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Every Friday Cornish Hub Food at the Rec from 5pm

Every Fri & Sat Pavilion bar open from 5pm

1st Sunday Kennack Sands Beach Clean. 7th May

2nd Tuesday Tea, Cake & Company at Ruan Minor Chapel 2.30pm 9th May

3rd Tuesday Book Club at the Rec, 1-3pm. This month the 16th May

2nd Wednesday Parish Council Meeting, 7pm. 10th May

4th Tuesday Village Hall Quiz 7.30. 23rd May

MAY (See "What's On" Section for details)

5 May Flora Day

6 May King Charles III Coronation. BBQ and band at the Rec

9 May Tea & Cake at Methodist Chapel to Celebrate the Coronation

16 May Ruan Minor Afternoon Book Club. The Pavilion. 1pm 27 May May Festival at the Recreation Ground, from 1pm

29 May - 2 Jun School Half term

ADVANCE DATES

2 June Kerrier Male Voice Choir Concert, Methodist Chapel, 7pm

6 June Recreation Ground AGM, 7pm

8 June Fishing Comp, Lesser Spotted Dogfish

22 June Fishing Comp, Cuckoo Wrasse

6 July Fishing Comp, Pollock

8 July Buller Day

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

20 July25 JulyFishing Comp, Ballan WrasseEnd of Summer school term

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Noticeboard

We've had very mixed spring weather, but hope it will be kind for the King's Coronation whether you're celebrating at home or enjoying the BBQ and band at the Rec.

The holiday season should be getting underway, although it seems bookings are down a bit this year. Not good for the businesses which rely on visitors but nice and quiet on the roads, so far.

Here's to a good May, the Gazette will be back in June.

Moira Hurst Co-Editor

Happy Birthday in May to: Will Bowman, Paul Strike, Tamsyn Bray, Joscelyn Fletcher, Paul Dunmall, Sarah Drummond, William Trewin, Paul McMinn, Jessica Thomson, Jessica Bennett, Rose T, Suzy Bosustow, Fern Sheldon-Allen, Kay Roger Thomas, Legge, Judith Green, Jack Green, Ewan Thomson, Alison Goldsack, Matthew Price, Liane Jose-Carter, Jack Williams, Steve Holyer, Helen Holmes, Tara Eustis, David Critchfield, Ginny Sealey, Debbie Collins, Bill Scolding

From Kay Henn:

Mrs Kay Henn would like to thank everybody who have been so kind and helpful after her shocking diagnosis on Christmas Eve. Too many to mention here, but you all know who you are.

She wants to say that all her family, neighbours and friends have made her diagnosis easier to bear, and feels humbled to still be remembered after a few years of being "out of the loop".

Thank you one and all.

HELP PLEASE GLEBE PLACE DISTRIBUTION

As many of you will be aware, Mark Outten is, unfortunately, unable to help with the distribution of Gazette copies and we are, therefore, LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DELIVER THE GAZETTE COPIES FOR THE GLEBE PLACE ROUND.

The round takes approximately one hour to deliver and there are ten deliveries per year. Janet Gascoigne is currently covering this round and would be happy to show anyone around if this would help. Please give me a ring or drop me an email if you think you might be able to help.

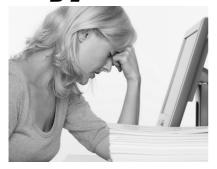
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We wish you a speedy recovery Mark.

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Noticeboard, cont.

From the Recreation Ground Committee:



hoop.

Many thanks to the Grade Ruan Community Trust for awarding the Rec a grant of £255 to pay for a basketball hoop for the MUGA court. It was requested by a youngster in the village who is keen to play basketball games. Encouraging such healthy out-

door activity is a worthv cause and we are grateful to the GRCT

for stepping forward to fund the new

Thanks also to Malcolm Scott, Paul Dunmall and Andy Gribble for installing it, and to Steve Holyer for making some stainless steel bolts, as the board arrived with mild steel fixings which wouldn't have lasted long in this location.



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If you are interested in this prospect, and if you have any experience of fundraising for such purposes, please contact the Clerk to the Council at clerk@grpc.org.uk.

What's On

SUNSHINE CLUB

The Pavilion, Ruan Minor Wednesdays 12.30 to 3 pm





MAY 10th Robin Bates Singalong and afternoon tea

Time for this week 2pm to 4pm

MAY 17th Maritime Piracy - Simon Sugrue

MAY 24th Beekeeping - Martin Faulkner

MAY 31st Half term - No Club

Many thanks to:

The Grade Ruan Community Trust for their continued support Stevyn Collins of La Petite Boulangerie for the bread rolls

ALL MOST WELCOME - JOIN US FOR SOUP AND A ROLL

Volunteers needed to join our rota
Please contact Nicky Jose on 290073 if you can help

Grade Ruan Recreation Ground Pavilion

Celebrate King Charles III's Coronation

6th May 2023

BBQ from 5pm
VyNyL-re_VyVaL from 8pm

Everyone Invited

What's On - cont.



