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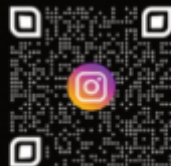
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Most Mondays	Quiz at the Pavilion from 8pm, Bar opens 7pm
Every Wed	Sunshine Club. Pavilion. 12.30 - 3.00 pm
Every Thursday	Village Hall Market. 9.30 -11.30am
Every Friday	Cornish Hub Food at the Rec from 5pm
Some Saturdays	Smashed Tomato Pizza at the Rec from 5pm
Every Fri & Sat	Pavilion bar open from 5pm
1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean. 2 nd April
2 nd Tuesday	Book Club at the Rec, 1-3pm. This month the 18 th April
2 nd Tuesday	Tea, Cake & Company at Ruan Minor Chapel from 2.30pm 11th April
2 nd Wednesday	Parish Council Meeting, 7pm. 12 th April
4 th Tuesday	Village Hall Quiz 7.30. 25 th April

APRIL(See “What’s On” Section for details)

1 April	Ruan Minor Community AFC v Penryn Athletic Reserves Home Game - 2.30 Kick Off
6 April	St Mary’s Table Top Sale from 11am to 3 pm
9 April	Easter Sunday
17 April	Start of Summer school term

ADVANCE DATES

5 May	Flora Day
6 May	King Charles III Coronation - Celebrate at the Recreation Ground
27 May	Spring Festival at the Recreation Ground
29 May - 2 Jun	School Half term
8 July	Jazz in the Garden at Westie Way - 2 to 5 pm
8 July	Angela’s Tea at the Old Post Office - 2 to 4.45 pm
15 July	Charity Folk Day, Cadgwith Cove Inn, midday until late
25 July	End of Summer school term

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Noticeboard

As we look forward to Easter we can put what has felt like a long winter behind us. The annual Spring Show in the Village is always a turning point and this year the weather was glorious. We have a full report starting on page 14 and don't forget to send in your news as it happens!

Sally Watts

Co-Editor

Happy Birthday in April to:

Brian Jenkins, Sandra Birchmore, Tony Halliday, Susan Hill, Peter Fluck, Colin Thomas, Kane Kostrzewski, Lisa Jane, Jenna B, Bella J, Philippa Trewin, Simon Bradley, Freddy Trewin, Ellen H, Tamlyn C, Matt Jane, Andrew Whitehorn, Marianne Edwards

From Rose Bowcher

The article in the Gazette about the warship HMS Warspite brought back a lot of memories for Beryl and me. Our Dad, William George Bolitho, had taken the family to Prussia Cove to see this huge warship aground on the rocks, a sight we will never forget.

**Don't forget this is your
Noticeboard**

**Entries can be sent to our
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We welcome all Visitors using the Car Park and the donations we have received for the upkeep of the Chapel.

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APRIL 19th

Ann Vaulter - On Tour

APRIL 26th

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ALL MOST WELCOME - JOIN US FOR A SOUP AND ROLL

Volunteers needed to join our rota

Please contact Nicky Jose on 290073 if you can help



Ruan Minor Afternoon Book Club

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, 18th April

The Pavilion, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.

£1 admission – Tea and Coffee Available

Discussion of March Book Choices

Contact Mary Keeley by Facebook Messenger or

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

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THE THURSDAY MARKET and MONTHLY QUIZ

The Thursday market is open without any restrictions. We look forward to seeing you there! Refreshments are being served as usual including the famous Bacon Sarnie!

The Monthly Quiz is held every fourth Tuesday at 7.30 pm, £1 entry. BYO refreshments, we will no longer be serving tea and coffee in the break..

FITNESS AND WELLBEING

Mondays: 18.00 - 19.30 - Yoga with Tanya Strike

Wednesdays: 17.15 - 18.15 Pilates with Clare Girling

Thursdays: 15.15, 16.15 and 18.00 - 19.00 - Fitness with Sam Jane

Further details from the class providers

SNOOKER ROOM

The Snooker Room is operating without restrictions on numbers. Please check the Village Hall Facebook Page in case the situation changes. A new key system is to be introduced in the near future for the Snooker Room to ensure security and insurance compliance. A key safe will be installed and all paid up members will be provided with the access code.

Outstanding membership fees are now due.

We encourage the use of sanitisers and following the Council and Public Health guidelines of hands, face, space in order to combat any further spread of Covid 19

To get further information, please telephone Liz Outten on 01326 290910 or visit Ruan Minor Village Hall's Facebook Page



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If you are over 18 and live or work in the Parish of Grade Ruan, which includes Ruan Minor, Cadgwith, St Ruan and Kuggar, you could be eligible to become a Parish Councillor. The Council are looking to fill two Parish Council vacancies.

Full Council meetings are normally on the evening of the second Wednesday of the month, and occasional additional committee meetings occur on an ad hoc basis. You should be able to commit to attend most of the Full Council meetings, and have an interest in the local community. You do not need any prior experience of local government or politics. For an informal chat about the vacancy and what the role entails, please contact Lee Dunkley, the Parish Clerk. Alternatively, if you know an existing Councillor, please do talk with them about the opportunity. You can also find out more information about the Council on our website.

