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- 1st Sunday Kennack Sands Beach Cleans **Suspended until further notice**
- 2nd Monday Parish Council Meeting at 7pm, by Zoom. 14th December, 11th January
- Every Friday Fish & Chip van at the Rec 5pm onwards *
- Every Friday Pavilion bar open. 5pm onwards *
- * Subject to Covid-19 restrictions in force at the time

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- 2 December Under Fives Bags2School Collection by 9 am Village Hall
- 5 December RMFC Home to Perranporth, 2.30pm k/o
- 12 December RMFC Home to Homans 2.30pm k/o
- 18 December Last day of Autumn Term
- 19 December RMFC Home to St. Agnes 2.30pm k/o
- 26 December RMFC Home to Lizard "Old Boot" Match. 11 a.m. k/o
- 26 December RMFC Auction in aid of Fishermen's Mission. 1.30pm
- 4 January First day of Spring Term
- 9 January RMFC Home to Hayle 2.30pm k/o
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Noticeboard

Well, we won't forget 2020 in a hurry, and for all the wrong reasons. This issue of the Gazette is being delivered a bit later than usual, due to Lockdown2 being in force until 2nd December. As I write, there is talk of reverting to a tiering system until Christmas, but I hope we'll be able to at least get the magazine to you all, if a bit late.

Due to Covid restrictions, the Gazette wasn't published in May, June and July this year and the August/September issue was a September only issue. Let's hope things are a bit more normal next year.

None of the usual events, such as the Lights switch-on, Carolaire, Christmas swim etc. will be taking place this year. I hope you will be able to celebrate Christmas in some way and that regular events will start to re-appear next summer.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for having their Christmas greeting message in the Gazette. £200, will be donated to Grade Ruan School to provide art materials.

May I take this opportunity to thank our advertisers for their support. Please favour these companies when you can, as they ensure that the Gazette is financially viable. Thanks also to all our hard working distributors, as well as our regular and occasional contributors, who all do so much to ensure the Gazette continues to be published.

The next issue will be out at the beginning of February; meanwhile, on behalf of the Gazette Committee, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Moira Hurst
(Co-Editor)

Happy Birthday in **December** to: Lorraine Wickens, Rose Bowcher, Sam Jane, James Bennetts, James Green, Ivan Blight-Anderson, Rosie Jane, Lisa Mitchell, Pam Penrose, Fiona Hunt, Ben Noonan, Gary Pollard, Bill Archer, Karen Forster, Jai Mallinder, Ian Shipway

And in **January** to: Julia Gudgeon, Simone Humby, Jasmine Fletcher, Victoria McClarity, Tanya Strike, Jane Hills, Jane Shipway, Charles Weaver, Chris Ensink, Liz Outten, Jan Morgan, Jasmine Gilbert, Mary Keeley, Ben Jane, Gordon Lake, Jak Williams, Chris Sealey, Jess Sealey, Linda Drysdale (a big 0), Peter Hills

From Ann Adkin (nee Rogers):

I am writing about the old barn in Poltesco Lane [which was featured in the last Gazette].

As far as I am aware my father, Dick Rogers, never used the barn for storage. When he retired in 1972 he moved to live with my sister Rosemary, her husband Geoffrey and their family. They first lived in Helston, then Gweek and then Poldhu. Dad died at Poldhu in 1993 at the age of 88.

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What's ON / NOT ON

Christmas Day Swim

So sorry everyone but, along with lots of other events, I am going to have to cancel the organised Christmas Day Swim. What I would like to do instead is (weather permitting) take a swim myself at 12 o'clock, and if anyone would like to sponsor me, it will be in aid of Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Thank you as always for your continued support for these very worthy causes.

Nicky Jose.



Christmas Lights

Thanks are due to the Christmas Lights team, who made sure the lights were put up in the Cove before lockdown2, all ready to be switched on in good time for Christmas.

There will not be an official switch on event this year. Instead the Lights Team is asking local residents to put an illuminated star, in whatever form, size or design inspires you, in a house window or in the garden to bring a little extra light and cheer into challenging times this Christmas. The illuminated stars could then be a reason for all locals to take a healthy walk around the village streets and down to the Cove to see the display in their own time. The walks will not be organised or in large groups for compliance with whatever Covid-19 rules or regulations apply at the time.



RUAN MINOR VILLAGE HALL

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

Following the easing of lock down measures the committee have the following information about use of the Village Hall whilst abiding by Covid 19 safety guidelines.

Grade Ruan Under 5s are returning on September 7th.

SHORT MAT BOWLS - CANCELLED

Bowls is on hold until further notice.

THE THURSDAY MARKET and MONTHLY QUIZ

With restrictions on numbers allowed to gather indoors and also due to non-availability of vulnerable volunteers, the monthly Quiz and Thursday Market will not be restarting for the time being.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PILATES

Pilates Classes are resuming but please check the Village Hall Facebook Page as numbers are limited.

SNOOKER ROOM

The Snooker Room has re-opened to players who have paid their annual subs and registered their contact details before playing. As the room has been unavailable for almost four months of the present financial year, the subs will be discounted by 50% to £5 per adult (17-59) and £4 per junior/senior (16 and under/60+).

Please contact the Treasurer Jan Halliday for details of how to pay, jan_halliday@btinternet.com. Any new members are very welcome, please contact Jan, as above.

* Only two players may play at any time.

Strict sanitisation protocols will need to be followed to enable safe use for all.

This is subject to change at any time if further restrictions are either enforced or lifted.

To get further information, please telephone Liz Outten on 01326 290910

or visit Ruan Minor Village Hall's Facebook Page

What'S ON / NOT ON, cont.

**GRADE RUAN
COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 9th December
at 7.30pm**

Because of the ongoing covid restrictions the meeting will be held online using Zoom. The link for joining the meeting is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84752316721?pwd=TINXUEhIbIqyeIFISzq3ZG1RN2tBQT09>

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As we gear up for Christmas, we have:

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Charity Auction

Boxing Day



At the Rec, after the Old Boot Football match between Ruan Minor and The Lizard (approx. 1.30p.m.)