Starting on a beach near you, it's that time of the year again. The Cadgwith International Fishing Competitions are about to start, so get ready for some fun and games, Cadgwith style!

Dates for the fishing are:

8 th June	Lesser Spotted Dogfish	22 nd June	Cuckoo Wrasse
6 th July	Pollock	20 th July	Ballan Wrasse
3 rd August	Mackerel	11th August	Mackerel
17 th August	Gurnard	31st August	Bass

All competitions start at 6:30pm and finish at 8.30pm, except for Bass on 31st August that will start at 6:00pm due to the evenings drawing in. A presentation evening will follow.

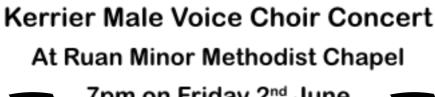
Weigh-in will be outside the Winch House.

See Kate or myself on the beach to enter. Entry fee £5. Juniors free and very welcome.

Tight lines for the coming season. See you on the beach.

Skinny

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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 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



Grade Ruan
Recreation Ground

A G M
Tuesday 6th June
7pm
at the Pavilion
ALL WELCOME

Ruan Minor Afternoon Book Club

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th May



The Pavilion



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Grade Ruan Recreation Ground May Festival

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Hello from Bolenowe. It is very muddy up here at your local Animal Sanctuary and most of the animals are enjoying a good roll around in the mud.

This last year we have had a number of new animals arrive needing our help, including two beautiful ponies called Poppet and Blaze. Sadly, their owner had found himself in very tough times with ill-health leading to homelessness. He adored his ponies, and it was a massive weight off his mind to know they had a loving home with us where he can visit them regularly.

We have worked alongside our friends from World Horse Welfare and were able to offer a place to three Shetland Ponies and three Gotland Sheep. Their elderly owner has been struggling with their care for sometime after an accident with a life changing injury.

The Shetlands are lovely boys. Kiwi is a sweet and friendly chestnut, Peco, the grey, has only one eye and is nervous as he has not been handled for some time. On arrival we noticed how badly overgrown his feet were, so we have been working very hard with him to get him ready for the farrier, who has since been and done a fantastic job. Toby, the little piebald was our greatest concern because he was completely unhandled and his left eye looked abnormal. We began halter breaking and training him which he took to immediately and was a differ-

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ent pony in only a few days. The vet was able to examine him, confirm a possible previous trauma and recommend we monitor it closely.

Finally a big fluffy hello from Charlotte, Shirley and Sherry!





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Recreation Ground News

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See us on Facebook: "Grade Ruan Recreation Ground & Pavilion Bar" Tel: 5671140

First some committee news - after a year as Chairman, Jake has decided he needs to stand down from that role due to the pressures of a new "day job". We would like to thank him for all his hard work,

particularly with the grant application recently. It's easy to loose sight of the amount of work that needs to be done "behind the scenes" and how difficult it is to manage that with full-time employment or family commitments.

This leads to a reminder that we will be holding our AGM on Tuesday 6th June at 7pm. All residents of the Parish are invited to attend our AGM, where we will present our Annual Reports and provide an opportunity for questions and comments - a time to have YOUR say on what we are doing and what we need to do in the future. This is also the meeting when the membership of the Committee is decided - three members appointed by the Parish Council, one member appointed by the football club, one by the school and three elected from the members of the public present at the meeting. The AGM will be followed by a Committee meeting which will elect a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. In addition to the Committee members, we always need additional volunteers who are able to get involved in fundraising events, staffing the bar, routine maintenance and other tasks to keep the Recreation Ground running smoothly. Please make time to attend the AGM if you can - we really do need you!

You will have seen Jake's report in last month's Gazette about the "Levelling Up" fund grant. We are working hard on a project to complete some outstanding works, towards which we hope to receive substantial grant funding. The first part to be done will be to finish the patio with a proper surface and dealing with the drainage from it. Next on our list is an awning/veranda, with removable side-walls, to cover a large section of the patio. This will allow more sheltered space for events and parties in the warmer months, or fully enclosed all year round. We are hoping this might be in place by the Summer. The next big project is re-surfacing the driveway to add a little more parking and get rid of the potholes and puddles, providing a smooth surface for pedestrians and cars alike. Finally we will be fitting more acoustic baffles to the ceiling and finishing off the kitchen. The total grant fund applied for is a little over £40000, as well as smaller amounts from the Parish Council and Community Trust (which will help to make the cash-flow possible).

We have a number of fundraising events coming up: On 6th May we have a band (VyNyL-re_VyVaL) and a BBQ in the evening to celebrate the

Coronation - why not dress up as a royal to get into the spirit of things? Then a one-day May Festival on Saturday 27th with all the usual fun events and stalls during the day and a band (Blackout) in the evening.

