

Grade Ruan Gazette

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Alternate Wed	Recycling: 9 th , 23 rd October
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1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean, 10am - 11am 6 th October
2 nd Monday	Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm. 14 th Oct
3 rd Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pud, Methodist Chapel, 12.15pm 15 th October
4 th Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm 22 nd October
Mon & Thurs	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 7.00pm
Tues & Thurs	Yoga, 6.00pm - 7pm. Rec Pavilion led by Tanya Strike
Every Weds	Clinical Pilates 4.45-5.45pm, Village Hall led by Clare Girling
Every Thurs	Market and Refreshments, Village Hall, 9.00am - 11.30am

OCTOBER (SEE "WHAT'S ON" FOR DETAILS)

4 - 7 October	Cornish Drinks Festival, Cadgwith Cove Inn
6 October	Kennack Sands Beach Clean. 10am
6 October	Pet Service. St. Grade Church. 3pm
5 October	RNLI Barn Dance, Tregullas Farm, The Lizard 7.30pm
2, 9, 16 & 23 October	Masada. 4 Part Epic, St Ruan Church, 7pm
12 October	Autumn Show at the Village Hall. 3pm
19 October	Concert in the Methodist Chapel. 7.30pm
21-25 October	Autumn Half Term
30 October	Community Land Trust AGM, Rec Pavilion. 7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

2 November	Fireworks Display at the Rec
30 November	Anniversary Party at the Rec Pavilion
1 December	Christmas Carolaire - Ruan Minor Village Hall
7 December	Christmas Lights Switch on
20 December	End of Autumn Term
6 January	Start of Spring Term

Front Cover:

Lucas Fletcher as featured on the Cornwall Air Ambulance Facebook page.

The post accompanying the photo reads: "Our fantastic Friday fundraiser is 10-year-old Lucas, who spent his summer hand painting shells which he sold at the car park in Cadgwith to raise money for Cornwall Air Ambulance. He raised a wonderful £146.41. Lucas came to the airbase to hand over the donation to our paramedic Jeremy. Well done Lucas!"

Well done, indeed. That's a lot of shells!

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

Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

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Noticeboard

Jill Thomas kindly made a generous donation to the Gazette for putting in her message below. Payment for messages on the Noticeboard is not necessary or expected, so thank you very much Jill.

Moira Hurst

Happy Birthday in October to:

Hannah Blight-Anderson, David Jane, Eve Bosustow, Poppy G, Lauren Birchmore, Paula McMinn, Rebecca Langdon, Mike Tonks, Claire Humby, Christine Jane, Peter Ogley, Ben Fletcher, Amanda Townsend, Shirley Lee, Chris Hunt, Ann Vaulter, Bim Mai, David Gascoigne, Pat Palmer, Riley G, John Trewin (a big 0!), Hannah Johnson, Jamie T, Kevin Bosustow, Joal Robertson, Audrey Stokes (a big 0 - congratulations)

From Jill Thomas:

I would like to say a very big thank you to Wesley, Karen and Alex. Also to Janet and Dave, Plugger and Laura, Nettie, Caroline and Michael, Sally, Jean Smith.

From Marcia and Keith Johnson and family:

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness in attending Betty's funeral. Also for all the cards, flowers and messages at this sad

time.

From Martin Ellis:

I have had to stop running Cadgwith Cove Cabs, as I have a poorly eye. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me in my taxi business, especially for not getting out of the taxi before I got them to their destination, and for not complaining about me singing Cadgwith songs.

You can find me on Youtube singing three of my songs: "The Cornish Fisherman's Song", "Pilchards Now Sardines" and "The Treasure of Treasure Island".

My taxi business is up for sale, and I am going to focus on painting and writing. You can see my work as an artist at www.nuttynoah.co.uk.

I plan to write a book called *Discovering Treasure Island* explaining my theory that the Robert Louis Stevenson book "Treasure Island" is set in and around Cadgwith and Kennack Sands.

From Autumn Show Committee:

We would like to encourage the whole community to take part in this year's Autumn Show on 12th October. There are classes to suit every age and interest. Pick up a schedule from the shop and send or email your entry forms - or just enter on the day. If you don't have time to enter, do come along from 3pm to see the wonderful displays



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

THE THURSDAY MARKET

The market is held every Thursday morning from 9 to 11.30am. Come along, browse our stalls for some superb purchases, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some toast, teacakes, or why not try our speciality 'The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie' and now we are serving fried eggs as well! If you prefer, just stay for a chat and catch up with local news.

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To book a stall or get further information, please telephone

Liz Outten on 01326 290910

or pop 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. It doesn't matter whether you're a beginner or seasoned campaigner, come along and have a go. It's only £1 per session and you get tea, coffee and biscuits thrown in. Spare bowls are available.

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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Noticeboard - cont.

of veg, flowers, cookery, handi-crafts, photography and children's crafts. Also we would appreciate any offers of help setting up at 3pm on Friday 11 October and clearing away at 5pm the following day. Please support this wonderful event. Many thanks.

From the Gazette Committee:

The Gazette AGM was held in September. Our Treasurer, Peter Martin, presented the accounts which show a healthy balance. Thanks to Catherine Bird for auditing the accounts for us.

The introduction of colour pages inside the magazine had been well received, although it makes the editors' jobs more difficult.

David Gascoigne would like to extend many thanks to all the distributors, who go out in all weathers and provide a most reliable service. Without them, no-one would get their magazine..

Moira told the Committee that, after editing the magazine for eight years (with the much appreciated help of Sally Watts for the last four of them), she would like to step down in the near future. There is a separate notice in this issue with information for anyone who would like to take over. It's an enjoyable, interesting and not very onerous, thing to do.

From Dave Lee's family:

Shirley, Jonathan and Victoria would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy following the sudden death of Dave. Special thanks to all who attended his funeral and donated to Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

We think the following poem expresses how we are feeling at this sad time.

The Broken Chain

We little knew the day that
God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories
Your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken
An nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
The chain will link again.

Ron Tranmer

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Saturday 12 October

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Turkey, Malta, Iceland

Saturday 2 November

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Saturday 16 November

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Tuesday 10 December

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Wednesday 11 December

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Czech Republic, Slovakia)

Thursday 12 December

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Saturday 14 December

Canada, Czech Republic, Finland,
Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA

Monday 16 December

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land, Netherlands, Norway, Portu-
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Wednesday 18 December

Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxem-
bourg

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Monday 25 November

Airmail to Static BFPOs

Friday 13 December

Jamie Trewin featured in the The Daily Star on 7th September, photographed holding a bass he caught weighing 6lb 11oz. Here he is with a copy of the paper.

Well done, Jamie!



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Sling-shot found at Chynalls Point on display at Poltesco

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We believe this small spherical stone object, 3cm in diameter, to be sling-shot. It was found in 2019 about 50m outside the ramparts of the Iron Age Cliff Castle at Chynalls Point, near Coverack, at the depth of a spade, by volunteers at work repairing steps on a nearby path. The stone has evidently been worked by someone to create a passable missile!



