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Alternate Weds	Recycling - 5, 19 March
Alternate Tues	Mobile Library - 4, 18 March. Kuggar 10.45am - 11am, Glebe Place 11.05am-11.20am, Cadgwith Car Park 11.35-11.55am
2nd Monday	7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 10 March
3rd Tuesday	12.15pm Soup, Pasty, Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 18 March
3rd Saturday	10am - 12noon Farmers Market at Mullion School, 15 March
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Mon & Thurs	7.00pm Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall
Every Tues	(except 3rd Tues) 10am Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Contact Joy Prince 01326 290280
Every Thurs	9.30am -11.30am Market and refreshments - Village Hall
March	
6 March	7pm-9pm. Floral Class, Chapel side room, see "What's On"
11 March	4pm-7pm Coastline Shared Ownership launch, see p13.
11 March	7.45pm. Local History Group, WWI, see "What's On"
15 March	3pm. Spring Flower Show, Village Hall. see "What's On"
19 March	8pm. Cadgwith Book Club Cadgwith Cove Inn
25 March	7.30pm. Quiz night at the Village Hall
ADVANCE DAT	
3 April	Last day of Grade Ruan School Spring Term, finishes at 12 noon Last day of Mullion School Spring Term
4 April 16 April	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm Cadgwith Cove Inn
20 April	Family Open Day at Bolenowe, see "News from Bolenowe Sanctuary"
22 April	Start of Summer Term
22 April	Quiz night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm
25 April	"Curious Creatures" by Squashbox Theatre, see "What's On"
30 April	Last day of Spring term
9 May	Village Hall AGM, 7pm, see "News from the Village Hall"
21 May	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm Cadgwith Cove Inn
22 May	European Parliamentary Elections, 7am - 10pm
24 - 26 May	May Festival at Ruan Minor Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
25 May	Open Day at Bolenowe, see "News from Bolenowe Animal Sanctuary" Half term
27-31 May 18 June	Cadgwith Book Club, 8pm, Cadgwith Cove Inn
22 June	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
24 July	End of Summer term
27 July	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
30 July	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
6 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
13 August	BBQ organised by the Lights Committee
17 August	Fun Cricket at the Recreation Ground, see "What's On"
20 August	BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
23 August	Cadgwith Fishing Festival, 5pm start, see "What's On" Cadgwith Fishing Festival weigh-in 5pm, see "What's On"
24 August 27 August	BBQ organised by the Gig Club
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Tony Stockam, who had been living at Bodrigy until he sold it just before Christmas, sadly passed away soon after he moved to Hampshire.

Chris Newton's obituary in last month's issue stated incorrectly that he had a degree in Biology. It was actually in Zoology, Apologies for this error.

Happy Birthday in March to: Jack T-B, Derek Agutter, Basil Bolitho, Tim Basher, Matilda P. Dave Leggett, Mark Outten. Henry Peate, Juliet Edwards, Paddy Alfrey-Cryan, Jake Woodley, Toby G, Jane Vowles, Arthyen B, Norma Gossip, Olivia Mae C, Dave Rogers, Jessica B, Tilly A-C, Jake Scolding (a big 0, I believe), Teagan R, Jamma P, Jenny Scolding, Mel Downing. Susan Stephens, Ali Russell, Treve Harry, Paul Collins, Alfie W, Terry Stephens, Bruce Jane, Abigail T, Shannon, Paul Collins, Jimmy Quirke, Sheila Collins, Brian Brown. Sophie Rose J.Deborah Stephens.

(News reached me too late for last month's issue that **Greg Bird** had reached his 16th birthday in February. Congrats.)

Please join me in welcoming **Chris Butcher and Liz Jones**, the new owners of Bodrigy. They are planning a major renovation of the property, and will then let it out for a while until they are in a position to re-locate from their current

home in Surrey. We look forward to seeing them out and about in the Parish.

Congratulations to **Amy Bird**, who has been selected to play hockey for Cornwall U15 Girls.

What a month it's been, with the monumental storm of 4th/5th (see page 56 for pictures). We were also treated to a wonderful production of "Aladdin", which showed just what great talent there is in the Parish. See pages 46 and 47 for a report and pictures.

The weather surely must improve now. The days are getting longer, the daffs are out, the Spring show will be held in a couple of weeks, and we look forward to a lovely spring and summer.

Moira Hurst

Through your kindness and generosity, £800 has been sent "For the benefit of the Lizard lifeboat crew" in memory of Chris Newton. I think this is marvellous it gives me a warm feeling to know that something has been given back to those very brave men who frequently risk their lives and who rescued Chris.

Liz Newton

Grade-Ruan School would be very grateful for any unwanted booster seats as they are very useful to have in school should we need to transport our younger pupils by car. Thank you! *Ginny Sealey*

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Front Cover:

A selection of photos by Chris Hunt of the highly successful staging of Aladdin in the Village Hall in early February. See pages 46 and 47 for more pictures and a report.



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What's On

Spring Flower Show

Saturday 15th March Village Hall. Doors open at 2.30 pm.

