

# Grade Ruan Gazette

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# Noticeboard

Welcome to the March issue of the Gazette. It's the first in Volume 36. Who would have thought when the Gazette first appeared in 1987 that it would still be going in 2022?

Many of you will remember Robbie and Denise Wilson who lived at The Haven for many years, running a successful B&B. They moved to Devoran a few years ago to be nearer family. Denise had not been in the best of health recently and sadly she passed away in late January.

Sad news also about the death of Revd. Nigel Fry who used to visit Cadgwith frequently, with his wife Jan and dog Jack. Jan died some years ago, and I don't think Nigel had been down since, but those who knew him will have fond memories of his wit and gentle manner.

After a final appeal last month for a volunteer to distribute the Gazette in Treal, Claire Goddard kindly came forward. We are especially grateful to her as she doesn't even live in Treal. Thank you Claire, your help is appreciated.

*Moir Hurst*

**Happy Birthday in March** to: Matilda Phillips, Mark Outten, Juliet Edwards, Paddy Alfrey-Cryan, Jake Woodley, Toby Goddard, Jane Vowles (a big O!), Norma Gossip, Peggy Thompson, David Rogers, Jessica Bennett, Tilly Alfrey-Cryan, Jake Scolding, Jamma Phillips, Kyra Tonks, Jenny Scolding, Mel Downing, Treve Harry, Terry Stephens, Bruce Jane, Paul Collins, Bertie L-B, Sheila Collins, Brian Brown, Sophie Rose J, Deborah Stephens

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# **RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL**

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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.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS - LET US KNOW!**

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# What's ON

## **Breaking News**

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# **A NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - FOR GRADE-RUAN ?**

Every year dozens of Planning Applications are made within the Parish of Grade-Ruan. In addition there are individual consultations and 'Pre-Applications' about development, Appeals about decisions, and the inevitable Enforcement cases about 'uncontrolled development'. The number of applications is steadily increasing.

The Parish Council are a 'Consultee' and can respond to and represent the local community, but the final decisions rest with Cornwall Council, which in turn is guided by adopted policies.



One way that local communities like ours can have more leverage and influence is to adopt a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) which would effectively be an adopted local policy written by us, here.

Unlike the Parish Plan document we produced in 2002, an NDP would have real legal weight and would create new planning laws specific to our parish which developers and the planning authority must follow. NDPs can prevent building on specific greenfield areas, can insist upon principal occupancy for new houses (i.e. refuse building second homes), can set rules for affordable and local needs housing and can set settlement boundaries to prevent sprawl.

Cont....

The Parish Council are keen to submit to Cornwall Council a statement identifying the Parish of Grade-Ruan as a designated area wishing to start writing an NDP.

Developing a Plan is not within the remit of the Parish Council, although they will make the initial application to get started. There needs to be a separate 'Steering Group' for what is a long process of local consultation about what we do and don't want – so we can choose the right kind of development in the right places.

There is an open meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7pm in the Chapel meeting room, Ruan Minor. If the future of our area interests you and you feel you may wish to contribute, please come along; or please write to the Clerk to the Parish Council with any comments and expressions of interest. [clerk@grpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@grpc.org.uk)