In aid of The Fishermen's Mission

We have already had some very generous offers from local individuals and businesses which include the following;

- Claire Bollard from The Store Ruan Minor
- Bernie Korycki from The House! Bay Hotel
- Tony Portas from Lizard Tackle & Bait
- Paul & Carolyn Ferrari
- Keith Johnson
- Nicky Walker from Tesco
- Di Fleetwood from The Watch House
- Kevin Ensink from The Potter Bar, Kennack Sands
- Tony from Tony's Fish & Chips
- Kevin Roberts from Turbots Beach Cafe
- Abbey Jose from The Beach Hut Kennack
- Tony Bennett from Cornish Coffee
- William & Catherine Bowman from Gwavas Farm
- Jake Scolding from The National Lobster Hatchery
- Danny & Tommy Philips
- Toana Ellis
- Martin Ellis
- Ryan Williams
- Brett Jose
- John & William Trewin
- Mark Ward
- Natasha from The Old Cellars
- Sam Dougal
- Darren Hill from The Witchball
- Sam Dalton from Smugglers Fish & Chips Lizard
- Jeremy Allerton
- Kit Harley
- Sian Legge from Coast Coffee Bar & Bistro
- Steve Richards from Whirlind Sports
- Keith Jacka from Wild Fitness Helston
- James Richard & Sarah Gosling from Tregaminion & Bruggan Farm
- Piyatida & Jonnie Warren - Thia Wok Kennack Sands
- Malcolm Scott from Mullion Golf Club
- Stephen & Nigel Green - Treleague Dairy

We also have two amazing signed football shirts in the Auction, an England shirt from David Beckham and a Ryan Giggs shirt from Manchester United!!!

So if any individuals or businesses would like to donate something to this amazing Charity then please contact either Gary on vicgary06082016@gmail.com or Melinda King - Fishermans Mission Helston on helstonshop@fishermensmission.org.uk.

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Saturday 5 October

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Singapore, South Africa

Monday 12 October

Canada, Cyprus, Eastern Europe,
Greece, Iceland, Malta, Turkey,
USA

Monday 2 November

Western Europe

Monday 16 November

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Friday 4 December

Australia, New Zealand

Wednesday 9 December

Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central
and

South America, Far and Middle
East

Thursday 10 December

Canada, Cyprus, Malta

Friday 11 December

Greece, Eastern Europe
(except Czech Republic, Poland
and

Slovakia) and Turkey

Saturday 12 December

Czech Republic, Finland,
Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA

Wednesday 16 December

Austria, Denmark, Germany,
Iceland,

Netherlands, Norway, Portugal,
Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland

Friday 18 December

Belgium, France, Ireland,
Luxembourg

HM Forces (BFPO)

Airmail to Operational BFPOs

Monday 30 November

Airmail to Static BFPOs

Monday 7 December

Christmas Posting Dates, cont.

Parcelforce

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- 🎄 From our bubble to yours: Here's to better times ahead for us all. Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021. Virtual hugs, **Stuart and CC** xxx
- 🎄 Wishing all our friends and neighbours a healthy, happy and very Merry Christmas. Love and Best Wishes. **Paul and Carolyn**.
- 🎄 **Marcia and Keith Johnson** would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- 🎄 **Peter and Anne** at White Feather send their very best seasonal wishes and hopes for a better and safer future for all their friends and Gazette readers.
- 🎄 **Terry and Deborah Stephens** wish all friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. xx
- 🎄 Merry Christmas everyone. Wishing you a happy New Year. Forget 2020, roll on 2021, I hope it will be a good year for you. **Moira Hurst**
- 🎄 **Cathy and Brian** wish all their friends and neighbours a peaceful Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. Hope to see you all soon.
- 🎄 Blimey, that was a bonkers one! Wishing all our friends, family and Neighbours a safe, happy and healthy Christmas, and a Happier New Year ahead. Lots of love **Liane, Len, Mailli Rae and Tamlyn** xxx
- 🎄 **Diana and Peter Martin** wish all their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and all the best for the coming year.
- 🎄 To all friends: I'm sorry to say I will be unable to send Christmas cards this year, so I wish you the very best Christmas and New Year. **Johno**.
- 🎄 **Gill and Colin Thomas** wish all their friends a Happy and Healthy New Year and let's hope 2021 is better for us all.
- 🎄 Wishing all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year. Tight lines everyone! Best Wishes **Skinny and Maggie** xx PS My mum, **Yvonne Stephens**, is at Parc Vro nursing home, Mawgan and sends everyone her love and best wishes.
- 🎄 We would like to wish all our friends, neighbours and parishioners a happy Christmas and a healthy 2021. Especially this year we hope we all get to spend some time with our loved ones. With very best wishes from **Stephen, Judith, James, Robbie, Jack & Lucy Green**.



- 🎄 Have an absolutely fabulous and very Merry Christmas and New Year. Love from **Tim, Sandra, Sam and Lauren**.
- 🎄 **Isobel Sterling** will not be sending cards this year, but wishes her friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy healthy New Year.
- 🎄 **Dom, Alison and family** wish everyone a happy, healthy Christmas and here's hoping for better things to come in 2021! xx
- 🎄 Christmas greetings to all my friends and neighbours. It has been a different year for us all - and I hope next year will bring better news. Love from **Ann and Ross** (the Westie).
- 🎄 **Vicky, Mark, Max and Leo** won't be sending Christmas cards this year. We would like to wish all our friends and family a healthy and happy Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for all your love and support over the last year. Xxx
- 🎄 Wishing everybody a healthy Christmas and New Year. **Paul & Pam**
- 🎄 Wishing all our friends and neighbours a Happy and Healthy Christmas, and Much Better New Year. Sending virtual hugs and kisses. From **Mary and Brian** x
- 🎄 **Bruce and Glynis** would like to wish everybody a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and a safe New Year.
- 🎄 We would like to wish all our customers past, present and future a very happy Christmas and a healthy 2021. Thank you all so much for your support during this year, it has meant the world to us. With our very best wishes from all of us at **Treleague Dairy and Farm Shop**.
- 🎄 Oh! Wow and I thought Corona was a fizzy beer. Crazy times for 2020. Wishing dear family and friends a fun filled Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021. Stay safe everyone. With love **Nicky, Ian, Ray, John and Samson**.
- 🎄 Remembering all our friends and neighbours this Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. **Margaret & Ian Evans**.
- 🎄 Best wishes for Christmas 2020 and hopefully a happier and healthier 2021 to all in Grade Ruan from **Jane and Peter** at Roselyn Ruan Minor.
- 🎄 Wishing all of our friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year. With love and best wishes, **Juliet, Martin and Marianne Edwards**.

Recent newspaper reports about Beowulf

By Grade Ruan Primary School reporters in Socoa Class (yrs 5 & 6).

BRAVE BEOWULF

Vessel arrives with infamous hero and his loyal warriors dressed for battle

Early this morning, a vessel pulling up their ship on our shores had been spotted by our herald. He went down to meet them and to see why they were here. One of them (obviously the leader) stated determinedly that he was Beowulf prince of the Geats, son of Hygelac, and he was here to cleanse this land from the terrible beast he had heard of across the seas.

The herald went with Beowulf to show him to Hrothgar (and to keep an eye on him for he did not trust him completely yet). - he did tell us later that he was very happy he was here after he had heard his stories -.

