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1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean, 10 am. 1 st April
2 nd Monday	Parish Council meeting, Meth Chapel, 7.30pm. 9 th April
3 rd Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pud, Methodist Chapel, 12.15pm. 17 th April
3 rd Tuesday	History Group in the Ruan Store Café, 10 am. 17 th April
4 th Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. 24 th April
Mon & Thurs	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 7.00pm
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Every Thurs	Market and Refreshments, Village Hall, 9.00am - 11.30am

APRIL (SEE "WHAT'S ON" FOR MORE DETAILS)

1 April	Easter Sunday
7 April	RMFC Home to Ludgvan. 2.30pm at the Rec
13 April	Grand Auction in aid of Lizard Lifeboat. 7.30pm Lizard Football Pavilion
16 April	First day of Summer Term
17 April	Cadwith Thespians AGM. 7pm. Methodist Chapel
23 April	Willow Workshop, 9.30am - 3pm, Ruan Minor Pavilion
25 April	Friends of St. Ruan and St. Grade AGM. 7.30pm. Ruan Minor Church
28 April	Village Concert, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm

ADVANCE DATES

4 - 6 May	World Pilot Gig Championships, Isles of Scilly
28 May - 1 Jun	Summer Half Term
26 - 28 May	May Festival at the Recreation Ground
9 June	Midsummer Music, see "What's On" for details
1 July	Fun Cricket on the Rec
14 July	Folk Day Cadwith Cove Inn
24 July	End of Summer Term
25 July	Beach BBQ, organised by the Lights Committee
28 July	Buller Day
1 August	Beach BBQ, organised by the Rec Committee
5 August	Vintage Rally
8 August	Beach BBQ, organised by the Gig Club
12 August	Fun Cricket on the Rec
15 August	Beach BBQ, organised by the Lights Committee
19 August	Cadwith Fishing Festival
22 August	Beach BBQ, organised by the Rec Committee
26 August	Cadwith Regatta, weather permitting, otherwise 27 August
29 August	Beach BBQ, organised by the Gig Club
1 September	Mania and Marine Watch, see "What's On" for details
4 September	Start of Autumn Term
5 - 8 October	Cornish Drinks Festival, Cadwith Cove Inn
13 October	Autumn Show
22 - 26 Oct	Autumn Half Term
10 November	Film Night in the Village Hall, more details nearer the time
1 December	Christmas Lights Switch-on
20 December	End of Autumn Term

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Noticeboard

Looking at the cover picture, you'd be forgiven for thinking this is the December issue, but it's April and the photo was taken last month! Hopefully, by the time you read this, spring will have sprung and we'll all be looking forward to a lovely summer.

As Grade Ruan Primary School and Mullion School no longer submit reports for the Gazette, the "School Spot" has been dropped in favour of individual reports we receive. The Under 5s provide a report for each issue of the Gazette and you can find them on page 23 in this issue.

If anyone would like to volunteer to provide school reports for Grade Ruan and Mullion, whether on an occasional or regular basis, please do. If you are a youngster planning a career in "the media", being able to show your reports published, even in the lowly Gazette, would stand you in very good stead when applying for university places or employment. Go on - you know you want to!

Moira Hurst

Happy birthday in April to: Alex Thomas, Sandra Birchmore, Tony Halliday, Megan Gribble, Peter Fluck, Colin Thomas, Kane K, Lisa Jane, Jenna B, Bella J, Philippa Trewin, Simon Bradley, Sarah Parnell, Freddy T, Ellen H, Tamlyn C, Matt Jane, Andrew Whitehorn, Marianne Edwards

From Angela Agutter:

My grateful thanks to everyone for their kindness in word and deed and to those who attended Derek's funeral. It is very much appreciated.

From David Mitchell, George Mitchell, Gillian Rowe:

Thank you to all who attended Diana Mary Scurfield's funeral in January and for the contributions to the charity collection for: the Cornwall Air Ambulance, the Children's Hospice South West and Ruan Minor Methodist Church. A sum of £634.00 was raised, which will be divided equally between them.

A special thanks also to the ladies who helped with the refreshments afterwards.

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Cadgwith in the snow, by Claire Bollard

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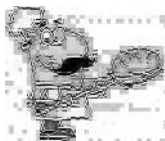
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With all your help and support, we raised £770 for the Helston Branch of the British Heart Foundation. Thank you once again. Here's to this year's swim.

From the Cadgwith Regatta Committee:

Wendy Prescott, Acting Head teacher of Grade Ruan School has written to thank us for the donation of £250 to the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust.

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All welcome.

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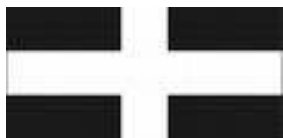
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- * Egg Hunt
- *Egg Decorating
- *Lucky Egg Dip
- *Guess How Many Eggs in the Jar
- *Name the Bunny
- *Face Painting/Temp. Tattoos
- *Refreshments-including pasties and lunch boxes.

