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*Barn Hill, outside the old Post Office in Cadgwith.*

*From a post card supplied by Rose Boucher. (See her article about the Cadgwith Post Office on page 35)*

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Alternate Mon	Recycling - 9 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library (Tel: 0300 1234111) - 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> April. Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am & Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, <b>to be held on 10 April</b>
3rd Saturday	9am - 1pm Farmers Market at Mullion School, 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling in the Village Hall
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280
Every Thurs	9.30am-11.30am Market and refreshments in the Village Hall
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2 - 13 April	Easter Holidays (Grade Ruan and Mullion)
4 and 7 April	Family Bushcraft days at Poltesco
6 April	Good Friday
9 April	Easter Monday
10 April	7.30pm Bingo Night in the Village Hall
	<b>7pm Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Parish Council meeting *</b>
14 April	10.30am - 4pm Quality Garden Furniture Sale in the Village Hall
<b>16 April</b>	<b>7pm Poltesco. Women in Wellies - Garden Crafts * - NEW</b>
24 April	7.30pm Quiz Night in the Village Hall
25 April	8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting. Cadgwith Cove Inn
<b>ADVANCE DATES</b>	
7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
8 May	Flora Day
19 May	Olympic Torch passes through Helston
<b>21 May</b>	<b>7pm Women in Wellies - Felting Workshop * - NEW</b>
23 May	8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting. Cadgwith Cove Inn
2 - 4 June	May Festival on the Rec (see Recreation Ground News)
4-8 June	Half term (Grade Ruan and Mullion)
5 June	Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday. Street party
<b>24 June</b>	<b>Mullion School Midsummer Medley: stalls, BBQ, entertainment - NEW</b>
27 June	8pm Cadgwith Book Club meeting. Cadgwith Cove Inn
7 July	Night Before the Rally
8 July	Vintage Rally
<b>9, 10, 11, 12 July</b>	<b>Mullion School production of "Honk" - NEW</b>
20 July	End of Summer term (Grade Ruan)
<b>21 July</b>	<b>Noon till late. Folk Day at the Cadgwith Cove Inn - NEW</b>
24 July	Last day of term (Mullion)
25 July	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
27 July - 12 August	London Olympics
1 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
5 August	Fun cricket match at the Recreation Ground
8 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
<b>11 August</b>	<b>Buller Day - NEW</b>
12 August	Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival
15 August	Beach BBQ (Xmas Lights)
<b>17 August</b>	<b>Buller Cup (at Newquay) - NEW</b>
19 August	Fun cricket match at the Recreation Ground
22 August	Beach BBQ (Recreation Ground)
29 August	Beach BBQ (Gig Club)
29 Aug- 9 Sept	Paralympic Games

\* see Noticeboard

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send contributions to the Editor's email address shown below or submit them via the Gazette Facebook page. Paper contributions can be put in the letterbox at New Thatch or in the Mag Bag behind the door at Spar. **The deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication, but may occasionally be earlier (check the Noticeboard section).**

Please ensure your piece does not exceed 1500 words, or approximately three pages of A4. Articles may need to be split over more than one issue, and might be edited.

If you have a photograph, painting or drawing that could be used on the front cover, please send it to the Editor.

**Views and opinions expressed in submitted articles and letters are not necessarily those of the Editorial Team and Committee. The Editor reserves the right to alter submissions for length and/or diplomacy!**

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY, CONTINUED

**September:** 1 - Late Summer Fete at the Village Hall; 4 - Start of Autumn term (Mullion - to be confirmed); 29 - Harvest Supper. **November:** 17 - Hospice Fayre in the Village Hall. **December:** 1 - Christmas Lights Switch-on; 2 - Carolaire; 4 - Christmas Bingo; 5 - Village Hall Christmas Party; 11 - Christmas Quiz; 13 - Christmas Market; 16 - Christmas Community Evening

# Noticeboard

**Hazel Mary Fletcher** lost her battle with dementia on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January aged 82. Hazel was much loved by all. She played a big part in the community over the years many remembering her as Auntie Hazel their school dinner lady, shop assistant having a good old natter, line dancing, bowling and bingo amongst a few! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for respecting the family's need for privacy at that very difficult time.

*Andrew Fletcher*

**Happy Birthday in April to:** Alex T, Sandra Birchmore, Tony Halliday, Megan G, Rhiannon Halliday, Peter Fluck, Colin Thomas (I believe he may be an official pensioner now), Tim Hurst (a big one), Kane K, Lisa Jane, Steven Legge, Jenna B, Bella J, Philippa Goddard, Sarah Parnell, Freddy T, Ellen H, Tamlyn C, Matt Jane, Andrew Whitehorn, Marianne E, Susan Stephens, Terry Stephens, Deborah Stephens.

**Spring has sprung, the grass has riz, there're all coming down to see where Cadgwith is** (to quote Dave Trivett). So.... how was "The Fisherman's Apprentice" for you? It made Cadgwith look fab, as it is, of course. The recurring themes were: what a great welcome the film team got, how much everyone loves living in Cadgwith and what a great community it is. We are so lucky to be able to live here!

I've had a note from a Julia Bourne, who was reminded while watching Monty Halls' programme that her mother was evacuated to Cadgwith during WWII. She was wondering where she might find **records of evacuees** to the area. Her mother has passed away, so she can't ask her, but is keen to find out more. The subject of evacuees comes up fairly frequently in one guise or another - if you have any information, please let me know and I'll pass it on. Perhaps I could put together an archive of all the information there is, for future reference.



Congratulations to the Grade-Ruan children who were selected for the **Penryn Partnership cross country trials**. A special well done goes to Tillie Alfrey-Cryan who has made it through to the cross country finals at Newquay. Representing Year 3 and Year 4 were:- Esme Alfrey-Cryan, Nancy Stephens, Chloe Hardy, Ben Fletcher, Rowan Henn & Freddy Trewin. Representing Year 5 and Year 6 were:- Ben Rudd, Eve Bosustow, Robin Blight-Anderson and Tillie Alfrey-Cryan.

Congratulations to **John Fleetwood**, who has passed his Category C HGV test. He is planning to go on and do the Category E, which is for arctics. Watch out, he may be on a road near you soon!

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## Noticeboard

flower displays he has tended in Ducks Lane that really brighten up the summer for us all. Have a long, active and happy retirement, Danny.

Farewell and best wishes to **Cilla Fox** who has moved away from the Parish. **Roger and Christine Legge** have moved to Gwelmor and we'll soon be welcoming to the Parish the people who have bought their house.

