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SEPTEMBER

7 September
7 September
19 September

Under 5s Re-opens
Grade Ruan School re-opens (Reception 14th September)
RMFC Home to Illogan, 3pm at the Rec

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4 October
17 October
31 October
7 November
21 November
26 December

RMFC Home to Marazion. 3pm at the Rec
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RMFC Home to Wendron. 3pm at the Rec
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David Gascoigne

Thank you for all of your hard work Judith.

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Grade Ruan C of E School Year 6 leavers.
There were another 4 who were learning at home during lockdown.

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Noticeboard

Hello, it's nice to be back! The April issue of the Gazette had just gone to the printer when Lockdown was announced and a decision was made not to deliver copies through people's doors. Ruan Store and Treleague Dairy offered to include copies with their deliveries and copies were available for collection from the Store and also La Petite Boulangerie's stall. There weren't many copies left over by the end of the month, so I hope most of you managed to get your Gazette. Our thanks to the local businesses who helped get the copies out. If anyone didn't manage to get one and would like one now, please contact David Gascoigne (details on p 4).

And so, after a hot summer, here we are with the September issue. There isn't a "What's On" section as there are no events planned at this stage. It seems likely that events will continue to be cancelled until after the winter. If you are organising an event, perhaps on-line, you can let people know about it through the Gazette. There is no charge for advertising events in "What's On".

Sadly, we lost some much-loved characters from the community during this time, so there are a number of obituaries in this issue.

The Gazette is back and so am I. As Sally mentioned in the April issue, no-one came forward when our previous volunteer had to step down as she moved away from the area. It seems I can't stay away and will be once again sharing the editing with Sally Watts, who has been holding the fort all this time. If you have been harbouring a wish to get involved, then please let us know, as we

can always expand the pool of Editors.

We could also do with some contributions to the editorial content of the Gazette. Now that we're not seeing as much of each other, with events being cancelled and winter coming soon, it would be nice to share your stories and memories via the magazine. It would be interesting to hear how the pandemic has affected you and your family, what you've been doing during lockdown and your thoughts on what the future holds. We'd love to hear from you.

We will be holding the Gazette AGM during September. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. Alternatively, if you would like to provide input to the meeting or have any comments you would like discussed, you could drop me an email (contact details on p4).

I hope you are weathering the storm. We have a great community and we can only hope that things return to some sort of normality soon.

Moira Hurst
[Co Editor]

Happy birthday in September to:

Nick Jane, Max Chapman, Elwyn Jones, Peter Jane (Plugger), Jessica Robertson, Ellie Humby, Sidney Johnson (Johnno), Christine Legge, Bruce Bray, Keith Johnson (a big 0), Heather Blight-Anderson, Doreen Basey, Thalia H, Sarah Rudd, Tristan Jumunjy, Stevyn Collins, Martin Ellis (Nutty), Chloe Hardy, Alex Strike, Jill Thomas, Malcolm Scott, Chloe Price, Ronnie Jane, Stephen Green, Alan Humby, Mark McClarity, David Goddard

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From Sheila Stephens 200 Club News

The 200 club has not disappeared, although you may wonder!

The dreadful BUG happened and the annual collection was not even completed. With the closure of the Village Hall, it was decided to put the whole thing on hold until life becomes somewhat normal again, we hope in the Spring of 2021.

For the people that kindly paid their £15, the draw will just begin again, and the few people that I missed ... I shall be in touch when circumstances allow. Many thanks for your continuing support.

From Francesca Gluck:

On behalf of Mum and Dad (Barrie and Mary Cook), heartfelt thanks to all the residents who made both of them so welcome in this corner of Cornwall. Thank you for allowing a "big nosed dwarf" Aston Villa supporter from Birmingham proud to call the Cadgwith pub his local.

From David Endean

News from the Autumn Show

Sadly, and this will come as no surprise to most of you, the decision was taken back in July by the Autumn show organising committee not to go ahead with the show this year. With all the current guidelines and social distancing measures, it was felt that it would be impossible to run the show in the usual form. As you all know how cramped it can get in the village hall for this event, limiting the numbers

would not work really as it is an event for the community.

It is really sad as this most probably is the year which could have been its best, people having had a lot of time to work in the garden with crops overflowing and much time to do arts and crafts. We hope to return in 2021, but who knows how these strange times will proceed.

From the Grade Ruan Parish Council Clerk:

Parish Council meetings will be held online for the foreseeable future (until at least January). There is likely to be a meeting in September, but the date had not been set at the time of going to press. It is hoped that the previous regular date of the second Monday will apply from October.

Agendas are published on the Parish Council website and on the Parish noticeboard at least 5 days before the meeting.

A link is contained in the agenda for any participants to click on and join. This can be done on any device which connects to the internet. The public can view and listen and, if they wish (and they have a microphone - which is in-built to most smart phones, tablets and laptops) they can participate as they would in a normal physical meeting. Those without the internet or a device which accesses it can use any phone to dial in to the meeting and listen (and contribute). The phone number is also published on the agenda.



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

Following the easing of lock down measures the committee have the following information about use of the Village Hall whilst abiding by Covid 19 safety guidelines.

Grade Ruan Under 5s are returning on September 7th.

SHORT MAT BOWLS - CANCELLED

Bowls is on hold until further notice.

THE THURSDAY MARKET and MONTHLY QUIZ

With restrictions on numbers allowed to gather indoors and also due to non-availability of vulnerable volunteers, the monthly Quiz and Thursday Market will not be restarting for the time being.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PILATES

Please visit Ruan Minor Village Hall's Facebook Page for information regarding recommencement of Pilates classes.

SNOOKER ROOM

The Snooker Room has re-opened to players who have paid their annual subs and registered their contact details before playing. As the room has been unavailable for almost four months of the present financial year, the subs will be discounted by 50% to £5 per adult (17-59) and £4 per junior/senior (16 and under/60+).

Please contact the Treasurer Jan Halliday for details of how to pay, jan_halliday@btinternet.com. Any new members are very welcome, please contact Jan, as above.

* Only two players may play at any time.

Strict sanitisation protocols will need to be followed to enable safe use for all.

This is subject to change at any time if further restrictions are either enforced or lifted.

To get further information, please telephone Liz Outten on 01326 290910

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Michael Halliday's Lockdown Fundraiser



Photo by Bill Scolding

On Friday 24th July, which just happened to be his birthday, Michael Halliday presented Lynne Lees from the Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust with the money he had raised during lockdown. The impressive final total was over £1300. Ms Lees thanked Michael and said the funds would make a big difference to all three hospitals in the Trust.

For those who couldn't attend the presentation, here's the text of Michael's speech.

2020 has been a very strange year for us all, but it has shown us just how great our NHS is. As I have been stuck inside, I decided to use my time to raise money to donate to our great hospital - our Royal Cornwall Hospital (Treliske). I'm proud to announce that I will be sending them in excess of £1300.