Saturday 31st March, 11am-2pm

at The Pavilion on The Rec.

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

THE THURSDAY MARKET

The market is held every Thursday morning from 9 to 11.30am. 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' and now we are serving fried eggs as well! If you prefer, just stay for a chat and catch up with local news.

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

To book a stall or get further information, please telephone

Liz Outten on 01326 290910

or pop 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 **Steve Griffiths on 290154**

QUIZ NIGHT

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 contest begins at 7.30pm. Any changes to dates will be notified on the Village notice boards.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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National Trust News - Coast Path Update

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

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There have already been a number of successful projects nationwide such as solar PV on schools by Plymouth Energy Community, Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro and South Brent Community Energy Society who have installed a community wind turbine. We have successfully delivered many community energy projects in the last few years.

All of these projects have been developed by local people for the benefit of the local community. A return on investment is available to those who invest and a community fund is also established to finance local good causes.

Fully funded feasibility is currently available to community groups through the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF). Funding allows community groups to establish the technical, financial and legal viability of a scheme to develop it to the stage where it is ready to be financed. It provides support for community engagement activities which are vital in building momentum and support for a project. In short it provides a community with the toolkit to identify and progress projects that can recycle energy spend locally instead of it being lost to energy companies and fuel suppliers.

Opportunities in and around Grade Ruan may include roof mounted solar PV and hydropower. Being close to watercourses there may well be an opportunity for a hydro scheme that connects into a local energy user.

The aim would be to connect systems into local energy users to reduce energy costs/carbon emissions and generate revenue from energy sales that is recycled in the local community. In this way money that would otherwise be lost to national and international energy companies can be utilised locally for the benefit of the community.

For an example of how an established renewable energy scheme can benefit local communities you could take a look at Talybont-on-Usk community hydro:

www.talybontenergy.co.uk

If you would like to learn more about community energy and how your local community could benefit then please get in touch.

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Cont.

Grade Ruan Spring Show 2018

Results

	<u>Award</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1	Jonny Trewin Cup: Most points in Daffodils	David Endean
1a	Mabel Basher Cup: Most points in Daffodils by a Grade Ruan Resident	David Endean
1b	Harry London Cup: Best Exhibit in Daffodils	David Endean
2	Britton Cup: Most points in cut flowers and foliage	Kyra Tonks
3	Committee Cup: Most points in pot plants	Paul Ferrari
4	Ruan Minor Village Hall Cup: Most points in Floral art	David Endean
5	Falconer Cup: Best exhibit class 36 Easter themed	Beryl Cullen
6	Hagenbach cup: Best miniature floral Art Exhibit	Beryl Cullen
	Medallion: Most points child under 5	Trixabelle Rowe
7	Committee Cup Medallion: Most points 6 to 8 year old	Lucas Fletcher
8	Committee Cup and Medallion: Most points 9 to 11 years old	Rose Tonks
9	Committee cup: Most Points 12 to 16 year olds	Ben Fletcher
12	Committee cup: Most points in Art, Photography and Craft	Diana Martin
13	Committee Cup: Most points in cookery	Carolyn Ferrari
13a	Gladys Johnstone Cup: Most points in cookery by Grade Ruan Resident	Carolyn Ferrari
13b	June Curtin cup: Most points in spring Produce	Mary Roberts
14	The Newcomer cup: Most points for entering the show for the first time Lady	Janette Eathorne
15	The Newcomer cup: Most points for entering the Show for the first time Gent	Dr Geoff Woodl
16	Iris Mitchell Cup: Most points in the show	David Endean

Grade Ruan Spring flower show 2018

St Patrick's Day Saturday 17th March saw Ireland complete the 6 Nations Grand slam but the village hall filled up with daffodils and other exhibits, many with an Irish theme. It was a lovely sight to see the Hall fill with bright and cheery exhibits on a chilly day which became decidedly perishing by the end. The next day our world was turned white once again for a third time this winter. The conditions this year plus seeing regular exhibitors and committee members alike falling foul to various bugs, led to the committee worrying what the show would be like. But fears were allayed as it turned out to be a very good event.

The big day was opened by Cadgwith's very own Rose Bowcher who welcomed everyone, praised the colourful exhibits and then passed on her memories of the people who several of the cups are dedicated to such as Jonny Trewin, June Curtin, Gladys Johnson Iris Mitchell and Mabel Basher. She then went on to present the trophies with the help of the Spring show Chairman Judith Preston.

The hall had its very own jungle for a few hours as Paul Ferrari's large Avocado bush provided a talking point, this along with some lovely tulips and a delightful Dendrobium orchid belonging to Janette Eathorne meant that we had a truly varied pot plant section from which Mary Roberts came out on top.