Hrothgar rejoiced at his coming and promised him gold and jewels if he managed to slay the death-bringing beast that stalked in the darkness.

They all feasted in heorot along with all of Hrothgar's people whilst Beowulf told them all his amazing tales of his adventures. Now here is what the people have to say about Beowulf, "he was absolutely huge!" exclaimed Jakob, 17. Camicazi, 37, said that his muscles were as big as her head! And Jenz, 21, said that she betted he would beat Grendel and save us all!

Then Hrothgar ordered all of us home because the shadows were lengthening for it was becoming dark. Currently. Beowulf and his warriors are getting ready by savouring the little sleep they can to save energy for the upcoming battle against the vicious beast Grendel which might end with some of them never seeing light again!

If you survive till light, find out what happens in the special edition tomorrow...

Bold Beowulf and the Beast

*Brave Beowulf arrived
in Heorot to slay
Grendel*



Yesterday morning, a brave warrior called Beowulf, 34, who is from the lands of the Geats, arrived in the Heorot harbour to attempt to save the King, the Queen and all of their subjects. The petrified villagers appreciated that Beowulf had come to save them. Villager Astrid, 25, reported, "The terrible beast ate my husband but now that Beowulf is here hope is restored!"

After he docked the hero's boat, the herald led him to our beloved mead-hall, where the king was devastated. Beowulf promises that he will restore peace to our settlement and Grendel will not bother us anymore. Villager Joren, 23, who has witnessed Grendel attacking, described Beowulf as a tall, muscular, intimidating hero.

Beowulf had the privilege of meeting our King Hrothgar who is devastated about Grendel attacking his village. The king, who was sobbing on his throne, told Beowulf that he was our only hope. Out of the blue, Beowulf claimed that he will not wear any armour as the beast does not. He will not carry any weapons, neither does Grendel.

The brave warriors have slumbered one night in Heorot and are hoping that the gory battle shall be a victory. We have had a great opportunity to have an interview with Axe-hart, 24, who is joining beowulf on his fearsome quest. He reported that he is questioning Beowulf's choice to wear no armour or wield no weapon.

This fearless warrior shall soon be involved with this gruesome battle between him and Grendel. Who will win this fight shall beowulf save the village and peace will come once more, or will Grendel still roam in the shadows of Heorot, waiting for his next meal.

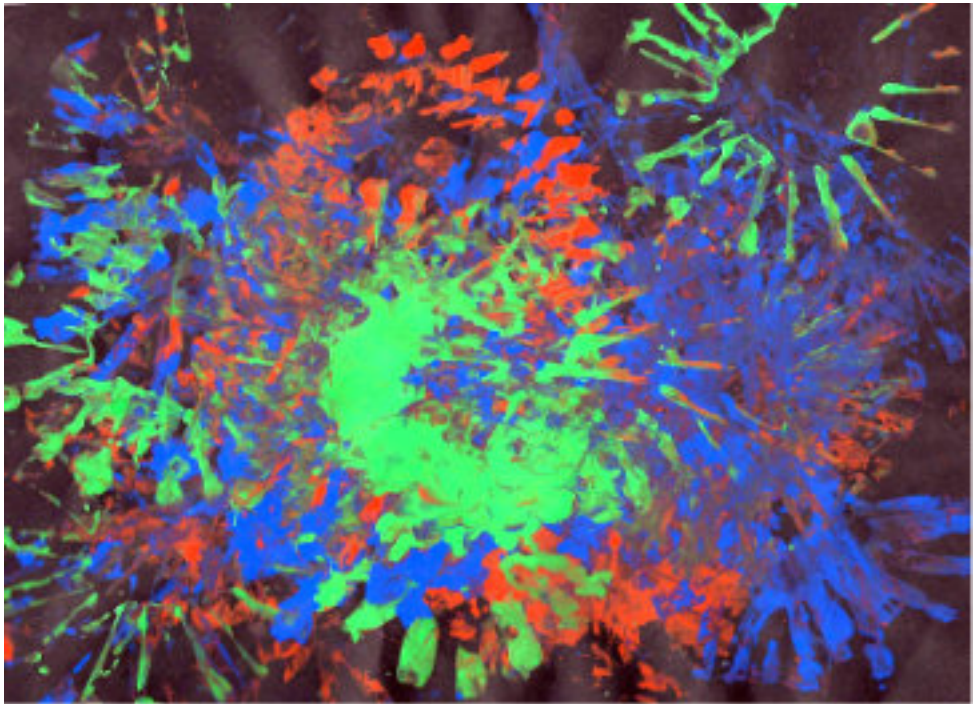
Hero at Heorot

Beowulf has come to save us.

A few hours ago, a miracle happened. A true hero called Beowulf has come to defeat the scaly but evil beast called Grendel to save our friendly village.

This morning, an impressive vessel docked at the harbour. Beowulf, 28, who greeted the Herald, brought his two trusty warriors that came from afar. Jakob stated that Beowulf was muscular and tremendously tall so he could definitely put up a fight with Grendel. The herald led them to the king. Hrothgar, 67, stated, "The village is in grave danger! We need Beowulf's help to defeat Grendel.", Hrothgar invited him inside the mead-hall.

At midnight, Hrothgar had to leave because he didn't want to get eaten by Grendel. So Beowulf took off his chainmail and threw his sword on the floor. Beowulf said if Grendel does not have armour and a sword Beowulf won't have any armor or sword either.



A colourful depiction of Bonfire night by Billy Oates
who is in Reception Year

WINCH HOUSE SURVEY RESULTS

Grade Ruan Parish Council ran a public consultation on the Council's plan to borrow money to purchase and preserve the Winch House, Cadgwith for future generations.

The public consultation ran from 20 September 2020 to 22 October 2020.

QUESTION 1 : I am a resident of the parish of Grade Ruan

RESIDENTS: 80.51%

NON-RESIDENTS: 19.49%

It was encouraging that 190 Parishioners had taken the time to respond to the survey. The parish has a Council Tax Base of 455 households in 2020-2021 with 848 registered electors on the electoral roll, so 190 respondents represents 42% of households and 22% of electors.

With non-parishioners making up only 19.49% of respondents is ideal as it is interesting to hear their views without them dominating the survey results, which is mainly targeted at Council Tax payers. Most non-parishioners are probably second home owners or holiday visitors as at least 15% of the households in the parish are in this category and most of the properties were occupied at the time of the survey. A few will have come from residents of neighbouring parishes who saw publicity for the survey.

QUESTION 2: I think the Winch House in Cadgwith should be and kept as a community asset forever and I approve of the Parish Council owning it on behalf of the community.

	All	Parishioners	Non Parishioners
Total that AGREE:	86.9%	83.7%	100%
Total that DISAGREE:	11.0%	13.7%	0%
Neutral:	2.1%	2.6%	0%

Although non-parishioners had unanimous agreement with the question, there is still extremely strong agreement of parishioners with the **83.7% of parishioners** supporting the principle.