Schedules available at Ruan Minor Spar Information: Charlie Coates 290943

> Cadgwith Cove Fishing Festival

Saturday 23rd August 5pm start

Sunday 24th August 5pm weigh-in In aid of Cornwall Leukaemia Trust For further information, contact Jimmy Hammell, tel: 290930

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP WORLD WAR I

Tuesday 11 March, 7.45 p.m. Village Hall

The meeting will start at 7.45pm, following on from the launch event being held by Coastline for the new housing development which is scheduled to run from 3 to 7pm.

Please bring along anything you've got that relates to the parish and its people during, before or after the war. Even if you've only got memories, with nothing to show, we'd love to listen, take notes and even perhaps record you. See you there!

Further information: Peter Freeman (290642) or Moira Hurst (290257).

Howzat!

Three dates have been reserved for fun cricket this year (see "Dates for the Diary"). We hope to get two games played, with the third date being a a reserve in case of rain.

Please let me know if you would like to play, all standards and

ages welcome! *Tim Hurst*

tim.moira@btinternet.com tel: 290257.

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What's On - continued

Ruan Floral Classes

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The theme for the evening is; "A Three Flower Arrangement" Bring only 3 flowers, foliage and a display dish. Oasis will be provided. A £2 contribution is asked to cover refreshments etc.

Enquiries: telephone Lorraine on 291226





Just a note to belatedly thank everyone who helped to put on our "Grace Notes" evening at the end of November. You know who you are, and I couldn't have done it alone. What a fantastic band! I'm sure everyone there will agree with me that we were so fortunate to have a band of that standard in our little village hall, thanks to being subsidised by the Carn to Cove scheme. Thanks also to everyone who came and supported the evening, and those artistes & shops who donated a raffle prize - we raised £500 towards the refurbishment of St Mary's Church roof.

It is quite a lot of work to organise an evening such as this, so if you would like to help in future with any aspect of bringing a show to our village please contact me on 290118. It helps so much to spread the load, and the more the merrier!

The next Carn to Cove event is Squashbox Theatre, who will be performing a children's show called

Curious Creatures on Friday 25th April at 7pm . Judith Green

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What's On - continued

Grade Ruan Recreation Ground 24th, 25th, 26th May

Saturday night "The Suspects" (starring Carrie Lester), plus supporting band

Sunday afternoon

Summer music

bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy the fabulous setting

Sunday night Bands (to be advised)

Monday afternoon

Family Fun Day

Bouncy castles, coconut shy, stalls, BBQ, shows and displays, fire eating, face painting, tug of war and more



If you can help us by running an activity or stall on Monday afternoon, please get in touch with Cathy Brown (290591) or Moira Hurst (290257). Examples of help needed: Run the tea stall, run a tuck shop, supervise outdoor or indoor games, put on a show or display, revive the much missed Carnival with floats, etc., provide First Aid cover, donate a cake for the tea stall, anything else you can think of.



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Mullion School

Grade-Ruan Well done to the KS2 children that took part in the Key Steps competition at Mullion Gymnastics Centre. At the end of January Claire and Nathaniel from the National Trust worked with Turtle class for the Big Schools Bird Watch. The children worked in four groups on various activities including bird watching, making bird boxes and bird feeders and playing with bird toys. In February, Claire returned to work with Starfish Class making bird feeders and visiting the school garden where they were able to spot blue tits, robins, herring gulls, jackdaws and sparrows.

In the school's RE lessons the children learn about Christianity and other religions. Reception and Years 1 and 2 are learning about Buddhism and the similarities and differences between Christian and Buddhist symbols and customs. Bim and Tristan Hunt gave a fascinating talk about Buddha and his teachings; the children saw some photographs of beautiful temples in Thailand and even meditated for two minutes!

The Heartstart programme is continuing and Years 3-6 have practised putting a casualty into the recovery position, explain why they needed to and what they had to do afterwards.

The children were assessed and all passed - well done!

Good luck to the pupils taking part in the Truro Music Festival on 10 March. You may notice the village awash with children dressed as literary characters on 6th March - it's World Book Day! Each child will receive a World Book Day Token which will give them £1 off a book of their choice at any bookshop. Netball club for years 3-6 starts up again after half term, on a Thursday afternoon.

Mullion School Congratulations to ex-Grade-Ruan pupil, Dylan Vamplew, for coming top in the County 'Sumdog' maths competition, 997 correct answers out of 1000! The School's rowing team did very well at the Cornwall Games Indoor Rowing Competition in Newquay, coming away with a gold medal in the Year 7 category. At the time of writing, those on the annual ski trip are enjoying the snow in Austria.

The school was delighted to welcome an Olympic Bronze medallist swimmer recently - Cassie Patten, a Cornish girl from Cardinham, won Bronze in the 10km Open Water Swim at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Since retiring from competition Cassie has become a Sky Sports Athlete Mentor,

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visiting schools to talk about how sport can motivate and inspire - she achieved her goals despite being severely dyslexic.

The Dance Show just before half term was a magical evening of dance pieces put together largely by the Year 11 GCSE students but involving students from all year groups. The annual Hootenanny takes place on 19 March – always an excellent evening showcasing the school's musical talent from its various bands and singers.

Although the main exam time is in May/June there are several Controlled Assessment Exams that take place throughout the year. Reminders will be sent home but please check the website for times and details.