Trixabelle Rowe was absolutely delighted with her medallion for winning most points in the under 5's section, Lucas Fletcher was rather more coy in claiming his cup and medallion in the 6-8 Year old section, even more so when Rose planted a big kiss on him! Alas Rose Tonks and Ben Fletcher's cups were awarded in their absence. All the children's entries in the snooker room from the school, under 5's coloured egg drawings all the various exhibits made it a vibrant room.

Gina Spiers and Carolyn Ferrari battled it out in the cookery section and this year the trophy returned to the Ferrari household once again but Gina's Meringues with Easter chicks faces were certainly worth a note. Great note must be taken from the efforts of Mary Roberts and Margret Evans whose names appeared in the ranks of prize winners throughout most of the sections in the show.

We had a nice display of floral arrangements ranging from miniatures through elaborate buttonholes to larger displays of spring flowers. Beryl Cullen from Mullion won the **Falconer Cup** for her Easter themed arrangement, and it also claimed the **Hagenbach Cup** for the Best Exhibit in the floral art section. Most points in this section went to David Endean.

The daffodils really are the stars of the show and this year surprisingly we had a similar number of vases to last year for what has been a difficult year as weather has taken its toll and delayed displays by a week or more. Plus we were minus the exhibits of a couple of regular daffodil exhibitors. The **Harry London Cup** was awarded to David Endean for his vase of Aflame daffodils, the **Jonny Trewin Cup** and the **Mabel Basher Cup** were won by David Endean.

Many thanks to everyone involved in any way to keep this show going. Preparations now start for next year. There is plenty of space for more exhibits especially if you are a teenager and not just one at heart. See you next year.

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Grade-Ruan Under 5s



World Book Day saw an array of costumes worn to play group and a selection of stories were enjoyed by all.

The children all helped to create a beautiful display for the Spring Show, with frogs, butterflies, rainbows and all things Spring ... but no snow!! They were delighted to receive a 1st prize for their entry.

A big thank you to all that donated for our Bag 2 School fundraiser. A staggering 130kg was collected giving us a grand total of £52! We were absolutely amazed and hope to make this a termly event.

Our Easter Fun Day will take place on Saturday 31st March at the Pavilion in The Rec, 11-2. All are most welcome. The bar will be open - come and support GRU5s and Ruan Minor FC as they have a home match to play too! Please see our poster in "What's On" for further info.

We return to playgroup on Monday 16th April.

The Health Visitor will be us again on Friday 4th May.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a peaceful Easter break.

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Recreation Ground News



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As I write this, the "first day of Spring" has been and gone, the clocks go forward in a few days time - and there's snow on the ground!

The bar has been busy with all the 6-Nations rugby matches shown on the TV. A full house for all the England matches, slightly less for the others. One Saturday, when England played against Scotland, the bar was absolutely packed and we sold out of almost everything.

We nearly had a "home" football match one weekend - then it rained all night Friday and the pitch was unplayable again! The only upside of this weather is that we declared a "snow day" a couple of weeks ago and opened the bar on Thursday afternoon - the place was packed again (this was the week after the England/Scotland game) and whatever stocks we had left were sold out! Warm and cosy inside, with a blizzard outside! So, despite the lack of RMFC home games, the last month has been pretty successful for us - so at last we can afford to start planning some outstanding works around the Pavilion.

Tanya's yoga classes are still popular, with regular sessions Tuesday and Thursday evenings and additional "beginners" classes continuing on Monday evenings. We have also

started holding weekly Games Evenings on Fridays - with cards, darts, board games and table tennis. Also, on Fridays, we have - in conjunction with Ruan Store - started to advertise "Pizza Nights", with the bar open from 5pm. You can order a Pizza from the Store and they will deliver it to the Pavilion for you to sit and eat. As the Store shuts at 7pm - you need to order early!

Coming soon is our May Festival. Plans aren't finalised yet, but I think we will have DJ in for Friday evening, Saturday evening we've got "Suitcase Slim" the Texan one-man-band with a mixture of traditional blues, music from the deep South and Rock and Roll, followed by the fabulous Roosters to keep you dancing for the rest of the night. Sunday will be the family fun day again, with stalls, side shows, magic, fire-eating, dogs, etc. etc. all afternoon. We're still working on Sunday evening, but I know we've got VyNyL-Re-VyVaL in the evening, and I'm still trying to sort something out for earlier! Monday we plan to hold a fun sports/activity day (we did plan this last year - but it was tipping down with rain!). So that's 25th -28th May sorted out - make sure it's in your diary!

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Ruan Minor Football Team 1921 - 22



This photograph of the Helston District League Cup Winning team of the 1921-2 season was passed to the Gazette, via Andre Ellis, by Stephen and Teresa Barter.