Should you wish to be considered for the role, please write a statement (maximum 300 words) detailing who you are and why you would like to join the Council. This must be received by email to the Clerk by **1st May 2023** (contact details at the top of the poster). You will then be asked to attend the Council meeting on 10th May 2023.

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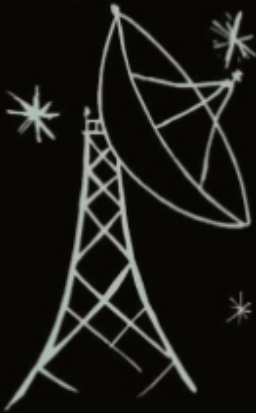
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Friends of Kennack Sands

9 Volunteers attended the March beach clean day. A pleasant day with a low tide so all beaches were cleaned and the surrounding areas. We still have a pile of wood behind the sea wall on Eastern beach - please help yourself.

We collected two full bags of rubbish which included fishing ties/wire, cans, bottles and even one wet suit shoe. The most disappointing thing was the amount of dog mess again that had to be picked up by our volunteers - not a pleasant task. Some of it was in with the ponies!

Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it contains worms and parasites that can cause serious diseases in sheep, cattle, horses and humans. Most dog owners are caring and responsible but sadly, as the evidence from this beach clean shows there are still people who do not clean up after their dogs. Owners failing to clean up after their dog do face fines up to £100, and if it goes to court this could cost the owner up to £1000! The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse. So please keep Kennack Sands a dog mess free zone!

The next beach clean will take place on

Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 10am.

All Welcome!

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!



Grade Ruan Parish Council are looking to refurbish, redecorate and make minor repairs to the former bus shelter in the centre of Ruan Minor.

We need someone to:

- clean down and prepare the shelter for painting, and paint
- clean roof
- clean exterior fencing behind the shelter and paint
- prepare floor inside the shelter for painting and paint
- fill holes, remove signs and prepare the end of the shelter for cement render. Render and paint.
- lay blocks for seating

The Council needs to receive quotations for both materials and labour by 1st May 2023. Please email the clerk at clerk@grpc.org.uk with quotations or queries.

Grade Ruan Spring Show 2023 - Results

Jonny Trewin Cup: Most points in Daffodils	Mandy Pound
Mabel Basher Cup: Most points in Daffodils by a Grade Ruan Resident	Mary Roberts
Harry London Cup: Best Exhibit in Daffodils	Mandy Pound
Britton Cup: Most points in cut flowers and foliage	Mandy Pound
Peggy Hobbs Cup: Best Camellia Bloom	Janie Archer
Committee Cup: Most points in pot plants	Liz Bird
Ruan Minor Village Hall Cup: Most points in Floral art	Heather Cornick
Falconer Cup: Best exhibit class 36 Easter themed	Beryl Cullen
Hagenbach Cup: Best floral Art Exhibit	Mary Keeley
Jo Aplin Cup: Best exhibit class 40	Mary Keeley
Badge: Most points child under 5	Lily Moore
Committee Cup and Medallion: Most points 6 to 8 year old	Elowen Oates
Committee Cup and Medallion: Most points 9 to 11 years old	Clover Oates
Committee Cup: Most Points 12 to 16 year olds	Mailli Carter
Committee Cup: Most points in Art, photography and craft	Jenny Combes
Sylvia Skewes Cup Collective Entry: 100 years of Disney Theme	The Sunshine Club
Committee Cup: Most points in cookery	Carolyn Ferrari
Gladys Johnstone Cup: Most points in cookery by Grade Ruan Resident	Carolyn Ferrari
June Curtin Cup: Most points in spring Produce	Danny Phillips
The Newcomer Cup: Most points for entering the show for the first time Lady	Genevieve Earl
The Newcomer Cup: Most points for entering the show for the first time Gent	Theo Hobbs
Iris Mitchell Cup: Most points in the show	Mandy Pound

Grade Ruan Spring Flower Show 2023

by David Endean

We had another successful Spring Show in the Village Hall once again this year. The weather in the lead up to the show was kind to the gardeners. Then, in the last few days, wet and wind prevailed but on the Saturday after a thick foggy start to the day the sun came out to welcome the exhibitors in the morning and the public in the afternoon. The show was opened by Charlie Coates (see below) our former chairman of the Spring Show Committee. In his opening address he commended all the exhibitors work and the committee's drive and graft to make this a special event for the whole community to enjoy, young and old and not just from the parish but from around the Peninsula also.



We had a run of tables through the hall full of daffodils once again in their various hues of yellow, oranges and pink. Mandy Pound (see photo right) returned to her former parish and won most points in the daffodil section and the



best vase of daffodils with a single stem of a trumpet daffodil which had yellow petals and almost white trumpet. Mary Roberts claimed the Mabel Basher Cup for the most points in the daffodils by a parishioner.

