gardens or join the activities in our Penryn Campus sports centre, before relaxing in a campus cafe. Enjoy a buy-one-get-one free deal on hot drinks from 3-4pm in the Fox Cafe on Falmouth Campus and the Sustainability cafe, AMATA cafe and The Stannary at Penryn.

## OPEN DAYS

Book an online or in-person Open Day to learn about studying at our universities:

### University of Exeter, Cornwall

Next Penryn Campus Open Days: Sat 8 March (postgraduate); Weds 28 May (undergraduate) [exeter.ac.uk/study](https://exeter.ac.uk/study)

### Falmouth University

On-campus Open Day: Weds 22 Jan [falmouth.ac.uk/experience](https://falmouth.ac.uk/experience)

## SWAP YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS

More than 1,000 items have been redistributed since the start of our Swap Shop initiative in May 2023. The FREE pop-up shop will be back at central locations on our Penryn and Falmouth Campuses this month, offering an affordable and sustainable way for new and returning students to gather the things they need (or want) for the start of term. You too can donate or swap! Simply bring your unwanted items along to reception on both campuses.