Slings were a common weapon from the Bronze Age, right through the Iron Age to the Mediaeval period, so it is therefore impossible to date this find and we cannot necessarily assume it is Iron Age, like the nearby ramparts. The slings themselves would have been made of leather more than likely, and no early examples survive in a British context, but finds overseas give an idea of shape and use. Slings, although simple, were surprisingly effective weapons in the hands of a skilled user. The slinger would place the shot inside, whirl the leather strap in a circle until sufficient speed was created, and then abruptly stop, releasing the stone. Slings were used for hunting wild animals, and for defence, and sling-shot, either stone or clay, is a relatively common find around Iron Age Hillforts and Cliff Castles.

British Museum sling-shot



This sling-shot appears not to be made of local Lizard rock; that is it is not serpentine, gabbro, schist or gneiss. It may be granite. This would indicate that this stone had been carried some miles, and was perhaps high-quality ammunition, prized for an accurate shot.

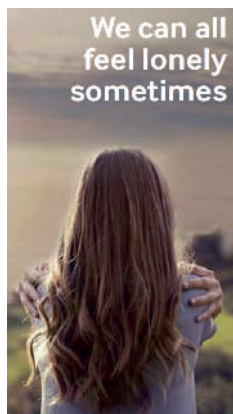
It's intriguing to wonder who shaped, carried and used this particular stone, and how it came to be lost one day many, many generations ago. Perhaps it scored a glorious fatal bloody blow on a sworn enemy, intent on attacking the Castle. Or perhaps it was mislaid as a poor shot that allowed a plump deer to make its getaway and escape from being dinner that night! The sling-shot can be seen on display at Poltesco, in the cabinet in the barn.

Are you feeling lonely?

We all feel a bit lonely at times. There's a new voluntary service to help us through those difficult phases. Just somebody to talk to, who will listen to your interests and hobbies and put you in touch with others and with activities and events in your area.

It's run by Leanna Cox and you can contact her either by phoning 07394 562444 or by emailing

leannac@volunteercornwall.org.uk



Friends of Kennack Sands

We welcomed 9 volunteers for the August beach clean but only 2 in September. REMEMBER it is the first Sunday of the month from 10am.

During the last two months there has been a huge increase in rubbish and recycling collected from the beach so thanks to John for his hard work clearing it up on a regular basis. There is an unacceptable amount of rubbish being left: huge amounts of dog mess some of it left in bags, firesets, disposable BBQs, broken glass, disposable nappies, broken surf boards, broken spades (some thrown into the hedges and over the cliffs), abandoned beach goods, fisherman ties, fish hooks, pizza boxes, kebab spikes, torn sleeping bag, clothing, plastic bottles and cans (some were in the dog waste bin and some were thrown over the fence onto the beach!). We have had litter placed in the dog waste bins (which has to be hooked out!) and even human excrement which included used toilet roll and abandoned child's underwear.

Friends of Kennack Sands committee appreciate anyone visiting the beach who can help with a mini beach clean.

The next beach clean is on SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER – ALL WELCOME!
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Climate change and carbon neutral Cornwall

After declaring a climate emergency earlier this year we are now working on a plan for how to help Cornwall become carbon neutral by 2030.

Our councillors recently shared their first plans at an extraordinary meeting (item NSC/80) to achieve the target for Cornwall to become carbon neutral by 2030 and recommended asking residents for their views on the Council's ideas.

We would like to know what people's priorities for tackling climate change are, what they think about our proposals and how they'd like to get involved.

Please help us to raise awareness of this important issue by sharing this email and directing people to our website and online survey.

Visit Cornwall Council's website for more information about carbon neutral Cornwall and to complete our survey

Visit Cornwall Council's website for more information about carbon neutral Cornwall and to complete our survey

You can read more about climate change, carbon neutral Cornwall and complete our online survey by visiting our website www.cornwall.gov.uk/climatechange

If you have any questions or would like further information please email the Climate Change team on climatechange@cornwall.gov.uk

Kind regards

Cllr Julian German

Leader of Cornwall Council

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Cllr Edwina Hannaford

Cornwall Council Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Neighbourhoods

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Betty Alice Thomas

6th May 1929 - 17th August 2019



Betty Alice was born to Flo and Bill Kitchenside in Lambeth, London. Betty went to school at Laxton Street, Brompton until September 1939 when the Second World War sent her and her sister Joan as evacuees to Peacehaven. However, the bombings increased there and the sisters were sent further south to Cornwall. The two little girls were chosen by Floda and Jim Nicholls who looked after them at Treleague Farm in Ruan Minor.

The war ended in 1945 and Betty moved back to London. She started work at Australia House. Shortly after that she met the love of her life, Peter Thomas, and they married in 1950. They were both overjoyed when their daughter Marcia arrived in 1952. The family decided to move out of London to the new town of Crawley, where they worked and Marcia went to school until 1969. However, Betty's experience as an evacuee had such a positive impact on her that they moved to Cornwall to be with the rest of the family. Their new home was set up at St. Clahar, Ruan Minor. Betty was very happy to be back and enjoyed many a night down the Cove with her sister Joan singing with the Cadgwith fishermen.

Betty was employed at Lizard School where she became a treasured member of staff: school secretary, teaching assistant, dinner lady and school nurse being among her many roles. Betty enjoyed every minute of it and had a positive impact of so many children's lives. Each day she ventured to The Lizard on her moped until she retired at 65. She was sad to leave because she really enjoyed working with the children.

Peter passed away in 1983 and Betty moved to The Orchard, Bruggan to live closely with her family. She was a very special Nan. She loved her four grandchildren Charlotte, Victoria, Peter and Hanna deeply. Betty was a splendid support to them as they grew up. She was always there and nothing

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was too much trouble. Betty showered her grandchildren with kindness and she didn't want to miss anything. Every Christmas she would insist that Marcia knock on the wall and wake her up, so that she could watch the children open their presents. Betty felt privileged to have seen her great grandchildren Jasmine, Poppy, Jacca, Summer and Syd. She was also overjoyed to hear the news about the next two on the way.

In her spare time, Betty loved to bake cakes and to sit in the garden and read. She never lost touch with her London roots and each year she would visit her sister-in-law Cath in the city. Betty loved to go shopping there and see the shows. One of her favourite moments was seeing Torvil and Dean.

Betty had 35 happy years at The Orchard, Bruggan watching her grandchildren grow up until her health started to deteriorate. She soon needed 24 hour care and moved to Porthgwara Nursing Home in Coverack. Here she received 18 months of first class care. The nurses were kind and gentle and Betty always made them smile. She passed away peacefully there on 17th August this year. We all have our memories of Betty. We will never forget her. She will always be in our hearts.

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What's in it for me?

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

August saw a full village hall with 8 teams attempting to wrestle for the trophy to be this month's quiz champions. Lorraine Scott returned to the helm once again this month, with guest rounds from Judith Heather on Sport at last.

As you can see the results were spread but it seems the deciding factor was what the teams knew of the definitions of 20 weird and wonderful unusual P words. Alas the *Twisted Souls*, who were here for one week only, claimed the wooden spoon. The Fox and Hounds are proving to be the team to catch of late, that crafty fox seems to be gaining a larger pack of hounds.