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*From Audrey Hewitt*

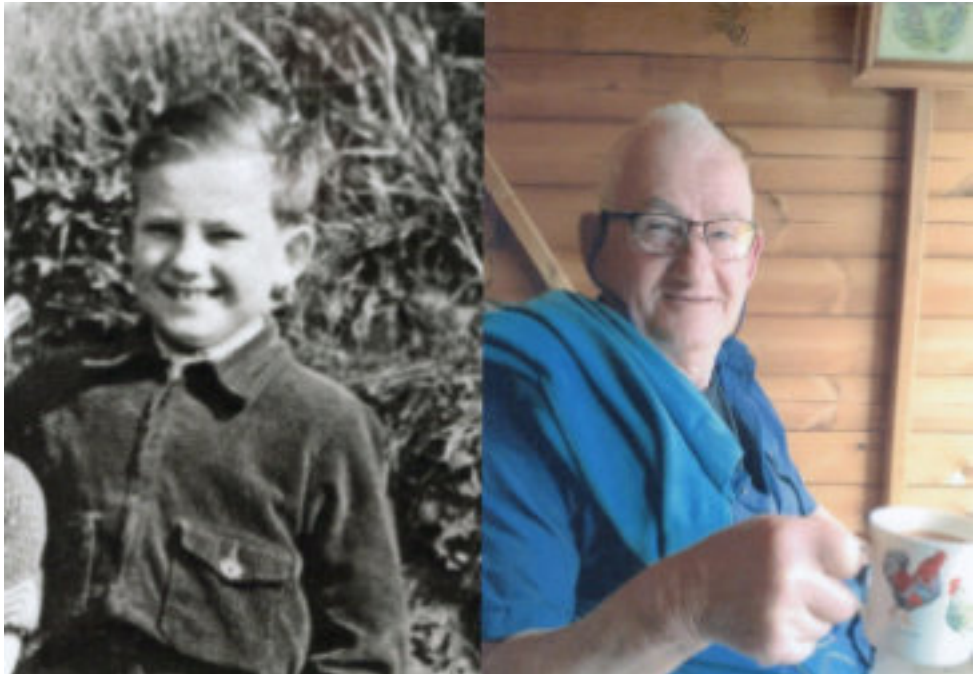


*Wishing my brother Hedley Rowe a very happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28<sup>th</sup> March.*

*He lived with his parents Ewart and Hilary Rowe at Trevedon Farm, and went to Ruan Minor School, until the family moved to Wadebridge, North Cornwall in December 1953.*

*He's married to Shirley and they have two daughters Johannah and Elizabeth, two sons-in-law and four Grandchildren. His leisure time is spent in the garden and greenhouse, and watching his favourite team Manchester City play football.*

*The photos below show him when he was at school and as he is now.*





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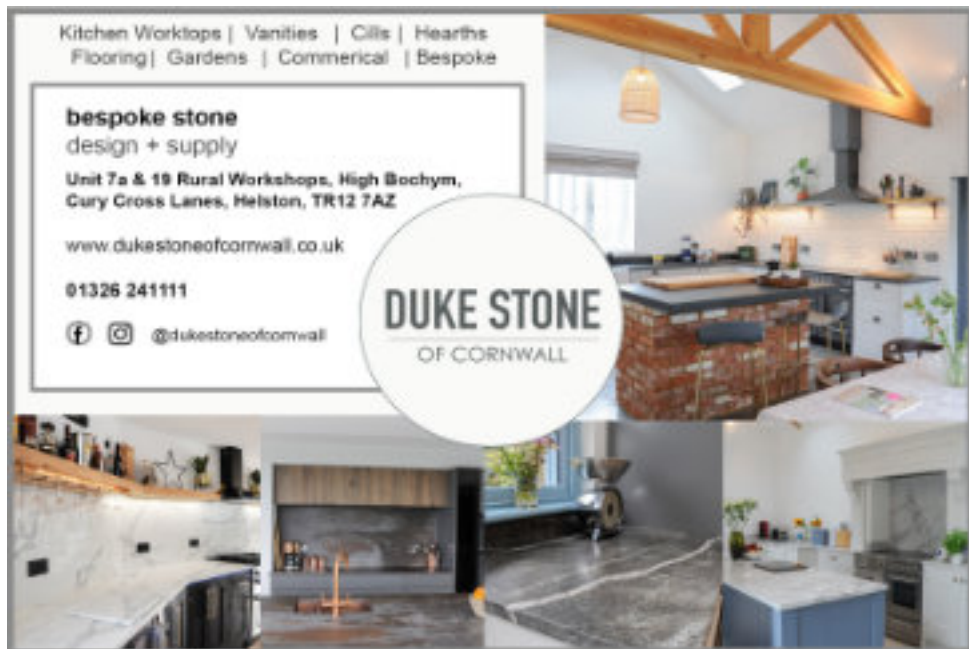
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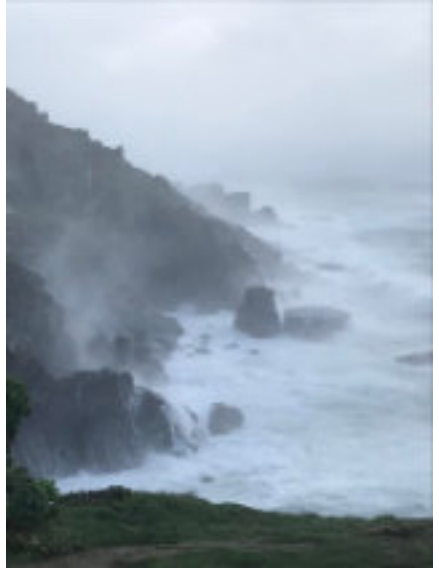
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# Storm Eunice