Cornwall Council is extending its **recycling** service and soon you will be receiving a blue reusable sack for paper, and an orange reusable sack for cardboard. I believe the blue sack for paper will be different from the blue sack we already have for cans and plastic bottles, but clearly the alternate Sunday night sorting out of rubbish is about to become more complicated...

If you or anyone you know has been to the **Eden project** and bought a **bracelet** like this, then you should immediately put it in a bag, wash your hands thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes. The bracelets are made from the Jequirity bean, a deadly seed that if swallowed can kill in doses of just 3 micrograms.



**April's Parish Council meeting**, will be moved to Tuesday 10th April, to avoid Easter Monday. The start time has been brought forward to 7 pm, as the Annual Parish Meeting will be held that evening as well.

My holidays are over and I won't be going anywhere for the rest of the year, so the **deadline** for contributions to the Gazette has reverted to the 18th of the previous month. Thank you for your cooperation over the last couple of editions.

*Moirá Hurst*

Dave Trivett, landlord of the Cadgwith Cove Inn, kindly invited the school down to the pub for a pancake on **Shrove Tuesday**. The children had been finding out about Shrove Tuesday traditions in other countries and all made Mardi Gras masks, parading down to the Cove suitably adorned! Many thanks to Dave and his staff for their hospitality - and apologies to the customers who had popped in for a quite pint!



*Alison Goldsack*



Welcome home (24th March), **Susan Stephens** and boyfriend **Daniel Moore** after six months backpacking around the world. *Deborah Stephens*



### Women in Wellies - Forthcoming Events



Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Poltesco - Garden Crafts - Learn to weave willow decorations, and pamper your garden birds by making your own rustic bird boxes and nut feeders. Photo of eggs attached. £2 per item made. All materials supplied.

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm Poltesco - Felting Workshop - Take wool fibres and learn how to work them into felt sheets, which you can then sew/stick into anything you want! £2 per person for wool, card, glue etc. If possible bring sewing kits and oddments of material for backing / lace / ribbon / buttons etc. If you have eg a plain cotton bag that you want to jazz up, then bring that too!





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The current Trustees are: Paul Collins (Chairman), Peter Freeman (Secretary), Richard Williams, Elwyn Jones, Nicky Skewes, Jonathan Fletcher. (Treasurer - Mo Jones)

The income from the car park is used to maintain the Car Park and the Toilets, to keep them clean and supplied particularly during the busy summer months. Since we began we have made a steady improvement in the state of the

Car Park, replaced the ticket machine and undertaken refurbishment of the toilets in Cadgwith & Kennack.

Projects we have underway at the present time are

- managing the woodland below the car park, planting new trees, thinning out existing growth to encourage wildlife and opening up the whole area for picnics, walks and general leisure enjoyment;
- providing a noticeboard in the car park showing visitors a map of the area. A leaflet showing footpaths, giving information and advertising the businesses in the cove will be available shortly;
- providing a disabled toilet within the present toilet building in Ruan Minor (once the recent vandalism damage has been repaired);
- marking out parking spaces in Cadgwith car park so as to fit more cars in at peak times.

The charity is allowed to contribute to other projects that are for the benefit of either residents of, or visitors to, the parish. So far, we have pledged support towards

- new play equipment on the Rec
- new pavilion on the Rec
- school minibus.

We are also taking over the grass road-side verge between Treleague cross-roads and Sparnam Well on behalf of the Parish Council to make a more attractive entrance to the village.

If you have any suggestions for other areas where we could be contributing to improvements in the parish, they are always welcome.

*Peter Freeman (secretary)*



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The market is held every Thursday morning from 9.15am to 11.45am or later in the summer. Come along, browse our stalls for some superb purchases, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some toast, teacakes, or try our speciality '**The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie**'. If you prefer, simply stay for a chat and catch up with the local news.

Regular stalls include:

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To book a stall or get further information telephone **David or Janet on 290536** or just call in on a Thursday morning to see what's going on.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm

It doesn't matter whether you're a beginner or seasoned campaigner, come along and have a go. It's only £1 per session and you get tea, coffee and biscuits thrown in. Spare bowls are available.

For more information call **David on 290536**

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Quizzes are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month and its fun for all the family. It's £1 per person including tea, coffee and biscuits and you can BYO if you prefer. The contests begin at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village noticeboards.

### **BINGO NIGHT**

Bingo sessions are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month and it's eyes down at 7.30pm.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Check on the Hall and Village noticeboards for details of the special events we hold throughout the year.

### **ARRANGING AN EVENT?**

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# NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL



The weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March saw the Village Hall play host to the Grade Ruan Horticultural Society Spring Show. It's not only gardens that get the once-over in Spring and properties far and wide are receiving their annual 'spring clean'. The Village Hall is no exception and work on the Hall is underway with a vengeance after the winter slow down.

Work is already arranged for the Hall floor, the roof, lighting and a range of smaller items. In addition, quotes are being finalised for the provision of non-slip floors for the toilet areas. Other quotes are being received for some work to the front drainage system but this will in no way solve all of the major issues involved. We are also looking at ways in which we might be able to accommodate the ever increasing need for more storage space.

Whilst on the subject of spring cleaning, if any of you are having a clear out and think you might have some nice and suitable household items or bric-a-brac, please give Dave or I a shout and we would be pleased to come and collect them from you. Our Thursday Market Bric-a-Brac Stall raises invaluable cash to help us pay for the work which has to be done to keep the Hall in the best possible condition.

It was a sad occasion at the Thursday Market two weeks ago when one of our friends and regular stall holders was forced to finish for reasons beyond her control. We shall miss Emma whose stall was a real asset to the market. If

anyone out there might be interested in running a stall to fill this gap please give Dave a ring or come along one Thursday for a chat.

Our 'recreational' activities continue to thrive although we could do with a few more players at the monthly Bingo sessions. Quiz Night is extremely popular with 8 or 9 teams regularly competing in the monthly battle of wits. The holiday season always brings an extra team or two and we can always squeeze extra quizgoers in. Both the Bowls and Snooker Groups have enjoyed increased membership in this last year and we hope this welcome development will continue. The Bowls Section, in particular, is doing really well and provides some good friendly competition and enjoyment on Mondays and Thursdays. Why not give it a try or, as some people do, just come along to watch the games and have a friendly cup of tea and a chat.

Our Ruan Minor RNLI Souvenir Sales Branch has maintained its momentum and continues to generate a regular source of income for both the RNLI and The Lizard Lifeboat. We are very pleased to say that our links with the new Lifeboat and Station are now stronger than ever and we hope to raise even more funds for this crucial service in the future.

I think that's all I've got to tell you about this time so have a good April and see you next month.