Photo by Mark Outten

Now I didn't do it all alone. I have had wonderful friends and family help me get to this big number. I'd like to thank my sister for sending me all the materials to create my project. I'd like to thank my brother Tony and sister-in-law Jan for all their help setting up my stall and printing out my posters. I'd like to thank Chris and Alex for

helping me with my marketing and creating my posters and the big cheque I'm presenting today. And I'd like to thank my very talented friend Lily for making the most beautiful stones to add to my stall. They keep flying off the stand.



Photo by Bill Scolding

I hope that this money will help show our appreciation for our NHS and I would also like to thank all who donated and supported my cause.

Cornwall Cloth Masks & Scrubs

By Jane Webb

I saw an advert on Facebook about making scrubs and cloth masks as hospitals were short of PPE. This was covered on the national news, so I searched Facebook and found Cornwall Cloth Masks & Scrubs. They set a standard for all sewers of the scrubs and masks, which was needed and passed by the NHS and that is how I started on making scrubs and cloth masks.

But I had to then get the scrub pattern printed which was not easy with no printer and it was 51 pages of A4 (which then had to be glued together and cut out) and that is how I met Moira Hurst who kindly offered to print it!

In response to my appeal on Facebook, local people donated sheets and fabric, and I could then get sewing and was able to make 7 sets of scrubs.

But I was running out of large new cotton fabric! So I then moved to making cloth masks which had to be to NHS standard with ties but we could use donated pattern fabric of duvets and sheets for these. We were told to ask our local communities for donations, and that's where many of you were able to help; being in lockdown you had cleared out your linen cupboards!!!

After several weeks the hospitals and care homes now had stock and we were advised to change from fabric ties as needed by hospitals, to elastic for the local community to use. Amazon became my only way of getting large quantities of elastic. I didn't want to charge for the masks but many people offered donations to enable me to make masks for the local community.

For the first few weeks I was delivering masks, including for people who were shielding. It was very interesting and



fun - to find several roads we knew nothing about, and the satnav was not always the best thing to rely on. I didn't do it alone as my hubby Kevin Reed, was the mask bag packer and delivery driver.

As I got busier, I asked the Store at Ruan Minor and the Spar at Mullion if they would allow local people to collect from them. We agreed that if people wanted to donate, any donations could be given to any local charities when the masks were collected. After

Claire agreed to let the local community collect masks from the Store, it became easier, but now we also were helping The Store with local food deliveries. We dropped off masks and collected food deliveries, but that's what community is all about: everyone doing their bit to pull together in these times.

Thanks must go to The Store Ruan Minor and The Spar Mullion for allowing collections of the masks, and also to the many people from the local community for the duvet covers, sheets and elastic donations. Thank you for helping me to help you at this dreadful time we have all had to endure.

NOTES:-

7 sets of Scrubs, problem was getting fabric at such short notice

1400 masks, but then we used duvet covers / sheets and pillow cases which were donated by the local community.

Mullion / Lizard / Ruan Minor deliveries in first few weeks, then arranged collection from The Store at Ruan Minor and the Spar at Mullion.

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This situation is likely to continue for some little time yet but we will let everyone know as soon as circumstances change and we are able to welcome visitors back to Kilcobben Cove.

In the meantime, if you are missing a visit to the Lizard Lifeboat Shop or are ready to start your purchase of Christmas cards and 2021 calendars and diaries then visit shop.rnli.org where you will find all you are looking for.

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s



Wednesday 25th March saw us close down for the day; not knowing exactly what was going to happen in the coming hours. What did happen led the country into lockdown and for our doors to remain closed for months, with ever changing guidance, uncertainty and worry for the future. As lockdown eased we were left in a position to decide whether to re-open or not at the beginning of June. After many Zoom calls and emails back and forth between committee, staff and parents we came to the decision to remain closed until September. Covid-19 has affected everybody in some way, some more than others and with devastating outcomes. As a setting we have always, and will continue to support our children, families and staff as best we can through any event.

At the beginning of March we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection. At the time when we should have been receiving our report to be able to make our grading public we were forced into lockdown and Ofsted shut down too. With this we had to try and keep our grading a secret for even longer, although what we really wanted to do was shout it from the roof tops! As lockdown began to ease and Ofsted began to return to work our report was published. It made for fantastic reading and we are so proud to be able to say that Grade Ruan Under Fives has been graded as an **OUTSTANDING** setting! This is the best possible outcome for any setting and as a pack-away setting we are so very proud of our children and team for enabling us to achieve this grade. We would also like to thank the community for their ongoing support and the village hall for allowing us to use their space and the outdoor area to provide such quality care and learning opportunities for the children of our community. Local groups that have supported us greatly with grants to purchase resources for our children also require a big thank you. The Community Trust, Parish Council, Tham Trust and The Vintage Rally have supported us over the years.

Our return in September will see our numbers a little lower than when we closed our doors in March as our pre-school children move on to school. We wish those children all the very best in their next chapter of life, although the transition has been very different to how it would usually have been. As with all of our children

their positive attitudes, strength and smiles have helped us through these strange times, what has been difficult for us has been even harder for their little minds to understand. We have missed them all dearly and look forward to September to get back to some sort of routine and normality.

Throughout the lockdown period staff have continued with online training opportunities, communicated via Zoom and online messaging to continue to discuss and plan ideas for our return in September. We plan to re-open on Monday 7th September on a reduced hours basis to begin with (9:15am-2:45pm). We will be constantly reviewing our hours, risk assessments and how we plan our days in accordance with Government and DfE guidance.

To enable our return in a 'Covid-19 friendly' way we must thank the Community Trust for their support, we are very thankful. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure any support from the government, we were only able to furlough 2 of our 5 staff and our insurance,, as for most nurseries, have not supported any claims for loss of revenue. Tesco have also been able to help with a one-off small grant for charitable not for profit businesses. The childcare and early years sector has always been forgotten by the government, even more evident during this pandemic.

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Hopefully as lockdown measures ease further we will be able to look at some fundraising events to continue to support our children and setting, we have missed out on our usual Easter and Summer fairs, cake sales, and Bags2School events etc which all always provide such invaluable income.

I'm writing this piece on Sunday 2nd August - who knows what might happen between now and then, the important thing is to keep safe and follow the guidance. The sun is shining - long may it last and we wish you all the very best through the summer and look forward to seeing our families and community in September.

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William Basil Bolitho

20 February 1939 - 27 April 2020

Basil was born in Vine Cottage, Cadgwith Cove. He had a twin sister, Beryl. He went to Ruan Minor school and when he left school he went fishing with his father, William George.

He had a holiday in Sittingbourne, Kent, with friends. He also tried some very different fishing on an oyster boat on the River Blackwater in Essex.

When Dad and Mum, Ruby Phillis, died, Basil decided to let part of his cottage to visitors, and made many friends. He was well liked by his many visitors and a lot of them keep in touch with Beryl and myself. He used to walk Mrs Irene Jane's dog Kye.

