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2 nd Monday	Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm 12 Dec, 9 January
3 rd Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 12.15pm. 17 Jan
4 th Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm, 20 December, 24 January
Mon & Thurs	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 7.00pm
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Every Thurs	Yoga at the Village Hall, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

DECEMBER AND JANUARY (SEE “WHAT’S ON” FOR MORE DETAILS)

2 December	Carolaire. Lizard Lifeboat Station, 7pm
3 December	Christmas Lights Switch On. Cadgwith Cove. 6 pm
4 December	Carolaire - Village Hall. 7.30 pm
6 December	“A Present for the Baby”, Grade Ruan School. 2pm and 6pm.
7 December	Book Club. Cadgwith Cove Inn. 8 pm.
8 December	Village Hall - Christmas Market. 9 - 11.30am
8 December	Christmas Celebration. Grade-Ruan School. 2.15pm
10 December	Grand Opening of the new Pavilion at the Rec. Noon.
10 December:	Ruan Minor Football Club, First home game. 2.30pm
11 December	Christingle Service, Grade Church. 3pm
16 December	End of Autumn School Term
18 December	Nativity at St. Mary’s. 3pm
19 December	Gunwalloe Church Candlelit Carol Service. St. Winwaloe. 7pm
20 December	Village Hall Christmas Quiz Night. 7.30pm
22 December	Last Thursday 2016 Market at Village Hall
23 December	Christmas Movie. Village Hall. 7pm
25 December	Sponsored Christmas Swim. Cadgwith. Noon
26 December	Old Boot Football match v. Lizard. Ruan Minor Rec. 2pm
31 December	New Year’s Eve party at the Rec. 7pm till 1am
3 January	Start of school Spring term
5 January	Village Hall Thursday Market re-opens. 9 - 11.30am
11 January	Cadgwith’s “Fishy Tails” Session at the School Hall. 6.30pm
17 January	Friends of Kennack, Village Hall. 7pm
18 January	Deadline for contributions to the February Gazette

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“By the Range” by the late, much missed, Mary Haigh. It depicts the range in Bay View in Cadgwith when it used to be a doctor’s surgery.

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Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below. Paper contributions can be put in the Mag Bag behind the door at Ruan Minor Stores. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication.**

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Noticeboard

Happy Birthday in December to: Rose Bowcher, Sam Jane, James Bennetts, James Green, Danny Meek, Ivan Blight-Anderson, Rosie Jane, Lisa Mitchell (a big 0), Pam Penrose, Ian Arnall, Fiona Hunt, Ben Noonan, Jack A, Jack S, Karen Forster, Jai Mallinder, Ian Shipway

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This issue of the Gazette is for

December and January. It contains your **Christmas wishes** in lieu of sending cards, which should save a few trees. Thanks for the donations which accompanied the messages. Half of the money will be used to bolster the Gazette's finances, and the other half will be donated towards buying something for the children's play area, which is looked after by the Parish Council.

There is no **Colour Supplement** this year, mainly because I didn't have any photos to put in that hadn't already been on Facebook. Also, we are now able to have colour photographs on the cover, so it was felt that the annual Parish Scrapbook Colour Supplement may not be missed.

May I take this opportunity to say

cont.

DATES FOR THE DIARY, CONTINUED

ADVANCE DATES

15 - 18 February	The Ruan Revellers Variety Show. Village Hall. 7.30 pm
18 March	Spring Show. Village Hall
12 - 16 June	Art & Craft Workshops for Cadgwith's "Fishy Tails" Show
19 - 23 June	Cadgwith's "Fishy Tails" Show Week
22 July	Buller Day
23 July	Under 14 Gig Championships at Hayle
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The **next issue** will be out at the beginning of February; meanwhile, on behalf of the Gazette Committee, may I wish you all a **merry Christmas and a happy New Year.**

It hardly seems possible that 2017 is almost here already!

Moira Hurst

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Shop closing at 12 noon

Christmas Day: Closed

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28th – 30th December

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New Year's Eve

Post Office and shop open 9am to 12

New Year's Day: Closed

Monday 2nd January

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Shop open 9am to 6pm

From Beryl and Basil Bolitho:

Wishing our sister, Mrs Rose Bowcher, of Cadgwith a very happy 80th birthday on Friday 2nd December 2016. Have a lovely day. With love from Beryl and Basil.

From Ann Langley:

Our heartfelt thank you to the Cadgwith Singers for singing at my brother John Tripconey's funeral on 24th October. You were great. Also thank you for the cards and people asking after him.

From Sam Jane:



This photo, taken at the Ruan Minor War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday is of Amy and cousin Jerry. My Great Grandad, William Legg, is on the war

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From Gary Pollard:

For the last few years the Pollard family, along with help from Keith Yerrill, have offered our field to visitors and locals to camp for free with donations going to our local Parish Church of St Grade.

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or just call in on a Thursday morning to see what's going on.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm.

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For more information call **Steve Griffiths on 290154**

QUIZ NIGHT

Quizzes are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits or you can BYO if you prefer. The contest begins at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village notice boards.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Check on the Hall and Village notice boards for details of the many special events held in the Hall throughout the year.

ARRANGING AN EVENT?

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CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

Dust off those fancy dress costumes - or you could get them wet! - By joining us for our Sponsored Christmas Day Swim, at 12 Noon in the Cove.

This year the charity is the Marie Curie Nurses, who operate in Cornwall and do such a fantastic job.

It would be great if you could join us by: getting sponsors and joining us in the sea for a swim, or coming along to see the brave souls who venture to take part; it really is good fun.

Please, if you could all cross your fingers for a calm sea and sunshine on Christmas Day, I'd be most grateful.

Sponsorship forms are available from: The Store, Ruan Minor, the Cadgwith Cove Inn, or from me on 290073.

Many thanks and I hope to see you on Christmas Day.

Nicky Jose



Surfing Santas,
cycling Santas,
Elves and Reindeers – they're all

part of Cornwall Hospice Care's 2016 Santa Series and you're invited to take part.

This year the Cornish charity is holding festive events in 8 locations across the County, including:

Truro: Wednesday 30th November

Falmouth: Saturday 10th December

Helston: Saturday 17th December.

