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1 st Sunday	Kennack Sands Beach Clean - 10 am. 5 th February
2 nd Monday	Parish Council meeting, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm 13 th February
3 rd Tuesday	Soup, Pasty & Pudding, Methodist Chapel, 12.15pm. 21 February
4 th Tuesday	Quiz in the Village Hall, 7.30pm, 28 February
Mon & Thurs	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 7.00pm
Every Tue	(except 3 rd Tues) Coffee Morning, Methodist Chapel, 10am
Every Weds	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides. Joy Prince Tel: 290280
Every Thurs	Market and Refreshments, Village Hall, 9.00am - 11.30am
Every Thurs	Yoga at the Village Hall, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

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

4 February	Will Trewin Testimonial Game 2.30 pm kick-off
10 February	Friends of St Mary's Cadgwith AGM 2pm at St Mary's Church
11 February	Ruan Minor FC Home game to Penzance - 2.30 pm kick-off
13 -17 February	Grade Ruan School Half Term
22 February	Book Club, Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8 pm.
16 - 18 February	The Ruan Revellers Variety Show at the Village Hall - 7.30 pm
18 February	Ruan Minor FC Away game to Troon - 2.30 pm kick-off
25 February	Ruan Minor FC Home game to Newlyn - 2.30 pm kick-off

ADVANCE DATES

15 March	Book Club, Cadgwith Cove Inn, 8 pm.
16 March	Floral Art Class with Lorraine Wickens, venue to be confirmed
18 March	Spring Show
12 - 16 June	Art & Craft Workshops for Cadgwith's "Fishy Tails" Show
19 - 23 June	Cadgwith's "Fishy Tails" Show Week
22 July	Buller Day
23 July	Under 14 Gig Championships at Hayle
26 July	Beach BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
30 July	Under 16 Gig Championships at Newquay
2 August	Beach BBQ organised by the Gig Club
6 August	Grade Ruan Vintage Rally, Treveddan Farm
9 August	Beach BBQ organised by the Lights Committee
16 August	Beach BBQ organised by the Rec Committee
23 August	Beach BBQ organised by the Gig Club
30 August	Beach BBQ organised by the Lights Committee
2 - 3 September	Ladies Gig Championships
16 - 17 Sept.	Men's Gig Championships

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Noticeboard

Welcome back after the Christmas break and best wishes for 2017. Since our last edition the Village has seen the opening of the New Pavilion at the Rec and the refurbished Store/Post Office and Café. These are two brilliant facilities for the village and there are now regular football matches being played at the Rec. Although February is quiet the Variety Show from the Ruan Revellers should be entertaining for everyone. Details are in the "What's On" section.

Happy Birthday in February to: Ian Henn, Richard Drummond, Carrera J, Esme A-C, Thomas Bosustow, Jordan Jane, Bob Watson, Abby J, Katey Jane, Tracey Bennetts, Robert Drysdale, Greg Bird, Ellie R, Chas Deacon, Alice Harry, Paul Ferrari, Chris Hunt, Angela Jane, Noel Cliff, Jessica Sealey, Jowan B, Aaron Goddard, Michael Hall, Jack T-B, Fiona Fletcher, Tim Birchmore

A big thank you to all those who made donations for their Christmas messages. We have raised £208 which means that £104 will be given to the Parish Council earmarked specifically for the Recreation Ground's children's play area.

We were sorry to learn that Tim Hurst was taken ill on a recent trip to Ireland but pleased to know he is back in Cornwall. Our best wishes go to Tim and Moira

Sally Watts

From the Cadgwith Fishermen

At 5.30 on the morning of 15th December with a 19.½ foot tide and heavy ground sea the fishing boat Silver Queen was washed off the beach. If not

for the quick phone calls from Dave 'Todden' Rogers we would have lost a few more. The boat was washed up on the beach again and Danny secured her on the winch. Fishermen arrived in a few minutes and the boats were pulled up to the road.

Thanks Dave

From Rose Bolitho:

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 80th birthday party and Mo for my lovely birthday cake and for all my lovely presents and the food. I would also like to thank all the helpers and the lovely cups of tea. I enjoyed every minute of it and I think a good time was had by all. A big thank you to all of you.

I would also like to thank Ruan Minor Parish Council who paid for our trip to Truro on the 15th November for Christmas shopping.

Me too - it was a great day out - Ed.

From Andrew Woods

Local singers Angela Agutter Thomas, Wendy Elliott, Sally Ellis, Alison Goldsack, Jane Edgerley, Liz and Mark Outten, and Pat Palmer were part of the An Lysardh Christmas Choir's candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols Service. The event which was held at St Winwaloe Church at Gunwalloe attracted not far off 300 people and it was standing room only. The congregation sang some well known carols whilst the choir, under my direction, and accompanied by Ann Bradbury from Landewednack, performed several pieces. Solos were sung by Charlotte Massey and John Barraclough. Two of the lessons were read by

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Wendy and Mark. The service both started and concluded with Ann playing the flute, and Fr Shane Griffiths gave the prayers and a blessing. Proceeds from the retiring collection totalling £462.10 were split equally between church funds and the RNLI Gunwalloe Lifeguards.



From Patricia Lee Trevaze House

Pat would just like to say thank you to everyone in the village who has been so kind to her during her five week stay in hospital. She would also like to wish, rather belatedly, a Happy New Year to all.

From Cadgwith Book Club

Apologies everyone we've had to move next months book club to Wednesday 22nd February (to avoid half term).

From Sheila and Sharkey's Family

Thank you to everyone for their overwhelming support with cards, letters, words, help and kindness and their attendance at the funeral to give Sharkey a wonderful send off on his journey.

Special thanks to the Carers for the last year, to the Bearers, the Funeral Directors, to Sue, Garvin, Sally and Chrissie

and to the Rev. Peter Sharpe.

'Death is not the extinguishing of the light, but the putting out of the lamp because the dawn has come'

THE 200 CLUB

(Not to be confused with the Friends Society which is due in April)

The 200 Club Membership is due for renewal to begin again in March. I shall be busy collecting during February.

Over the years only one person has succeeded in winning twice which means that many people have been lucky with the £100 prize.

We have decided this year with rising costs to make the ticket £15 which is still only £1.25 per month in real terms. The good news is that there will be two £100 winners in the Christmas Draw on the second Thursday in December.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support to keep our churches open.

Sheila Stephens

The Saint Ruan 200 Club

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Information: *Sheila Stephens 290583*

The winning ticket in the December 2016 draw was

Jutta Watson

Ticket No: 158

The winning ticket in the January 2017 draw was

Chris Knowles

Ticket No: 86

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Dogs On the Recreation Ground

This is a reminder that dogs are only allowed on the Recreation Ground if they are on a lead. Also, if the dogs fouls on the field the owners must clear up afterwards (there are bags provided at the tennis court entrance, and bins by both entrances).

Before the Football Club can use the field they have to pick up the dog faeces left behind by inconsiderate dog owners. The same has to be done before the grass can be cut. We also get numerous complaints from parents about dog faeces left in the children's play area.

It is an offence to allow a dog to foul a public recreation area or any area to which the public have access, subject to a fixed penalty of £80. The dog warden will be patrolling the area on a regular basis, and if anyone sees anything please contact the Dog Welfare & Enforcement department via the Cornwall Council website or telephone 0300 1234 212.

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The application is to: sell alcoholic drink for consumption on and off the premises, provide live music, recorded music and late night refreshment. Licensing hours will be 10am to midnight Sunday to Friday and 10am to 1am Saturday, extending to 2am on New Years Eve.

A responsible authority or other person wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to the Licensing Team, Cornwall Council, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne, TR14 8SX not later than 20th February 2017.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000.

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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

Sue Cadman on 01326 291129 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.

ARRANGING AN EVENT?