*Janet Gascoigne*

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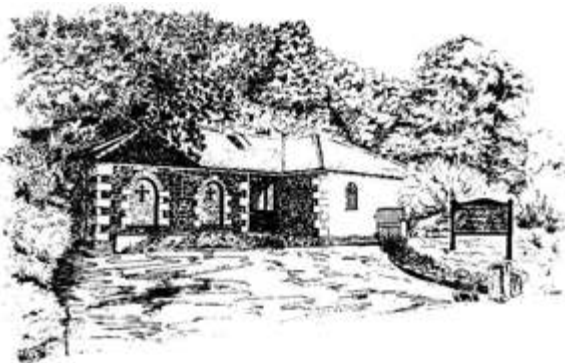
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# School Spot



Grade-Ruan Under 5s

Grade-Ruan C of E School

Mullion School

**Under 5s.** No report this month.

**Grade-Ruan's** school hall was transformed into a French coffee shop for one morning at the beginning of March, with Year 5 and 6 pupils providing a wonderful waiter and waitress service, all suitably attired and putting up with their customers' attempts at speaking French to them. Thank you to all the parents and friends that supported the event - it raised nearly £100!! We hope to hold another one early in the summer term - will let you know the date. More fancy dress was paraded through the village and down the hill to Cadgwith on Shrove Tuesday - Dave Trivett, landlord of the Cadgwith Cove Inn, invited all the children to the pub for a pancake and, as the children had been finding out about Shrove Tuesday traditions in other countries, it seemed only right to wear the Mardi Gras masks they had made down to the pub. Huge thanks to Dave and the pub staff - the children had a great time. Well done to the 18 children that took part in the cross country race at Bonython Wind Farm - you show such fearlessness and determination in taking part and consideration for your friends - wonderful! Well done to the children that were selected to run in the Penryn cross country trials - the competition was fierce but you did yourselves and the school proud. A particular well done to Tillie Alfrey-Cryan for coming 4th in her race at Bonython and her performance at

Penryn resulted in her being selected for the County finals at Newquay!!

Bernice and Andrew Putt from the Lizard RNLI attended a school assembly to be presented with a cheque for £220.21, the fantastic amount raised at the RNLI Bring and Buy that took place at the school. It will be used to buy a new lifejacket - which the children may be able to see very soon as they have been invited to visit the new lifeboat station.

We held a special St Piran's Day assembly and were very pleased to raise the new flag for the first time on a freshly painted flagpole - thanks to John Trewin for bringing the flagpole down and Peter Martin for repainting it and sorting out a pulley system for much more effective flag raising and lowering!

By the time you read this Easter Holidays will be upon us - the summer term starts again on Monday 16th April - have a good break!

**Mullion School Choir** took part in the Cornwall County Music Festival and did outstandingly well - coming first in three classes: the Percussion Group (including Tommy Bosustow), the Guitar Ensemble (including Jordan Jane) and the Swing Orchestra (including Tommy Bosustow and Talia Sealey). For the Senior Choir Competition (including Lauren Birchmore, Poppy McMinn and Talia Sealey), we had a great

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fabulous singing of a very high standard.  
The Mullion pupils acquitted themselves  
well with 86 points - just missing out on  
a placing as the 3rd placed choir scored  
88 points. Well done everyone for all  
your hard work and dedication!

Rehearsals have begun for the summer  
play - 'Honk' - performances are on 9th,  
10th, 11th and 12th July so please make  
a note of the dates - will let you know  
when tickets are on sale.

Good luck to all the Year 11 pupils who are  
undergoing the interview process for  
their college of choice. They only have a  
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*Ginny Sealey*

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## **The Lizard RNLI lifeboat coxswain visits Grade Ruan C of E School**



The Lizard lifeboat coxswain Andrew Putt visited Grade Ruan School, Ruan Minor, on 20th February, to accept a cheque for the RNLI SOS day. Andrew met the pupils and staff at morning assembly before being presented with a cheque for £220.21.

The pupils at Grade Ruan Church of England School had held a cream tea organised by Mrs Nicky Jose, at the school on Friday 27 January, with all the proceeds going towards replacing the lifejackets currently worn by the crew of The Lizard RNLI lifeboat.



Grade Ruan School Council members Verity Freeman, Treasurer and Ben Rudd, Deputy Treasurer presenting the cheque to Coxswain Andrew Putt.

*Photo: Bernice Putt/RNLI*

At the cream tea, retired Lizard coxswain Phil Burgess and crew member Brett Jose talked to the children about the work of the RNLI, also showing them the foul weather gear the crew have to wear when going to sea in an emergency. The pupils put together an SOS day board with pictures of different lifeboats and information leaflets about the RNLI, which is displayed in the school hall.

During the assembly, Andrew thanked the children and teachers for raising the money before inviting them to visit the lifeboat station early in March.

### ***Yoga with Tanya***

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The SOS day information board put together by the Grade Ruan pupils and displayed in the school hall.

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**Southerly Point walks on Sunday 22 April and Sunday 20 May.**

**Meet at Southerly Point, Lizard, TR12 7NU (SW700114) at 9am.**

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*The Cornwall Chough Project is a partnership between RSPB, National Trust and Natural England who work together to ensure a future for the wild chough in Cornwall. For more information, please contact Cat Lee Marr at [cat.leemarr@rspb.org.uk](mailto:cat.leemarr@rspb.org.uk) or 07581 194940.*



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## Ruan Minor Football Club News

Ruan Minor is still in second place in Division 4 of the Trelawney League.

**Results** since the last Gazette:

18/2 4-2 Home v. Goonhavern Athletic Res  
25/2 2-1 Away v. Pendeen Rovers Res  
3/3 1-0 Away v. Mawnan Reserves  
10/3 7-1 Home v. Constantine Reserves

### **Matches in April**

9/4 6.15pm Away v. Gulval Reserves  
21/4 2.30pm Away v. Troon Reserves  
23/4 6.15pm Away v. Madron Reserves  
28/4 2.30pm Away v. Constantine Res.

*Lew has done such a great job building up the team and achieving success in the League. However, he feels it's now time to step down and will do so at the end of this season. Please see "Recreation News" for more on this.*

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# Recreation Ground News



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As I reported last month, we have asked several local organisations for pledges of support, and am please to report a positive response from each of the organisations approached. This has resulted in a substantial increase in the funds available from local efforts. Of course, if there is anyone else looking to put money into a community project, we would be most grateful to hear from them! We have been asked on a number of occasions if we will be launching a "buy a brick" type scheme – the answer to that is – yes, but not until we know how much funding we are able to get from grants, etc.