Some of the rounds were on Animal magic, Way back then (1960's music), Local knowledge and Something fishy.

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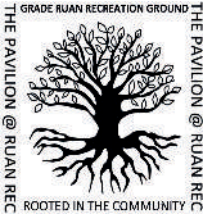
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Despite usually being the quietest part of the year for the Recreation ground - we have been very busy through the Summer! One wedding, two funerals, a christening and a handful of birthdays kept the bar busy. That's on top of the regular Friday opening for fish and chips, a couple of bands and the Cadgwith BBQs. The various events in the Pavilion have all been successful in terms of bar sales, as has the fish and chips evenings, so the Pavilion is amply covering it's running costs. We were also responsible for two of the Cadgwith BBQs - one very successful, and the other not so much, due to the weather. As a committee, we also help out with the other BBQs, and they help us - so all 6 BBQs are very much a team effort! We also organise the ordering and most of the stocks for the BBQs, making sure anything unused from one BBQ gets used for the next one, spreading the risk and reducing wastage. Hopefully, any left-over drinks can be used in the bar over the next few months. We also acted as a central buying resource for the Gig Club and the Vintage Rally, again reducing their risk by using any suitable left-over stock for the bar.

Now the football season is underway - Ruan Minor making a very creditable impression in the senior league, currently sitting somewhere mid-table in the Combination League. Of course, the bar will be open for every home game. Starting soon will be the darts and euchre leagues, that will see the bar open most Thursday evenings from about 7.30 (after yoga) - I'm still awaiting final details of the fixtures,

and will put up a notice at the Pavilion as soon as I know the dates. I haven't been told anything about the ladies darts, but I assume they will be back on Wednesday evenings.

We have two special events coming up later in the year - our annual Firework Display will be on Saturday the 2nd November (this evening will also include Freddie Zapp's disco, courtesy of one of RMFC's sponsors!), then we will be holding our Pavilion Anniversary party on Saturday 30th November (this is a week earlier than usual, to avoid clashing with the Cadgwith Christmas Lights switch-on!). We are also discussing when to open over the Christmas and New Year period - possibly Boxing Day and also "early" evening on New Year - probably more information in next month's Gazette.

At the moment, we don't have any big projects planned. We are considering a proper cooling system for the cellar, further work with the acoustics of the bar and looking at what needs to be done next with the kitchen - but any plans will be guided by available finance.

In the last Gazette, I mentioned the "abandoned" clothing hung up in the corridor - since then, very little of it has been claimed! It has been moved in to storage for a further few weeks, but if not claimed by then, it's going to a charity shop! By the way, I notice there are still a few payments outstanding from when we had problems with our card terminal during the May Festival - if you think you might still owe something, please contact me to arrange a suitable donation!

Many thanks for your continuing support,
Mike Fleetwood, Chairman.

Rector's Ramblings

Ah summer! A time to relax. A time to switch off the mobile, the computer and the i-pad; a time to ignore the endless stream of e-mails. A time to get away from all the hassle of 'normal' life and spend time with the family - down on the beach or tramping the fells, lakes and dales; a time with friends sharing cultural visits to museums, art galleries; a time just to be with yourself. Ah, time!

We're all so **busy**, aren't we? And if somehow we don't manage to complete all the really necessary things, life just seems crammed full of 'oughts and shoulds'. Busy, busy, busy! Yet:

*'What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare ...'*

Those are the first lines of the poem, 'Leisure', written by William Henry Davies, a Welsh poet who might be described as a 'wanderer.' Yet a 'wanderer' who has much to say to us today – helping us separate the 'oughts' & 'shoulds' from achieving a more balanced, measured and healthy life; helping us towards a 'hardening of the oughteries'.

For many, of course, summer is one of the busiest times of the year, especially for those who are part of the hugely important tourism industry here in Cornwall. Each one of these enterprises creates jobs, adds to Cornwall's economy and epitomises the warm and friendly Cornish welcome to our visitors. But, whether or not you are part of this and feel overwhelmed with busy-ness, I hope you will allow yourself time to 'stand and stare'.

Taking time out is nothing new – it began with the Creation! God laboured six days, rested on the seventh and, via Moses, told us to do the same (*Exodus 20:8-11*). That seventh day, the Sabbath, was to be a day dedicated to God, giving thanks for all His blessings. Jesus took time out, too, to re-charge his batteries – to pray and to listen to God, his Father.

However busy you are this summer, and even if you can't take a whole day for 'time out', I hope you will take a few 'Sabbath moments' this summer: times when you can just stop in all the busy-ness, look around, reflect, absorb all the greatness and beauty of creation – and give thanks to our Creator, because ...

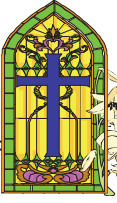
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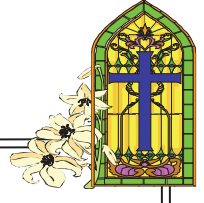
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Sun 20th	Family Service, St Ruan Church	11.15am
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See us on Facebook:
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The RMFC season is underway in Senior Football for the first time in the Club's history and at the time of going to press, we have played 6 matches since the start of the season on 17th August. Our results have been very positive: we have won 3 and lost 3 and are currently 6th in the League out of 15 teams. Our results have been as follows:-

- 17/8 – Won against Carharrack 6-1
- 20/8 – Lost Home against Porthleven 2-1
- 24/8 – Lost Home to Pendeen 4-1
- 27/8 – Lost Away to Hayle 3-2
- 31/8 – Won Away to Helston 3–2
- 07/9 – Won Home to Perranporth 3-1

We also lost on Saturday 14th September at home to St Ives 3-2 in the Senior Cup which was disappointing, but a great effort as they were a team from the league above and it was a close match.

Our fixtures to end October are as follows:-

- 28/9 – Home to Marazion – 3pm Kick Off
- 12/10 – Home to Penryn – 3pm Kick Off
- 19/10 – Home to Helston – 3pm Kick Off
- 26/10 – Away to Perranporth 3pm Kick Off

A note for your diary must be 2nd November when we welcome Lizard FC and the 'Onion supporters' to the rec for the battle for the old boot trophy and a massive 3 points!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters and sponsors for their continued support for RMFC and we look forward to seeing you at the Rec soon.

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Ann Adkins' extracts from Jean Ironside's diaries have inspired Doug Stevens to put pen to paper, remembering events and people in the Parish.

I was the second surviving son of Beville Stevens and Harriet who was a Bennetts from Hendra and then Worvas. My brother was 10 years older and best mate of Courtney Rowe whose death featured in the August Gazette.

