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1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean, 10am - 11am 1 st March
2 nd Monday	Parish Council Meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm 9th March
3 rd Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pud, Methodist Chapel, 12.15pm 17th March
4 th Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm 24th March
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

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

21 MarchGrade Ruan Spring FlowerShow at Ruan Minor Village Hall30 March-12 AprilEaster School Holiday

ADVANCE DATES

3 April	RNLI Grand Easter Draw at The Top House
10 April	Good Friday
17 April	Zulu Tradition at Landewednak Village Hall
19 April	Primrose Day, Cadgwith/Ruan Minor event
8 May	Flora Day
8 May	Early May Bank Holiday
9 May	VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebration, Village Hall
25-29 May	School Half Term Holiday
23-24 May	May Festival Ruan Minor Recreation Ground
25 May	Bank Holiday Monday
18 July	Folk Day, Cadgwith Cove Inn

Front Cover: The cast of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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Please send contributions to the Editors' 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

Last month we told you about Lizzie Heather joining the Gazette as Co-Editor. Luckily for Lizzie she has an exciting new career opportunity. Unluckily for the Gazette this means that she will be travelling a lot more and unable to take up her role as Co-Editor. We all wish Lizzie the very best with her new venture and hope all goes well for her. Do take a look at Page 27 where you can find out a bit more about what's involved. It's very fulfilling role but we all have lives to lead so with two or three on board it gives everyone a lot more flexibility.

Lets hope the storms are over now. We have the Spring Show this month and I'm sure there are some readers who have been sheltering their daffodils as much as possible through the wind and rain that have beset us and the rest of the country. Don't forget there are lots of categories, it's not just for gardeners! Pick up a programme from The Store or the Thursday market at the Village Hall.

If anyone would like their birthday included in the Gazette do get in touch. You can contact us by email at: graderuan.gazette@btinternet.com or if you don't like modern technology just pop a note in the Mag Box in the Village Shop.

Happy Birthday in March to: Marianna Gush, Basil Bolitho, Matilda P, Mark Outten, Brian Jenkins, Juliet Edward, Paddy Alfrey-Cryan, Jake Woodley, Toby Goddard, Jane Vowles, Arthyen B, Norma Gossip, Peggy Thompson, David Rogers, Jessica Bennett, Tilly Alfrey-Cryan, Jake Scolding, Jamma Phillips, Kyra Tonks, Jenny Scolding, Mel Downing, Susan Stephens, Treve

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Sally Watts

From Barry West

Primrose Day, Cadgwith & Ruan Minor, April 19th 2020.

We are seeking people to engage with so we can agree how to make the day a success and promote your beautiful cove and village. It is a very small commitment and will not take up much time. We are looking for

- A couple of first aiders?
- People to help decorate the village maybe put up or provide bunting or flowers outside of their own and rented properties.
- Someone to talk about Poltesco history at the old factory.
- · School children and parents,
- Girl Guide, Scout or Brownie participation
- Or any other organisation that would like to support and be there on the day.

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

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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.

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<u>QUIZ NIGHT</u>

Quizzes are held on the 4th Tuesday of every month and 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.

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WHat'S ON continued...

The Joanna Aplin Memorial Bowl at the Spring Show 21st March 2020 This year the theme for Jo's bowl is Baking Claire is arranging an 'Open House' at The Store on Friday 20th March, for people to meet up, remember lo and make an arrangement to enter in the show. Claire will provide flowers, foliage and oasis (all donations gratefully received!) We had an amazing amount of entries last year and it would be great if we could do the same this year. Don't forget no larger than 2ft wide

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CADGWITH COVE AND RUAN MINOR PRIMROSE DAY CELEBRATION 2020



Dear all

Please let us invite you to attend this unique and largely forgotten tradition which began in order to remember Benjamin Disraeli, former Prime Minister, who died on 19th April 1881. His favourite flower was the primrose which Queen Victoria used to send him bunches of. At his funeral Her Majesty sent a wreath of the very same. For years it was customary to remember him on this day.

On the same date, 19th April, in 1909 a 16 year old boy, Thomas Richard Collinson Harrison, tragically fell to his

death at Carleon Cliff whilst trying to collect kestrels eggs. He was laid to rest in St Ruan Minor churchyard.

We are inviting families, children, all the local community and well behaved dogs to join us on 19th April 2020 to do all or either of the events on this day.

11.15 am Family service at St Ruan Minor Church

12.00 pm Children to lay primroses on the grave of Thomas Richard Collinson Harrison

12.45 pm An organised walk along the cliff path that Thomas took with his brothers on that fatal day. Departing from Ruan Minor School gate visiting the heritage Poltesco Serpentine Works where we hope to have someone from the National Trust or someone with local knowledge to tell us some of the history, then back to the school via the National Trust site and the old waterwheel. It is a circular walk of approx. 2.5 miles of inland footpaths with some short stretches of ascent and descent.