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Janie Archer was very surprised and delighted to win the Peggy Hobbs Cup for the best Camellia bloom (**see photo left**). This was a baby pink bloom with a very geometric form without blemish.

There was a good range of pot plants on show and Liz Bird claimed the most points in this section. But there was a real show-stopper which would take the public's vote with a huge Cymbidium Orchid exhibited by John Fallows (**see photo right**). Apparently, it lives in his conservatory and spends the summer in his garden.



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right). Apparently, it lives in his conservatory and spends the summer in his garden. We had some nice entries in the Floral Art once again and the trophies were spread around, we had arrangements for Easter, Breakfast Trays, Miniatures but the most hotly contested class was the Easter Wreath which was awarded the Jo Aplin Bowl. We had 11 entries for this class which was won by Mary Keeley. The judge, the Rev Danny Reed, was so taken with its balance and proportion that he also awarded it the best in the floral art section. **See photo of the wreath left** and Mary with Charlie Coates overleaf.

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Mary Keeley receiving the Jo Aplin Bowl from Charlie Coates



L-R: Julia Nunn, Charlie Coates with Nicky Jose collecting the Sylvia Skewes Cup for the Collective Entry on behalf of the Sunshine Club



We had lots of children's entries from flower arrangements in a boot, Lego models and easter themed pictures, **you can see some photos of their work overleaf**. The judges would like to have awarded everyone a prize. Many congratulations go to Lily, Elowen, Clover and Mailli who won their various sections. **Left** is a picture of Elowen Oates receiving the Committee Cup and Medallion for the most points for a 6-8 year old from Charlie Coates.

Where are the boys I want to know?

Carolyn Ferrari and Sally Watts battled it out for the honours in the cookery section, this is a friendly rivalry but keenly contested. We had Jams and Lemon Curds, Pasties, Cheese Scones, Hot Cross Buns and a very popular Easter Biscuit class from a given recipe. What I have not told you yet is who came out on top here, this year it was Carolyn!

There was a highly varied display of exhibits in the art, photography and craft section, with painted pebbles glassware and paintings. One talking point was a very much steam punk styled lamp exhibited by Paul Penrose. It was a table lamp which centred around a highly polished brass blow lamp, to this a copper stem was added with a coffee tin shade. And the base was a highly polished turned piece of serpentine. Jenny Coombes collected the most points in this section.

Danny Phillips won the June Curtin cup for the most points in the Spring Produce Section winning both the egg classes. The judge was very taken with his hens eggs which had a green hue with



Genevieve Earl with the Newcomers Cup

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Grade Ruan Spring Show Cont...

speckles. He went on to explain the breeding to get that egg type to the Stewards. **See photo below.** This section also had some lovely Rhubarb and vegetables.

The most coveted Iris Mitchell cup for the most points in show was won by the narrowest of margins. Just a single point separated Mandy Pound from Mary Roberts. Mary collected points throughout the show but just came up short so Mandy holds the trophy this year.

The committee worked very hard to get this show on and were delighted to see everyone, there is always room for more exhibits, loads of raffle prizes to be won great homemade cakes to eat with copious cups of tea. We thank you for your support this year but really want to see you all plus your friends again next year.

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The Lizard RNLI Lifeboat Station



Louise Minchin (pictured left), has teamed up with the RNLI to give us her top tips for cold water swimming. The former BBC Breakfast presenter is a keen open water swimmer and often goes for a dip at the coast. But even though she's a confident swimmer, Louise knows that anyone can get into trouble in the water. Sea temperatures around the UK and Ireland will average just 6 to 10 degrees around March. Cold water shock is a real danger for anyone entering water that is 15 degrees or below.

Follow these top tips to ensure you have an enjoyable and safe time:

1. Wear a brightly coloured swim cap and consider using a tow float.
2. Never swim alone, always go with a friend if possible. Tell someone when you plan to be back.
3. Acclimatise slowly, never jump straight in, as this can lead to cold water shock.
4. If you get into trouble, FLOAT TO LIVE. Lean back in the water and extend your arms and legs.

If you're in any doubt, stay out of the water, and always take a means of calling for help with you. If you or anyone else gets into trouble at the coast, call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard.

The RNLI is looking for new fundraising volunteers to join its lifesaving crew across the south west. Just like the charity's lifeboats, the RNLI's fundraising team need a dedicated volunteer crew. But it's not all about volunteering on lifeboats or at a station, there are many other ways people can give a little or a lot of their time to support the RNLI and make their own lifesaving difference. The RNLI is looking for lots of new volunteers to join branches and stations across the region, including here at The Lizard Lifeboat Station.

To find out more visit <https://rnli.org/support-us/volunteer/how-you-can-volunteer/be-a-fundraising-and-events-volunteer?>

Huge Congratulations to our Second Coxswain Darren Thirlaway (pictured right), who has recently achieved 20 years operational service with The Lizard RNLI Lifeboat. Darren's commitment to our station is exceptional and he is a much valued member of our team

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The committee is still working hard to secure funding to complete projects to improve accessibility and general enjoyment of the Pavilion and Recreation Ground. Although we have still not heard whether we have been successful with our applications, we are hoping to get some of the improvements done this year, with our top priority being the completion of the patio.