Back Row: C E Bloomfield, E Ovenden, N Mitchell, D Tiddy, S Hendy, E Stephens, C D Williams, J A Sullivan, R Jane

Front Row: O Tamblyn, F J Stephens, L Mitchell, A E Jane, F Stephens (Capt), J R Pyatt (Hon Sec)

Rector's Ramblings

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in His joy! Alleluia!

In one of the sessions of our Lent York Course the writer, Bishop John Pritchard, suggests that we extend our Easter celebrations. He points out, 'We spend a very long time getting ready for Christmas. It starts in early September as the first catalogues drop through the letterbox. The Church tries to hold back the tide of commercialism at least until Advent, but eventually we enter the 'carol-service-and-nativity-play' season with a will and a sigh. Shepherds, angels and kings are all over the place. Stars twinkle over the stable if the electrician has done his job. And, in the middle of it all, 'the heavenly babe you there shall find' is trying his best to survive the fuss.

'But Easter? There's a slow and serious build-up called Lent, that society doesn't particularly notice. And there's a sombre seven days called Holy Week, that society would be embarrassed about – if it understood what it was for – followed by a family weekend of chocolate, daffodils and bunny rabbits. And then it's all over. Summer holidays come next.'

I suspect that Bishop John wrote slightly 'tongue-in-cheek', but he's quite right! I won't list all the suggestions he has for embedding the meaning of the resurrection in our on-going post Easter lives, just a couple:

- How about starting each day with "*Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*"? It sets the tone and reminds and encourages us that Christ is truly alive for us now, and not just on one morning in a distant garden a long time ago.
- Have to hand Matthew 28:5-7: '*But the angel said ... "He has been raised, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there."*' And as you look at your day ahead, say to yourself: "He is going ahead of me into ... (whatever the day's events are); I will see him there." Jesus' being always there ahead of us gives us confidence and hope, particularly if we're facing some tricky moments in the day ahead.

The late Cardinal Basil Hume, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, wrote: 'The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.'

Have a very blessed - and extended - Easter celebration!

Revd Deirdre

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Ruan Minor Football Club News



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Unfortunately again due to the weather, RMFC have only played one game since our last update and it was a hard earned draw with Carharrack Reserves away with a score line of 3-3. Goal scorers were Chris Ensink and a brace from Troy Rendle. Our fixtures for the next two months are as follows:-

31 st March	Home to Newlyn	2.30pm Kick Off
7 th April	Home to Ludgvan	2.30pm kick off
11 th April	Away to St Ives	
14 th April	Away to Newlyn	
18 th April	Away to West Cornwall	
20 th April	Away to Frogpool	
25 th April	Away to Holmans	
28 th April	Away to Rosudgeon	

Once again myself and Wayne would like to thank you for your support and cheering us on at home matches.

Cheers

Gary & Wayne

Man of Match Award to Dale Cummings presented from our Match sponsor Di Fleetwood by The Cadgwith Watch House for his performance against West Cornwall.



Photos by Chris Hunt

As we reported previously RMFC has been awarded the FA Chartered Standard; the picture is of Andrew Plenty – FA Development Officer presenting Gary Pollard with our plaque and certificate. The second picture attached is with Michael Halliday – RMFC President, Jason Hickey – Sponsor from JMH Hickey StoneMason, Wayne Briggs & Gary Pollard - Co Managers. *[These pictures were in the Gazette last month, but without captions. Ed.]*



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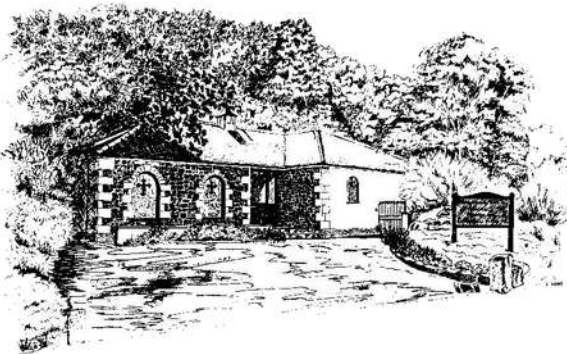
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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

February's Quiz clashed with some of the coldest times we have had for a year or two, so we were limited to seven teams, although some of the teams saw their numbers well bolstered. We had a fine selection of rounds; it is amazing how little most of us know of about the geography of the USA. But we were all better at advertising slogans and vocations with strange names. Time flew so fast that we managed eight rounds!! Although this was not reflected in the scores. Living in hope and Cadgwith led to the team name "**But will it Snow!**" I hope they got their wish as they had to accept the wooden spoon. **Fox and Hounds** topped the night - looking at the make-up of the team it seems Skinny must have been the wily old Fox with six lady hounds. The killer question was won by the Scilly Old Fools, it seems that Pele scored 1281 goals in a career spanning 1360 games. They kindly donated their winnings back to the Village Hall. See you all on the third Tuesday of the month; there is always room for more if you are up to the challenge.