My memories start with the latter days of the Second World War. I understand that father's main occupation during the war was that he was the sole transporter of coke from Helston railway station for the heating systems at Predannack airfield. It was all loaded by hand at Helston but he had a tipper so unloading was much easier! He also had Home Guard duties which included a nightly patrol of the cliff from Poltesco to Kennack. Although he was issued with a rifle he did the cliff patrol unarmed on the basis that if armed, an invader would shoot before asking questions but unarmed he might get a chance! Much later, after his death I found some of the ammunition hidden in an outhouse. It was in a poor state with green corrosion so I took it Helston police station where they seemed quite concerned and treated its disposal as a matter of some urgency! Dad did recount that one night a German fighter pilot came in low over the sea and skimmed up over the cliff path just a few yards in front of him and he could of got him with a 12 bore.

My own memories of the war are few. I just remember being huddled in the spence (under the stairs) when there was an air raid risk. I also remember a severe fire in the thatch at Praze farm near Polstangey, that was, I think, the result of a bomb.

Mechanical things and growing things were what I grew up with and that steered me to be the petrol head and gardener that I now am and made a big contribution to my professional life as a research agronomist. That involved carrying out precise field experiments on the best combination of such factors as variety, fertiliser, sowing date and crop protection for a range of agricultural crops.

As a boy I lived in the guest house on the corner at Kuggar and a distant uncle, Wearne Willey farmed the smallholding across the road milking about 10 cows by hand in the cowshed that has now been replaced by a modern house. As well as the guest house we had a large garage across the other road where dad sold petrol, repaired a few cars and garaged his taxi before the war. Uncle Wearne had no family and when I knew him he lived in The Cottage with his widowed sister in law, Lilly. In those days we would take our jugs across the road to the cowshed and they were filled with milk fresh from the cows. If we ran out we would go out in the field with a jug and get some direct from an obliging cow. They were all pets known by name and easily approached. Another childhood memory is of being allowed up into the attic at Myreskye, the home of Col Mirehouse at Kuggar.

After the war dad changed his short wheelbase Bedford tipper lorry for a long wheelbase Bedford 5 tonner which had detachable sides for carrying livestock and he then took anything from a boar to a neighbouring sow or fat cattle to slaughter. The regular trip was collecting calves etc. for the weekly Monday Market at Helston. After a good scrub (both lorry & dad), furniture removal was also an occasional venture.

I also recall that we often collected sand from Hayle for use as an agricultural liming material.

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The cattle container was removed and lower sides fitted. I remember being allowed, at a tender age to steer the lorry around the fields as dad spread the sand from the back with a shovel. One particularly exciting venture was when we took a load of sand or FYM (I can't remember which) to Mrs Cohen's garden at Poltesco. My step granddad, Bernard Squibb had retired from the Royal Navy and was gardener for Mrs Cohen and Admiral King. Access to the garden involved crossing a wooden bridge alongside Dick Roger's (Ann's dad) farm at Poltesco. The lorry weighed 3 tons and carried up to 5 tons. Such things as SWL (Safe Working Load) signs did not exist in those days and in spite of laying further planks across the bridge to spread the load I can still picture the tension as dad drove slowly over. It still amazes me how that lorry got down the track to the garden.

My mechanical days continued with learning to drive a T20 Ferguson tractor when we took a farm at Manaccan for my brother David. At 9 years of age I was not tall enough to reach the pedals from the seat so had to stand up to operate the clutch or brake. Ploughing my first field was very exciting but I think that being allowed out on my own I got a bit carried away and speed overtook precision. It was full throttle all the time. It was getting dark when I returned to the farmyard and when I got off to open the gate I was horrified to see that the first few feet of the exhaust system was glowing red hot. Fortunately nobody appeared while I left it ticking over to cool down.

As I said gardening was also a feature of my youth. I was not the recipient of pocket money but was given the odd packet of seeds. When I produced a lettuce or a few radishes Mum would "buy" them for use in the guest house and that became my source of income which was saved up to splash out at the Flora Day fair. Another land-fall was when I was about 5 or 6 and uncle Wearne sent a calf to market saying it was mine. I opened a bank account at Barclays (or was it Bolitho's in those days?) at Helston to pay in the cheque.

Another early memory is of Uncle Wearne in his garden shed (a disused railway carriage). His excitement when the new Dobies' catalogue arrived was infectious. I still remember him saying "they've got a new runner bean called As Long as Your Arm. We must try that". I have maintained my love of gardening and reached the national press with a fodder beet weighing over 70 lbs. soon after I retired. I have three allotments at St Keverne site and the equivalent of another four at nearby Trenoweth Nurseries.

Growing up in the 1940's and 50's was so different to the current situation. Almost as soon as I could walk I would wander around the village and in those days bird's egg collection was a common hobby. I was probably about 10 or 11 when we identified a shag's nest on the Eastern cliffs at Kennack. The problem was that it was only accessible along a ledge about 4" wide 50' above a shear drop to the sea. This didn't stop me, but looking at the site now makes me feel quite Queezy!

Another adventure when I was only 10 was being blown out to sea, My brother had a 14' rowing boat built at Cadgwith by Alfie Wylie and it was kept on the beach at Poltesco. We had a retired naval officer and his nephew (a year older than me) staying in the guest house at Kuggar and one Sunday morning in July we went down to have a look at the boat. There was a brisk breeze from the NW but it looked calm in the bay so we decided to go out for a short trip. All was well until we got to Kennack when the wind took us out. We tried but were unable to pull into Lankidden but just managed to clear Black Head. We passed Coverack 3 miles out and fortunately were seen by Archie Rowe (lifeboat cox) and Sid Hocking (owner

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of a fishing boat).

By this time our failure to return for lunch had raised a search party and the Cadgwith lifeboat and Culdrose helicopter were deployed. The Coverack lifeboat was under overhaul so Archie persuaded Sid Hocking to take his boat out and search. They went out 3 miles to where we were last seen and then set a course down wind knowing that we could do no more than go with the wind. They came straight to us and picked us up 10 miles off land.

I started school at Ruan Minor at the age of 5. We walked the mile from Kuggar, normally going via Poltesco but sometimes taking the main road towards Treleague and then the footpath from Treal lane as a change. A further variation on the way home, was to go “up river” from Poltesco bridge towards Polstangey bridge. Going “up river” depended on the level of water as we jumped from one stone to another. I remember one occasion when Peter Richards, son of our then headmaster at Ruan Minor slipped into the stream so spent some time at my house with shoes and socks in the oven to dry before he ventured to his home in Kuggar.

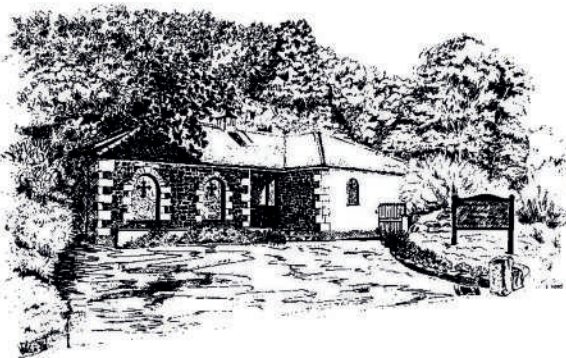
When we moved to Trewince Farm in Manaccan, I transferred to Manaccan school but didn't enjoy it as I missed my friends, so in the spring when Mum returned to run the guest house at Kuggar I went to Ruan Minor school again. At the end of the season when Mum returned to the farm I lodged with my grandparents Bernard and Edith Squibb at the Lizard and then caught the bus to Ruan Minor.