We would like to welcome Moira Hurst back to the Committee. Her previous experience will be invaluable and she was unanimously co-opted at our February meeting.

In March we had our first hygiene inspection of our kitchen facilities. This was essential as over the past few months the kitchen has been used a lot more. I am pleased to report that we received a 5-star rating. The council have given us a few key things to implement, which the committee will be actioning in their next meeting.

In April we intend to hold a 'community volunteer maintenance day'. We hope to perform some much needed maintenance to the building – painting, minor repairs, etc and are hoping that any able people out there to give us a hand. We will be offering free drinks to all helpers and we intend to have a bit of fun whilst getting this community asset back up to scratch. We will be advertising the day on Facebook and posters around the village.

At our last meeting we had a discussion about formalising our hiring fees, as we often get asked what they are. The committee have decided on the following and the charges will be at the discretion of the committee:

- £15 for a morning/afternoon/evening session without the bar.
- £50 for a function with bar (parties/wakes/dinner evenings).
- £150 for all day functions (weddings etc).

Planning has begun of the King's Coronation celebration on Saturday 6th May so save the date. We have got a band (VrV) booked for the evening and will be having a BBQ in the late afternoon. We also thought it would be fun for people to wear Royal Fancy Dress if they feel so inclined. Look out for posters for more details closer to the date.

Thanks everyone for your continued support through the dark winter months. Here's to enjoying lighter evenings and warmer weather.

Jake Scolding – Chairman.

Rector's Ramblings

After three years of painstaking work, Leonardo da Vinci completed his vision of the Last Supper and showed the completed painting to a trusted friend. "Give me your honest opinion," said da Vinci. "It's wonderful" said his friend. "In fact, that cup is so real I can't keep my eyes off it." Immediately, da Vinci took a brush and painted out the glow on the sparkling cup. The friend looked puzzled and asked, "Why have you done that? The cup was beautiful." The great artist replied, "Because it's distracting you from looking at Jesus".

Easter draws us to look at Jesus afresh. Jesus' love, goodness, generosity and life continually say something to us. His rising from the dead on that first Easter Sunday was, and continues to be, a bold declaration of the triumph of love over hatred, good over evil, generosity over meanness, life over death.

Where hatred divides us one from another, Jesus says come and see a different way.

Where evil brings murder to our own streets or, elsewhere in the world, maims innocent Ukrainians and persecutes worshipping Christians in many parts of the world, Jesus says: "Human life is precious." Where meanness fills thoughts about refugees, Jesus says: "Welcome the stranger." Where death holds us captive to a past long gone, Jesus says: "I have come to give you life and life in abundance."

The message of Easter is one of hope, love – and life. The picture of da Vinci's Last Supper is a picture of a community of people sharing life in abundance with Jesus at the centre. So when we witness the love and future hopes of others being crushed, when we hear of cries of joy being changed to cries of anguish, when we see images of bodies torn apart by ruthless bombing and when we try to grasp something of the daunting catalogue of human need world-wide, we must not only be outraged, we must also be driven to try and be part of the answer to prayers made for that better way of living to become a reality – a way of living which comes only through a belief in the risen Lord Jesus.

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter blessings

Revd Deirdre

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April

Sunday 2 nd	11am - Rev. Diane Grice (Palm Sunday, Communion)
Sunday 9 th	11am - David Pascoe (Easter Sunday)
Sunday 15 th	11am - Anne Pascoe
Sunday 23 rd	11am - Adrian Hendy
Sunday 30 th	11am - "LCA" (Local Church Arrangement - chapel members)

Church of England Services

April

Sun 2 nd	Palm Sunday	
	Morning Prayer, St Ruan Church	11.15am
	Evening Praise, St. Mary's Church, Cadgwith	6pm
Fri 7 th	Good Friday	
	Three Hour Devotion St Ruan Church	12noon-3pm
Sun 9 th	Easter Day	
	Holy Communion, St Wynwallow Church	10am
	Evensong (BCP), St Grade Church	6pm
Sun 16 th	Family Service	11.15am
Sun 23 rd	Holy Communion	9.30am
Sun 30 th	United benefice Service, St Ruan Church	11am

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Grade Ruan VC School - Appeal for Our Bell

Ask not for whom the bell tolls: alas at present no-one!

On Monday 15th March the school bell was removed by the builders from its prominent position, and will not be heard again until it has been renovated. We have researched the records at County Hall but can find no reference to the school bell, so assume that it was erected when the school was built in 1859. Since those days it has rung out for children at the beginning and end of school and play times, but now it's showing its age.

An inspection has shown extensive corrosion. The governors and staff agreed that this historic part of Grade-Ruan School should be repaired - the estimated cost is £600.

An account has been opened to meet the costs. We would be very pleased if everyone who has been summoned by the bell or has enjoyed its tone - and been delighted that electronic wonders have not taken over - would help towards the cost.