For those of you not able to make the walk, there is a National Trust free car park where access to the Old Serpentine Works is fairly easy.

Local businesses, residents, visitors and holiday home owners are encouraged to place a small vase of flowers, small wreath or ribbon on the doorstep, gateway or door on this day.

Part of the event where we can get children involved or anyone fancying any artistic input is for pebbles, slates or other medium to be painted with a design of your choice to commemorate this day.

We will be arranging cream teas and light refreshments.

Let us make Primrose Day a day to remember and maybe bring back an annual tradition for years to come. Cont.....

What'S ON continued...

Please keep an eye out for further updates

- Take care on the Coast Path it's rugged, natural terrain.
- Keep to the path, away from cliff edges and overhangs
- Always supervise children, especially near cliff edges.
- Walking surfaces can vary considerably with the weather. Always wear strong footwear with a good grip and ankle support.
- Wear or carry warm and waterproof clothing.
- Cliff-top walking can be dangerous in high winds.
- Beware of taking shortcuts across beaches you may be cut off by the tide.
- Swimming can also be dangerous.
- Do not sit under cliffs or climb them
- Keep dogs under close control
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Note that mobile phone coverage may be unreliable on the coast.



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Brian Lindsay 1932-2019

Brian was a born dancer and from the age of eighteen months was on the stage. He won countless dancing competitions including the All-England's more than once as Champion Tap-Dancer in the country.

Also trained and fully qualified in ballet, he favoured tap. Professional at twelve years old he acted in feature films, documentaries made for "Saturday Morning Pictures", TV adverts and Pantomimes. he was the first boy to play the male part in Babes in the Wood and once played Buttons in Cinderella at Penzance Theatre - now the Amusement Arcade.

He played Ginger in the touring production of Just William and was in many other plays. He danced in "Variety" around the British Isles and on TV. Conscription to the arm, which he hated, brought a two year hiatus to his career but he danced back to success!

He retired from the professional stage when he was forty - then as principal male (and clothed) dancer at Paul Raymond's Revue Bar in Soho. To keep fit he joined an amateur dancing class which formed the chorus line for London Transport Players where we met and performed in many shows together.

In March 1970 we married so didn't quite make it to our Golden Wedding, but we were together nearly fifty four years! We moved to Ruan Minor in 1977 with Vanessa and Karen who attended Ruan, Mullion an Helston schools before College. We played at farming, took in visitors and campers and manufactured jodhpurs.

We retired to Cadgwith in 1991. Brian played snooker for Ruan Minor and had enjoyed gardening, fishing and baking. He died on 4th November 2019 - mercifully at rest.

With thanks for all the messages of sympathy and help from our friends and neighbours.

From Penny, Vanessa and Karen Lindsay.

The Gazette Team would like to apologise for failing to include this tribute to Brian Lindsay in last month's issue. We are very sorry for any distress caused to the Lindsay family and offer our condolences.



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Grade-Ruan Under 5s



During February our hot lunches have been provided by Chartwells, cooked by Sue at the school. We will continue to use Chartwells. The decision to do this was based on how busy we have become, so losing a member of the staff to the kitchen was becoming too tricky. The children have all enjoyed their new lunches.

March sees us carrying out our sponsored spotty jog on Monday 9th, raising funds to support this year's Sports Relief Charity and our pre-school. Monies raised will be split between both. The children will be jogging a lap of the Rec, wearing as many spots as possible. The family who raise the most will receive a prize as a thank you. There will also be opportunity to guess how many spots are on the dog, 50p a go with a prize for the correct or closest guess. During session the children will be exploring spotty activities and cooking.

We finish at 3pm on Friday March 27th for the Easter holidays and return on Tuesday 14th April at 8am to begin our Summer Term. This is an important term for our school leavers where transition and readiness for school will begin.



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Dark Sky Designations in Cornwall

An introduction for communities on and around The Lizard Peninsula

Overall Cornwall has an exceptionally dark night sky, including The Lizard peninsula. Protecting it is a boost for human health, wildlife, education, astronomy, tourism, enjoyment, energy efficiency.

The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) seem receptive to the principle of The Lizard becoming an International Dark Sky Reserve and several local Councillors have attended a presentation of which this is an extract.