1 st	Fox & Hounds	52pts	5 th	Cliffhangers	44pts
2 nd	Scilly Old Fools	49.5pts	6 th	The Buccaneers	38pts
3 ^d	The Jumblies	48pts	7 th	But will it Snow!	31pts
4 th	Just us 9	46.5pts			

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Gardening in April

by David Endean

Well we had a shock to start March off this year! That was the most snow that we have seen for many years in these parts, probably about 30 years. What we can say is that it was well predicted and as such it changed my plans in the garden, I delayed a lot of the seed sowing and of dahlias until after it had passed. A good job really as the wind damaged my heated propagating frame and in the greenhouse the thermometer registered minus 6° C. I could still go around a week later and find snow enough to make snow balls,

So here are a few ideas of tasks to do this month in the garden, I always like to give you some pruning projects, on plants that are breaking into growth and the risk of frosts of any damaging strength are diminishing day by day. Firstly cut back your *Buddleja 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. Pruning *Hydrangeas* needs to be carried out 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, the growth is much slower and so I recommend that you only trim off the old flowers. You will also find after that snow and biting Beast from the East many other shrubs are burnt badly with dead areas. I would resist the temptation to hack back for a while until you see signs of some fresh growth appearing lower down, then cut back to that point. Flowering may well be affected on many things this year.

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. These you 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, then cut them back hard but you may lose the flower for one year. However 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 weed 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 of which most will have finished flowering now. I know 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

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trim them back or tie them in knots as was done in times gone by. They need to be able to photosynthesise to put energy back into the bulb so that it will flower well next year. They also will benefit from some fertilizer - the sooner the better.

You may have noticed the farmers going around the grass fields with their tractors with a hopper on the back. Well 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, as this will green them up give some strength and help them fight off the encroachment of weeds. Many lawns are looking rather rosey and washed out and in need of some work to remove the moss.

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 just 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. 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 you greenhouse this year. They tell me nothing tastes better than a home grown tomato. I am not the right one to judge that fact 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 grow bags as their extra volume means that they do not dry out so badly, but good tomatoes can be grown in grow bags and the like. Spend some money and get a decent bag, as the cheapest ones are generally as such for a very good reason. But why grow just the mundane? Try something a bit different such as Aubergines, sweet peppers or tomatillos, even melons of different sorts. If you like these it may well make more financial sense to grow them.

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 quite easy to grow. But delay sowing your runner bean and French beans directly in the open soil until next month as temperatures will not quite be 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 honestly 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, Broad beans, peas and all your salads. Sow your crops in small batches so that they can be harvested at their peak and eaten quickly at their best, as 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 those Dahlia cuttings, potting on chrysanthemums which were delayed, planting out sweet peas which were frozen in their pots, to name a few things.

Whatever you do this month enjoy your gardening.

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April Quiz - The Lizard

1. What is Cornish for The Lizard?
2. Lizard village is the most southerly on the British mainland, and is in the civil parish of?
3. What was built in 1619, abandoned in 1623 and rebuilt in 1752?
4. The area is also home to which rare breeding bird?
5. The Battle at the Lizard, a naval battle, took place off The Lizard on which date?
6. The Lizard's political history includes the Cornish Rebellion which began....
Where? :..... in which year?

Answers to the Spring Quiz

1. Which Spring flowering shrub, (originally from the Himalayas) is Cornwall well known for? *Rhododendrons*.
2. The following lyrics are from which song ? "*Let me see what Spring is like on Jupiter and Mars*" *Fly me to the Moon*.
3. Who was the Greek Goddess of Spring? *Persephone*.
4. What is the first day of Spring called? *The vernal equinox*.
5. How many times each lunar month do Spring tides happen? *Twice*.
6. What monument did the early Egyptians build that points directly towards the Sun on the first day of Spring? *The Great Sphinx*.

Questions set by Lydia Graham

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Once upon a time, two young brothers, Georgie and Brian, together with their sister, Bonnie, went for an afternoon walk in Gillygabben Woods looking for flowers for their mother. Such a long time did they spend roaming and looking and picking, and so far did they amble into the woods, that when it became time to go home, they realised that they had quite lost their way. Dusk was falling, along with the temperature, and they became cold and scared.

"I'm hungry!" said Brian. "I want my Mummy!" cried Bonnie. "Don't worry," replied Georgie, who was at least a year older than either of them and fancied himself as almost grown up. "I will look after you. Just hold my hand and keep quiet so that we don't alert any wild animals ... no, stay *quiet*, Bonnie ..." as she opened her mouth to scream. She quickly shut it again and gripped Georgie's hand even more tightly.