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



*Above:* Tree down in St. Ruan  
[Photo by Andrew Fletcher]



*Right:* Stormy Seas  
[Photo by Jake Scolding]

*Below:* Turnstones at Lizard Point  
[Photo by Chris Hunt]



*Bottom Left:*  
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*Below:* Foam at  
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David Endean has sent in this fascinating and very relevant photograph of people queuing for their polio inoculation. The van was in the playground of the school in Ruan. The child coming out of the van was David's mum, Elizabeth. David thinks the photo was taken by Jeff Roberts, another Ruan man who had a studio.



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# Recreation Ground News



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I'm writing as the tail end of Storm Eunice blows itself out! Fortunately, there has been only minor damage at the Recreation Ground - there're a couple of slates come adrift in the gully above the changing room entrance (one has been loose for a while!) but nothing else

that I can see, other than one of the ash-trays rescued from a neighbour's garden! Repairs to the slates are in hand, and should be sorted out by the time you read this.

Now half-way through the 6-Nations rugby, we have had a few busy weekends. Also, we have been staying open later on Friday and Saturday evenings, so after a relatively quiet December/January things are picking up now. We've hosted our last darts match of the season and, I think, there's one more euchre match to host. There are no more league football matches scheduled now, but there will probably be a couple of cup matches - so maybe we'll see some "silverware" on the shelf soon?

There are a couple of other regular activities recently started - Mary Keeley runs a monthly Book Club on the second Tuesday of each month and Nicky Jose and Angela Agutter are organising an Evergreen Club on Wednesday afternoons starting on 16th March. Please contact the organisers for further details.

So, as we draw to the end of the Winter season we start planning for our May Festival and looking ahead to the Summer! As you will have probably noticed, the Late May Bank Holiday is actually in June this year and includes the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Also we have celebrations of our own as Jake and Emma are getting married on the 3rd June. So, on the Recreation Ground, the weekend looks like this:

1. Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - nothing organised by us, but the Rec is available if anyone wants to use it. We will probably open the bar in the evening - unless that clashes with other organised events.
2. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Jake and Emma's wedding. This is a not a "public" event.
3. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - This is our "One-Day" May Festival. The bar will be open and there will be live music in the afternoon and evening. Sideshows, food, and other activities are being arranged



- more information nearer to the date.

4. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Village Jubilee Celebrations, so nothing organised by us.

Obviously this is still at an early stage of planning so the details may change!

Also we are starting to look ahead to planning Summer events. The plan is to book bands for a few Saturday evenings in July and August, trying to avoid clashing with other events. Hopefully I will be able to report dates and bands booked in next month's Gazette.

Oh, yes, talking of advance planning - our Firework Display is booked for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November! Make a date in your diary!