Throughout July and August we've got something happening pretty much every Saturday evening - more details in next month's Gazette! With all these events, please look for our facebook page "Grade Ruan Recreation"

Ground and Pavilion Bar" (sorry, it's a bit of a mouthful!), then click "like" and you'll be kept informed of everything that's going on.

Many thanks for your support.

Mike Fleetwood.

Fun quiz nights are held on Mondays (except when the Village Hall is having theirs on a Tuesday)



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Our last beach clean took place on Sunday April 2nd and we collected 5 bin bags of rubbish and a large plastic container. So a good turnout of 9 volunteers had plenty to collect! Amazing and delighted to say we did not have any dog waste to pick up! Thank you! We still have pieces of wood left behind the wall on the far side of Eastern beach for anyone to collect; one volunteer carried a large pallet across the beach and left it by the lifeguard hut for anyone who wants it! Three of our volunteers even had a swim with our local Bluetit group!

On 22nd May there is a NNR (National Nature Reserve) event at Kennack Sands, which will run from 10am to 4pm. The day will include a silent disco beach clean, litter art workshop, rock pooling, seaweed art and wildlife spotting. Further information and details to be confirmed – check Natural Lizard webpage and Facebook page.

The next beach clean will take place on Sunday 7th May 2023 at 10am All Welcome!



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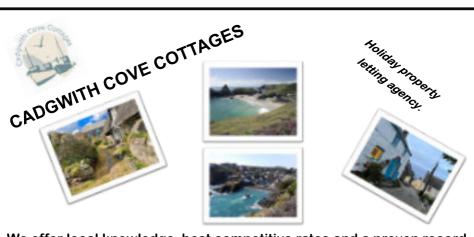
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By David Gascoigne, Visitor Centre Manager

On the 16th March 2020, we announced that, due to the developing coronavirus situation, our Visitor Centre and Shop would be closed until further notice in order to protect customers, staff and volunteers. Little did we realise at that time that, subsequently having identified the need for major repair and refurbishment to our cliff lift, we would still be closed to the public over three years later! HOWEVER, I am delighted to be able to announce that, with just a few 'I's left to be dotted and 'T's left to be crossed, we are just a few short days away from re-opening our doors and welcoming visitors back to our Kilcobben Cove Station, home of our wonderful lifeboat 'RNLB ROSE' and her fantastic crews.

The work required to provide the Station with a 'fit for purpose' lift

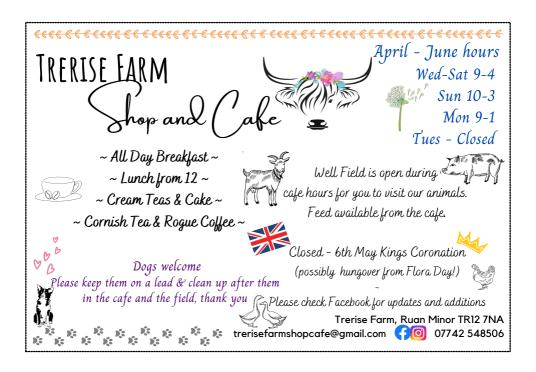


THE NEW CAGE IS SENT UP ON ANOTHER TRIAL RUN

proved to be a mammoth task indeed and virtually everything from track to cage reguired repair or replacement in some form. New and unforeseen problems were discovered at many stages of the process and, in addition to the problems arising from the nature and location of the project. the weather over the last two winters certainly did not help! With repairs completed, the lift is currently being thoroughly trialled ready for full operation. Credit is due to all who worked on the project. Their efforts, together with the resilience of the Station personnel and volunteer crew members who kept the station operating at the highest level throughout the repair process, are to be highly commended.

The work on 'de-mothballing' the Visitor Centre and Shop has already started but there is still much left to do. After taking a deep breath and removing all of the mothball wrappings, we started with a full stock check and then began to sift out any items suffering from the effects of lying dormant for three years. Some new stock will need to be ordered and all display and storage facilities need to be thoroughly cleansed.

Cont



Illustrated Memoirs by Simon Sugrue

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During the course of our close down, a number of the RNLI's retail systems and procedures were changed and developed. These

changes will all have to be taken on board, none the least being our familiarisation with a new all-seeing, all-doing till which has been installed. The new machine seems to be able to do everything but make us a cup of coffee, so we must get to grips with it quickly. Training in the use of the till and system changes has already started and will be on-going for some time. Leading for the RNLI on the implementation of these changes is Lucy Putt (Retail Lead, South West) and Andy Bramwell (Community Manager, S & W Cornwall).



THINGS START TO TAKE SHAPE







LUCY and ANDY GET TO GRIPS WITH THE NEW SET-UP and TRAINING

Every effort will be made to complete all outstanding work as quickly as possible and, also, to provide an even more interesting and enjoyable experience for everyone who comes to visit the Station. We hope to be functioning again at the beginning of May and look forward to welcoming you all then.