In later life, he was unable to stay in his cottage and went to live in Ruan Minor and then to Penhallis Nursing Home in Helston, where he contracted Covid 19 and died on 27th April 2020. On his last journey, he was taken down to Cadgwith Cove where a lot of the fishermen were waiting for his final send off. Beryl and I miss him a lot.

Rose Bowcher



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Gillian Margaret Rose Pollard

On Friday 13th March Gillian Margaret Rose Pollard sadly passed away aged 72. After battling cancer for the last two years our amazing, caring, beautiful Mum passed away peacefully holding our hands at The Royal Duchy Hospital. Our hearts are truly broken, our only comfort is that she is now at peace and with her soulmate and late husband Michael Pollard.

I would like to thank everyone that sent us cards and their condolences and to our Vicar Deidre for holding a peaceful private family funeral, including Mum's life long best friend Christine Warren.

My Mum was the 'wind beneath my wings' and she was my world, a truly inspirational woman, caring mum, generous gran and a pillar of our community.

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Mary Jane

1st December 1924 - 28th July 2020

Mary Jane Walsh was born in the Industrial area of the East End of London's Docklands, then a very busy shipping area with many allied industries connected with import and export. The area was run down and many homes were substandard.

Mary was one of nine siblings. After the school years, work was easy to find: Tate and Lyle sugar refinery, Standard Cable company. Then Mr Hitler decided to reshape the country. London Docks being high on his list, the major bombing of the area is well documented. One horrendous action was the bombing of Hallsville Road School, which was a holding place for children ready for evacuation. The school, full of children and their carers, was blasted out of existence. There are no records of the numbers lost, guess-timate, in the thousands. The fallout of the debris from the school buried Mary and her sister Hellen with two aunts in their bomb shelter for three days, but they were recovered unharmed.

It was during the war that Mary met Arthur Jane from Ruan Mino. Arthur was an Able Seaman attached to the cable ships on operation PLUTO (pipeline Under the Ocean) with his cousin Raymond Hendy from the Lizard. Arthur and Ray met Mary with her sister Hellen in a pub "The Spanish Steps", that was situated next to the Seamen's Mission where Arthur and Ray were staying while their ship was reloaded with a load of cable at the Standard Cable Company.

Mary and Arthur continued their relationship, and they married after the war ended - Mary Jane Walsh became Mary Jane JANE. They had three boys: Brian, Tony and Dennis. The family remained in the East End, Arthur stayed with the Standard cable company before taking work with London Transport where he continued for 40 years, a highly respected job in those times.

Mary and Arthur were offered a move back to the Lizard at Higher Croft Parc, a move to Cornwall where they spent most of their spare time which their sons encouraged, although the boys stayed in London with their growing families.

Mary and Arthur had many happy memories of family and friends, they were active in village life, Arthur sang with the St Keverne male voice choir and he served on the Lizard Lifeboat committee for many years, Mary supported him and took part in many activities (behind every man there's a strong supportive woman). Arthur passed away in October 2018.

Mary, losing her sight and with failing health, could not look after herself. In November 2018, a place was found for her at the "Little Trefewha Care Home" Praze-an Beedle Camborne. Mary loved the care home very much: three meals per day if you wanted, clean sheets and her own room. The residents got on well, enjoyed each others company, and took part in quiz nights. She said it was like being in a holiday hotel, the atmosphere was splendid, and with the help of the staff and carers, second to none.

Sadly, Mary passed away quietly in her sleep in the early hours of 28th July 2020, aged 95 years 7 months young. Mary still had her sense of humour with all her faculties to the end.

Her funeral was held on the 12th August at Treswithan Downs Crematorium, Camborne. Mum had a good long life; she had many good friends in Cornwall. Mary, Mum, is now at rest in God's hands!

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Barrie Cook 18 May 1929 - 13 July 2020

Mary Cook 9 May 1926 - 15 July 2020

Although Barrie and Mary lived in Mullion, many of you will have known them, as Barrie had his studio in Ruan Minor, and they frequented the pub and attended many of the events held in Cadgwith and Ruan.

Barrie was a successful artist, whose paintings are in collections at the Tate and other well known galleries. He was born in Birmingham and after graduating from Birmingham College of Art, he taught art at various schools and colleges, gaining a fellowship at the University of Wales.



Mary (nee Bartram) had been a nurse, but devoted most of her life to caring for the family and supporting Barrie in his work.

Barrie and Mary moved to Cornwall in 1992. Barrie spent most days in his studio, often popping into the Cadgwith Cove Inn on his way home. He was a keen vegetable gardener and avid supporter of Aston Villa. He enjoyed trips to London, staying at the Chelsea Arts Club; he also travelled all over the UK and internationally to attend openings of his art exhibitions. Not so long ago, he and Mary went to New York and he was able to re-visit some of the places he'd been to years earlier. He was a sociable person, enjoying the company of other artists and friends and laughing a lot.

Mary was a keen gardener too, although flowers were more her speciality. She was an active member of the Mullion Horticultural Society, usually winning many prizes at the annual show. Mary was an extremely elegant lady, always beautifully turned out. She was a great hostess, well organised and energetic, Even at the age of 92, she could be found on her hands and knees weeding the garden. She was in her 90s when she decided to join Tanya's yoga class.

Barrie and Mary suffered a grievous loss last year when their son Simon passed away after a long illness. They leave a daughter Francesca, daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Barrie and Mary were devoted to each other. They had been married for 69 years and it was a blessing that they passed away within days of each other. They had many friends here and their lively company will be very much missed by everyone who knew them. RIP.

ANDREW PUTT RETIREMENT

By Bernice Putt

On 22nd May 2020, my amazing husband and Jess' dad, retired from the RNLI after 35 years outstanding service. We are both so very proud of him and all his achievements.

Andrew has had an incredible career. He started as a volunteer in Salcombe in 1985, before joining as the fulltime mechanic in Ilfracombe, a year later. In 1992 he moved up to be fulltime coxswain/mechanic, when the then-coxswain, David Clemence retired.

I met Andrew 30 years ago in 1990, when I worked as a watch officer in the Coastguard ops room in Swansea. We chatted on the phone and over the VHF radio. One day after a catalogue of strange telephone calls, Andrew asked me out on a date. Eight months later we were married in Ilfracombe by our friend Graham Thompson. Jess arrived three and half years later.

Andrew is always keen to help out the RNLI wherever he could and this meant volunteering to deliver relief lifeboats to other stations. He felt it would give his volunteer crew members a chance for a long trip to help them improve their navigation and boat handling skills. One time, he was with a delivery crew from Ilfracombe and was between Poole and Jersey, when the lifeboat stern tube parted and the lifeboat started taking in water. I was eight months pregnant when I received a phone call from one of Andrew's managers saying they were sinking off Guernsey. Thankfully they didn't sink and didn't have to get the St Peter Port lifeboat out to rescue them.