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By the next winter I had passed the 11 plus and transferred to Helston Grammar School travelling from Kuggar in the summer and Manaccan in the winter. At first I didn't apply myself as well as I should, but a first year report that said I would need to do better if I was to stay did the trick and I then made good progress, staying on to the 6th form. By this time I had decided that as we couldn't afford another farm perhaps I could learn all about it and join the MAFF Advisory Service.

I did not apply myself to the task in hand during the early years at Helston but I was not alone, While being shaken by the ears causing bleeding and being winded by a blow to the solar plexus were punishment that would now probably lead to teacher discipline, it was my fault. Shared crimes included putting Vaseline on the round door knob of the chemistry lab so that the teacher, Mr Ashton could not get in. We were very hard on him with other (dangerous) pranks such as blowing down the gas pipe when he was writing on the blackboard so that the bunsen burners went out.

Mr Ashton married the French teacher, Miss Clegg and they retired to Kuggar several years later. I used to return home every month to see my parents and got to know the Ashtons at a different level. Mr Ashton confided that when an apparatus exploded over me in the chemistry lab, it was a highlight of his career to have an excuse to stick my head in a sink of cold water! I think it was generally recognised that our year was one of the worst behaved but we also achieved a record number of University scholarships.



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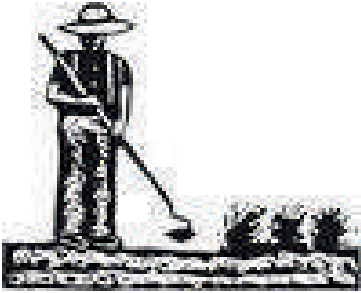
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Gardening in October

by David Endean

Alas summer has now passed and the annual Autumn show in the village hall is but days away. Autumn is truly here with those misty mornings and the evenings getting darker ever earlier. As you readers know there is always something to be done in the garden at any time of the year and I will try to give you some pointers for this month.

If you have a few gaps around the garden in the flower borders where you had some annual bedding plants which have now finished, remove the old spent plants and weeds, then sprinkle some general fertiliser over the area and work it over with a fork. This is an ideal spot for planting some spring bedding plants which are still available if you have not grown your own. I am thinking about Sweet William, wallflowers and bellis these will all settle in and establish themselves in what is still relatively warm soil. These plants will tick over during the winter then explode into growth in the spring with bright cheery flowers and a lovely scent.

I like to plant up a few pots or tubs now with things like violas, pansies those bright dwarf hybrid dianthus and cyclamen. These are in flowers now and give some cheer. They will establish and keep flowering throughout the winter, except in the real darkest of times, then burst forth with another flush in the spring. Put these pots near the front door or close to a window where you can see them regularly just to brighten your day. Ideally they should be in a quite bright and open spot to get as much of that precious winter light as possible.

In the vegetable garden it is mainly a case of harvesting and then clearing the ground of debris and weeds. There are a few things that can be sown now, you can over winter a row of broad beans using a variety like Superaquadulce, or peas but these must be a round seeded variety. Perhaps try some winter lettuce like Valdor or winter gem. These will crop a little earlier than spring sown crops. Prepare the ground well for both of these, and perhaps add a bit of homemade garden compost, farmyard manure or a light bit of fertiliser to the soil, then sow the seeds. The problem with autumn sowings is that seedlings do not grow away fast. They get to a point of stasis for the winter period, making them more vulnerable to attacks from pests. The first problem is mice when you first sow them, then when they germinate and start to grow away slugs, snails and pigeons can be a problem. How you deal with these is up to you but some netting is useful against birds and a size nine for the

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molluscs is effective.

If you are looking for some real exercise without going to the gym think about turning your compost heap. Turning it all out and throwing it back in helps to mix it all up and get air in, which speeds up the rotting process helping those patches with in the heap which had not broken down well to do so.

Your lawns will keep growing for some time yet but you will see a marked slowdown in growth especially with the colder nights. Keep mowing regularly but raise the blades on the mower a little, this will reduce the stress on the grass, keep the lawn green and help prevent moss growth. Mowing will pick up those fallen leaves also and this all will make good garden compost. You can feed your lawn at this time of year but use a specialist autumn feed which is low in nitrogen. This will promote root growth and harden the grass up for the rigours of winter.

Well, get out into the garden and enjoy whatever is in flower: kaffir lilies tend to look good now along with the last of the Michaelmas daisies, pampas grasses, chrysanthemums perhaps some red hot pokers. You could always sow some sweet peas and plant a few daffodil bulbs then there is that barbeque to clean up and put away for the winter. Whatever you do get out there and enjoy your gardening.



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Ahoy Cadgwith anglers, wow this summer's Thursday nights got us well and truly hooked - what a year!

Latest results:

- * *LSD 18th July* - 1st: Jake Scolding 2lb 7 ³/₄oz, 2nd., Keith Johnson 2lb 5oz, 3rd: Sam James 2lb 4 ¹/₄oz. Junior winner was Tamlyn Carter 2lb 3 ¹/₂oz.
- * *Thursday 1st August* - the famous mackerel competition with a great turn out of 45 anglers taking part but the winner after a hectic weigh in was Steven Legge 1lb 4oz, 2nd Stevie Jane 1lb 3¹/₂ oz and 4 anglers sharing the final places. Junior winner was Tamlyn Carter.
- * *On 15th August* - the popular Gurnard comp - 1st place yours truly (Skinny) 1lb ¹/₂oz, 2nd Edgar Carter 15oz, 3rd Malcolm Scott 11 ¹/₄oz. No juniors weighed in.
- * Finally the Bass comp on *August 29th* - 1st Mark Oldfield with a nice fish of 4lb 6 ¹/₂oz, 2nd James Thirlaway 2lb 1 ¹/₂oz, 3rd Sam James 2lb ¹/₂oz. Junior winner was Tamlyn Carter 1lb 7 oz. Brilliant end to a great summer of fishing.

Presentation night followed the bass weigh in and all assembled around the Winch House with a pint in one hand and a port in the other waiting to cheer the winners. Junior winner was Tamlyn Carter: 35 points, runner up Jamie Trewin: 16 points. The best girl angler was Tessa James winning the Jenna Mitchell cup, presented by members of Jenna's family. Tamlyn won the junior boy cup and the Chris Broscombe memorial cup for best overall junior. The best lady angler, winning the Tracey Gossip rose bowl, was Bryher Trewin. Best specimen over all was won by Jake Scolding with his LSD of 2lb 7 ³/₄oz.

Winning the shield with most points this season was none other than me (Skinny) with 15 points. The trophy we all want to win is the coveted Skippers trophy, it went to the man who knows Cadgwith bay like the back of his hand, he even once caught a cod on a Morris 1000 door handle, we know him as H - it's Steve Holyer.