The School Office is becoming overwhelmed with lost property - coats, trainers, mobile phones, calculators, glasses - all sorts! Named items generally find their way back to their owners but those items without name labels are rarely claimed, even though they are displayed in the hall on a regular basis. Please can you ensure that as far as possible all possessions are clearly named. Encourage your child to use their locker or, at the very least, check with the office if they have lost something - chances are they have it and it will save you buying a replacement!

Ginny Sealey





Reg. Charity No. 225626

RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE <u>HALL?</u>

THE THURSDAY MARKET

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 why not try our speciality 'The Village Hall Bacon Sarnie'. If you prefer, just stay for a chat and catch up with the local news.

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Cards & Stationery	Pets & Bird Care	Bric-a-Brac and Book Stalls
Leggy's Pasties	Flowers & Plants	Fruit, Veg., Eggs & Specials

You can also try your luck on the weekly raffle to win one of the excellent prizes on offer and it's all done to help raise money to keep the Village Hall thriving.

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

Sessions are held on 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 Roy on 241936 or David on 290536

<u>QUIZ NIGHT</u>

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Check on the Hall and Village noticeboards for details of the many special events held in the Hall throughout the year.

ARRANGING AN EVENT?

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

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Hello again everybody.

Well, I hope you have managed to survive the dreadful weather since the last edition without too much damage and not too many problems. I certainly spoke too soon when I said last time that the Hall had escaped the storms without any real damage. On the very day that the Gazette started to be delivered around the village we noticed that rainwater was leaking in and running down one of the internal walls. After further investigation, we discovered damage to an area of roofing on the footpath side around where the old chimney used to be. We are currently waiting for a local roofing contractor to assess the damage and advise us of the repair work needed. The problem with this is that, with so much damage caused by the storms, we don't know when we can actually get the repairs completed.

The news of the roof damage comes at an awkward time as we already know that we need to replace the rear door to the car park and also a number of items of kitchen equipment. The kitchen is very well used and we have to do all that is necessary to ensure that we comply with health, safety and hygiene regulations. We cannot avoid this expense and we must prepare ourselves for some hefty bills. It is a good job that our financial planning takes such problems into consideration but it means that there will be fewer funds available for other initiatives and these will have to be put even further down the never ending list of things we have to do and pay for. Let's hope the weather picks up and that there are no more nasty surprises around the corner.

On a brighter note, the Panto went off very well and congratulations to everyone involved for a splendid run. A lot of things go on at the Hall week in and week out throughout the year and it was quite difficult to fit in all of the Panto requirements around these very important activities. However, with a lot of jiggling about here and there we managed it and the efforts made were very well worth it indeed.... Oh yes they were!!!

We have had only one or two responses to our request for your views on running a coach trip or two later in the year. This is very possibly due to the fact that everyone's time has been more than taken up with the conditions arising from such a wet and windy winter. In another attempt to gauge actual interest, we have put up another poster or two asking that you pass on your thoughts and suggestions to Jill Thomas either at the Thursday Market or by phone. Do tell us what you want, for without your interest we can't do anything.

A point to remember please when making a provisional booking to use the Hall facilities. Please remember to formally confirm your booking when you have finalised your arrangements. If you fail to confirm your booking there is a real possibility that someone else could come along later and choose the same day. We have never had a double booking yet and we don't want one in the future either.

I referred to the fact that the 2014 AGM will see significant changes in the operation of the Hall and we urge everyone interested in securing its future to become involved with this process. The AGM has now been booked for FRIDAY, 9TH MAY 2014 AT 7.00PM. If you do wish the Hall to continue at the heart of the village please diarise this date and come along to contribute your views.

That's all for this edition. See you next time and take care

Janet Gascoigne.



The Cadgwith Cove Inn

as featured on BBC's "The Fisherman's Apprentice"

Garry and Helen would like to update you on

What's New for March:

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St. Patrick's Day Monday 17th March

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Mother's Day Sunday 30th March

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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to you all to tell you about changes that will occur in the near future with our annual AGM and election of Trustees, and so the formation of a new committee to take Ruan Minor Village Hall into the future. Some of the long standing Trustees will be standing down at this juncture after many years of sterling service. For too long too much has been taken on by too few and, in common with many groups in our village and further afield, it is a struggle to find willing people to fill the posts on these committees. Look no further than our very much depleted Parish Council and the struggles the recreation ground committee have had.

The hall is currently in a good state with a thriving Thursday market, but some of the events have had a drop off in attendance. It is home to the Under 5's four days a week, twice weekly bowls evenings are held there; the snooker table is a permanent fixture. The hall hosts the village shows and has seen very successful pantomime and Vintage Rally cabaret evenings, along with being a venue for private parties and other gatherings.

Undoubtedly things will change and be different in the future but to keep the hall going, funds in the five figure region are needed annually for upkeep and improvements. Therefore to the point of this letter: we need people to step forward and take on some responsibility and fill the roles which will be vacant on the committee which has been under strength for many years. If this does interest you and you think that you can help fill some of the voids, please contact me on 01326 241178 and I can give you some more idea of what is required. Without over egging the pudding, the worst case scenario is that the village hall will shut then be sold to the highest bidder who would likely be a property developer. But I hope you like me feel that the Village Hall is too big an asset for that to happen.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear from you.