DAVID GASCOIGNE VISITOR CENTRE MANAGER

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This new defib has been installed and will be maintained thanks to kind and generous donations from Kynance Cove Café, Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard. The Wallace Family and National Trust.

Please do spread the word that the new defibrillator is located on the cafe wall next to the emergency phone (see photo).

Cat Lee. **National Trust**

Rector's Ramblings

The past few weeks have been somewhat busy for me, what with Holy Week and Easter, and so this month I am drawing on the writings of Canon Paul Hardingham, who contributes to the Parish Pump website. He writes:

'On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? St Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

'For God's presence to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about 'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England - the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'

'For God's wisdom as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: 'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.' (1 Kings 3:9).

'For God's love to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

'For God's purpose to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen Consort and their family in the years to come. He has said: 'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

'A Prayer for the new King: Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Yours in Christ

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May

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May

Sun 7th Holy Communion, St. Ruan Church 9.30 am 3

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Sun 14th Holy Communion, St. Ruan Church 9.30am

Evensong (BCP), St. Grade Church 6pm

Sun 21st Family Service, St. Ruan Church 11.15am

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Holy Communion, St. Ruan Church 9.30am

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AND ALL THAT JAZZ

A Review by Moira Hurst

There is so much talent in our Parish and it was much in evidence back in March when the Friends of St Ruan and St Grade put on a musical evening in the Village Hall in aid of the Grade Roof appeal, It was advertised as an evening of jazz and there was certainly plenty of jazz, but also blues and soul, with a bit of rock thrown in for good measure.

A diverse group of musicians came together to perform an eclectic and varied programme. The setting was intimate and the musicians seemed to be enjoying themselves as much as the audience was. At times, it felt as though we could have been in an old fashioned dimly lit nightclub, the sort you see in films about spies, all very atmospheric.

Robin Bates on keyboard was as versatile as ever, accompanying and adding interest to virtually every number. Jonathan Fletcher on sax and vocals put the swing into the evening. He gave a rousing rendition of Green Door which had everyone's toes tapping (l hear one or two people were tempted to get up and dance a jive at that point). Brian Jenkins on harmonica and vocals showed his talent in very varied styles. With the lights turned down low, he struck a romantic tone with his rendition of La Mer in French which had everyone swaying along. Jonathon Coudrille's exceptional musicality was on show as he played the trumpet, mandolin and guitar, as well as taking a turn with Robin on the keyboard. Dave Painter on drums kept an unobtrusive but constant rhythm going, while Lee Clarke on bass guitar added depth to the sound. lan Dunlop made a short appearance, opening with an amusing monologue on the world of social media. He followed with a few songs, including Up the Lazy River and a Fats Waller number. Sarah Parnell was on fine form, giving a sultry nightclub feel to things and duetting with Brian on My Baby Just Cares for Me. She was especially applauded for her wonderful rendition of Summertime.

One tune I couldn't quite place turned out to be the call holding music from our local GP surgery, nicely enhanced by Jonathan's saxophone and given the title "No 6 in the Queue".

The Friends organised a bar serving wine, beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee. They also provided a wonderful selection of snacks, and some excellent raffle prizes. All proceeds were donated to the Roof Appeal which is a most worthwhile cause raising funds to repair the Grade Church roof before it collapses.

You didn't need to be a jazz fan to have a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Well done to all involved.

I understand that another similar evening may be on offer later in the year and would highly recommend it to all live music lovers.

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Though the weather was quite wild at times the Easter holiday passed through very quietly for our lifeboat crews with no service launches required. Both boat and shore crews continue to train and exercise weekly and are always ready and prepared when required. Following essential maintenance work being carried out forcing its closure to the public, the lifeboat station at Kilcobben Cove is due to reopen to visitors again very soon. A reopening date will be posted on our social media sites.

Huge thanks to Andy Bramwell - RNLI Community Manager in Cornwall and RNLI Creative Services for organising and completing the beautiful refurbishment of The Lizard RNLI Lifeboat Station information boards situated at Polpeor, Lizard Point.



Another successful casualty care exercise was carried out with HM Coastguard teams from Mullion and Porthoustock recently. Two separate incidents were carried out, one extracting the casualty from the boat well and another from the engine room within RNLB Rose. Using an array of vital equipment, both tasks were expertly accomplished by all personnel involved.

Please join us in supporting our friend and colleague Jon-Paul Whaley and his brother in law Fran as they embark on a 900 mile cycle ride from John o' Groats to Lands End. The ride is in memory of Alfie, Fran's son and Jon-Paul's nephew who was tragically lost in an accident last year. All money raised from the ride is going to The Lizard RNLI Lifeboat Station and the Cornwall Air Ambulance in Alfie's memory. To read their story and if you wish to donate please visit the following link https://gofund.me/5affcc3e

Up to date news, information and photographs can be found on the station's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.