The Project is dependent on local interest and individuals taking it forward. The main lighting message is to

- Only use light where it's needed
- Only use light when it's needed use a sensor or timer where this helps
- Don't go brighter than you need to
- Point lighting downwards and select shielded lamps
- Avoid blue-white light in favour of neutral or yellow-white light (3000 Kelvins or less)

Cornwall Council's role and support

- Planning condition to limit light pollution but not impede development
- Street Lighting Team to audit local street lights most have been upgraded
- Communications support for the consultation and outreach events
- Cornwall Council's Dark Sky Newsletter at <u>www.cornwall.gov.uk/darksky</u>
- Social media
- The new Cornwall Design Guide contains pointers
- There is Cornwall Council guidance for all local councils including non-planning projects in the Neighbourhood Planning Toolkit



The pink line is what a 2 mile Buffer Zone around the Lizard AONB would look like. It overlaps with the West Cornwall buffer zone, Falmouth and Penryn. You can pick a more meaningful area. The full presentation is available at www. cadgwith.com and GR Facebook.



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Lots of dog waste on the beach again this month – it would be lovely to report one month that one of the most beautiful of Cornish beaches was dog mess free! Kennack Sands is a great beach for our dogs so please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog.

We have collected at least 7 black bags of waste and recycling this month. This includes: small plastics, plastic containers from shipping, kayak paddle, fishing rope, fishing ties and fishing box, broken glass.

It is lovely to see the ponies out on the dunes behind the beach. They graze the coastal heath and grass to manage it for the benefit of wild flowers, wildlife and birds.

The next beach clean is on SUNDAY 1st MARCH – ALL WELCOME!

Anne Tryhorn



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Grade Ruan Gazette

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What would I have to do?

You would need to put together about five issues of the Gazette per year. You and your co-editor (Sally Watts) could work out a rota to fit in with your other commitments. Although there is a bit of news gathering to be done, mostly you would be laying out contributions from other people.

Liaising with advertisers is an important part of the job: making sure that their ads are displayed to best effect and ensuring a fair rotation through the magazine.

You would become a member of a small hard working Gazette Team who are all ready to help one another whenever required.

What skills and equipment do I need?

If you can do word processing, using Microsoft Word for example, then you will be able to learn everything else pretty quickly. The magazine is published using a program called Affinity which runs on a standard computer. If you don't have a computer, then the Gazette will be able to provide one for your use.

How much time does it take?

There is no specific amount of time to be spent on it. The deadline for contributions and changes to advertisements is the 18th of the month before publication. Although items trickle in throughout the month, the week from around 15th to the 22nd of the month tends to be the busy period. Depending how much there is to put in any particular issue, which can have anywhere between 52 and 68 pages, you would need to spend about 20-25 hours per issue, mostly within the crucial week around the deadline.

What's in it for me?

The retiring Co-editor, Moira Hurst, has found it an interesting, fun and rewarding thing to do. Sally Watts has been doing it for four years and is still enjoying it. There's something very satisfying about seeing the finished article drop through the door and know that you've helped to provide something that is valued by many people in the community. Strange that it is still relevant in the days of Facebook et al, but it seems to be so.

How do I apply?

Contact the Gazette on graderuan.gazette@btinternet.com or Sally Watts by phone on 291395. Don't hesitate to have a chat and find out more about what's involved without being committed.

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It all Happened in March

- 1. 1867 USA purchased what from Russia for \$7.2 million?
- 2. 1936 Which iconic plane made its maiden flight?
- 3. 1956 Country that gained independence from France?
- 4. 1966 Which famous trophy was stolen?
- 5. 1967 Super tanker ran aground off Cornish coast?
- 6. 1981 Successful ZX81 Computer launched that year by?
- 7. 1986 A fire ripped through which London Palace?

Answers to the Quiz for Winter

- 1. "Now is the winter of our discontent" is from which play? Richard III
- 2. The Winter Palace can be visited in which city? St Petersburg
- 3. Name the James Bond actor film debut in *The Lion in Winter*? *Timothy Dalton*
- 4. Which fruit has a variety called 'Winter Banana'? Apple
- 5. Which winter sport is sometimes known as "the roaring game"? Curling
- 6. Chionophobia is the extreme dislike or fear of what? Snow
- 7. In which month does winter begin in the Southern Hemisphere? June





Rector's Ramblings

Somebody asked a Christian friend why he was eating doughnuts, when he had given them up for Lent! His friend replied: "As I was driving to the bakers, I said to God that if He wanted me to buy doughnuts, He would provide a parking space in front. On the eighth time around the block - there one was!"

Lent is a penitential season, during which many folk abstain from either eating or drinking their favourite food or drink. But rather than seeing Lent simply as a time to give things up, it's a wonderful opportunity for selfexamination, reading Scripture, penitence, fasting and prayer.

At Jesus' baptism, God's voice is heard saying: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." *(Luke 3:22).* The Holy Spirit then leads Jesus into the wilderness, where we find Him coming to terms with who He is.