Andrew was involved in two new stations being built, in Ilfracombe when the boat-house moved from the Pier to the Cove and in 2010 at The Lizard, when the station was rebuilt at Kilcobben Cove. He has also had the privilege of delivering two new



lifeboats to their new station. One outstanding memory was when he brought the Tamar class, Rose, home to The Lizard.

Andrew has also plugged away in the background of the RNLI, trying to help improve the lives of the full-time crews and volunteers. He took over as the RNLI Channel representative in the South supporting full-time staff and crew, when Tamsin Harris left the RNLI. He became the first chairman of the Full-time Lifeboat Crew Group, a position he enjoyed as it was for the full-time crew, looking at policies and procedures that affected the staff and helping advise the managers on how to improve their working conditions.

In 2018 Andrew took a secondment to an Improvement Managers position in the South West, something he thoroughly enjoyed, as not only did he get to work with Luke Wills and travel up and down the coast, supporting the full-time staff and volunteers, but also it meant not carrying a pager. For the first time in 25 years of marriage we were able to just escape and go to the cinema or just away from the village, when we wanted. The pager has been an unbelievable tie, but Andrew has just got on with it.

Andrew is incredibly conscientious, incredibly loyal and dedicated to the RNLI, always maintaining high standards. There have been times when he had been out all night on a service call, has arrived home after what could have been several hours at sea, the longest was over 12 hours, has had a short sleep and then gone back to the station to clear up and check the boat through and complete his paperwork. He has never expected anyone else to do his work, has always stepped up to the plate to do whatever needed completing, and never complained. I haven't been able to fully explain just how dedicated Andrew has been. As a result, he did miss a lot of school plays, nativities and parent evenings while Jess was at school! Somehow, the lifeboat always needed him!!

He has worked with some outstanding people, too many to name, sorry, and has had the privilege of meeting the Duke of Kent twice, in Ilfracombe and The Lizard, last year Princess Anne at RNAS Culdrose, has got to know John Challis, Boycie from Only Fools and Horses, and many high-level donors that support the RNLI. He has always put the RNLI first and has done everything possible to promote the work of the charity and show it in its best light. He has supported the volunteers, both crew and fundraisers, in any way he can. Often spending hours getting buildings and equipment ready for all types of events. Again, he has never complained.

Over the 35 years, Andrew has been out on numerous 'shouts'. Some in flat calm conditions and some in the most severe weather and rough seas. Sometimes only yards from the station and on occasions 40 miles out to sea. He has been instrumental in rescuing hundreds of people from all types of situations and to Andrew, each call is approached in exactly the same way. No shouting (well maybe a couple of times, a fisherman who cast his line past Andrews head as the lifeboat rounded the pier in Ilfracombe, got a bit of a mouthful), and always in a professional way. One particular service with the Appledore Lifeboat, to the Torridge Warrior, resulted in Andrew re-

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We have had some highs and sadly some lows during Andrew's career. In the last five years he has lost both his beloved parents, his cherished aunt and uncle, and sadly over the years a number of crew members and colleagues, often very untimely. But one highlight was an exercise with The Lizard lifeboat and both the Penlee and Falmouth lifeboats, to recognise the contribution of the Royal Navy 771 squadron search & rescue helicopter, as it was about to be replaced by the Coastguard helicopter in 2016.



Andrew has decided to call it a day from lifeboating, as we want to go sailing. We have purchased a yacht which we intend sailing as much as we can. We are aware that all the lifeboat stations along the south coast will be keeping an eye on us.

Jess, myself and all his family are immensely proud of all his achievements. I haven't been able to fully list all that he has done, but the RNLI has been a very big part of our life, and all of our married life. It's time to start a new chapter. Thank you for all your support and friendship and please stay in touch.

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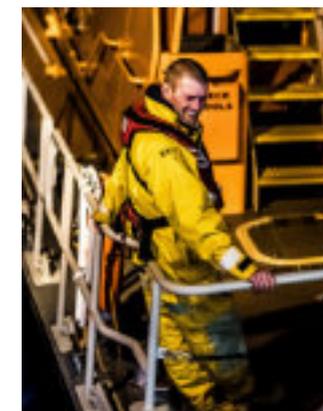
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Recreation Ground News



See us on Facebook:
"Grade Ruan Recreation Ground"

Strange times we are living through! Just like the Gazette, the Recreation Ground went into shut-down towards the end of March and was unable to open for any activities until the beginning of July. Having created a comprehensive risk assessment, following Government guidelines, we have been able to open again on Friday evenings from the 10th of July. As with all such venues, it is not "business as usual"! At the moment, we only have seating outside (so we can't open if it rains!) and access to the building is allowed only to order drinks and visit the toilet (only one is open). We have tables spaced with 2m gaps between them and safe corridors marked out inside to assist people to maintain the recommended safe distances. We do plan to review the risk assessment to see if we can safely accommodate some tables inside - but there will be some restrictions.

As a consequence of the coronavirus restrictions, we have had to cancel many activities - regular cards and darts stopped in March, as did local football matches and yoga sessions. We had to cancel all party bookings for the year, the May Festival was cancelled, as is the Firework Display. There are also no Cadgwith BBQs and we will not be holding any live music events.

In line with a relaxation in restrictions,

there have been two local "friendly" football matches - RMFC beat both Mullion and Falmouth, so no loss of form there! Local league matches recommence towards the end of September, with home matches against Illogan on the 19th and Marazion on the 3rd October, both kick-off at 3pm. We hope to be able to have the bar open for these matches, but we have to work out how it can be safely managed.

We have used the shutdown time constructively, with our volunteers re-decorating the Pavilion, both inside and out. We've also installed a second shelf behind the bar - so you can better see what drinks are on offer - and we have also (at last!) fitted a light above the mirror in the ladies loo. Relatively minor tasks, but lack of income precludes any bigger projects. We were grateful to receive a grant from Cornwall Council, which has enabled us to cover our standing costs for the duration.

Normally by this time of the year, we would have held our AGM (usually in June or July), but obviously, this year that hasn't been possible - we hope to do it by the end of the month (August) or early September - it will be advertised in facebook, so watch out.

Many thanks for your continuing support,

Mike Fleetwood, Chairman.

Rector's Ramblings

Five years ago I was in Treliske Hospital, recovering from a very major and, as it turned out, a life-saving operation. I had come out of intensive care and the high dependency unit, and was in a general medical ward. The wonderful (and very young-looking!) surgeon decreed that the clips holding the (10 inch) wound together should be replaced by what is known as a 'vac dressing', which would help to drain all the nasty bits and hasten the healing of the wound. Without going into too many gory details about that particular procedure, I can only say that the pain was intense – actually, it was excruciating! I thought to myself: "Take deep breaths; breathe through the pain; breathe through the pain ..."