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Grade Ruan School News





Yoga

We all spent an amazingly relaxing time with Theo's mum Beccie having yoga classes. Beccie was very creative and took the children on a 'world tour' as they made different positions inspired by places such as the Eiffel Tower the Himalayas and even a tin mine! Here we are as aero-planes. Thank you Beccie.

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Virtual Easter Service with the Bishop of Truro

We joined with many other children from faith and non-faith schools across the County to share an assembly on Zoom and hear the Bishop tell us the Easter story. We sang songs together and enjoyed seeing ourselves on the screen!



Choir

The choir spent a lovely afternoon singing to the Sunshine Club in the Pavilion. They performed their songs from the recent Cornwall Songfest and found it interesting to talk to members of the community.







Easter Bonnets

Thank you so much to Tara Oates who spent all day in school running Easter Bonnet workshops and helping every child to design and make a fantastic hat. The children were very inventive, and each hat was unique and beautiful.



Gardening in May

by David Endean

Well after I penned last month's article, the weather went from benign to horrendous - the saying goes about March that if it comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb or the other

way around. This has continued deep into April. There is a lot of fresh growth everywhere now until another gale burns it back.

May is a month where there is just too much to do in the garden. As the month progresses the chances of really cold weather diminish to a very small chance making it generally safe to plant those half hardy plants out in the garden and sow those tender crops.

The days of people planting out large bedding schemes of tender half hardy annuals, like you saw in the parks and gardens of the past, are gone. But there is still very much a place for these plants, probably not in the same quantities as before but they are brilliant for brightening up an area in the summer either in some tubs or in pockets around the garden perhaps in gaps between your framework of shrubs or if you have spring bulbs in the borders you can plant these over the top.

I have just mentioned spring bulbs, I know those leaves look untidy but to get full value from them again next year you need to keep the leaves on for at least six weeks and not tied in a knot. This is so that energy can be put back into the bulb for next year. The ideal situation is to leave them alone until they yellow and wither, but you can start to tidy up the bulk of our spring bulbs just after Flora Day .

Back to your half-hardy annuals: if you are planting over bulbs you must be careful not to dig too deep and damage the bulbs, I like to remove the old foliage and any weeds then top dress with some homemade garden compost or perhaps some spent compost from tubs from the winter or last year. To this add some general fertiliser, then get planting. Half hardy annuals are tender and wintry weather will kill them and they generally need heat to initially start them off to give them a long enough season to be valuable in your garden. A selection of these types of flowers are French and African marigolds, lobelias, ageratum, nemesias, begonias and busy lizzies to name a few.

In the veg patch its time to plant runner beans. Either start them off in pots or in the open ground. Firstly incorporate a lot of well-rotted organic matter into the areas where you are going to grow them, then erect a very strong framework of poles for the beans to grow up, and then you are ready for planting. Like most veg, do a succession of sowings to ensure a long harvest season. It used to be that one sowing would last the season but I find that this is not the case now. I believe this is down to commercial selection methods where the commercial grower does not require the long season but prefers a larger crop at one time to get his pickers to harvest and then move on to another site. I find the runner bean Enorma hard to beat and climbing French beans are worth a go - I find the best here is a variety called cobra.

Now is also the time to plant out your cucurbits, all those marrows, squashes and pumpkins. I always find that they are best started off in pots in the greenhouse and then planted

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DOG FRIENDLY

ONE NIGHT

out. Like many things, they require a lot of nutrients and moisture so copious amounts of manure work wonders. People often grow them on their compost heaps. There is always a lot of fun in seeing how big you can get a pumpkin; you do end up with something which you really do not know what to do with but I find there is generally some youngster or young at heart who wants to make a Halloween lantern. This is very much like how tall can you grow your sunflowers. By the way there is still time to sow some and they should romp away now. For a really tall one, try Giant Russian.

Towards the end of the month, I plan to plant out my dahlias. For years I have left them in the ground as we are lucky enough to be able to do, but time has gone on and I have lost a large number of plants and the area has become infested with weeds. Worst of all is the bindweed which has gone right in around the tubers so impossible to remove without digging the plant up. Therefore this spring I have been digging up the tubers and propagating them plus, as I thought that I had lost more of the varieties than I had, I bought some fresh stock which I have also been propagating. As I write this I have a another batch of cuttings ready to take. I was lucky in that I lost several plants but still had at least one of most varieties. Dahlias come in so many colours, forms and sizes that they can be very valuable in the garden or on the allotment for cut flowers. Traditionally these are planted out in June - that way you can guarantee a late May frost will not damage them!

I could find you hundreds more jobs to do in your garden in May but my best advice is to sniff the lily-of-the-valley, appreciate the bluebells and enjoy your gardening.

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Quiz - King Charles

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K	Knight – is Charles a Knight of the Garter?		
I	Instruments. Which instruments does Charles play?		
N	He almost dated which President's Daughter?		
G	Name the school Charles attended in Scotland.		
С	He obtained his degree at which University?		
Н	Heir - Charles became Heir in which year?		
Α	Author – he is the author of which Children's book?		
R	Reign – identify what it actually means		
L	Languages – apart from English name 3 that Charles speaks?		
Е	Ecuador – Charles has what named after him?		
S	Services – in which services did Charles serve?		