We have a few projects on the go at the moment. We are still waiting to get the kitchen sink relocated (back to where it was originally!) so we can finally fit some new work surfaces and shelves. We are going to fit short sections of fences and gates to close off the space behind the Pavilion (it worries me when I see children running round the back - there are unexpected steps and other hazards!). We will be installing some low-level lights along the driveway, to make it safer to walk in the dark evenings. We are hoping to fit some swing-doors between the main room and the lobby in front of the toilets, and a sight screen in the "gents" loo. Also, a couple of notice-boards inside and a new sign-board by the main entrance (surprising how many people say they don't know how to find us! Although, the new "bar open/closed" sign helps). We have decided it's about time we got some new chairs - the ones we have were all given to us (half from Sea Acres and the rest from Mullion Golf Club) but they are looking a bit shabby now. None of these projects are particularly expensive, so no additional fund-raising is needed. A bigger project we are starting to plan is the completion of the surfacing of the patio in front of the Pavilion. We are also looking into covering it over with a temporary or permanent awning, so we can use it as an enclosed extension to the main bar for events in the Winter (or, indeed, all year round) - this will be an expensive project, so we will be looking for grant funding - but it's at a very early stage yet.

On the subject of projects - the Parish Council has kindly supplied a couple of cycle hoops - so if you wish to come to the Rec by bicycle, there is now somewhere secure to park them.

I think that's about all for the time being. many thanks for your continuing support,

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## Village Hall Quiz

### 25<sup>th</sup> January

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*Just the Seven of Us* on 60pts, followed by:

*Fox and Hounds* and *The Three Degrees* with 59pts

*Scilly Old Fools* 55pts

*Jumblies* 48½pts

*Famous Five* in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 45½pts.

Thank to you all for making the evening a great success.

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# Rector's Ramblings

**H**ow do we handle temptation? "I can resist everything but temptation" – so said Irish poet and playwright, Oscar Wilde. It's a good quote to remember as we begin our Lenten observance!

During Lent we remember Jesus' experience in the wilderness (*Matthew 4:1-11*), when 'he was led by the Spirit ... to be tempted by the devil.' Temptation is a test of obedience: whether we do things our way or God's way. After 40 days of fasting Jesus was tired, hungry and vulnerable. Like him, the Devil/Satan will attack us at our most vulnerable moments, especially during these past two years and this pandemic.

Satan's first temptation was for Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus' ministry, though, was not about meeting his own needs, but being nourished by God's Word. 'We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God' (*Deuteronomy 8:3*). Like Jesus, we are called to make God our priority and trust Him completely.

Satan's second temptation was for Jesus to put God to the test. Yes, for sure, jumping off the Temple pinnacle would have been a dramatic way for Jesus to gain popularity, but this is not God's way! 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' (*Deuteronomy 6:16*). We too need to learn this lesson!

The third temptation was for Jesus to worship Satan, so the Devil took Jesus to a mountain to offer him worldly power. In contrast, Jesus' calling as the Messiah was to be marked by suffering and honouring God. 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only' (*Deuteronomy 6:13*). This is often our experience in living for God rather than worldly 'idols'.

How to handle temptation? By letting Jesus stand with us in our temptations. As we claim the promises of Scripture, we will find strength in the power of the Spirit and the victory of the Cross.

'If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you'll be at rest!' (*Corrie ten Boom; writer; 1892-1983*).

Blessings

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Sunday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	11am - Sylvia Richards, Communion
Sunday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	11am - Rev Diane Grice, United Service
Sunday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	11am - Adrian Hendy
Sunday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	11am - LCA (service arranged by Chapel members)

## **Church of England Services**

### **March**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Ash Wednesday**

Holy Communion at St Wynwallow Church 10am

Holy Communion at St Keverne Church 7pm

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer, St Ruan Church 11.15am

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, St Ruan Church 9.30am

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Family Service, St Ruan Church 11.15am

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, St Ruan Church 9.30am

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*John Harris*

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# THE LIZARD LIFEBOAT VISITOR CENTRE NEWS

By David Gascoigne, Visitor Centre Manager

If, historically, New Year has been the busiest of periods for the lifeboats of the Lizard, then the month of March has, again historically, been the busiest of months.