Sign up online and you'll receive a festive Santa suit or for Falmouth the Elf costume may be more to your liking! You can run, jog or walk the routes and your reward will be a Christmas medal and a delicious mince pie.

To register online, go to www.cornwallhospicecare.co.uk.

£12 for adults and £7 for children.

Gunwalloe Church Candlelit Carol Service

Singers from across the area are joining together again to form the 'An Lysardh Christmas Choir' (conducted by Andrew Woods) for a traditional candlelit 'Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols'.

The service will be at St Winwalloe, Gunwalloe Church Cove ('The Church of the Storms') on **Monday 19th December at 7pm**. There will be a retiring collection for church funds and RNLI Lifeguards.

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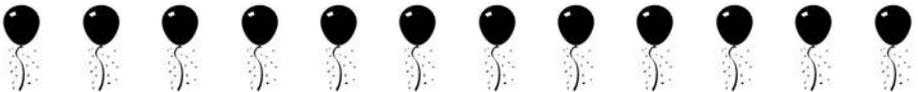
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There's a lot of buzz in the village about 'Cadgwith's Fishy Tales' but there are still some who are asking 'What's it all about?' So, we thought it was only polite to tell you.

The 'What'

Cadgwith Thespians have dusted off the cobwebs and joined forces with Cascade Theatre Company to create a community performance second to none. Cascade has the expertise and a proven track record so with the passion of the Thespians and Cascade at the helm it's all very exciting.

It's about Cadgwith and Ruan past present and future; mystery, magic and magnificence.

The 'How'

So far we have gathered local stories and reminiscences but we suspect there is still more yet to be shared. With these stories, we will create an amazing immersive piece of theatre about you and your village that will promenade around Ruan and down to Cadgwith Cove.

It's not, however, about a bunch of actors doing their thing and you just watching. It's much more exciting than that. Meeting weekly, we will create a show with you ... the people of this community. Children, adults, older people; shoppers or shopkeepers; skaters or surfers; fishermen or farmers; actors, makers or artists; mums and dads AND all and any local residents.

And it's going to be big: Performance, song, dance, puppets and projections. It will represent you and all that you hold dear. You don't have to 'act' you can just be there and hold a flag!

Everyone is welcome. The great thing about this process and this kind of show is that you can be involved to whatever degree you feel comfortable. If you want to be at the front and be seen and heard, then we will find a place for you. More importantly, though, if you just want to have a lot of fun and be involved without the spotlight on you, then this show is perfect. Participation without pressure.

What we need is YOU. Young or old come along and get involved.

The 'When'

In the new year, we will start the fun and need a nice big core drama group to help us bring the stories to life. Our sessions will be held on Wednesdays at Grade Ruan School Hall (enter via the playground by the church) from:

SESSION JANUARY 11TH 2017 - THE FIRST WILL BE AT 6.30PM

There is something for everyone - ticket sellers, storytellers; tea makers, stitchers and knitters, dancers, musicians, actors, artists ... whatever your skills (or not – we will show you how) we would *love* to have you on board.

This project needs you and your support to make it a truly community celebration.

Put it in your diary, January 11th - 6.30. If you would like to know more or ask any questions, contact

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CREEK**



Full edited version

**The Murder of
the Black Cat**

Murder Mystery



An edited flavour of the event

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Christmas Greetings

- 🌲 To all neighbours and friends, a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year 2017. Best wishes. **Thelma Quirk**.
- 🌲 Joyous Christmas greetings to one and all. Many thanks for all your help and support throughout the past year, much appreciated. Good health and prosperity for the next 12 months, from **Yvonne**.
- 🌲 Seasons greetings to all our friends and neighbours from **Cathy and Brian**.
- 🌲 Wishing all our friends, family and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy 2016! Lots of love **Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn xxx**
- 🌲 A merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year to all my friends and neighbours. Love from **Ann (and Ross)**.
- 🌲 **Terry and Deborah Stephens** wish all their friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.
- 🌲 **Tim and Moira Hurst** wish all their friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a fabulous 2017.
- 🌲 **Ken Eustis** wishes all his friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best for 2017.
- 🌲 Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the Gazette and all its readers from **Anne and Peter** at White Feather.
- 🌲 Have a cracking Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017. "Cheers". **Tim, Sandra, Sam and Lauren**.
- 🌲 **Isobel Sterling** will not be sending Christmas cards this year, but wishes friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.
- 🌲 Happy Christmas to all my friends and neighbours and best wishes for the New Year. Great to be back in the village. **Julie Sturman**.
- 🌲 Wishing all family and friends a Happy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. Aren't we lucky to live in this very special place with such a lovely community. Nadelik Lowen. Bledhen Nowyth Da. **Nicky, Ian and Ray**.
- 🌲 We wish you all an abundance of joy, good health, happiness and much Christmas cheer to remain with you throughout the year. **Stuart and CC**.

Christmas Greetings



xxx

- 🌲 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours. Very best regards **Jutta & Bob**.
- 🌲 **Dom, Alison and family** wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.
- 🌲 **Gill and Colin Thomas** wish all their friends in Ruan Minor and Cadgwith a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.
- 🌲 **Chris, Fiona, Roo, Tristan, Bim and Carrera** from Ruan Major Cottage, would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas, and a wonderfully happy, healthy and peaceful 2017. Thank you for all the support and kindness you have shown our family and for all the fun times we have shared together. Party on 2017!
- 🌲 **Andrea Betty** wishes all her lovely neighbours and friends a very happy Christmas and healthy New Year. Thank you so much to everyone who has helped me while I was indisposed.
- 🌲 Wishing all our friends a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous brand New Year. Best wishes from **Philippa and John**.
- 🌲 A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our friends and neighbours in Ruan Minor. **Barbara, John and Sarah Rosindale**.
- 🌲 **Diana and Peter Martin** wish all their neighbours and friends a very happy Christmas and New Year.
- 🌲 **Jane and Peter** from Roselyn Ruan Minor would like to wish everyone in Grade Ruan a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year!
- 🌲 **Paul and Pam** wish all their friends jolly Christmas festivities and a very happy and healthy New Year.
- 🌲 **Mary and Brian** wish all their friends a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
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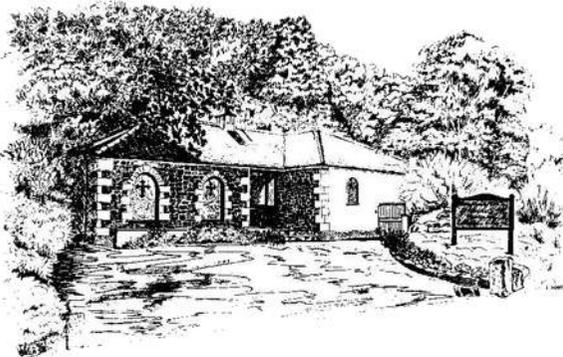
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Friends of Kennack