And then ... there ... through the pain, against the backdrop of the curtains surrounding my hospital bed and all that was going on ... there was Jesus - looking down at me, me! from the Cross; looking down with eyes so full of compassion and love, and saying – not with audible words, but words spoken through his eyes: "I feel your pain; I share your pain; I am with you in your pain."

That was real; and no one can take that vision away from me. And it left me with the most incredible sense of peace and of God's presence at that most challenging and painful time.

During this challenging pandemic, during this challenging lockdown, you may have asked yourself, "Where is God in all this?". Or perhaps the question is one you've heard other people ask – not just from non-believers, but also from other Christians and people of other faiths who have been, and still are, struggling with the same question.

So, where is God in all this? Answer: God has not abandoned us. God is with the hospital staff tending to the critically ill Covid-19 patients; He is holding the hands of the dying; He is with the bereaved. God is also in the many random acts of kindness: the young child 'virtually' walking from Lands End to John o'Groats on her cross-trainer to raise money for a local care home in Cornwall; Captain Sir Tom raising £38million for the NHS; the kindly neighbour fetching shopping and prescriptions.

And God is with each one of us, even as we wrestle with the on-going constraints and pains of lockdown and the uncertainty of what the next weeks, months may hold: "I feel your pain; I share your pain; I am with you in your pain." God has not abandoned us – nor will He ever.

Blessings

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Church Services



September 2020

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Sun 13 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
	Evensong, St Grade Church	6pm
Sun 20 th	Morning Worship, St Ruan Church	11.15am
	Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith	6pm
Sun 27 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am

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An Eventful Trip on the Sir Winston Churchill Tall Ship

By Charles Weaver



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At the end of July 1967, I was on the Sir Winston Churchill, on the way to Dartmouth, via Bangor Anglesey, and St Peter Port CI.

It was always Captain Glyn Griffiths' policy to sail within twenty four hours of taking on a new bunch of trainees. We were all worked hard on the art of hoisting and lowering sail, Rigging climbing, steering, and runner drill. Runners are what you yachties call backstays. It quickly became apparent that there are no ropes on a sailing vessel. Halyards, Sheets, Footropes, Downhauls, Vangs. Shrouds, Stays, Lines and Hawsers. Collectively "Cordage". But no ropes.

As we came into Holyhead, my watch was standing on the starboard side, with our Watch leader Baxter-Jones (the only name I can remember on that trip) and our Watch Officer was standing nearby. We were moving very slowly, on a falling tide as luck would have it, I could feel the almost imperceptible jerk as we slid to a stop. I recognized this as I had been aboard my father's gaff cutter on a trip up and down the Fal river in Cornwall, where sliding up on the mud is an occupational hazard as the buoys are unreliable. I leaned forward, and said to the Watch Officer "I think we have run aground, Sir" This from a spotty 17yo to an experienced and much older

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Royal Navy Officer. The Watch Officer turned on me, and, in retrospect, quite rightly, as I was an opinionated little oik in those days,, and gave me a short but effective bollocking for speaking out of turn. If you are reading this, Mr Watch Officer, please accept my apologies for my impertinence.

After the running aground, we were determined to show the population of Holyhead what we could do. When we were due to depart, there was a crowd on the quay-side waiting for us to go aground again.



But we had prepared the ship to hoist sail as quickly as possible. Topsails were hoisted into the runners tied with rotten cotton, gaskets off Fore, Main, and Mizzen. As we moved away from the quay we all acted as one. Fore, Main and Mizzen

went up the masts together, quickly followed by all the headsails, and finally the two topsails were broken out. We had all the fore and aft canvas hoisted and pulling, engines off, before we passed the end of the breakwater.

It was a long hard beat down the Irish Sea with the wind at force seven across the deck a lot of the time. Going about in the dark, with green seas coming over the bows, five or six of us tailing back on the headsail sheets on a slippery deck. "Two Six Heave!" repeated over and over. BJ, "Come on, I want those sheets block and block!" Down again, several dozen bathfuls of Irish Sea pour over us. Up the side of a swell, feet almost leaving the deck as the ship got to the top. Palms burning, seaboots full and a nice hot cup of tea going cold in the PO mess. That was the outer jib. Next the inner jib, all over again. Thank God we



took in the Jib Topsail before dusk. Never mind, a smile on my face and murder in my heart.

One morning I was on lookout on the bridge and I spotted something coming up astern. Our Watch Officer (RN) identified them as a couple of Navy Frigates. It turned out he knew the skipper of one of them. The Frigates drew level with us and kept pace, about 200 yards off each beam. A conversation by Aldis Lamp ensued. Just like a scene from The Cruel Sea, without the smoke and gunfire. The crews of both warships were lining the rails, and we could see several cameras. I would love to see some of those pictures. After a bit, the lead Frigate flashed "Got to go, Bye" and both ships accelerated away ahead of us, then each turned away, one to port and one to starboard. As they turned and we could see them end-on, they were heeling with the speed of the turn. They continued turning in a wide circle until they were about half a mile astern and approaching us again, this time about 400 yards off each beam, and at full throttle. They drew level again, this time at speed, each one followed by a huge rooster tail, and disappeared over the horizon. As they passed our WO flashed "I wish we had topsails like yours"

We continued around Lands End and The Lizard to the Channel Islands. One trainee had the foresight to bring a couple of fishing lines, and he caught enough mackerel to feed the whole ships' company for one meal.

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John was able to continue with his work on keeping the beach clean starting back in June 2020. Other volunteers have also helped. Fire sets and dog mess have been an issue again.

JUNE: John cleared 10 fire sets and removed 21 lots of dog mess plus approx 5 black sacks full of rubbish which has included soiled tissue, sanitary products and recycling like cans that were thrown into the hedge and lots of broken glass.

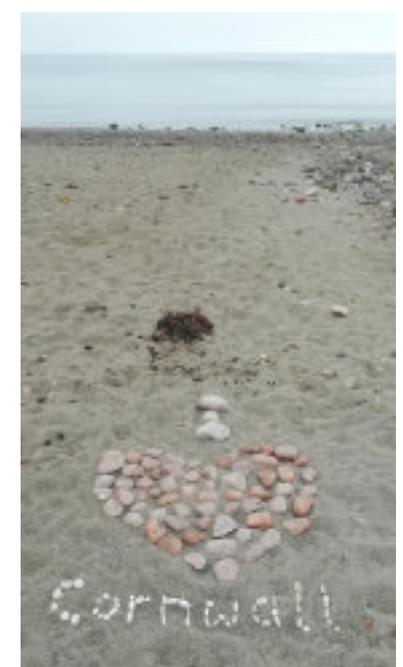
JULY: Several black bin bags of litter collected including lots of broken glass, large chemical container, soiled nappies, disposable BBQs, several fire sets, lots of dog mess and general litter strewn around.