Deadlines are approaching for some funding applications, and we intend to get our applications in in good time. We are applying to "Sport England – Inspired facilities", "Big Lottery – Reaching Communities, Buildings", "Sita – Flagship funding" and possibly "Sita – Core funding".

Planning for the "May Festival" is beginning to take shape:

- Saturday 2nd June, evening – Braga-Tanga (possibly another band before).
- Sunday 3rd June, afternoon – Jazz (exact line-up to be confirmed) and picnic time on the Rec.
- Sunday 3rd June, evening – Criminal Suspects (Carrie Lester's new band).

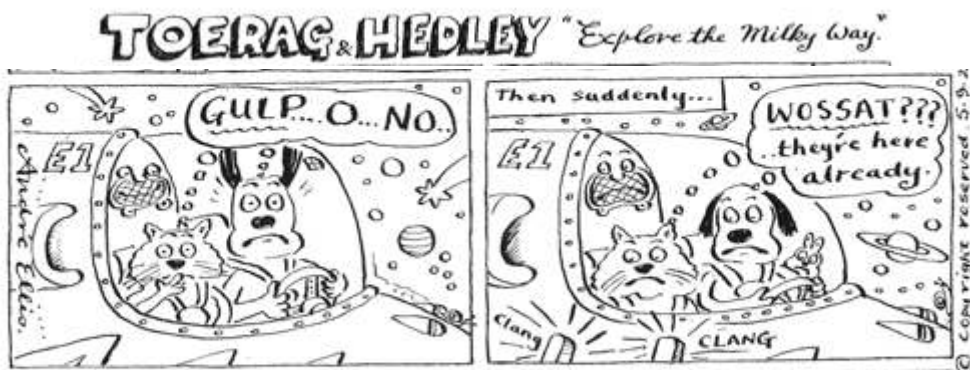
- Monday 4th June, afternoon – "Family Fun Day" with side shows, stalls, Maypole, etc. etc.
- Monday 4th June, evening – The Ducks and The Neutrons.

As always, this event relies on an army of volunteers. We need 20+ to put up the marquee, probably the Friday evening before, and a similar number to take it down again afterwards. We need volunteers to help run the bar and we need people to supervise the sideshows, bouncy castles, etc. If you would like to help (it is fun – not all hard work!) please contact me, or any other committee member – we would be most pleased to hear from you.

One last appeal, before I finish: After many years of hard work, Andrew (Lew) Lewis has decided to resign as manager of the football club. On his behalf, I am asking for anyone who would like to take this on to seriously consider it, and to make themselves known. It would be a great shame if the club, whilst performing so well in the local league, were to fold for lack of a manager. This would be a great opportunity for someone from the village to get more involved in their local club!

Many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mike Fleetwood, Chairman*



By Andre Ellis

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# Gardening in April

*by David Endean*

March came in like a lamb, so I'm expecting it to go out like the proverbial lion - as I write this, I am yet to find out. So will it follow that there will be the April showers? Who knows, but make the most of whatever we get. I have been enjoying the lighter evenings and now that the time has altered, work will start at a serious pace.

So here are a few ideas of tasks to do this month in the garden. I always like to give you some pruning projects. Firstly, some plants you may have already had a go at, now that they are breaking into growth and the risk of frosts of any damaging strength is diminishing day by day. Firstly cut back your *Buddleia davidii* (butterfly bush); you can be hard on these leaving stumps around a foot long, and they will put on many feet in growth this summer. Hardy fuchsias can be trimmed back to where the green shoots are sprouting and give the bush a pleasing shape. Hydrangeas need to be pruned ASAP. Remove a third of the old stems, removing them whole, and trim off the old flowers. The only caveat I have to this is that, if you are in the teeth of the salt winds on the cliff tops and the like, growth is much slower and so I recommend that you only trim off the old flowers.

The other group of shrubs that may need some pruning around now are those which flowered this spring, things like the flowering currants *Ribes* spp and forsythia. Cut out a third of the old wood once again when the shrub is mature and at the size you require. If they are too big and overgrown, cut them back hard. You may lose the flower for one year, but doing it now gives the most chance of flowers in twelve months' time.

In your borders, you will have already done your weeding, but have you given the beds a generous dressing of a slow release fertiliser such as fish, blood and bone? Also putting a layer of mulch around now suppresses any more weeds and traps in the moisture from the winter rains. While you are pottering in the borders, now is a good time to start getting some staking in around your

herbaceous plants. As the proverb says, a stitch in time saves nine. If you get the stakes in early they are quickly covered up and the plants do not flop. Plants rarely look right if they are staked after they have flopped; also they can collapse on other plants and, in the worst cases, kill them by smothering and blocking out the light. Also, whilst you have the fertiliser to hand, give a generous dose to your daffodils, most of which will have finished flowering now. The strappy leaves on these look untidy, but do not do anything to them for at least six weeks - even better to let them turn yellow and start to be eaten. Do not trim them back or tie them in knots as was done in times gone by. They need to be able to photosynthesize to put energy back into the bulb so that it will flower well next year.

You may have noticed the farmers going around the grass fields with their tractors with a hopper on the back. They have been sowing nitrogen fertilizer to get the grass growing ready for silage later in the spring. You may not want silage, but it is good to give your lawns some fertilizer: this will green them up, give some strength and help them fight off the encroachment of weeds.

In the greenhouse, now is the right time to sow the quick growing half hardy annuals like French and African Marigolds and asters. Also keep sowing hardy annuals in small pots or modules, to fill any gaps which may appear in your garden. April is generally a mad month for pricking out seedlings which you sowed in March - this needs to be done to get good strong stocky plants. You use compost with more nutrients and give the plant more space.

Carrying on with greenhouse work, many of you will be thinking of growing tomatoes in your greenhouse this year. They tell me nothing tastes better than a home grown tomato. I'm not the right one to judge, as I cannot stand tomatoes and products made from them, but growing them can be rewarding and I have always liked to plant them out in the greenhouse border this month. Soil borders are preferable to pots or

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grow bags as their extra volume means that they do not dry out so badly, but good tomatoes can be grown in grow bags. Spend some money and get decent bags - the cheapest are generally so for a good reason. But why grow just the mundane? Try something different such as aubergines, sweet peppers or tomatillos, even different sorts of melons. If you like these, growing them may well make more financial sense.

In the vegetable garden, the work is endless. Prepare the ground well and get sowing: peas and broad beans will do well, mangetout and sugarsnap peas are worth a go and easy to grow. But delay sowing your runner bean and French beans directly in the open soil until next month, as temperatures are not quite there for them yet. An early start can be gained from some pot grown ones.