We held the first Beach Clean of the winter on Sunday 6th November, and at the same time an informal meeting and a chance to meet Steve of Natural England and to discuss our plans for the future. We had hoped that some members of the GRPC would attend also, but unfortunately none were able to come. The event was not as well supported as we had hoped it would be, but nevertheless, those that came were very supportive and keen to become part of a formal Friends of Kennack group.

There will be a public meeting on January 17th in the meeting room of the village hall at 7pm., when I hope there will be more interested folk attending and a chance to formally elect a chairman or woman, treasurer, etc. The meeting will be open to all that have an interest in Kennack and want to help us move forward with a long-term plan, to keep it as we would like to see it - litter-free and a safe environment for everyone to enjoy.

Before that, there will be two further Beach Cleans. The next is on Sunday 4th December and then Sunday January 1st - Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions be helping clean Kennack Beach?! Work off the excesses of the Festive Season!

If you need any further information, please give me a ring on 291129

Sue Cadman

Cadgwith Fishing Festival

Dr. Creagh collecting a cheque for £2500 for the Cornwall Leukemia Trust from the Cadgwith Fishing Festival. Thanks to everybody who helped and took part on the day.

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Anne Wilson

1926 - 2016

Anne Wilson (nee Pearce) who died aged ninety on 6th November following a fall and a series of strokes, was born in Newtown in St. Martin on 22nd May 1926, but moved at the age of three to Manaccan. There she attended the then “Elementary” School which at that time had some forty-four girls and boys between the ages of five and fourteen.

At the age of eleven, she gained a place at the Helston “Country” (Grammar) School which was then still in Penrose. The school moved up to the “new” buildings in Church Hill in her second year. She had a successful time there and was indeed Head Girl in 1943-44. In 1944, she won a place at one of the old “University Colleges” (Hull) that were attached to the University of London and in 1947 took her London degree in English, French and Moral Philosophy. The following year she took a Diploma in Education.

From 1949 to 1951 Anne taught in a secondary school in Hull. On 6th September 1951, she married Capt. Ronald Stuart Wilson RAEC in the beautiful creek-side church of St. Anthony-in-Meneage. They lived in Gloucestershire from 1952 to 1986 where Ron was a schoolmaster and where their daughter, Rosamunde, and son, Gavin, were born.

In 1979 they bought their bungalow in Kuggar and came to live there permanently in 1986. They celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary in September with a visit to St. Anthony but sadly a month later Anne suffered the fall that was to lead to her death.

The poem that follows is a threnody or poem of lamentation for someone who love all natural things.

Threnody for Anne

It did not feature on the news, the day the world imploded
When the sea rose up in anger, beating its fists on the shore,
The hills came down from their fastness, bowing their heads in grief,
The winds howled out their anguish, till there was nothing more to say;
Fog choked the sentient throat of the air, leaving it stricken dumb
Rain blinded the eyes of the daylight, that all the senses were numb.
No, it wasn't mentioned on the news, that day my wife had died.



Rector's Ramblings

As we approach Christmas, the nights are truly drawing in. Darkness descends and brings an end to the year ... and what a year!

*'The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises'.
(Ecclesiastes 1:5)*

How many Christmases have you known? I don't remember them all, but I have had more than 60. Amongst them are childhood Christmases of awakening to presents in a sack at the foot of the bed; Christmas as a teenager; Christmas as newly married; Christmas with our own children, establishing our 'family' pattern Christmas (with a real feast and endless board games); Christmas missing a loved one, with us no longer ... and one day, I know, Christmas will happen without me!

People have been celebrating Christmas for more than 2000 years in so many different cultures and historic settings; we each do it in our own way, and even that changes over time. Yet, perhaps, the way we celebrate Christmas can shape the way we face the New Year.

I recently came across an article on the web called 'Four Kinds of Christmas', www.fourkindsofchristmas.com. It starts with a recognition that Christmas takes place as the world descends into darkness, and describes four kinds of Christmas as they respond: Scrooge (darkness wins and you might as well get used to it); The Shopper (the Light is going so let's celebrate while we can); Santa (darkness, what darkness? Let's try and believe all is light); The Stable (yes, there is Darkness, but God has entered into our darkness to make a way to real Light).

As we come to the end of this year, in many ways, the descending darkness seems darker than ever, and perhaps we can draw parallels with Scrooge/The Shopper/Santa?

Or, maybe we can see the darkness for what it is and remember that there is One who is truly Light, who has come to us in our darkness and born the full force of every darkness on the Cross, and risen to offer a life beyond the darkness.

Perhaps we could celebrate Christmas by getting to know him - not just the little baby, but the God who laid aside his glory to rescue us from darkness; who became a man and lived as a Light in our darkness and whose grappling death and triumphant resurrection has won a place for us in his light.

To know him, we will need to face the darkness with him (especially the darkness in our own hearts), not as Scrooge, merely accepting it, but trusting Christ to find his light through the darkness to something that is so much better than Shopping or Santa. And as the new year starts again, he will take us to the cross (our Cross) and through it to a new life in him; where his light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

So many Christmases; O may this one, for you, be a real Christmas encounter with Jesus Christ himself and the New Year truly new! By all means, come and join in all the festivities, celebrations and services, but this year ask him to show you the real Christmas in himself. Any questions? Need any help? We would be delighted to introduce him to you.