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

on the 4th Feb 2017 @ 2.30 pm

as RMFC have no league game we are organising a

WILL TREWIN TESTIMONIAL GAME

to raise money for his life changing trip to Canada this March

There will be a 11 v 11 match between RMFC players at the Recreation Ground.

One team will play in orange and the other in stripes

The Bar will be open and there will be a BBQ to serve food with some music in the evening

We will hold a raffle and there will be special prizes..

Everyone is invited to attend and make it a special day for one of our special players

Teams will be divided up equally and captains for the day will be announced shortly.



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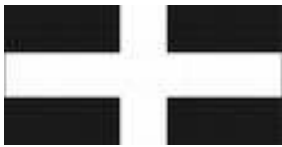
The Spring Flower Show takes place next month on the 18th March and the Committee hope everyone will see if they can enter something. There are so many categories for all ages, why not try picking a few daffodils or other spring flowers and have a go?

The biggest change this year is the colouring competition for children. This year children aged 6 - 8 can pick up a picture of an Easter Egg from The Store but children aged 9 - 11 and 12 - 16 will be asked to colour in a picture of St St Ruan and St Grade churches on postcards again available from The Store. (See below)

If you would like to enter the Floral Arrangements Sections of the show there will be a Floral Art Class on Thursday evening, the 16th March when Lorraine Wickens will be able to help anyone interested to prepare a floral decoration for the show. You will need to bring along a selection of spring flowers and foliage, a basket and saucer, a pair of secateurs or scissors. Lorraine will provide wet oasis/glue gun and other floral accessories.



The venue and time will be confirmed in the March edition of the Gazette and Lorraine looks forward to welcoming you along and helping you to take part.



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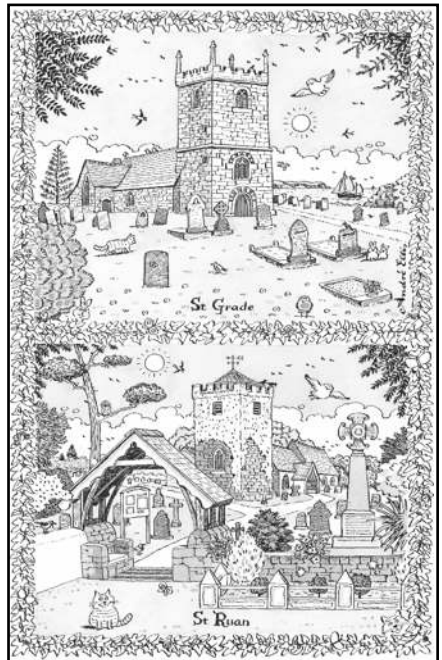
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Ruan's new Store and Café officially opened on December 17th and everyone will by now be getting used to enjoying its benefits. The transformation is spectacular seconded only by the fact that Claire managed to keep her Store open throughout the refurbishment ensuring no-one was inconvenienced. She and her team smiled stoically as they



served us in the chilly garage and a tiny part of the shop both of which became a veritable Aladdin's cave.

The new look Café is a perfect place for locals and visitors alike to enjoy Barista coffee and other refreshments. A take away service is also available, alongside soup, sandwiches and a selection of salads. The Café is licensed, so you can enjoy a delicious cold beer or glass of wine with your lunch too.

Pictured left is Claire cutting a Mad Hatter's cake on the opening day and below Jonathon Coudrille and Robin Bates who provided impromptu entertainment for all who turned out



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New Look Store cont....

The Post Office is now open plan, so there's no need for customers to shout through the ugly fortress glass. Claire is also able to see and greet customers as they arrive in store.

The shop area has been brought up to date but has retained some village charm with antique apothecary drawers providing space to store cigarettes and tobacco out of sight. They've certainly been a talking point!



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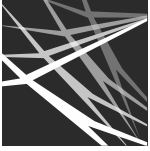
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Sharkey 1926-2017

...Was born Llewelyn Stephens, in Long Loft, Cadgwith on the 10th of July 1926.

First son to Ernest "Lammie" Stephens and Edith Anne (née Hocking) of Ponsongath he was little brother to five-year old Edna.

As befitted a Great Grandson of the famous Huer Jan Fred, Llewellyn early showed the force of character that would earn him legendary status in the Cove; lying in his cot, the baby boy put up his fists to his uncle Fred who, grinning with pride, named him for the era's star boxer Tom Sharkey.

Despite the macho mores of the day underpinned with poverty that would shock contemporary youth, Sharkey's childhood was idyllic: Cove children were free to ramble and roam, climb, sail and swim in nature's Adventure Playground,

surrounded by a supportive community of cousins plus three aunts and, seven uncles.

There was nearly a younger brother who died at birth - as did so many then - but the family was completed in the nineteen-thirties by a baby girl, named Winifred after one of Lammie's sisters.

Sharkey soon distinguished himself on the football and cricket fields, and built a reputation as a swimmer in the cove regattas during the long school holidays... but, childhood was short: leaving the Ruan Minor Village School at fourteen, he clamped a cigarette in the corner of his mouth – where it stayed for the rest of his long life - and started working on his father's boat, a 25 foot Cornish Crabber also named the "Winifred". Unpaid, Sharkey became a fisherman.

In those days, boys climbed trees. The tree has gone now, but in the 1940s, a mighty beech grew by the river at Saint Ruan. Sharkey was near the top when he slipped and fell eighty feet, breaking his ribs as he cannoned off the branches and fracturing his pelvis on the unforgiving rocks when he landed. He also tore his trousers and, when he managed to drag himself home from an accident that would have killed a weaker teenager, he was soundly beaten for the torn clothes by his father.

One of the broken ribs punctured a lung, and his parents finally realised he was hurt. The Doctor was called and the boy was put to bed supported with sandbags so that he couldn't move, a primitive sort of plaster jacket. Recognizing the seriousness of the injuries the Doctor sent for the Priest, who administered the Last Rites. Miraculously

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Sharkey cont....

Sharkey recovered, went back to sea and, continued to build a formidable reputation as a boxer.

War came and with it came the Evacuees, bewildered children from the blitzed cities, who had never seen the sea. The Cadgwith children had never encountered urban style, slang and attitudes. Both groups were astonished and the locality was enriched forever, as many evacuees fell in love and, chose to settle here.

The war dragged on and in 1945 the young fisherman received his call-up papers. As a seafarer, he assumed he was bound for the Royal Navy, but: on that day the Navy office was closed. He was sent to Colchester to undergo that most unsought-after process, Army Basic Training; Rebellious by nature, he learned a great deal about peeling potatoes.

This misery was relieved when he was put on a troop ship and sent to the Middle East; in dock in Haifa he saw a soldier struggling in the sea and made a perfect hundred-foot dive into the congested water below. With his prodigious swimming skills the rescue was a success; the crew helped the half-drowned man up the long ladder, leaving the exhausted hero to save himself.

Sharkey went on to play football for the Army, made Corporal and was on his way to becoming a Sergeant when Lammie insisted he return home.

Saying a reluctant goodbye to a life he'd learned to love, that of a professional soldier, he found himself back in the cove again as crew on board the "Winifred", still unpaid.

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Through determination, energy and talent he went on to become the most celebrated fisherman of his generation. He learned the tricky seas off the Lizard by heart and served with distinction on both the Cadgwith and Lizard Lifeboats, standing by the historic 'Flying Enterprise' for all 26 hours of the worst storm of the decade, his final mission before retiring from the RNLI.

By now he was married to Madge, a pretty girl from the Lizard, and he didn't fancy leaving her a widow with his first son just two years old. Three more children followed, but the harsh life of a seafarer, especially when he was away fishing on the bigger boats from Newlyn, took its toll on the marriage, which ended in 1963.

Back with his retired parents as a single man at Seaview, he started to fish from the Cove with his childhood friend Arthur Williams, still aboard the little Winifred; he loved the camaraderie in the pipe-smoke-rich cellars during the winter when the fishermen made their own lobster pots from skillfully hand-woven willow-withys, the banter and singing in the Cadgwith Inn, the precision teamwork of the launching and beaching of the boats, and the ancient miracles of navigation before Crabbers had any instrumentation or radio.