The time is right to plant your main crop potatoes, but for the space that they take up and their cost in the season, you are better off dedicating the space to something else. In most cases, if you can think of it, April is the right time to plant it in the veg patch -

although there will be time to sow some more later. So sow carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions and all your salads. Sow crops in small batches so that they can be harvested at their peak and eaten quickly at their best. There is plenty more time for later sowings and for them to mature. I would leave the sowing of the cucurbits - courgettes, marrows, squashes and pumpkins - until late in the month. These plants also do not like the cold nights.

Well what will I be doing this month? I hope to be taking Dahlia cuttings, potting on chrysanthemums, potting on my exhibition onions and leeks and preparing the ground ready for them. I will also be potting on those large exhibition onions which I will be giving away on behalf of the autumn show for you all to have a go at entering the novice class this year - more details will follow. But if you dig the ground over well, incorporating copious amounts of well-rotted farm yard manure, you will be ready for planting when they are ready.

Whatever you do this month, enjoy your gardening.

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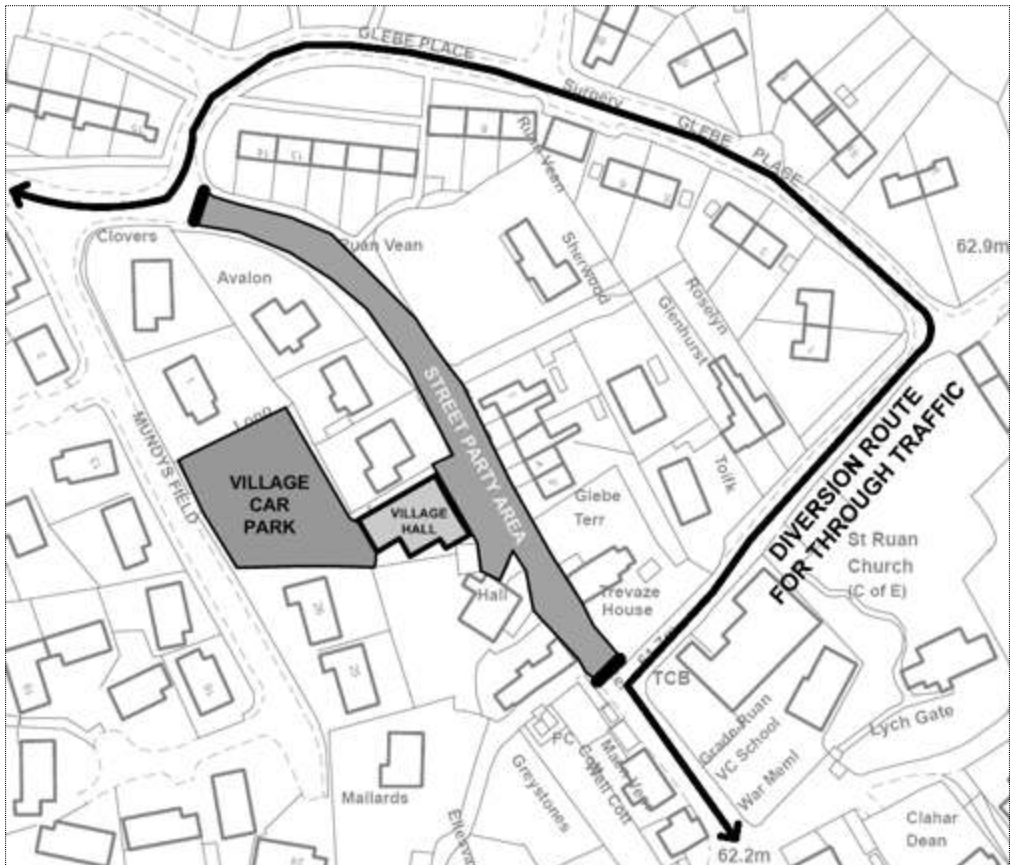
# *Grade Ruan Diamond*

## Street party, to be held on Tuesday

It is hoped that, on this once-in-a-lifetime occasion, everyone in the Parish will join in the Street Party to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

The plan is to close the road as shown in the diagram, diverting traffic via Glebe Place. Formal permission from Cornwall Council is awaited.

The party table will stretch the entire length of the closed road, and will be decorated with red, white and blue bunting, balloons and table flags. There'll be games and music. Hot and cold drinks will be served. Cakes will be provided; but please bring a plate of something to share - sweet or savoury, whatever you fancy.



# Jubilee Celebration

5th June, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Village Hall will be at the centre of things and the Committee has kindly agreed to open it rent-free for the day. Applications have been made for grants to cover the costs, and the expectation is that it will all be free for everyone.

For any queries or offers of help, please contact the organizers via Wendy Elliot on 290432 or at [wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wendyandderek@tiscali.co.uk).



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# QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

February Quiz Night saw nine teams take up the gauntlet and fight for the much sought after title of **VILLAGE HALL QUIZ CHAMPIONS**.

**Cliffhangers** top-scored in Round 1 but **The Motley Crew** took over from Round 2 and, try as they might, no-one could catch them after that and they went on to claim the February Crown by a winning margin of 7 points from **The Buccaneers** who grabbed silver medal position. This was the biggest victory margin for some time. **The Mixed Bunch - Minus One** (come back quickly Linda, Danny needs you!) were close to winning once again and finished equal third with **Inbetweeners** who are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Maggie and Richard produced an excellent Guest Round this time and I am pleased to say that all Guest Round slots are now booked up to February 2013.

Final scores for the night were as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Motley Crew	106.0
2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Buccaneers	99.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Mixed Bunch (Minus One)	97.0
	Inbetweeners	97.0
5 <sup>th</sup>	The Young Ones	96.0
6 <sup>th</sup>	Cliffhangers	93.5
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rumanites	91.5
8 <sup>th</sup>	O.T.T.	87.5
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob's Band	76.5

Another terrific night's quizzing, thank you, and see you all next time

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# CADGWITH PILOT GIG CLUB NEWS

As Easter approaches, and the clocks change to give us lighter evenings, we're looking ahead to Scilly Championships in May. We will only be taking Tamarisk to Scilly this year, as too few rowers have booked to go to justify taking Rose too. Many other clubs are in the same boat (excuse the pun) as the expense of the weekend is making people think twice. I'm sure those of us off to Scilly will have a great time, and a young Mens crew and an experienced Mens Vets crew are taking shape for the event. We wish all those taking part in the Championships, particularly those rowing there for the first time, all the best.

We've been training out of St Anthony throughout March, with thanks to Sail-away for letting us store Buller on the beach there. It was a long Winter break for us this time, as we plugged away at all the necessary maintenance, so getting a boat back on the water has been a milestone. Both Buller and Socoa have needed painting inside and out, and Rose has had a trip to Andrew Nancarrow's boat yard at Bissoe, for repairs to her boards. Luckily Tamarisk needs nothing more than a scrub down!