David Endean

Chairman Ruan Minor Village Hall Management Committee

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The Ruan Rascals

The Ruan Rascals Childrens Football Club was started in November to provide football training to primary age children. It is run by Gemma Bennett, with coaching being provided by Tony Bennett and Paul Foggy Williams. The club meets once a week on a Sunday at 11am. £1 donation at Ruan Minor Rec. New members are welcome.

Unfortunately, the pitch was waterlogged for much of January and February and training had to be cancelled, but this was an exceptional year. Things should be back to normal soon, giving the kids an opportunity to get out and have some fun on Sunday mornings.







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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

In similar vein to the recent weather, **The Motley Crew's** plan to start 2014 as they finished 2013 thundered into action and they stormed to the title at January's **Quiz Night at the Village Hall** but, such is the excitement and enjoyment of Quiz Night, no-one was left in deep depression!

With just the All-Nighter scores to come, **The Buccaneers** held top spot with **The Motley Crew** and **Cliffhangers** trailing them by just half a point. An excellent last round score of 35 points saw The Crew overhaul the Buccaneers and steal the Crown by just two and a half

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The first Wooden Spoon of the New Year was claimed by **The Inbetweeners** as the resurgence of Bob's Band continued to gather momentum. **Kevin Pattenden's** Guest Round got everybody thinking hard and it is **Jacqui Noonan's** turn to pose the guest questions next time.

A good time was had by one and all and at the end of an exhilarating night's quizzing, the final **Scores on the Doors** were as follows:

Position Team

<u>Score</u>

93.5
93.0
91.0
87.5
82.0
81.5
67.5
63.0
62.5

Thanks to everyone for a super night and we look forward to seeing you all next time.

Can you handle the pressure? Can you cope with the strain? Can you rise to the challenge and defeat the finest brains this side of The Tamar? Give it a go and see just how good you are!!!

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モ Ruan Minor Football Club News

Due to water-logged pitches, the Ruan Minor Men's football team didn't play any matches in February. The match schedule has had to be re-arranged and time is very tight now. The team will probably have to play two matches a week to fit in all the fixtures by the end of the season.

These are the fixtures planned for March:

Forthcoming Matches: (2.30pm)

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А	۷.	Marazion Blues
А	٧.	Four Lanes
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Rector's Ramblings

ent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between us and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heartfelt repentance and acknowledgement of sin.

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments'. Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation. Today, throughout the Church of England, receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional, but the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds us of our mortality as the words: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" are said.

Have *you* done something which haunts you, which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'Jesus said, "'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance". (*Luke* 5.32)

'Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (*Joel 2:12-13*)

God is inviting us all to come to Him this Ash Wednesday and also as we journey through Lent itself. What a wonderful offer! Let's make the most of it, and remember how, in Luke 15:11-, the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father – just as we are welcomed back by our heavenly Father.

Blessings,

Revd Deirdre

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Church Services



Church of England Services			
March			
Sun 2nd	Morning Praise, St Ruan Church	11.15am	
Wed 5th	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion at		
	St Wynwallow Church with (optional) 'Ashing'	6.30pm	
Sun 9th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am	
Sun 16th	Family Service, St Ruan Church	11am	
Sun 23rd	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am	
Sun 30th	Mothering Sunday		
	Holy Communion, (BCP), St Ruan Church	9.30am	
	United Service at Ruan Minor Chapel	11am	

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Gardening in March



Quack Quack, with all the horrendous weather that we have had over the past few months, I believe that my language has begun to evolve more like a species which is better equipped to be able to cope with it. I hope that you have survived the February storms relatively unscathed. I don't believe anyone got away with it entirely.

The biggest job and most important one is to complete the tidy up after the storms. I, like many, have trees to cut up and make safe. The most important thing to do is keep yourself safe whilst doing these jobs. Know your limitations and if they are beyond you get someone in who is capable. Check all your trees and shrubs. We have a large old apple tree which was still standing after the gales but closer inspection showed it rocking and staying upright by only a few roots, therefore due to its close proximity to the home it had to come down. Many trees and shrubs may have similar root damage in your garden! You may not need to be so drastic as to remove it but it may well be prudent to reduce its height and so the leverage on, it reducing the risk of it toppling in another gale. Also with root damage it may not be able to sustain all that top growth so cutting it back will reduce the stress on the plant.

The <u>lawns</u> are quite soggy and so the mower has remained in the shed and I have kept off the lawns as much as possible. It is a good idea to go all over the lawn spiking it with a garden fork. Push the fork in six inches or more by standing on it wiggle it a bit and pull out and repeat this every four to six inches. This is a very boring and time consuming

by David Endean

job best done in short bursts but is as good as any Jane Fonda fitness workout video. Doing this will aid the drainage and get air back into the soil structure and so hasten the lawn's regeneration when conditions warm up. Giving the lawn a feed with some general fertiliser will be a benefit but leave the weed and feed until the grass is growing strongly again. I would think this will be at least the end of March if not well into April.

As well as any repairs to your sheds and greenhouses that need doing, this weather will have highlighted any poor <u>drainage problems</u> you may have in your little patch of Eden. Now is a good time to address these. Putting in land drains is always a big physical job, but at least most plants are relatively dormant and will grow away quickly afterwards if they are disturbed or moved in the process. Alternatively you may be planning a pond or bog garden!