Carrying over 400 passengers and crew as well as 12,000 tons of cargo valued at £400,000, the ss Suevic left Australia on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1907 bound for Liverpool. On the 17<sup>th</sup> March, as the ship approached the Cornish coast, she became severely hindered by a violent gale, extremely rough seas and dense fog. Seeing the beam of the Lizard Lighthouse and thinking it was some 10 miles distant, the captain powered ahead at full speed and ran aground on the Maenheere Reef just off Lizard Point. After the engines were shut down, flares were launched and the alarm raised, starting a most incredible rescue operation that involved 4 lifeboats, lasted over 16 hours and which saved the lives of 456 people. Everyone

on board the stricken vessel (including 50 babies) were safely brought to shore – an incredible feat of skill, strength and commitment indeed. The Cadgwith Lifeboat, 'Minnie Moon' rescued 227 people, the Lizard boat 'Sir George Back' saved 167, Coverack's boat 'Constance Melanie', 44 and the Porthleven lifeboat, 'John Frances Wright' 19. It was a truly remarkable rescue operation and still ranks as No. 1 in the RNLI's all-time list of lives saved in one 'shout'.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1921, the (then) new motorised Lizard Lifeboat, 'RNLB Frederick H Pilley', was called for her first 'Shout' to assist

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the Admiralty Drifter, 'HMS Gloaming'. The vessel had run aground on the ledges off Lizard Point at full speed and the resultant impact threw those crew member who were asleep from their bunks to the cabin floor. Rocket lines were fired from the cliffs but the distance was too great and it was left to the lifeboat to rescue the entire ships complement of 15 and take them to safety. Later in the morning, the rescued crew members were taken out to their parent ship, 'HMS Pandora' of the First Submarine Flotilla, which was on passage from Pembroke to Portland.

A year later, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1922, the 'Frederick H Pilley' launched shortly before noon in response to an SOS message picked up by the Land's End Wireless Station. The coxswain was informed that a vessel was in distress some 22 miles to the south and the lifeboat launched into an easterly gale and very heavy seas. After two hours of arduous searching, the lifeboat found the cargo steamship 'Depute Henri Durre' lying with a heavy list due to her cargo shifting in the storm. The ship's master asked the lifeboat to stand by but ignored the coxswain's advice to seek shelter and continued to steam up the Channel, rolling dangerously. After a short period of escorting the ship, the master just dismissed the lifeboat with a mere wave of his hand!!

On the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March. By high 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.

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We also ask that those folks enjoying a drink at our lovely beach to please be thoughtful and responsible by taking empty cans and bottles home to recycle with household waste.

***Beach cleans take place on the first Sunday of the month with equipment provided. The next one will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10am. All Welcome!***

*Anne Tryhorn*



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29/1	A	St. Just Reserves	7 - 1
5/2	H	Perranporth Reserves	0 - 4
12/2	H	St. Keverne	2 - 5

## Upcoming Fixtures

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5/3	A	Falmouth Reserves
12/3	A	Storm



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We are always looking to seek new volunteers to join our Fundraising team and Visitor Centre situated within the station. If you are interested in either or both of these roles then please contact Ian Harvey (Fundraising) [harveyiand@aol.com](mailto:harveyiand@aol.com) and/or David Gascoigne (Visitor Manager) [janndave43@hotmail.com](mailto:janndave43@hotmail.com) for further information.

Up to date news, information and photographs can be found on the station's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. On behalf at all at The Lizard Lifeboat Station we thank you for your continued and invaluable support.

Lyndsay Bray  
Lizard Lifeboat Press Officer  
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# Gardening in March

by David Endean

As I write this article, we are between storms Dudley and Eunice, something that we are eminently used to, but we have come through an unusually benign winter this year, so this is somewhat an unwanted departing gift from winter really. Luckily there is not much young growth breaking to get damaged in the winds.

Well March is the time I really get going for seed sowing in the greenhouse, this year more than ever before the great peat debate is rearing its head. With all domestic use of peat in composts set to be banned by the government by 2024 and commercial use to end by 2030ish and the usual compost harder to get hold of, what will you be sowing your seeds into this year? I have always been an advocate of peat based seed and potting composts and I wrote an essay and presentation on this subject back in my university days. A good peat-based seed compost is really hard to beat as a substrate peat is ideal as it retains moisture well and nutrients and is generally sterile which is vital for seed sowing. The alternatives have generally been coarse, very free draining and struggled to retain moisture, often poorly sterilised, but the biggest downfall and what generally rules life is that the alternatives have just been too expensive. Money is always the biggest driving factor in all walks of life, however good people's intentions are.