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From the Gazette Archive 20 Years Ago - May 2003

Letter from A.H. Unwin, Poltesco Mills, Ruan Minor

Dear Editor,

The writer would welcome an opportunity in the Gazette to dispel some myths about Poltescoe Mill which seem to have somehow established themselves with relative newcomers to this parish.

Poltescoe Mill is privately run and maintained as it has been by a succession of millers and millwrights since medieval times. The present millwright is not "employed" by anyone and the mill is his trade premises. He is an independent professional registered in London, England with the S.P.A.B, a building conservation body founded by William Morris in 1877. He acts as a consultant to the Cornwall Archaeological Unit with whom he is presently engaged upon some conservation work at Poltescoe.

Poltescoe Mill was run into the ground by the last miller until the waterwheel broke down. It was later used as an agricultural store by Mr. Dick Rogers of Poltescoe Farm. During this time the waterwheel was persistently abused and attacked until on the point of collapse. The mill became derelict, the watercourses overgrown, the mill pool washed away. Where then was the concern for "heritage"?

After training for five years, the present miller and millwright, from an old Grade and Mullyon family, took the premises and completely renovated them at his own expense. The water wheel and millstones have been worked on many occasions over the past 20 or so years, whenever the constant attacks of interference and criminal damage have allowed.

Fortunately there are still enough genuine Cornish people around today working quietly for such traditional crafts and trades to survive. Anyone wishing to learn more about water power in this district is welcome to contact the writer who has extensive records and experience of some 35 years.

Anthony Hitchens Unwin



10 Years Ago - May 2013

The Cadgwith B euchre team finished top of the second division in the 2012-2013 season.

L to R: Richard Williams, Bruce Jane, Bruce Bray, Roger Legge (captain), Bill Scolding, Malcolm Scott. (not pictured: Briskie and Sharon Bray, Randall Williams and Taff Powell.)

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

The Village Hall was buzzing with chatter about what questions we might have this month! The Quizmaster called order and the March quiz began with a Nature round followed, appropriately for the time of year, with a round about Mothering Sunday.

Every month the questions are varied and sometimes very challenging. Thanks to Carolyn, Sally, Maggie and yours truly for setting the questions.

March saw the Scilly Old Fools take the wooden spoon on 53 points with only 6 points separating them from the top spot. With five teams taking part, the competition was fierce and first place went to Just Us Lot on 59 points.

See you all for the next quiz - come along and have ago on the third Tuesday every month.

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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 March 2023 at 7 pm

211/22 **Persons Present/Apologies**

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, S Collins, Cox, Fleet-

wood, Lee, Scolding, Trewin. Apologies: Cllr Soady CC.

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

212/22 To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.

Cllr Green declared an interest in item 7iii, a preapplication consultation for an upgrade of a telecommunications base at land near Treleague crossroads.

Cllr Trewin declared an interest in item 8: finance.

213/22 Reports from outside bodies.

RECEIVED a written report from Cllr Soady CC.

214/22 Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies.

APPOINTED Cllr Scolding as the representative to the Community Network Panel following the resignation of Cllr Keeley.

RECEIVED a verbal update from a meeting with Coastline Housing – Cllrs raised questions regarding housing stock and replenishment. Written notes of the meeting will be available in due course.

The Ruan Minor Village Hall Committee are pursuing insulation and ceiling-lowering to assist in heating efficiency.

Grade Ruan Recreation Ground Committee have received a request to allow dogs on leads in the pavilion and on the patio area – though they have decided to maintain the outright ban for the foreseeable future.

215/22 **Public Participation**.

N Rowe spoke in favour of PA23/01077 and gave context on behalf of the applicant.

D Mitchell (agent) gave context to PA23/01077.

216/22 **Council Meeting: Minutes 8 February 2023**

RESOLVED that the above <u>Minutes</u> of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs /. 5 in favour, 4 abstained: Cllrs S Collins, Fleetwood, Scolding, Trewin. No matters arising. **NOTED**.

217/22 **Planning Applications for consideration**.

PA23/01077: <u>Construction of workshop, parking and landscaping</u>. Mr C Deacon. Land South Of Trepool Treleague Crossroads Ruan Minor TR12 7JR

The Council considered that the specific site of the proposed development is acceptable but that siting any further south would encroach on important green

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space between Ruan Minor and St Ruan. The Council therefore supported the application and requested that additional landscaping is put in place with the development to provide screening and natural habitat. Proposed, seconded. 5 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstained.

218/22 Planning Applications decided by CC since the last meeting. None.

*Cllr Green left the meeting

219/22 Preapplications, consultations and appeals.