In the greenhouse, time is upon us to sow nearly all the half- hardy annuals. These are generally sown into trays of compost. Once they have grown on to the first true leaf stage they are then pricked out into pots or bigger trays to give them more space. Sometimes they are potted on again before they are planted out in the garden. Typical halfhardy annuals or plants grown in this way are Antirrhinums, Marigolds, Ageratum, Stocks, Lobelia, Busy lizzies, Nemesias to name a few and with the veg Tomatoes and celery are best grown like this. Always use good quality seed and or potting compost with clean trays. I like to sieve the compost to remove the biggest and coarsest of the material. Do not



throw the lumpy bits away, as they can always be used in the bottom of large pots and tubs later in the year. A very important thing is to label carefully and clearly everything which you sow. Pot luck can be exciting but is also wasteful if you grow too much of something unintentionally.

Seed sowing is quite a faff for some people and a better option is to buy <u>plug plants</u> and grow them on. They will start arriving by mail order towards the end of the month and on into April; also some of the shops and garden centres will have a few. If you are quick, there is still time to order and it does save some time and heating costs as all these plants are tender and frost needs to be kept at bay. Some plants like a kick start and if you have some heating you can get dahlias boxed up and into growth ready for some cuttings, and begonia tubers

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will do much better this way and flower earlier.

Time is marching on and if your veg plot is not fit yet to start tilling, think about starting some things off in pots or modules. I have already done this for shallots, onion sets and broad beans. There will still be time for some later sowings for a succession of crops. Peas can be sown now, early potatoes if conditions allow and a pinch of all the salad crops is worth a try.

March 15th sees the annual Grade Ruan Spring flower show once again. In an attempt to improve things and get more of you to enter, some of the classes have been altered. With the daffodils. there are more classes requiring one stem so if you do not have enough of one type to make a class of three there is a class available to you. Good daffodils in the main should be unblemished with faces looking up at you; broad flat petals at right angles to the trumpet and match your flowers for colour, age and size. Some types of daffodil differ slightly from this but this is explained in the schedule. Daffodils can be opened up indoors once the calyces begin to split and you can see colour begin to show in the petal; this helps to reduce weather and pest damage. Stand the picked stems in buckets of water. Also give all your daffodil plants in the garden a feed this month, a general purpose fertiliser will suffice and do not be hasty in removing the leaves after flowering because next year's flowers are a consequence of what you do to the plants this spring.

If you are still looking for some jobs, stake the tulips, plant some gladioli, clean the paths of moss and algae and turn the compost heap. Enjoy your gardening.



National Trust News March 2014

Stormy would be a National pretty good summary of 2014 to date! As Trust with coastal many places we've been counting the cost of high seas and high winds, as Atlantic storm after storm has hit us. Most of what has been keeping our Poltesco based team busy has been beyond Grade-Ruan's boundaries, with considerable damage at Poldhu, Mullion Cove and Kynance, including structural damage to walls, steps etc. not to mention the wholesale disappearance of benches, signs, and life buoys! Our woods are also vulnerable, particularly to gales in a direction other than prevailing а southwesterly, and the strong easterlies caused damage which included a tree down on the roof of an NT cottage on the Helford.

Encouragingly, amidst all the damage, the sections of coast path that were improved last year, such as the hill down into Poltesco, have held up well, with the new drains coping with the incessant rainfall. I'm sure if the drainage improvements hadn't been made, we would be facing yet more repairs to a deeply gullied path. In between storms, we've been busy recruiting two new members of staff. Tom, our Access Ranger for the last 9 months, has headed off to Canada. and we wish him well on his adventure. We welcome Darren Neville,

who worked with us for 6 months in 2012, back to our Poltesco based team, on a 2 year Access Ranger post. This role is focussed on keeping our many miles of footpath in good condition and his post is kindly funded by a generous single donation. Also joining us shortly on a permanent Martin McDowall, contract. is currently working in forestry in Scotland. Martin will be our main practical Ranger, working with our team of volunteers right across the Lizard. It will be great to be back up to full strength as summer approaches.

Continuing on a recruitment theme, we are currently looking for local people to join our friendly team of volunteers at Lizard Wireless Station, perched on the cliffs above Housel Bay. If you are interested in local heritage, like chatting to folk, and have a few hours spare in the day say once a fortnight, then this may be for you! The role involves working alone to open this fascinating little museum to the public. Contact Rachel if you are interested. Full training given!

Back in the parish, the renovations to our barn at Poltesco are well underway, which houses new displays about the history of the valley. A woodburning stove has been installed, and windows and insulation will be added to make the room more cosy for visiting school groups. Once work is complete, the
door will be left open when we're here, so people can wander in whenever they want to look at the displays. We have received listed building consent for two small (A3 sized) cast metal information signs to go up in Carleon Cove, one inside the capstan, and one near the footbridge, to give people passing through on the coastpath a little information about the ruins.