QUESTION 3: I approve of the Parish Council borrowing the money to purchase the Winch House on the terms indicated (costing less than £6 a year per Band D household).

	All	Parishioners	Non Parishioners
Total that AGREE:	81.4%	77.9%	95.7%
Total that DISAGREE:	15.7%	19.5%	0%
Neutral:	3.0%	2.6%	4.3%

It is very easy for non-parishioners to say "YES" when they don't have to pay [95.66% in favour 4.35% neutral]. The important figure is the strong support from parishioners which is at **77.89% in favour** [19.47% against]

QUESTION 4: I approve the Parish Council's proposals for how the building would be managed and maintained for the benefit of the whole community.

	All	Parishioners	Non Parishioners
Total that AGREE:	82.6%	79.0%	97.8%
Total that DISAGREE:	14.0%	16.8%	2.2%
Neutral:	3.4%	4.2%	0%

There is very strong parishioner support with **78.95% agreement** [16.84% disagreement and 4.21% neutral]

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Christmas Eve	Post Office closed Shop closing at 12 noon
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day	Closed
27 th Dec	Shop open 9am to 1pm
28 th Dec	Post Office closed Shop open 9am to 5:30pm
29 th & 30 th Dec	Shop and Post office open 9am to 5:30pm
New Year's Eve	Post Office closed Shop closing at 12 noon
New Year's Day	Closed
Sat. 2 Jan	Back to normal except shop closes at 6pm Monday to Friday from January through to Easter

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Finally, from myself and the team, thank you for your fabulous support in 2020.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2021.



A farewell to Martin Edward Fletcher

By Jonathan Fletcher

Martin was born in Nottingham in October 1941, the second of three brothers. The extended family consisted of many aunts and great aunts, and there were family events and picnics to be attended, which the two boys found could be somewhat boring and 'dry'..... but this was addressed when they dammed a small stream near Uncle Fred's farmyard, which was soon flooded in a very satisfactory way. I don't think they even saw the sea until after the war.

After coming to Cornwall on holiday in 1951 the family moved here, in 1953, and after many moves settled in Treworder farm, behind the church in Ruan Minor, in September 1954.

I consider myself very lucky to have survived the following few years, as he tried to kill or injure me in various novel ways: he shoved me through the outlet tunnel at the waterwheel pit in Poltesco, to see if it was open all the way, (it was) we were supposed to have been in Sunday school, we had spent our threepence collection money on ice cream. Unfortunately I let the cat out of the bag when we got home, so a bit of a telling off came his way.

He and Jan Morgan had a raft that they sailed from Kildown to Cadgwith. Martin and I climbed down to the pool below Man o War where it was moored. Martin needed a brace and bit, so sent me up the cliff and across the fields to Treworder to fetch one while he hung on. I was five

He shoved me out to sea at Cadgwith on an inflated inner tube, I promptly disappeared round the island to the dismay, not to say panic, of the people looking after us.

To get on the water in a bit more safety he got an ancient wooden rowing boat from Gweek, and after some fettling and replacement timbers it was carried down the hill by him and his mates, and given the name Shiralee, which one translation gives as 'white man's burden'.

An outboard, an Aurora Aquajet, proved to be the most unreliable engine ever made so that's when he taught me to row.

Martin was enrolled at Helston Grammar school. He was academically very able with an encyclopaedic memory. (Much later in his fifties he dropped in to my house one day, to see if there was any home brew needing appraisal, and found my daughter and her friend revising Greek Mythology: he rattled off the whole story from memory. Emma Barber recently described him as a very good story teller).

After the sudden death of our father, Martin lost direction a little, and when there was a disagreement with the headmaster over what constituted acceptable behaviour and academic ambition Martin left and joined the Navy at HMS Fisgard, at 16, as an artificer apprentice. He revelled in the discipline and routine, and also playing Rugby, off the menu at Helston.

It was soon realised that he was officer material; he passed the Civil Service exam, coming first in the Navy and fourth in the UK. The Navy moved him to HMS Collingwood, where he took O and A levels, and then to BRNC Dartmouth.

Here he had an interest in disreputable old cars, and famously raffled a Standard Vanguard

Farewell to Martin Fletcher, cont.

for half a crown a ticket, he got £9 for it. The new owner was stopped by the police and they asked how much he had paid for such a wreck...."two and sixpence..." After this he had a 1936 SS100 Jaguar which he let me drive in the farm lane, although, at eleven or so, I had to peer through the wheel, and could theoretically have charged off into the village.

The Queen, the Royal Yacht Britannia, and I attended his passing out day. We chugged around the Royal Yacht in a dirty grey cutter, with me standing on the bow with the boat-hook at the 'present' like the royal barge bowman

I remember well when he was home on leave he would spend hours playing trains with me, or helping me build a butt, or completing balsawood aeroplanes which he had bought for me or so he said

As Lieutenant on HMS Yarmouth he was sent ashore with an armed party to quell rioting in British Honduras, and was very proud to have committed an offence for which he could have been hung: 'Setting fire to her majesty's dockyard'. He commandeered a motor yacht to rejoin the ship, and was delighted to find that he last saw it as one of the centrefold cut-away technical drawings in the 'Eagle' comic.

After leaving the Navy he drove a minibus from London to Timbuktu, the first 'Minitrek' expedition for adventurous travellers.

In 1965 he and Jocelyn married, and lived in London. To get afloat again in 1967 they bought a 45ft ex navy launch at Sunbury on Thames, to live on. He alarmed the boating community when he ballasted it down by the bow and removed and replaced the rotten transom. By now Simon was on the way and they sensibly decided that a more conventional

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home was the ticket.

He built a plywood boat, on its side in a lockup garage: unfortunately on sea trials, due either to inadequate materials or a too large engine, it sank spectacularly in the cove.

In 1969 they moved back to Cadgwith, Martin drove down towing a boat, a Hornet, and broke down on Salisbury plain. He spent three days rebuilding the engine at the roadside and carried on.

Back in Cadgwith he set about trying to drown me again, in the Hornet. We did pretty well in the regatta but spent far too much time upside down. He did parish council work, helped run the regatta, and devised an accurate handicap system for the motor boat race, which proved very unpopular with some of the contestants.

James was born in 1971, and shortly afterwards Martin went to work for the NHS where he stayed for the next 22 years. He loved his sailing, aboard Peter London's yacht, with annual trips to Brittany for the L'Aber Wrac'h race. He told me he would never forget one occasion, when Buller went with them. The French customs boarded and were offered a drink: Buller, hearing the chink of glasses on deck, hastily poked his head through the hatch to join in, but, Buller being rather rotund, Martin was stuck below, where Buller was naked from the waist down.