RECEIVED a pre-application consultation letter outlining a proposed upgrade $(\underline{1},\underline{2})$ at the existing telecommunications base station at Treleague Crossroads, Ruan Minor, Helston, Cornwall, TR12 7JP. **RESOLVED** to respond as follows: The Council thanks the applicant for advance notice and will give further feedback when a formal planning application comes forward Cllrs Trewin/S Collins. Unanimous.

219/22 cont. **NOTED** the Appeal Decision <u>PA21/10028</u>: Land south of Rosemerryn, St Ruan, Ruan Minor – Appeal Allowed. No Costs claimed. The Council expressed concern and displeasure over the decision taken by the Planning Inspectorate, which overrides the decision of Cornwall Council and the comments of the Parish Council. The Council wished to express its disapproval of the decision by writing to the Inspectorate.

220/22 Finance report and Payments

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

Octopus Energy	Public Lighting	20.70
Parish Online	Annual software subscription	6.00
R Sanders	Cut & strim play area & bus shelter	75.00
F Trewin	Works to stile	350.00
L Dunkley	12 months Travel, office and reimbursements	394.33
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Cllrs Scolding/Fleetwood. Unanimous.

221/22 Defibrillators at Kuggar and Kennack Sands

RECEIVED an update. Permission has been given by landowners at both prospective sites. **RESOLVED** to purchase two defibrillators via the Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity and site at the bus shelter in Kuggar and the café at Kennack Sands, and to spend up to £3,500. Cllrs S Collins/Green. Unanimous.

222/22 Update: Old Bus Shelter renovation

RECEIVED as above. Still just one quotation has been received for interior refurbishment, redecoration and repairs. Further quotations to continue to be sought via the Gazette.

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^{*}Cllr Green re-entered the meeting

^{*}Cllr Trewin left the meeting

^{*}Cllr Trewin re-entered the meeting

223/22 Update: Youth Forum

RECEIVED as above. Further work on the project will follow after the scoping of the Parish Plan per minute 224/22.

224/22 Long-term "vision" for the Council

RECEIVED as above. **RESOLVED** to outsource admin support $(\underline{1}, \underline{2})$ at an approximate cost of £1,080 to be taken from the earmarked reserve for "Parish Plan Exploration Work" (current balance = £3,000), and to adopt the draft Terms of Reference document with minor amendments to wording. Cllrs Cox/Scolding. Unanimous.

225/22 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.

- a) **CONSIDERED** the need for a waste bin at St Ruan $(\underline{1}, \underline{2})$. The Council felt that there is a case for an additional bin.
- b) **RECEIVED** a verbal update on gaining permission for signage installation on Old Dolphin Cottage. An email has been sent to the owner on two occasions but no response has been received. It is now believed ownership has changed hands.
- c) **RECEIVED** an <u>update</u> on registering as a PROW the access from New Rd to the above FP6.
- d) **RECEIVED** an update on Higher Moor-Glebe Place access works. The stile works have been undertaken and a quote for agreed works at the additional stile will be considered in April.
- e) **RECEIVED** an update from the Chapel Terrace surface repair working group. A request for quotation document has been drawn up and is ready to issue to prospective contractors.
- f) **RESOLVED** to accept the grass cutting agreement (1, 2) and associated funding from Cornwall Council. Cllrs Green/Fleetwood. Unanimous.
- g) **CONSIDERED** other reports: new wooden steps at Kennack Sands dunes are unevenly spaced. An issue with potential exclusion of the public from common land near Beach Cottage, Cadgwith, was reported. The issue with roadside erosion on the main road out of Ruan Minor towards Helston is worsening.

226/22 Notification of meeting/items for agenda

NOTED: Resolution on additional dog waste bin; additional stile works quote.

227/22 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. None.

Meeting closed 20:50.

Answers to Quiz on Page 39

K. Yes I. Cello, piano, trumpet N. Nixon G. Gordonstoun C. Cambridge
H. 1952. A. Old Man of Lochnager R. To rule as a monarch L. Welsh,
German & French E. Ecuadorian tree frog. S. Royal Navy & Air Force

GRADE RUAN PARISH COUNCIL

On 6th March 2023 representatives of the Parish Council met with Coastline Housing as a result of community concern over the selling of social housing stock. Councillors interrogated the reasons behind the policy for disposal of old housing stock, the potential siting of new social housing, and the local need. The notes from this meeting are as follows:

Meeting with Coastline Housing - 6 March 2023, 14:00

Notes of the meeting as above held at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor.

Persons Present/Apologies

Parish Council: Cllrs Preston (Chair), P Collins, Trewin, Lee, Cox. L Dunkley (Clerk).

Coastline Housing: Christian Blackbeard (Head of Housing Services).

Cornwall Council: Cllr Soady.

Apologies: Cllr Green.

Context from Coastline Housing

CB Presented information to the meeting which outlined the following.