AUGUST to 17.08.20: 13 black bin bags, rotting prawns in a cool bag, several lots of broken glass, broken beach chair, clothing, surfboards, plastic toys, beach parasol, 14 fire sets with one still smouldering, lots of dog mess – this included emptying dog waste bin which was so full of other rubbish it was impossible to put dog waste bags in, and human excrement.

There has been lots of free, wild camping during the Summer months – camping is allowed but it would be much appreciated if you would respect the area and leave it as you find it. So please take all your litter home including disposable BBQs, do not build new fire pits or pull-down living trees for fires. Sensible parking would be helpful as well by not using the turning bay.

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RUAN MINOR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



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Great news for all Football Fans as the LWC Drinks Combination League 2020/2021 Season will start on the 19th September. Our first match will be at home against Illogan 3pm kick off, followed by an away fixture to Helston on the 26th and then home again to Marazion on the 3rd October.

We played two friendlies during August. The first against Mullion who we beat 5-0, goals coming from William 'Guns' Trewin, Troy 'Navy Boy' Rendle, Shaun 'Ice Man' Hicks and two from Jack 'Farmer Handsome' Green. Man of the match was William 'Guns' Trewin. Our second friendly was against a very strong Falmouth team who we beat 1-0, the winning goal coming from Josh 'Super Skills' Wilson-Hone and the man of the match was our best looking farmer Jack 'Handsome' Green. We would also like to thank Tony Bennett for refereeing the matches and doing a great job in getting the games played. So overall a good start and we look forward to our first home game on the 19th September.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors that have agreed to support us again this year and also if any new businesses or individuals would like to sponsor a match ball or have a sign then please contact myself on 07920114074 or info@nwrecruit.co.uk.



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Special date for your diary must be the 26th Dec at 11.00am when on Boxing Day we welcome the Onions from Lizard FC to compete for the Old Boot currently it sits proudly on our trophy shelf in the Pavilion and I'm sure the Rats will want to keep it there!!

So here are our home fixtures for the first 3 months

19/9 Home to Illogan - 3pm K/O

3/10 Home to Marazion - 3pm K/O

17/10 Home to Wendron - 3pm K/O

31/10 Home to St Day - 3pm K/O

7/11 Home to Holmans - 2pm K/O in League Cup

21/11 Home to Culdrose - 3pm K/O

Once again I would like to thank the Recreation Committee for allowing us to use the facilities and we will be publishing latest Covid safety measures and procedures for match days. Finally thanks again to all our sponsors and we look forward to seeing all our supporters again soon for the forthcoming season
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Gardening in September

by David Endean

Well hello all! Where have you all been? What a strange time it has been and still to come I am sure. The weather since I last wrote has been really good. A lot of people have had a lot more time on their hands and nowhere to go so their gardens have benefitted.

September is the start of Autumn: cool dewy mornings and the evenings start to race in, but there are still jobs to do in what for many has become their little patch of sanity or daily exercise area.

First thing to do is to keep your flower beds, borders and tubs looking good for as long as possible with dead heading and removal of dead, diseased and dying leaves and stems, as you are more likely to get fungal problems at this time of year. But if your pots and areas of bedding are truly finished, take the bull by the horns and rip them out, revitalise the soil with some fertiliser and homemade garden compost, then plant something fresh. The choice is yours - you may be tempted by some of that autumn / winter bedding like Violas, Cyclamen and Dianthus, which are looking good now and will perk your life up immediately. Another plan is to play the longer game and plant some spring bedding like Wallflowers, Sweet William or even Foxgloves. Then you could always plant some spring bulbs like Daffodils and Tulips.

We are awash with catalogues at the moment, arriving in the post or in the papers and magazines. If mail order gardening was not busy enough before, it went mad after lockdown when garden centres had to close temporarily, so much so that many could not cope and ran out of stock. All the companies have now expanded their mail order / online businesses .

Early autumn is a good time to move and divide many perennial herbaceous plants, these are the plants that flower every year but do not form woody stems. They die back each winter and come again from the roots in the spring. Do not dig up and split for the sake of it but if you want some more of it or perhaps a friend wants a bit, now is the time. Also sometimes the centre of the clump becomes woody and unproductive even dying out, so it's good to lift, separate some bits from the outside of the plant to replant, then discard the rest. Firstly water the plant a day or so before you do the deed, then chop off the top of the plant. Then dig up with a spade and chop out the bits you want. Watering the plant beforehand aids in several ways: it will reduce transplant shock getting the plant off to a good start, make the ground easier to dig and help to keep the clumps of soil together. Prepare the soil well where these divisions are to be planted, Dig over well, remove all the weeds especially those perennial beasts, then add some organic matter - either homemade garden compost or well-rotted manure. Also add some slow release fertiliser. Plant at the same level as the plants were in the soil before and water in well. They will not make much top growth this year, but the warm soil will encourage

root growth and put them in good stead for next year. The plants that I am thinking about are Astilbes, Hardy Geraniums, Asters, Sedums and many more.

Hedges are growing well. Like most things in life little and often is best, and this is the case for trimming them. Doing this will keep your hedge looking neat and compact. Down here, most hedges seem to grow all year round but try to time it so that your last trimming of leylandii type hedges is somewhere around mid-September. This will give it some time to recover but also toughen up before the winter salt-laden winds return to burn the foliage; later trimming could well lead to the hedge burning.

In the vegetable garden harvesting will now be well under way. Keep picking beans of all types regularly so they remain young fresh and tender. The same goes for the salad crops at this time of year, as with hot dry times these crops tend to bolt after a thunder storm. The extra moisture makes them think that it is now or never to reproduce and set seed. It is generally too late to sow lettuce seed now to mature outdoors but it is still worth sowing some seed to harvest as just young fresh leaves. With protection this can almost happen all year round. As crops finish, tidy up, clear the ground and keep weed free, perhaps plant some winter brassicas if you can get hold of the plants and keep the pigeons off.

Well, keep safe and enjoy your gardening.



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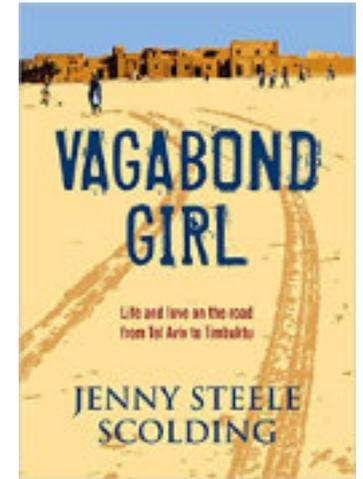
Vagabond Girl

By Jenny Steele Scolding

Jenny has lived in Cadgwith with her husband Bill, and two children Jake and Gwen, since 1986. Her recently published book "Vagabond Girl" tells the extraordinary story of her travels in her 20s and 30s, mostly on her own and with very little money. Her experiences make for fascinating reading.