Yours in Christ,

Peter Sharpe, Rector

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Church of England Services

December

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Sun 11 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
	Christingle Service, St Grade Church	3pm
Sun 18 th	Nine Lessons and Carols, St Ruan Church	6pm
Sat 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE	
	Midnight Mass, St Wynwallow Church	11.30pm
Sun 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY	
	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	10am

January

Sun 8 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
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A LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

My name is Billy Jane and I have always lived in the village of Ruan Minor. I have always led an active life but my main interest has been playing football. From the age of 5, I represented Culdrose where I enjoyed being part of a successful team and made many friends. Last season, my last as a junior, I won the treble with Helston football club. In August I turned 16 and so have started playing adult football for Lizard Argyle. We are currently second place in the Trelawny Premier League.

In September I started at Truro College where I am studying A levels in Maths, Physics, PE and Geography along with being part of the College Football Academy. I enjoy representing my college at weekly football matches across the South West and feel my play and general fitness is improving as a result. I have recently been given the opportunity to be part of the squad selected to represent Truro College at the Dallas Cup in America. This is the biggest youth football tournament in the world and players such as David Beckham, Wayne Rooney and Raul have previously played in it. This is an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity for me to go to the USA for the first time and to play against the best players I will ever compete against. It is due to take place in April 2017. The only problem is that the trip is very expensive and I will need to get sponsors if I want to travel. I have therefore decided to write to local businesses, community groups, friends and family seeking help with funding.

Truro College has got a wide variety of options available and all of the advertising I bring in will reduce my trip cost. Here are a few of the options:

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If you would like any more information about anything please email me at billyjane2011@hotmail.com, my mum Sam Jane at sjane576@btinternet.com or my coach Gary Pascoe at garyp@truro-penwith.ac.uk.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing from you.

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(ANOTHER) LIFE CHANGING OPPORTUNITY

I have recently been selected to represent Truro College rugby for their tour to Canada in late March 2017, which will see me play against some of the best colleges in Canada.



I know it sounds like a long way off now but a trip of this magnitude requires a lot of planning and preparation. It is an incredible opportunity for me to play a game I love in a different country for the first time and to experience Canada and the different cultures it offers. The trip itself is expensive but if I do travel I'm sure it will be worth every penny and that's why I'm looking for sponsors to help fund this trip.

Truro College is looking to produce a souvenir tour brochure with advertising space available which will be spread all round the county (£50 per page, £30 half page, £20 quarter page). Any advertising I bring in will come off my tour cost.

Any donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated, and any little jobs that you have been looking to get done such as gardening, dog walking, car washes etc., I will happily do for some help towards the trip.

Truro College is expecting those of us selected for this tour to actively fundraise to help offset the costs involved. If anyone has any inspiring fundraising ideas that they feel could help me achieve this, then I would be very grateful to hear them.

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GRADE RUAN VINTAGE RALLY NEWS

By Stevyn Collins

With the assistance of Paul Ferrari, the Vintage Rally Committee decided to bring all the prize cups, shields etc. up to scratch so that we had one for each category at this year's rally. We got a very good deal from Key Express in Helston and had enough cups to cover every event. Unfortunately three problems arose. The first was that one cup was returned from two years before which meant that we had a duplicate cup. The second problem was that some events which we covered didn't turn up and may never do so because there are just no vehicles left in that category in Cornwall, and the third problem was that we had forgotten the Committee Shield for Motor cycles of 250 cc. or under.



About a month after the rally, a Mister Brian Jenkin rang the Secretary and complained – quite rightly – that he hadn't received this shield for his entry of a Excelsior Universal 11 which had won the Committee Shield for Motor cycles of 250 cc. or under. On contacting the cup secretary it was discovered that this shield was missing, probably not returned two years ago and not noticed by us at the time. To resolve the problem, a new shield was purchased and Paul kindly took it to

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

THE MIXED BUNCH claimed their fourth Champions Crown of the year when their top 'All-Nighter' score of 48 points out of an available 65 gave them a winning margin of ten points over runners up **CLIFFHANGERS** in October's **QUIZ NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL**. At the end of Round 7 it was **THE BUCCANEERS** who led the field but their disappointing last round score of just 28 points saw them slip to third spot, one point behind second place.

The other end of the final score sheet registered a rarity indeed with the honour of guarding **THE WOODEN SPOON** for the following month going to **JUST US 6 MINUS GLYNN AND THE DOG**. Come back quickly Glynn (and The Dog) - your team needs you!

October's Guest Round was delivered by Skinny and Mags and was based on the Home Office's revised British Citizenship Test for would-be immigrants. It was a real eye opener and certainly ensured that the assembled grey matter was used to the full. It was a very interesting and challenging round indeed and, for example,

would you know which one of the words: **LOYALTY, ENGLAND, DUTIES** and **FREEDOM** does **NOT** appear in the new Citizens Pledge? Thanks again **S & M** for yet another excellent set of guest questions.

It is the **St. Ruan Nunns'** turn on Guest Round duties next month so let's see what they come up with!

When the abacus had cooled down and the Quizmaster was satisfied that all was in order, the final 'Scores on the Doors' were as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Score</u>
1 st	The Mixed Bunch	126.0
2 nd	Cliffhangers	116.0
3 rd	The Buccaneers	115.0
4 th	The Eggheads	100.5
5 th	New Blood	96.0
6 th	Cob Nuts	88.0
7 th	Just Us 6 Minus Glynn & the Dog	87.0

Thanks again everyone for another super evening of quizzly fun and games. Take care and see you all next time.

Quizmaster Dave.

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Grade-Ruan School observed the two minutes silence on Friday 11 November at 11am by the War Memorial. The children sang a song and talked about why they were there and Miss Prescott read a poem. On Sunday 13th November at 10.45am, school representatives joined the community at the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Well done to the year 5/6 school councillors who represented the school. It was lovely to see other representatives of the school also attending the service.

If you visited Helston over the Remembrance weekend you may have noticed the display in the Bridal Studio. Their window display was made up of poppies made by KS2 from Grade-Ruan and other local schools.

Following Orcas' visit to Falmouth Art Gallery as part of the Great Art Quest, we were very lucky to have been visited in school over two days by an artist and a professional story teller from the gallery. Over the two days they produced some fine works of art and stories, inspired by the local environment and the two recent visits to the Art Gallery. A big thank you to Penny and Katey for driving and helping out, and to Falmouth Art Gallery for four great sessions. All five schools in the Keskowethyans MAT were lucky enough to have been selected to be part of the Great Art Quest, a UK-wide arts project that introduces young people to their local gallery and workshops with an artist and a storyteller. We are extremely fortunate to have been included as only 16 schools across the UK are picked each year.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Operation Christmas Child – we had 20 boxes to deliver which means 20 children will benefit from your thoughtfulness.