To this effect this season I am trialling a peat free alternative alongside my usual trusted peat-based compost. It must be said that some brands of regular compost are not great. The peat free compost I will be using is made by Melcourt and has an RHS accreditation and is sold locally. I understand that it is more free draining than my usual compost and I am prepared to have to feed the plants more in it as this is a known problems with the peat free alternatives. The companies are going to have to reformulate their plant food to accommodate this I feel. I will keep you updated how I get on, this change in compost use is not a new phenomenon: a generation or more back prepared composts were not so readily available and gardeners of old had their own mixes which were loam based and had leaf mould and other bits in. Some people still like this idea but they could vary a lot and making them sterile so you had no weed seed and diseases in them was not easy to the home gardener. The pre-prepared peat based compost in-

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creased germination success. I must say I have never advocated these peat-based composts to be used as soil conditioners, truly this is a waste of resources and expense when cheaper alternatives which in my opinion do a superior job exist. Using well-rotted farmyard manure, leaf mould or garden compost, is better as peat in its elf has no nutritional value to the plant and weed seed is less of an issue as there will be a natural seed bank in the soil that you are mixing up which you will have to contend with also. The only time to consider its use in this way is for ericaceous plants when you are looking to keep a low pH, but the use of sulphur chips can help with this.

Perhaps you read this more for jobs to do, so I will try to give you some before I run out of my allotted space. Now is the time to prune back shrubs like the dogwoods and willows which are grown for their coloured stems. These are most pronounced on the young growth so regular pruning helps to keep the bushes young and vibrant looking and also neatly contained as they grow fast and can sprawl around and smother some of your other garden goodies. Those winter flowering heathers will be sadly coming to an end soon now so as the flowers fade get the shears out and trim the bushes lightly to remove the old flowers. This will help to keep the bush compact and not too woody as they do not regenerate well from old wood. I really do like winter flowering heathers - they are good doers in my book cheerful over a very long period in the winter, robust as long as they are not shaded and more tolerant of a higher pH than their summer flowering brethren.

I will be sowing my tomatoes in the greenhouse this month as I find this is always early enough and some early crops of lettuce, cabbage, spring onions, beetroot radish and carrots undercover. Out in the veg patch, ground preparation will take place in earnest ready for my Sweetpeas to be planted out in April. Also, if I can I like to plant out my onion sets later in the month if the weather allows. This year I will be using my tried and tested varieties of Sturon and Red Baron once again. I have said it many times before, but you really have to take advantage of the weather windows in March as we normally get a spell when the soil becomes ideal then the weather changes and it can be a month before we get back there again.

Well, I better stop now before the editor cut me off. All it leaves me to say is enjoy your gardening and hope to see you at the spring flower show in the village hall.

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2.	What is the most faked currency in the world?	
3.	Australia - first to issue which type of bank note?	
4.	The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street - nickname for?	
5.	Who introduced the magnetic strip on credit cards?	
6.	What is the most popular bank note?	
7.	The one-dollar New Zealand coin features which bird?	
8.	Ancient Rome currency - made from which material?	
9.	International Monetary Fund headquarters, where?	
10.	Oldest US penny, sold for \$1.2m in 2015. How old?	

## ANSWERS TO FEBRUARY QUIZ

1.	Which country was founded in February 1536?	Argentina
2.	First 45 RPM Vinyl recorded was released in what year.	1949
3.	February's birthstone is what	. Amethyst
4.	The odds of being born on the 29th are..... (have a guess!)	1 in 1461
5.	In 1659 what was used for first time in UK to settle a debt.	A cheque
6.	The length of Feb. kept changing – what was the minimum	23 days
7.	Who made their first TV appearance in America in 1964.	The Beatles
8.	The Saxons called Feb. "Sol-monath" which means.....	Cake month
9.	The Romans added Feb. To the calendar, when	713 B.C.
10.	Which popular animation movie was released in 1938.	Snow White

**GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at**  
**The Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor**  
**on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19.00**

**183/21           Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Agutter, Cox, P Collins, Fleetwood, Keeley, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs S Collins, Scolding. Cllr Soady CC.