Claire, our Education Ranger, has been busy with the Big School's Birdwatch which several brave local schools agreed to take part in despite the weather! This was followed by a popular make your own bird box session in the Feb half-term holidays, meaning our feathered friends will be spoilt for choice when it comes to spots to nest this Spring! We've lots more events planned, including 3 days of family bushcraft at Poltesco at Easter which always book up, so get in touch soon to avoid disappointment. Check out our blog and facebook page for the latest NT local news, and for the list of upcoming events.

Please do call by the Shepherd's Huts or give us a ring if you'd like to chat to us about our work.

Rachel Holder

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The Herbal Medicine Cabinet



by Deanne Greenwood

Despite last month's incredible storms, the first signs of spring were in evidence, with young dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and ribwort (*Plantago lanceolata*) shoots, and blankets of

cleavers (Galium aparine) popping their heads over winter's parapet. Dandelion, nettles and cleavers are all great cleansing tonics as they detoxify the body via the liver, kidneys and gallbladder. In herbal medicine we use them for skin problems such as eczema, psoriasis and acne, and cleavers are particularly useful for ailments involving swollen glands as they act on the lymphatic system. For home use for skin complaints, these herbs are most effective if juiced (in a juicer or through a jelly bag) and a teaspoonful taken three times a day. For a general spring clean and complexion-booster, you can make a delicious soup with young nettles, or cook them like spinach (which they taste like), and add dandelion leaves and cleavers to a salad or sandwich. Nettles also have anti-allergic properties, so if you suffer from hav fever start drinking the juice now as it could help prevent, or at least reduce, the symptoms once the season starts. Ribwort is of benefit too, as it's a wonderful mucous membrane tonic - I use it in tincture form to help relieve nasal catarrh, rhinitis and sinusitis. But in its raw form it's one of the best remedies for insect bites, as it's antiseptic, soothes inflammation and was traditionally used to heal wounds. Just grab a handful, crush the leaves and rub into bites. I also find ribwort more effective at relieving nettle stings than dock! As the month 'marches' on, there'll be so many more plants to discover, and if anyone with local knowledge of medicinal plants on the Lizard - in terms of whereabouts and traditional use - would be willing to share I'd love to hear from you. You can contact me at deannegreenwood@me.com.



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News from Bolenowe Horse Sanctuary

Well, we have survived the Winter so far, but only just at times. The bad weather and nearly continuous rain has meant that we have had to bring all our elderly and sick horses into the stables so that we can monitor their condition and well-being. When the weather is fit enough they go out into the paddocks for exercise and fresh air; all are now looking well fed and happy so that's good. We have suffered some storm damage, like many others, with damage to stable roofs in the main and we have lost some of our brand new field shelters too, which is sad because they we only erected in September 2013. Thankfully everything was covered by our insurance so we can repair and replace them where necessary.

Thanks to Jeb Preston and courtesy of the Council's Tree Planting Scheme we have been given some saplings, which have been planted as a wind break next to the Kitchen block, and boy do we need a wind break!

We are now planning for Spring and the Summer Sunday Open Days. The Sanctuary and our little café will be open on Easter Sunday, April 20th for a Family Open Day and then we will be open every Sunday after that until September. On Sunday May 25th will be Spring Open Day and this year we will have more happening for everyone with Vintage vehicles, bouncy castle, face painting, carriage rides and a dog show so lots for everyone. So for now we are all busy tidying up after the storms, painting and preparing the kitchen and Café for the Easter Sunday Opening. Please put the date in your diary and come and

and Café for the Easter Sunday Opening. Please put the date in your diary and come and visit the Sanctuary, see our horses, ponies, donkeys and other animals and help us to look after them all.





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March Quiz

- 1. Which Netherlands city is famous for its porcelain?
- 2. In which sport was Molly Hide an England star performer?
- 3. Which language has the most native speakers?
- 4. What is a gallivat?
- 5. In darts slang, what score is a "Bed and Breakfast"?
- 6. What is the collective name for kangaroos?

Answers to the February Quiz

- 1. What is the last book in the New Testament? Revelation
- 2. Which is greater: 2/3rd or 7/10th? 7/10th
- 3. What does MG stand for in the well-known make of car? *Morris Garages*
- 4. What test cricket ground is reduced to "The Gabba"? *Wooloongarba (Brisbane)*
- 5. Which insect has the shortest life? Mayfly
- 6. How old was Mozart when he died? 35

Questions set by Norma Gossip

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by Brian Jenkins and Mary Keeley

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Rehearsals began in October, and our weekly meetings which became more frequent later, were first of all an opportunity to get to know each other. We were a mixed bunch, drawn mainly from Ruan Minor and Cadgwith, but with some from as far away as Cury! The cast reflected the generations with the youngest player only 6 and the oldest 82.



The project gave a unique opportunity for young and old to learn from each other. Some had to step out of their "comfort zones". Many of the performers were learning from scratch, undoubtedly a challenge for our producer / director Angela Thomas; musical director



Robin Bates and choreographer Tanya Strike. Relentlessly they put us through our paces to get us to performance standard and turn us into "residents of Peking" ("not Penryn,





you don't want to be going down Penryn")

Every company needs characters to lift the mood both on and off the stage. Jonathan Fletcher's Widow Twanky was a star performance and her ample "bosom for a pillow" carried us all through. William Trewin is likely to be called "Wishee Washee" for the forseeable future (Will, where did you get those excruciating one liners?). Mark Outten gave us a very sinister and hiss-able Abanazer, ably assisted by his dentally challenged sidekick Oo Flung Dung (Di Fleetwood). At the end of the show Grand Vizier Paul Collins sang "I ain't got nobody", quickly disproved by the embrace of his stage "Mumsy" Ha-Dron-Klai-Da (Ann Vaulter).