In the eighties, after Peter's boat suddenly caught fire and they had to be rescued from the liferaft, Peter gave up the sea, and Martin bought a 26ft sloop, the Dawn. By now he and Pam were together, and she joined him on board. They won the L'Aber Wrac'h race in the late eighties, but the following year ran into very bad weather and spent 19 hours pumping and bailing just off the Brittany coast. Shortly after that he took early retirement and they bought a 42ft ketch, Sululu, in which they were to cruise the Mediterranean for the next thirteen years, finally coming ashore and swallowing the anchor in 2006.

Martin spent his time tinkering with Sululu in Gweek boatyard, or sitting on the stick regaling unsuspecting visitors with tall tales, while Pam developed 'Pam's Plants'.

Plainly, lately, he was becoming unwell, but he was remarkably tough. In July the brain tumours which claimed his life must have been affecting him as he collapsed in the cove more than once, but the next day would see him walking down the hill again to sit on the stick having a beer. Finally a serious seizure saw him taken to Treliske, where he spent several weeks until he was moved to Trengrouse House, where he received the most excellent care until he died, peacefully, on the 17th of November.

Cheers, Martin!

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Although Lockdown number 2 has been in full swing again for the month of November we have been able to remain open. As we enter December we are getting ready to celebrate Christmas with our children and begin creating our usual festive goodies and singing festive tunes. We have been practicing with the children a special something to surprise our parents with also!

During November we went spotty for Children In Need, wearing spots and decorating Pudsey pictures. We created a lovely Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day and displayed some poppies in our window. On Armistice Day we watched a 2 minute children's animation to help us understand and reflect on the significance of the day and then held our 2 minute silence, which all the children done really well.

To support our fundraising efforts our Bags2School collection is still able to go ahead on 2nd December, remember to drop your bags to us by 9am on this day. We also have our Christmas Hampers to win, we have two hampers, one for adults and one for children. £1 a square and all welcome to buy a square or two. Drop us a message, call to purchase your square.

We must also thank Andrew from Seashore Gifts for his support in creating gifts for the parents to buy with their children's photos on. Andrew very kindly donated some of the total of the orders back to us and the final products were beautiful.

Our breakfast club provision has now started since returning from half term. It is running well and spaces are available for the children from the primary school also. From the New Year we hope to be able to offer an after school provision for the under 5s as well as the children from the primary school. As with breakfast club strict guidelines will be followed to adhere to Government guidelines and 'bubbles' will be kept to in line with our own bubble and those that the school work within. For after school cub to run spaces will have to be booked and paid for in advance, with ad-hoc session available if there is space. Sessions will run until 4.30pm at the latest to begin with and will include a snack and drink. Please get in touch for more details and to book your space.

We finish for Christmas on Wednesday 16th December and return on Monday 4th.

From all of us here at Grade Ruan Under Fives, big and little, we wish you all a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year, hopefully a much more settled one than this last year has been!

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2020 has been challenging to say the least! Despite the many hurdles we have had to face, the new school year has begun positively and the teachers and pupils have adapted well to returning to school after the COVID19 Lockdown.

Highlights of the term so far

The KS1 Rose Class really enjoyed their trip to Rosuick Organic farm where they planted oak trees, had a tractor trailer ride and fed apples to the camels!

The school took part in a national on-line anti bullying assembly whereby the classes held assemblies about standing up to bullying and discussed the importance of asking for help when we are feeling anxious or unhappy. It was great to see the children pledging to 'Put a stop to bullying'.

Thanks to some local donations and a new ground force team of volunteers, the School garden is under construction and the children have been re designing the space. It's been so lovely seeing all of the classes using the garden again. A special thanks to Mr Tham for lots of the supplies inc lovely compost, the Oates' for the well rotted manure & Rocket Gardens for the mini veggie plants.



The PTFA has now got a website!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/graderuanschool>

COVID19 has presented many restrictions for our fundraising. The PTFA are working hard to think up new ways to raise money for our small rural school. So far this term we have hosted an eco balloon race, which was totally virtual and eco friendly. We held a 'scary hairy day', whereby the children and staff had crazy and whacky hairstyle for one day only, it was very popular and everyone had a giggle seeing each other with funny hair! In November we had a meat box up for grabs for the winner of our 'Cornish place names quiz' and we also raised money for the school garden with a virtual quiz night on zoom.

All the money we raise goes towards enriching the experience of the children attending Grade Ruan school, such as new equipment, school trips, treats & experiences.

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Ramblings of a Retired Chimney Sweep

By Charles Weaver

I was called to sweep a chimney in Burnham, near Slough. I arrived on time, knocked on the door, "Good Morning, Chimney Sweep" The lady beckoned me in. She had to beckon, as she had a cordless phone wedged between her shoulder and cheek. She was clearly on an important conversation. She also had a two year old child on her arm, the child was clinging round her neck and staring at me with wide frightened eyes. I followed her slowly down the hallway. I had to go slowly, because she was going slowly. She had to. She had a second child standing on one of her feet, and clinging tightly to her thigh. This child was also staring at me with wide frightened eyes. She pointed at the fireplace. I decided conversation would be invasive, impolite and pointless as she had not paused in her telephone conversation. I swept the chimney, and halfway through she paused the phone call long enough to ask me if I wanted a cup of tea, which I accepted. Five minutes later, she returned with the tea, child on foot, child on arm, phone clamped to ear. I drank the tea, still no pause in this important conversation, tidied up, and presented my invoice. She went out, slowly, child on foot, child on arm, phone clamped to ear, no pause in the conversation and returned with the right money, still with child on foot.... You get the picture. I made to escape through the front door, followed by, the same, still no pause in conversation. I said my thanks, see you next year etc and bolted for my van. I glanced back, there she was child on foot, child on arm, phone clamped to ear, still no pause in the conversation.



I arrived at one house and I had to step over a partly dismembered car engine on the front path, go round two broken washing machines, and avoid a couple of fornicating cats, while skirting something unspeakable on the ground. I knocked on the door. A lady answered and I noticed that she was as broad as she was tall. She invited me in and turned, but more like rotated on her axis, much like a planet. I followed her down a grimy hallway, my nostrils assaulted by the stench of unclean house. Her hips almost touched each side of the hallway. We went into the living room, where her husband (presumably) sat in an armchair reading the paper. He did not look up or move the whole time I was there. I took in the living room at one glance. Black sticky and shiny carpet. Walls and ceiling seemingly coated with a dark brown varnish which I now know is nicotine from countless cigarettes. Piles of laundry, washed and unwashed on every piece of furniture. Children's toys all over the floor, difficult to walk across the room. Every horizontal surface was covered with every kind of junk and knick-knack imaginable, which in turn was covered with a thick layer of dust. She sat down in the only available armchair, not so much sat as wedged herself between the arms of the chair. She picked up two Mars Bars, and unwrapped them, before starting to eat them both simultaneously. She then uttered the immortal words, "You are not going to make a mess are you?"