Maintenance has been made easier by the connection of electricity to the new shed by Cadgwith carpark, which means we have light to work by in the winter evenings and power for tools and heaters to dry out the boats. We still have more to do to the shed as and when funds allow, including installing guttering so we can collect rainwater for washing the boats down, fitting a

skylight, and a pedestrian door. We'll get there slowly but surely!

One hundred people attended Monty Halls talk on his time in the Cove in Ruan Minor Village Hall just before Christmas, and thanks to him for a lovely evening previewing his Fisherman's Apprentice series. The event raised a much appreciated £500 towards our gig maintenance.

Looking beyond Scilly, we're keen this year to give as many new rowers as possible the opportunity to try our sport, both juniors and adults. We'd love to build up our numbers and attract new members, by giving plenty of opportunities for competitive and non competitive rowers. Look out for posters giving times of the various slots going out from Cadgwith Cove. Our 2012 membership rates have remained as £45 for adult rowers, £25 for social membership, and £20 for Juniors, with this now due to Emma George please. Quite probably the cheapest rates of any gig club! Social membership covers use of the rowing machines upstairs in the gig shed, if you'd rather stay on dry land!

Forthcoming dates to make a note of include our own event Buller Day on 11<sup>th</sup> August, followed soon after by Buller Cup (evening of racing in Newquay) on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Our fund-raising Wednesday BBQs in the cove this year will be on 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Please get in touch if you would like to give rowing a go.

*Rachel Holder, Secretary, 291052*

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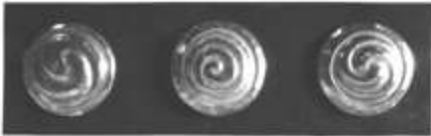
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1. What is the collective noun for Kangaroos?
2. What Home Guard Platoon does Captain Mainwaring command?
3. What is the largest prehistoric monument in England?
4. Which cabinet minister swapped his wife for his secretary in 1997?
5. What bird can swim but can't fly?
6. Which father and son were Formula One world champions?

## Answers to the March Quiz

1. Which part of the body might suffer from Stomatitis? *The mouth (inflammation of the mucous membrane)*
2. From which London station would you leave, if you were travelling to Newcastle-upon-Tyne? *Kings Cross*
3. In which country was the explorer Sir Edmund Hilary born? *New Zealand*
4. According to the First World War song, where was "The Sweetest Girl I Know"? *Tipperary*
5. Which British architect designed Stansted Airport? *Norman Foster*
6. Who wrote "Brideshead Revisited"? *Evelyn Waugh*

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# One Man, his Car, his Boat - and a Winch

## by Anne-Cecile de Bruyne

Arnold Phillips asked if I would write down what I knew of the early days of Cadgwith's mechanised winch. My grandfather was involved, but he was born in 1856 and died in 1921, long before I was born, so all I know is what my grandma told me.



This drawing of my grandfather, Frances Marsh, was done by my great aunt Jane von Glehn, nee Emmett, Frank Marsh's sister-in-law, and a considerable artist. I remember her very well and use her easel every day.

In the late 1890s my grandfather Frances Marsh's first wife, an American called Elma Haviland, died of TB. As a grieving and lonely widower, he came to Cadgwith with all his worldly possessions and rented most of Inglewidden house from the Hockings, who were the farmers. He built a studio / workshop there and an observatory with a revolving roof for his telescope and installed a hydraulic ram in the Devil's Frying Pan. The Hockings remained in part of the house and looked after him.

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In 1900 my grandmother, Rachel von Glehn, was staying in a cottage in Kuggar looking after her brother Wilfred, who was convalescing and had been told to get some sea air. They were walking along the cliff towards the Lizard, when "a cross man" forbade them from going through his garden at Inglewidden, though that was the route. They must have communicated somehow though, because "the cross man" slipped an engagement ring onto her

hand during one of the Flora Dance's twists and turns that year, and they were soon married.

Frank and Rachel had four children – my mother was the third and named Elma after his first wife. When she was little, Mrs Hocking once asked her if she knew where her name came from, and gave her a framed photo of the original Elma, which she had tactfully put away when my grandmother moved in.

In 1901 he ordered a 3.5 horsepower single-cylinder Benz motorcar from Germany, collected it from Southampton Docks, and drove it to Prazegooth, where he'd built a garage for it. That was the closest he could get it to Inglewidden. Family lore says it was the first car ever registered in Cornwall.

There were no petrol pumps in those days, so fuel came in cans on the carter's dray. My grandfather took a can down to the Cove, poured some on the sea, and set light to it, to show how powerful this new stuff was! The man who set the sea on fire.

But, in an article for a magazine in the 1970s, his elder son, my uncle Bobbie, wrote about his father "He also had the first motor boat in the Cove, but the single cylinder engine with hot-tube ignition was very temperamental, and the local fishermen were not converted to

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power for many years!" At that time the boats in the cove were sail or steam powered – the tank on the Todden was supposedly a water store?

The winch then was hand-wound, and often by the women. It seemed a good idea to mechanise it and my grandfather suggested the belt-driven piston engine which was eventually installed in 1910.

But first there needed to be a format by which everyone who needed it, could use it fairly and contribute to the arrangement. My grandma had an uncle who had set up a communal pottery in Biot in the South of France, run by a self-electing committee who owned the kilns etc., and my grandfather saw that it worked well. So he suggested it to Cadgwith. It means that the winch is owned by those who use it, and those who already use it can choose who will use it. The ownership changes as the users change.

The engine was purchased with funds raised from many different people and I don't know the details of who gave what, but owners of "pleasure craft" were included as well as the working boats. In general they were able to contribute larger sums than the owners of the working boats, so they were welcome to be entitled to use the winch too.

An internet search told me that the 1911 Minutes of the Cadgwith Winch Committee were at the Cornwall Records Office in Truro so I went to look at them. The names of all the original participants and their craft are listed. My camera wasn't up to proper recording but my camera wasn't up to the job - perhaps someone else may be able to get a good image of the page.

One of the Minutes in particular shows that not much has changed - "Fishermen are earnestly requested not to bang on the Reading Room table when making a point".

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**Present:** Councillors J Trewin (Vice-Chairman), W Elliott, R Curnow, J Preston, P Freeman, M Alford, M Fleetwood, N Green, Cornwall Councillor C Rule and three members of the Public.