Arthur in early middle-age graduated to his own boat, Cornish Light; Sharkey's eldest son Gary having joined the Royal Navy, second son Rodney was delighted to crew for his by now renowned father who, rakishly bearded, unfairly handsome, famously kind to children and animals and a tough man to cross, was referred to by many as the King of Cadgwith. The little Winifred, now eighty years old, was retired to Penzance harbor and appropriately, their new, bigger boat was christened with Champagne: The King Fisher.

Meanwhile Sharkey with his second wife had developed the family cellars to a fine café restaurant that served the Cove and its thousands of visitors for a quarter of a century until it passed to Arthur's family.

A Fisherman's working life, though longer than that of a Boxer or, a Footballer, depends on strength and agility, and despite his extraordinary constitution, Sharkey, now as insurmountable at Golf as he had been at his other sports, was ready at Sixty-Five for a long and peaceful retirement in the cottage that he loved, with Monty, the dog he loved, in the cove which he loved; walking the cliffs and sitting on the Stick as a grand old fishing consultant; holding court from 'his' corner stool in the front bar of the Inn on firelight evenings and, known and respected far and wide.

Eventually even Sharkey's extraordinary vitality waned; he was heartbroken when Monty died and at last in his late eighties he could get no farther than the chair on the sunny step of his cottage, to where his many friends and admirers would beat a path to the very end for a still-firm handshake and a twinkle from his fading but unforgettable blue eyes.



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2. Who became President of the MCC in 2008?
3. Which famous cat was created by Otto Messmer?
4. Which German Spa gave its name to an item of mens' headwear?
5. What gives plants their green colour?
6. Whose nickname was "Chairman of the Board"?

Answers to the Christmas Quiz

1. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as Marsh-worts? *Cranberry Sauce*
2. Which British Monarch introduced the custom of giving thousands of Christmas puddings to staff? *King George V*
3. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the name of Little Larry and Puny Pete for which character? *Tiny Tim - A Christmas Carol*
4. Driving home for Christmas was a 1988 hit single for which singer? *Chris Rea*
5. In which country does Santa have his own personal Post Code HOH HOH? *Canada*
6. What day of the week was Christmas Day in the year 2000 (in the conventional Western calendar)? *Monday*



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Results:

10 December 2016	Home Win against Rosudgeon	5 -2
17 December 2016	Home Win against Carharrack	10-0
31 December 2016	Away Win against Penzance	6-3
7 January 2017	Home Win v St. Buryan	6-0

Our next month's fixtures are as follows, kick off 2.30pm and we welcome everyone along to the recreation ground to support your local team.

Fixtures:

14 th Jan Home to Four Lanes	11 th Feb Home to Penzance
21 st Jan Away to St Buryan	18 th Feb Away to Troon
28 th Jan Home to New Inn Titians	25 th Feb Home to Newlyn

Below the current team is: Back Row: Michael Halliday – President, Dale Cummings, Josh Legge, Josh Cummings, James Goodard, Gary Pollard, Wayne Briggs, Daniel Reid, Robert Vincent, Brett Jose, Jack Edwards. Front Row: Will Trewin, Jack Green, Chris Ensink (Captain), Charlie Hill, Kyle Furness, Jacob Robertson, Bradley Hunt.





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Recreation Ground News



The new Pavilion is as good as finished now! There's a couple of minor snags and a little finishing off to do, but it's all available to use. You can see above the cake from our grand opening on the 10th December and overleaf are a couple more photos from the day.

We still need to get some more furniture, and complete equipping the kitchen, but should be able to do that over the next month or two - as finances permit. We've had the bar open - with temporary licenses (TENs) - on a few different occasions now, including football matches, New Year's Eve party and a euchre match, and now have a clearer picture of the revenues we can expect to earn.

We are confident that we can generate enough profit to comfortably service the repayments on the Public Works loan (arranged through the Parish Council), and have enough left over to think about

further improvements to the Recreation Ground, and to complete the patio and storage areas around the Pavilion.

The Pavilion Bar is fully equipped, with a range of beers, ciders, wines, spirits and soft drinks available every time we open. You will see on page 9 in this magazine the official notice that we have applied for a Premises Licence, permitting a licensed bar whenever we need it. This should be in place by the end of the month. To allow flexibility as requirements change, the licence will permit 7-day opening, but we expect to open as a public bar every Saturday and probably one or two more evenings once we are convinced the demand is there.

The room is available for hire, at reasonable rates. If you want a party with the bar open to the general public, there will not normally be any charge (as we hope to make a profit from the bar!), other activities range from £15 for a meeting to a maximum of £50 for a party where we aren't providing a public bar. If you want to organise something, please talk to us so we can put it in the diary.

Everything is run by volunteers, made up from the committee and a willing band of helpers. The only exception is that we now pay a cleaner to come in once a week.

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Recreation Ground News cont.....

it would be useful to have a couple more committee members - if you would like to find out about getting involved - please talk to me, or any of the committee members.

I know I've complained about this in the past, but we still have a problem with dog fouling on the Recreation Ground - not only on the football pitch, but in the children's play area too! Please, dogs are only allowed onto the Recreation Ground if they are on a lead. If your dog

fouls the field - please pick up after it and dispose in one of the bins provided. There's even a supply of free disposal bags near the main entrance!

Many thanks for your continuing support - looking forward to an interesting year ahead!



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Andrew George, Mike Fleetwood & Richard Thomas on behalf of the SITA Trust at the Opening ceremony on 10th December.



Paul Ferrari, Nigel Green, Cathy Brown and Mike Fleetwood with Andrew George who officially opened the Pavilion.

Rector's Ramblings

"I don't know what the world is coming to!"

How often have we heard that expression; or maybe have used it ourselves? We say it when despairing about the lack of courtesy, respect and consideration for others – the 'Number One-ism' – that seems to prevail and which undermines our society's values.

Looking further afield we despair about the violence that is going on in Syria and in other nations; the desperate plight of refugees trying to flee from their war-torn countries; the depravity of religious fundamentalists and their misguided ideology which is threatening the stability of the world.

Closer to home, we face a time of uncertainty with all the Brexit 'stuff'. Then there's America, as it installs a president whose integrity and competence to lead that great nation is seen by many as, at best, questionable.

So many things have changed/are changing and we don't know what the future holds. What *is* the world coming to?

Well actually, we *do* know what the world is coming to. We have it in black and white – in the Bible. The world is coming to a time when there will be no more violence or oppression; 'death and mourning will be no more and crying and pain will be no more' (*Revelation 21*). And Jesus has promised that he will return to us and that God's Kingdom will come here on earth.

But why is Jesus taking so long to come back? Why is it taking so long for God's Kingdom to come here on earth? Jesus is patiently waiting to come back because he is giving humanity as much time as possible to choose and follow him, and he is very patient - 'with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day' (*2 Peter 3:8*).

God's Kingdom isn't so much a place, but rather a relationship. It exists wherever people have let Jesus into their lives, giving him their hearts and loyalty, letting him reshape their lives, identifying with his concerns and loving as he loves – in other words manifesting "faith working through love." (*Galatians 5:6*)

We see glimpses of this today even in these uncertain times: small acts of kindness by a neighbour or perhaps by a complete stranger; selfless acts of bravery in potentially life-threatening circumstances; generosity on a huge scale which transforms the lives of the poor and the oppressed. ***And we can all be part of it!*** When we pray, "thy Kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven" (The Lord's Prayer), we need to add: "and please start with *me*; make *me* your fully obedient subject; show me *my* place among the 'workers for the Kingdom of God.'"

So, what is the world coming to? As Cardinal Vincent Nicholls said recently: "We are living the uncertain present in the light of a certain future." I say: "Bring it on!"