Rector's Ramblings

Jesus, the Light of the World

There's a lovely story about a Vicar who was leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Whilst he was there, and whilst browsing in one of the many souvenir shops, he came across a beautiful wooden Nativity set. Thinking to himself that the one in the church was a bit tatty and forlorn, he bought the Nativity set. It was too large for him to take it back to the UK as hand luggage, so he arranged for it to be shipped to The Vicarage.

Several weeks went by before the large box containing the Nativity set arrived. The Vicar, with fond memories of that pilgrimage, opened and unpacked the cardboard box with excitement and eager anticipation: there were the beautifully-carved olive-wood figures of Mary, Joseph, the Three Wise Men, the donkey, the sheep, the cattle and the crib. **But ... there was no Baby Jesus!** Amongst all the packaging, all the wrapping, the Baby Jesus was nowhere to be found.

Fast-forward to December of that year: the Vicar, having been distracted by other parish matters, and having put the box containing the Nativity set up on a shelf in his study, realises that it's time to prepare for the Christmas services. So he takes the box down from the shelf, opens it and there, right on top of all the packaging is the Baby Jesus! A miracle!

The Vicar was so excited that he rushed out of the Vicarage, ran across the lane to the parish office, flung open the door and announced (with arms raised): **"I've found Jesus!"**; to which the church secretary replied: **"And about time too, Vicar."**

We don't normally expect much from a new-born baby, knowing full well that he/she will need to be loved, fed, burped and cared for, 24/7. But *this* Baby turns the tables on that concept: because it is *this* Baby who loves and cares for *us*, 24/7.

My prayer is that you will find Jesus this Christmas - perhaps for the very first time. Or maybe you feel that you've lost Jesus in all the 'packaging' of life, in which case my prayer for you is that you will find him again. Miracles *do* happen; and Jesus, the **Light of the World**, is **the** one who can bring 24/7 light and hope to today's troubled world.

Blessings
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Provisional dates for Church of England Services Dec 2020/Jan 2021

December

Sun 6th	Morning Prayer, St Ruan Church	11.15am
Sun 13th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 20th	A Service of Carols & Readings, St Ruan Church	11.15am
Christmas Eve	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	4pm
Christmas Day	Family Communion, St Wynwallow Church	10am
Sun 27th	No Services	

January

Sun 3rd	Holy Communion, St Keverne Church	11am
Sun 10th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 17th	Morning Prayer, St Ruan Church	11.15am
	[Evening Praise, St Mary's Church	3pm]
Sun 24th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am
Sun 31st	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30am

Roman Catholic Mass Times

Subject to government restrictions

If allowed, we shall have masses on:

Christmas Eve

at St Mary's, Helston at **6 p.m.** and at St. Michael's, Mullion at **8 p.m.**

The **Christmas Day** service will be at Helston at **10 a.m.**

On **Saturday 26th** the Vigil Mass of the Holy Family will be at St. Michael's at **5 p.m.**

Sunday 27th mass at Helston at **10 a.m.**

Sadly, under government regulations, we have to restrict attendance at all church services.

Admission to all **3** Christmas services will be **BY TICKET ONLY** this year.

Tickets are available when churches re-open on 2nd December, while stocks last from either church after any service.

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Mullion: Saturday at 5 pm (Usual mass times for public masses).

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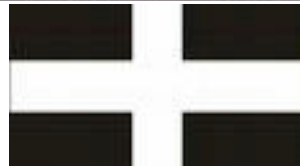
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I didn't really expect to be writing for the Gazette again, after stepping down as chairman at the AGM on 2nd September! However, it would appear that there were some errors in the conduct of that AGM, so I remain as Chairman until we are able to hold a new AGM! Having gone through several months where meetings were not permitted due to Covid-19, we saw an opportunity in September - unfortunately, in our haste to hold the meeting we neglected to give sufficient notice or adequate publicity to the meeting.

We have decided the best course of action is to re-run the AGM on the 23rd November (the meeting will have been held by the time you read this, but I'm writing a few days before - so don't know the outcome.) Notices have been placed all around the village, on facebook, and by email to everyone on our contacts lists, so hopefully it will be well attended! An added complication of the current lockdown is that the meeting will have to be held online via Zoom! Anyway, I'm hoping to see some new faces at the meeting and maybe welcome some new members to the committee - who are willing to help us run this wonderful facility for the benefit of the village.

One item in my report to the original "AGM" was the future management of the Pavilion bar. This is an item that appears on our agendas fairly regularly - but caused an unexpected level of interest this year!

As you probably know, the bar is currently run by a small team of volunteers, most of them committee members. When you take into account the background tasks like ordering and dealing with deliveries, cleaning the "lines" (pipes between cellar and bar) setting up, closing and running the bar, this amounts to more than 20 hours in a typical week. I have done most of this for the last couple of years, with help from Malcolm who usually does the lines and a group of others to help run the bar when I'm not available, especially for football matches and similar events. Since taking over from me in September, Jake has taken over much of this work. Since we were allowed to re-open after the first lockdown, we have been staying open later on Friday evenings, and, once local football matches started, Saturdays - this has produced a welcome increase in revenue - but at the cost of further pressure on our volunteers, especially with the "doubling-up" of staff needed for Covid-19 reasons.

So, we consider the options - 1: continue as we are with volunteers, 2: employ someone to do most of the work (with volunteers as extra help) and 3: enter into some form of contract with someone to run the bar as an independent business. There are pros and cons to all three options. In previous discussions we have always dismissed paid staff as too expensive and too much administration needed (PAYE, pension scheme, etc.) and the idea of a contract with a business as unworkable (either "why should they take all the profit from our Pavilion?" or "they will never be able to make any

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money out of it!"), so we've remained with volunteers (there aren't enough of us!).

What is different this year, is that shortly before that "AGM" we were approached by someone with a proposal to take on running the bar for us, with a promise to invest in various works that would otherwise take us several years to save up for, cover all the running costs and pay us sufficient for our remaining costs, all whilst having the same aims as us in community benefit. To us, it all seemed perfect - but we weren't expecting the concerns we have received from other people. The first hurdle is to determine if we are actually allowed to "contract out" the management, so we plan to seek legal advice on this, armed with copies of our trust deed and various bits of charity law and Government guid-

ance. The second hurdle is to be sure that this really is the best course to follow for our charity - I will be working on a detailed report examining all aspects of the 3 options that we have, including questioning other local clubs and organisations to find out how they manage their facilities and how that is working out for them.