Satan's temptations challenge Jesus in three areas of His identity: social action; political power; and religious identity *(Luke 4: 1-13).* It is as if Jesus looked into the mirror at himself to see what kind of Saviour he would be.

We too can think of Lent as an opportunity to hold a mirror up to ourselves and ask the question: "Who am I?" It is a season of honest encounter with who we are, a time to reflect on what we've done, and on the world in which we live – 'specially with climate change in mind.

How will you keep the Lenten period of 40 days running up to Easter? What will you see when you hold up the mirror to yourself? Perhaps there is something you have done which haunts you, which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it. Perhaps, when you hold up that mirror you see aspects of yourself/your lifestyle you would like to change. Why not deal with these this month, and put it behind you?

As we journey through Lent, God invites us all to come to Him. Whatever we do during Lent - reading Scripture, pray with fasting, giving up doughnuts(!) - it is a season for reflection, allowing ourselves to be in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

Blessings

Revd Deirdre deirdre.mackrill@btinternet.com



March

Church Services



Church of England Services

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Sun 1st	Morning Praise, St Ruan Church	11.15am
Sun 8 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 15th	Family Service, St Ruan Church	11.15am
	Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith	3pm
Sun 22nd	Mothering Sunday	
	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 29th	United Benefice Service,	
	Ruan Minor Village Hall	11am

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Last week the village was treated to a fabulously entertaining production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On the following pages are a selection of photos and as always we are most grateful to Chris Jumunjy Hunt for once again recording a fabulous village event.

Below is a full list of the cast and of course those who provided the marvellous music, costumes and of course the set! Well done everybody.

See the next few pages for some photos capturing the Show

Narrator: Jonathan Fletcher Paparazzi: Lucas Fletcher Augustus Gloop: Andreas Hardy Mrs. Gloop (his mother): Judith Green Violet Beauregarde: Mailli Carter Mrs. Beauregarde (her mother): Jean Trimble Veruca Salt: Carrera Hunt Mrs. Salt (her Mother): Angela Clay Snapchat Sally: Rose Tonks Mr. Snapchat (her Father): Trevenen Harry Mr. Bucket (Charlie's Father): Mark Outten Mrs. Bucket (Charlie's Mother): Jan Halliday Grandpa Joe (Charlie's Grandpa): Brian Jenkins Grandma Josephine (Charlie's Grandma): Nicky Jose Grandpa George (Charlies other Grandpa): Gerry Gunn Grandma Georgina (Charlie's other Grandma): Jill Praill Charlie Bucket: Ashton Kostrzewski Security Guards: Tamlyn Carter and Joe Tonks Wilomena Wonka: Sheila Collins **Oompah Loompahs:** Angela Agutter Thomas, Jill Thomas, Janet Gascoigne, Sally Ann Ellis Oompah Boatman: Lucas Fletcher Squirrels: Andreas Hardy & Lucas Fletcher Health & Safety Inspectors: Andreas Hardy & Lucas Fletcher. Our Musical Director is Robin Bates with original music written by him, & Euan Walker with additional lyrics by Brian Jenkins Set design and construction: Paul & Sheila Collins **Costume:** Jan Driver & Viv Fletcher Props: Jill Praill & Jackie Marot Cont Set Props: Ian Cox

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Focus on: our ponies

By Rachel Holder

National Trust

The Lizard Ranger team have 6 National Trust owned ponies in our care, and the 2 of our original aristocratic herd which came from Arlington Court in Devon in the 1980s, are the longest serving staff members on the property, outlasting any humans by ten years or more! Needless to say these two, at 35 plus, are extremely old for ponies, and even our youngest are over 20 years old, so a life on the cliffs evidently keeps you fit and well!

Why does the National Trust keep ponies?

The Shetland cross ponies are well suited to tough conditions and rough grazing, and they help in our management of



wildlife-rich coastal grasslands and heathlands. Some of the good they do is through what they eat, knocking back the coarser grasses, allowing a diversity of other plants to grow on, and they will even pucker up their lips and nibble gorse as a tasty snack. Trampling is also a benefit, creating hoof prints in which seeds can germinate. They enable the Rangers to deliver on our in-hand (meaning delivered directly by the National Trust, not by a tenant farmer) Stewardship agreements, the income from which pays for their care, and we focus the ponies' efforts on the isolated or tricky sites that may prove difficult for a tenant to commit to grazing say with cattle.

Where are they, and who looks after them?