Blessings

Revd Deirdre
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Church of England Services

February

Sun 5 th	Morning Praise, St Ruan Church	11.15 am
Sun 12 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30 am
Sun 19 th	Family Service, St Ruan Church	11.15 pm
Sun 26 th	Holy Communion, St Ruan Church	9.30 am

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(A reprise of a piece from an early Gazette by Jonathan Fletcher)

Picture a Saturday morning in the winter of 1961 or 62, around 9.30. We would foregather at the school wall to decide what delights the day offered.

We could cycle up to Predannack airfield and, if it was windy, perhaps taste the thrill of bowling down the main runway, no hands, jacket held open to catch the wind, in a fairly brisk three minutes for the mile of its length. Followed by a good half hour of groaning labour to get back to the windward end. Unless of course we went firkling around in the shooting range where spent cartridge cases could be found, or even on one memorable occasion a couple of live .303 rounds, which we took home and tried to fire in a makeshift gun. Yes, really. No it didn't, fortunately.

Football didn't feature very often but I do remember one wet foggy day when a sort of organised session took place. I was in goal. There were shouts in the offing of "Pass!" "To me!" "Shoot!" Then....SPONK! I was bowled over as a good half hundredweight of soggy leather hit me full in the face. Shortly after that it was found I needed spectacles.

Another favourite, but only in the evening was the 'Cycling round the School Opposite ways in the Dark', a more than slightly risky pastime which Ronald Bray, for one, will probably not remember. Due to the concussion.

We could go to Poltesco and a) sail boats, b) light a fire, c) roast potatoes d) fall in, or at least get boots full, or e) stab balls of tar with sticks and hurl them at each other across the stream. This latter rendered more exciting and medieval if b) had occurred and the tar was ignited first. If there were winners I suppose nominally they would be the ones with the fewest round black marks on clothes and faces.

On this particular morning it was decided we should go down to Treal with butts. A butt may be known to some as a dandy or boxcart. A plank, a fishbox and four pram wheels assembled loosely to make a vehicle, steered with a rope and your feet on the front axle. Wheels were always in short supply and mums would be lucky not to come out of the shop to find baby sitting in a pram supported on four bricks. Fastenings often seemed to be a bit too short, so the nails which were bent over the axles would be clinging by a whisker, and the bolt which provided the swivel for the steering would be too short to have a locknut. Hitting a bump at any speed could result in the pilot finding himself sitting amongst a complete set of spare parts flying in loose formation.

The average butt was a fairly ramshackle affair with odd small wheels running on mismatched axles. Brakes... ermm...pardon? Well you could put your feet down but the box would overrun your ankles and tip you forwards, you might end up with the hexagonal imprint of the steering swivel bolt on your forehead. My butt was very exotic, equipped as it was with large wheels running on ball bearings. It was smooth. It was quiet. It glided along with little or no resistance. Had there been a ticking clock, as in a Rolls Royce, that would have been all you heard.

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The road down to Treal is fairly tame, but the far side is a steep 80 yard or so slope from the farm down to the river, which in those days was a ford with a coarse gravel base. I don't know quite what came over me but I rashly dragged the butt to the very top of this slope. Meanwhile the first butt, driven by, well, we'll call him Mal, had set off rumbling and squeaking down into the middle of the river where he stopped in solitary splendour happily rooting about for the marmalade sandwich he had brought along for sustenance.

I settled myself in the box, and with one last check of the steering swivel bolt, lifted my feet and off I went.

It's Christmas morning 1954, we are in our new home at Treworder and I have just been given my first ever bike, shiny in electric blue. Last week my dad came home with a tiny puppy, its bright button eyes peering from under his jacket, little pink velvety tongue enquiring about possible traces of food on my fingers. A thorn bush was placed in the garden gateway to prevent his escape, and in my impatience to savour the open road I have dragged my shiny new bike over the thorns and punctured both tyres. I've been told I must wait until the shops open to get a repair outfit and.....

.....Connoisseurs of abject terror will recognise the above as the moment when Your Whole Life Flashes Before Your Eyes, and it is a testament to the speed and acceleration of the butt that when it reached the water the life-flashing process had only reached as far as five years and two months, give or take a day or two.

Back to 'off I went': I opened my mouth to yell a warning to the others but the yell tried to become a scream then disappeared off the top end of the register, and no sound came out; neither could I divert any brain activity to the task of closing said mouth. The landscape went past in a blur, along with a fleeting glimpse of a chap called Munch with a sketch pad and a Jolly Good Idea for a Top Selling Painting. As P G Wodehouse might have put it, although not completely dismayed, I was far from mayed.

This was getting serious. All I could do was hang on like grim death, or for dear life, the chances seemed to be about 50/50. My trouser legs were fully inflated by the wind, from more than one source, and as I approached Mal finally got what you might call an inkling and looked round, but too late. I hit the water at something near mach one and the whole river exploded skywards. My trouser legs filled, water squirted out of the waistband and the box filled to the brim as I emerged at the far side, then slowly trickled backwards, water draining from every orifice, to where a saturated Mal was rising rather like a Phoenix that has received an awful lot of attention from the Fire Brigade. Soggy sandwich in hand, he was muttering savage imprecations ('naughty scamp' was called upon, though he didn't say 'naughty' and he didn't say 'scamp') and passing more than forthright opinions about my intelligence, appearance and immediate ancestry, in that order. The essence of what he was trying to impart was that were I not to remove myself from his immediate vicinity I would suffer irreparable damage to my bearings.



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The December Beach Clean was well attended with some new faces which was good. A large amount of rubbish was collected - the usual high amounts of plastics, rope etc. as well as bags of dog poo that people have picked up after their dogs but then seem incapable of walking 10 metres to put in the dog bin leaving it on or by the sea wall! I had to cancel the January 1st Beach Clean as the weather was so bad.

Our meeting on January 17th to formalise the Friends of Kennack and discuss plans for the future was perhaps not as well attended as we had hoped, but nevertheless we had lots of offers of support from people that were unable to attend and those that did were very supportive and it was nice to have fresh ideas.

We will move forward now to forming the committee and making firm plans for the future.

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QUIZ NIGHT NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR QUIZZERS - I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and have now sobered up sufficiently to honour your obligations as befit members of Cornwall's Premier League Quizzing elite! The 2016 Quiz Night year set brain storming standards which will be hard to follow, so it is now 'thinking caps on' and let 'QUIZ NIGHT - 2017' begin!!

November and December Quiz Nights produced a mixed bag of results. November's battle of wits saw **JUST US 8 MINUS THE DOG** romp home a huge 12 points ahead of runners up **BOB'S BAND** (Yes Bob's Band!) with **CLIFFHANGERS** gaining rare Wooden Spoon honours. December's contest was a much closer affair. It was the **JUST US** mob (7 this time and still without the dog) taking the crown again but by a mere three points from **THE MIXED BUNCH** who were in fine form having returned from a refreshing holiday break. **NEW BLOOD** claimed the Christmas Wooden Spoon responsibilities and rumour has it that it was to be used to baste the family Christmas Day turkeys!!!

Julia and Juliette each delivered excellent Guest Rounds which were justifiably applauded by the assembled quizzing masses. Kevin kicks off the New Year programme of Quiz Night Guest Rounds so get swotting everyone!

After the battles were fought, wounds dressed and the dust settled, the final scores on the doors were as follows:

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
Just Us 8 minus The Dog	1 st	Just Us 7 Minus the Dog
Bob's Band	2 nd	The Mixed Bunch
The Buccaneers	3 rd	Cliffhangers
New Blood	4 th	The Motley Crew
The Missing Link	5 th	The Buccaneers plus Ollie
Cob Nuts	6 th	New Blood
Cliffhangers	7 th	

Can you handle the pressure? Can you cope with the strain? Can you rise to the challenge and defeat some of the finest brains ever assembled in one room? Give it a try and find out just how good you are!!!