Hopefully, we will have something more to report next month, both on the outcome of the AGM and a more detailed report on the future management of the Pavilion. And, maybe it won't be me writing the report!

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L	What was decorated with holly and has also become edible?
E	Popular beverage consumed during the Yuletide season.
T	“Troll the ancient yuletie carol” - what does Troll mean?
I	An important addition to a well-known seasonal cake.
D	Name Santa’s reindeers beginning with “D”.
E	What was Mr. Scrooge’s first name?

Answers to November’s Quiz It Happened in November

Year	? - ? - ?	Answer
1932	Building in Northern Ireland officially opened.	Stormont (Parliament)
1942	What rule did The Church of England abolish?	Women wearing hats
1952	Play opens in London – longest run in history.	The Mousetrap
1962	Britain and France agree to develop what?	Concorde
1972	1 st Irish woman wins Olympic gold medal .	Mary Peters
1982	Album released - greatest selling of all time.	Thriller/Michael Jackson
1992	What did The Queen describe this year as?	<i>An Annus Horribilis</i>



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October saw a slight increase in litter. 11 black bin bags of waste and recycling were collected during the month. Due to heavy seas a lot of plastic, fish trays and flotsam has been washed up by the tide. Litter was left from overnighters in vans during half term week. There was an abandoned picnic site, a fireset, items of sodden clothing, small tent and hazards including a medical swab, broken glass and dog mess.

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RUAN MINOR FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



See us on Facebook:
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RMFC are pleased to report that we are still unbeaten this season and currently are No1 in the Jollys Combination league. We have played two games recently, those being a very hard fought 3-3 draw away to Ludgvan; goal scorers were Jack Green, Shaun Hicks & Will Trewin and 2-0 win home to St Day; goal scorers were Dan Greet & Jake White, man of the match for his superb defensive display was Jack Burtenshaw.

Our fixtures for the forthcoming months hopefully when we come out of Lockdown are as follows:-

5th Dec	Home to Perranporth 2.30pm K/O
12th Dec	Home to Holmans 2.30pm K/O
19th Dec	Home to St Agnes 2.3pm K/O
26th Dec	Home to Lizard 11am K/O
9th Jan	Home to Hayle 2.30pm K/O
16th Jan	Away to Holmans 2.30pm K/O
23rd Jan	Home to Rosudgeon 2.30pm K/O
30th Jan	Away to Lizard 2.30pm K/O

RMFC are delighted to announce that we have had several new sponsors joining the family, those being Tony from T's Fish & Chips and Kevin Ensink from The Potters Bar, Kennack with another 3 to announce next month, and thank you to Claire Bollard for sponsoring our recent match against St Day and presenting Jack with the Man of the Match bottle of bubbly.

So fingers crossed we see some football in December and of course we all look forward to the local derby against the Onions on Boxing Day, kick off 11am. RMFC would like to take this opportunity to inform players and spectators that we will be holding a minute's silence before kick off out of the deepest respect and sadness in the passing of Keith Williams from the Lizard. Without doubt a true Cornish Lizard gentleman, a man that helped and cheered up so many in the Peninsular and will be truly missed by us all. R.I.P Keith Williams

Finally, once again I would like to thank all the volunteers from the Rec for making it happen on match day, special mention to Jake & Emma for running the bar in such tough Covid conditions, our president Michael Halliday for running the raffle for our Charity the Fisherman Mission, Chris Jumunji Hunt for the amazing match day photos and finally our loyal supporters who turn up on match days from everyone at RMFC please be safe and see you hopefully in Dec.

Regards

Gary, Liam & Ben

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RMFC GOAL 1-0 as Dan Greet powers in an unstoppable header.



Tony from T'S Fish & Chips on becoming a New sponsor at RMFC.....he's at the Rec every Friday serving delicious Fish & Chips

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It was December 1966 and, drifting in a raging storm in the middle of the Irish Sea, the crew of the stricken Greek freighter Nafsiporos feared they would never see their families again but the crews of three RNLI lifeboats had other ideas.

With three and a half weeks to go to Christmas, the 19 strong crew of the Nafsiporos had their minds on a family Christmas as they set off from Liverpool having unloaded their cargo of festive fruits, figs and nuts. Next stop was Belfast to pick up potatoes for Cyprus and then it was home to Piraeus. However, en route a violent storm set in and Captain Angelo Katsoufis decided to take shelter in Douglas Bay, Isle of Man. After waiting for 22 hours Captain Katsoufis decided to set off again but in weighing anchor the chain link broke and the anchor was lost. Being unladen, the ship was too small and light to handle the heavy seas and within an hour was totally out of control. Her engines could not cope with the conditions and, at times, her propellers and rudder were being lifted clear of the water. At the mercy of the furious seas and with a 30 degree list, the captain ordered a 'Mayday' message to be sent.

The Douglas Lifeboat, *R. A. COLBY CUBBIN No. 1*, under Coxswain Robert Lee, launched at 0830 on the morning of 2nd December 1966. With Force 11 winds and visibility at less than 500 yards, the Watson Class lifeboat could not reach the Nafsiporos and was forced to return home after battling the atrocious conditions for over 10 hours. The Holyhead Lifeboat, *RNLB St CYBI*, under Coxswain Thomas Alcock, launched at 1030 and was able to locate the stricken vessel after searching for 3 hours. She was just 8 miles from the dangerous Anglesey coastline and only half a mile from the treacherous submerged 'Ethel Rock'. She was rolling alarmingly in 35 ft waves and her huge propellers churned in the air above the heads of the lifeboat crew. The *St CYBI* was able to take off 5 of the ship's crew before the Nafsiporos's on-board lifeboat worked loose and crashed onto the *St CYBI*'s deck causing damage and forcing her to withdraw.

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THE FREIGHTER 'NAFSIPOROS



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Gardening in December and January

by David Endean

I have just been looking back at some recent old records, if that is not a contradiction of terms, and it seems that ten years ago we had just had an unusually very cold spell in which we had had heavy frost, snow and thick ice. This was the third winter on the trot that we had these conditions, taking a toll on plants. I vividly remember the putrid fetid state many of the *Agapanthus* were left in. What I am really saying is, do not be surprised if we get something like that again. Be prepared, even though I spied a pair of House Martins who hadn't received their visas and so were flying around Cadgwith in the middle of November with the Christmas lights already erected.

If you have any tender plants in pots, find a sheltered spot undercover but in the light for them, perhaps your greenhouse or conservatory. Many of you have those iconic succulents like *Aeonium schwarzkopf*, their deep burgundy black leaflets may well become a shade or two greener in the lower light level of winter but they do not like the wet and even less the cold wet that we get. This is the same for most succulents - the wet does the most damage so when growing them make sure they have really good drainage and somehow keep the worst of the winter rains off them. If your plants are in the ground think about using some horticultural fleece to protect them.