Christmas Lights for Cadgwith

By John Bourne

Plans are in hand to decorate Cadgwith Cove with lights at Christmas with the illumination of the Winch House as the centrepiece. An organising committee has been established and a public meeting was held last Saturday to hear people's view and ideas.

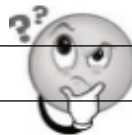
Sharkey Stevens is chairman of the committee. Raymond Skewes, the vice-chairman and Steve Collins, the secretary. Steve is writing to local councils for grants towards the cost and to local businesses for donations. Margaret Chivers is another keen supporter of the idea and she and Brian have offered to organise an Easter Raffle at the pub to help raise funds.

Tony Culmer is being asked to design a Christmas card to be sold this summer and Danny Phillips is prepared to offer his photographs of Cadgwith in the snow for sale as postcards. Other fund-raising ideas include regular stalls at barbecue events in the Cove.

Steve Collins said: "We are also writing to local householders who we consider might like to make a donation towards the project. Donations can be sent to me at Ocklynge, St Ruan. Peter Freeman, who is acting as treasurer for the Cadgwith Christmas Lights Committee, has already received cheques for about £100."

The committee will shortly be in touch with the organisers of the Christmas illuminations at Coverack and Mousehole for tips and advice, but the idea is to start with a relatively modest scheme with some lights in the centre of the

Quiz - The Month of March



1	Fruit cake, with marzipan, traditionally eaten at Easter.
2	Popular cartoon rabbit created by Warner Bros.
3	Food often served on Shrove Tuesday.
4	Scottish football team who play home games at Easter Rd.
5	America holds world's largest Easter parade where?
6	What is a modern, digital 'easter egg'?
7	1948 film starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.
8	Who wrote The Tale of Peter Rabbit?
9	Which is the world's most popular chocolate egg?
10	Nick Easter is a former professional in which sport?

Answers on page 32

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VILLAGE HALL QUIZ



The February quiz was a very busy evening with six teams taking part this month, adding up to forty people, so well done one and all for turning up.

This month there was rounds on love and marriage, UK islands, Pot Luck, and Doc Martin to name but a few.

We missed Mark Outten who usually introduces the quiz and provides answer sheets (amongst his many normal activities). Thanks to Claire from the shop for running back home to print out the answer sheets at such short notice.

A very close contest took place for the coveted wooden spoon, the first prize tin of sweets and of course the magnificent trophy sought after by many a quiz team. The eventual winners this month were the Scilly Old Fools.

Thanks to all who took part, donated raffle prizes, and to Jill for collecting the raffle and door money.

See you all next month for the March quiz.

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Answers to the April Quiz on page 30

1. Simnel Cake
2. Bugs Bunny
3. Pancakes
4. Hibernian FC
5. New York City
6. Hidden messages in video game/
website
7. Easter Parade
8. Beatrix Potter
9. Cadburys Cream Egg
10. Rugby



MOTOR TANKER 'D. L. HARPER'

Built in Hamburg, Germany and launched in December 1932, the motor tanker 'D. L. Harper' was a large vessel of some 12,350 tons. On 20th June, 1935, she was on passage from Aruba, in the Dutch West Indies, to Hamburg, fully loaded with a cargo of crude oil, five passengers and thirty-eight crew.

Weather conditions were difficult with poor visibility through fog and intermittent heavy rain, a strong southerly breeze and heavy ground seas. As the D. L. Harper passed Lizard Point, she struck the Crane Rocks at Caerthillion Cove and ran aground at approximately 6pm. Information on the incident was received through the coastguard and Lloyd's signal station and the Watson Class, Lizard lifeboat, 'RNLB DUKE OF YORK' was launched. The lifeboat reached the stricken tanker within ten minutes and was able to take off the five passengers (including a mother and her baby) and land them safely just after 7pm. The Duke of York re-launched some 30 minutes later, returned to the 'D. L. Harper' and, in difficult conditions, stood by the vessel all night.

The following morning the crew decided to leave the stranded vessel and the lifeboat was able to take all thirty-eight of them on board and deliver them to the safety of the Polpeor shore at approximately 8am. In the rough overnight conditions, a leak had developed in one of the tanker's holds and crude oil had escaped into the sea. This leakage had the calming effect of damping the surge of the waves and was an enormous help in the lifeboat being able

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to evacuate the crew. The D. L. Harper's captain was extremely grateful for the help given by the coxswain and crew of the Duke of York and said, "I cannot speak too highly of your coxswain and crew. They are a splendid lot".

Efforts to refloat the tanker were successful and she was able to reach Falmouth on the 24th June for attention and repairs.



THE 'D. L. HARPER' SETTLES ON THE ROCKS



RNLB DUKE OF YORK RETURNS THE CREW TO SAFETY



RNLB DUKE OF YORK LAUNCHES AT POLPEOR



THE 'D. L. HARPER' IN HAPPIER DAYS

AND FINALLY - NEWS FROM THE STATION

Wonderful news indeed; the station lift has been seen back on its tracks and commencing safety and practical trials. We appear to have reached the beginning of the end of this awful saga and have everything crossed for a return to Visitor Centre normality in the not too distant future!!!