Many thanks to everyone who helps out on the beach, Helen for collecting money and keeping score for the weigh-in, Maggie for her help in the background, to the people who presented the prizes on Thursday nights, to Chris for his great photos, and to our sponsors for providing prizes for the juniors. A very big thank you to Arnold, our founder, for presenting the cups on the presentation evening.

Tight Lines everyone

Skinny.

More angling stories to follow over the winter months.



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A GHOST CALLED GEORGE

Hank Adlam tells how he and his wife were not the only occupants at a seaside house that they rented in Coverack.

This story appeared in "The Lady" magazine in 2003.

Thank you to Rose Bowcher for sending it in.

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Recently married, in 1948 my wife, Heather, and I were looking for a cottage to rent in the fishing village of Coverack. I was then a flying instructor, stationed at the Naval Air Station a few miles away. When, over a pint at the local pub, the landlord mentioned that a converted cottage nearby was available at an unbelievably reasonable rent, we went to see it immediately.

The Watch House depicted in a painting by Hank Adlam



Painted white with bright yellow wooden clapboard and a dark slate roof, the Watch House stood alone overlooking the sea. Entry was either through the big front door from a path running alongside the house to the upper cliffs, or straight into the kitchen at the lower level. A bedroom upstairs was next to the sitting room.

Heather was enchanted. "What do you think?" she asked. I could not fault it. Yet looking back I am amazed that I felt only a slight unease as to why in Coverack, of all places, the rent should be so low.

At first we were very happy there, then disturbing things started occurring. During dinner I could see, out of the

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corner of my eye, plates moving on the old Welsh dresser. I make chalk rings around some to check their position. As I suspected they had moved.

In the pub that evening we told the locals, mostly fishermen, of our suspicious. "Most likely young George up to his tricks again," said Archie, coxswain of the village lifeboat. A gale of laughter swept the bar. Heather and I looked at each other uneasily. "Who's George?" I asked edgily.

Silence descended. Then old Major Perkins, the local squire, spoke up "Well, here's the story – it's up to you. A passenger ship, the Paris, was wrecked years ago on the nearby Manacle rocks. Many drowned, a newly-married couple amongst them, but only the wife's body was found." He paused and looked at us significantly. "The story goes that the young husband, as a ghost, forever searches for her, particularly where the bodies were placed. They laid them out in the Watch House."

Heather looked at me aghast. Trying to calm her fears I laughed, "I don't believe it." Jackie Ringo, another fisherman, shrugged. "Then why do so many holiday tenants leave early?" he demanded. "And haven't you noticed that no one passes your front door after dark? They use the longer way round the back."

Heather and I put on a brave show. Who cared if George moved a few ornaments around? We would continue to enjoy our lovely house. Whenever we both saw a plate move, we would look at one another and together say, "George",

When Heather went to London to have our first child I was granted leave, but could not go until the next day. Thus I would be alone for the first time in the Watch House and I did not relish the prospect.

That day, after flying had finished, I drove back to Coverack and parked close to the house. The main door was also kept locked from the inside with a huge old key. A heavy green curtain hung on wooden rails, which clacked noisily as the door opened. This approach was rarely used.

I entered by the kitchen entrance and switched on the light. On the floor I found the smashed remains of a large soup tureen. I felt a chill, and looked everywhere to see if anyone was about – but no one was. I poured myself a large whisky and went straight to bed.

Something woke me. It was very dark and there were movements downstairs, footsteps climbing the wooden stairs from the kitchen. Someone was in the sitting room next door. "Get up, get up," I told myself. "Open the bedroom door and confront them."

Then I heard it. The dreadful wail of someone in anguish, rising to a scream and ending in shuddering sobs. Then I heard the key turning in the lock of the front door, the clacking of the curtain rails as the door was opened and shut. Then utter quiet.

I did not move until daylight. When I looked in the sitting room nothing had been

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moved, nothing touched. I wanted to get away from the nightmare, so I quickly packed and left.

On the drive to London I concentrated on how I was going to deal with George. Other than moving the ornaments, he had not haunted us while we were together in the house, only when I was alone. It would be almost impossible to find another house to rent for the remaining six weeks of my appointment. We would have to stick with it – but I must never leave Heather and the baby alone after dark.

I did not tell her about the visitation from George. After our son was born we arrived back at the Watch House in glorious sunshine and the house looked so lovely it was difficult to believe anything malicious about the place.

Yet, from the day of our return, George seemed determined to scare us; it was as if the arrival of the baby had infuriated him. The movement of ornaments increased. Twice we returned from a walk with the baby and pram to find an ornament smashed on the floor. Our child appeared happy though, gurgling away in his pram, we kept him in sight day and night.

Then one evening I was summoned to take part in a search for a ditched aircraft. I decided not to worry Heather with my fears of another visitation from George while she was alone in the house. At the aerodrome I went through the briefing with my mind on my family. The weather during the search was dreadful. We returned and landed without finding our ditched colleagues.

After de-briefing I drove home with my heart racing. I crashed open the door and there was Heather feeding our baby. She smiled, but I could see immediately the strain and fear she had been through. After going to bed with the baby next to her she had been awakened and terrified by precisely the pattern of events that I had suffered.

I thought we ought to spend our last two weeks in a hotel but Heather was prepared to stay, so long as we were always all together after dusk.

All was well until our last night. We went to bed with the baby in the cot next to us and both awoke at the same time. Something was downstairs. We held each other as it started up the stairs as before and came into the sitting room next to us. When it started its wailing scream, I suddenly felt fury against this thing which so threatened us. I forced myself out of bed, followed by Heather. At the door I hesitated – then as the sobbing started I flung open the door shouting, “Get out. Get out of here you wretched, miserable vile thing. Get out!” Suddenly I realised I was shouting at total silence. There was nothing there. I crossed to the switch and flooded an empty room with light.

In the morning we packed the car and took a final look at the Watch House, lovely in its solitary seaside setting – it was such a happy looking house in the sunshine. Who would have believed that the famous author and ghost hunter, Harry Price, had featured it in a book as one of the most haunted houses in England? If only we had known then.

October Quiz

A drive around Cornwall has become very complicated !
Someone has scrambled the place names – can you work them out ?

Sulpha		Shrines	
Antheral		Watcher	
Rance		Terrane	
Bargee		Lungfish	
Bursar		Pelmet	
Obstacles		Wagoners	
Ventail		Plasma	

Answers to the August Quiz

1. What are the Zodiac signs for August? *Leo and Virgo*
2. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu born in Macedonia August 1910 – known as who? *Mother Teresa*
3. Born August 1901 - name a famous American jazz trumpeter. *Louis Armstrong*
4. Caribbean island that gained independence from Britain in August 1962? *Jamaica*
5. What are the gemstones for the month of August? *Sardonyx and Peridot*
6. Born on August 30th 1797, which author wrote the novel Frankenstein? *Mary Shelley*
7. August was made longer by adding a day from which month? *February*

Questions set by Lydia Graham

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In July of this year we welcomed Simon Halstead and his family to the Lizard. Simon is a member of the crew of the RNL's Kircudbright Station which is situated at the mouth of the River Dee in Dumfries & Galloway in the south west corner of Scotland. Established in 1862, Kircudbright provides search and rescue coverage from Southernness Point to Scares Rock in the Solway Firth.