Quizmaster Dave

Next Quiz Nights: 28th February and 28th March 2017.



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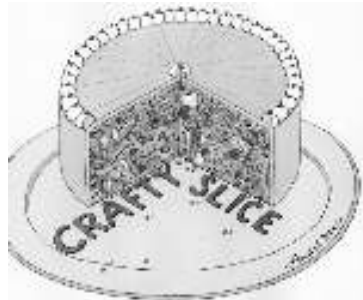
Grade-Ruan School is very pleased to welcome back two members of staff from maternity leave - Mrs Dowker in Starfish Class and Sarita in Orcas Class - it is lovely to have them both back. We also have a student teacher, Mrs O'Neill, working in Turtle Class for the Spring Term.

Turtle Class were welcomed into the classroom to find their very own golden tickets inviting them to Grade-Ruan's chocolate factory. Over the Spring Term the children are going to be studying Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* so we decided to launch the topic by making our very own chocolate bars. We had a range of tasty treats including milk, dark and white chocolate with toppings which included popping candy, marshmallows and gold buttons. Watch this space for a new Mr or Mrs Wonka and their amazing creations!

Well done to Billy, Sky, Rosie and Joe from Starfish Class who took part in the KS1 Gym Competition. They went to Mullion Gym to perform vaults and a floor exercise which involved lots of different movements and physical skills. The children all enjoyed meeting up with pupils from Mullion, Garras, Sithney and Landewednack Schools.

We've had our first Super Six Assembly of the school year and Bella, Jack S and Charlie were worthy recipients of the much coveted Super Six award, having demonstrated great behaviour, kindness, helpfulness, listening skills and respect towards both adults and children at the school.

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One of the weeks in January was particularly busy at Grade Ruan! On Monday 9 January, we welcomed three visitors from Bude, Exeter and Taunton who are taking part in an extensive training programme being run nationally for prospective Head Teachers of Church schools and so they were very keen to share our experiences. They really enjoyed their time at our school and commented on how positive all of the children were. Unfortunately, we had to cut their visit short as just before lunchtime we received the phone call from OFSTED and so our focus switched immediately to ensure we were as ready as possible for the Inspection on the following day. As parents will know, we were joined Mr David Edwards, HMI, for the duration of Tuesday.

It was a very long and exhausting day but we are all pleased with the final outcome. Mr Edwards will be writing to the school in the next few weeks (this now replaces the old-style OFSTED report) and we will inform parents when the letter arrives. As always, the school is extremely grateful to everyone who supported the Inspection day - in particular to our wonderful children, to the parents who were able to talk to Mr Edwards, the fabulous staff who worked so hard to ensure everything ran smoothly.

Apologies but there is no available news from Mullion School.

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Gardening in February

by David Endean

Happy New Year here we are again we have gone full circle, there is never a beginning or an end to the ever rotating gardening year but at this time we are starting to think about sowing seeds and setting out plants.

Spring is setting out at a pace. I saw the first snow drops on New Year's Eve, yellow daffodils are poking up around and about, hellebores and camellias are around and the buds on the magnolias are swelling. As you read this I hope to have sown my sweet peas and large exhibition onion seeds. But as the month progresses I intend to get on and sow several other things in the greenhouse and propagators these include lettuce, pointed cabbage and broad beans.

On the flower front I like to sow *Antirrhinums* early along with *Lobelia* and first year flowering perennials such as the sunny summer colours of *Coreopsis* and *Gaillardias*. All these will be sown in clean seed trays using fresh seed compost which has been kept dry all winter, do not use cold damp soggy compost as it will harbour bacterial pathogens and the majority of the nutrients will have been leached out, so if the seeds germinate their growth will be stunted. I have grown different seedlings in toilet rolls and similar paper pots in the past and I have found these seedlings to be stunted in comparison to those grown in proprietary pots. I put this down to the nutrients being used in the compost to breakdown the paper in the pots. Once germinated and grown on for a few weeks they will need pricking out into pots and trays.

If your veg patch is not too wet it may well be worth sowing some broad beans like *Super aquadulce* or the *Sutton* outside. Also you can have a go at some peas but make sure that they are a round seeded variety (as opposed to wrinkle seeded) this is because they have less surface area and nooks and crannies for moisture to hold in and thus rot the seeds before they germinate. If you cover the soil with some clear plastic sheeting this will keep the worst of the weather off and warm the soil somewhat. My soil is not ideal for early sowings so I will get a head start by planting in pots in the greenhouse. Along with the peas and beans I will be doing the same with my shallots.

I have bought a bag of seed potatoes those will need setting out in a tray in a cool frost free but light situation for them to chit. This is to start them into growth with thick stocky dark green sprouts which will give them a head start when they are planted. If you have some early seed potatoes such as *Rocket*, *International*

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Kidney or Lady Christ! it is worth planting a few in tubs in the greenhouse or under that plastic sheeting I was talking about earlier like the big boys do out in the fields around the peninsula.

From now on into March is a good time to prune your autumn fruiting raspberries there is nothing easier to do. Just remove all the top growth down to three inches or so above the ground. Remove completely any canes which are outside the boundaries of your row then give the row a top dressing of slow release fertilizer and well-rotted farmyard manure or garden compost. Do not cover the cut cane stumps with organic matter as this may lead to rot and if whatever you are using is too fresh it may burn the new shoots as they come through. Do not treat your standard summer fruiting raspberries in this way as you will get no fruit as their canes need to mature over winter.

Outside in the flower borders when the weather allows there may well be a few jobs that need completing before spring over takes you. Removes all weeds and debris such as dead leaves and stalks as these will harbour bugs such as aphids, slugs and snails plus fungal and bacterial diseases that rotting detritus holds. Then go around the border with a border fork lightly airing the soil between the plants together with a liberal spreading of fertiliser this will give them a boost.

That just leaves me to say make the most of the good days and get out there and enjoy your gardening.



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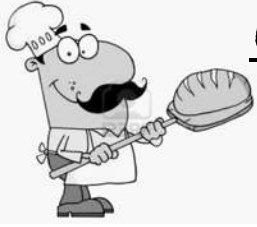
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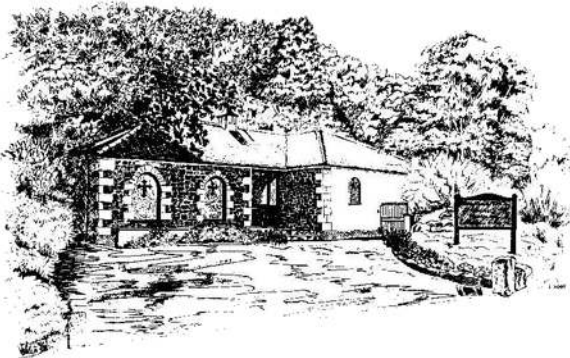
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Keep it Clean

By Catherine Lee

Garden birds bring great pleasure to millions of people across the UK, and for some it's the only contact with wildlife and nature they have. I too am a great lover of garden birds and I love watching them come to the feeders in my garden. Doing the BTO's garden bird watch survey throughout the year has helped me recognise the early signs of sick birds.

Fortunately we don't seem to see cases of all the garden bird diseases here on The Lizard, but there does seem to be one disease on the rise. Trichomoniasis is caused by a parasite that lives in the infected bird's throat. This parasite's presence causes lesions in the birds throat making it difficult (and eventually impossible) for the infected bird to swallow and breath.

Signs of Trichomonosis – infected birds will be fluffed up trying to maintain their body temperature as their fat reserves become depleted, so they will look bigger than normal, they may also have untidy feathers. They may have difficulty breathing and be slower to respond than normal and may have food and saliva stuck around their bill, and show difficulty swallowing.