1. **Apologies and Absence:** Councillors P Collins (Chairman) and C Cooper.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair. The apologies were accepted.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Fleetwood declared an interest relating to the Chapel under Finance. Councillor Trewin declared an interest in respect of Grade Ruan Under 5s.
3. **Public Time:** an update was provided on the situation regarding Mundy's Field Car Park being used inappropriately, notices had been served and the Council was awaiting a response to the notices before taking further action. It was reported there had been activity around the caravan, although there had been no residential occupation. It was reported that an extremely large articulated lorry had come into the Car Park.

Councillor Green joined the meeting.

Mr D Gascoigne advised the Parish Council that the residents around Mundy's Field were willing to maintain planters to enhance the area.

The Members of the Public were advised that the owner of the caravan that was causing the bulk of the concerns at the Car Park was moving out of the area in March and the problems associated with the caravan should cease at that time.

4. **Police Report:** PCSO J Berry sent her apologies but had sent a report which the Clerk read to those present.

No crimes were reported to the Police during January 2012. This compares with two crimes for the same period last year. On other matters, the Police have attended the village on two occasions following reports that there are persons living in a caravan in the village car park. Unfortunately, this is a civil matter which they are unable to deal with, unless the persons were deemed to be causing anti-social behaviour. The Police have also been visiting the village following complaints from local residents who are concerned for the safety of youths who have been playing and picnicking on their land and understand that the residents have also spoken directly with the school and this problem at the moment has ceased. The Police will continue to monitor the situation when able to do so. It was reported that the Ruan toilets had been vandalised on the Saturday night prior to the Parish Council meeting and were currently closed. It was requested that if anyone had any information to please advise the Police.

5. **Cornwall Councillor's Time:** Cornwall Councillor Rule reported that rubbish and recycling collections are to change from 1 April 2012. Rubbish is to be collected weekly as it is already, but in disposable plastic bags. Recycling is to be collected fortnightly from plastic crates but with the recycling to be pre-sorted into different colour bags. There will be no general collection of garden waste; this will now be operated on a subscription only scheme.

She advised that she is willing to consider applications from Parish Councils to her allocation from the Community Fund for any projects i.e. Jubilee celebrations.

It was reported the Greyhound bus is still turning at the Chapel. It is not known who owns the area outside the Chapel. Councillor Rule advised the existing contract finishes on 31/03/2012 and a new contract will operate from 01/04/2012, so there will be no gaps in

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service but it is not known yet who the contract will be awarded to yet as the tendering was not yet complete.

Enquiries were raised about social housing house exchanges and there being little control to make properties offered for exchange available to local people. It was advised this is a standard policy and the social housing landlords have little control as to whom a tenant chooses to exchange a property with unless the property has a residency restriction in place.

6. **Minutes for acceptance:** the Minutes having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Planning:**

PA11/106710 – formation of parking area at 15 Glebe Place, Ruan Minor by Mr N Lubman, Coastline Housing Ltd.

Councillor Fleetwood proposed this be supported, Councillor Green seconded – all in favour.

PA12/00022 – normal pruning works to all trees, all roadside trees to be crown raised to 5 metres at Chylin, Ruan Minor by Mr Liam Hywel Williams.

Councillor Preston proposed this be supported, Councillor Trewin seconded – all in favour.

PA12/00219 – Conversion of integral domestic garage to form two new bedrooms at Mulberries, Kuggar, Ruan Minor by Mr and Mrs M Hardy.

Councillor Preston proposed this be supported, Councillor Elliott seconded – all in favour.

PA12/00441 – installation of modular cabinet at Yukon, Treleague Crossroads, Ruan Minor by BT Openreach.

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Although the books are now out of print, a selection of them can be found at 'Tangye Corner' in the Lamorna Pottery. This year, being the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Chronicle, the Society has published 'The Minack Chronicles Revisited' which contains the first Chronicle 'A Gull on the Roof' plus additional biographies, interviews, photos and area history.

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Councillor Preston gave a report from having attended the full Planning Committee Meeting re applications PA11/08240 and PA11/09072 on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Committee felt that the previous consents on Caerleon Cottage should have been referred to full planning committee at the time of those applications. A number of previous conditions imposed in consents from the previous applications had not been observed, especially since the boundary hedge had been cleared.

The application relating to Skyber was rejected by the Planning Committee.

**8. Finance:** financial report was circulated.

Requests for donations

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust – Clerk to check the amount donated previously.

Councillor Freeman proposed a donation of £100.00 under s137, Councillor Preston seconded – all in favour.

Shelter - Councillor Alford proposed a donation of £50.00 under s137, Councillor Freeman seconded – all in favour.

A request was received for a contribution from the Benefice of St Ruan with St Grade Parochial Church Council to the maintenance costs of the Churchyard. The Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council was present who described the financial difficulties the Church was facing at present. Councillor Green proposed a donation of £1500.00, Councillor Alford seconded – all in favour. The Treasurer thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.

Minibus – a request was received for a donation.

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9. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** casual vacancy – no applications had been received. To be re-advertised.

Mundy's Field Car Park – letters had gone out and one boat had been removed. Concerns were expressed about caravans and Lorries using the car park. It was felt there had been an encouraging response to the letters to date. Considering options controlling inappropriate parking within the Car Park it was felt employing a management company would be too heavy handed. A barrier option to prevent larger vehicles entering the park in the first place could be useful but would affect access to the recycling bins. A lockable barrier could be a possibility. It was felt residents should be consulted before any options were implemented. It was concluded there are three options available, barriers, enforcement and relying on goodwill and common sense of users. To be reviewed in March.

Play Area – new monkey bars have been installed. Councillor Elliot has raised enquiries with Taylor Made as to how best to utilise the remaining equipment. Possibly St Keverne Parish has some surplus play equipment that could be integrated with Grade Ruan's existing tower. Surfacing – the pea gravel needs to be replaced. It is recommended that top soil be brought in and good quality turf be established with matting placed on top. Fence – not yet repaired.

Bus turning at Chapel – this had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Diamond Jubilee celebrations – Councillor Green proposed a Street Party application be made in the name of Grade Ruan Parish Council, Councillor Curnow seconded – all in favour. Councillor Elliott has enrolled on a Health and Safety course. Insurance policy to be checked to confirm the Parish Council has cover for this type of event. Commemorative mugs – samples are available. Councillor Elliott left the meeting

Ruan Minor telephone box – the Clerk had not received any response from BT and had not yet been able to follow this up.

Grassed areas in Glebe Place – an email had been received from Michelle Foster to confirm Coastline is extremely enthusiastic about the Parish Council's offer to take over maintenance of the grassed areas. Under charitable rules all land has to be valued before it can be transferred. There will still be elements of maintenance from Coastline for hedgerows and footpaths and the existing contractor has notice periods to be observed. She confirmed the proposals for the grass area behind No 15 is to create more parking spaces (this application was considered earlier in the meeting). She would be writing in more detail at the end of February. Clerk to request confirmation as to how much service charge would be reduced by. Councillor Elliott returned to the meeting.