**DAVID GASCOIGNE
VISITOR CENTRE MANAGER**

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Brett Jose tells us what's happened since the shock of losing Crig-a-Tana

As many of you will already know, my fishing boat Crig-a-Tana sunk seven miles off the Lizard on November 12th 2022. Luckily Callum and I made it to the life raft and were rescued by our fellow volunteers on the Lizard Lifeboat.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the people who were involved that day; from fishermen aiding the search and rescue operation to the RNLI and those who offered their support, I'm eternally grateful. I've been overwhelmed by the kindness of people from the village and further afield, whether it be a kind word spoken, a hug or an offer of help or advice to get me on my feet.

Exactly two months to the day of the incident, I managed to find a suitable boat in Cardigan Bay and shook hands with an Irish Welshman to agree the sale. After a few weeks sourcing transportation, Santa Fe arrived in Gweek Boatyard where she remained for a little over five weeks whilst I carried out a refit.

Once the work was completed and the MCA inspection passed, it was time to bring her back to the cove, which coincidentally happened to be on St Piran's Day. The trip from Gweek was flat clam, not a breath of wind and we made it to the cove faster anticipated, a welcome change from Crig-A-Tana who rarely made it over five knots!



Santa Fe before the refit started - see the front cover for the transformation!

We were thrilled to see a welcome party gathered on the beach to see us in and celebrate Santa Fe's arrival to the Cadgwith fishing fleet. Photos were taken, beers were drunk and yarns were told before heading to the pub where songs were sang and more beers enjoyed.

I still need to do some alternations before we can go to sea, but hopefully we'll be out there in the next couple of weeks. I'm looking forward to seeing some lobsters in the pots and fish in the nets - it's been a long five months but I'm here to tell the tale which is all I could ever really hope for.

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Worship Table Cloth

We are so pleased with our stunning new Worship Table cloth made by all the children who attended Craft Club. It is so beautiful and each square has been carefully designed and stitched to represent our Vision. Thank you to Jan and Tara Oates!

Songfest



Eleven members of our choir took part in SongFest at the Princess Pavilions in Falmouth.

The children had worked really hard to learn 9 brand new songs, all with an

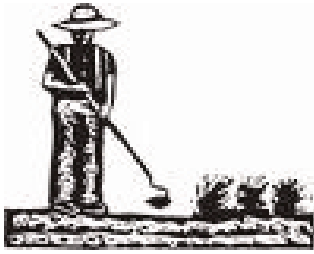
historical theme from Ancient Egypt to World War 2 evacuees. The children were amazing—such confident and happy performers to a sell-out show! We are looking forward to next year already!

Girls Football in Schools—new club!



We had a great time joining the Biggest Ever Football Session #LETGIRLSPLAY when the Key Stage 2 girls were challenged to complete a range of skills in 30 minutes. Miss Jane led the session and the girls had a brilliant time—so much so that it will be a regular club on Wednesday lunchtimes for all those girls in Tamarisk and Socoa who wish to take part Thank you to Miss Jane for offering to run the club.

Did you see us on the BBC One Show?



Gardening in April

by David Endean

Well hopefully spring is truly here now, March has had it all, wind, rain, a bit of frost and some sunshine. We just about got away without the snow but it was not far away.

The time is here to get in around your beds and borders and remove any weeds that have lurked there all winter, plus those annual weeds are now just germinating so whip them out before they are a problem. If you can, use a border fork to gently work the soil between your plants, do not dig too deeply just the top inch or two otherwise you are likely to damage the roots of your precious plants. This helps get some air into the soil which is essential for good root growth, it will help to stop the growth of mosses, liverworts and the like and it will make it easier to hoe later in the season. Then sprinkle some general fertiliser around your plants they will need it, the winter will have washed much out and all the plants will soon be putting on a lot of growth and will need the nutrients to do so.

Check all your climbers after the winter and tie them back in if they need it and prune of any dead bits, give them a feed as well, you will see a theme coming here.

I have mown the lawns 2 or three times so far this season and have noticed a lot of moss in them. If this bothers you now is the time to treat the lawn and then use a rake to remove the moss. It is likely that the moss got a hold after that dry summer last year which left some open patches. Also lawns need a feed so the grass can remain healthy and out compete the weeds and moss. We keep cutting it each week removing all the growth but how many of us put anything back to replace the nutrients that we have taken away.

In the veg garden there is much on the go, I have some broad bean to plant out which I grew on in pots from a sowing last month, I may well still have my onion sets to plant out as they have not been planted as I write this. But the first outdoor sowings of many vegetables can take place now, carrots, parsnips, salad leaves, cabbages, radish, beetroot and the list goes on. I do not bother with potatoes as they take up so much space for their value, but you may have already planted your earlies, now is not too late and maincrop varieties can go in now. Prepare the ground well, dig deep and add liberal amounts of well-rotted organic matter and fertiliser. Give plenty of space between the rows to allow you to draw the soil up around the haulms to form ridges. Doing this protects the developing tubers from the light so they do not go green plus it has the bonus of knocking the weeds off.