Infected birds do not recover from Trichomonosis, they will die. The parasite is spread by the saliva of infected birds through drinking water and infected food, as they chew seeds and spit them out again because they can't swallow them. The disease is most commonly seen in chaffinches and greenfinches, but affects lots of other birds too. (Please note: This disease does not pose a threat to the health of humans, cats or dogs.)

Left: Chaffinch with early stages of Trichomonosis, Right: Greenfinch with late stages of Trichomonosis.



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Unfortunately, where you have lots of birds feeding in one area, like garden feeders, there may be an increase in the spread of disease, but we can do our bit to prevent this. Cleaning your feeders, and moving your feeders regularly will help prevent the spread of many garden bird diseases including Trichomonosis.

Left: Chaffinch with early stages of Trichomonosis, Right: Greenfinch with late stages of Trichomonosis. **Helpful Tips:**

- Use feeders with drainage holes.
- Clean your garden feeders with a light solution of disinfectant and / or a product like Ark-clens at least once a week. After cleaning, be sure to rinse your feeders and dry them properly before refilling with fresh seed.
- Move your feeders to a new spot in the garden at least once a week
- Use an appropriate and safe product like citrosan in water baths to keep birds drinking water clean.
- Have a spare set of feeders so that you can put clean feeders out with fresh seed while the other feeders are indoors for cleaning. (Sounds a bit much I know, but it really helped me keep on top of the cleaning routine).
- If you do get an outbreak of Trichomonosis in your garden, clean your feeders and move them to a new spot immediately. Try to clean up any dropped seed too. If it's a serious outbreak it is suggested that you stop feeding for at least 3 weeks. To stop feeding is a last resort and should only be done if you have serious outbreak (several infected birds on a regular basis), because the reality is that this is likely to push birds away to other feeders which might not be as clean as yours.

For more information

- visit the BTO's page on Trichomonosis or
- download the BTO's leaflet: Birds and Hygiene leaflet (PDF, 1.2 MB).
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Grade Ruan Parish Council Grants Policy

Adopted 9 January 2017

Overview

The Council recognises the importance of supporting groups, organisations and charities that benefit the local community, and that making grants is a valuable method of support.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that Grade Ruan Parish Council has an open, consistent and easily understood approach to awarding grants. The Parish Council has statutory powers which enable it to make funds available to local organisations for the overall benefit of the parish.

Initial procedure

For the purpose of requesting financial support, a letter to the Council, emailed or posted to the Clerk, may be submitted at any time during the year. The letter should include the name of the organisation, the name and details of the project that the requested funds may be used for, the amount requested from the Parish Council, and any other information felt to be relevant.

The Council normally meet eleven times per year where grant requests may be considered.

The Council may at this point:

- agree to grant the full amount
- agree to grant a reduced amount
- reject the request
- ask for further detail via the application form route

The final decision as to whether an award is made will rest with the full Council.

Application procedure

If required to, applications must be submitted on an application form and be accompanied by the documentation requested, i.e. the latest balance sheet, a copy of the constitution and a statement of how the application will promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the parish. Any supporting documentation, including photographs and plans would be welcome. Applicants who cannot provide a copy of a balance sheet are asked to submit a business plan or strategy with other supporting documentation (if appropriate).

The Council reserves the right to request any additional information to aid determination of the grant. Application forms can be obtained from the Clerk and from the Council's website.

Eligible applicants

Any charity, voluntary group or community organisation may apply. The Council must be satisfied that any grant made is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the Parish of Grade Ruan. While grants will be made only to organisations working for or helping the people of the Parish of Grade Ruan, if assistance is also made available to residents from the surrounding parishes this will not be a disqualification.

The Council will not fund activities of a political nature, nor discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, disability, religion and belief, age or sexuality.

The Council will not normally award grants to national organisations which do not have a direct specific benefit to the people of the Parish of Grade Ruan or where local groups raise funds which are sent to a regional or national HQ for redistribution and not spent locally. Local branches of national organisations will have to show why assistance is not forthcoming from the parent body.

Organisations will not normally be given a grant more than once a financial year.

Conditions of funding

The following conditions will apply:

- Organisations should be properly constituted, with a written constitution and appointed officers;
- Grants will only be considered if submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk supported with documentation if requested. If there is insufficient documentary evidence of the organisation's financial position, the application may not be considered;
- If the project is relying on funding from the Council it should not be started until an offer has been received;
- Grants will not normally be awarded retrospectively for work, goods or services;
- Grants may be awarded for less than the amount requested;
- Grants will not normally be awarded to finance running costs, salaries or wages;
- If the group is unable to use the grant for the stated purposes and within the stated timescale, monies must be returned to the Council;
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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church on Monday 14 November 2016 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, P Freeman, J Lee, G Pollard, J Trewin, S Collins, S Stephens; Cornwall Councillor C Rule; L Dunkley (observer)

1. Absences and apologies:

There were apologies from Councillors M Fleetwood, J Clifton, and M Jones. Their apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest:

Councillor Pollard declared an interest in the planning application PA16/09214.
Councillor S Collins declared an interest relating to the Cornwall Foundation agenda item.

3. Public Time

One observer was invited to attend the meeting but no other members of the public were present.

4. Police report:

The council did not receive a police report for this parish this month, but were emailed crime statistics relating to the whole of the Lizard Peninsula.

5. Cornwall Councillor's time:

Cornwall Councillor Rule reported as follows:

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- Cornwall Council has appointed GLL to run leisure facilities in Cornwall from April 2017.
- Despite the severe budget cuts imposed upon Cornwall Council, no library facilities have been closed. In fact new library facility initiatives have been started, such as introducing library services to participating pubs.
- The quality of data in the Cornwall Housing database is being improved. A recent analysis of the database found a number of duplicate entries and also included people who were no longer in housing need. After validation of all entries, the database has been reduced from 33,000 people to a much more realistic figure of 18,500
- A number of Cornwall Councillors are being "sent to jail" in order to raise money for young carers in Cornwall. The Fire and Rescue service will "imprison" 5 cabinet level councillors until they raise enough money for charity to be let out early from their sentence.
- The next Community Network Meeting will be on 07 December in Cury Village Hall at 6pm and councillors are encouraged to attend.
- The Local Devolution Fund of £5,000 for this area remains available and the Community Network Panel will decide on which local projects this money is to be spent.

Councillor Freeman enquired about the number of people in housing need in our parish. Councillor Rule advised that the Affordable Housing Officer Victoria Regan would be able to assist.

Councillor Green enquired whether the recent letters from Cornwall Council relating to election expenses and bus shelter assets were driven by cost saving at the Council. Councillor Rule had not heard these were cost saving measures but could enquire.

Councillor Trewin asked about the recent planning protocols issued concerning pre-applications, as until now our Council was not required to give responses to pre-applications. This will have an impact on the work of our council and will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

Councillor Trewin also mentioned that a lot of weedkiller had apparently been used on Barn Hill. It was thought that Cormac had possibly misunderstood the areas that needed to be treated and this would be discussed with Cormac.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Pollard that the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2016 be accepted. Carried 9 votes in favour.

7. Planning:

Planning Applications for consideration

PA16/09214 Single Storey Extension at Westie Way, St Ruan

Councillor Pollard declared an interest and left the room.

The plans were reviewed and no problems were raised with the proposed development. A proposal was made to support the application which was carried unanimously.

Councillor Pollard rejoined the meeting.

PA16/09199 Certificate of Lawfulness for existing development at Sea Acres Holiday Park

No-one could dispute that the site had been in operation unchallenged for over 10 years but it was pointed out that the ownership was not declared on earlier planning applications by Sea Acres. The following planning response was resolved unanimously:

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“Grade Ruan Parish Council has no evidence to dispute the assertions made by the applicant, but draws the planning officer’s attention to the fact that none of the preceding planning applications made by the applicant for the Sea Acres site have included this land in the area of land owned by the applicant”.