Christmas would not be Christmas without Poinsettias; they are the archetypal yuletide pot plant with their regal red bracts and now you see some other shades as well. But they are as fickle as they come. The first thing you need to do is to buy them from a retailer who looks after them. Do not be tempted to purchase those plants displayed outside the shop or on an outside stall. Once you have got your plant, look after it. They are very temperature dependent, and if they catch a chill they will soon drop the majority of their leaves, spoiling their festive appeal. Keep them moist on a saucer filled with gravel so that they are kept relatively humid in a centrally heated house but they are not sitting in water. You can keep your plants from year to year but to get them to produce the colourful bracts for Christmas requires dedication and is rarely worth the effort. To get them ready for Christmas, the commercial growers have to pack greenhouses full and control both the temperature and light levels giving them artificially long nights in the run up.

I have some exhibition leek pips to pot up in the coming weeks and Boxing Day is the traditional date to sow large exhibition onions; the best variety here is Kelsae. Sow them in good quality seed compost, lightly covering them and put them in a propagator with some gentle heat at about 18°C with plenty of natural light. They should be up within a couple of weeks or less and be ready for pricking out later in January.

The shortest day is also the traditional planting time for shallots, but truly this can be delayed for some time yet. They will benefit from a well prepared patch in your veg

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garden, well dug over with a liberal dose of farmyard manure incorporated. As they are out there in the coldest wettest times, those of you with raised beds will be at an advantage as they are generally well drained and so warm up a bit quicker.

Out in the greenhouse, those of you with grapevines will find that the next few months are ideal for pruning the vine. The plant is now dormant and the leaves have dropped. Prune all the fruiting spurs back to a single bud. This will leave you with a few long branches, called rods, along which there will be numerous knobby protrusions from which next year's flowers and fruit will come, the spurs. Clean up the all the dropped leaves and prunings and take them out perhaps for a small bonfire. Check the plant for pest and diseases and treat as necessary. Often scale insect is a problem. The old fashioned treatment was a spray with tar wash but this is not ideal in the greenhouse. I find the best treatment is to wait until the spring and use a biological control: for this problem the answer is a predatory insect which you can buy mail order. I use a similar product for Red Spider mite if I am unlucky to get a problem. All in all, now is a good time to get in the greenhouse and give it a good clear out and wash down with garden disinfectant ready for the spring.

When that is all done, go indoors sit down and peruse some garden catalogues or - even more so now - the internet and see what you may want to grow next year or what things will make life easier in the garden. Perhaps unwittingly leaving hints around to help Father Christmas with some ideas for you. Enjoy your gardening.



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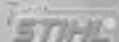
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Minutes of the Grade Ruan Parish Council Meeting

held online on
Monday 12 October 2020 at 19:00

60/20 Persons Present/Apologies

Present: Cllrs Preston (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Agutter, P Collins, S Collins, Freeman, Harry, Lee, Stephens, Trewin.

Apologies: Cllr Fleetwood.

Absent: Cllr Clifton.

In attendance: L Dunkley (Parish Clerk). Cllr Rule CC. 0 members of the public.

61/20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest / Dispensations.** None.

62/20 **Public Participation.** None.

63/20 Reports from outside bodies.

NOTED from Cllr Rule CC: The Highways scheme which passed at the Community Network Panel included the Cadgwith project to help keep clear from vehicles the footpath entrance/exit at the Cove. An update on the local COVID-19 figures was given, and the 'tier' level being set at 1: Medium alert.

64/20 Council Meeting: Minutes 21 September 2020

RESOLVED that the above Minutes of the Meeting of the Council having been previously circulated, be taken as read, approved and signed. Cllrs Lee / S Collins. Unanimous. No matters arising **NOTED**.

65/20 Local Government Act 1972 s.137: RBL Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED to use s.137 to award a grant of £100 to the above appeal. Cllrs Agutter/Lee. Unanimous.

66/20 Finance report and Payments

RESOLVED to adopt the most recent Finance Report and authorise the payments of Accounts Outstanding:

Mr L Carter	Cleaning	20.00
SW Playground	Play area inspection	30.00
R Sanders	Play area strim	54.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	Grant per 65/20	100.00
Staffing		701.78

Cllrs S Collins/Stephens. Unanimous.

67/20 Grade Ruan Recreation Ground submission of accounts

RECEIVED an update on the submission of late accounts. Outstanding accounts up to 31st March 2019 are with an accountant and will then be sent to the Charities Commission. Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020 are being prepared. The committee will inform the Charities Commission that accounts are forthcoming.

68/20 Defibrillator cabinet locks

RECEIVED a request to alter the locking mechanisms. Cllrs were advised that locks are no longer recommended. Replacement waterproof cabinets with marine-grade stainless fittings and no alarm to be investigated. If existing cabinets are refurbished, unlock codes should be printed on the front to minimise access time during an emergency.

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69/20 Update: Former bus shelter project

RECEIVED as above. An information board, perhaps with a map of footpaths, appears to be popular, and the ideas of a bench and doors were discussed.

70/20 Update: St Grade Church restoration project

RECEIVED as above. A survey has been undertaken and significant works are required, which will include an imminent need for fundraising activity and grant requests. c.£250,000 may be needed.

71/20 Play Area quarterly inspection report

NOTED as above. Any initial works thought desirable will be drawn up and brought to Council for resolution to spend.

72/20 Footpaths, Highways; Tree wardens report

a) **RECEIVED** an update on installation of bicycle hoops project. Eligibility for funding is being investigated before proceeding to discuss with other parties.

b) **RECEIVED** an update on "Martha's Acre footpath". The wider project is delayed due to COVID-19. The Council considered establishing pathways through the Council-owned field. Ideas and costs will be gathered.

c) **CONSIDERED** issues with new signage at Treleague crossroads. Thanks were given to Cormac for pursuing new signage at various sites across the Parish.

d) **CONSIDERED** other reports. Surface/drainage issues at FP23 (St Ruan) have been reported to Cormac. An issue with water was raised at FP15 (Ocklynge). An issue with verge cutting was raised at the A3083 junction for Ruan Minor. Coastline Housing need contacting again regarding an uncut section of grass and lack of response to previous requests for action.

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73/20 Reports from Parish Council representatives to outside bodies

Noted the Community Network report and the voting results on Highways projects. The Council were pleased that the Cadgwith project will go ahead and be fully funded by the CNP Highways budget.

74/20 Notification of meeting/items for agenda: 9 November 2020

NOTED items for the next Council meeting: Recreation Ground future plans. Update on Fort York and Steamers (Cllr Lee). Update on Winch House survey.

75/20 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. None.

The meeting closed at 20:50.

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