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01326 290464 01326 290700 07976 928663 07970 100480 Coverack. We plan to have one or two additional ponies join each herd later this year. as three out on loan come back to us. Rachel Holder rachel.holder@nationaltrust. org.uk is the main staff contact if you have any issues to report with these two herds. The Poltesco herd is handily close to our ranger base, so is checked by the ranger team. At Chynalls Point and Beagles, we are grateful for the assist-ance of a network of locally based volunteers who between them cover the majority of checks each week. The ponies have an annual health check with a vet, including a look at their teeth, and their feet are trimmed as required – which can vary from every 3 months to 18 months depending on how quickly they grow.

What about other ponies out on the cliffs and heaths elsewhere?

Our partners within the National Nature Reserve, Natural England, have a much larger number of conservation grazing ponies (including one eyed Echo who got kicked 20 years ago, but do not be alarmed, he's fine!) which they also loan out to private landowners. If you see ponies at Mullion Cliffs, Caerthillian, Bass Point to Lizard Lifeboat station, Kennack Sands, near Lowland Point, Goonhilly Downs, Main Dale and Crousa, they will either be owned by Natural England, or graziers they work closely with. Any issues can be reported to Natural England on 01326 240808.

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The Village Hall Quiz

January's quiz night was no different to nearly all the evenings this winter, wet and miserable, and so it was great to see so many in the hall battling it out for honours. Once again six large teams took to the floor. This month controlled by Mark. We had the usual 8 rounds including so Last year, The Chase, Literature, The

Human body, Sport and it's just not Cricket. The picture round were all actors of a certain vintage which we had to name plus the film in which they all starred!

The scrap was the usual tight affair after which the Fox and Hounds rose to the top of the pile. Obviously with Skinny back on board there was the difference! Alas the Scilly Old fools claimed ownership of the wooden spoon for this month but it must be said that they were missing several of their usual brethren.

1 st	The Fox and Hounds	64.0 pts	2 nd	The Jumblies	62.0 pts
3 rd	Universally Challenged	61.0 pts	4 th	The Cliffhangers	61.0 pts
5 th	Just us lot	59.0 pts	6 th	Scilly Old Fools	49.5 pts

So if you know what a Foggy bummer is? Or the name of that 16 year old eco warrior who sailed to America for a climate change conference. May be you know who played Pitkin to his Mr Grimsdale or which TV Police drama had a theme tune entitled Overkill and the final episode was named Respect. Come and give the Village Hall Quiz a go there is always room for more. It was another good evening so come and join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month.



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Gardening in March



by David Endean

Are you still there, not blown away or washed out to sea! As I put ink to paper we have gone through Ciara and the tail of Dennis is still with us and there is little respite predicted for the rest of the month. The whole winter has been wet and mild and has brought most of the spring flowers on a bit earlier and then blasted them to smithereens.

This month is when things really start to get going in the garden. Your garden fork will have its work cut out. I have managed the first cut of the year on most lawns but most lawns will benefit from an aeration job on them. Go all over the lawn spiking it with your fork, push in as far as possible wiggle it and pull out and repeat every four inches or so. This is time consuming but is as good as any gym session and you do not need to do the whole lawn in one go. This will help the drainage of the lawn and later in the month a dressing of lawn fertiliser will benefit the lawn also.

Do not put that fork away yet as your veg patch needs digging over, it has been too wet all winter to get on the ground. I have said it before but there will be a point in March when the weather breaks and the ground opens up and becomes workable. If you miss this window it can be a month before you can get on it again. You can try covering the ground with some plastic to keep the worst of the weather off it plus warm it a little. Some of the first things to plant directly into the garden will be Onion sets. I have just purchased mine, I am sticking with the tried and tested Sturon and Red Baron. Plant them in well worked and manured ground and keep weed free and you will be rewarded. This is by far the easiest way to grow onions. The other thing to do is to get those early potatoes in the ground, Rocket and Swift are the earliest varieties here but others like International Kidney (Jersey Royals) will possibly pique your taste buds more. Also Broad beans are tough and can be sown now outside.

That fork is not going to get cold as you also need to root around in the flower borders, work up the ground between your perennial plants removing those perennial weeds and this will make life easier with the hoe later in the year when fresh weeds germinate. Tidy up the herbaceous plants removing dead and straggly bits now the worst of the weather has passed and the new growth is pushing through. Give the plants some general fertiliser and perhaps protect them with you favoured method of slug control as these young tender shoots are just the best 4 star gourmet food for these beasts which are reawakening and becoming more active as the weather warms up.

The Grade Ruan Spring Flower show makes its annual return on Saturday 21st March and it is nice to see as many entries as possible. The main attraction Cont...