There was magic afoot from Pat Palmer's whimsical Irish Genie of the Ring, Judith

Green's oggy-oggying Cornish Genie of the Lamp, and fairy dust-sprinkling Jill Thomas. And how could we forget the magic carpet ride, Alan Humby's juggling or Richard Palmer's skeleton dance.



Our quartet of romantic leads were enchanting: Sam Balding as Aladdin, Alex Strike as Princess Lotus, Bryer Trewin as Yasmin and Paul Preston as Pico. The young players, dancers and

child participants, gave a super example of co-operation and enthusiasm working with and to an intergenerational cast and audience. The young princesses and



princes of our community surely have great futures ahead of them.

The set and props devised by Paul and Sheila Collins were awesome! Wendy Elliott provided vital support as prompter, also creating fabulous costumes and props aided by Fiona Hunt, while Emma Trewin and helpers provided the greasepaint.

Robin's choice of music was truly inspirational, and at the performances the whole thing came together with the elegant assistance of Jonathan Coudrille and drummer David Painter. Exciting sound effects (Mike Fleetwood) and lighting (Ben Blaber) turned a small village panto into a professional production.

The chorus were ably led by cheerleaders Jacky Griffiths and Gerry Gunn, but modesty prevents us from saying how marvellous the rest of us were!



Those involved in this show have had an unforgettable experience that has stretched us, worn us out and helped us forget ourselves.

Angela's "little idea" evolved into something special, aided and abetted by a cast and production team of 50, and many others "front of house" making refreshments or giving various other kinds of essential support. They know who they are and we are all truly thankful.

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Chapel on Monday 13 January 2014 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice-Chair), P Collins, C Cooper, M Fleetwood, Clerk J Castle, PCSO Julia Berry and 5 Members of the Public (Horace Stone, Mrs M Donovan, Miss R Stone, Miss M A Stone, Dr R I Edgerley)

- **1. Absences and apologies:** Parish Councillors P Freeman, J Trewin, Cornwall Councillor C Rule.
- 2. Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Public time: Miss Rosemary Stone raised her concerns regarding St Rumonus Church and in particular the graveyard. She queried whether it was officially a closed graveyard as she understood that there was still 1 plot left and the graveyard is very important to many members of the parish, as family members are buried there. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council would be approaching all interested parties with regard to the future on the Church in order to gain as much information as possible before taking any action. He noted that there were many parties involved in some way with the upkeep of the Church and grounds. Maureen Donovan also expressed concern on behalf of the Ramblers' Association (which is currently between officers).

In view of the concern the Chairman agreed to take the agenda item on this issue after the confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

- 4. Police report: PCSO Berry presented her report. During December there was one crime of theft reported (involving the theft of Christmas trees). The crime has been investigated and was held on file pending any further information coming forward. It has been a busy time for the police as a result of the severe weather. The Chairman thanked PCSO Berry for her help and she left the meeting.
- 5. Cornwall Councillor's time: In the absence of Councillor C Rule no items were raised.
- 6. Minutes for acceptance: The minutes of the monthly meeting held in December had been circulated. Councillor Green proposed the minutes of 9 December 2013 be accepted and Councillor Fleetwood seconded. All in favour.
- 7. Former Church of Ruan Major St Rumonus The Chairman referred to a letter of 10 December from Adrian Browning of the Closed Church Division of the Church Commissioners. The Church has been closed as a place of worship since 1963. Although there have been discussions with English Heritage, Cornwall Council and the immediate neighbours, the Grade 1 listing, ruined state, maintenance liability, location and constraints on parking and access made it difficult to achieve a solution. Mr Browning was now asking the Parish Council for any ideas regarding the future of the former church.

It was noted that the tower was an iconic image, visible from a number of points within the parish. The Chairman confirmed that he was aware that the



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graveyard is being maintained by a number of different parties, that the main body of the church appears safe and the stained glass window is intact and although there are parking constraints there is a pleasant walk to the church. However the tower gives great cause for concern as there are severe problems with growing vegetation, which requires both initial clearing work and longer term structural work. He envisaged that the role of the Parish Council would be to bring together the various parties involved and provide help and advice with regard to grant funding. Councillor Cooper stated that she considered it important that the parish remains supportive and Councillor Collins also expressed support for retaining an interest in the future of the church and retaining access to the graveyard, in view of the many family connections to the graveyard.

Councillor Green suggested that whilst not taking over the ownership of the church, which will surely have to remain with the diocese, work could be carried out to maintain the tower. It was queried whether Cornwall Council was now responsible for the churchyard as the church itself is closed. Councillor Fleetwood considered it unlikely that the church could be pulled down without special dispensation due to its listing and it was unlikely to be sold into private hands due to its attendant problems, particularly access.