Synopsis

In 1964, aged 21, Jenny Steele walks out of her job at the BBC and buys a one-way ticket on a steamer to Israel. She has just £20 in her pocket. So begins her lifelong passion for the open road, travelling rough and living by her wits, in an era before mobile phones, ATMs and the internet. Jenny's fascinating and frank account charts her journey from a Surrey convent school to rural India and the desert wastes of Iran, Sudan and the Sahara. Hitch-hiking on trucks and sleeping anywhere – in doss houses, brothels, cow sheds, temples or beneath the open skies – she receives extraordinary hospitality from people in all walks of life, gaining an intimate insight into their struggles and dreams. Taking whatever jobs come to hand, Jenny learns how to survive in a male-dominated world, eventually building a career in documentary film and television. As we follow her progress through the 1960s and '70s, witnessing her wild escapades and multiple love affairs, we also brush with pivotal moments in history: India and Pakistan at war; Nyerere's socialist Tanzania; famine in Ethiopia; religious riots in Nigeria. Along the way we meet prime ministers, film stars, famous artists and writers, rock legends and revolutionaries.



Reviews (extracts from reviews on Amazon)

★★★★★ Descriptions are dazzling - I could hear the din, taste the dust and feel the heat of each remote village. Characters are vibrant - some I'd like to have a pint with and listen to their yarns, some I'd like to punch in the face. All written up with humanity and verve. Brilliant.

★★★★★ Beautifully written from the heart, you won't be disappointed.

★★★★★ A great read of a life well led!! Fantastic insights into the lives of ordinary and extraordinary people as Jenny travels to and through India and Africa. It makes you want to pack up your bags and head out on an adventure.

★★★★★ This is travel as it was in the 60s and 70s in true Laurie Lee-style, before Lonely Planet and the Rough Guides had helped map the world for curious young travellers.

★★★★★ There's never a dull moment, racing through love, life, hardship, illness and supreme happiness, always accompanied by relaxed good nature and humour. I'm still wondering how the author survived to tell the tale. Well worth a read.

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- 3 Fishing village once owned by The Queen of England ?
- 4 Grand Western Canal Country Park is located where ?
- 5 Where would you find a Working Wool Museum ?
- 6 Devon Explorer who circumnavigated the world ?
- 7 How many Islands are there in Devon ?

Answers to April's Quiz

Year	Just a few of the locations	Clue	Film?
1949	River Fal, Helford River	Pirate	Treasure Island
1971	St Buryan, Lamorna Cove	Canine	Straw Dogs
1976	Charleston Rock	Bird of Prey	The Eagle has Landed
1989	Isles of Scilly	Mammal	When the Whales Came
2002	Torpoint, Charlestown	Fantasy Novel	Alice in Wonderland
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2013	Vault Beach, Portloe, Truro	Clock	About Time

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Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Council Meeting held at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on the 9th March 2020 at 19:30

219/19 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Green (Chairing the meeting), Agutter, Clifton, P Collins, S Collins, Fleetwood, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllr Preston (Chair).

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

220/19 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

None.

221/19 Public Participation.

D Mitchell (agent) and F Bristow (applicant) gave context to PA20/00837.

G Johns spoke in favour of the principle of the Council safeguarding fishing cellars for use by the industry.

222/19 Reports from outside bodies.

NOTED a new Police Liaison group meeting on 11th March in Falmouth.

223/19 Council Meeting: Minutes 10 February 2020

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 **NOTED**. Cllrs S Collins/Lee. 9 voted in favour, 2 abstained: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton.

224/19 Extraordinary Council meeting: Minutes 3rd March 2020

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. No matters arising **NOTED**. Cllrs S Collins/Lee. 6 voted in favour, 5 abstained: Cllrs Agutter, Clifton, Green, P Collins, Stephens.

225/19 **PA20/00837: Change of use of recreational paddock to mixed use of recreational paddock and the stationing of two shepherds huts for additional holiday accommodation to support the existing letting business.** Mr & Mrs Bristow. Polstangey Praze Road From Junction South Of Polstangey Bungalow To Polstangey Bridge Ruan Minor TR12 7LS

The Council discussed in full and noted potential concerns raised by the AONB Unit, by members of the public, highways access, and questions about whether there was a need for the development and if it constituted development in the open countryside and contradicted Local Plan Policy 23. The Council supported the application on the condition that the currently sited caravan is removed as part of planning permission - given that it is an eyesore. Proposed, seconded. 6 voted in favour, 5 against.

PA20/00595: Application for extension of extant garage permission and re-site oil tank. Bill Archer. Mermaid Cottage Ruan Minor TR12 7JT.

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

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PA20/01333: Proposed replacement of bi-fold doors with sliding patio doors and replacement windows. Gilbert & Goode. Flats 1, 3, 5 And 7 The Beach Kuggar Ruan Minor TR12 7LX

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

226/19 Planning Applications decided by the Planning Authority

None.

227/19 Preapplications, consultations, appeals and enforcement cases.

RECEIVE an update on Polstangey Praze enforcement (PA17/01591/PREAPP) which stated that removal of the caravan is not enforcement, but residential use of it is.

RECEIVED a consultation on Climate Change Planning Document; no action needed.

228/19 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
Grade Ruan Gazette	Subscriptions for Cllr Rule CC and Clerk	35.00
Parish Online	Software subscription	36.00
R Sanders	Addition verge and footpath cuts	259.20
Cornwall Council	Planning training x3 Cllrs	45.00
Trevena Cross	Trees	166.20
L Dunkley	Expenses and reimbursements Nov-Mar	188.47
St Grade PCC	Grant	1950.00
Staffing		566.33

Cllrs Lee/S Collins. Unanimous.

229/19 Rough sleeping in the Parish

RECEIVED an update on a reported issues as above. The person in question is being assisted by the Church and the relevant authorities are aware. The Council received a report of comments in the local press by a "former Councillor" and instructed the Clerk to write a clarification that views expressed were not that of the Council.

230/19 Fishing Cellars update: non-confidential matters

RECEIVED a progress update on all buildings and associated potential projects. The Extraordinary Council meeting on 3rd March showed public support for the principle of safeguarding buildings for use by the fishing industry, though more consultation and support is needed in order to progress. Further discussion is needed with potential vendors. Public Works Loans and other funding sources were discussed. Priorities out of the three buildings were discussed. The core reasons underlying the principle of safeguarding the buildings were outlined and included the preservation of the heritage and 'soul' of Cadgwith, and that any action would be in place to facilitate, and not subsidise, the fishing industry. Maintenance queries were raised, as was the future of the industry

regardless of Council action. The next phase of public consultation was discussed.

231/19 VE Day celebrations

RECEIVED an update from Cllr Agutter on plans for the event on the evening of 9th May at the Village Hall, to include refreshments, poetry and music. The event is labelled "VE 75th anniversary of Peace". The Council were supportive.

232/19 Grass Cutting at play area

CONSIDERED a specification and instructed the Clerk to seek quotations following the ending of the current contract by the contractor.