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

**184/21           To    Receive   Declarations   of   Interest   /   Dispensations.**

Cllrs Cox and Lee declared an interest in PA21/12133. Cllr Stephens declared an interest in PA22/00013 & PA21/12524.

**185/21           Public Participation.**

T Phillips explained that he was present to answer any questions on PA21/12133.

**186/21           Reports from outside bodies.**

Village Hall – Cllr Agutter expressed the need for coordination for Jubilee celebrations in June.

**187/21           Council Meeting: Minutes 12 January 2022**

**RESOLVED** that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Agutter/Trewin. 9 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Cox. No matters **NOTED**.

*\*Cllrs Cox & Lee left the meeting*

**188/21           Planning Applications for consideration**

PA21/12133: Outline Planning Application w/ some matters reserved: Construction of Detached Local Needs Dwelling. T Phillips. Land North Of Maen Veor Barn Hill Cadgwith TR127JU

The Council supported this application, noting that the low profile of the building does not negatively impact on the landscape or public view; that the site is adjacent to the built form of Cadgwith; that the location is sustainable as it is close to village facilities; that access is suitable. The Council also comment that building materials should be in keeping with nearby dwellings. Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.

Clerk to respond

*\*Cllrs Cox & Lee re-entered the meeting*

**189/21           PA21/12704: Listed Building Consent for replacement of modern rotten fixed softwood ground floor bay window with better opening softwood window.** John Jones. The Haven Ruan Minor TR127JL

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

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Clerk to respond

*\*Cllr Stephens left the meeting*

190/21 PA22/00013: Proposed change of use of holiday accommodation permitted by application number PA12/06747 to a dwellinghouse. Mr and Mrs P Dunmall. Bodrigy Lodge Access To Bodrigy Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JU

The Council supported the application on the strict condition that a comprehensive landscaping and tree planting plan is drawn up and implemented (6.25 & 6.26 in the Planning Policy Statement refer). Proposed, seconded. 5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstained.

Clerk to respond

191/21 PA21/12524: Listed Building Consent for proposed Parking Area. Miss Bewes. Corner House Cadgwith Ruan Minor TR12 7JU

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

Clerk to respond

*\*Cllrs Stephens re-entered the meeting*

192/21 **Planning Applications decided by CC since the last meeting.** None.

193/21 **Preapplications, consultations and appeals.** None.

194/21 **Section 106 Agreements and Planning Conditions**  
**NOTED** clarification on the Council's ability to request as above.

195/21 **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**  
**DISCUSSED** the potential of developing an NDP in the Parish. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of a Parish Plan vs an NDP. It was felt that fact-finding was needed to gather information about the production of an NDP; that the following planning meeting in February should consider the information; that a working group could be formed to progress – including gathering public interest and opinion, and identifying local expertise.

Clerk to contact CC officers

196/21 **Update: Cornwall Council survey working group**  
**RECEIVED** as above. Chair to collate and submit response. Cllr Preston to pursue

197/21 **Notification of meeting /items for agenda**  
**NOTED:** Jubilee celebrations; Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust update; NDP (21/2).

198/21 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.**  
None.