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in spots for Children in Need's Spotty Spectacular on Friday 18 November and donated. Everybody looked great and we will be sending £60 to Children In Need.

Well done to Elizabeth, Lily, Andreas, Bethany, Rose, Jamie and Richard who

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all took part in Race 2 of the Cross Country season, held at Coverack School. You did the school proud, especially given the horrible weather conditions.

All readers are invited to two Christmas events to be held in December - Starfish Class are proud to present *A Present for the Baby* which will be performed at 2pm and 6pm on Tuesday 6 December in the school hall. You are also invited to *A Christmas Celebration Afternoon* on Thursday 8 December from 2.15pm. There will be carols and Christmas songs at 2.30pm sung by the children, with tea and coffee and mince pies served, and a raffle. The children have organised this event to help towards some new play equipment for the school playground. Donations of mince pies for both events would be very gratefully received!

All these stories and more, with lots of photographs, are on the school website - www.grade-ruan.cornwall.sch.uk.

Mullion School. Please see Mullion School's website - www.mullionschool.org.uk for news and upcoming events.

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Ruan Minor Football Club News



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Ruan Minor is currently in 12th place out of 15 teams in Division 4 of the Trelawny League. They are bound to climb the table if the early wins continue.

Results since the last report:

5 November P-P Away to Madron
12 November 1 - 7 Away to Newlyn Non-Athletico Reserves

Forthcoming Fixtures:

3 December Away to New Inn Titans
10 December Home to Rosudgeon Reserves
17 December Home to Carharrack Reserves
31 December Away to Penzance Reserves
7 January Home to St. Buryan Reserves
14 January Home to Four Lanes Reserves
21 January Away to St. Buryan Reserves

We have played two games since we last reported – we lost in the cup against Mabe 3-0, and we beat Newlyn Titians 7 – 1 with goals from Will Trewin (4), Chris Ensink (2) and Jack Green (1). It was a fabulous team performance and man of the match was Will 'BoneCruncher' Trewin.

December sees the exciting first home match against Rosudgeon - Kick Off is at 2.30pm - and then Carharrack on the 17th where we welcome all of the Parish to get behind the team. The bar will be open for refreshments and there will be hot food, teas & coffees on sale.

We are also pleased to announce that on Boxing Day there will be a friendly against Lizard to contest the 'Old Boot' with kick off at 2pm, and at half time there will also be a kids match played to ensure it's a real family day. The bar will be opening, hot food being served and we hope to see the Mummings Play pop in later in the afternoon!....So please all come along and enjoy.

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Recreation Ground News

Best ever Firework Display! Big thanks to Roddy for a spectacular display! Hundreds of people there to enjoy it, good weather and a bit of a party in the new bar to encourage people to linger, along with the catering vans busy providing fast food and snacks - something for everyone! It was also a good opportunity to show people round the, almost finished, new building. Given the standard of the display, many people said they were surprised how cheap entry to the display was, and that maybe we should look at charging more in future! We have never treated Bonfire Night as a fundraising event, more as a way to give something back to the village that supports us - although in recent years, it seems that the more we spend on the firework display, the more money we raise for Recreation Ground funds! This year, the profit was an amazing (and much needed) £1500!

Next event on our calendar is the Grand Opening, followed by the first RMFC home match, on the 10th December. The official opening will be at 12 noon, presided over by Andrew George, after which the bar will be open and the building open for the public to look round. The football match starts at 2.30, so the changing rooms will have to be cleared of the public by about 2pm - please stay to cheer on your local team, and celebrate their victory afterwards!

The Football Club will announce details of further fixtures, and will of course appreciate your support. There will a special match on Boxing Day - again the Football Club will announce the details.

We will be holding a New Year Eve party, come and see the new year in with us - please watch Facebook for details!

The building is almost finished now. The main room, bar, kitchen and toilets are all done apart from some minor finishing off - I expect this will have been done by the time you read this. The changing rooms are catching up - flooring is down, and the final coat of waterproof plaster for the showers should be completed by the end of November. Pretty much all that then remains is some furniture and equipping the kitchen. The big issue, as always is cash - Everything we budgeted for has come out almost exactly on budget - big thanks to our main contractor Jon Spalding and our consultant Paul Ferrari! Our big problem has been with the things we didn't budget for - either expenses incurred before we received any grants, like surveys, architects and planning / inspection fees, and items we hadn't thought of, like re-turfing the field, telephone line, CCTV and fire alarm system, equipping the kitchen and furniture. After the budgeted and funded amount of £200,000, the total shortfall, including working capital, is about £25,000. We are grateful to the Parish Council for both grant funding and for generously agreeing to cover the shortfall with a loan until we have further funds in place, and also to the Grade Ruan Community Trust for their generous grant. We have a further grant application outstanding (will be decided by the end of November), a crowd-funding scheme and a few other avenues that we are pursuing - so there is no risk of the project stalling, but it has been stressful at times!

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Mike Fleetwood, Chairman.

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<https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/christmas-2016>

The key thing to note is that London Paddington will be closed to all rail services from Saturday 24 December to Thursday 29 December.

This will mean GWR rail services will be starting and finishing at Ealing Broadway, where customers can make a connection to the underground, or scheduled bus services for travel into London.

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Gardening in December and January

by David Endean

Well winter has arrived now as we have had our first frosts out here in the poor shires of the parish; I cannot speak for the metropolis. The frost has certainly blackened my dahlias.

In general this time of year you do one of two things, catch up on jobs that you should have done in the autumn or make an early start on jobs for the spring. So here are some jobs for you. As the weather allows, dig over any spare areas of the vegetable garden, harvest the winter brassicas as required and make sure that they are netted so that the pigeons do not get them before you can. The shortest day is the traditional time to plant your shallots, but I rarely think the ground is ready so generally leave it to the early spring. But putting some in pots in the cold greenhouse would not be a bad idea. Whilst you are in the greenhouse there are a few more jobs to be getting on with. Over the festive period I like to sow onions from seed using good quality fresh seed compost. These will need some heat to germinate so I use an electric propagator set at 18°C. Later at the end of January my exhibition sweet peas will be sown, along with the first salads and pointed cabbage. After a bit of a lay-off, you are always keen to get going. It is worth sowing small batches, but do not make them your main sowings.