It seemed hours afterwards, but was actually only about ten minutes when Brian suddenly noticed a glimmer of light through the trees. Creeping closer, they spotted an old wooden hovel set in a small clearing, its tiny windows holding a faint gleam of yellow light, and a line of smoke drifting out of its crooked metal chimney. "Let's go and see who's at home!" cried Brian.

Bonnie held back. "I don't like the look of it," she whined. "It looks like the wolf's house in Red Riding Hood!" "Don't be silly!" whispered Georgie. "That's just a fairy story." "So why are you whispering?" asked Brian. "Oh come on!" exclaimed Georgie, and all three of them, still holding hands, headed for the lights.

Arriving at the cottage, they knocked on the gnarled old door. Nothing happened at first, then, after a little while, the door slowly opened with a loud creak and there stood a very ugly old woman. So ugly was she, and even more gnarled than her door, that she looked like a witch. But not just any old witch. As the children stood transfixed with fear, they realised that she was made completely out of wood!

"I told you so!" hissed Bonnie, and tried to turn and run, but her brothers stood as though petrified and could not budge.

"Well, well, well," cackled the old witch, as she peered at them in the gloaming. "What have we here? Three little dears! Are you lost? Or were you going to play Knock and Run? Eh? Eh? Well, you've knocked on the right door today, haven't you? Just in time for supper! Heh heh ... but come along in, come on."

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As though mesmerised, the children followed the witch as she turned and clumped along the wooden floor. Her wooden shoes, encasing her wooden feet, scraped along the wooden floor with a horrid screechy noise as she walked on stiff wooden legs into the room. Here she pulled out three wooden chairs and gestured for the children to sit down.

“Make yourselves comfortable, my dears. Just put that pretty bunch of flowers on the table, that’s right. Now would you like a nice drink of hot chocolate?” Bonnie began to shake her head, but Georgie spoke quickly. “Yes please!” he said. “We are very hungry, you know!” “Yes, I do know,” muttered the witch into her wood-shavings beard. “And so am I!” She clumped over to the stove, where a jug of some sort of beverage was brewing, and in front of which a large black cat snoozed and snored gently. Out loud she said, “Here you are then, drink this. I always keep some handy in case some stup-er, dear little children come visiting!”

The hot chocolate looked and smelled so delicious that all three children seized the mugs that the witch gave them – although Bonnie did give the witch a narrow-eyed suspicious look. The witch’s wooden eyes just stared back at her. The children drank. My! It was delicious. Just about the most delicious deliciousness they had ever tasted. Within seconds they had drained their mugs and within a few more seconds they were refreshed. “Thank you very much,” said Georgie, ever the young gentleman. “It has been very nice to meet you, but now we must go home. Mother will be wondering where we are. Come on, Brian, come on Bonnie!”

The witch said nothing, which the children thought rather rude, but it was indeed time to go, and they would probably never meet the old biddy again, so what did it matter? They went to stand up. Nothing happened. They couldn’t move – not their arms, their legs, their hands nor their feet. They were trapped! What had the mean old witch put into the hot chocolate?

“Hurr, hurr!” cackled the witch. “My, my you *are* nice and plump, all of you! Now I’ve got a problem - which of you do I eat first?” The children were speechless – not from the drugged chocolate but from shock – and could only look at her in horror.

“Ooh, I am so very hungry! Hee, hee, hee, which shall it be?” she trilled, drooling sap from her wooden mouth. Moving to her wooden chair, she laid a place at the table with her wooden knife and fork, then had a drink of wood preserver from her own wooden cup. Turning to the snoring cat, she addressed her problem to his sleeping form. “What do you say, Woody? Eh? Eh? Which one shall I tuck into first?” Woody opened one eye, looked at his mistress, muttered “Please yourself,” and went back to sleep. “Oh never mind,” mumbled the witch, picking up a wooden handkerchief to mop at her slavering wooden jaws (and if you’ve never tried that, you have no idea how impossible it is). “I think I’ll take the girl first. She looks nice and tender.”

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As the witch took a step towards her, Bonnie opened her mouth (which still worked) and uttered the most ear-piercing scream she could muster. So loud was it that it very nearly *did* pierce the eardrums of her brothers, who of course could not put their hands over their ears. They in turn shrieked with pain, the cat woke from its doze, leapt in the air and screeched like a banshee, and the witch yelled at all and sundry.

“Stop that noise! Stop it at once, all of you! Don’t stress me out! You know what happens when I get stressed!” But of course they didn’t know; why would they? The three children and the cat continued to screech, yell and bawl, mostly with their eyes shut for greater volume until Bonnie suddenly opened hers as she heard a loud clunk. “Oh look!” she gasped. Her brothers looked, and what do you think they saw? You’ll never guess - one of the witch’s legs had dropped off!