'Team Kircudbright' operates in very different circumstances to 'Team Lizard'! To begin with, their Station Crewroom is around 4 miles from the Boathouse! Accommodation is small and quite basic and the Boathouse is reached by Land Rover along 4 miles of rough track. This in no way detracts from the highly professional service they deliver and all operational targets are reached 'as the norm'.

The Station operates a B Class Atlantic 85 lifeboat, '*RNLB SHEILA STENHOUSE*'. When it comes to racing to the scene of a shout, the Kircudbright boat is one of the fastest in the fleet. Her top speed is 35 knots (compared to the 25 knots of '*RNLB ROSE*') through the power of two 115hp 4-stroke engines. Simon explained that, although their in-shore lifeboat is designed to operate in shallower waters, the B Class can also handle challenging open sea conditions. She can cope with Force 7 near gale conditions in daylight and Force 6 conditions at night. The B Class is ideal for rescues close to the shore near cliffs and rocks which are areas not accessible to ALBs (All-weather Lifeboats) like '*RNLB ROSE*'. The Atlantic 85 is also capable of being beached in an emergency without sustaining damage to her engines.

The B Class has a manually operated righting mechanism in the event of a capsized which involves inflating a bag on top of the roll bar. Her

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engines are ‘inversion-proofed’ so they shut down should she capsize and can be restarted after she has been righted.



THE CREWROOM



THE BOATHOUSE



THE BOAT AT STANDBY



SIMON HALSTEAD



READY FOR ACTION

On Sunday, 21st July 2019, ‘RNLB SHEILA STENHOUSE’ took part in Kippford Lifeboat Day. She joined with the fleet of lifeboats that cover the Solway Firth, including Workington Lifeboat, Silloth Lifeboat and Maryport Inshore Rescue. Simon sent some very interesting photographs of the day’s activities:





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Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Council Meeting held at the Sunday School room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on 8 July 2019 at 19:30

47/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Green, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Clifton, P Collins, Harry.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk); Cllr Rule CC; 5 members of the press/public.

48/19 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

Cllr Trewin declared an interest in PA19/05411 & PA19/05412.

49/19 Public Participation.

S Bott gave context to PA19/04428.

Mr Hawkins spoke about land known as Ella and Cara's field. An application will be made to renew the current legal position, stating: "we have no wish to prevent local people from following the route through the field to the National Trust stile". Mr Hawkins highlighted the need for the public to keep to the designated line through the field and to clear up any dog fouling, and reported that he had been successful in re-introducing a number of rare grassland wildflowers, such as 'Yellow Rattle'.

50/19 Reports from outside bodies.

Cllr Rule CC reported: that the Community Chest Fund is now available; the next Community Network Panel meeting is due for 4th September in Helston and Culdrose intent to attend every meeting; current planning enforcement cases are progressing to a satisfactory standard; attendance at a Local Government Association conference in Bournemouth; Publishing of a Cornwall Farm Strategy report for public consultation. Thanks were given by Cllr Lee for Cllr Rule's pursuit of planning enforcement case updates. Initial positive feedback on the Farm Strategy was given by Cllr Green. Cllr Rule was asked to help facilitate verge cutting discussions with Cormac.

51/19 Council Meeting: Minutes 10 June 2019

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the above date having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs /. 6 voted in favour, 2 abstained: S Collins, Preston. No matters arising **NOTED**.

52/19 Presentation: Lizard Peninsula Superfast Broadband project update

RECEIVED as above from Wildanet. Additional coverage has been achieved across the Parish, though there remains difficult to reach patches

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due to valleys and trees. Cornwall Council grants are available to 75 households in the Parish that receive a lower speed than 15Mbs. Wildanet have partnered with RNAS Cudrose FC and Kernow Credit Union.

53/19 **Planning Applications for consideration**

PA19/04428: Outline application for the construction of 3 affordable dwellings and provision of vehicular access with some other matters reserved. K Bradford. Field Adjacent To The Lizard Cider Barn Hervas Lane Predannack TR12 7AU. The Council supports this application on condition that a section 106 agreement on the properties specifically includes a local housing need requirement for occupants in subsequent sales; and that a comprehensive landscaping (including tree planting) scheme is submitted. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

Cllr Trewin left the room

53/19 cont. PA19/05411: Non Material amendment to application PA19/01678 to change the approved fenestration. G Lake. Gweltek Ruan Minor TR12 7JT. The Council supports this application. Proposed, seconded. 6 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

PA19/05412: Non Material amendment to application PA19/01592 to change the approved fenestration. G Lake. Gweltek Ruan Minor TR12 7JT. The Council strongly object to this application on the following grounds: - the amendments include ridge height extension and facilitating of an upstairs space in the garage which will deviate from stated intended use (i.e. as a garage solely);

As per consultee comments to PA19/01592:

- the size and scale is not thought to be necessary and will impact negatively on the private amenity of the neighbouring property, and the public amenity of the neighbouring recreation ground.
- the size is out of keeping with the local area.

The Council do not object to the principle of a garage, nor the fenestration changes. Proposed, seconded. 5 voted in favour, 2 abstained.

Cllr Trewin re-entered the room

53/19 cont. PA19/05590: Removal of two Monterey Pines, crown lift a Sycamore, fell a Sycamore and prune an Ilex Oak. M Wild. Malahat New Road Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JZ. Proposed and seconded to object to the application on the following grounds:

T5 - there is no evidence of the need to remove this tree which the Council believes is important to retain for neighbourhood amenity, though trimming back and removal of the obstructive bow to allow vehicular access may be seen as necessary, but needs to be tackled carefully to ensure the

tree remains viable.

Amendment below was carried:

The Council object to this application on the following grounds:

T1 & T2 - there has been insufficient consultation with neighbours (who have also objected to this application) regarding the siting of the 4 replacement trees and the potential issues which may impinge on their residential amenity and block their view entirely.

T5 - there is no evidence of the need to remove this tree which the Council believes is important to retain for neighbourhood amenity, though trimming back and removal of the obstructive bow to allow vehicular access may be seen as necessary, but needs to be tackled carefully to ensure the tree remains viable.

The Council have no objection to the changes proposed to T3 and T4.

The Council also consider that there is a need for the Tree Officer to inspect the condition of previously newly planted trees at this site, which replaced other trees removed by the applicant. If the newly planted trees have not been maintained and are not thriving and growing well, the same is likely

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to be the case for trees newly planted as part of this application, and the report from the tree officer in this regard may impinge upon the decision on this application. Proposed, seconded. 7 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

54/19 **Planning Applications decided since last meeting.**

PA19/03302: Proposed Replacement Garage. Prazegooth Lane Cadgwith TR12 7LA [APPROVED]

55/19 **Pre-applications, consultations and appeals.** None.