If you have a grapevine growing in the greenhouse, January is generally a good time to prune. Trim all the spurs back to one or two buds - spurs are the fruiting branches coming off the main stems (rods). Clean up all the fallen leaves and old shrivelled fruit, and remove the worst of the flaky paper-like bark where bugs and diseases may well be lingering.

Now is also a good time to get your greenhouse cleaned out ready to start off seedlings next spring. Completely empty it out and wash down the glass and frame work with a suitable garden disinfectant such as Jeyes fluid. Do the same with the staging and it is a good idea to fumigate the house with a sulphur candle but you must not do this if you have plants in there as it will do them no favours. Do not put anything back into the greenhouse unless you have given it a thorough wash and, in the case of plants, you are sure that they are pest and disease free. This will help to keep any problems at bay and you will be ready for next season with one less job to do when you are keen to get started.

Now you have sorted out the greenhouse, set about the tool shed. Clean the tools and sharpen those that need it. Oil the wooden handles to prolong their life. It deters woodworm and feeds the wood, so they are more flexible and softer on the hand in the spring when you are doing a lot of digging. That mower is not going to be missed for a week or two, so consider getting it serviced - a blade sharpen and oil change. Electric gadgets need checking over: make sure the wiring is safe and the blades are good. Those dead man's handles are on the machines for a reason, so remove those bits of string and elastic which have evolved there to keep it running when you empty the grass box.

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I am sure there will be plenty of wet days and certainly long evenings so get out the catalogue, trawl the web and decide on which plants you want to grow from seed and what plug plants you will order for the spring. I suggest you get your horticultural Christmas wish list sent off to Santa nice and early and do not make a secret of it as he needs plenty of time to prepare.

December is a time I like to go to town on pruning the roses. Hybrid teas and floribundas are easy, as these are cut back hard each year removing all dead and diseased wood and all good stems are cut back to a point just above the 3rd or 4th bud which you aim to be outward facing. Aim to prune everything back to an outward facing bud if possible. Shrub roses require a light trim, taking only up to a third of the length of the stem back and in the case of mature bushes remove the odd one or two complete stems only. With Climbing roses, just trim the spur shoots back to 4 buds of the main stem and tie in any new main stems and possibly remove some of the oldest stems. Cut your Ramblers back to shape. Once pruning is complete, I like to put down a thick mulch of well-rotted organic matter preferably animal dung. If this is done right away, little damage to emerging shoots occurs. This is a problem in our mild Cornish climate if the job is left to March, which is the time the books will say.

What other jobs have I got planned? Well there are a host of apple trees that will need a prune. With the old ones, just remove dead and diseased material. The young ones need some framework shaping and the teenagers a bit of everything.

Time is short so make the most of it and enjoy your gardening.

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Christmas Quiz

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2. Which British Monarch introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff?
3. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the name of Little Larry and Puny Pete for which character?
4. Driving home for Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer?
5. In which country does Santa have his own personal Post Code HOH HOH?
6. What day of the week was Christmas Day in the year 2000 (in the conventional Western calendar)?



Answers to the November Quiz

1. Who composed the "Dam Busters March"? *Eric Coates*
2. In which sport might you do a Triffus? *Trampolining*
3. What material is used to make a Sumo Wrestling Ring? *Clay*
4. Which fish spends much of its time out of water? *Mudskipper*
5. In which year did Robbie Williams leave Take That? *1995*
6. Whose eight minutes on screen were enough for an Oscar in 1998?
Judi Dench in Shakespeare in Love

Questions set by Norma Gossip

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LIFE ON THE EDGE

By Jonathon Coudrille

December 2016

My daughter is coming to visit in a couple of days while her boyfriend is in Japan. My son telephoned yesterday, and we discussed weather, Art and motor-cars. He no longer keeps one as they are redundant if not a liability in New York City. He expressed a mild satisfaction that I'm still here, having passed my allotted span by a whole eleven and three-quarter months.

My dear grandparents on my father's side believed strongly in the threescore-and-ten system, and Oscar pegged out bang on cue, sinking elegantly to the pavement without spoiling the creases in the trousers of his immaculate suit or, scuffing the suede shoes that were the must-have at the time. He had played the piano rather well, sang in an uncomfortable tenor and liked the Cinema and the Variety Theatre and was devastated when Elsie-Elizabeth left for Eternity. She didn't make it far, if at all, out of her fifties, and died noisily in the process of going to bed one otherwise mundane night. She had been a nurse in the First War and enjoyed other people's operations and illnesses. She had also made ambitious furniture with journeyman skill, just for the fun of it. My father adored his parents with an intensity that doesn't seem to be around now. He was born while they were still very young. They had been step-siblings and my mother when she felt like it would comment on this with a supercilious expression.

Her own beloved parents were very different. Her mother may have been named Celia or Nellie; to my shame I've no idea. I only remember a horizontal figure confined to a darkened bedroom; it didn't occur to me to feel sympathy or indeed, anything very much. She had become ill while having to 'go to work' at a time when mothers didn't do that. It was hinted that Grandpop Joe had been 'swindled' out of his business. It didn't seem to bother him overly; fond of cars, he ran his Morris Six as a taxi, grew cacti, and made things to sell. I remember him improvising a spray gun and coating a cabinet and most of the surroundings including me with Eau de Nil cellulose. He too enjoyed music and played the concertina, standing with his feet wide in front of the fire, the flames gleaming on the copper repousse of his handicrafts. He was very sad for a long time when he was bereaved and then he remarried, to a single girl who already had a little boy; she was twenty-three, my Grandpop seventy three. My mother was disapproving, the more so when more babies started arriving; he joked in a letter that he didn't know where they all came from. My mother said darkly that this was probably true. The youngest was eighteen months old and all five or six

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of this second brood were not averse to jumping about on the bed while he was – otherwise peacefully – dying. His age was eighty-one. I have a number of step-uncles and aunts unknown to me, as my mother rather frostily didn't keep up the connection. I know nothing either of my paternal grandfather's second wife; there were no progeny, as she was a respectable widow of his own age.