“Aw no! Not now!” cried the witch as she hopped back towards her chair. She was just about to pull it out from the table when there was another clump and one of her arms detached itself, landing on the floor with a clunk. “Nooooooooooooooooo!” she cried, but it was too late. First her other leg fell off, then the other arm. It was like a horror movie, except that she was only made of wood, so there was no tomato ketchup involved, and the children were very, very glad. Soon the witch’s wooden eyes were staring into space in horror, then one eyeball dropped out and rolled away across the floor. As it rolled, an ear fell off, followed by her long, crooked nose, the other eye and then the other ear. Then her head parted company with her shoulders, tumbled off backwards and bumped across the floorboards, where the witch’s long, pointy hat, which had been hanging on the wall, fell on top of it, covering the ugly wooden face. The old crone’s body thumped down and collapsed. She was now in bits.

“Ding Dong, the witch is dead!” sang the cat, seemingly unconcerned at the demise of his mistress. He’d still be able to catch mice and rats, so what was there to worry about? Although ... who would keep the fire alight?

As one, the children tried again to stand up, but found that they still couldn’t move; they were glued, remaining under the wretched hot chocolate spell. “Hey, Woody!” called Brian to the cat. “Could you please get us out of this mess? Like, release us from the spell?” Woody looked at them with a frown (which one couldn’t see because of his furry face, so you’ll just have to take our word for it), got up and jumped onto the table, where he sat down and began to wash.

“Woodeeeeeeee!” said Bonnie sharply. “What’s the problem?” growled Woody. “We can’t move and we want to go home!” “Aw, that’s really sad,” said Woody, unconcerned. “What do you want *me* to do about it? I’m only a cat.” “Well, old chap, you look like a clever sort of cat. Can’t you lift the spell?” begged Georgie. “Well, maybe I could but why should I?” This was too much for Bonnie and she burst into tears. “It’s no good crying,” said the cat spitefully. “That won’t work

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on *me*.” “Oh do try something *please*,” pleaded Georgie. “Mmmmm? Nope.” “Pretty please?” tried Brian, as his sister sobbed and hiccupped. “Nah.” “But you are such a lovely cat, and you look so clever!”

Woody raised his slitty eyes to the heavens and did not deign to reply. Bonnie stopped sobbing, and blurted out, “Mother will be wondering where we are!” “Think yourselves lucky that you’ve *got* a mother,” replied Woody. “I’ve just lost mine, thanks to you lot.” “Well,” said Bonnie, “would you like to come and share ours? Now that you have no-one to look after you, we’d be very happy to do so.” “Hmmm,” replied Woody, “you have a point. OK then.” And, waving one paw in the air, he miaowed an awe-inspiring anti-imprecation, and hey presto! the spell was lifted. Joyfully, the children leapt up, seized the rather wilted bundle of flowers from the table, and ran out of the cottage, calling to Woody to come with them

Woody was not to be hurried. As he sauntered towards the door, he took one last look at all the bits of the witch strewn across the floor, raised his eyebrows and sighed. “Hmmp,” he muttered to himself. “They just don’t make wooden witches like they used to.”

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Minutes of the meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council meeting held at the Sunday School Room, Methodist Chapel, Ruan Minor on 12 February 2018 at 19:00.

206/17 **Persons Present/Apologies.** Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Fleetwood, Freeman, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllrs Bosustow, Clifton, P Collins. Absent: Cllr S Collins.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk), Cllr Rule CC. 1 member of the press/public.

207/17 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.**

Cllr Stephens declared an interest in PA18/00052 & PA18/00211.

Cllrs Green and Trewin declared an interest in PA18/00004.

208/17 **Public Participation.** R Green gave context to PA18/00004.

209/17 **Reports from outside bodies.** Cllr Rule CC reported that: Cornwall Council have set an increase in the precept at 4.99%; a new housing initiative using £170m is being investigated; the Boundary Commission response is to be submitted on 13th February, which groups Cury and St Keverne into the ward; the Campaign for Fairer Funding from central government is live and Cllrs and the community are encouraged to sign the petition.

210/17 **Presentation: National Trust. RECEIVED** as above from J Whitehouse. Landslides across the Peninsula have led to diversions of the South West Coast Path, notably at Poltesco and Devil's Frying Pan. There is a need for event organisers to liaise with the National Trust before conducting runs along the path. Hedgecutting in Cadgwith on the road leading to the National Trust properties at "Inglewidden" will be undertaken by the Trust on a voluntary basis this year and in conjunction with landowners.

211/17 **Council Meeting: Minutes 8 January 2018. RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the above date having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Freeman. 6 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Fleetwood.

212/17 **Matters arising from the Minutes.** None.

**Cllr Stephens left the room*

213/17 **Planning Applications for consideration**

PA18/00052 & PA18/00211: External works and internal alterations (& listed building consent). Mrs Sheila Stephens. Sea View Cadgwith Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7JU

No objection proposed and seconded. Unanimous.