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Phone: 01326 290575 Mob: 07971 007 028 of the show are the daffodils in their various forms. I see many nice daffs around the area but they do not get entered because people think that it is too complex and they do not know what the judge is looking for. Well help is on hand on the day to make sure that you have the right classes but here are some general pointers. Good daffodils in the main should be unblemished with faces looking up at you with broad, flat petals at right angles to the trumpet. Match your flowers for colour, age and size. Some types of daffodil differ slightly from this but this is explained in the schedule. Daffodils can be opened up indoors once the calyces begin to split and you can see colour begin to show in the petal. This helps to reduce weather and pest damage, stand the picked stems in buckets of water. Display the blooms in a vase so they all face the judge and use some moss to keep them in position. Then it is up to the judge.

What else have I got planned for this month, well I shall be sowing more salad crops in modules for later planting out. The Chrysanthemum cuttings that I took in February will need potting up and the dahlias will need awakening to provide some propagation material. Exhibition leeks and onions will require potting on later in the month and there is a myriad of seeds which need sowing in the greenhouse. Plus I am trying something a bit different this year it's called Agretti or more commonly "Land Seaweed" apparently the posh foody restaurants reckon it goes well with seafood dishes, we will see. Enjoy your gardening.



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THE LIZARD LIFEBOAT Lifeboats VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

This winter has produced a seemingly never-ending onslaught of strong gales and heavy rain, making conditions extremely difficult for all those having to work on or be involved with the sea. However, in the winter of 1934/35 it was dense fog that was the main problem which faced all who had to work on or travel through the waters around The Lizard.

On the 27th March 1935, the Lizard Lifeboat, Watson Class 'RNLB DUKE OF YORK', was tasked to support the French steam trawler 'Le Vieux Tigre' which was fishing out of Boulogne. The vessel had become stranded at Bass Point in dense fog with her stern wedged between rocks and the tide beginning to cover her. On arrival at the scene, 'RNLB DUKE OF YORK' immediately took off 13 crew and two dogs from the stricken trawler but 5 crew members would not leave at that time. The lifeboat stood by throughout the night in dense fog. When the five crew who had refused to leave finally decided to put off in their own boat, the fog was so thick that they were at once lost to view. After an extensive search, the lifeboat found the boat, took the five crew aboard and returned to the Polpeor Station at 0645 on the 28th March. By water at 0900 that morning, the trawler was virtually submerged save for her funnel and masts. Salvage was impossible and the vessel was a complete loss with parts of her spread over a wide area of the sea bed.



LE VIEUX TIGRE



RNLB DUKE OF YORK



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⁴RNLB DUKE OF YORK' served as the Lizard Lifeboat from 1934 to 1961. She was a 41-feet Watson Class lifeboat with a standard crew of eight and carried sufficient fuel to cover 139 miles at her top speed of 71/2 knots. Power was provided by twin Weyburn AE6 6-cylinder petrol engines and she carried two sails as an auxiliary source of power. The boat could accommodate fifty rescued persons in the roughest of weather. She was a true stalwart and, at 27 years, became the longest serving Lizard lifeboat, some 7 years less than the Cadgwith boat 'RNLB MINNIE MOON' which served from 1898 to 1932.





IT'S 1961 AND 'RNLB DUKE OF YORK' DOES SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING WITH A WESTLAND DRAGONFLY HELICOPTER FROM RNAS CULDROSE.

Did you identify the flags in last month's edition? Our first time visitors came from the following countries:



RUAN MINOR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



Photos by Chris Hunt



See us on Facebook: 'Ruan Minor Football Club"

RMFC are pleased to report that we are 4th in the Combination League, having played 3 games of which we won 3, including our local derby against the Onions from the Lizard.

So our results were as follows:

25/1 – Home to Hayle – Won 2-1; 2 Goals from Jowan 'Pint Size' Shainberg, Man of the Match - Jack 'Good Looks Farmer' Green

1st/2 - Home to Lizard – Won 3-0; 2 Goals from Josh 'Tree Hugger' Wilson-Hone & Chris 'Ice Man' Ensink, Man of the Match - Scott 'Mr Nice Guy' Eastwood,

8/2 – Home to Wendron – Won 4-1; Goals from Lee 'Chisled' Cattran, Josh 'Tree Hugger' Wilson-Hone, Dan 'Mr Handsome' Greet and Gavin 'Deliver' Perraton; Man of the Match Lee 'Chisled' Cattran

Our fixtures for the forthcoming months are as follows:-

- 22/2 Home to Rosudgeon 2.30pm K/O
- 29/2 Home to St Day 2.30pm k/O

7/3 – Away to St Agnes – 2.30pm K/O

14/3 - Away to Wendron - 2.30pm K/O

21/3 - Away to Pendeen - 2.30pm K/O

28/3 – Away to Rosudgeon – 2pm K/O – Quarter Final of League Cup

4/4 – Away to Penryn – 2.30pm K/O



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our match day photographer – Chris Jumunjy Hunt, our chef Sarah Legge, our barmaids Victoria Pollard, Gemma Bennett & Sharon Partridge, our President Michael Halliday and all our sponsors for their continued support for RMFC and we look forward to seeing you at the Rec soon.