Sitting by the fire this cold stormy night as what would have been counted an old man by that generation, I'm thinking of all the other old people who have no fire to sit by, and the almost unimaginable number who have died and are dying with no-one and nothing due to the greed of a few dangerous men. There is never any shortage of second-rate minds that believe they hold all the answers. This would be a mere curiosity were they not prepared to woo the third rate and fuel their careers with hatred. It would be lovely, and I'll capitalise that, LOVELY if the love that my parents felt for their families could replace the cynicism and disaffection that have crept in like rats scenting decay; the Carpenter's Boy said so. He was right then, and He's still right. I realise that this is a wildly unfashionable belief; but the old do not have to follow fashion. Have a wonderful Christmas, much love from the Edge,



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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church on Monday 10 October 2016 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, M Fleetwood, P Freeman, J Lee, G Pollard, J Trewin, J Clifton, S Collins, S Stephens; Cornwall Councillor C Rule

- 1. Absences and apologies:** There was an apology from Councillor Jones. The apology was accepted.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. Public Time:** There were no members of the public present.
- 4. Police report:** The council did not receive a police report this month.
- 5. Cornwall Councillor's time:**

Cornwall Councillor Rule reported as follows:

- Cornwall Council is undertaking a review of the number of Cornwall Councillors there should be going forward and has launched a consultation. At present there are 123 councillors and it is proposed to reduce it to either 100 or 105 or 115 councillors. Councillor Freeman asked whether this would also involve boundary changes and Councillor Rule responded that boundary changes will be proposed once the number of councillors has been decided. It is understood that the objective is to improve democratic accountability by equalising the number of registered voters each councillor represents.
- A small amount is left in the Community Fund if any organisation wished to apply for small grants for local projects.
- Health and Adult Care changes. Changes are being made to “join-up” the provision of adult health care in Cornwall between the NHS and Cornwall Council. The objective is to reduce the amount of “bed blocking” at the hospitals by putting in place care packages more quickly to allow adults to return home and free up beds in the hospitals. This initiative will require money to be released from the NHS to Cornwall Council in order to put in place the people and infrastructure required. Discussions are ongoing and there will be a presentation of the progress made at the Community Network Panel on 7th December.
- All councillors are invited to a localism summit in Wadebridge on 31st October.
- Cornwall Council have issued their annual report, which amongst other information, outlines the progress made during the year and the objectives for the Council going forward. Copies are available to download from the Cornwall Council web site.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

Having been previously circulated and subject to one minor amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Fleetwood and seconded by Councillor Freeman that the minutes of the monthly

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Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016 be accepted. Carried 9 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications for consideration

There were no new planning applications for consideration by the council.

Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting

- PA16/06877 – Land adjacent to Trepool, Ruan Minor. Two infill dwellings. [Refused]
- PA16/06927 – Bodrigny Lodge, Cadgwith. Discharge of S106 planning obligation [Approved]

Pre-applications, consultations and appeals

- PA16/08251 – Corgerrick Farm, Ruan Minor. Discharge of condition 4 of PA14/12218. This related to the requirement for bat and barn owl provision. No consultation was requested by Cornwall Council.

The Chairman drew the Council's attention to the planning workshops being run by Cornwall Council on Thursday 10th November and listed the various topics being covered at that meeting. Councillors were encouraged to attend and to let the Chairman know if they wished to go.

8. Finance

- Financial Report – the bank reconciliation was noted, together with the statement of Income & Expenditure for September 2016.
- Churchyard Grass – The Chairman read out a letter from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) who were requesting a donation towards the cutting of the grass in the churchyard. It was agreed that the churchyard was being kept in a very good state and it was proposed to pay the PCC the same amount as last year for grass cutting, which was a sum of £1,800.
- Payments Schedule - it was proposed by Councillor P Collins and seconded by Councillor Lee that the payment schedule for October be approved which amounts to £2,780.82, inclusive of the £1,800 payment to the PCC just discussed. Carried 9 votes in favour with 2 abstentions.

9. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Staffing. The Chairman reported that there had been 5 enquiries received during the last month concerning the vacant position of clerk to the council. Councillor Green reported that adverts had been placed in the Helston Packet and West Briton newspapers, the Cornwall Association of Local Councils web site and the Parish Council's web site, and the Grade Ruan Gazette. Councillors were asked whether any other advertising should be used.

It was suggested by Councillor Pollard that social media could be deployed to advertise the vacancy and that virtual noticeboards for neighbouring parishes could be targeted. Councillor Pollard agreed to post these adverts. **Action: Councillor Pollard.**

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It was also suggested that Maxine Hardy (our community network officer) be contacted, and that applicants for the last position be made aware of the vacancy. **Action: Chairman.**

- Recreation Ground Pavilion Finance. Councillor Fleetwood reported that good progress was being made to finish the building with the toilets, sinks etc. having just been installed and the floor coverings having recently been laid. The pavilion building nears completion. Councillor Green reported that the Recreation Ground committee had received an additional donation of £5,000 from the Grade Ruan Community Trust towards the pavilion.

The Recreation Ground currently has the benefit of a short term “working capital” loan of £10,000 from the Council which needs to be repaid by 31 March 2016. Councillor P Collins made the suggestion that the Council converts this £10,000 loan into a grant with immediate effect in order to reduce the long term burden upon the Recreation Committee. After a lengthy discussion on the matter, it was proposed the Council defer this decision to the November meeting. Proposed by Councillor P Collins and seconded by Councillor Lee. Carried by 8 votes in favour with 3 abstentions.

- Kennack Update. Councillor Clifton reported that the ‘Friends of Kennack’ group hope to establish as a formal Beach Committee which can take on management on behalf of Natural England and receive funding. This is dependent on volunteers coming forward and this is being publicised. There had also been a beach clean.
- Ruan Phone Box. Since the last meeting, the Council has registered its objection to the removal of the phone box and Councillor Rule had supported this objection with the authorities.