PA16/10039 Replacement dwelling at Fir tree Meadows, Worvas Lane, Ruan Minor

Some concerns were raised about the increase in size of the dwelling in relation to the building it replaced and the consequent impact upon the AONB, however after a lengthy discussion it was resolved by 8 votes in favour to 1 against to support this application.

Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting

- PA16/09857 – Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed demolition of single storey rear extension to a private domestic dwelling house and erection of a new single storey rear extension at Bryher House [**Approved**]
- PA16/08251 – Corgerrick Farm, Ruan Minor. Discharge of condition 4 of PA14/12218, relating to barn owl and bat provisions [**Approved**]
- EN14/00299 – Land at Predannack Holiday Village. Change of use for stationing caravans for residential use without planning permission [**Enforcement quashed, planning granted**]

The planning inspector took into account the fact that planning had already been granted for 21 holiday chalets on the site and that the occupation of these dwellings was also restricted to those in housing need in the local area. The inspector considered that the criteria for an affordable led “exception site” had been met, and therefore granted retrospective planning permission but did not give permission for any more dwellings to be added to the same site.

Pre-applications, consultations and appeals

None

The Cornwall Council proposal concerning Parish Council involvement in the pre-application planning process is a lengthy topic which will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. Finance

- Financial Report – the bank reconciliation was noted, together with the statement of Income & Expenditure for October 2016.
- Recreation Ground Pavilion Finance

In September 2015 the Council agreed to provide short-term working capital loans to the Recreation Ground of up to £25,000 in order to support the pavilion project in the event of any shortfall. In June 2016 the Recreation Ground drew on the first £10,000 of this loan facility with the agreed terms being that it would be an interest free loan and be fully repaid by 31 March 2017. Councillor Green presented on behalf of the Recreation Ground and requested a further £15,000 loan from the Parish Council. Also on the table was a proposition from Councillor Paul Collins deferred from the last meeting, that the Parish Council convert the existing £10,000 loan into a grant. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was proposed by Councillor Lee, seconded by Councillor Paul Collins and was approved by 7 votes with 2 abstentions (being the two Parish Council representatives serving on the Recreation Ground committee):

“The Parish Council shall immediately provide a further interest-free loan of £15,000 to the Recreation Committee on condition that it is fully repaid by 31 March 2017. It shall not be possible to convert this loan into a grant.”

The Council regards the project as being very important to the whole community and

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gives its full support. The Council may consider revisiting the idea of further grant funding at a later date if the need arises but the meeting felt that this should be after the building is finished and both loans are fully repaid to the Council.

The progress with the Public Works Loan Board loan was also discussed. The application has been supported by Cornwall Association of Local Councils and is presently with the Department for Communities and Local Government for a decision. A decision is expected by the end of November.

If the PWLB loan facility is approved, certain paperwork needs to be in place before the Council draws down the loan. The loan will be repaid by the Grade Ruan Recreation Ground charity to the Council over a 20-year period, paying either monthly or half-yearly. Due to the long term nature of this arrangement councillors were reminded that a legally binding loan agreement needs to be put into place to secure the Council's interest. A draft loan agreement has been prepared and will need to be approved by the Council's solicitor before it is signed by both organisations.

- Payments Schedule - it was proposed by Councillor S Collins and seconded by Councillor Lee that the payment schedule for November be approved amounting to £15,317.50.

The main two items on this schedule were:

£15,000 short-term loan to Grade Ruan Recreation Ground

£ 280 to Williams Travel for Christmas Shopping Trip to Truro for parishioners.

Carried 7 votes in favour with 2 abstentions.

- Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on 05 December to consider the precept for the next financial year.

9. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Cornwall Foundation

Councillor S Collins declared an interest and left the room.

Councillor Freeman highlighted the work of the Cornwall Foundation which raises money and administers grant funding to worthy local causes like the Goonhilly Fund and 100 Club. They are currently appealing to all owners of second homes in Cornwall to donate one weeks rental income to the Foundation for them to distribute to the local community.

The question is whether the Council itself should support their appeal in any way, either by direct letter or some other means. Alternatively, should the Council solicit donations to organisations that are even more local such as the Community Trust, which will definitely get distributed within our parish?

The meeting felt that this was perhaps too political and direct fundraising is not something the Council should be actively doing. However, the Council were willing to pay for the publication of the Foundation's appeal in the Grade Ruan Gazette. Proposed by Councillor P Collins, seconded by Councillor Lee, all in favour.

Councillor S Collins rejoined the meeting.

- Transparency Code

There has been a change to the law concerning the amount of information the Council needs to publish on its web site, with some information published annually and other information monthly. Councillors will be sent details by email and the changes required will be taken forward for action once we have our new clerk in place.

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10. Matters for consideration:

- Christmas Shopping Trip for Parishioners

Councillor Stephens organised the annual Christmas shopping trip to Truro and it is scheduled to take place on 15 November. She reported that it was very popular and ended up being oversubscribed, with all 28 places being taken very quickly. The Council thanked Councillor Stephens for all the hard work she has put into organising the trip.

- Responsibility for Two Bus Shelters

There are two bus shelters in the Parish (in Ruan Minor and Kuggar) and Cornwall Council has enquired whether our Council takes on-going responsibility for their repair and maintenance. The meeting confirmed that we always have accepted these responsibilities for both bus shelters and have insured them both on the Council's schedule of insurance. Councillor Green was asked to respond to Cornwall Council to formally confirm this. **Action: Councillor Green**

- Grass Cutting in Ruan Major Churchyard

Cornwall Council has a statutory obligation to cut the grass in Ruan Major churchyard, which is a "closed" churchyard, and had written to our Council to enquire whether our Council wished to take on the grass cutting from them. The consensus was that our Council is content with the way the grass cutting is currently being managed, and has no aspiration to take this from Cornwall Council. Councillor Green was asked to respond to Cornwall Council to formally confirm this: **Action: Councillor Green**

11. Correspondence:

- Election Expenses

Cornwall Council have written to advise that from 2017 onwards, that the entire cost of our election expenses is now to be paid by our Council. From the figures given in this letter, this means that our election costs will increase by 2.5 times.

2017 is an election year and our Council is likely to need to increase our precept to cover the £2,233 election fee that will be charged if there is a contested election.

Calculations show that it equates to a Council Tax increase of £5.37 for a Band-D property.

12. Footpaths, Environment and Treewardens:

Footpaths:

- Footpath Committee meeting

A meeting will be held in the New Year to discuss small works contracts and the list of extra cuts we may need in the coming year.

- Additional Cuts

The LMP (Local Maintenance Partnership) contract is being reviewed and the following additional cuts were suggested:

- Footpath 5 (Cadgwith): Add 1 additional cut per year to existing 1.
- Footpath 6 (St Ruan to Cadgwith): Add 1 cut per year.

Extra winter cuts agreed by our Council:

- Footpath 25 (Friars Lane to coast path)
- Footpath 2 (Gwelmor to Barn Hill)
- Footpath 5 (+ New Road Link, Cadgwith)

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- Drainage Improvements

On footpath 15 (St Ruan to Bruggan) drainage has been improved by scooping out the area that was blocked and water is now flowing and draining away.

- Online Mapping of Footpaths

Councillor Preston suggested that we add a new mapping layer to our Parish Online mapping tool to show the line of footpaths in the parish together with the footpath numbers to allow councillors to identify them more easily. This can be done with our online mapping system and just needs time spent to enter the information.

- Public Information Board for Footpaths

Councillor P Collins reported that he had seen a public information board in another parish that showed the route of all public paths in their parish and thought that our parish would benefit from such a board for our parishioners and visitors. This was thought to be a good idea and would be discussed at a future meeting.

Environment and Highways:

- St Ruan Bridge Repairs

Cormac have confirmed that work will start repairing the bridge on 12 December.