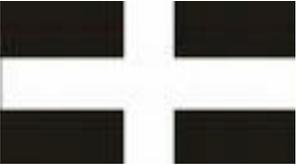
233/19 Repairs and signage at play area

CONSIDERED as above for minor repairs and dog waste enforcement signs. A maintenance contract is being investigated.

234/19 Future housing provision

CONSIDERED a report from Cllr Freeman as above. There was a lengthy discussion about the role of the Council in shaping development in the Parish. It was discussed that the current planning responses are reactive by nature and the idea of taking a proactive and strategic role was raised. A 'housing policy' was suggested, though advice from the Clerk suggested that land allocation by a Parish Council could only normally be done via the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. No further action at this time.

235/19 Martha's Acre project



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RESOLVED to formally support the project in light of discussion at the Extraordinary meeting on 3rd March 2020. A sum of funding towards the project to be agreed at a future meeting when applicable.

236/19 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.

a) **RECEIVED** an update on all existing Highways concerns. The appointment of a new Highway Area Manager on 1st April will trigger renewed attempts to communicate effectively and make progress on all outstanding matter.

b) As above

c) As above

d) **CONSIDERED** other reports: Fly tipping and shed installation on land between Ruan Minor and Cadgwith was reported.

237/19 Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies. None.

Cont....

238/19 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 14th April.

NOTED: To change the date from Monday 13th April (East Monday bank holiday) to Tuesday 14th April; VE Day funding; PROW maintenance quotes; Play Area grass quotes; Play Area repairs and maintenance contract quote.

239/19 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. Cllrs Lee/S Collins. Unanimous.

240/19 Fishing Cellars update: confidential matters

RECEIVED a progress update on all buildings and associated potential projects. Key questions and discussion points included the role of the Council and the need for a Trust to take on management; priorities within the three buildings and justifications for this. A working group was set up to arrange material and coordinate a public consultation meeting, and investigate financial costs to parishioners, and investigate the arrangements for a Trust to undertake management. Cllrs Green, S Collins, Trewin and Lee were appointed to the working group. *Cllr Lee subsequently withdrew and has been replaced by Cllr Freeman.*

The meeting closed at 22:30.

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Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Council Meeting held at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on the 15th June 2020 at 19:30

1/20 Persons Present/Apologies

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

Apologies: Cllr Agutter.

Absent: Cllr Clifton.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 0 members of the press/public.

2/20 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

None.

**Cllr S Collins left the meeting*

3/20 Standing Orders supplement

RESOLVED to adopt supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings, lasting until May 7th 2021 or the repeal of legislation whichever is the earlier. Cllrs Fleetwood/P Collins. Unanimous.

4/20 Allotments

RECEIVED a report on allotment provision. The Council were supportive of the project to create community allotment plots by the landowners in question. It was decided to respond as above, subject to the relevant permissions being obtained and regulations being met.

5/20 Delegated authority

RESOLVED to:

- approve a scheme of delegated authority to ratify previous decision-making, and allow future decision-making throughout the COVID-19 'lockdown';
- to delegate authority to the Clerk to make routine payments;
- to delegate authority to the Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair to decide upon the other matters outlined in the delegated authority document – specifically on calling electronic and physical meetings, and the continuation or suspension of contracted work.

Cllrs Harry/Fleetwood. Unanimous.

6/20 Council Meeting: Minutes 9 March 2020

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Freeman/Trewin. 8 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Preston. No matters arising **NOTED**.

**Cllr S Collins re-entered the meeting*

7/20 Finance report and payments

RESOLVED to adopt the Finance Report and retrospectively authorise payments. Cllrs P Collins/Harry. Unanimous.

Cont...

Parish Council Minutes, cont.

Mr L Carter	Cleaning April, May, June	60.00
EDF Energy	Lighting April, May, June	36.00
Cornwall ALC	Annual Membership	433.40
Randle Thomas	Legal Advice – Winch House	168.96
Hudson Accounting	Internal Audit	200.00
R Sanders	PROW cutting	764.90
Biffa	Dog Waste bin emptying	1013.38
BHIB	Annual insurance renewal	1146.82
Staffing	April, May & June	2123.87

*Cllr Freeman left the meeting

8/20 **Annual Return Section 1: Annual Governance Statement 2019/20**
RESOLVED to approve the above as circulated. Cllrs S Collins/Trewin. Unanimous.

9/20 **Annual Return Section 2: Accounting Statements 2019/20**
RESOLVED to approve the above as circulated. Cllrs S Collins/Fleetwood. Unanimous.

10/20 **Internal Auditor's report year end 2019/20**
NOTED the content as above. Thanks were given to the Clerk.

11/20 **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 and contracts. Cllrs Fleetwood/Trewin. Unanimous.

*Cllr Freeman re-entered the meeting

12/20 **Energy Contract**
RECEIVED quotations for electricity for public lighting and **RESOLVE** to enter a contract with Octopus if the unit rate and standing charge remain as quoted. Cllrs Fleetwood/S Collins. Unanimous.

13/20 **Public Rights of Way maintenance Contract**
RECEIVED quotations as above and retrospectively **RESOLVED** to enter a contract with R Sanders. Cllrs Fleetwood/Harry. Unanimous.

14/20 **Play Area grass cutting contract**
RECEIVED quotations as above and **RESOLVED** to enter a contract with R Sanders (with anti-weed fabric option). Cllrs P Collins/Trewin. Unanimous.

15/20 **Play Area inspection and repairs contract**
RECEIVED a quotation as above. Further information to be sought about insurance requirements and an inspection package.

The meeting closed at 21:15.

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Update on Flora the blind rescue dog from Thailand.

By Julie Oldfield



Flora was due to arrive in England in March along with 5 other dogs who had been offered forever homes in the UK. However things were not plain sailing for the Super Six, due to the evolving pandemic, Covid 19. We were told that this trip had been cancelled and the dogs were effectively stuck in the Soi Dog sanctuary in Phuket. As you can imagine we were devastated. Then we received a message from Soi asking if we were able to get to Heathrow airport to collect Flora, if they could manage to get them on a flight. Of course we said yes, straightaway. So after lots of frantic messages back and forth we finally found ourselves waiting nervously for the now famous five to arrive!

It was several hours before they were released; they had all endured a long arduous flight and were tired and hungry. It was great meeting the other adopters and recognising some of the dogs we had met previously at Soi.

Flora has settled in nicely here in Cadgwith, she is an amazing dog. She is blind and brain damaged due to being buried alive in a rubbish

dump as a puppy. This hasn't stopped her from being completely house trained, even though she has never lived in a house before! Her favourite pastime is trotting around the garden, avoiding the ducks and chickens, and chasing her tail. She can often be seen sunbathing in our front garden at Marlea, in Prazegooth, feel free to say hi if you're passing. If you would like to help the rescue dogs in Thailand please visit their website at www.soidog.org.



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