#UPTHERUANRATS

Cheers

Gary, Liam & Wayne

LEFT: Jack Green, Man of the Match with Di Fleetwood Match Sponsor



Recreation Ground News



See us on Facebook: "Grade Ruan Recreation Ground"

We are reaching the end of our "Winter Season" of activities - the last scheduled home football match for RMFC is the 29th February (against St Day), although after cancellations due to the weather there will probably be some additional matches that I've not been told about yet!

We have the last darts match on the 12th March and maybe a couple of extra euchre games (again, I don't know the dates yet), then nothing more until the Autumn! Yoga continues on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and fish & chips every Friday.

We continue to show the 6-Nations rugby matches on TV, with Ireland v Italy followed by England v Wales on Saturday 7th March and Scotland v France on Sunday 8th March. Saturday 14th March is "Super Saturday" with 3 games - Wales v Scotland followed by Italy v England then France v Ireland.

Our May Festival will be the weekend of the 23rd / 24th May. We have bands booked for your entertainment - China Groove on Saturday evening, then Whippletree Ceilidh Band, followed by Akoustek, then Blackout on Sunday should be something to suit all musical tastes!

We are working on plans for the Sunday afternoon Family Fun Day - we hope to include regular favourites like the Punch and Judy show, dog show, cannon firing and table-top sale.

We are also hoping to re-launch the Maypole dancing and are trying to arrange more side shows and other attractions - as they were a bit sparse last year! We can't control the weather - but we will do what we can to make sure everything else is set for a fantastic day!

Last year we had a couple of bands on Saturday evenings through the Summer - we plan to do the same this year, with one band booked already! More to follow - I'll try to include a list next month!

We are in the early stages of planning the re-born Ruan Carnival for the Summer. Suggested dates are either Saturday 23rd or Sunday 24th July. There has already been quite a lot of talk on Facebook about re-starting this village tradition - if you're interested in helping with organisation, providing a float or display, or pretty much anything else - please get in touch with us!

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Mike Fleetwood, Chairman.

Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on the 13th January 2020 at 1730.

176/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Agutter, Clifton, P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens (late), Trewin.

Apologies: Cllr Rule CC.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). 2 members of the press/public.

177/19 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

Cllr S Collins declared an interest in the Todden, item 17.

178/19 Public Participation.

P Penrose spoke against PA19/10632, citing negative environmental effects, traffic hazards, unsuitable pedestrian access and loss of arable farmland. A Whitehead spoke against PA19/10632, citing a previously rejected application.

*Cllr Stephens entered the room

179/19 Reports from outside bodies. None.

180/19 Council Meeting: Minutes 9 December 2019

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. No matters arising



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NOTED. Cllrs Lee/Agutter. 10 voted in favour, 2 abstained: Cllrs Clifton, S Collins.

181/19 **PA19/10626**: Proposed extension. Mr And Mrs T Pascoe. Lower Treal, Treal, Ruan Minor TR12 7LS.

The Council supported the application. Proposed and seconded. Unanimous.

PA19/10632: Outline Permission with all matters reserved for an Affordable Housing-Led Development of up to 4 dwellings. Mr & Mrs G Wright. Land Adj To Rosemerryn St Ruan TR12 7JS.

The Council supports the principle of building very limited affordable housing to meet local need in appropriate places in the Parish, however the site in this proposal is not suitable. The Council feels that the affordable housing provision in this proposal does not offset the negative environmental impacts and therefore objects on the following grounds:

- the proposals are believed not to constitute infill or rounding off as the site is a large gap outside the long-established settlement boundary of St Ruan, and the Council considers this large gap important to establish the setting of the settlement. There is also insufficient buildings surrounding this large site for it to qualify as infill.
- as per above, the proposals therefore constitute development in the open countryside and the erosion of important greenspace that is helping separate St Ruan from Ruan Minor.
- a new access onto the highway would result in the demolition/destruction of part of an ancient hedgerow and potentially trees also.
- approval would set a damaging precedent for spreading into the open countryside.
- pedestrian access is unsafe as there are no pavements.
- potential to harm the landscape and scenic beauty of the AONB and the rural characteristics of this small tree-lined hamlet.