Sample commemorative mugs were circulated for perusal; further enquiries to be made as to design and price. It was stressed orders need to be made soon. Councillor Elliott to email details of other suppliers. It was suggested an order be made for 250 mugs and that parishioners would need to complete a registration form which could possibly be circulated in the Gazette. Councillor Alford proposed a maximum of £1250.00 be spent towards the Diamond Jubilee commemorative mugs, Councillor Fleetwood seconded – all in favour.

Kuggar phone box and bus shelter – a letter had been received from a Mr P Ashley in response to reading an item in the Gazette about the bus shelter at Kuggar. He confirmed the bus shelter and telephone kiosk is on land that is part of the property known as Enys View which his daughter owns and he and his wife are keeping it clean although if the council could supply a rubbish bin this would be appreciated. Clerk to write to Mr Ashley

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thanking them for their efforts and to submit a request to Cornwall Council for a rubbish bin.

RPA – registration forms have been sent.

Affordable housing and s106 agreement – Clerk to clarify various points with Jody Jeffery and put on Agenda for next meeting.

Verge trimming – letter and contract passed to Councillor Freeman.

- 10. Matters for consideration:** dog and horse excrement on Kennack Sands – Councillor Elliott had asked this be put on the Agenda for discussion as it is felt this is reaching unacceptable levels. Apparently St Keverne Parish Council are having similar problems.

Planters for Mundy's Field Car Park – Councillor Curnow had been approached by residents with a request that if the Parish Council supplied suitable planters for Mundy's Field Car Park, the residents were willing to plant them out and maintain them. Councillor Freeman to investigate the price of planters.

- 11. Correspondence:** Letters and emails received.

[Not included here due to space limitations. Details are available from the Editor.]

- 12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewarden:** Footpath Committee report – a report of the Footpath Committee meeting held on 6 February 2012 was circulated. Clerk to follow up on the points from that meeting.

It was reported there is a ditch full of rubbish which is very unsightly and an untrimmed verge on the road between Kuggar and Kennack Sands, opposite the pottery and the whole area would benefit from litter picking around there and across the Downs.

- 13. In committee:** the Parish Council meeting then went into committee.

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**Police Report:** Report completed at 1700 hrs on Monday 12 March 2012.

During February there were four crimes dealt with by the Police.

A burglary from an unoccupied caravan, this has been investigated, however due to insufficient evidence the crime has been filed as undetected.

Someone has been charged with the offence of driving with excess alcohol.

Arson at the toilets, this is currently under investigation.

There has also been criminal damage reported to a fence. There is very little of evidential evidence and therefore this crime has been filed.

With regard to the arson and the criminal damage I have spoken with the youth who live within this area whilst on the school bus to make them aware of the crime and to ask if they have any information.

This figure compares with five crimes reported in February 2011.

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Life was *never* going to be the same. And the hard lesson that the disciples had to learn was that they could only have Jesus back if they shared him: Every time they tell other people about Jesus; every time they do something that witnesses to their belief in a 'resurrection life' - they will feel Jesus close again.

And it's the same for us! 'Resurrection life' is not that different from the life we all live, day by day. But God asks us - you and me - to be alive enough to recognise **divine** life and to share in it.

And each time we trust in the 'resurrection life' that He has given us, and each time we are prepared to share his message, we come closer to recognising and understanding the incredible promise that God made to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May you have a very happy and blessed Easter.

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David Gascoigne (until further notice)

Tel:290536

## April

## Church of England Services

Sun 1st

### **Palm Sunday**

Procession from public car park in Mundys Field

10.30am

Arrive at St Ruan Church for Morning Praise

11am

Thur 5th

### **Maundy Thursday**

Holy Communion with foot washing, St Ruan Church

7pm

Fri 6th

### **Good Friday**

Three hour devotion, St Wynwallow Church

12noon – 3pm

Sun 8th

### **EASTER DAY**

Daybreak Service, above Lizard Lifeboat Station

6.15am

Holy Communion, St Ruan Church

9.30am

Evensong, St Grade Church

6pm

Sun 15th

Family Service, St Ruan Church

11am

Evening Praise, St Mary's Church, Cadgwith

6pm

Sun 22nd

Holy Communion, St Ruan Church

9.30am

Sun 29th

Holy Communion, St Ruan Church

11am

# Church Activities



## Methodist Services

**Rev'd Steve Swann 01326 240200**

Service at 11.00 a.m. Each Sunday

### April

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> **Palm Sunday** - Rev David Pountain (Holy Communion)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday** - Rev Gordon Cleaver

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> To be announced

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Fellowship Service

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> No Service at Ruan - **United Service at Manaccan led by Rev S Wild**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7p.m. Easter Songs of Praise**, with a short film on the Garden Tomb  
Tea and Easter buns to follow. **All Welcome**

## Roman Catholic Mass Times

**Father John Richardson 01326 572378**

|           | St Michael's Mullion | St Mary's Helston |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday    |                      | 9am               |
| Monday    | 10am                 |                   |
| Tuesday   |                      | 6pm               |
| Wednesday | 12.15pm at Culdrose  |                   |
| Thursday  |                      | 10am              |
| Friday    | 10am                 |                   |
| Saturday  | 4pm                  |                   |
| Holy Days | 10am                 | 7.30pm            |

## Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers

COME AND JOIN US! Wednesdays in termtime in The Church Hall, Lizard

|          |                |                              |              |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| RAINBOWS | 5-7 yrs        | 4.30pm - 5.30pm              | 01326 290681 |
| BROWNIES | 7-10 yrs       | 5.45pm - 7.15pm              | 01326 290280 |
| GUIDES   | 10-14 yrs      | 7.30pm - 9.00pm              | 01326 290280 |
| RANGERS  | 14 yrs upwards | Contact Joy Prince for times | 01326 290280 |

## **SURGERY HOURS**

### **Ruan Minor Surgery - 290852**

Monday 9am - 12noon  
Appointments 9.10am - 11.20am

Tuesday 3pm - 5.30pm  
Appointments 3.30pm - 5pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 2pm - 6pm  
Appointments 3pm - 5pm

Friday 9am - 12noon  
Appointments 9.10am - 10.40am

### **Mullion Health Centre - 240212**

Mon 8.50-11.10am & 3.50-5.40pm

Tue 8.40-11.10am & 3.50-5.40pm

Wed 8.40-11.10am & 3.50-5.40pm

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