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I expect many of you will be getting your tomato plants to plant in the greenhouse this month. Keep an eye on the weather as you will need to make sure the greenhouse gets plenty of ventilation when the sun is out as it is getting strong now and the temperatures will fly up inside and burn your plants. Equally we can get some very cold nights and your plants may need some protection from a frost so be prepared to put some horticultural fleece over them by night. Invariably a cold night will follow a glorious spring day.

As your spring shrubs finish flowering you can prune them if they need it. It often helps to rejuvenate many shrubs if you remove just a few of the oldest branches each year. Typical shrubs are forsythia and flowering currants. You can also prune camellias and rhododendrons now after they flowered but I would only do so to improve shape not as a matter of course.

Well I hope that gives you a few ideas I am off to plant out my Sweetpeas, enjoy your gardening.

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ROLL UP! ROLL UP! PERCY'S ON HIS WAY...

This Easter our very own Jenny Scolding's popular children's book, Percy Pengelly and the Wibble-Wobble, is being staged by Cousin Jack's theatre at Tremenhoe Sculpture Gardens, near Penzance in a Big Top!



It's more than a decade since Jenny saw a chimney sweep, arms outstretched, walking along the rooftop rim of a terrace of houses in Cadgwith. 'I shouted up to him,' she recalls. 'How on earth do you do that?' 'I used to work in a circus,' he replied. True, or a throw-away joke? Jenny never knew, but she did know it would make a good story.

With illustrator Andy McPherson who lived at Lizard Point, she created a character called Percy Pengelly – a one-time daring tightrope walker, forced to leave the circus because he wibble-wobbled too much. Percy ends up as a chimney sweep whose exciting rooftop adventures proved so popular with children that Jenny went on to write a second book, Percy Pengelly and Tumbili the Monkey. 'I wanted the stories to be very Cornish,' says Jenny. 'Andy created images that local children could relate to and the books are peppered with Cornish dialect.'

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EXTERNAL SUPPORT REQUIRED – PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

Support required: Working Group Clerk/Administration Assistant
Value of contract: £15 per hour – approximately 8 hours per month with possibility of some additional hours

Working Hours/Details:

Support is needed for approximately 9 months. It is envisaged that the post will require 8+ hours per month. To include attending monthly meetings and taking minutes, any additional follow-up duties to be undertaken at home.

Responsible to: Chair of Parish Plan Working Group.

Remit:

To support the Parish Plan Working Group with agendas, minutes, booking events, collecting data and general administration to support the production of a Parish Plan.

Key Roles/Responsibilities:

- Draft agendas and minutes and finalise with the Group Chair.
- After meetings update 'action lists'.
- Attend committee meetings, provide clerical support and take minutes.
- Collate information in relation to the agenda etc.
- Circulate agendas, minutes and other information by email.
- Provide hard copies for members as requested.
- Liaise with Parish Council Clerk to place information on the GRPC website.
- To carry out such duties and responsibilities as may be required commensurate with the requirements of the post.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION – Parish Plan Working Group

CRITERIA:	ESSENTIAL/DESIRABLE
Experience in minute taking, agenda production and associated tasks	E/D
Excellent IT skills including the use of Word, Excel and Search Engines	E
Time Management Skills	E
A good level of local knowledge	D
Must understand the importance of confidentiality and data protection	E
Able to work flexible hours, including some evenings	E
Able to work on own initiative & where required as part of the Group team	D

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GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the
Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor
on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7 pm

190/22 **Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, Cox, Lee.

Apologies: Cllrs Carter, S Collins, Fleetwood, Scolding, Trewin. Cllr Soady CC

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

191/22 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

None

192/22 **Reports from outside bodies.**

RECEIVED a report from PCSO Julia Berry, including information about the new Sergeant, the Devon and Cornwall alert scheme, the key holder scheme and other matters.

RECEIVED the accounts of Grade Ruan Community Trust – Cllr P Collins gave further context.

Queries were directed to Cllr Green regarding Cadgwith Fishing Cove Trust matters – it was clarified that CFCT will furnish the Council with a plan of works to the Winch House building, and that the Winch itself is owned by a separate Winch Committee.

193/22 **Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies.**

APPOINTED:

- Cllr Lee as the representative to Ruan Minor Village Hall following the resignation of Cllr Agutter.
- Cllr Cox as the representative to the Grade Ruan Recreation Ground Committee following the resignation of Cllr Keeley.
- Cllrs P Collins and Preston as the two representatives to Churchyard maintenance following the resignation of Cllrs Agutter and Keeley.
- Cllr Cox as a board member of Grade Ruan Community Land Trust following the resignation of Cllr Keeley.
- Deferred the appointment of a representative to the Community Network Panel following the resignation of Cllr Keeley.

Clerk to Liaise with Groups

194/22 **Public Participation.**

S Watts gave context to items 9 and 10 – Grade Ruan Recreation Ground requests.

195/22 **Council Meeting: Minutes 11 January 2022**

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RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Cox/Lee. 4 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Preston. No matters arising **NOTED**.