Proposed and seconded. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

Clerk to respond

182/19 Planning Applications decided by the Planning Authority

PA19/07834: Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use to prove property has been sub divided and used for holiday let. Vine Cottage Annexe Cadgwith Ruan Minor [REFUSED]

PA19/08142: Application for Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building as a dwelling/holiday. Land Adj Coth Lytherna Cadgwith [GRANTED (CAADS, PIPS AND LUS ONLY)]

PA19/09968: Alterations to 2 existing dormer windows to form inset balconies and Cont....

installation of one roof window to north west elevation. Bay View House Treworder Lane Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall [APPROVED]

183/19 **Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases.** None.

184/19 Grant Request: Grade Ruan Under 5s Group

RECEIVED as above for £700 towards heating costs and **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £730 towards the service as a whole. Cllrs Green/Lee. Unanimous.

Clerk to respond

185/19 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
Grade Ruan U5s	Grant	730.00
Staffing		617.05

Cllrs S Collins/Trewin. Unanimous.

Clerk to action

186/19 VE Day celebrations

RECEIVED an update on plans. The Village Hall has been booked for 9th May and an evening party is envisaged. The Council supports this event.

Cllr Agutter to pursue. Other Cllrs to assist.

187/19 Village Hall representative

APPOINTED no Cllr. The position will remain vacant until the Annual Council meeting in May.

Clerk to request monthly feedback

188/19 Play area works quotations

None **RECEIVED**. Item deferred.

Clerk to chase hedge cutting request

189/19 Martha's Acre land management

CONSIDERED future management options for the Council land as above including pathways and a ford in conjunction with adjacent National Trust land. A meeting will take place with "Who Dares Works" – a social enterprise group interested in such project work.

190/19 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.

a) **RECEIVED** an update on Highways actions from the previous meeting: The pothole by Grade Cottage is worsening; Ducks Alley drainage discussions appear to have stalled.

Clerk to pursue

- b) CONSIDERED suggested changes to road signage throughout the Parish and RESOLVED to support with minor amendments. Cllrs Green/Trewin. Unanimous. Clerk to respond
- c) **CONSIDERED** potential Community Network Highways projects: hatching at the Cadgwith Cove footpath entry/exit. Clerk to respond
- d) CONSIDERED other reports: A post with 30/60mph speed limit sign on Barn Hill is in a poor state and needs to be replaced. Clerk to report

191/19 Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies.

NOTED reports including from the Community Network Panel which has convened a Dark Skies Initiative initial meeting of interested parties on 30th January. Cllrs S Collins and Harry to attend. Culdrose have approved the Minutes of the liaison meeting of October 31st and they can be circulated. Actions previously agreed include enquiries about flying developments at Predannack airfield and a request to be notified of Planning applications there.

*Cllr S Collins left the room

192/19 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 10th February.

NOTED: Playground quotes. Fishing Cellars updates; Bench at former bus shelter.

193/19 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: commercially sensitive information; personal data, staffing. Cllrs Lee/P Collins. Unanimous.

194/19 Enclosure of Common Land at the Todden

RECEIVED an update from the site meeting on 16th December and the Common Land and Village Greens Registration Officer's opinion that both the hinges and hedge should be removed. The Council agreed with the need for removal of the hinge but considered the hedge roots were binding the soil and helping to avoid soil erosion and so were minded to keep the hedge but bring it under control by removing the significant encroachment and overhang on to Council land on the Todden. The council felt that keeping it to a manageable size would be a more appropriate course of action. **RESOLVED** to request the Common Land and Village Greens Registration Officer to pursue the removal of gate posts (hinges) and the trimming back and maintaining of the shrub near the gateposts to 3 feet (92cm) high and 2 feet (61cm) deep. Cllrs Lee/Agutter. Unanimous.

Clerk to action

*Cllr S Collins re-entered the room

195/19 Fishing Cellars (Fort York) update

RECEIVED an update on work needed to the building, income and costs. Price negotiation to follow.

196/19 Fishing Cellars (Steamers) survey

RECEIVED an update on work needed and valuation.

197/19 Fishing Cellars (Winch House) update

RECEIVED quotations for a valuation and structural survey and to **RESOLVED** to appoint Charterwood to conduct a valuation and RTP Surveyors to conduct a structural survey. Cllrs Green/S Collins. 11 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Clifton.

Clerk to action

198/19 Clerk Annual Review

RECEIVED information and a recommendation from the Staffing Committee and **RESOLVED** to alter the salary to (new) SCP 23 and the contracted hours to 8 per week as at the start of the next full month. Cllrs Trewin/Lee. Unanimous. A vote of thanks was given to the Clerk for excellent service.

The meeting closed at 21:45.

Clerk to make administrative adjustments



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Wednesday	CLOSED ALL DAY
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Friday	9am - 12 noon

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