- Pinch point opposite Long Moor

Highways have confirmed that a "Road Narrows" sign will be erected to warn drivers about the hedge jutting out into the road. Councillors had a number of suggestions for improvement, including a hard trim of the existing hedge, and lowering the height of the hedge so that drivers will have visibility of oncoming traffic. The landowners of the hedge in question will be approached to see if any measures can be taken to improve the situation.

- Playground Exit onto Barn Hill

Previous meetings had expressed concern about the safety of children leaving the playground via the gate and going straight onto the main road. Highways were consulted about what improvements can be made to improve children's safety. They pointed out that the gate is inside the 30mph zone. Highways have agreed to move the playground warning sign further down the road to give drivers more time to slow down, but did not recommend any other measures to be taken.

- Underground Drainage in Cadgwith

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Highways confirmed that they already have a plan of work to fix the collapsed underground drains and are considering when this can be scheduled in.

o Helston Traffic Regulation Order

Helston Town Council are putting together a Traffic Regulation Order and have invited all local parish councils to add their own traffic regulation changes on the order. A meeting will be held in the Helston Guildhall to discuss on Wednesday 23 November at 6pm and all councillors are invited. Our parish council has a “wish list” of items which have built up over many years and future meetings will prioritise these for implementation. Our council needs to understand the proposed timetable is for this project and work with Helston Town Council to deliver it.

Mundys Field Car Park

There has been a request to store a motorhome in the car park over the winter Councillors agreed that it would be more appropriate to store the vehicle in Cadgwith Car Park which already has arrangements for this.

Treewardens:

Councillor Preston confirmed that there is nothing currently to report concerning tree planting projects in the parish.

13. In Committee:

Business was discussed by the Parish Council in Committee

The meeting closed at 9:55 pm.



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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Grade Ruan Parish Council held in the Sunday School Room of the Ruan Minor Methodist Church on Monday 12 December 2016 from 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: J Preston (Chair), N Green (Vice Chair), P Collins, M Fleetwood, J Clifton, J Lee, G Pollard, J Trewin, S Collins, S Stephens; Cornwall Councillor C Rule

1. Absences and apologies:

There were apologies from Councillor P Freeman.

Apologies were accepted. Absent: Councillor M Jones.

Clarification was sought on frequency of attendance. Councillors are encouraged to attend as often as possible; though the legal standpoint is that a Councillor must attend any meeting in their capacity as a Councillor at once in any 6-month period. It was noted that the Council benefits from Councillor that are active between meetings, and full attendance is not a prerequisite of being a good Councillor.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Public Time

C Coates spoke against PA16/11052 on the following points: poor notification to neighbours, growth from small cottage bungalow to large executive style property, highly visible due to removal of vegetation, garage is highly visible and higher than current building (AONB – landscape & visual impact considerations), horticultural screening should be a condition if approved.

Councillor Fleetwood apologised for misplaced invites to the Recreation Pavilion open day.

4. Police report:

None.

5. Cornwall Councillor's time:

Cornwall Councillor Rule reported as follows:

- Environmental Growth Strategy – funded from EU, aims to encourage communities to enhance environmental growth
- Survey on control of dogs on beaches in Cornwall
- Community Network Meeting – STP, joint working between Councils and NHS – consultation open online.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan success in St Ives regarding second homes – this may encourage Parish Councils to re-think their approach.
- Happy Christmas – Healthy New Year

Cllr Green asked if Cornwall Council will raise their precept to increase funding for adult social care. It was felt that a large proportion of their budget goes to adult social care and that encouragement of grassroots lifestyle groups (walking etc.) is part of a strategy to improve health and wellbeing.

6. Minutes for acceptance:

Having been previously circulated, it was proposed by Councillor S Collins and seconded by Councillor Lee that the minutes of the monthly Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2016 be accepted. Carried 8 votes in favour.

2 abstained.

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7. **Planning:**

Planning Applications for consideration

PA16/11052; Mr And Mrs Allen, Riverside St Ruan Ruan Minor TR12 7JS; Demolition of workshop and construction of double garage.

It was proposed and seconded that the Council objects on the following grounds:

The height of the proposed garage will constitute a big visual impact within an AONB. The size and height is not in keeping with the characteristics of the local area, and the proposal would cause damage to a Cornish Hedge. Alternative sites for a smaller garage should be considered, and the condition of adding natural screening should be imposed.

An amendment was tabled to support the application. This was proposed and seconded.

2 voted in favour; 7 against, 1 abstained.

Following the defeat of the amendment, the original proposal was voted on.

6 voted in favour, 3 against, 1 abstained.

Planning applications decided by the planning authority since the last meeting

- PA16/03615 Sea Acres, amended application: Stationing of 7 No Static Caravans and associated works [**Approved**]
- PA16/09199 – Sea Acres; Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the field opposite the main entrance to Sea Acres Holiday Park used continuously for the stationing of eleven static caravans identified as pitches 122 – 132 shown positioned on the submitted site plan reference 6941-LP A for holiday use only in excess of 10 years. [**GRANTED (CAADs AND LUs ONLY)**]

The Council felt that the AONB support for the applications had led to their approval despite strong opposition from this Council. It was noted that AONB could come to talk to Council about what it does and what it considers when commenting on planning apps.

The Council noted that an enforcement case was in place regarding lighting and light pollution at Sea Acres.

Pre-applications, consultations and appeals

None

8. **Finance**

- Transparency Fund – The Clerk informed the Council that it is eligible to apply for funding for IT equipment. It was resolved that the Clerk will apply for funding.

Proposed Cllr Lee, seconded Cllr P Collins. Unanimous.

- Financial Report – the bank reconciliation was noted, together with the statement of Income & Expenditure for November 2016.

A Question was raised about the Council Tax Support Grant. It was explained that the tax base, which is used to raise the precept, used to be based on every household (those that pay and those which are exempt), and that this changed to encompass only those that pay the tax. When the change was introduced a Council Tax Support Grant was awarded to Local Councils to fill the gap remaining, however the government has been reducing this grant year on year.

- Payments Schedule - it was proposed by Cllr Fleetwood and seconded by Cllr

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Green that the payment schedule for December be approved amounting to £489.16. Unanimous.

- **Budget 2017-18**

Discussed budget considerations for the following financial year and resolved to agree a total budgeted expenditure of £25,480, and a precept demand of £17,020.

Demands upon the Council by Cornwall Council (in the form of elections) and changes in employment law, mean a potential cost increase to the Council of £3,300 for next year. Due to good financial management, however, the rise in the precept demand has been able to be limited to £975. This represents an increase to a D-band property of £1.53 over the course of the year (2.9 pence per week).

Proposed Cllr Preston, seconded Cllr S Collins. Unanimous.

- **Reserved Funds**

Resolved to agree earmarked funds totalling £22,800 and general reserves totalling £8,500.

Proposed Cllr Fleetwood, seconded Cllr Green. Unanimous.

- **Recreation Ground Pavilion Finance**

PWLB application has been approved, meaning that the Council can now apply for up to £25,000 (within the next year).

Loan agreement between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Parish Council needs to be in place – this will commit the Recreation Ground Committee to making payments. Update to be received at January meeting.

9. Matters arising from the minutes:

None.

10. Delivery of Meeting Papers:

The following Councillors opted to receive summons and documents electronically;

Councillors: S Collins, Pollard, Fleetwood, Green, and Preston.

11. Correspondence

- Defibrillator checks requirement to be clarified
- S Jane regarding Dallas Cup football tournament. Request for grant to assist sending a local young person to a sporting competition. Proposed that the Council pledges full support to the person involved, but feels it cannot grant funds towards this.

12. Footpaths, Highways Environment and Tree Wardens

- Vision at Long Moor corner has been greatly improved with the cooperation and assistance of the landowner.
- St Ruan Bridge repair has been completed.
- Drainage at Ducks Alley is causing a hazard
- Sewage Works – floodlights - at St Ruan are ultra-bright and causing light pollution.

13. In Committee. None

The meeting closed at 9:25 pm

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