10. **Matters for consideration:**

- South Kerrier Heritage Trust Helston Museum - The Trust had written to the Council to highlight the work of the Trust over the last year, including the work to digitise their entire photograph collection, and appealed to the Council to consider making an annual donation towards the work of the Trust. It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda of the next meeting.
- Christmas Shopping Trip Councillor Stephens agreed to take on the task of organising this shopping trip over the next month. It was agreed to place an advert in the next Gazette as a first step to find out who is interested in going. **Action: Councillor Stephens.**
- School Minibus Permit It has been established verbally that the School has insurance in place for its minibus permitting anyone to drive it. The Council has requested a written copy of the policy schedule. It was proposed that Ruan Minor Football Club be allowed to use the Council’s minibus permit. Proposed by Councillor Preston, seconded by Councillor P Collins, carried unanimously.
- Cornwall Foundation Councillor Freeman highlighted that the Cornwall Foundation was making an appeal to all second home owners for a donation equivalent to a weeks

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income, and asked whether this initiative was something the Council wished to support. The intention is that the money received will be redistributed to worthy causes throughout the area. It was proposed that this be discussed at the next meeting. Proposed Councillor Clifton, seconded Councillor Freeman. Carried 9 in favour with 2 abstentions.

11. Correspondence:

- Cornwall Association of Local Councils had written to the Council concerning the new Transparency Code. Councillor Freeman recommended that councillors study this document as there are a lot of changes, which might impact the Council's procedures.
- The Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit have published their Management Plan for 2016 to 2021. The emphasis is to raise awareness of the AONB and the benefits locally and nationally. Printed copies are available or online at www.cornwallaonb.org.uk/management-plan. The 3 sections will be looked in detail and agenda items may arise from this in following months.

12. Footpaths, environment and treewardens:

- Committee meeting – It was agreed to hold the next Footpaths Committee meeting on Monday 17th October at 7:30pm in the same location as this meeting.
- Highways Visit – The Chairman has arranged a meeting with Ben Dickinson of the Highways department on 12 October at 2pm to discuss various highway matters in the parish, including the pinch-point beside Long Moor, and concerns over the lack of road warnings with the play area gate being beside the main road.

Councillor Fleetwood suggested that consideration be given to the various collapsed drains in Cadgwith, which require urgent action. It was pointed out that the existing practice of filling the collapsed areas with tarmac was not a solution to the problem.

- St Ruan Bridge Repairs – The Chairman reported that the work has been scheduled for bridge repairs following the damage suffered to one of the pillars. Councillor Green highlighted that the pillars of the bridge used to splay outwards and there were no problems with the bridge for many years. After the most recent repairs the pillars were mounted vertically and seemed to be causing more frequent accidents. It was suggested that this be drawn to the attention of Mr Dickinson during his visit. **Action: Chairman.**
- Mundy's Field car park – Councillor Lee reported that the Village Hall was unable to provide the requested external socket for the chip van due to metering issues and therefore he must work under his own power. Concerns remain over the noise the neighbours would suffer should a diesel generator be used for his power requirements. It was understood that a battery-powered lamp was being used for illumination at the present time.

13. In Committee: No items were discussed in committee

The meeting closed at 9:43 pm.cont.

SURGERY HOURS

Ruan Minor Surgery - 290852

Monday 9am - 12 noon
Appointments 9.10am - 11.10am

Tuesday 2pm - 5.30pm
Appointments 3pm - 5pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 2pm - 5.30pm
Appointments 3pm - 5pm

Friday 9am - 12 noon
Appointments 9am - 11.10am

Mullion Health Centre - 240212

Mon 8.40-11.10am, 3.50-5.40pm

Tue 8.40-11.10am, 3.50-5.40pm

Wed 8.40-11.10am, 3.50-5.40pm

Thu 8.40-11.10am, 3.50-5.40pm

Fri 8.40-11.10am, 3.50-5.40pm

The Surgery will be closed on:

Monday 26th December 2016

Tuesday 27th December 2016

Monday 2nd January 2017.

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 290583

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Garry and Helen would like to update you on

What's New for December

Christmas Lights Switch-on Saturday 3rd December

Hot Doughnuts on the patio
Dining Table Service 5.30pm - 9pm
Music Graeme Mathieson 9.p.m - late!

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

Christmas Carols, with the Cadgwith singers 9pm

Christmas Day

Watch the swim at midday in the Cove
Bar Open 1130am - 230pm

Boxing Day 26th December

Mummers Play by the locals outside on the patio
Approx 2pm

Folk night Tuesday 27th December

Live music & open mic

Xmas Thursday 29th December

Steak Night

Xmas Friday 30th December

Cadgwith Singers

New Years Eve - Saturday 31st December

Poldark 17th Century Cornwall Fancy Theme Dress
Dining Table Service 5.30pm - 730pm
Live Band 930pm

Let's make The Cadgwith Cove Inn the social hub of our community

We look forward to seeing you all very soon

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Firstly, a massive thank you to our customers, neighbours and staff for sticking with us over the refit period. We really appreciate the help, support and resilience!

The new look store has plenty of Christmas stock – chocolates and sweets, cards (including Andre's latest card) and wrapping, as well as some novelty items. We also have Toots' boats, Luke Stephens' rope work, Andre's puzzles as well as local books, that make great stocking fillers.

Retalack Meats has provided us with a list of items you can order in store ready for the big day and this year we also have veg boxes to order from Chris Hosken. If you're looking for gifts for foodies, we have numerous options for creating hampers with the many local Cornish products we stock and a variety of packaging options. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

There will be lots of festive goodies to choose from in the new café as well as our first community event. Keep an eye out for posters, but Lorraine of Stitch and Sew has agreed to demonstrate a Christmas table decoration on 14 December. We'd also like to set up some community groups that will meet in the café and help to brighten up the Winter months. Stitch and bitch, knit and natter, local history are just a few ideas – if there's something you'd like to help organise then just let me know.

We're gearing up for that time of year in the Post Office too. We have all of the packing materials you will need to ensure that your gifts arrive in one piece. Make sure you post parcels early, to avoid disappointment.

Opening Times
Monday - Friday
8am to 7pm
Saturday
8am to 7pm

Finally, from myself and the team, thank you for your fabulous support in 2016.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

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