It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the Conservation Officer at Cornwall Council, particularly with regard to the listing, and with the Diocesan Office. **ACTION : Clerk**

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The Chairman encouraged members of the public to get in touch with the Parish Council with both their concerns and suggestions.

Miss M A Stone expressed health and safety concerns and also raised the issue of threats to the Rights of Way.

Members of the public left the meeting.

8. **Planning:** No new planning applications have been received this month.

Sea Acres – it was noted that this application had been approved but Cornwall Council were mindful of the Parish Council's concerns regarding drainage.

Goonhilly Wind Farm Extension - no further update.

PA13/03628/PREAPP – this is a pre-application enguiry regarding the building of a 3 bed house and attached 1 bed annex and double garage on land at Penreenes, Ruan Minor. This plot lies outside the settlement boundary. As this is not yet a full planning application, this proposal was noted.

9. Finance:

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- Financial Report the report was noted
- Internet Banking Councillor Green reported that he was now set up for internet banking and had received the new cheque books. Ms Blewett had been removed as a signatory and the paperwork to add the new Clerk now needed to be completed at the bank. The address for the Parish Council had been changed to that of the Chairman but the statements would come to Councillor Green. The other councillors would need to be added in for online access before payments could be made on line. ACTION : Councillor Green / Clerk
- Payments Schedule the approval of the payment schedule was proposed by Councillor Collins and seconded by Councillor Green. All in favour.

10. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Play Area- Councillor Collins has yet to re-contact Tatia Churchill. He confirmed that he had filled out the grant application form, in which he had had to make a number of assumptions regarding support from the Parish Council which will need to be debated at the appropriate time. It was hoped that local help would be available to clear the site. It was likely that the surface would be mesh on grass. In view of the time lapse, contractor's proposals would require updating and the Council will need to consult with users and parishioners. It was agreed that no clearing of the site would take place whilst the funding application is under review. ACTION: Councillor Collins
- <u>Safety signs</u> Councillor Preston had obtained these from Alligator Signs and one sign would be attached warning of passing cars at the exit from the Recreation Ground onto Cadgwith road and the other at the base of the steps at the Todden warning of falling rocks. **ACTION: Councillor Preston**
- <u>Broken Storm Drain</u> it was noted that Cormac have confirmed that the remedial work needed will be carried out in the next financial year.
- <u>New Road Spring</u> Councillor Preston reported that he had met with Mrs Mo Jones from the Community Trust together with Councillor Freeman and Cormac. Cormac are prepared to excavate a new ditch and Councillor Preston agreed to get a quote for flailing the verges along this section to clear the foliage so that the work can be carried out. **ACTION: Councillor Preston**
- <u>Parish Councillor Vacancy</u> Public Notices had gone up on 10 December but there have been no applications so the Council need to look at co-option. There are 5 vacancies and it was proposed to advertise in the Gazette and also have some editorial cover to make the approach more personal. Councillor Preston agreed to draft and circulate to the Council prior to submission for the February edition. **ACTION: Councillor Preston**
- <u>Grass Cutting at Glebe Place</u> the excellent summary paper produced by Councillor Freeman was noted and the meeting considered the proposal paper for the way forward prepared by Councillor Green. It was noted that purchasing this land provided protection for a green area in the village (and could possibly act as a village green) and removes the current unfairness of tenants paying for

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- Pothole at Cadgwith this had been filled.
- <u>Cadgwith Car Park and its public footpath</u> Councillor Freeman has written to Mrs Wild updating her and thanking her for the contribution she makes.
- <u>Right to Bid Applications</u> Councillor Freeman had submitted a list to Cornwall Council and the Council had approved the inclusion of the Chapel at Ruan Minor. It was noted that the Methodist Hall should be included. There was concern that the Bank at Cadgwith had been given to the Parish Council many years ago but that there was no trace of the deeds. It was proposed that an advert is placed in the Gazette to see if anyone holds any paperwork. ACTION: Councillor Preston

11. Matters for consideration:

- <u>Parish Online Service</u> Councillor Green reported that he had trialled this software which enabled buildings, points of interest etc to be loaded onto Ordnance Survey maps and regarded as a good tool for the parish. The cost is £20 plus VAT for set up and £28 plus VAT per annum. It was agreed that a further trial be requested with access for all the councillors. **ACTION: Councillor Green**
- <u>Report from Community Network panel</u> Councillor Preston reported that there
 had been no meeting of the 3 parishes since October 2013. He agreed to
 ascertain who is attending the next meeting and circulate the councillors to see
 if they have any questions. Councillor Collins would like it queried whether the
 play area renovation needs planning permission. ACTION: Councillor Preston

12. Correspondence:

It was noted that that Cornwall Council had written to the Parish Council with regard to the introduction of charges for traffic management at community events.

13. Footpaths, environment and treewardens:

It was noted that there was no update with regard to footpaths. It is probable that the footpath contract needs to be re-tendered and the Clerk was asked look into this. The Councillors expressed their great satisfaction with the current contractor, Bob Sanders. **ACTION: Clerk**

14. No items were discussed in committee

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.

The Great Storm of February 2014

Last month's Gazette contained some amazing photos of what we thought was an exceptional event. Well it seems that was only a rehearsal for what came on 4th February. So here are some more storm pictures. Let's hope they'll be the last.







Bill Scolding



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