RECEIVED a presentation by A Dale on the following: PA19/00347/PREAPP Pre-application advice sought to build a small efficient bungalow on the edge of the meadow. Chy An Deylek St Ruan Ruan Minor. Feedback included that the Council have not generally looked favourably on development in this area which may fill in important green space between settlements; planning policy issues may arise with the application as per the Planning Officer's letter – however aside from this it does seem a reasonable place to build. It was thought that if the application included a local needs agreement on the new dwelling this might assist the application.

NOTED a Consultation "Planning for Coastal Change". No response will be issued.

NOTED a concern that there is an alleged deviation from approved plans at Land west of Atlinto, Cadgwith.

56/19 **Finance report and Payments**

RESOLVED to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
EDF Energy	Lighting	15.00
Ruan Minor FC	Grass cutting at play area	50.00
L Dunkley	Expenses and reimbursements	120.75
Staffing		608.86

Cllrs Lee/Green. Unanimous.

57/19 **Co-option of new Councillor**

The Council had received applications from two strong candidates, both of whom were ideally qualified for the position, but there was only one vacancy to fill. The runner-up on this occasion should not be discouraged from applying again when another vacancy arises in the future. **CONSIDERED** candidates as above and **ELECTED** A Agutter as a Councillor.

A Agutter 5 votes, J Benwell 3 votes

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58/19 **Siting of Fish and Chips van**

NOTED a request to site in the village and **RECEIVED** an update from Cllr Fleetwood that a Fish and Chips van will be sited by the Recreation Ground every Friday, with the exception of 9th August. Council gave permission to site the van at Mundys Field car park on that occasion.

59/19 **Business waste article**

CONSIDERED publishing an article informing local (self-catering) businesses of the need to arrange private waste contracts and agreed content thereof. To be published in the Gazette and circulated to holiday letting agencies.

60/19 **Monumental Improvement Project letter of support**

CONSIDERED issuing as above and delegated Cllr Preston and the Clerk to compose and send on behalf of the Council.

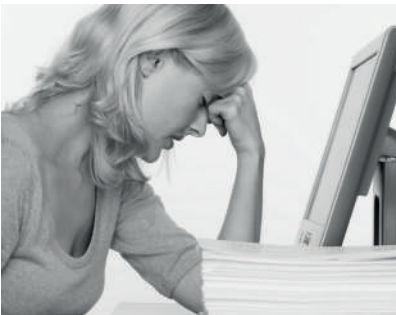
61/19 **Polling Places consultation phase 2**

RECEIVED as above and **RESOLVED** to respond that the Council agree with the detail set out. Cllrs Preston/Lee. Unanimous.

62/19 **Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.**

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- a) **CONSIDERED** verge maintenance policies and **RESOLVED** to adopt Option E as circulated with a word change from 'tidy' to 'manage'. Cllrs Lee/Preston. 6 voted in favour, 2 against: Cllrs Trewin, Freeman.
- b) **CONSIDERED** desired cutting width at Treleague verge and decided to consult Grade Ruan Community Trust on changing the current arrangements to encourage pollinators and habitat.
- c) **CONSIDERED** other reports: the removal of rockery from a verge at Higher Moor and return to grass has been undertaken at no cost to the Council. The Council were informed by Cornwall Council that stile maintenance is normally the responsibility of the landowner. Ebenezer crossroads is in need of strimming by Cormac There is reportedly no barrier at the well nr Riverside Cottage. Additional verge cutting was approved at various locations. Trees are reportedly overgrowing the boundary at Ruan Major Church. Request for feedback from community on the issue of dogs at the Fishing cove in Cadgwith to be published in the Gazette.

63/19 Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies.

NOTED that Cllr Preston will attend the RNAS Culdrose Station Reception on 25th July on behalf of the Council as a guest of Captain A K Rimmington. 'The next liaison meeting with Culdrose is rearranged to the Autumn, but the Council agreed to write with enquiries about recent night-flying routes and evening flying times (5pm to 9pm).

64/19 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 9 September.

NOTED: Verge tidiness at Higher Moor; Dog Order consultation if applicable; Fishing cellars update.

65/19 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items: Quotations/contracts; commercially sensitive information. Cllrs Lee/Freeman. Unanimous.

66/19 Fishing Cellars update

RECEIVED a progress update: grants are being pursued and the distinguishing of responsibilities for parties involved is being pursued. Received quotations for a full structural survey and valuation of Fort York and RESOLVED to accept a quotation from RTP Surveyors. Cllrs Green/Trewin. Unanimous.

The meeting closed at 22:00.

Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Extraordinary Council Meeting held at the Sunday School room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on 12 August 2019 at 17:00.

67/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), S Collins, Fleetwood, Green, Harry, Lee.

Apologies: Cllrs P Collins, Freeman. Cllr Rule CC.

Absent: Cllrs Clifton, Stephens, Trewin.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk); 1 member of the press/public.

68/19 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

None.

69/19 Public Participation.

None.

70/19 Planning Applications for consideration

PA19/05124: Outline permission for proposed residential wooden cabin (in relation to on site rural business) with some matters reserved. Approval sought for access, landscaping and layout. S Bennetts. St Ruan Croft Ebenezer Road Ruan Minor TR12 7LW. The Council object to this application on the following grounds:



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The application is for a permanent residential dwelling to be built and there is no proven need for this on this site; the cumulative visual impact of this with the recently constructed barn would be damaging in the AONB. The proposal does not restrict use of the new dwelling to local needs and is therefore unacceptable development in the open countryside. Should this proceed to a full planning application, the Council request that a comprehensive landscaping and screening scheme is submitted alongside. Proposed, seconded. 5 voted in favour, 1 against: Cllr S Collins (asked to be named in minutes).

PA19/06355: Replace old mobile home with a Park Home to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main

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house. R Smith. Chyheira Grade Road Ruan Minor TR12 7LQ. The Council will support this replacement of a mobile home in principle should it fulfil the criteria to be granted a lawful development certificate, however there are concerns about the scale of the plans outlined in this proposal, given that that the replacement is double the size of the current on site. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

71/19 **Planning Applications decided since last meeting.**

PA19/03261: Erection of a 10m x 6m residential building. Parc Bush Caravan Ebenezer Road Ruan Minor TR12 7JR [APPROVED]

PA19/04500: Agricultural building to house youngstock cattle. Treleague Farm Ruan Minor TR12 7JP [APPROVED]

PA19/05411: Non Material amendment to application PA19/01678 to change the approved fenestration. Gweltek Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7JT [APPROVED]

PA19/05412: Non Material amendment to application PA19/01592 to change the approved fenestration. Gweltek Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7JT [APPROVED]

PA19/03928: External staircase and balcony. Kuggar House, Kuggar, Ruan Minor TR12 7LX [APPROVED]

72/19 **Pre-applications, consultations and appeals.**

None.

73/19 **Finance report and Payments**

RESOLVED to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
EDF Energy	Lighting	15.00
Ruan Minor FC	Grass cutting at play area	50.00
ICO	Data protection annual registration	35.00
Cormac	Weed spraying	299.19
R Sanders	Footpaths and verge trimming	1778.97
Staffing		576.38

Clrs S Collins/Lee. Unanimous.

74/19 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**

None.

The meeting closed at 17:50.

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