196/22 **Planning Applications for consideration.**

PA22/11212: Demolition of dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. Mr King and Mrs Shamsan. Mirayaden Kuggar Ruan Minor TR12 7LX

The Council objected to the application in its current form on the following grounds:
- The height of the proposed dwelling is 2 metres more than the existing house, and is significantly greater than surrounding buildings whilst being located in a prominent position in Kuggar.

- The scale of the proposal may constitute overdevelopment of the site, is overbearing and not in-keeping with the area.

Proposed, seconded. Unanimous.
Clerk to Respond

197/22 **Planning Applications decided by CC since the last meeting.**
None.

198/22 **Preapplications, consultations and appeals.**
None.

199/22 **Finance report and Payments**

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RESOLVED to adopt the most recent Finance Reports (1, 2) and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Octopus Energy	Public lighting	23.34
Cornwall ALC	Councillor Training	36.00
R Sanders	Grass cutting play area & bus shelter	57.00
Staffing		734.72

Cllrs P Collins/Scolding. 7 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Green.

200/22 Letter of Support for works on GR Rec Ground pavilion and driveway

RECEIVED a request as above and **RESOLVED** to issue a letter of support. Cllrs Green/P Collins. Unanimous. Clerk to Action

201/22 Financial contribution request for GR Recreation Ground driveway

RECEIVED a request as above. It was noted that the Council would benefit from viewing a cash flow and year to date accounts sheet. It was noted that the request for £3,500 is not present in the expenditure budget for the current year or next year though there are reserve funds that could be drawn upon if resolved to do so.

It was proposed to commit to awarding £2,000 to the driveway project, to be taken from the General Public Access Improvements reserve, when it is clear that the rest of the funding is in place for the project to proceed. Cllrs Green/Cox.

An amendment was proposed to commit to awarding £3,500 to the driveway project, to be taken from the General Public Access Improvements reserve, when it is clear that the rest of the funding is in place for the project to proceed. Cllrs P Collins/Cox. 4 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Green. Therefore the amendment to commit to £3,500 was **RESOLVED**.
Clerk to Respond

202/22 Communication with local stakeholders

CONSIDERED as above. It was also noted that a meeting with Coastline Housing was being pursued. Clerk to Action

203/22 Electric Vehicle Charger need

CONSIDERED as above in the parish per the meeting of The Lizard Peninsula Parishes Group. The Council felt there is a clear need for such provision in the Parish and that Mundy's Field car park was a viable location.
Clerk to contact CC regarding grants and options

204/22 Defibrillators at Kuggar and Kennack Sands

CONSIDERED options as above and it was agreed to request permission for siting defibrillators at both the Kuggar bus shelter and at the café at Kennack Sands.
Clerk to Pursue

205/22 Update: Old Bus Shelter renovation

RECEIVED as above. A quotation has come forward for hard landscaping. More quotes to be sought. Cllr Cox to Pursue

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206/22 **Update: Youth Forum**

RECEIVED as above. There are a number of adults and young people interested in bringing this about. There are procedures to follow in preparation, such as DBS checks for volunteers. Cllr Cox to Pursue

207/22 **Long-term “vision” for the Council**

RECEIVED as above. A number of key, skilled and experienced, local people have committed to helping set out the parameters of a Parish Plan. Two meetings per month are planned to help kickstart the process. It is scheduled for a Plan to come to the June Council meeting. Cllr Cox to Pursue

208/22 **Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.**

- a) **RECEIVED** quotes for resurfacing repairs at FP6.1, Cadgwith and **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from R Sanders. Cllrs Green/Cox. Unanimous. Clerk and Cllr Preston to Pursue
- b) **CONSIDERED** the Council’s options regarding verge maintenance between 36 Higher Moor and the main road. **RESOLVED** to ensure permission is in place from the Highways Authority and to approach Grade Ruan Community Trust to request they take on the task. Cllrs Lee/Green. 4 in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr P Collins. Clerk to Pursue
- c) **RECEIVED** an update on registering as a PROW the access from New Rd to the above FP6. Ongoing – to remove from agenda until there is an update. Clerk to Monitor
- d) **RECEIVED** an update on Higher Moor-Glebe Place access works. Cllr Preston to liaise with landowners regarding additional stile repairs. Cllr Preston to Pursue
- e) **RECEIVED** an update from the Chapel Terrace surface repair working group. Information coming next month. Cllr Green to Pursue
- f) **RESOLVED** to accept grant for PROW and SWCP maintenance for 2023. Cllrs Lee/Green. Unanimous. Clerk to Respond

CONSIDERED other reports:

Concerns were raised about troughs appearing along the verge on the road out of Ruan Minor towards Ebenezer Cross – Clerk to contact Highways.

Cllr P Collins reported intended investment in Ruan Minor public toilets by Grade Ruan Community Trust.

209/22 **Notification of meeting/items for agenda**

NOTED: A request for an update from Cllr Soady CC on any planning policy changes.

210/22 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.** None.

Meeting closed 21:05.

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