*The meeting closed at 20:10.*

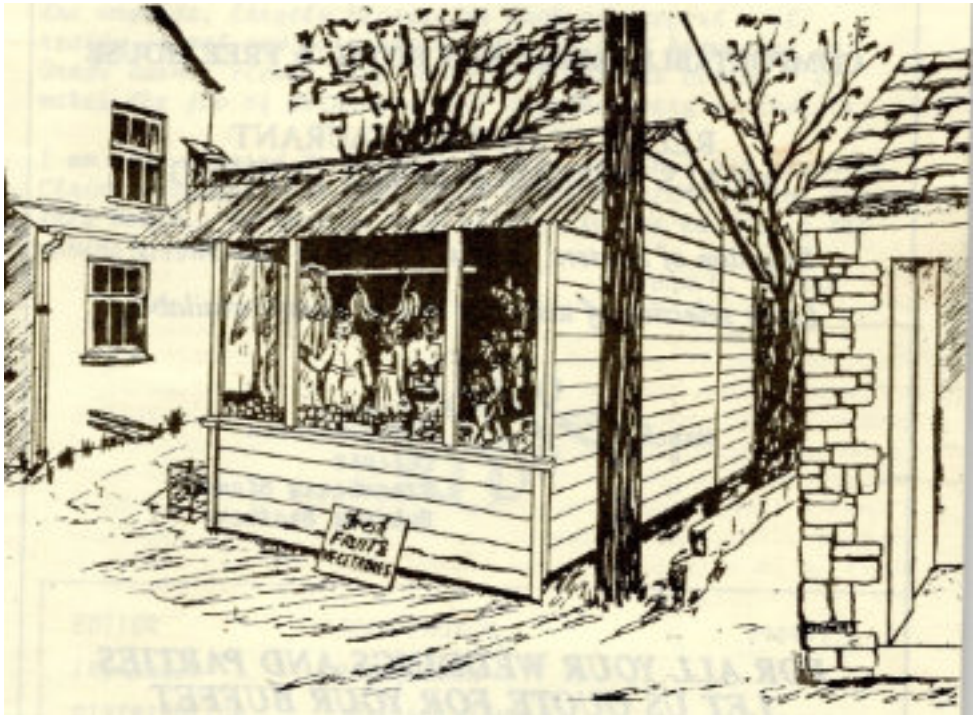
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This charming illustration of the Ruan Minor fruit and vegetable shop opposite the school was on the cover of the March 1992 Gazette.

Unfortunately, the artist was not credited.

Below is a picture of how it looks today.





## SURGERY HOURS

### Ruan Minor Surgery - 290852

Monday	9am - 12 noon
Tuesday	2pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	CLOSED ALL DAY
Thursday	2pm - 5.30pm
Friday	9am - 12 noon

### Lizard Surgery - 290415

Monday	2pm - 5.30pm
Tuesday	9am - 12 noon
Wednesday	CLOSED ALL DAY
Thursday	9am - 12 noon
Friday	2pm - 5.30pm

### Mullion Health Centre - 240212

Mon	8.30am - 6pm
Tue	8.30am - 6pm
Wed	8.30am - 6pm, 6.30pm - 8pm
Thu	8.30am - 6pm, Closed 1pm - 2pm
Fri	8.30am - 6pm, Closed 1pm - 2pm

All Surgeries will be closed on the following Bank Holidays:

New Year's Day	Good Friday
Easter Monday	Early May
Spring/Whitsun	Summer/August
Christmas Day	Boxing Day

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Near Ladies Toilets

#### Ruan Minor:

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	15.30-16.30pm	<b>NetFit</b> - Secondary pupils Yrs 7-11
	16.45-17.45pm	<b>NetFit</b> - Primary pupils Yrs 3-6
	18.00-19.00pm	<b>NetFit</b> - Adults
<i>All Monday <b>NetFit</b> classes at <b>Mullion School</b></i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	18.00-19.00pm	<b>HIIT</b> - Ruan Minor Village Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15-10.15am	<b>HIIT</b> - Mullion Village Hall
	18.00-19.00pm	<b>HIIT</b> - Landewednack School Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	16.00-17.00pm	<b>Children's ABC of PE</b> - Ruan Minor Village Hall
	18.00-19.00pm	<b>HIIT</b> - Ruan Minor Village Hall

Contact [sam@samjanefitness.co.uk](mailto:sam@samjanefitness.co.uk)

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*Booking is essential as health forms need to be filled in prior to starting a class.*



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