**Cllr Stephens re-entered the room; Cllrs Green & Trewin left the room.*

213/17 cont' PA18/00004: Proposed temporary mobile home as ancillary accommodation to Little Treleague for an essential agricultural worker. Mr Ste-

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phen Green. Little Treleague Treleague Crossroads Ruan Minor Helston Cornwall TR12 7JP.

Concern was expressed over the visual impact of a mobile home at this site, given its position close to the road which forms the main entrance to the village. The Council did not oppose the application but requested that the following conditions are placed: that the mobile home is removed after three years or otherwise another application is submitted (i.e. no presumed extension on the time limit without reconsultation); that the mobile home is for use of an agricultural worker only; that screening is put in place so it is not visible from the highway.

No objection proposed and seconded. 4 voted in favour, 1 abstained.

**Cllrs Green & Trewin re-entered the room*

213/17 cont' PA18/00546: Demolish existing dwelling & formation of 3 cottages - Amended design from extant permission. Mr And Mrs B Saffill. Chycarne Kuggar Ruan Minor TR12 7LX.

The Council therefore objected as follows: the proposed development did not demonstrate that it would meet local housing need as required in AONBs per the Cornwall Local Plan (policy 23) – there is need for affordable housing, but there is a surplus of private open market housing; the proposals may constitute overdevelopment of the site, as this would see three dwellings in place of one; the proposals do not include adequate access and parking provision.

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Objection proposed and seconded. Unanimous.

214/17 Planning Applications decided since last meeting.

PA17/11567: Remodelling of dwellinghouse inc. conversion of garage and extension to first floor rear-facing dormer with Juliet Balcony. Linden Lea Ruan Minor TR12 7JL [APPROVED]

PA17/12013: Extension & Alterations. March Hare Kuggar TR12 7LY [APPROVED]

215/17 Pre-applications, consultations and appeals. None.

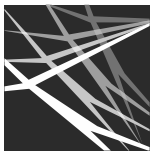
216/17 Grant Request: Cruse Bereavement Care. RECEIVED a request as above and **RESOLVED** to grant £100. Proposed Cllr Freeman, seconded Cllr Lee. Unanimous.

217/17 Parish Online renewal. RECEIVED notice as above. The item is deferred until March in order for other options to be explored.

218/17 Finance report and Payments. RESOLVED to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

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Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Freeman. Unanimous.


219/17 **Funding request: Transparency Fund. RESOLVED** to approve an application for funding for ongoing costs associated with compliance of the Transparency Code. Proposed Cllr Fleetwood, seconded Cllr Lee. Unanimous.

220/17 **Play equipment inspection. RESOLVED** to instruct the annual inspection to take place with risk assessments of each item. Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Stephens. Unanimous.


221/17 **Consultation: Predannack Airspace changes. RECEIVED** an update as above including details of a meeting between Cllr Preston, the Clerk and a representative of RNAS Culdrose when initial questions from Councillors were raised about timings, heights and flight routes of military drones. The consultation document is being circulated and feedback gathered. A common response so far



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has been that any new flying proposal should be considered in the context of current helicopter flight patterns. Response to be made at the following meeting.

222/17 **Grade Ruan Community Trust License: Insurance. CONSIDERED:** the funding of buildings insurance for properties contained in the above draft license; other outstanding points regarding the draft License and wording. **RESOLVED** to agree contents of the License document to present to the Grade Ruan Community Trust. Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Fleetwood. 6 voted in favour, 1 abstained: Cllr Freeman.

223/17 **Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report.**

a) **RECEIVED** an update on Cadgwith Highways issues – a meeting is being arranged with M Peters, local head of Highways.

B) **RECEIVED** other reports: the lead-in paths to FP4 require trimming; the path by St Mary's Church has a worn, uneven surface.

224/17 **Reports from Council representatives to outside bodies.** The Village Hall raised £754.98 for Children's Hospice South West from recent raffles. The Community Network Panel meeting on 7th February was cancelled due to icy roads. A positive meeting has taken place with the under 5s group.

225/17 **Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 12 March**

Parish Online subscription; Predannack consultation response; Decision on dog waste collection; Mundys Field surface; Bus shelter; Archive material from Howard and Sonia Stephens.

226/17 **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential or special nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable that the press and public be excluded and instructed to withdraw during the discussion for the following items: Staffing. Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Freeman. Unanimous.

227/17 **Play equipment grant spending. RECEIVED** five quotations for new equipment to be funded by grant monies. **RESOLVED** to accept a quotation from Creative Play (option 2) at a price of £4,278. Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr Stephens. Unanimous.

The meeting closed at 21:45.



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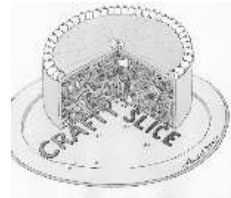
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