Strategic approach to Health & Safety and compliance -

Coastline Housing are required to ensure that houses that are new, or old houses that become vacant, meet high targets for Health & Safety and for energy efficiency. Coastline strive to surpass the "Decent Home Standard" and meet the "Housing Health & Safety Rating System" assessment. They are required to have all homes at a minimum efficiency rating of D by 2025, C by 2028, and B by 2040. A key challenge to meeting these targets is property type – whereby many older homes are hard to heat and run on oil, for example. This leads to the following:

Strategic approach to asset management –

Coastline must assess the cost of bringing old housing stock up to the required standard versus selling said stock and using the funds to borrow and purchase/acquire new build homes. It is expected that over a 40 year period bringing old "unviable" housing up to new standards would cost £125m. By not selling stock, Coastline project that they would not be in a position to build new social homes, that the overall quality of social homes will be lower, and high costs will lead to cuts elsewhere, such as in customer service. Coastline instead are embarking on a disposal programme which it projects will see the selling off of approx. 1% of its stock (50 houses) per year. Disposal is based on whether the property can meet energy efficiency required rating, how much it costs to get up to standard etc. Rural housing is less likely to meet energy efficiency rating (no mains gas – therefore

heating oil) so more likely to be disposed of. Towns are also higher up on demand list for social housing than rural areas. Coastline projects that each home sold will fund 4-5 new homes and there will be an overall raising in quality of social homes.

Community concern

Cllrs expressed that they receive concerns from residents about the reduction in local social housing stock. The likelihood of the selling of social houses in rural areas, coupled with the unlikelihood that Coastline will build houses in those same areas, means an overall reduction of available social housing for local (often young) people to live in the village that they were raised in. Coastline use raw numbers to identify where there is demand for social housing, and do not take into account the relative need (i.e. percentage of town/parish population in need of social housing) thus the larger towns will remain the priority unless there is a direct policy/strategy change from government. There are no policies or protocols on ensuring there is no net loss of social housing in any given parish. There is no policy to replace homes sold within same parish.

CB outlined that typically Coastline have double the amount of applicants for a vacancy in a town than for a vacancy in a rural location. Though there is demand for social housing in Grade Ruan it does mean there is much greater demand for properties where support, schools, medical facilities are easier to access. Therefore building in towns is Coastline's priority though they will always consider opportunities in rural locations.

Glebe Place potential for new social housing

Cllrs raised the potential of using land at Glebe Place for additional social housing. CB outlined that the issue is that this is a small scale site where there may only be space to build 5 houses. On-costs are as large there as for a development of 30 houses, and therefore the economic viability of such small scale sites is questionable.

It was noted that Coastline can and do work with Community Land Trusts and that this is perhaps a route that could see additional social housing being created on a small scale in rural areas.

Housing allocation for non-Cornish connections

There was a brief discussion about people from other parts of the Country moving to Cornwall and being rehoused ahead of local. CB outlined that there is a publicly available dataset called "CORE" which allows you to see where people lived prior to being rehoused: https://core.communities.gov.uk/public/AnalyseCOREData.html

Of the approx. 350 Coastline lettings to properties built since 2010, only 4 of the properties went to people who had only just moved to Cornwall and had no prior connection to Cornwall.

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Wednesday CLOSED ALL DAY Wed 8.30am - 6pm, 6.30pm - 8pm 8.30am - 6pm, Closed 1pm - 2pm 2pm - 5.30pm Thu Thursday 8.30am - 6pm, Closed 1pm - 2pm 9am - 12 noon Fri Friday

Lizard Surgery - 290415 All Surgeries will be closed on the following Monday

2pm - 5.30pm Bank Holidays:

9am - 12 noon Tuesday New Year's Dav Good Friday Wednesday CLOSED ALL DAY Easter Monday Early May Thursday 9am - 12 noon Spring/Whitsun Summer/August Friday 2pm - 5.30pm Christmas Day **Boxing Day**

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We are also delighted to share with you some exciting new summer projects which will include Fresh Wood Fire Pizza's from our Pizza HorseBox, Fresh Seafood Fish Platters, Crabs and lobsters from our Outdoor Seafood bar, Summer Cocktails from our Outdoor Cocktail bar and new terrace and lawn areas for everyone to Relax and Dine.

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HAPPY FLORA DAY!

We're hoping to source bunches of lily of the valley again this year, so please watch this space.



We are hoping to go to town on the window this year too and decorate the outside (as well as the inside), in the traditional way. If anyone has greenery and/or bluebells that they would be happy to provide on the Wednesday or Thursday (3rd and 4th May) for us to 'dress' the window in time for the Friday, all contributions would be very gratefully received.

We are also hoping to make a special effort for this year's Coronation celebrations. If anyone has any photographs or other memorabilia that they would be happy for us to use in the window or photocopy if they are fragile/precious, then please let me know. We'll be looking to start towards the end of April, ready for the bank holiday weekend. Hopefully you'll see a start by the time you receive this issue of the Gazette.

Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm Saturday 8:30am to 7pm Sunday 9am to 1pm 01326 290138